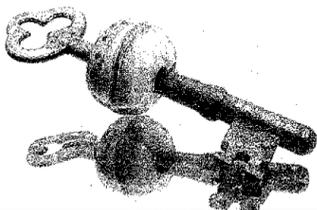


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Motorist faces trial in fatal pedestrian accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charges against a Livonia man accused of driving drunk and killing a pedestrian in Westland could have a rippling effect across Michigan follow-

ing courtroom testimony that he may have been receiving a text message when the accident happened, an attorney for the victim's family said.

The testimony against 22-year-old Wesley Thomas Sanborn prompted Grosse

Pointe Farms attorney Gary M. Wilson to indicate he may push for state legislation making it a crime to send or read text messages while driving.

"He could become the poster boy in a case to make text-messaging while driving illegal,"

Wilson told the *Observer* after Sanborn was ordered to stand trial for an Aug. 3 accident that killed 27-year-old Gary Brown, a married Livonia man with two young children.

Wilson's remarks came after Westland 18th District Judge

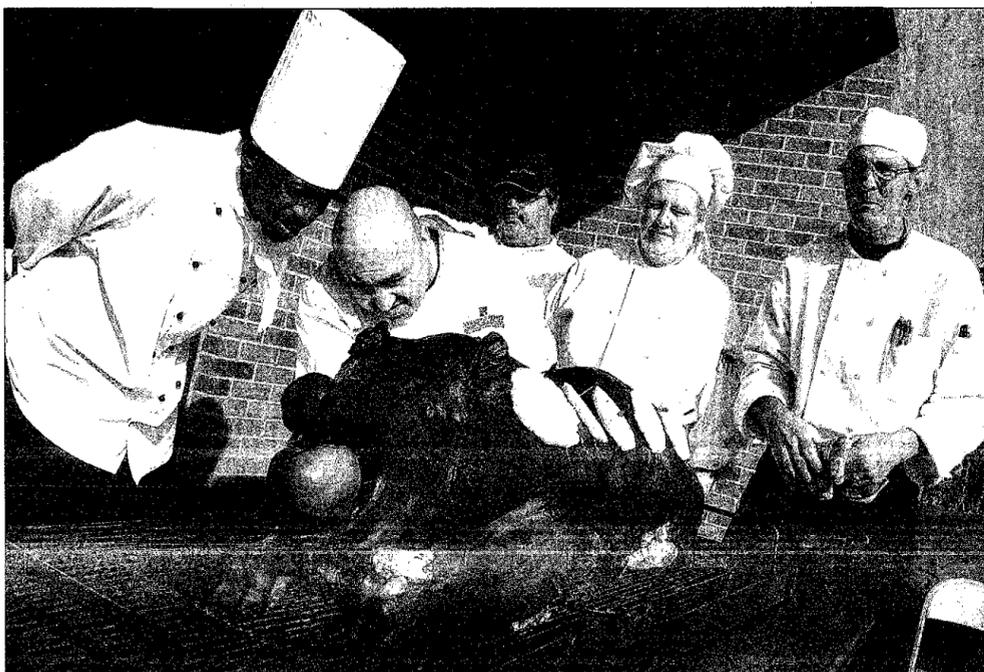
Sandra Cicirelli concluded a preliminary hearing by ordering Sanborn to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating while intoxicated and causing a death, and failing to stop at the

scene of an accident involving death.

However, the issue of whether Sanborn was receiving a text message may be in dispute. On Friday, Westland police Officer

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Wayne Westland Career Technical Center's culinary arts instructors Chef David Hatten (left) and Chef Tony Paquette take the temperature of the 100-pound pig as student cooks Micky Smith (behind left) of Inkster, Wendy Pellegrin of Waterford and John Ries of Westland look on. The pig was cooked on a cooker from Hickory BBQ and Grill for the kickoff of the program's Wednesday evening dinners at the Cafe Marquette.



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Cafe kicks off buffet with pig roast

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The scent of a roasting pig filled the air around the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland Wednesday as culinary arts students and their instructors prepared on a meal fit for a crowd.

Eighty to 90 people turned out Wednesday afternoon to enjoy the first of the Wednesday evening buffets prepared and served by students at the center's Café Marquette.

"We want to take people to different heights," said Chef Tony Paquette, who oversees the center's culinary arts program. "We had a pretty good turnout and it was pretty good on our side, too."

High school students from the day classes and adults from the evening class worked on the food

preparation and helped with a 100-pound pig they named Charlie. The pig, complete with an apple in its mouth, went on the grill at 5:30 a.m. and was finished up in time for the 4:45 start of the dinner buffet.

"Our day and night students helped roast and bake the pig," said Paquette. "We sprayed it with apple juice and other fruit juices to give it a real nice flavor."

The program, which draws students from neighboring districts like Redford Union and South Redford, made use of an outdoor grill provided by caterer Dale Lockwood of Hickory BBQ & Grill in Westland. Lockwood dropped the 16-foot grill off at the school the night before. He and Paquette connected through the Westland Chamber of Commerce at such events as the Taste of Westland.

"I'm always willing to help, I like giving back as much as possible," said Lockwood. "I went to vocational school, graduated top in my class."

The dinner also included marinated chicken breasts, almond-crusted talapi, salads, pasta and vegetables. Students also manned food stations inside the center, getting the chance to prepare food for the guests.

According to Paquette, the goal is to get the students more into the cooking aspect of doing in front of customers.

"We need to get the students trained so they can get work in the real world," he said.

The dinner came at a busy time at the center. Parents were in and out for parent-teacher conferences and the program was handling seven other catered meals. Even with the heavy load, there were

"no big oops," Paquette said.

The Wednesday evening buffet costs just \$10 per person and have theme like this week's Autumn Fest, Thanksgiving and wild game in November and Caribbean Nights and Christmas Wassail in December.

The buffets are served 4:45-6:15 p.m. No reservations necessary, but seating is limited.

Paquette is working on menus for each evening that will be posted on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Café Marquette Web site at wwcwsd.net/fctc. Diners also can sign up for Café Marquette e-mail updates while on the Web site.

"That's so people can see what's what, they can see what we're serving next," he said. "We have a good customer base."

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Too good to be true

Police issue warning about money scams

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the economy has tanked, money scams have spiked.

The problem has fueled a strong warning from Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick, who urged residents to use caution to avoid losing money. Area authorities have reported fraud attempts by phone, mail and e-mail.

One scam involves the promise of winning a sweepstakes or cash prize in return for providing personal financial information to pay the taxes or a service fee on it.

Karrick issued a strong warning against giving any personal information to callers, such as those who claim they are calling from a bank and asking for personal account numbers or financial card PIN numbers.

Some people have fallen prey to such scams, only to realize later that money has been taken from their bank accounts.

"If it seems too good to be true," Karrick said, "it probably is."

Some of the fraud calls are from automated voices; others are from actual people, he said. Some calls have come from as far away as Spain, although phone numbers showing up on caller identification may indicate they are coming from the United States.

One fraud scam from overseas actually involved a phone call that somehow showed up as a senior citizen health-care business out of Wisconsin with a 920 area code, Karrick said.

Fraud attempts from outside the country are virtually impossible to prosecute, he said.

Another scam involved a caller supposedly from a credit union seeking personal information.

"Don't ever give out personal information over the phone," especially during an incoming call, Karrick said.

The latest round of fraud attempts have come in many forms from many sources, he said, so be careful.

"The word of caution is to use common sense," he added.

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Plea agreement sends Westland man to prison for two years

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man will face two years in prison following earlier allegations he tried to shoot and kill his girlfriend as she was driving away from a domestic dispute at their home on the city's south side.

Kevin Antonio Reid, 29, will spend two years behind

bars after he recently pleaded no contest to a felony firearm charge. In return, Wayne County prosecutors agreed to drop other counts including assault with intent to murder, possession of a short-barrel shotgun and felonious assault.

Reid's plea in Wayne County Circuit Court stemmed from a Feb. 21 incident on Genessee Court, in the city's Norwayne

subdivision. He had been ordered to stand trial following testimony in March in Westland 18th District Court.

Reid and his 28-year-old girlfriend had argued about their relationship before the woman started driving away from their residence, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said.

According to police reports,

Reid fired a shotgun that hit the woman's car, but the bullet didn't strike her.

"She drove her car around the corner (from Genessee) to Grand Traverse and heard a shot that struck the driver's side of her vehicle," Harhold had said in February. "She crashed into a neighbor's fence, but she was not injured."

Police had said Reid fled the scene but was later captured at a relative's house in Westland.

Both Reid and his girlfriend were hearing impaired, and an interpreter had been brought in during early court proceedings, such as when Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot arraigned Reid

on the felony charges.

Reid decision to plead no contest to a felony firearm charge averted a potentially longer prison sentence he could have received if he had gone to trial. If convicted as charged, he could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Scrapbook Day

Scrapbooking enthusiasts are invited to an all-day crop sponsored by Wayne Memorial High School's Parent Advisory Council - Z-PAC. Spend the day scrapbooking while helping raise money for a farewell dinner for the senior class. Registration fee includes workspace and a goodie bag. Concession stand will be open throughout the day. Students are welcome!

The crop will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at St. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer east of Venoy, in Westland. The cost is \$25 per person. The registration deadline is Oct. 30. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Sweet treat

Parkside Dental Team is hosting its annual Halloween program 5-7 Wednesday, Oct. 29th. The Trick-Or-Teeth celebration is open to the public and will be held at its new on Warren at Central City Parkway in Westland. There will be trick-or-treating, refreshments, costume contest, haunted hallways and more.

The fun and educational event is part of our ongoing efforts to promote children's dental health awareness in the community. For more information, call (734) 261-6060.

Collection for homeless

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

Haunted House

Dare to be scared at the annual haunted house sponsored by the Westland Jaycees. The house, on the grounds of the Wayne-Ford Civic League at 1645 Wayne Road between Ford and Marquette, is open from 7-10 p.m. now through Thursday, Oct. 30. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 13 and under. For more information, call (734) 266-0400 or visit the Jaycee Web site at www.myspace.com/westland-hauntedhouse.

Fall play

Drama students at Westland John Glenn High School will take to the stage for three performances of *Virgil & The City Slickers* on Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 6-8. It's a story about what happens when two highbrow trendy city girls collide with country "bumpkins" after the girls' car breaks down. For performance times and ticket availability, call (734) 419-2300.

Halloween alternative

Looking for a safe alternative to Halloween? Full Gospel Temple in Westland is inviting residents to its annual Family Fun Night 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. No scary costumes allowed.

Activities include Moonwalks, inflatable slide, archery, Beat the Clock, paintball at live targets, petting farm and pony rides, face painting, and much more. There also will be candy for the children and a prize drawing for a girl's and a boy's bike. Suggested family donation is \$1 and there will be a minimal charge for concessions.

Full Gospel Temple is on Palmer between Wayne Road and Venoy. For more information, call the church office at (734) 326-3333.

Candy check

Parents of Westland's little characters, ghosts, witches and warlocks can visit Westland's 18th District Court for free candy checks 6:30-10 p.m. Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31.

There is no limit on the

amount of candy brought in by a child or parent, and again, the service is free of charge. The Westland 18th District Court is at 36675 Ford Road, directly behind the police station. For more information, call (734) 595-8720.

Classic movies

Enjoy classic movies on the big screen at the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Avenue W., Wayne. "North by Northwest," starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint will be shown at 1, 3:35 and 6:10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. Tickets will be the theater's standard price of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age 11 and under. For more information, call (734) 721-4700.

Antique appraisal

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

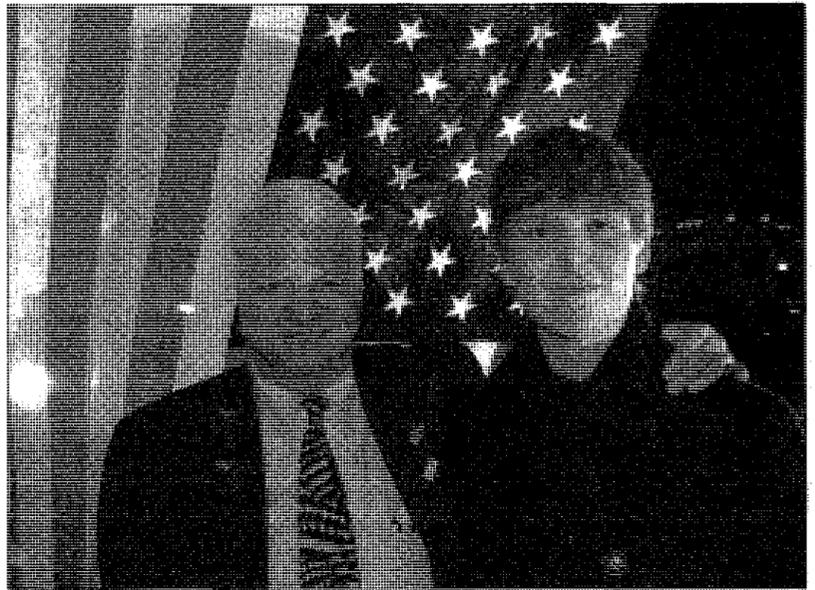
Items must be brought to the Friendship Center, and appraisals will be by appointment by calling (734) 522-3918. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

VFW contest

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7575 and its Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the annual Voice of Democracy audio script writing contest and the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest.

The Voice of Democracy audio/essay contest is open to all students in grades nine through 12. The Patriot's Pen essay contest is open to all students in grades 6-8.

Students are encouraged to express their patriotism while competing for awards. Prizes are awarded for winners at the post, district, state and national levels. For more details, call Helen Versele at (734) 522-4774 or send an e-mail to helenversele@sbc-global.net.



Churchill High School sophomore Brent Straub (right) met Joe McCain (left), brother of the Republican presidential candidate, on Oct. 2. Straub has been selected to witness the next president's inauguration, no matter which party wins the race.

Teen to witness inauguration

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brent Straub will watch history in the making when the new president is inaugurated in January.

The 15-year-old who said he has "a healthy interest in politics" has been accepted into a six-day Inaugural Seminar program through the Washington Workshops Foundation. In addition to educational opportunities, he will witness the swearing in and the Inaugural Parade.

"With either candidate winning, we're going to be making history," said Straub, a sophomore in Advanced Placement U.S. History.

Straub was on student council at St. Michael's Catholic School and has been part of the politics club at Churchill. He's

also a member of the Creative and Performing Arts program and plans to join the debate team.

A.P. U.S. history teacher Kelly Eddy, said Straub likes to explore the "what ifs" of history and "has the ability to be insightful and to make connections across historical eras."

He's also not afraid of hard work, she said, confident that Straub would earn college credit after taking a placement exam in history.

Even though he is too young to vote, Straub said, "It directly affects me who the next president is."

Originally a Hillary Clinton supporter, Straub now volunteers for John McCain's campaign. After studying Barack Obama and McCain's tax, education and economic policies, he said, "I believe John McCain

would make a better president." Straub tries to engage people in debate on the issues.

The Inaugural Seminar, Jan. 17-22, includes speakers along with visits to Founding Fathers' estates and the National Mall.

Straub is hoping local people or businesses will help sponsor his visit. Tuition is \$1,695, plus the cost of airfare.

He said he hopes his support for one candidate over the other doesn't affect whether locals contribute funds for his trip. He'd rather they see it as "a good opportunity to see someone young get involved in politics."

Anyone who wants to find out how to donate can contact Straub at (734) 306-9496 or e-mail him at politicalpressure@yahoo.com.

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Westland man receives probation in assault case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man accused of posing as a photographer and sexually assaulting a teenage woman he took to a wooded area of Hines Park has been released from jail.

Steven Wayne Milam, 29, was placed on probation for three years and ordered to wear a tether for six months when he was sentenced Thursday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway.

Milam also was warned not to contact the 18-year-old victim, a court clerk confirmed.

Milam, released from jail this month following an agreement between prosecuting and

defense attorneys, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

He also has been under investigation for an earlier, similar incident in Florida, Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick said.

Milam, who served about three months in jail before his release, could be sent to prison, if he violates the terms of his probationary sentence.

"We're happy with a conviction," Karrick said, adding that local authorities "are trusting that the prosecutor's office got the best deal they could" considering the evidence they had.

Milam could have received up to 15 years in prison if he had been convicted as origi-

nally charged with unlawful imprisonment, criminal sexual conduct with intent to penetrate, second-degree criminal sexual conduct, and impersonating a police officer.

The victim told police Milam stopped and asked for directions while she was walking with two friends in the Norwayne subdivision in July. She said he portrayed himself as a professional photographer and offered to pay her money to pose for him.

The victim told police she agreed to meet Milam in Romulus for a photo shoot and that he took her to several locations, including Hines Park, where she said he tried to undress her and started to

Announcing!

Library's 'clean slate' is treat for young readers

This is no "trick!" The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland has a "treat" for kids with fines on their library accounts. During the Halloween season, the library is offering to erase fines accrued before Sept. 1, 2008, with its "Clean Slate Program."

All juvenile card holders who live in Westland can return overdue library materials without paying a "frightening" fine.

There are many students who have been scared away from the public library because they are haunted by overdue fines. The "Clean Slate Program" is a true treat for both students and library staff who will happily clear away fines and renew library cards for every Westland child in kindergarten through high school.

Additionally, any fines due on items which have already

been returned also can qualify for the "clean slate" program. Fees for lost and damaged items cannot be erased, and materials returned need to be in good condition. To ensure that your child's library account receives proper credit, family members should visit the circulation desk and present their Westland Library Card.

For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

"Apocalypse Now"

The Cherry Hill Church will present a series of prophecy seminars on today's events and Biblical Prophecy, "Apocalypse Now." All sessions are free of charge, without any obligations, and each session will include a question and answer period. Some handouts will be provided.

Pastor Eduard Petreaca will be the main speaker. All seminars will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. These nightly seminars will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for four weeks. Childcare will be available.

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Auditors: W-W's dependence on state makes budgeting difficult

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has continued to hang onto a fund balance in difficult economic times. But the \$12.9 million fund equity that it had at the end of the 2007-2008 will slip to \$7.8 million by the end of the current budget year as money is used to shore up revenues.

That's the word from the district's auditing firm, Plante Moran, delivered during a presentation of its audit result last week.

"Over the course of 13 years,

the decline in the fund equity has been controlled and managed in an appropriate fashion," said Amber Cammiller of Plante Moran.

The district received an unqualified, or clean, opinion, according to auditor Kathy Downey, who noted that the district's spending is in line with its instructional program.

"In regard to the audit opinion, we've done the tests, we've been very thorough," she said. "There is no higher opinion."

The current fund equity is about \$4 million more than what the district had on hand in 1996 but well below the

\$23.1 million it had in 2003.

According to Cammiller, dependency on an outside party for revenue — the state which provides 77 percent of the district's money — makes managing the budget difficult. Its current fund equity represents 6.57 percent of expenditures, well below the state average of 10.8 percent. It also represents enough money to keep school doors open for 24 calendar days or 12 school days. The statewide average is 39 calendar days and 19 school days.

Also contributing to budgeting difficulties is elongated state school aid payments. The

district's budget year begins in July while the state's doesn't start until October.

"The reason you need a fund balance is because you're without cash flow for a couple of months from the state," she said. "The board must approve the budget by July by law, but it doesn't get its first school aid payment until October. You're really operating on the fund balance."

Cammiller added that borrowing money to balance a budget can have "pretty significant cost."

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, if the district must borrow

money, it loses its ability to plan, and it puts it in a difficult spot in terms of its responsiveness.

"You can't plan or manage in a reactionary mode, you just cut, cut, cut," he said. "It's what do we do if we don't have the money. We can't declare bankruptcy."

Martin, who is in charge of administrative and business services, noted that the governor had promised \$220 per pupil increase in school aid this year, then talk shifted to \$200. The district budgeted for \$130, but the actual amount was \$96.

"For every \$100 in school

aid, we're talking \$1.3 million," he said. "We adopt the budget and we don't know what our student count will be and we don't know what the school aid payment will be."

The auditors also have concerns about future proration — reductions in what the state pays in aid to the district — and budget challenges.

"Things happen during the year," Cammiller said. "Last year, it was energy costs. Those are things you can get caught short on and that can cause problems down the road."

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Jack McIntosh said it appears that Sanborn had received a cell phone call — not a text message — around the time of the accident.

Either way, defense attorneys have argued that Sanborn believed he had hit a mailbox — not a pedestrian — while driving on Joy Road east of Newburgh shortly before 5 a.m. Aug. 3. Moreover, they said police can't prove Sanborn was driving drunk just because his blood alcohol level was .03 percent — below the legal limit of .08 — nearly eight hours after the accident.

If convicted, Sanborn, who is free on bond, could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

During the court hearing, Westland police Officer Jeffery Kropodra testified that

he stopped Sanborn's green Chevy Blazer when Sanborn returned to the scene of the accident about 11:40 a.m. Aug. 3. Kropodra said the vehicle's windshield had a "spider web" crack, a broken mirror and other damage.

Kropodra testified that Sanborn initially claimed that a friend of his had hit a mailbox on Joy Road, near the Hellenic Cultural Center.

"I could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his breath when he was talking to me," Kropodra said, adding that Sanborn's speech was slurred and his eyes were glassy.

McIntosh testified that he found broken auto parts on the scene that matched Sanborn's vehicle. McIntosh also said Sanborn recanted statements that a friend of his had driven his Blazer.

"He said he thought he had struck a mailbox," McIntosh said.

Police arrested Sanborn and took him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital for the blood-alcohol test, but defense attorney Stephen Boak argued there was no legal basis for the arrest. Boak said authorities couldn't show that Sanborn was drunk when the accident occurred, due to the time that had lapsed and what may have occurred in the interim.

In other testimony, McIntosh said Sanborn made a written statement indicating that, before the accident, he drank a couple beers at a bar and three more at a friend's apartment. McIntosh said Sanborn claimed he was driving on Joy Road and thought he hit a mailbox. McIntosh said Sanborn indicated he had received a call and a text message on his cell phone around the time the accident happened.

Jason Suarez, a newspaper delivery worker, testified that he had seen Gary Brown walking drunk in the middle of Joy Road before the accident occurred. Suarez stopped and talked to Brown before delivering papers on Ravine Street, and Suarez phoned his wife to contact police.

Brown "had a hard time standing is how drunk he was," Suarez testified.

Suarez didn't see Brown's body when he returned to Joy Road. If he had, he said he would have given him a ride.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor David Braxton argued that it wasn't illegal for Brown to walk while intoxicated, and Judge Cicirelli agreed with Braxton that Sanborn should face trial as charged.

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Down on the farm

Volunteers lead the charge at Maybury

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the man known by kids who visit Maybury Farm in Northville Township as Farmer Bob sits atop the tractor that pulls the hayride, the biggest kid of all is probably 67-year-old Plymouth Township resident (Farmer) Bob Zaetta.

The retired Redford Union science and history teacher, who grew up on a farm in central Illinois, gets to enjoy "all my different loves" by volunteering 8-10 hours a week at the farm.

"(Being on the farm) takes me back to my roots," Zaetta said. "I would pay to work out there. The farm is such a gem."

"And I get to work with kids, again," he added. "I've developed a dialogue as we go through the cornfields and woods and point out the wildflowers in bloom, the beehives and the making of honey, the bat house and why bats are mammals because they don't have feathers."

Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation — which operates Maybury Farm — said Zaetta's hayrides are "incredible."

"The kids love him," Peters said. "It's the most informative hayride and, regardless of the season, his talk changes all the time."

Peters said while volunteers



The hay wagon leaves on another tour of the farm.

at the farm come from all zip codes, residents from the Plymouths contribute as many volunteer hours as any community.

Linda Mertens, 58, of Plymouth Township, grew up in Detroit, but spent time on a farm and enjoys volunteering at Maybury Farm as a docent.

"We try to teach children who have never been around animals to respect them and treat them kindly," Mertens said. "I like it because I can live in the city and play with my favorite animals. I've cleaned the barn and the animals."

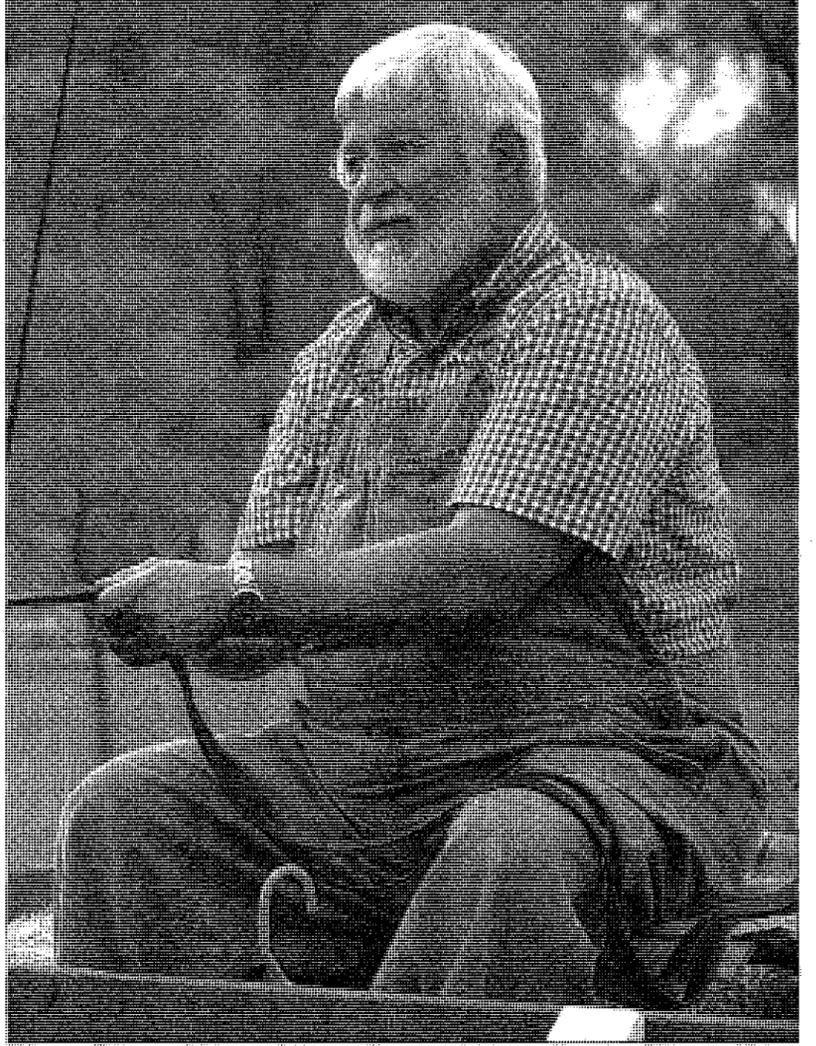
Barbara Dickirson of Plymouth Township spends part of her retired time raking

the fields at Maybury Farm, cleaning the chicken coop and painting the trim on the wagon.

"I still want to learn to drive the tractor," said Dickirson, 63, who began volunteering in February. "I love being close to nature. It's a great stress reliever. I love being around the animals and seeing the little kids' eyes light up. It's a way to give back to the community."

Information on hay rides, the corn maze or volunteering at Maybury Farm can be obtained by calling the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

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Bob Zaetta of Plymouth takes the reins of the team of horses pulling the wagon at Maybury Farm in Northville.

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Area law firm offering free legal consultations

A Westland law firm is conducting a series of "open houses" to provide free legal consultations.

Clos, Russell & Wirth will offer the consultations at its offices at 35551 Ford Road, one block west of Wayne Road, in Westland. The open houses will be staffed by lawyers of the firm who will be available to answer questions and/or pro-

vide legal advice and consultation free of charge.

The open houses are scheduled for 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, and Tuesday, Nov. 11. Additional open houses will be scheduled in the future.

The law firm typically provides this public service as an annual law day event in May, but because of the weak economy and high unemployment,

the attorneys see an immediate need to provide services to those who cannot afford to hire an attorney.

"There are many people in our community who are struggling financially and in need of legal advice or counseling and this is an opportunity for us to provide assistance and to give something back to the community when it is most needed,"

attorney Gary Russell.

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Madonna takes next step, a doctor's degree in nursing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Next May, Madonna University will take a major step forward when it launches its first doctorate degree, in nursing practices.

Teresa Thompson, dean of Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, said it was the logical next step.

"Madonna University has a long history, 25 years ago the first master's degree was offered here and right at the forefront was administration and nursing," Thompson said. "So we've been there from the beginning, so it's obvious that we would be the first group to take that next step. We want to be in the forefront of where the profession is going and assure our own viability for the future."

Beginning in May, 12 to 15 students will begin a two-year, 36 credit hour clinical degree program. Nancy O'Connor, chair of the nursing graduate program, said the degree is comparable to a professional degree in law or pharmacy rather than a research focused doctorate or PhD.

"There are nurses who want a terminal practice degree or clinical degree," she said. "We like to call it practice because not only is it in direct care but also has practice of nursing administration to administer nursing systems of care, but requires extensive knowledge beyond the master's degree. It's a degree for nurses seeking the highest level of nursing practice."

Currently, O'Connor said, most candidates from Madonna have completed 50 credits for their master's degree. Combined with the 36 credits that would make close to 90 post baccalaureate credit hours.

O'Connor said there is a movement in the profession to make the DNP degree the entry level post baccalaureate degree, bypassing the master's degree. She said Wayne State University has already started to make that move. At

Madonna, the master's degree will continue for now, but the goal is to have the DNP as the entry level post graduate degree by 2015.

The DNP program has been designed for nurses already working in the field.

"We're offering it in an executive model, because we realize that the post master's students are already holding very responsible positions in the health system and are not free to come to school during regular hours," O'Connor said.

The program would combine online instruction with weekend classes. The students would come to the campus Friday afternoons and all day Saturday every fourth week.

"The model was derived from a needs assessment. We surveyed about a thousand of our potential students and we found they wanted some online but didn't want it totally online, they wanted some face to face," O'Connor said.

Thompson said the graduates of the program have the potential to make a major impact on the health system. O'Connor said the program will also contribute to dealing with the shortage of nursing faculty.

Thompson said other



Left to right, Nancy O'Connor, chair of the graduate nursing program; Ernest Nolan, vice president of academic administration; and Teresa Thompson, dean of Madonna's nursing school.

Madonna departments are discussing introducing doctorate programs, but that the nursing program was the in best position to take the step with 260 undergraduate and 100 graduate students.

"Our alumni would be the first to say, when are you going to do this, when are you moving forward? They have an affinity and a loyalty to Madonna," Thompson said. O'Connor said DNP candidates will be required to complete a research project

and participate in an immersion program within a health system.

She said DNP graduates will be able to provide the needed link between the research of PhD nurses and the real world of patient care.

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Absentee voting still an option

Voters have the option of voting by absentee ballot in the Nov. 4 election.

"The absentee ballot option gives those who qualify the opportunity to participate in the election and to vote the ballot at their convenience," said Terri Lynn Land, Michigan secretary of state. "You still have to get an absentee ballot for the November election if you qualify, but the deadline is fast approaching. Simply contact your local clerk for more information."

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are: age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be out of town on election day; in jail waiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons; or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, to submit their absentee ballot application to their city or township clerk. Voters must include their name, address and the qualifying reason for requesting the bal-

lot. An absentee ballot application is available at any local clerk's office or online at www.Michigan.gov/vote. A request can also be submitted in a simple letter or on a postcard.

Registered voters may also visit their city or township clerk's office for an absentee ballot through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 3 must vote the ballot while in the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by hand or by mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on election day. Voters should note that if they are registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan, they are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct instead. However, this restriction does not apply to voters who are 60 or older, disabled or overseas. Absentee voters should remember to sign the return envelope.

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Putting the scare in Halloween

Local seasonal stores say costumes selling well despite economy

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ghosts, monsters, goblins and the requisite princess or two.

Halloween season is in full swing and seasonal stores that cater to the candy-filled holiday have returned to Ford Road.

"People are still excited when they come in," said Halloween USA store manager Heather Gotshaw. "The economy doesn't seem to have any effect on Halloween."

The store, which sits across from Target, is open seven days a week and features Halloween-themed party supplies, tombstones, winged grim reapers, a possessed girl hanging from the ceiling and dozens of costumes.

With songs such as "Ghostbusters" blaring throughout the store, Gotshaw said she and a staff worked overtime to prepare the store for its opening last month.

"We normally have two months to set up but this year, we only had one week," she said, chuckling about the around-the-clock work that was needed to set up accessories and wigs. "Favorites this year have been



Hallowedding. Life size ghouls at Halloween Bazaar wait for someone to take them home.

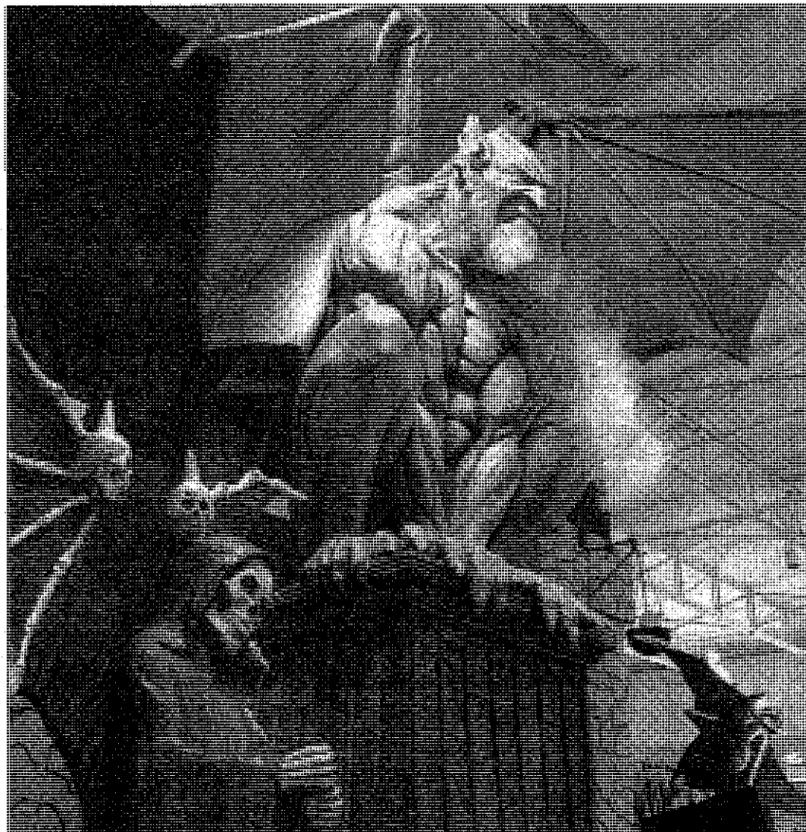
Indiana Jones, Master Chief from Halo 3 and Hannah Montana. High School Musical costumes are also popular."

East of Halloween USA across the street from IKEA sits Halloween Bazaar.

The store, which has an oversized gargoye guarding its exterior, features a wide selection of colorful wigs and props and has costumes with names such as

'Desert Commando,' 'Pink Punk Pirate,' 'Dragon Geisha,' and 'Velvet Big Daddy.'

"We like to give customers the total Halloween experience and I think we are succeeding to a great extent," said Halloween Bazaar spokesperson Douglas Buda, adding that over the past decade the holiday has become just as much fun for adults as children. "It definitely hits every



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

If you've got the budget, animated monsters from Halloween Bazaar can decorate your yard.

age group."

Halloween USA, which has a 'Talking Face Ripper' set up at

its exit, will extend its hours to 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"We want to be open for the last-minute shoppers and the party hosts," she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

31st anniversary

History is going to be made this November, but it's already happening at Alexander the Great Restaurant, which is celebrating its 31st anniversary. The longest-operating restaurant in Westland history is staking its claim as the only candidate able to keep its promise of great food, quality service and affordable prices.

"It is not the fact that we have been here for 31 years that makes us worth celebrating, it's because our food is worth celebrating that we have been here for thirty-one years" said

Tom Tomich, who with his wife Paulina owns and operates the restaurant.

While presidential candidates have promised to lower taxes, Alexander the Great has kept its prices low, particularly on its \$29.95 Dinner and Movie package. The special offers two full dinners and two movie tickets at Emagine Theaters in Canton and Novi.

In addition to its reasonable prices, the restaurant boasts a comfortable modern atmosphere fitting for both power lunches and family nights out. The owners pride themselves on 31 years of consistency in the

quality of its food and service.

"We think we have been a pretty reliable ticket and we hope you will continue to choose us when the family or your friends vote on where to do dinner or drinks, and your company or graduates decide where to have their party catered."

Alexander The Great is at 34733 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-5410.

Excellence award

United Home Health Services has been award-

ed Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization's 2007 Michigan Award of Excellence for improving care in the home health setting for improvement in transferring, which is a measurement of the percentage of patients who get better at getting in and out of bed.

The award was announced Sept. 12. It acknowledges the staff of UHHS for voluntarily embracing quality improvement initiatives and for their dedication and commitment to the well-being of their patients.

Led by nurses Linda Mlynarczyk and Marlene

Hamme, a multidisciplinary team was established.

"We used nationally recognized standards of care to ensure that consistent care and evidence-based medicine and protocols were carried out to realize notable improvements in our patients' transfer ability," said Hamme. "Our goal is always for our patients to have the best quality of life possible and to be safe and independent in their own home, so this accomplishment helps to reach that goal."

UHHS has been serving the community for 25 years by providing skilled nursing, therapy,

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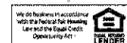
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Agnes Veselenak, a Garden City Hospital volunteer and 2008 Thanks for Giving Award winner, provides mailing support for various hospital departments.

Hospital volunteer wins Thanks for Giving Award

For many retirees, visions of retirement include golfing, gardens and relaxation. But for Agnes Veselenak, a General Motors retiree of nearly 30 years, volunteering has been a passion that she refuses to deny.

The Dearborn Heights resident has donated more than 3,000 volunteer hours to Garden City Hospital in the 10 years she has served there. For her volunteerism, Veselenak will receive the Thanks for Giving Award, which recognizes health care volunteers in metro Detroit.

The mission of Thanks for Giving is to increase community awareness of volunteer accomplishments, promote professional standards and collaborative activities that address area health care issues.

Veselenak's main post is in the volunteer office, processing mailings for various hospital departments. She has worked on projects such as surgery packets, mammography reminders, physician mailings, event mailings and filling event bags.

"Our mailing volunteers are the 'unsung heroes' of the

hospital," said Sue Methner, director of volunteer services. "Agnes provides her helping hands wherever needed to alleviate department strain. Because of her assistance, employees can focus on providing excellent care and customer service."

Volunteering at the hospital is a weekly anticipated event of Veselenak's.

"I enjoy getting out and meeting with new people" she said. "It is nice to know that I am able to make a difference to someone. Garden City Hospital has always been a very friendly and welcoming place and I can't help but feel proud to be a part of it all."

Veselenak will receive her award on Nov. 18. She has been invited to the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights for a reception where Chuck Gaidica of WDIV TV-4, will present her with a certificate and a watch.

Her experience as a volunteer has allowed Veselenak to meet new people and make a difference in the community in which she lives.

"I have been volunteering all my life," states Veselenak. "I like being behind the scenes and staying busy."

Wellness programs focus on healthy living

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

Monday, Oct. 27

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

Tuesday, Oct. 28

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

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 30

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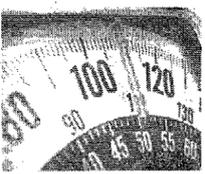
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offset by the additional fees and costs. I would not recommend this transaction.

As to your financial salesperson, it is always important to remember he/she works for you. Asking questions about fees and costs is something investors should feel comfortable in doing. I believe you have an obligation to ask the question. Good investors should

always know what an investment costs to buy, sell and hold.

If you are uncomfortable talking to your salesperson about costs and fees, it is an indication that you need a new adviser.

The strategy of selling investments for tax losses is something many investors will be doing this year. What many investors want to do

is to sell an investment with a loss so they can recognize the loss for tax purposes and then to turn around and re-buy that same investment. Although this may make sense, be careful you do not violate tax laws.

According to the wash/sales rules, if you sell an investment that has a loss, in order to deduct the loss you cannot buy back that investment within 30 days.

There is, however, a loophole. Although you cannot buy the same investment back, you can buy back a similar investment. If you have a loss in a large cap value fund you can sell that fund and immediately turn around and buy another large cap value fund. This transaction does not violate the wash/sales rules. If you are worried about selling an investment and don't want to be out of the market, you can turn around and buy a similar investment and still recognize the loss for tax purposes.

I am not a fan of B-Share Mutual Funds. One reason is the cost. In a typical B-Share Mutual Fund, if you sell within a five-year period you pay a penalty. Many brokers and financial salespeople love B-Share Mutual Funds because they receive higher fees and commissions when they sell these funds. The downside, particularly in markets like this, is if you want to sell the fund to recognize the tax loss, you have to pay the extra penalty to the mutual fund company.

With the recent carnage on Wall Street, people are asking about tax/loss selling. It is a strategy that may make sense for some people. Of course, it is always important to recognize that when it comes to taxes, it all depends upon your individual situation. The key is how you deduct losses on your tax return. If you have losses on investments that you have sold, you can first use those losses to offset gains that you have for the year. These gains can be from the sale of securities throughout the year or capital gain distributions from your mutual funds. If after offsetting your gains you still have losses, you can then deduct up to \$3,000 of those additional losses against your other income. If you still have additional losses, you can carry those over to previous years.

For example, if you had \$10,000 in losses and \$5,000 in gain, your net tax effect would be to deduct \$3,000 in losses from your current year tax return and carry over an additional \$2,000 in losses to your 2009 tax return.

One caveat with regards to tax/loss selling. The markets are very volatile and unpredictable. We all saw what happened a couple of weeks ago when the market soared by over 10 percent in day. You certainly don't want to be out of the market when we have days like that. My advice if you are going to do tax/loss selling is to wait a while until markets are more stable.

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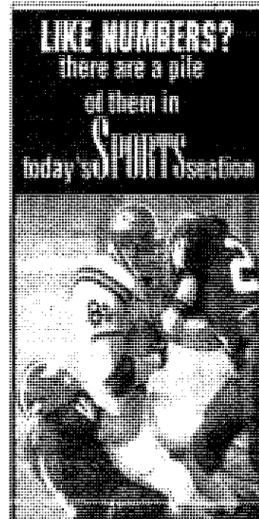
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Lawyer heads to Nicaragua to boost justice efforts

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Doctors are recognized for the life-saving treks they make to foreign lands, and deservedly so. Lawyers like Sue Carlson of Canton also travel to make life better for others.

Carlson, whose legal practice is in Livonia, went to Nicaragua the last week of August with Partners Worldwide, a Christian organization that partners business and professional people with their counterparts in developing countries.

"I had been in Nicaragua in '01," said Carlson in a recent interview after Sunday services at her church, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton. She'd worked with Christian attorneys, and went to court in Nicaragua on that visit.

"We provide moral and prayer support, discuss their policies and give advice when asked." She's found doors to government officials in Central and South American often open more easily to American professionals. The lawyers can get into prisons to talk to inmates.

"The judiciary is not a separate branch of the government," said Carlson, a 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan's law school. When the government changes, all judges from the Supreme Court down change as well.

Nicaragua has had a representative democracy since 1998 with its new constitution. "But they still don't have an independent judiciary. The judges are more politically aligned than they are here."

Drug trade and some corruption are problems in Nicaragua. Carlson noted court records aren't well maintained. Those accused are often immediately arrested without bail or investigation.

"False accusations have been common," she said. Those can be for extortion or involving personal disputes.

People are convicted of crimes even end up incarcerated



This is Bernabe' Torres, a board member, and the organization office manager with one of the computers donated last year by Partners Worldwide.

ated longer than their sentence. "There's nobody following up to get them out. They just languish in jail."

Carlson worked with the Christian Center for Human Rights in Nicaragua on this trip. Those pastors and Christian attorneys advise people of their rights under the new constitution, and also train paralegals.

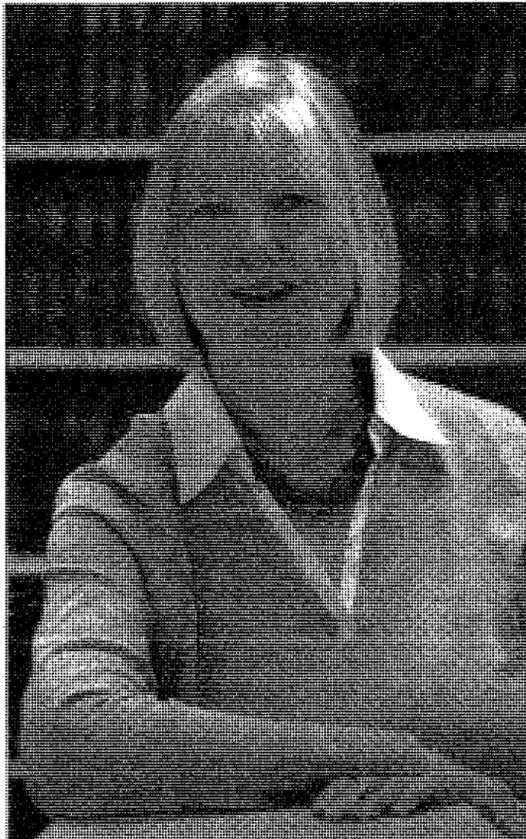
"Christian attorneys volunteer their time, to take on cases, to enforce rights under the law," Carlson said. She and other volunteers visited four of their offices to talk to staffers, "just forged friendships, brought them some office equipment."

She's pleased with progress since her 2001 visit. Being a local volunteer attorney has become somewhat of a status symbol, which helps Nicaraguan justice efforts.

"The people do not trust the government, no matter what party is in power." People are learning to trust the local volunteer lawyers, who operate out of 14 separate offices, many with a lawyer in charge at least part time.

The volunteer lawyers can also help with civil matters like divorce. The Nicaraguan Supreme Court had trained respected local people to mediate disputes; with government change that court membership was gone and the program dropped. Many mediators now work with the independent Christian group.

Carlson had two semesters of Spanish at Schoolcraft College, "but it's gone. I don't



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Sue Carlson, a Livonia lawyer, spent a week in Nicaragua working with local lawyers.



Allan Zamora is a board member of the Christian Center for Human Rights with which Sue Carlson of Canton, a Livonia lawyer, worked on a recent trip.

get a chance to use it." There were translators to help, including an interpreter who was also a recent law school graduate.

Carlson will probably go to Nicaragua again. She became involved through a lawyer friend in Grand Rapids.

Carlson noted other groups that work on issues like infrastructure in the country, and many volunteers are active in

those efforts.

"There's a lot of overlapping." There were a lot of local women lawyers in Nicaragua, and although Carlson acknowledged the "macho" culture she also found women didn't face a lot of discrimination on the professional level.

"It was rewarding for me to see the progress CCDH (the Spanish acronym) has made" since her earlier visit.

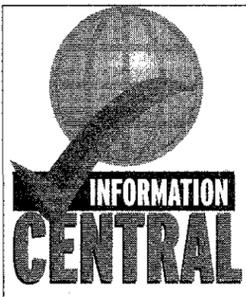
America's love affair with chocolate

From George Costanza's ATM password of "Bosco" on "Seinfeld" to Homer Simpson's fantasy romp through The Land of Chocolate, complete with edible chocolate dogs, it is clear that Americans have a love affair with the cacao bean. If you need further proof, just look at popularity of the traveling chocolate exhibit, most recently seen at The Henry Ford this summer. There is no denying that chocolate is the go-to treat for many people.

Whether you are interested in the health benefits of chocolate, curious about its history, or just want to eat it, a trip to the library may be in order.

To learn a little bit about nutrition and chocolate, consider "Ultimate Foods for Ultimate Health: And Don't Forget the Chocolate!" or "Cholesterol Cures: More Than 325 Natural Ways to Lower Cholesterol" and "Live Longer: From Almonds and Chocolate to Garlic and Wine."

If you would like to learn about the origin and history of chocolate, some books to try include "Bitter Chocolate:



The Dark Side of The World's Most Seductive Sweet." "The Emperors of Chocolate: Inside the Secret World of Hershey and Mars" or "The True History of Chocolate."

But after taking all this time to learn about chocolate, what about eating it? Well, no worries there. We have a large selection of chocolate themed cookbooks. Some titles to consider include "Chocolate: From Simple Cookies to Extravagant Showstoppers,"

"The Ghirardelli Chocolate Cookbook" or "The International Chocolate Cookbook."

So whether you are a full-fledged chocoholic or just like the occasional nibble, the William P. Faust Public Library is sure to have something to help satisfy your sweet tooth! Stop by or visit our Web site at westland.lib.mi.us

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Adult Poetry Group: 3 and 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious word-smith. Sign up at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at <http://westland-adultpoetry.blogspot.com>.

A Drug Free Approach to ADHD: 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

Join Dr. Brian K. Brackney in a talk about handling ADHD without drugs. Learn safe, natural solutions to help improve behavior and performance in

kids with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This talk is specially designed for parents, teachers and day care workers. Sign up at the Reference Desk to reserve your seat.

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

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

Plastic model building for children: 1 p.m. Nov. 8.

The Livonia Plastic Modelers Society will host a scale model building program for children ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult. Register at the Children's Desk or by calling the Children's Service Department beginning Oct. 25.

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

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

President and Vice President of the United States of America
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Representative
State Board of Education, Vote 2
University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
County Prosecutor
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner
Supreme Court Justice, Vote 1

Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position, Vote 3
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Vote 18
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 3
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 2

Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Vote 3
Judge of District Court 21st District Incumbent Position, Vote 1

The following proposals will also be voted on:

PROPOSAL 08-01

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility. Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.

Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes No

PROPOSAL 08-02

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: The embryos --

- are created for fertility treatment purposes
- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
- would be discarded unless used for research;
- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment. Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins. Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research. Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes No

WAYNE COUNTY

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

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

All polling places are handicapped accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 3, 2008 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk
City Of Garden City, Michigan

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
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Date: October 29, 2008
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

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Three men charged with attempted fraud

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three men whom police say have histories of swindling senior citizens were charged Thursday in an attempted concrete-repair scam in Redford Township.

Steve Miller of Dearborn, son Ted Miller of Westland, and Tony Ross of Dearborn were each arraigned on a felony fraud charge and a misdemeanor charge of false pretenses. Each was also charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of prison terms if they are convicted.

Judge Charlotte Wirth, in 17th District Court, set bond at \$100,000 cash for each suspect and entered not-guilty pleas for them. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The three were arrested Wednesday morning after a couple at a house on Salem called police about their concrete repair work, police said. "We just happened to be right close and caught them in the driveway," said Sgt. James Schiller, the detective in charge of the case.

According to Schiller, three men showed up at the house about 10 a.m. and pounded on the front and back doors.

A woman answered, Schiller said; she told police the men told her they had previously replaced porch steps on the house and would repair the steps for \$30.

Before the woman could answer, she told police, the men got a bucket out of their vehicle. They mixed what appeared to be sand in it with water and put the mixture on the steps on the front and back porches and on cracks in the driveway, Schiller said. A concrete inspector later said the work was shoddy, he said.

They demanded \$600 from the woman, and when she balked at the price, police were called, Schiller said.

The trio admitted the scam attempt when an officer arrived, Schiller said. They claimed they had used Quickcrete, a brand of concrete, in the mixture.

Steve Miller was also arraigned Thursday on a felony charge of false pretenses that stemmed from an earlier case in which, Schiller said, he is accused of conning an elderly Redford man out of \$4,800. The men are suspected of running similar scams in several neighboring communities.

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Axle, a golden retriever, has a bandaged paw after a tumor was removed from two of his toes. Tail Waggers, which helps animals in need, helped pay for the surgery.

Jaycees holds bowling fund-raiser for autism

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor a bowling fund-raiser for the Autism program at Perrinville School on Nov. 16, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, Westland.

Bowling will be 1-5 p.m. and the cost is \$20. It includes three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There also will be a silent auction. Sign up by Nov. 12 by leaving a message on the Jaycee Hotline (734) 226-9400. Bring in \$50 in sponsors and receive a T-Shirt. The person that brings in the most sponsors and bowlers will be able to put a pie in the community development vice-president's face the day of the event.

Autism (sometimes called "classical autism") is the most common condition in a group of developmental disorders known as the autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). It's characterized by impaired social interaction, problems with verbal and nonverbal

communication, and unusual, repetitive, or severely limited activities and interests.

Other ASDs include Asperger syndrome, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (usually referred to as PDD-NOS). Experts estimate that three to six children out of every 1,000 will have Autism. Males are four times more likely to have autism than females.

Perrinville houses the Livonia Preschool Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. Proceeds from this event will be used to continue running quality events such as these. For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call 73-226-0400 or visit the Jaycees Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

A pregnant German shepherd lured out of traffic on I-75 last Halloween; a nearly dead horse dragged out of the snowy woods on a toboggan; a woman who lost her job and can't afford to feed her three cats.

Those are some of the recipients of help from Tail Waggers USA - and that's to say nothing of the rescued raccoons and fostered kittens.

Organizers are hoping to reunite Roxy, the German shepherd, and her 11 pups - all adopted into caring homes - at this year's Tail Waggers Bowl fund-raiser Nov. 8 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

The 19th annual event brings together hundreds of bowlers, thousands of supporters and some four-legged "alumni" they've helped since 1990.

Tail Waggers was founded by Livonia resident Laura Zain in memory of her animal-loving aunt.

It's an organization that helps other groups, which have included Michigan Animal Adoption Network, Great Lakes Rabbit Rescue and the Michigan Humane Society, as well as individuals.

Through relationships with local veterinarians, Tail Waggers assists families faced with life-or-death decisions for their pets defray costs.

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Bowling event helps animals in need

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Axle is "doing great" after his surgery.

tated when they heard their golden retriever, Axle, had cancer. He needed two toes and a lymph node removed, and the bill would be thousands of dollars.

Jennifer Nicholson heard about Tail Waggers through a co-worker. "The whole day I was crying, and then there was hope," she said.

Axle, now 8, is "doing great."

Zain said based on the economic situation many people are in, she wants to start an offshoot of Tail Waggers called WOOOF - We're Orphans of Foreclosure - to help families who may have to give up their animals to move in to apartments. Some pet owners can no longer afford pet food.

"I saw it myself first hand at PetSmart," Zain said. She

helped an unemployed woman buy enough cat food and kitty litter to last three months. Zain, who works as fund development director for a nonprofit organization, has developed a reputation for compassion.

She's the one people call when they see an abused animal or need help paying for spaying or neutering. She helped a Canton woman remove 26 cats from her home - without getting the woman in trouble with local authorities.

Somehow, people know to find Zain to ask for help and to offer it. They'll leave dog food on her porch and donate money, which "goes directly out to the animals," Zain said.

A woman called about a goat in severe distress in Belleville. After rescuers loaded it into a pick-up, the woman mentioned a horse who went into the woods and hadn't been seen in months. Volunteers dragged the horse out on a toboggan, lifted it into the truck bed and took both animals to Horses Haven in Howell. Zain called it "a miracle" that they were able to spend their remaining months under good care.

The bowling fund-raiser - Tail Waggers' primary revenue source - has been filled to capacity for years. But this year, there's room for new supporters.

Those who can't bowl can also join in the fun. Said Zain: "It's just like a big party. It's wild."

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LETTERS

Candidate wants answers

Thank you for granting me an interview in the Sept. 28 edition of your paper. As you might imagine, it can be challenging for a third party candidate to get out his message without the advantage of a \$900,000 campaign war chest. Your article was fair and thorough, plus the online version gave me the opportunity to interact further with concerned members of the community which I would have otherwise never had.

Towards the end of the article, you checked my claim that the McCotter office failed to respond to my questions and reported that I was sent two letters, one in response to the Telecom immunity bill and the other disagreeing with me on impeachment. While I did receive those letters, the dates you reported were not accurate. The claim that a letter was sent Sept. 25 could give your readers the impression that a response came before the article was written.

However, whether or not a form letter was generated is not at issue but that specific questions posed directly to the congressman's Chief of Staff, Andrew Anuzis, weren't answered. You can hear those questions by going to www.YouTube.com/erox07 and watching "McCotter & me: episode X". You will also hear Anuzis tell me that I would have answers in writing "trifled off" to me. It's been four months now. What caliber of rifle is the McCotter office using to send out letters these days?

On Monday, Oct. 20, I had the opportunity to meet with Livonia residents at the CCCA candidate forum. It was perhaps the only opportunity the public will have to see all of the candidates for this office in one place since McCotter has planned no public appearance before the election. McCotter could have been there, but left hours before the event to attend a hearing the next morning in Washington, D.C. At the forum he missed, McCotter's campaign manager, Chris Gravel, said that he answered my questions. If you watch "McCotter & me: episode XV" you will hear me ask him how we can hold the president's cabinet accountable if Bush extends executive privilege to them? You will hear Gravel respond, "I don't know." I don't know if that is really an answer.

Gravel later suggested that Anuzis was still composing that letter. I'm certain it will be a masterpiece. When asked if McCotter would be so forgiving of an Obama administration, Gravel conceded that the president had exceeded his constitutional authority to extend executive privilege to his cabinet. Sadly, Gravel is not running for Congress. McCotter is, and if we are to re-elect him, he must answer this simple question himself.

I believe this to be a most modest request.

Erik Stelley
Green Party Candidate
US House of Representatives
Michigan's 11th district

Sullivan for circuit judge

I would like to remind every voter to remember the NON-PARTISAN portion of the ballot when casting your votes on Nov. 4. More specifically, the judicial portion of the ballot. Your vote in the judicial section will determine who will be sitting on the bench of our courts.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all of you to join me and casting a vote for someone that I have had the honor of knowing for many years and of calling him a great friend. I am speaking of John J. Sullivan, candidate for an open seat on our Wayne County Third Circuit Court.

John J. Sullivan has served in numerous capacities, which include elected Wayne County Commissioner (1999-2006), vice-chairman of Board of Commissioners (four Years), Wayne County Public Safety and Judiciary Committee, Michigan Association of Counties Judiciary Committee, former chairman of Wayne County Government Operations Committee, responsible for oversight of county lawsuits and settlements, Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency Board of Directors and 10 years running a private practice.

John J. Sullivan has earned a reputation as a fair, honest, hard working man with outstanding integrity and an incredible passion for justice. You can count on John to be an outstanding member of the Wayne County judiciary.

My friend John Sullivan is married, a father of three children, lifelong resident of Wayne County, has been endorsed and supported by many elected officials for his campaign.

Please join me on Nov. 4, and let's work together to elect John J. Sullivan to our Wayne County Third Circuit Court.

Vote John J. Sullivan on Nov. 4.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

Vote yes on Prop 2

I have consistently read editorials, articles or opinions by those who would vote against Proposal 08-2. Although I respect the rights of others, there is no doubt that allowing and encouraging human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research will lead to cures for many diseases and health problems. There are few, if any, citizens who are not aware of the desperation, tragedy, expense and pain caused by family members or friends who suffer from long-term or terminal illnesses.

The United States of America is the clear leader in the development and utilization of the most advanced medical techniques and processes. Americans should not have to travel overseas to Asia, Europe, etc. for future health care treatment.

Please vote YES on Proposal 08-2.

D. Balogh
Plymouth

OUR VIEWS

What's in a day? Just look at this

With presidential campaigning now in overdrive, we decided to give readers a break from politics and endorsements.

To do so we must first ask: have you ever taken a close look at the days of the week? No, we're not talking about the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday thing, but at things that happened on a specific day and date over the years.

Google "observances" and you'll find that there are more things to celebrate than there are days, weeks and months in a year, so many that at times observances overlap.

We did a bit of Web surfing and came up with a few things that have no connection to politics you can do this week, based on observances, birthdays and deaths that have occurred over the years, starting with today:

Pull out your pitch pipe, find the key of C and croon your own rendition of *Happy Birthday*. Feel free to add cha-cha-cha. Today New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak and Charlie's Angels star Jaclyn Smith are 62 years old.

Stop by the Macy's store at Westland Shopping Center on Monday to see what a 150-year-old retailer looks like. The department store that puts on one heck of a Thanksgiving parade opened its door in New York City on Monday, Oct. 27, 1858.

Speaking of New York City, the venerable lady standing in New York harbor reaches a milestone on Tuesday. Just 122 years ago, on Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by then President Grover Cleveland.

Also, make sure you use a ballpoint pen at least once during the day on Wednesday. The first such pen went on sale for a very pricey \$12.20 each on Oct. 29, 1945, at Gimbel's ... in New York City, of course.

And while you're at it, do it with your fingers crossed on Wednesday. It's the 79th anniversary — if you could call it that — of the stock market crash (Oct. 29, 1929) and the start of the Great Depression. Considering

the mood swings on the stock exchange these days, you should consider refraining from being near windows on the top floors of buildings on Wednesday.

Thursday is a sweet day for sure. It's National Candy Corn Day, so indulge yourself and buy some. And while eating, ponder this bit of trivia: Candy corn was created in the 1880s by George Renninger of the Wunderlee Candy Co. The candy has three colors meant to mimic corn and each piece is approximately the size of a whole kernel of corn. The National Confectioners Association estimate 20 million pounds of candy corn are sold each year.

And Friday ... Do we need to tell you what day it is? Do we need to tell you what you'll be doing in the evening? We're sure your children have reminded you many, many times in the past month that it's Halloween. But it's also the anniversary of the death of magician Harry Houdini. He died on Oct. 31, 1926, of peritonitis from a ruptured appendix at 1:26 p.m. in Room 401 at Detroit's Grace Hospital. The 52-year-old Houdini had been hospitalized following an Oct. 24 performance at the Garrick Theater in Detroit.

As for Saturday, Nov. 1, 20 days after the Detroit Tigers won the 1968 World Series, star pitcher Denny McLain unanimously won the American League's Cy Young Award. Another Michigan notable for Nov. 1 was the opening of the world longest suspension bridge in 1957. If you live in Michigan, you should know the name, but we'll give you a hint — it spans the Straits of Mackinac. And for those who still have turntables, blow the dust off your *Abbey Road* album. On Nov. 1, 1969, the album went number one and stayed in that spot for 11 weeks.

As we said, this was done to offer you a bit of respite from the politicking. Unfortunately, we now must return control of the air waves to the politicians.



2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

**Fridays and Saturdays
November 7/8 and 14/15**

Neil Simon's Come Blow Your Horn
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department

This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.

Dinner Theatre Performances:
November 7/8
6:30 p.m.
Admission: \$24
Theatre Performances Only:
November 14/15
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$12
Theatre (LA500) Inside Liberal Arts Building
Information: 734-462-4596

**Saturday, November 8
Sunday, November 9
Fall Craft Show**

Presented by the Schoolcraft College Foundation

Featuring crafters from southeast Michigan, this show features holiday gifts, home accessories, toys, custom designed jewelry, floral pieces, birdfeeders and more. Proceeds benefit the college's scholarship fund.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: \$2 (parking is free)
Information: 734-462-4518

**Sunday, November 9
Schoolcraft College Choral Union
Fall Concert**

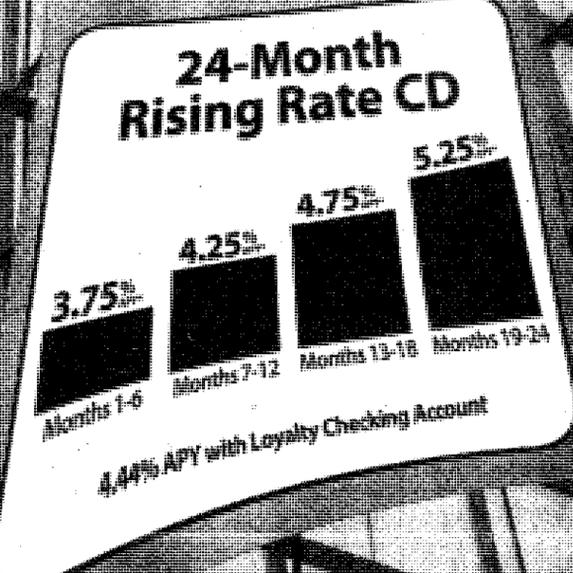
4 p.m.
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church,
14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Admission: Freewill donation
Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, November 14
James Tocco, piano**

Works by Chopin, Handel and Mozart share the program with a composition by native Detroit and University of Michigan faculty member Paul Schoenfeld. James Tocco has built a worldwide career as performer, orchestral soloist, chamber musician and teacher.

8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$20 (\$10 students), general seating
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Hartland keeps Patriot hopes in the dark, 31-6

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

The Livonia Franklin's football team's mission was to play on Halloween. But the Patriots, needing six wins to make the state playoffs, were haunted by Hartland in Friday night's regular season finale, 31-6, leaving their post-season hopes to a computer point system. Franklin made the playoffs last year as an at-large 5-4 team and won two rounds before being ousted, and will once again await word about its fate following Saturday's games.

"We've had four consecutive winning seasons, which hasn't been done since the 70s and 80s - we've got a good football team," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We just got beat by a better team." Hartland, 7-2, appears playoff ready after dismantling the host Patriots in virtually all phases of the game. The Eagles scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-6 halftime lead as Kyle Summerfield scored on 12-yard run; following by a Chris Cagle-

to-Matt Poches 24-yard pass, and a Cagle on a 1-yard run. Two of the three TD drives came when the Eagles converted a fourth-and-one and a fourth-and-11, along with a third-and-seven. They also got three points in the second half when they got a first down on fourth-and-two. "Our offense has been that way all year, whether it's fourth-and-100, they feel they can convert," Hartland coach John Dukes said. "In their heads it's not an unimaginable down." Franklin's offense sputtered after scoring on their first drive, a 12-play, 74-yard march result-

ing in a David Fortin 1-yard TD run. "We got beat on both sides of the ball, and when we struggle, it's because of the physical play on both sides of the ball and that was the case tonight," Kelbert said. "We couldn't stop them and there was nothing we could do to get them off the field." "We had a nice drive the first half where we were able to eat up the clock. That was our plan." With 7:45 left to play in the third quarter, Franklin's Don Stratz recovered a fumble when Hartland muffed the punt at the Eagles' own 12. But Franklin couldn't cash in as Fortin, the 5-foot-10, 205-pound senior fullback, was stopped short of the first down marker on fourth-and-inches on an off-tackle play after Kelbert called a timeout. "That's what the kids wanted and felt like they could do," the Franklin coach said. "We just couldn't block it." Hartland then put the game away in the final quarter when Zach Minor booted a 31-yard field goal followed by Carson Pippin's 18-yard TD run.

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SideLines

Selection Sunday

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., FoxSportsNet Detroit's Mic York and Ryan Field will host a 30-minute Michigan High School Athletic Association Selection Sunday Show to announce the 256 teams that have qualified for the state football playoffs. Pairings will also be available online beginning at 7 p.m. on www.mhsaa.com.

Colley enshrined

Livonia native and former Redford Union Schools teacher John Colley was inducted last month into the Michigan High School Coaches Association 50th annual Hall of Fame induction during ceremonies Sept. 21 at Central Michigan University's Bovee Center.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Colley spent a total of 33 years in coaching. He compiled a football record of 51-38, including one league title. He also spent seven years as baseball coach, going 51-41 and coached 16 years of basketball, including 11 years at the seventh-grade level, with a record of 146-126.

A contributor to seven community organizations, Colley was a nominee for Michigan Teacher of the Year and Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher. He also was RU School Teacher of the Year in 1991.

Colley and his wife Isabel, retired and living in Petoskey, have four children: John, David, Barbara and Kerry.

Quite the ace

Michael Downey, a senior at Garden City High School and member of the boys varsity golf team, used a driver to ace the par-4, 328-yard, No. 4 hole on Oct. 11 at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

It was Downey's first hole-in-one and he shot 38 for nine holes.

The ace was witnessed by Aaron Nichols, Mike Bone and Paul Scott.

Spartans pull plug on Chargers, 35-30

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's time consuming drives overcame Livonia Churchill's quick-strikes Friday night as the playoff-bound Spartans earned a 35-30 football win.

Stevenson overcame an early 14-7 deficit to improve to 7-2 overall. The loss ends Churchill's season at 3-6.

"We're trying to get into the playoff mode and we knew Churchill would give their best effort, and they did," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "Our motto was make it our first playoff game and get a win."

Host Churchill got on the board first with 5:49 left in the opening quarter when Grant Morgan tossed the first of his three touchdown passes, a 23-yard strike to Jordan Sytsma.

Stevenson's Wade Stahl answered with 1:29 remaining on a 2-yard run, but the Chargers went ahead 14-7 when Morgan struck again, this time on a 13-yard scoring pass to Anthony Frezzell with 5:29 remaining in the half.

Stevenson responded with two quick scores before the half ended - Austin White, held out of the first quarter for a disciplinary matter, entered the lineup and ran 27 yards for a TD and Jacob Gudeman connected with the junior tailback on a 9-yard pass (with



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Wade Stahl tries to evade Churchill tackler Eric Perowski during Friday's regular season finale. Stevenson came away with a 35-30 win over the host Chargers.

Please see **SPARTANS, B7**

QB Whitaker spurs C'ville to 42-14 win

Livonia Clarenceville appears to be in the playoff mode following a convincing 42-14 non-conference football victory Friday at home over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Trojans, who led 21-0 at intermission, racked up nearly 500 yards rushing to finish the regular season at 8-1.

Notre Dame Prep bows out at 3-6. Senior quarterback Darryl Whitaker had a big night, rushing for 219 yards in 20 carries. He scored three touchdowns, including a 75-yard run. Whitaker also connected on 2-of-5 passes for 50 yards.

Also getting into the act was sophomore De'Andre Hogan, who had 146 yards on seven carries and a 6-yard TD run. Levonte Brooks added 71 yards on 10 attempts, including a 21-yard TD run.

The Trojans will most likely host a first-round playoff game on Friday. "The kids are growing up and getting the big picture," said fourth-year Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish. "They're taking to the coaching and really buying into it. What we've drawn up works and we believe in them."

Improved play on the offensive line has been a big key to Clarenceville's success.

"For the first time we've had a full coaching staff," Irish said. "What Joe Bodo, our position coach, has done is just amazing. We've gotten better with every play, every rep and we had the exact same team last year."

Clarenceville now awaits Selection Sunday and the MHSAA pairings where they'll most likely be slotted into Division 5.

"We're real excited to be in the playoffs, the kids and myself want more," Irish said.

Glenn plays spoiler

Rockets upset playoff-bound Western

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn isn't going the state football playoffs, but the Rockets performed like they belonged in the postseason Friday night with a 14-7 upset win at Walled Lake Western.

Glenn, which finishes its season at 4-5 under first-year coach Tim Hardin, mounted a 10-play, 58-

yard game-winning scoring drive and scored with only 1:12 remaining when fullback Jordan Phillips pounced on quarterback Jerome Scales' fumble in the end zone. Scales, who had 148 yards on 25 carries on the night, also added the two-point conversion.

Glenn's defense, which had only given up 113 points in the eight previous games, then held the playoff-bound Warriors (6-3) at their own

17 as time expired.

The Rockets' defense came up big once again, holding Western to 178 total yards and only one score, a 4-yard TD run by Gilvanni Johnson with 3:32 left in the second quarter.

"First of all, we had a great defensive game plan by our coaches and we've played great defense all year," Hardin said. "We also got great

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TOM HOFFMEYER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Jerome Scales, shown here in a previous game, rushed for 148 yards in Friday's 14-7 upset win over playoff-bound Walled Lake Western.



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Going the distance

Canton spikers spoil Glenn's Senior Night in 5

Westland John Glenn girls volleyball coach Julian Wargo used a boxing analogy to describe Thursday's KLAA-South Division match with visiting Canton on Senior Night.

"I knew we'd be playing with a lot of emotion," he said. "I just didn't know how long we could sustain. This was like two boxers slugging away at each other - each of us delivered a lot of blows, but neither one of us was willing to go down and stay down."

Canton got the decision in five games - 25-19, 24-26, 25-23, 18-25, 15-8 - to improve to 28-5 overall and 8-2 in the KLAA-South.

Jordan Kieley (23 kills, 22 digs) and Kristen Muir (17 kills, 20 digs) paced the victorious Chiefs.

Senior Brittany Holbrook, bound for Oakland University, had a big night for Glenn finishing with 19 kills, three solo blocks and a 29 digs. Halie Baker added 10 kills and two blocks, while Stacey Truskowski finished with 10 kills and 29 digs.

Other leaders for the Rockets included Brooke Zywick (37 digs) and Brittani Robinson (six kills, one block).

Glenn had five aces and 11 service errors in 74 attempts.

Glenn now stands 17-12-7 overall and 5-5 in the division.

"I'm very proud of the way my players responded tonight," Wargo said. "Taking the second game was huge for us and the girls made the adjustments needed so that we were always in position to win games three and four. Our middles (Holbrook and Baker) kept Canton's defense hopping and our outsides (Robinson, Truskowski and Jennifer Michalek) kept pounding away. Our defense was up to the task against Canton's big swingers."

Wargo said the key to Canton's win was serving in the final game.

"They had been serving well all night and number seven (Jordan Kieley) came up big with some tough serves when she needed to," the Glenn



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Stacey Truskowski (middle), shown during a recent match, had 29 digs and 10 kills in a five-game loss on Senior Night to visiting Canton.

coach added.

Churchill dusts off Pats

KLAA-South Division champ Livonia Churchill tuned up for Tuesday's Kensington Conference crossover match with Central Division champ South Lyon with a 25-5, 25-8, 25-15 triumph Thursday at Livonia Franklin.

Kristen Nalezec recorded 10 kills as the state-ranked Chargers improved to 34-3 overall and 10-0 in the division.

Other standouts for Churchill included Cierra Yetts (seven kills), Sarah Suppelsa (five kills), Kristy DeClercq (five assists, five digs) and Rachel Elery (three digs, one ace).

The loss drops Franklin to 9-18-2 overall and 2-8 in the KLAA-South.

Northville bests Spartans

In a KLAA-Central Division match Thursday, host Northville defeated Livonia Stevenson in four games, 25-13, 25-17, 21-25, 25-16.

Kills leaders for the Spartans included Brooke Knochel (nine), Meg Iafraite (eight) and Kaylee McGrath (six).

Katie Vellucci finished with 14 assists, while Christine

Armstrong added 22 digs.

Northville improves to 18-15-2 overall and 4-6 in the KLAA-Central, while Stevenson falls to 14-21 and 3-7.

Plymouth sweeps Wayne

Dani Risi had 12 kills and Jenna Livingston added 17 digs Thursday as Plymouth earned a 25-13, 25-15, 25-8 KLAA-South Division win at Wayne Memorial.

The Wildcats are now 16-15-4 overall and finish 5-5 in the division, while Wayne falls to 6-30-2 overall and 0-10 in the KLAA-South.

Catie Badrak had five kills in the setback, while Kristen Miller and Jessie Harris added three and two, respectively.

Blazers fall in 5

In the Catholic League A-B Division quarterfinals Thursday, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep rallied for an 18-25, 25-15, 17-25, 25-19, 15-8 victory over Livonia Ladywood.

Claire Dezelski had 10 kills 14 digs for the Blazers, who fell 25-14-5 overall.

Other Ladywood standouts included Ashley Hines (seven kills), Jenny Rhodes (18 digs) and Courtney Smith (three aces).

Conference champion Ocelots upset in state tourney opener

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team secured the 2008 Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference title last Tuesday night at home by upending Macomb CC, 25-17, 25-18, 26-28 and 25-22.

But the top-seeded Ocelots couldn't stand prosperity, losing in the first round of the MCCA playoffs Friday at Kalamazoo CC in an upset to No. 4 seed Lansing CC of the Western Conference in five games, 21-25, 25-14, 23-25, 25-18, 15-2.

The Ocelots are now 30-7 overall, while Lansing is 19-13.

Schoolcraft finished 15-1 to win the Eastern Conference after beating Macomb earlier in week.

Leading the Ocelots' charge were Jen Brunink and Virginia Butler, who recorded 17 and 11 kills, respectively; Brittany Denter (43 assists and two aces); Jordan Kerr (20 kills and a 26-of-27 passing success rate; Kaitlyn Litteral (five blocks) and Emily Bronkema (four blocks). Butler also contributed 13 digs.

"This is a great win for our sophomores (Sarah Button, Hillary Colomina, Marissa Damon and Butler)," Schoolcraft

coach Rich Lamb said. "With this being the last home game of their careers here at Schoolcraft, it is quite an exclamation point to everything they have done over the past two seasons."

"We changed our line-up around the first set and it really seemed to throw Macomb off of their game. Katie Williams started in the first set and had a strong serving performance at the beginning of the set. We were able to use the momentum she provided to get the win."

Schoolcraft will continue to rely on its seniors and now focuses its attention on the NJCAA District E Tournament, Friday through Sunday, at Grand Rapids CC's Ford Fieldhouse.

"They finish their careers with a record of 59-23 (including 16-0 at home) and still have the opportunity to improve that with district tournament," Lamb said. "The four of them are a huge reason that we have been successful over the past two years and will continue to be a factor in our future success."

Host Crusaders win 2 at Classic

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

The Madonna University women's volleyball team went two-for-two on the opening day of the Crusader Classic.

Lubovj Tihomirova finished with a game-high 12 kills and setter Inta Grinvalds added 26 assist-to-kills and eight digs Friday night as the host Crusaders dumped Berry (Ga.), 25-9, 25-12, 25-21.

Amanda Koszela added 10 digs as MU, ranked No. 7 in the latest NAIA poll, improved to 28-2 overall.

Ashley Weider finished with 10 assists and Shawn Carroll added 16 digs for Berry (15-10).

In the first match of the Classic, host MU downed No. 25-ranked Walsh College (Ohio) in three games, 25-18, 25-22, 25-19.

Whitney Fuelling finished with 13 kills and nine blocks (three solo), while freshman Karie Altman and Tihomirova added nine and eight kills, respectively.

Grinvalds collected 35 assists and seven digs, while Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) added nine digs.

Walsh (20-9) was led by Megan McDonald's game-high 14 kills. Jessica

Schmidt had 36 assists, while Ashley Yuhas and Natalie Phillips finished with 14 and 10 digs, respectively.

MU rolls to WHAC win

It was a match that lasted just 49 minutes Thursday night as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader MU rolled to a 25-11, 25-7, 25-10 victory over visiting Siena Heights University.

Fuelling and Tihomirova led the victorious Crusaders, now 10-0 in the WHAC, with 10 kills apiece. Mary McGinnis and Megan Fricke added seven and six, respectively.

Assist leaders for MU included Grinvalds (22) and Koszela (12).

Defensively, Brynn Kerr led the way with 13 digs, while Koszela added eight.

Siena Heights, getting five kills from Jessica Brown and eight digs from Nikki Hughes, falls to 5-18 and 1-9.

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A pizza party, trophy presentation and over 50 kids and parents singled an end recently to the Devon-Aire Civic Association Fall Youth Soccer season.

For the last six weeks, six youth soccer teams, age ranges 4-7, spent their Saturday mornings at Livonia's Devon-Aire Park in a non-competitive instructional league with emphasis on participation and sportsmanship.

"It is definitely something great for all the children and parents in this subdivision to be a part of," said Dana Caloia, the DACA youth soccer coordinator. "I think all the children have a blast playing and learning, and we hope to continue the support we have had from all the parents in the community."

The children of the Red, Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, and Purple teams met from 10-11 a.m., with team practice scheduled in the first half hour and a live game occurring in the last half hour.

"I know I had a lot of fun and I didn't want it to end," said seven-year old Jahsalynn Bedworth-Ross of the Yellow team. "I am going to miss playing soccer with my friends and my coach."

The Devon Aire Civic Association is a not-for-profit association promoting social neighborhood gatherings and the interests. It serves the entire square mile between the roads Plymouth and Joy and Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia, Michigan.

Activities throughout the

year, sponsored by DACA, include Bowling, Euchre Night, Caroling and Kids' Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt, Park Clean-Up, and the Annual Corn Roast Family Picnic.

The fall youth soccer league is one of three instructional leagues that the DACA sponsors, along with spring soccer and softball.

For adults, the DACA also has a co-ed softball league in the summer.

All the games are played at Devon-Aire Park, located on the corner of Sunset Street and Robert Drive, one block North of West Chicago.

More information about the DACA can be found by visiting its website at <http://www.devonairerivonia.org>



Master Blasters

After capturing the Friday Wayne Men's Class E Blue Division with a 12-1 record, the Master Blasters softball team, hitting a sterling .685, captured the playoffs with three straight wins, including a victory in the finals over Red Division champion Jake's Again II. The Master Blasters also defeated the Diamond Dogs and Garden City Moose of the Blue Division en route to the overall championship. Members of the Master Blasters, who were formed in 1982, include (first row, from left): Dale Champin and Rocky McHenry; (second row, from left) Chuck Hebestreit, Gary Smiddy, manager Ed Hamacher, Paul Mardeusz; (third row, from left) Denny McMahon, Jim Carron, Bob Genna, Ernie Comini, Pete Banko; (fourth row, from left) Roger Frayer, Tom Kerr, Don Buchan, Phil Camp; (back row, from left) batboy Aaron Kerr, Scott Kerr, Kevin Miller, Hank Grosso, Brian Kerr, Glenn Smith.



Having a Blast

The Michigan Blast, a 12-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, finished 14-0 to win the Total Sports fall league title including a 13-7 win over Northville in the finals after a 6-4 semifinal triumph of the ILGS Storm. Leading the way were pitchers Natalie Riley and Erika Randall (back row, second and third from left), each whom posted 7-0 records and starred at the plate as Randall went 3-for-5 with a triple and two runs scored, while Riley went 2-for-4 with two runs. They pitched this past summer for Livonia Storm Black and Livonia Storm Red, respectively. Team members include (front row): Lola Teran; (second row, from left) Megan Paul, McKenzie Weyh, Abbey Bullock, Katie Page, Bridget Simonelli; (third row, from left) Sarah Coutts, Riley, Randall, Natalie Tarrant, Kourtney Klaus, Lindsey Myers; (back row, from left) coaches Pat Coutts, Herb Weyh and Greg Page.

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EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson), 1:58.04; 2. Franklin, 2:02.8; 3. Salem, 2:10.94.
200 freestyle: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 2:03.87; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:07.24; 3. Irene LI (S), 2:07.25.
200 individual medley: 1. Nelson (S), 2:22.97; 2. Colleen Anthony (LF), 2:35.09; 3. Ashley Micek (S), 2:36.4.
50 freestyle: 1. Aumiller (S), 26.14; 2. Jordan Haymour (LF), 29.0; 3. Alexis Thornbury (S), 29.11.
1-meter diving: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 226.35 points; 2. Katina St. Pierre (S), 193.65; 3. Kallia Stancer (LC), 186.45.
100 butterfly: 1. LI (S), 1:06.12; 2. Kirsten Clemens (S), 1:10.71; 3. Marie Cross (S), 1:12.91.
100 freestyle: 1. Reid (LC), 57.87; 2. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 58.04; 3. Natalie Cole (LF), 58.05.
500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (S), 5:17.64; 2. Brenna Shortal (S), 5:49.82; 3. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 5:57.38.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Aumiller, Nelson, Bair, Seroka), 1:44.51; 2. Franklin, 1:46.94; 3. Churchill, 1:54.33.
100 backstroke: 1. Haymour (LF), 1:07.17; 2. Amanda Price (S), 1:09.55; 3. Clemens (S), 1:14.85.
100 backstroke: 1. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.5; 2. Micek (S), 1:21.43; 3. Natalie Hiser (LC), 1:25.35.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Anthony,

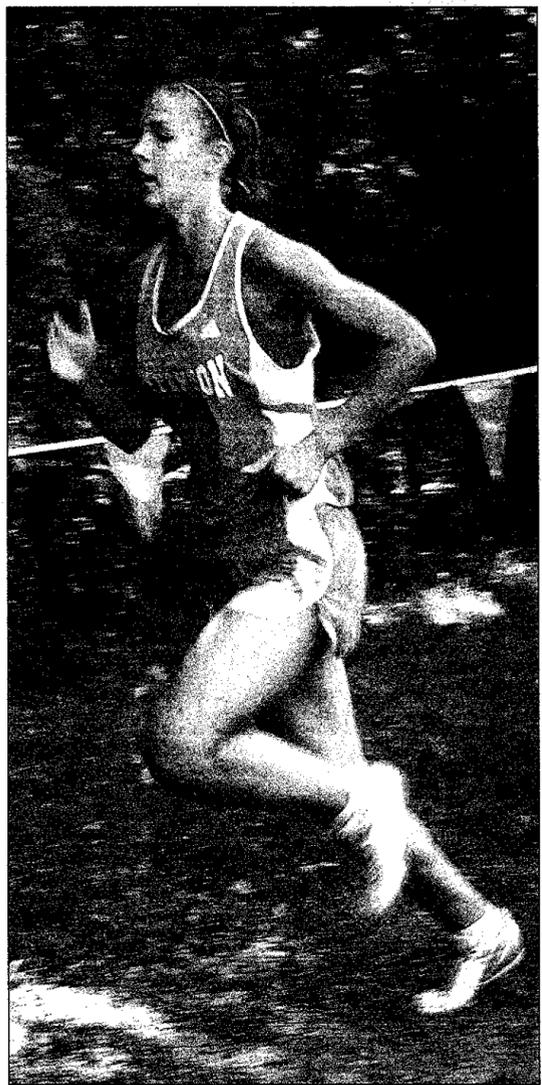
Kozyn, Cole), 4:00.26; 2. Salem, 4:13.01; 3. Churchill, 4:14.44.
DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 113 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 73
Oct. 24 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Kayla Perchall, Ashley Reed, Savannah Hatt), 1:56.68; 2. John Glenn, 2:01.26; 3. Stevenson, 2:05.66.
200 freestyle: 1. Khlyr Sparks (WJG), 2:06.82; 2. Laura Holz (LS), 2:07.12; 3. Kathleen Salata (LS), 2:12.1.
200 individual medley: 1. Hatt (LS), 2:17.6; 2. Ashley Sells (WJG), 2:20.4; 3. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:25.68.
50 freestyle: 1. Gordon (LS), 25.91; 2. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 27.2; 3. Jessica Fielhauer (WJG), 28.27.
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 242.40 points; 2. Desiree Clenny (WJG), 194.17; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 159.37.
100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:03.34; 2. Ashley Reed (LS), 1:03.95; 3. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 1:09.49.
100 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 59.34; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 59.41; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:03.11.
500 freestyle: 1. Holz (LS), 5:45.67; 2. Sarah Scott (LS), 5:55.73; 3. Christina Herrod (LS), 5:59.13.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Dolinski, Gordon, Perchall), 1:46.13; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.83; 3. John Glenn, 1:50.3.
100 backstroke: 1. Reed (LS), 1:06.8; 2. Sara Healy (LS), 1:06.95; 3. Charlotte Buckley (LS), 1:07.2.
100 breaststroke: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:13.53;

2. Sparks (WJG), 1:14.68; 3. Erin Erickson (LS), 1:20.61.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Kristin Turbiak, Gina Sellinger, Julie Depowski, Lauren Wilson), 4:13.09; 2. Stevenson, 4:18.95; 3. John Glenn, 4:22.64.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 7-3 overall; John Glenn, 5-2 overall.
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 114 MONROE ST. MARY CC 68
Oct. 24 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center
200-yard freestyle: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Caleigh Griffin, Hannah Weaver, Maddy Pelon), 2:07.52; 2. Ladywood, 2:11.97.
200 freestyle: 1. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:11.18; 2. Maddy Pelon (LL), 2:20.44.
200 individual medley: 1. Wilson (LL), 2:32.44; 2. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 2:34.59; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 2:38.74.
50 freestyle: 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 26.64; 3. Weaver (LL), 20.16.
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 231.20 points; 3. Kelly (LL), 138.25.
100 butterfly: 1. Brinkman (LL), 1:10.84.
100 freestyle: 1. Jessica Arabi (LL), 1:05.18; 3. Monica Thibodeau (LL), 1:09.39.
500 freestyle: 1. Weaver (LL), 6:39.79; 2. Hailey Jackson (LL), 6:51.78.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe CC (B. McMillan, E. Martin, A. Chrzam, M. Martin), 2:07.0; 2. Ladywood, 2:08.5.
100 backstroke: 1. Nicole Munson (LL), 1:22.15.
100 breaststroke: 1. Griffin (LL), 1:19.11; 2. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:19.21.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Arabi, Munson, Olivia Goodwin, Griffin), 4:44.99.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 4-4 overall.

Spartans' Calka runs to D-1 regional crown

Winning individual regional cross country titles is becoming old hat for Livonia Stevenson's Courtney Calka, who blistered the Division 1 course Friday at Huron Meadows with a 5,000-meter time of 17 minutes, 47.8 seconds.

It was Calka's third regional title in her four years with the Spartans and sends the senior to the state finals again on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Michigan International Speedway in Jackson.



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Walled Lake Western sophomore Lindsay Clark was a distant second to Calka in 18:12.8.

Host Brighton won the rescheduled regional with a team-best 48 points and will be joined at MIS for the Division 1 finals by runner-up Pinckney (65) and Novi (88).

Rounding out the field was Walled Lake Western, fourth (110), Farmington, fifth (135); Northville, sixth (139); Stevenson, seventh (187); Howell, eighth (236); Detroit Mumford, ninth (237); Farmington Hills Mercy, 10th (258); North Farmington, 11th (269); Redford Union, 12th (363); Farmington Hills Harrison, 13th (383); and Southfield, 14th (460).

Other Stevenson finishers included senior Karli Kuchka, 28th (19:59); junior Victoria Saferian, 44th (20:31); freshman Julia Capeneka, 53rd (20:50); sophomore Michelle Krawczyk, 61st (21:14); junior Kelsey O'Keefe, 68th (21:45); and senior Rebecca Gidley, 71st (21:53).

Boys team and individual results were not made available at press time and will appear in Thursday's print version of *The Observer* along with other area regional results from Saturday. You can also visit www.hometownlife.com.

Stevenson senior Courtney Calka, shown here in a recent meet, won her third Division 1 regional title in four years with a time of 17:47 on the 5,000-meter course at Huron Meadows.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 28
 Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Championship)
 Churchill at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29
 Ladywood at Troy, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
 Huron Valley at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m.
 Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1
 Temperance Bedford Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Nov. 1
 MHAAA finals at MIS (Brookline), TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Oct. 28
 Rocket Invitational at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Grosse Ile, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30

Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Oct. 30
 State semifinals at Country Day, TBA.
Saturday, Nov. 1
 State finals at U-M, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 28
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
 MU at Weber International (Fla.), 6 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2
 NCAA Tourney at K'zoo Valley, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 29
 Madonna at Saginaw Valley St., 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31
 NJCAA-Region 12 Tourney at Delta CC, TBA.
Saturday, Nov. 1
 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

NJCAA-Region 12 Tourney at Delta CC, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 28
 Madonna vs. Calvin College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1
 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 1
 Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 6 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Oct. 31
(Taylor Univ. Tip-Off Invitational)
 Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 6 p.m.
 Taylor (Ind.) vs. Marygrove, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1
 Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 4 p.m.
(Taylor Univ. Tip-Off at Upland, Ind.)
 Marygrove vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), noon.
 Madonna vs. Taylor (Ind.), 2 p.m.
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Midnight Goodfellows

The Stevenson High girls swimming and diving team, under the direction of coach Greg Phill, held a Midnight Swim on Aug. 2 to benefit the Livonia Goodfellows' "No Child Without Christmas" campaign to assist families in Livonia with school-age children. Each swimmer completed 200 laps and collected pledges. Team captains Kristin Turbiak, Charlotte Buckley, Claire Massman and Sara Healy presented a check for \$3,110 to Livonia Goodfellows president Bill Heaton. In attendance for the presentation were (from left) Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman, Turbiak, Buckley, Heaton, Massman, Healy and Stevenson principal Steve Archibald.

Vikings' QB Diamond polishes off Wayne

PREP FOOTBALL

Walled Lake Central had its own Diamond in the rough, rallying for 15 second-half points Friday night to down host Wayne Memorial in the season football finale for both teams, 15-6.

Wayne ends its season at 1-8 under first-year coach Kevin Weber, while the Vikings finish 3-6.

Wayne's Richard Haley, who rushed for a game-high 126 yards on 12 carries, staked the Zebras to a 6-0 lead with a 44-yard TD run with 7:53 left in the second quarter.

After Wayne missed the point-after, Central evened the count at 6-all on quarterback Joe Diamond's 14-yard run. (The Vikings also failed to con-

vert the PAT.)

With 2:56 remaining in the same period, Diamond connected with Ryan Gregory on a 24-yard TD pass and the Vikings put the game away with 4:29 remaining in the final period on Brad Lyons' 43-yard field goal.

Diamond was 6-of-8 passing for 135 yards and one interception (by Matt Mills). Central added 135 on the ground for a total of 279.

Wayne compiled 258 yards total offense as quarterback Nick Kostora completed 9-of-18 passes for 88 yards.

Alex Bledsoe's eight tackles paced the Wayne defense. Each team lost a fumble.

Madonna posts 2-0 WHAC victory

The Madonna University men's soccer team survived a physical test Wednesday afternoon from visiting Indiana Tech in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup at Livonia's Greenmead Field for a 2-0 victory.

With the win, Madonna moved to 11-2 overall and 9-1 in conference action, while Indiana Tech fell to 7-6-2 and 3-6.

The Crusaders outshot the Warriors 8-2 in the first half, but entered the break tied 0-0. The second half continued with the Crusaders controlling much of the action.

It was in the 60th minute

COLLEGE SOCCER

that MU would get on the board with a scorcher from 25 yards out, off the foot of Kenya native Otieno Victor.

The Crusader defense allowed the Warriors just four shots on the day and took 21 of their own, converting on two.

Madonna scored its final goal when Daniel Amaya (Cartagena, Columbia) stuck another long shot in the back of the net in the 89th minute of action.

Goalkeeper Steve Besk made a pair of saves to preserve the victory.

SCHOOLCRAFT 10, KELLOGG CC 1

Schoolcraft College (14-1-4, 10-0) wrapped up its second straight undefeated Michigan Community College Athletic Association season Wednesday with a thumping of Kellogg CC (2-13, 1-9).

Freshman Younan Samra led the onslaught with three goals and two assists. Freshman Andy Adlington (four assists) and sophomore Michael Iyoha (two goals) also made major contributions.

Observerland players who played roles in the win were North Farmington grad Mark Djokaj and Livonia Clarenceville alum Matt Parent, who both netted one goal.

The Ocelots open post-season play Nov. 2 at Delta CC in Midland when they square off against the Ohio Conference's No. 2 seeded team.

GLENN

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linebacker play from Steven Murphy (five solo tackles) and Sheldon Hankins."

Western starting quarterback Sam Welch went down with an injury in the first half and was replaced by Marcus Thatcher.

"Their quarterback runs a lot - that was a key - and by shutting them down it kept them one-dimensional and it made it easier for us defensively," Hardin said.

Glenn pulled to within one point, 7-6, with 5:54 remaining on Jeremy Langford's 1-yard TD run with 5:54, left in the third quarter. But the Rockets failed to convert the extra point.

Langford finished with 104 yards on 20 carries, while Johnson led Western with 138 yards on 18 carries to go along with one pass completion for 30 yards.

SPARTANS

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only 51 seconds left).

In the third quarter, White scored on a 1-yard TD run with 4:13 left, but Churchill's Jeff Ricketts' 14-yard scoring run cut the deficit to 28-21.

Matt Andrzejewski's 24-yard field goal with 7:58 remaining in the game pulled Churchill to within four, but White, who finished with 149 yards on 28 carries, scored his fourth TD on a 1-yard run with 2:31 to go to cap a 10-play, 57-yard drive

that consumed nearly six minutes. (Jonny Myschock's fifth straight PAT made it 35-24.)

Churchill, however, refused to fold, scoring again with 1:35 left on Morgan's 15-yard TD pass to Ricketts. (The Chargers went for the two-point conversion and failed.)

The Chargers tried for the onside kick, but Stevenson recovered and ran out the clock.

Gudeman, a senior, was sharp again for the second straight week completing 11-of-14 passes for 121 yards. His favorite targets were Wade

Stahl (four catches for 51 yards) and Stephen Pollard (four catches for 41 yards). Stahl also rushed for 63 yards on 13 carries.

Morgan was 8-of-15 for 88 yards and one interception. Matt Kowalis was the Chargers' top rusher with 100 yards on 17 carries, while Ricketts added 72 on nine attempts.

Stevenson had the edge in total offense (336-294) and in first downs (19-13).

Churchill's leader on defense was Devin Moynihan, who had 12 solo tackles, eight assists and one fumble recovery.

RU garners Township trophy with late TD run vs. Thurston

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Next week is when the state football playoffs begin.

But playoff-style football got an early start, thanks to Friday's see-saw battle at Kraft Field between Redford Union and Redford Thurston.

In a tremendous way to end the regular season, the host Panthers snatched victory out of the grasp of defeat when senior running back David Caloia scored from two-yards out with 16 seconds remaining to give RU a 30-27 Mega Conference crossover victory.

"That was fantastic," said RU coach Miles Tomasaitis, "a fantastic finish."

Setting up the winning TD was a 79-yard kickoff return by junior Kevin Stephens - which followed Thurston's own go-ahead score, a four-yard run by senior DeAndre Alexander with just 47 seconds to go.

"All I thought about at the end of the game as they (Eagles) were going down the field was that Trenton game," said Tomasaitis, recalling the Oct. 3 game when Trenton's last-second touchdown defeated the Panthers (who finished 4-5). "I knew they didn't want to feel that way again."

"And then we came back, that was our best kickoff return of the season. That was the high-light return."

Stephens nearly scored on his return down the left sideline,

being pulled down from behind by Thurston senior Vanier Joseph at the Eagles' 13-yard line.

On second down, RU senior quarterback Julian Rivera completed a dump pass to Stephens down to Thurston's two and Caloia (25 carries, 184 yards) took it into the end zone for his second TD of the night.

Caloia's big game gave him just over 1,100 rushing yards for the season.

"I talked to our kids all week about what this game meant to our team and meant to our school," said Tomasaitis, moments after his team celebrated with the trophy presented by Redford Township Supervisor Miles Handy. "Again, just like last year we wanted to finish on a high note, putting three together like this."

"Coming back and beating a pretty good football team, a league champion team is fantastic."

Thurston (6-3) captured the Mega Gold championship and qualified for the state playoffs the previous week at Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Head coach Bob Snell and his team now will wait to find out who they play in the playoffs during the Michigan High School Athletic Association Selection Sunday Show (6:30 p.m. on FoxSportsNet).

"I thought it was a hard-hit-

ting game, a very clean, tough, physical game, which is the way it should be," Snell said. "Both teams went after it in the second half."

EARLY TOUCHDOWN

There were many twists and turns during the game.

Thurston got off to a fast start when senior quarterback Ryan Smith completed a 54-yard touchdown pass to junior wide-out Troy Bell, who caught the ball near the RU 30 and ran it in without danger of being tackled.

The Panthers had trouble getting untracked and Thurston tacked on another touchdown early in the second quarter to go up 14-0. Alexander (14-80) burst through the line and outraced Caloia for a 43-yard score.

A Thurston fumble gave the Panthers hope, however. Junior Nick Catalano recovered the ball inside the Eagles' 30 and big runs by junior Keith Marshall and Caloia followed.

Rivera scored on a quarterback sneak with 7:15 remaining in the first half, to cut the deficit to 14-8 (scoring on a two-point run was senior Quentin Peterson).

Caloia almost single-handedly accounted for RU's second TD, with 1:36 left before the break to put the Panthers up 16-14. He ran all four plays from scrimmage in the drive, tallying 49 yards (the final nine for the score).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA hoop signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball is underway and will continue through Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). The WYAA has openings for the following age groups: Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (13-14-15) and Senior (16-19).

The cost for basketball is \$125. Right Start and Freshman level players have until Monday, Nov. 10 to register for \$125, while JV, Varsity and Senior players must sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 3 also for \$125.

Call (734) 421-0640; or visit online at www.wyaa.org.

Stevenson hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Stevenson hockey team will be from 5-6 p.m. Monday Oct. 27 at Devon-Aire; 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, both at Eddie Edgar Arena.

There is no tryout fee. All players must have completed and have a current physical on file prior to the first tryout.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us; or call the athletic office (734) 744-2500.

Prep coaches wanted

Westland John Glenn High School has coaching openings for varsity girls soccer, boys diving and girls

bowling. Those interested can apply online at www.wwcsd.net.

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls junior varsity golf coach for the 2009 fall season along with a girls junior varsity competitive cheer coach for the 2008-09 season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood High School at (734) 591-2386.

CYO hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8) St. Colette Catholic Youth Organization boys basketball teams will be Monday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The season runs from mid-November to the end of February. Boys from St. Colette, St. Aidan, St.

Kenneth and St. Priscilla are eligible to tryout out. The Cougars are also seeking a JV coach.

Call Michele Belczak at (734) 953-5746; or e-mail michelebel@sbcglobal.net.

Tryouts and signup for St. Genevieve CYO boys and girls basketball (grades 4-8) will begin Monday, Oct. 27. Members of St. Genevieve, St. Maurice, St. Priscilla, St. Aidan and Our Lady of Loretto are eligible to play.

For more information, e-mail Tim Jeter at tjet923@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 462-0517.

Livonia Turkey Trot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Turkey Trot 5-kilometer run-walk will start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. All proceeds and canned-food donations will go to the Livonia Goodfellows to provide goods for needy families along with a Christmas dinner. Anyone that brings a non-perishable item will receive a ticket and will be entered in the raffle.

The entry fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children (ages 3-17). Included in the fee is T-shirt, drink and snack. Registration will be at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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

Rosedale 5K run

The Rosedale Area Neighbors will stage the Red, White & Blue 5-kilometer run and 1-mile fitness walk to benefit the Livonia Community Foundation beginning at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively, Saturday, Nov. 8 at Mies (Whitman) Park Shelter, located on W. Chicago between Farmington and Merriman roads, in Livonia. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.

and closes at 9:30 a.m. on race day. Long-sleeve shirts will go to the first 150 registrants. Pizza, pasta and prizes follow at 11:15 a.m. at the finish line. Red, white and blue apparel and bring a canned good for the Boys Scouts annual Can-Do drive.

Pre-registration fees for the Veterans Day run are \$15 (adult), \$10 (high school or middle school), \$5 (elementary or younger) and \$43 (family). Race day registration is \$18 (adult), \$13 (high school or middle school), \$8 (elementary or younger) and \$50 (family).

For more information, call (734) 261-8218.

Trot for Mott

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

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

The early registration deadline (by Nov. 8) is \$25 (includes Mizuno technical running shirt, goodie bag and entry to a post run party at Doc's. Race day registration is \$30 per person. (Additional shirts will be available for \$15.) Checks should be made payable to Trot for Mott.

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

Hoop managers meeting

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2009 men's basketball league will stage a managers meeting for new and returning teams beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

The projected starting date for the league is Jan. 5. The cost is \$375 per team

(plus non-resident and officials fee per game).

Returning teams must be registered by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. The deadline for new teams will be announced at the meeting.

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

Girls volleyball tryouts

TCA, which stands for "Team Complete Athlete," has formed a new club for girls ages 12-18 in Oakland County.

Tryouts for the following age groups will be: noon to 2 p.m. (12-14); 2-4 p.m. (15-16); and 6-8 p.m. (17-18) - all on Sunday, Nov. 9, at West Hills Middle School, 2601 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield.

For more information, visit www.teavolleyball.com; or call coach Sander Cohen at (248) 802-1148.

Franklin hoop fund-raiser

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball program will stage a fund-raiser from 4-10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8 at Buffalo Wild Wings, located at 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 20 percent of each bill towards the program when you present a flyer, which can be downloaded on www.franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. Specials include 60 cent boneless wing night, lunch deals and Monday Night Football. Everybody is welcome.

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Leave mother nature alone

Last Sunday was a sad day. The fawn who visited our back yard all summer arrived unable to put any weight on one of its front legs. My sister and I didn't know what to do, so I called the Michigan Humane Society which was closed but directed us to local police.

One of our neighbors had already called and an officer was dispatched, but luckily the fawn escaped into the woods. I had no idea if you called police they come and shoot the injured animal. We wanted to help the fawn if possible.

A friend suggested we call Howell Nature Center where I reached Dr. Maxine Biwer, wildlife rehabilitation supervisor and a veterinarian. She said it was a good

sign the fawn was still with its mother and sibling. We hadn't seen them for nearly a week so the fawn had probably been unable to travel but was improving and getting around. Max, as she's known in the infirmary, said deer have a tremendous capacity for healing.

A Department of Natural Resources directive doesn't allow rehabilitation groups to help injured white-tailed deer at this time because of chronic wasting, a transmissible disease causing weight loss and death, but Max could offer advice. The goal at the Howell Nature Center is to rehabilitate then release wildlife whenever possible.

"Give them three or four weeks, a chance to heal," said Biwer. "The best thing to do is offer them a safe space where they have access to water and plants."

Don't let dogs bark obnoxiously or chase them and if you need advice, call the Howell Nature Center at (517) 548-5530 or a wildlife rehabilitation group.

"If at least they can move enough the mother's going to protect it. Tell them not to call police," said Biwer. "If it was a hawk or any other animal we are set up to take them in, just about any species of Michigan wildlife except bats and skunks because of rabies, and raccoons or pigeons. If there isn't actually anything we can do, we can at least give them advice or point them in the right direction."

Karen O'Connor is concerned about what will happen next spring when she receives calls from homeowners saying they've found a fawn. O'Connor specializes in rehabbing deer for Friends of Wildlife based in Ann Arbor. This year, she took in 21 fawns, but only 13 survived. She says fawns in spring are curled up in a natural position on the ground. Their mothers leave them in a safe place as not to attract predators and come to feed them three to four times a day, so leave the fawn alone.

"People find fawns all the time in the woods, near their homes, sometimes abandoned, sometimes not. Do not pick up a fawn unless you have seen its mother dead by the road, wherever, or if a fawn walks up to you kind of emaciated, eyes look a little sunk in, the coat is dull not shiny, or just cries all the time or if there's fecal matter on the fawn — because the doe keeps them immaculately clean," said O'Connor. "You can't feed a deer cow's milk. They're closest biologically to a goat. Without feeding them the formula the fawn's going to die."

Deer are browsers and perfectly capable of finding enough bark, leaves, ornamental plants, and wild cherries. Like Biwer, O'Connor believes our fawn will survive without our help.

To reach Friends of Wildlife, call (734) 913-9843 or visit www.friendsofwildlife.org. The group rehabs all species of Michigan wildlife except bats and skunks.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or by e-mail at lchomin@hometownlife.com.

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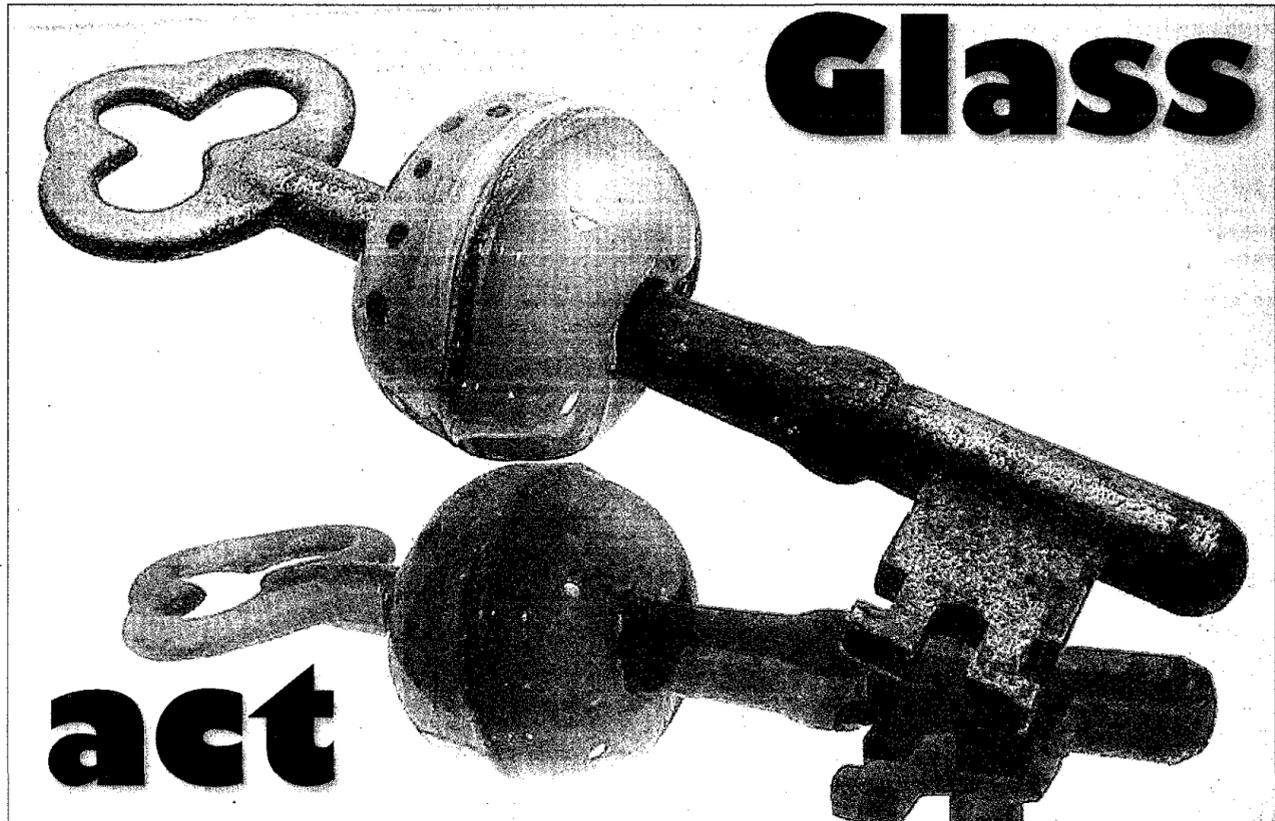
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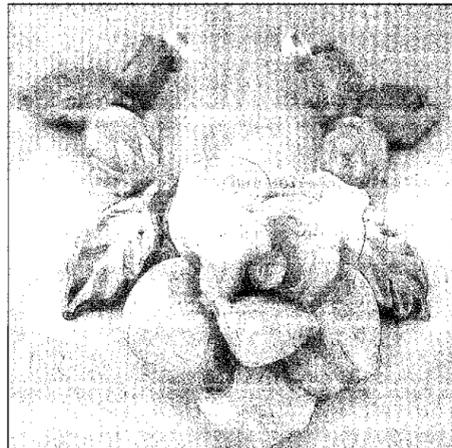
Be sure to include a telephone number and your city of residence. Submissions must be received by Monday, Nov. 3.



Patsy LeBlanc of Livonia wraps glass beads around old skeleton keys.

Holiday show sparkles

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER



Bethany Adams of Canton makes glass beads into roses.

WINTER WONDERS

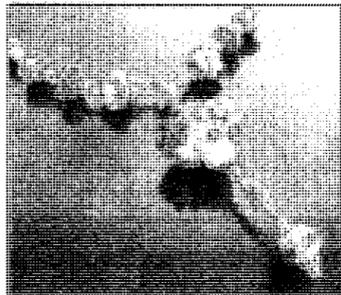
What: Holiday Glass Show presented by the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild, includes demonstrations

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Where: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills

Admission: \$2. For more information, call (734) 461-2854 or visit www.glassact.org.

Cindi Brunell of Livonia likes to create floral beads. She used a variety of colored glass rods for this necklace.



The first time Patsy LeBlanc took a lamp working class on turning hot glass into art she hated it.

But that was 2002. Since then the Livonia woman has let her imagination run wild twisting glass rods over a torch. Along with creating beads in multiple colors for jewelry, LeBlanc wraps the molten wonders around old skeleton house keys she buys on eBay. On Saturday, Nov. 1, she and more than two dozen members of the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild showcase their work at the Holiday Glass Show at Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills.

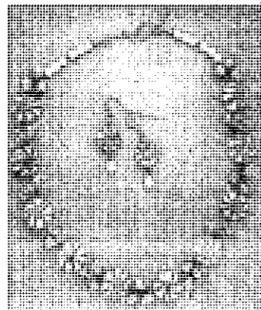
LeBlanc originally began working in stained glass in 1980 but eventually switched to lamp working which allows her creativity to sparkle. Artists can blend an infinite amount of colors over a flame to make a rainbow of beads.

"Six months after that class I started thinking I would really like to have this kind of a bead for this or that," said LeBlanc, who sells her work at patsybeads.com. "I didn't realize there are no boundaries. You can make any size, shape, thickness. I could make flowers, animals, anything I could think of. I do a little bit of everything because I get bored."

Buyers won't be bored with the shapes, colors and sizes of LeBlanc's beads. Just in time for holiday gift giving she brings three-piece bead sets that could be used to make a necklace and pair of earrings, or a bracelet.

"Lamp working is miniature art, little pieces you can take along with you wherever," said LeBlanc, who grew up in Westland. "People are buying focal pieces, one piece of art glass and using it for a necklace. The keys are not my idea. I saw it posted on one of the forums. People seem to really like them. I've made them into flowers, a skeleton head, Santa Claus, Frankenstein. I make the bead on the actual key over the torch."

Bethany Adams never ceases to be amazed by the variety of art works created from glass. The Canton woman expects this year's show



Denise Billups Walker of Troy is one of the glass artists showing their work in the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild show at Birmingham Unitarian Church on Nov. 1.

to spotlight everything from sculptures to jewelry, bowls, plates, wall hanging pieces, wine stopper tops, and pens in addition to beads. Adams and Joy Cichewicz are co-organizing the event which began in 2003. Adams has been making jewelry since age 15 but didn't turn to glass until 2000.

"Artists will be demonstrating glass torch work techniques throughout the day," said Adams who makes glass beads in the shape of roses (gwacbeads.com). "I really like doing this show. We have food available. A lot of shoppers stay all day and don't have to leave when they get hungry. It's very good for gifts, but there will be loose beads for people who want to make their own jewelry."

Cindi Brunell fell in love with glass after seeing the medium at Art in the Park in Plymouth. The Livonia woman is president of Glass Act, the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild. She took her first lamp working class four years ago.

"I saw beads that looked like marbles and it piqued my interest. When they used to have the glass workers in the mall I used to stand for hours and watch them," said Brunell, who creates florals in glass. "I use every color. The nice thing about glass you can use any color you want. It's like having the largest crayon box you can imagine."

"The range of work in the show is unbelievable. It's cool to see the many different things people do with the same medium. Joy does an animal type of design. People do very geometric and modern, and more traditional florals. I usually have an idea of what I want to work with. When I get on the torch it evolves into something totally different."

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Internationally known pianist returns to open recital series

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

James Tocco knew from age 6 he wanted a career as a pianist. Over the years his dream came true. By age 12, Tocco was making his orchestral debut with the South Oakland Symphony. On Nov. 14, the Detroit native returns to Michigan for a recital at Schoolcraft College in Livonia after concertizing around the world.

Tocco performs about 50 times a year as an orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician in addition to teaching piano at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He's also the founder and artistic director of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival in Bloomfield Hills.

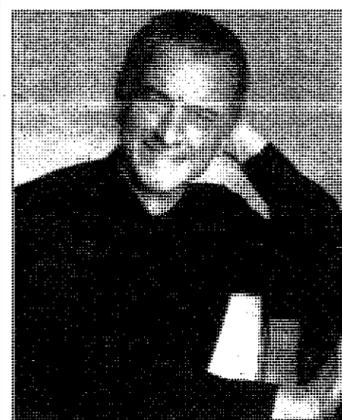
Tocco, who loved music as a child, now takes every opportunity to introduce audiences of all ages to the classics. The Nov. 14 recital is part of the Friday Evening Music Series at Schoolcraft College.

"My mother listened to music all the time, opera but also symphonic," said Tocco from his home in Cincinnati. "We went to Belle Isle, the Fairgrounds. We took every opportunity to hear good music. My mother played an old beat-up upright. A couple of my siblings had lessons with the neighborhood piano teacher. I was always playing the piano by ear. I can't ever remember not playing the piano. I was in first grade at St. Catherine's parochial school where a piano teacher came in once a week. She came into the class and asked if anyone wanted to take piano lessons. I remember my hand shooting up in the air."

EUROPEAN STUDIES

Tocco went on to study piano on a scholarship to the Salzburg Mozarteum and a French government grant with Magda Tagliaferro in Paris. He completed his musical education with Claudio Arrau in New York and became internationally known

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Internationally known pianist James Tocco opens the Friday Evening Recital series on Nov. 14, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

What: Pianist James Tocco performs

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14

Where: VisTaTech Center Presentation Room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students, \$70 season pass for all four concerts. Call (734) 462-4403 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events.asp.

Hot water tank company on a hot seat again

I received e-mail from Robert who is having a terrible time keeping the flame lit on his hot water tank. Before I show you his correspondence, let me tell you that I wrote about this problem and you saw the article here on April 24, 2008. I talked about the class action lawsuit filed against Whirlpool, American Hot Water Co., A.O. Smith Corp., and Lowe's HIW Inc. You can go to www.waterheater-settlement.com to get more information on the suit itself.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

May I point out to you that very few people know of this defective hot water heater issue and it is a shame that these manufacturing companies can get away with it.

Here's what Robert wrote to me: "In 2003 we had a plumber install a new A.O. Smith water heater. Within 18 months the water heater quit heating. We were told the electronic igniter system failed. We had it serviced with replacement of the igniter. The new igniter lasted only a few months before it began to fail. As a note, the system attempts to start three times and then locks out. The only solution was to

Now folks, I spoke with a plumber and he tells me that there are millions of homes in the country with the same identical scenario as in Robert's house. I believe that Robert is getting a line of guff the same way that I did when I revealed to the American public a few years back that a defective dip tube problem existed in their hot water heaters.

clean the igniter, which I was doing on a weekly basis.

"I contacted A.O. Smith and they asked where the heater was installed. The heater is installed in a utility room with my furnace, well water tank and water softener. They blamed the moist salt laden air being sucked into the water heater and corroding the flame sensor. Please note the brine tank has a cover and is not open to the atmosphere and is only opened when being filled.

"After persisting with A.O. Smith they eventually replaced the 2003 water heater in 2005 with a newer version insuring me the igniter design will not fail. It is now 2008 and this last new

and improved water heater is doing the same thing and I am getting the same exact feed back from A.O. Smith as to the heater's location and the softener tank being the problem, not their igniter design. My feeling is that locating a hot water heater in a utility room where a water softener is located is not unusual in a house and A.O. Smith should have taken this into consideration in the design and testing of their heater. Have you heard of anything on A.O. Smith igniter system failures?"

Now folks, I spoke with a plumber and he tells me that there are millions of homes in the country with the same identical scenario as in Robert's house. I believe that Robert is getting a line of guff the same way that I did when I revealed to the American public a few years back that a defective dip tube problem existed in their hot water heaters. That action caused a class action lawsuit and some pretty big expenditure by all six hot water tank manufacturers in this country. For the rest of the story: Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734)971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

SEND US YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Metro Detroit Hosta Society
Andy Torvinen shows photos and offers descriptions of favorite hostas seen at American Hosta Society conventions, during the monthly meeting of the Metro Detroit chapter, 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham. There is a \$3 charge for guests. For more information call Bev Wolf at (248) 232-3079.

Holiday greens
Register by Nov. 1 for Livonia Garden Club's Annual Fresh Greens Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Cost is \$24 to make a centerpiece using fresh pine, cedar and love apples. To register, send a check to Livonia Garden Club c/o Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville MI 48168. No refunds will be given after Nov. 1. For more information, call (248) 486-9676 or

(734) 261-5091.

63rd Annual Greens Market
The Ann Arbor Branch of Woman's Farm & Garden Association plans its annual sale of fresh-cut Oregon greens, holiday wreaths, swags, forced bulbs and other arrangements from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The market also will include custom-made accessories, jewelry, clothing, toys and gifts; homemade baked goods; antiques and collectibles and decorative craft demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The market is open only to members of Woman's Farm & Garden Association and Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum from 10 a.m.-noon. Doors open to the public at noon. No admission fee. Free valet parking will be available. Lunches from Afternoon Delight will be available for purchase. (734) 647-7600 or www.annarborfarmandgarden.org.

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What the physician can do is limited. With the information at hand, he can allay concerns of the patient. With a high degree of certainty, the physician can tell the patient that the pain does not represent a hidden malignancy or a rare type of infection. The information, which usually includes an x-ray and possibly an MRI of the back, allows the doctor to encourage the patient to keep active, that doing so will not cause injury.

Treating the patient's pain poses a problem. If a pain reliever such as acetaminophen does not work, and nonsteroidal and anti-inflammatory medications fail, then narcotics are in order. But choice of narcotic, dosage and interval between doses is never obvious. Furthermore, in older people, sensitivity to narcotics, manifesting as unsteadiness, is common; that makes drug selection even harder. Treating puzzling back pain is difficult for both patient and physician.

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Trick-Or-Teeth

Shopping event to raise money for Polish programs

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message or pedicure. Shop for crafts and many other gift and home items. Included in the event will be a Polish boutique selling various items from Poland including crystal, pottery and many gift items. Tickets are \$3 and available at the door.

or Gloria Platek at (734) 422-1731. The money raised by the shopping afternoon goes to the November Presentation Ball to introduce students to society in an elegant event. Funds are also used throughout the year for a variety of activities, including Polish dance, to keep the culture alive.

For more information, call Barb Martin at (734) 643-7780

Keep pets safe this Halloween

Halloween can be a fun holiday for families and their pets but there are dangers lurking out there. Petland in Westland offers some advice for keeping the holiday safe for four-legged family members.

leash to keep them away from costumed children and other pets. And make sure the pet is wearing an ID tag so they can be returned if they do manage to get away.

year round. Never leave pets unattended while dressed up to avoid any harm. Make sure the costume fits well. Avoid using tight elastics like rubber bands that restrict blood flow and become tangled in fur.

While the ghouls and goblins that come knocking on the door Halloween night are part of the fun, pets may feel differently. Strange and unusual sounds can scare dogs and cats. Keep your pet inside out of harm's way. If you plan to walk your pet outside on Halloween use a shorter than normal

Use caution with candles and lit Jack o'Lanterns. Pets could knock over these items and burn themselves. Many Halloween decorations and candy wrappers can be dangerous for cats and dogs if swallowed or eaten so exercise caution.

Pet owners should not share any candy with their animal. Chocolate contains theobromine which can be fatal to pets.

Some pet owners love to dress up their dogs and cats all

Call your vet if they experience symptoms such as severe stomach pains, vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, and seizures after eating chocolate.

PIANIST

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after winning first prize in the International ARD Competition in Munich.

Tocco likes to mix and match different centuries and traditions on his programs. The Schoolcraft College recital is no exception.

"I like to play the music I love and feel has something to communicate to the audience, something that will leave them with a sense of fulfillment," said Tocco. "Some is virtuoso music. People like to experience pianists playing music that is technically challenging, taking human effort to the maximum, kind of like the Olympics. Some music is

very contemplative and leads the audience to a meditative state to experience their innermost feelings."

ENRICHING LIVES

Tocco is especially excited about the Friday Evening Recital Series which is much like the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival in that it brings music to the community. The series is only in its second year unlike the festival, which just finished its 15th season. Tocco came up with the idea for the series of chamber music concerts in conjunction with his brother, the Rev. Anthony Tocco, pastor at Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. Donald Morelock, chairman of the Schoolcraft College music department, created the concept for the recital series as a

way of expanding musical offerings to audiences in Wayne and Oakland counties.

"It's an enrichment of the human spirit. It makes people live more fully to be exposed to great art, music, theater," said Tocco. "We have plenty of entertainment everywhere, but there's a spiritual component, a part and parcel of great musical literature people need to be aware of to be more fully human so anything we can do to bring this into the community and offer it. A great community needs to provide a great variety of cultural experiences to its people. We had a terrific audience response last year and have a lot of friends in the area. I just enjoy getting out on stage and making music and feel I'm touching people and giving them such enjoyment."

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WEDDING

Bryan-Silver

The Rev. Dr. Michael and Denise Bryan of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Kathryn Bryan to Jonathan Merrill Silver of League City, Texas. He is the son of Barbara Beech-Nugent and the late Timothy Silver. The couple wed June 22, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth and entertained guests at a reception afterward at Northville Hills Golf Club.

The bride, an English teacher at Clear Creek Independent School District, was attended by Diana Kallie Cook, Toshia Gustafson, Lindsay Silver and Allison Peterson. The groom, a UPS employee, was attended



by Ryan Shephard, Matthew Bryan, Daniel Bryan, Nick Boyd and Tyler Coker.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Washington D.C. and have made their home in League City, Texas.

BIRTH



Nicholas John Seale

Kevin and Christy Seale of Plymouth Township announce the birth of their son Nicholas John Seale. He was born Aug. 16, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins Joseph Seale, age 2½. Grandparents are Robert and Carol Seale of Plymouth Township and Richard and Debbie Priebe of Plymouth Township.

It's time to go nuts for Girl Scouts products

Everybody knows about Girl Scout cookies, but not about the Girl Scouts Fall Product Sale Program which features a variety of edible and practical items that make great gifts. Top quality whole cashews and extra-large chocolate covered raisins are among the sweet and salty treats available, priced from \$5 to \$18. Non-edible items include wall calendars featuring pictures of local Girl Scouts, magazine subscriptions and vouchers, and gifts of music and reading materials for military service members who are recovering from injuries. Participating Girls Scouts

are now taking orders and will be staffing booths at numerous locations Nov. 1-16. A complete list of items with prices and booth locations will be posted on the Web site www.gsfordm.org by Oct. 30. A minimum of \$1 per item goes to the troop treasuries and individual Girl Scouts earn incentives or "cashew cash" to spend on programs or at Council Shops. Additional proceeds benefit Council level endeavors including the Leadership Development Program, scholarships and financial assistance, camp development and

maintenance, support for the Equestrian Center and farm animals, membership, and volunteer training. Girl Scouts participating in the Fall Product Sale Program gain entrepreneurial experience as they set goals, practice decision-making, and serve the public. With quality products as a foundation, this hands-on economic leadership program helps Girl Scouts earn money for troop activities while developing skills that will serve them in school and in their future careers. For more information, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475).

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Dog park organizers gather for 'FenceFest'

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never celebrated a fence installation before, here's your chance.

The Royal Oak Animal Mission, (ROAM) a group of dedicated dog owners, present FenceFest, a fund-raiser to enclose the city's new dog park, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Sky Club, above Sangria Restaurant, 401 South Lafayette at Fourth, Royal Oak.

Admission is a minimum \$20 donation. The gathering will include appetizers, cash bar, 50/50 raffle and a "tin can" auction with such prizes as local restaurant certificates.

Margaret Whitfield, one of the organizers, said ROAM has netted about \$11,000 from various fund-raisers since it was created in February. She hopes FenceFest will generate the additional money needed to install fencing before the ground freezes this winter.

"We need about 150-200 people to come to the fund-raiser," she said. "Please come. We really need the support."

Fencing is just the first phase of construction at the Mark Twain Park, located on Campbell just south of 14 Mile, where the dog play area will be enclosed. The second phase will include parking and sidewalks and the third, benches, water and other amenities.

"The woods for the park is four acres and will not be fenced in. The large fenced area is approximately three acres," she said, adding that a smaller fenced area will be used for small dogs and senior citizen canines.

The park is located just south of Clawson and Troy, near Madison Heights and a few miles east of Birmingham. Whitfield hopes the fund-raiser will draw dog lovers from those bordering communities. They'll have access to the park after it is fenced, although the gate eventually will lock and be regulated by a pass system.

"The pass system has to be worked out with the city of Royal Oak. We're looking at a security system," Whitfield said. "Until we get it, it's totally open. Everyone is welcome."

Dog owners use the park now, although Whitfield pointed out that Campbell is a busy road.

"That's why the fence is so necessary."

FenceFest tickets are available at the door, through PayPal at www.royaloakanimalmission.org or at Shine, a store located on Washington, between Lincoln and Sixth in downtown Royal Oak.

Other Dog parks:
■ West Bloomfield residents and their dogs can access the city's off-leash park at Karner Farm, 5911 Halstead, for \$20 annually. Register at the Parks

and Recreation Center in the Civic Complex, 4640 Walnut Lake Road. The three-acre park is fenced.

■ Orion Oaks Bark Park, operated by Oakland County, offers 14 fenced acres with benches, tables, water, restrooms, trash cans and more on Joslyn south of Clarkston Road, in Lake Orion. The site is a mix of wooded and field areas. There's also a diving dock for dogs into Lake Sixteen. An annual or daily Oakland County Parks pass is required for entry.

Visit www.oakgov.com and click on parks for information about fees.

■ The Pleasant Ridge dog run is a half-mile long by 150 feet wide and includes benches and water. It's open to both residents and non-residents and located on Indiana, south of I-696 and east of Woodward. Register for park pass card and pay fees by calling the city at (248) 541-2900.

■ The Anne Fracassa Memorial Dog Park, at the end of Pauline, south of 12 Mile and west of Van Dyke, in Warren, is open to residents and non-residents.

The fenced-in area is 350-feet by about 150-feet and includes water, benches and some toys. Register for a park pass and pay fees at the city clerk's office, 29500 Van Dyke, in Warren. Or call the city at (586) 751-0168.

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BRENT KENNETH KJOLHEIDE
Age 55, October 21, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. Of Gainesville, Florida, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan. Loving husband of Heidi; beloved son of Marie and the late Kenneth; dear brother of Freda (George), Karl (Sue), and Dirk (Katie); and proud uncle of two nieces, Jacqueline and Janine. Brent grew up in Birmingham and spent summers at the family cottage on Lake Charlevoix. Vacationing there each summer as an adult became a highlight of each year. Brent was a natural athlete who especially enjoyed the life lessons that were learned over 18 holes of golf. He attended Michigan State University. As a Construction Superintendent, he lived in Tucson, Houston, Atlanta, Charlotte, Gainesville. He loved his family. He was proud of his work. He will be missed. A memorial service and interment will be held in Michigan at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial tributes in Brent's name be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

JAYNE L. MILLER
A life-long Birmingham resident, daughter of the late James and Geneva Lowman, passed away Monday, October 20, Jayne was born October 11, 1947, in Pontiac and married John Miller in 1984. Their son Jack was born in 1986. He is currently working on his Masters of Accounting at Michigan State University. Jayne considered raising her son to be her greatest achievement. Jayne attended Adams Elementary, Derby Junior High, and graduated from Seaholm High School in 1965. She worked at General Motors in the 1970s and 80s and worked at Standard Federal Bank in the 90s. Jayne was an active member of the Birmingham Village Players and the Birmingham Senior Women's Club. She was also a member of The Village Club in Bloomfield Hills and P.E.O. Chapter N. Jayne attended First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, where she volunteered her time. Jayne loved to read, go to movies, travel, and have lunch dates with her many friends. Her two year old Dalmatian Fannie also kept her very busy. Jayne will be remembered fondly and missed deeply. Services were held at First United Methodist Church. Memorials appreciated to First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Offer your condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

RAYMOND J. MALONEY
October 23, 2008, age 81. Beloved husband of 51 years to Jeanette "Jan". Dear father of John (Lee), Julie (John Goetz), Brian (Suzy) and the late Patrick. Loving grandfather of Austin, Jessica, Samantha and Caleb. Founding Headmaster of Kensington Academy (1968-1983); former English instructor at Cranbrook Academy (1965-1968); founder of The Self-Esteem Center (1983-1995); published author of numerous articles and books, including Ten Ways to Turn Out Terrific Kids and Pieces for Puzzled Parents; accomplished and award winning artist and internationally known for his collage works developed while he had Alzheimer's. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 2-4 & 6-8p.m. Scripture service 7p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 10a.m. at National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Visitation begins at church 9:30a.m. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter or The Ray Maloney Scholarship Fund, c/o Academy of the Sacred Heart. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CHRISTINE (HONSHUL) PAYNTER
8/9/28-10/19/08. Long time Redford Township resident Christine Paynter, formerly of Vicco, Kentucky, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer Sunday, Christine, 80, was the daughter of Charlie and Frankie Jane Honsuhl Sergeant, sister to Rosalie Breeding-Risner and William O. Hofshul. Beloved mother of Sheila Ann Smith, Christine is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Recently retired from Target, she began her career with S.S. Kresge in downtown Detroit. Local viewing took place at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Tuesday 10/21, from 3-8pm. Funeral Service took place at Letcher Funeral Home in Whitesburg, Kentucky, Friday 10/24. Interment took place at Green Acres Cemetery. Donations can be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Angela Hospice Home care.

MARGARET J. HESS
Age 93 Born in Ames, Iowa, died Oct. 21, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Bartlett L. PhD (Founding pastor of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia). Loving mother of Deborah, Janet, the late Daniel and the late John. Mother-in-law of Cherie. Dear grandmother of 9. The family will receive visitors at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, Saturday at 9 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11 AM. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734-422-6720). Share a memory of Margaret at www.rgharris.com.

ROSINA "SHARON" LIPKA
Of Summerfield, Florida died Oct 17 at the age of 68. Sharon was a bus driver for the Plymouth/Canton Schools before retiring to Florida with her husband John. She is survived by her brother John Hagy. Sons Michael Kaza, Martin Kaza, Greg Lipka and Grant Lipka. Daughters Gayle Grady, Gwen Lipka and 13 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Monday Nov 10 at 10:30 am at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton Michigan. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavara, FL 32778

REUNION CALENDAR

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

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

Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at Knights of Columbus in Dearborn Heights. Call Beverly at (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959
50th reunion with a three-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84
25th reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826.

Clarkston High School Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent.com>, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 684-8658.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more information.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@att.net or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kilvingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit St. Bridgid Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Please contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School Class of 1956
Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989
20th reunion Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor (6 p.m. to midnight. Ticket \$65

before March 1, 2009, \$75 from March 2 to June 1, 2009. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

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

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@att.net.

Classes of 1964-2004
Reunion for graduates of Livonia Franklin High School between the years of 1964 to 2004 presented by Franklin All School committee 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at TC Gator's of Canton, 42775 Ford Road. Cost is \$10 and includes food and cash bar. Let's make this the biggest reunion that Franklin High School has ever seen. Please RSVP to Alicia O'Brien (Douglas) Class of 87 at (734) 261-4970 or e-mail: aliciadoug@aol.com. We need your help finding old classmates to make this reunion a success so please spread the word.

Milford High School Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston Class of 1968
Pre-party get together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th year reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at ttipton@netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

'Yoga at the Wall' authors to host workshop at JCC book fair

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
O&E STAFF WRITER

Yoga at the wall is more than just a series of poses.

It's also a method of discovering and unblocking oneself from one's own emotional "walls" said Nancy McCaochan, 62, a yoga teacher and resident of Royal Oak.

"One of the benefits of yoga is it teaches us to be introspective without being reactive," said McCaochan, the primary author of a new book, *Yoga at the Wall, like stanzas in a poem*. She collaborated on it with fellow yoga teachers Lynn Medow of Bloomfield Hills and photographer Susann Spilkin of Birmingham.

Working with the support and resistance of a wall can help identify how negative emotions have been turned into chronic discomfort and then help unlock them.

"As we work with the resistance in our physical bodies, we stretch and strengthen and we also open ourselves to greater understanding," she said. "The union of opposites: This is yoga."

SPECIAL EVENTS

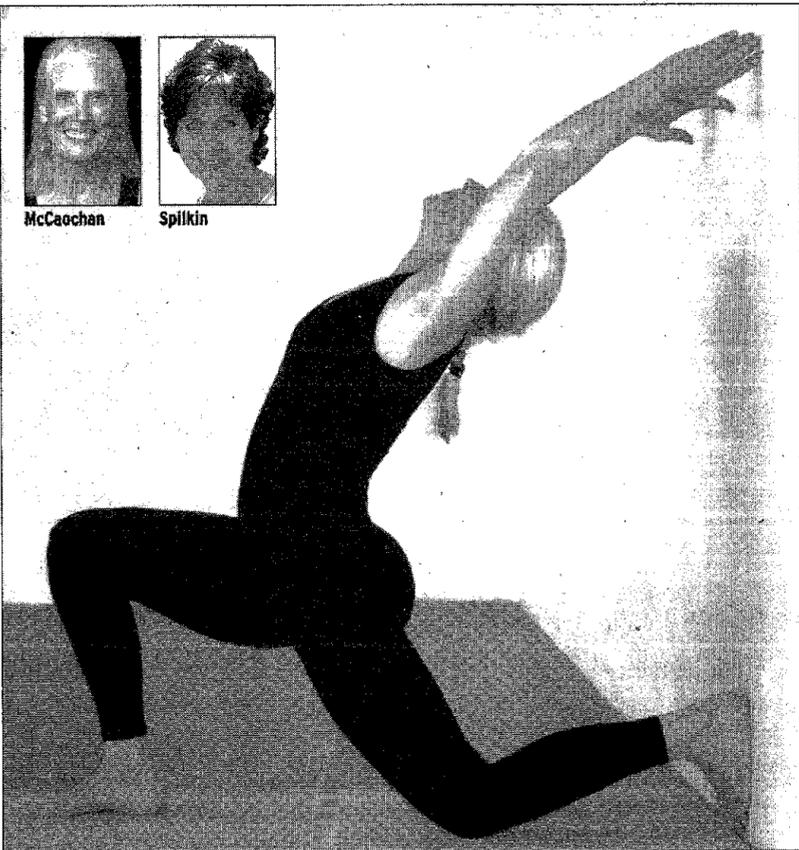
The authors will be among those at the 57th Annual Jewish Book Fair, Nov. 5-16 at the Jewish Community Centers in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

The largest and oldest Jewish Book Fair in the United States, it offers special events, book discussions and books for sale.

At 8:15 p.m. on opening night, Wednesday, Nov. 5, Abraham Foxman, will speak at the West Bloomfield JCC on his book *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control*. Foxman is the national director and chairman of the Anti-Defamation League.

There is an admission fee for Foxman's presentation and other select authors; other events are free and open to the public.

McCaochan and her co-authors will give a free stress management workshop at 8:30



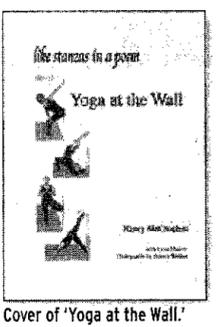
Nancy McCaochan models a lunge pose, one of the pictures on the cover of the book, 'Yoga at the Wall.'



Lynn Medow is pictured in this pose on the cover of 'Yoga at the Wall.'

'YOGA AT THE WALL'

What: 57th annual Jewish Book Fair
Where: D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building on the Eugene & Marcia Applebaum Jewish Community Campus, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park
When: Wednesday, Nov. 5, to Sunday, Nov. 16
Activities: Special events, book discussions, books for sale
Cost: Admission fee for select authors
For more information: jccdet.org; or (248)432-5692



Cover of 'Yoga at the Wall.'

a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the West Bloomfield JCC.

"I am very thrilled and grateful to be there," said

McCaochan, whose co-authors are Jewish. All teach at Karma Yoga in Bloomfield Township. Medow was the primary

model for the photo illustrations of poses, or asanas, and Spilkin photographed the book.

"We will be talking about the book and the concept of using walls for yoga, but we will use the chairs to facilitate our yoga practice," said Medow, 56, of the workshop.

USER FRIENDLY

For all three, the book is a first publication.

They taught or practiced yoga techniques using a wall and decided to collaborate on the book when they saw there was none available.

The book uses information and techniques synthesized from yoga teachers, chiroprac-

tors, classes, workshops and professional conversations.

"I think it's a beautiful piece," said Medow. "It's clear, concise and very user-friendly."

She added, "It is unique in that the three of us are in our middle age. You don't have to be young and flexible to do yoga. It can be a benefit at any age."

McCaochan said that as she put the individual poses together, they began to flow. That flow is referenced in the second part of the title, "like stanzas in a poem."

It came from a student who told her that doing yoga at the

wall is like "stanzas in a poem, each standing by itself, but working with the ones that follow, and unfolding the body the way the stanzas of a poem unfold a writers' meaning."

In addition to the Jewish Book Fair, "Yoga at the Wall" is available at the following locations: Karma Yoga, 3683 W. Maple at Lahser; Namaste Yoga, 309 S. Troy St., Royal Oak; Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park; Blue Lotus, 32644 Franklin Road, Franklin; and Inspired Wellness, 1185 S. Adams, Birmingham.

For more information, go to yogaatthewall.com; or jccdet.org.

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COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2293958**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, 42, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum blonde, 5'5", HWV-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexed, employed, intelligent SM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **2291187**

PETITE AND CUTE

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

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN

Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, good-natured SBF, 35, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-45, for possible relationship. **2298800**

SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, 42, fit, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2295968**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

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

MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **2282258**

CLASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2296205**

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SWM, 33-45, for possible relationship. **2295028**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON

Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'7", seeks a man, 50-65, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2289125**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SWM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280850**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

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

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SWM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273503**

A NEW BEGINNING

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

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SBF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, waiting to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230594**

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 45, no kids, serious SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2266809**

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2296370**

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/brn, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 220lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. **2292549**

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possible more. **2211390**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2285947**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2296217**

HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241286**

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-40, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2271234**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 60, looks young, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Living in country. **2210247**

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GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde, 5'9", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drive, more... needs soul-mate, tall me; serious replies answered. **2233577**

HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. **2255613**

CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 30s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281197**

IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 38, 5'8", HWV, and I enjoy walks, cycling, strolling, snow-shoeing, and more. **2288886**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-50. **2296474**

MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SWM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287656**

KEEP COOL

SBF, 18, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SWM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287596**

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BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome SWM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, HWV proportions, for friendship first. **2281229**

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Happy SBF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, SWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284332**

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SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, nice open, clean-cut, open-minded. Seeking tall, muscular SWM, 25-40, who enjoys books, movies, dining, water. **2287656**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

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

DOWN-TO-EARTH

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

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'7", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SWMM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WF, 62, seeking partner, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2297814**

ARE YOU LOVELY?

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

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 33, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated; loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship.LTR. **2245846**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seek energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 5'11", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285613**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 37, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-55, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2211319**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOVELY, GENUINE HEART

SBM, 28, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **2295787**

STAND BY YOUR MAN

Smart SWM, 52, 180lbs, employed, ISO BF, 25-35, for a real relationship. I like cooking, reading and more. **2295474**

DECENT, GOOD MAN

Faithful, humble, understanding SWM, 58, N/S, with good values and morals, financially independent, looking for love with SF, 50-62, N/S. **2295850**

LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! **2292393**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SWM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-35, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **2268147**

LET'S TALK

SWM, 40, 5'9", loves to party! Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for friendship first, possibly more if it develops! **2284946**

TALK TO ME!

SM, 38, 6'2", 210lbs, medium build, loves cooking and dating. Seeking sweet loving, caring, kind SWF, 35-45. **2294942**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. **2287181**

VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE

WM, 36, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, fun companion, financially secure, likes movies, concerts, quiet times at home, cooking, more. In search of honest, down-to-earth, easygoing WF, 25-45, to share time with. **2295500**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

MATURE WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 36, 6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 28-40, with same qualities. No drama! **2295452**

SINGLE DAD

WM, 57, 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **2294633**

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SWMF/w

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Dangers in the night

Keep kids safe on Halloween

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dr. Gary Pilchak admits Halloween is a free-for-all when it comes to his daughter eating candy. Although over-indulgence is the main reason children end up in the Emergency Department at Garden City Hospital, Clara won't be among the patients because he makes sure the 11-year-old eats before going trick or treating. It's one of the tips Pilchak has for parents as medical director of emergency services at Garden City Hospital.

"Kids get upset stomachs and end up vomiting," said Pilchak. "Feed the children before they go so they're not so inclined to gorge themselves. If they vomit more than a couple of times, seek advice. For younger children it's the issue of dehydration or if they vomit anything that has the appearance of blood or unusual contents. Candy and clearing the gut is to be expected but start while trick or treating to limit the number of hours they're eating and then restrict it after. My wife and I make donations to church. We buy it back from the children. You can donate these to any number of organizations.

They lose interest after a day or two anyway."

Pilchak warns parents to sort through all of their children's candy before allowing them to enjoy the treats.

"Don't eat any open packages. Be careful of hard candy with children because they're choking hazards," said Pilchak. "As parents we got a notice from the school about Pop Rocks, the carbonated candy. There's been some rock cocaine reported as being passed off as such in the school yards."

Halloween safety for children is a common-sense issue. Pilchak says make sure children wear light colored clothing, use reflectors, do not wear masks and that any type of head covering has eye holes large enough to give good peripheral vision. Dress children appropriately. It's not uncommon for the temperature to reach freezing levels. Make sure they carry flashlights and cell phones and know how to access their home phone and 9-1-1. Pilchak keeps an eye on Clara by tagging along with her and a group of fathers and their children from his wooded Brighton community.

"We don't see a whole lot of trauma

here (in the ER) but they do occur," said Pilchak. "There are teens driving up and down the roads going fast. Children should be crossing at the corner and walking on sidewalks as opposed to streets and have adults with them. They can watch the children. My personal experience is I've seen them fall when they're running from place to place. There's dew on the grass and they get minor injuries. It's important for adults to encourage them to take their time, walk on sidewalks instead of grass. In back of your mind, there's always the thought there are predators out there. A vigilant parent is always very good."

Dr. Gary Moorman is concerned about children on Halloween night even though his offsprings are adults. As chief medical officer for Garden City Hospital he's especially excited about offering parents an alternative to trick or treating from door to door. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, little ones can collect candy during a Community Safe Halloween Party sponsored by the Emergency Department. He's expecting 1,200 to 1,500 kids, ages 12 and under, to come to the fifth annual event on the lower level of the hospital.

Like Pilchak, he has some tips for parents if their children do go out on

COMMUNITY SAFE HALLOWEEN PARTY

What: Trick or treating for children ages 12 and under. Halloween Party is sponsored by the Garden City Hospital Emergency Department

When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

Where: Lower level of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. For more information, call (734) 458-4259.

Halloween night.

"Safety is the issue when you have children out on the streets. I think it's important parents understand when putting the costumes together length is important too. You don't want them to wear something they might trip and fall. When they go to different houses, they have decorations around their porch and sometimes put candles in pumpkins. You have to be aware of the fire hazards," said Moorman, a practicing ER physician for more than 20 years.

Overindulgence can be an issue as well for adults coming into the ER.

"On occasion adults do come in on Halloween because they've had a little too much celebration," said Moorman.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Lung cancer walk

12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at Drake Park, West Bloomfield. All proceeds donated to the Melissa Lumberg Zaon Memorial Research Fund at the LUNgevity Foundation. For information, visit www.lungevity.org/detroitwalk.

Flu shots

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

Lose weight and feel great

Learn why it is important to have fats in your diet, how hormones and stress influence your weight and why at a free workshop to learn about lifestyle choices that will help you lose toxic fat along with any excess weight that your body has been acquiring throughout the years. You will also learn ways to help to keep off weight once you lose it 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, on the 3rd floor of Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Limited seating. Call 734-425-8588 to reserve your seat.

Free seminar

To educate men and women about treatment options for erectile dysfunction and incontinence 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Botsford Hospital Community Room, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, and Thursday, Nov. 6, at Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus, Classroom BB, 13355 E. 10 Mile. To reserve a seat, call (734) 261-7401.

Wayne metro caregiver support

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

UPCOMING

Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan hosts its black tie fund-raiser 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jjimenez@alam.org.

CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Rd., east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Marla Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration

opens at 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Girls' night out

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

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.

Stomp out diabetes

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

Thyroid & your health

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

register. For more information, visit www.KarlWellnessCenter.com and www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com.

Fibromyalgia workshop

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

Chocolate Jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations. Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit www.alzgmcc.org for details.

Get ready to have a baby

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

Gala evening at the movies

A benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Evening

includes the premiere of a new feature film and an hors d'oeuvres and dessert pre-glow reception. The honoree for the 31st annual Gala Evening at the Movies is The Michael Yendick Foundation for Children. To attend the event, purchase a listing in the Movie Gala Souvenir Journal from \$75-\$5,000 and receive complimentary tickets. Call (248) 737-0900, or email michigan@ccfa.org for more information.

ONGOING

Physical performance classes

Incorporates jump-rope training, core work, and functional strength training using dumbbells and body weight for resistance 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. An Exercise Therapy class for a mid to lower intensity workout that stress functional fitness, core, balance, strength and flexibility 8:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. One hour sessions run through November at Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Drop in sessions \$6 each, 10 sessions \$48. These classes are both lead by Jeanie Weaver with the concept of training to spare the joints and improve back mobility and strength. She is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

CPR classes

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

Tips for keeping prescription drugs away from kids

How many prescriptions do you have in your home? Because they're free and easy to find, they may be what your child uses to get high.

Prescription drugs such as sedatives, pain relievers, stimulants and allergy medications provide many benefits but when taken by anyone other than for whom the drugs were prescribed, they can be addictive and even deadly.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse Web site, more than 20 percent of high school seniors reported non-medical use of at least one prescription medication.

Robin Walsh, a therapist at Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Center, says there are six simple ways to help keep prescription drugs out of the hands of your children:

- Properly dispose of all prescription drugs from your home if they are no longer in use.

- Non-prescription medications with dextromethorphan, dimenhydrinate and diphenhydramine hydrochloride should also be removed.

- Lock up all prescription and non-prescription medications. Don't let your guard down and leave them unlocked or out in the open.

- Educate yourselves about the latest trends in drug use including inhalants, 'pharming' parties and non-prescription cough medicine, and the dangers involved. Call community youth coalitions or treatment centers for information, assistance or guidance. They often offer helpful lectures or workshops. Also, the NIDA Web site is a great source of accurate information. Visit www.nida.nih.gov.

- Talk to your kids. Explain the dangers of prescription drugs. Once you have information, share it with your kids to replace the misinformation they may have. You can debunk the myth that prescription drugs are a 'safer' high than illegal drugs.

- Get to know your kids! Keep the lines of communication open and listen to them. Look up information on the NIDA Web site for warning signs of drug use.

- Know your kids' friends and their parents. Look for any changes in the behavior of your children's friends. You may be safeguarding your home and watching your children but are other parents doing the same?

"Keeping communication channels open is important because kids can feel safe talking to their parents about drugs if something does occur," said Walsh. "They will be more open to asking questions of parents especially if parents are willing to listen and have exhibited some knowledge on the topic. Remember, the best way to communicate to your child is through the example you set, meaning actions speak louder than words."

Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Center provides a full spectrum of substance abuse treatment and support services for people of all ages. Maple Grove is located at 6773 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-6100 for a Maple Grove evaluation.

On Halloween

West Bloomfield couple say 'I boo!' in ceremony at haunted house

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Marie Rodriguez, 50, will tie the knot with Stan Wildman, 61, in her dream-come-true wedding Friday, Oct. 31.

Dressed in a black gown, she'll carry a bouquet of black roses and sport a grim reaper-style mask over ghoulish makeup featuring fake empty eye sockets.

Her husband-to-be will wear matching-black, with a deathly mask and bony-looking gloves.

The Wolfman will officiate as they exchange rings — hers is bat-shaped — and recite their vows on the lawn of Erebus, a haunted house in Pontiac.

Afterward the West Bloomfield couple will celebrate with costumed friends and eat spooky-looking wedding cake, likely coffin-shaped.

"The old classic horror films have been my interest since I was a kid. Instead of dolls, I wanted those little Aurora models. Dolls creep me out," Rodriguez explained. "I don't like any of the new splatter films. I like the classic horror films and I always said if I'm going to get married, it's going to be on Halloween."

Wildman doesn't totally share his fiancée's passion for all things scary, although the retired science teacher has always enjoyed the *Creature from the Black Lagoon*.

He was watching *Nightmare Sinema* on TV-20 early one Sunday morning and heard local movie horror show host, Wolfman Mac, invite couples to marry at Erebus on Halloween. Mac Kelly, who plays Wolfman, has the legal credentials to perform weddings.

"We were planning on getting married on Halloween anyway. The timing was perfect," Rodriguez said.

He'll marry six couples, including Rodriguez and Wildman, outside the haunted house. The ceremony will move inside if it rains. Afterward, couples will celebrate at Crofoot Ballroom, located within walking distance.

"It's pretty nice," Rodriguez noted. "They're going to have food, chairs and tables for us. We have to bring our own cake."

Her boss, Christine Scott, a veterinarian at Birmingham Veterinary Hospital where Rodriguez is a licensed veterinary technician, will serve as matron of honor and plans to make the wedding cake.

HALLOWEEN YEAR-ROUND

The spooky wedding environment seems only natural for Rodriguez, who has decorated their home with classic horror movie posters and photos of favorite actors, such as Bela Lugosi, the original *Dracula*. Their doorbell plays spooky music year-round and Rodriguez answers her cellphone when it creaks and screams. For their first anniversary together, Wildman bought her a hearse, complete with coffin. She has since sold it, but now decorates her SUV with skull-theme accessories.

"I like skulls. I have a big hanging ghostly type of skull guy and we put a Santa hat on him last year at



Christmas. We'll have him out there all year. He'll wear a bandana in the spring," she said with a laugh.

"Until she came along I did the whole gamut. You know, six-foot Christmas tree and all the decorations," Wildman added.

Their much smaller tree last year sported Christmas ornaments, but included a caravan of hearses at its base.

"As much as I like all this horror stuff I don't ever take in movies or books about the devil or voodoo," Rodriguez said. "I don't like witches and that sort of thing. I don't want to bring any of that stuff into the house."

NATIVE CULTURE

The couple met about 2 1/2 years ago through the Internet and were drawn together because they share Native Indian heritage. She's half Apache and Wildman's mother was from a native tribe in Newfoundland, Canada.

Wildman crafts drums, dream-catchers, pouches and other items from leather, birch bark, feathers and fur that reflect their culture. The art decorates his home office and the couple has used the items in pow wows.

The pair also shares a passion for dog rescue. Rodriguez has always loved and owned Dachshunds. Wildman likes big dogs, such as gentle Newfoundlands. They rescue both breeds, as well as other dogs.

"When we go to shelters we'll pick up any dogs in dire need that are going to be euthanized," Rodriguez said. "We've got four right now — a Lab mix, two Aussies and an English Red Tick Coon Hound. They were all scheduled to be euthanized the next day so with pulled them. We just placed a very sweet yellow Lab."

They travel to shelters in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, rescue dogs, make sure they've been vaccinated and spayed or neutered before advertising them for adoption on Craig's List. E-mail their organization, "Chipper's Doxie and Newfie Rescue," at iuvweiner-dogs@hotmail.com.

"I was lucky to find someone who loves animals as much as I do," Rodriguez said.

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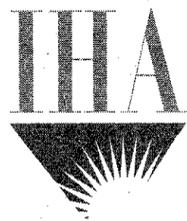
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LITTLE-KNOWN CONTACT-BUILDING TACTICS THAT WORK



WORKWISE
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Culp

People often talk about the importance of contacts, but they rarely use creative, non-manipulative methods to build them. They glad-hand around a room, giving elevator pitches just long enough to grab a business card, or they have none to refer.

Effective contact-building requires grace and sensitivity. This column will give you some ideas about how to do that.

ASSOCIATES
It's Friday, an hour before closing. Sifting through the events of the week, you identify people who stand out because of the help they gave you. Lyne Waymon, managing partner of the training and consulting firm Contacts Count, in Silver Spring, Md., suggests that you show your gratitude through a quick phone call, a funny Hallmark card, an invitation to an event, a handwritten note — not an e-mail, because it's too routine.

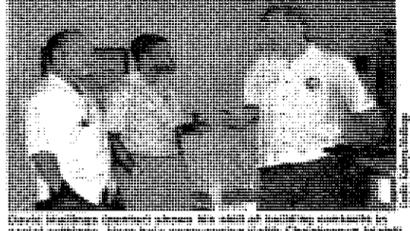
BUSINESS EVENTS
David Mullings of Real Vibes Media, a Pembroke Pines, Fla., integrated media and entertainment company celebrating Caribbean culture, maximizes

networking events with quiet effectiveness. He says that it's difficult to crack the ice with people well-known in an industry. First, he plans like a marketer. "I choose an event based on an audience," he says. Then he uses a tactic that draws the people he wants to him. Instead of going directly to a person, he asks a question of the group that he's sure that person will want to discuss.

A second method requires powers of observation — spotting the gatekeeper for Mr. or Ms. Hot Shot. "Go to the person who came with them," he advises. "Get that person's confidence and get the introduction. The value of an introduction is so important."

He'd invite 15 people, seven or eight friends/colleagues and an equal number of new people, telling them that he was pulling some friends together. "I told them to bring their own friends," he remarks. "Every week there would be about 20 people, new and interesting and some I'd already met. It's amazing what a shared meal can do for friendship. Some people help put others at ease." Instinctively, he'd introduce people in their best light. Mishra reports, "All are friends now."

Industries were very broad-based, from marketing and technology to entertainment. Although his global plan is to improve his quality of life, he held a party for a Colombian blogger, the friend of a friend, who was vacationing in India. Once home, she sent him the application form for his fellowship. He's been in this country since mid-August, with social networking skills in high gear.



connect people and watches the shift "from relationships to revenues."
"I think that if you're big on connecting," he adds, "people will help you." He gets more contacts through this group than in any other form of networking. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. E-mail your questions to culp@workwise.net. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)

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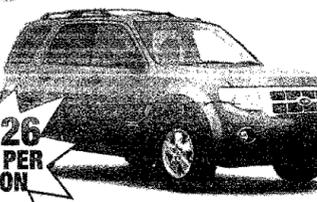


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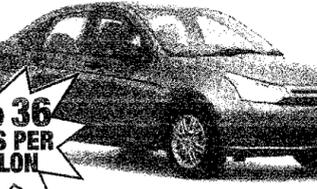
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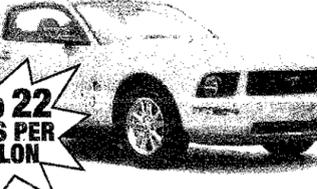
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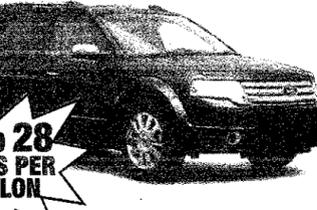
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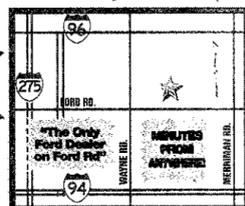
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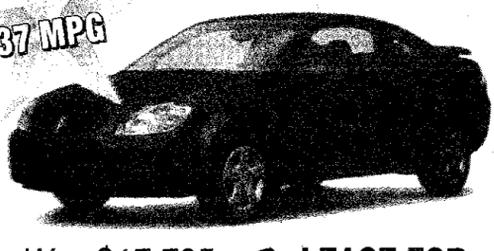
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