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Gebhardt ready to tackle county's budget problems

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After clinching a Wayne County Commission seat Tuesday, 12th District victor Joan Gebhardt said she hopes to play a crucial role in addressing severe budget problems worsened by a troubled economy.

"We know that our tax dollars are dwindling because people are losing their homes, so they're not paying their taxes," Gebhardt said Tuesday. "We're going to have to make cuts, because we can't have more money going out than we have coming in. It's going to be a monumental task."

Gebhardt, D-Livonia, defeated Republican nominee Thomas Thompson in a district that includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. She won a two-year term to replace commission appointee Ronaele Bowman, who had served since veteran Commissioner Kay Beard resigned in March due to health reasons.

Gebhardt garnered 25,065 votes to Thompson's 9,872 in Westland, and she outpaced him in Livonia 7,027 votes to 4,812. Turnout among Westland's 62,544 voters was 65.6 percent.

Most political observers viewed Gebhardt's toughest challenge as the primary, because the district has long been a Democratic stronghold. She defeated some political heavyweights, including Westland City Councilman James Godbout and Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton.

"Many people said the primary was the race," Gebhardt, 59, said, "but I didn't take anything for granted."

Gebhardt still sent campaign postcards to absentee voters and worked the polls with her family and friends.

"One thing I want to do is stay visible in the community," she said. "And I want county government to be transparent. I want the people to know what's going on in Wayne County and know what's going on with their tax dollars."

When asked what message helped propel her to victory, Gebhardt said, "I think the message came from the people rather than from me. The message from the people, from the federal level on down, was that they wanted change. They're not happy with



Joan Gebhardt, Democratic candidate for the Wayne County Commission's 12th district greets Westland resident Lawrence Worsley outside the polls at Edison Elementary. Worsley is wearing an American flag hat he wears every Tuesday in remembrance of 9/11.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following vote totals are unofficial totals for how residents of Westland voted. Overall winners are denoted with a

U.S. PRESIDENT

Barack Obama (D) ... 25,397
 John McCain (R) ... 13,112

U.S. SENATE

Carl Levin (D) (I) ... 27,093
 Jack Hoogendyk (R) ... 9,157

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT

Joseph W. Larkin (D) ... 21,638
 Thaddeus McCotter (R) (I) ... 13,979

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 18TH

Richard LaBlanc (D) (I) ... 29,044
 Harold Dunn (Taxp.) ... 3,867

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 08-1
A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions
 Yes ... 25,745
 No ... 11,756

PROPOSAL 08-2
A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan
 Yes ... 21,162
 No ... 16,284

COUNTY COMMISSION

12TH DISTRICT
 Joan Gebhardt (D) ... 25,065
 Thomas E. Thompson (R) ... 9,872

18TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Mark McConnell ... 19,405

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE

A request of the Wayne County Community College millage renewal and reduction of 1.25 mills for 10 years, through 2020 inclusive.
 Yes ... 12,040
 No ... 9,912

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DISTRICT 5
 Sharon Scott ... 13,996

ELECTION RESULTS

the status quo." Gebhardt cited job creation as a major goal, and she said the expansion of Cobo Hall in Detroit and new development between Detroit Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport could help to boost the economy. "I support both of those projects," she said.

Gebhardt, a staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and a Schoolcraft College trustee, described voter support for her campaign as "quite overwhelming" and vowed to do her best to represent her constituents.

"When people put as much trust in you as they have with me, it's an awesome responsibility," she said, "and I don't take it lightly."

'A great day for Americans'



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Davis reflects on the importance of the presidential election before he goes to cast his ballot in Precinct 28, in Westland's Annapolis Park neighborhood.

Obama win is dream come true in historic Annapolis Park

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Forty-five years after Lori Wilson's mother, Claudia, took her to a Detroit rally where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke about his dream of racial equality, the two African-American women worked side by side at a Westland polling place where Democrat Barack Obama drew strong support as the nation's first black president.

Lori Wilson, who also brought her 17-year-old granddaughter, Maxine, to the polls Tuesday, said huge strides had been made long before the last votes had been tallied for an Obama victory. The president-elect rode a tidal wave of support in Westland, where he

received 25,397 votes compared to Republican John McCain's 13,112.

"This day means that dreams do come true," Wilson, 54, said, standing outside the Annapolis Park Church of Christ polling place. "It's almost inconceivable, unbelievable that finally, with the help of blacks, whites, Asians, Arabs, people of European descent — all kinds of people — that we have a chance to break down that black-white barrier."

Wilson served as voting chairwoman in Precinct 28, in the Annapolis Park neighborhood that has made the National Register of Historic Places as one of the first U.S. suburbs populated by African-American residents



Reasther Everett, 73, made some phone calls for Barack Obama in North Carolina, where she grew up, and then returned to Westland to campaign.

Police: Body found in Dumpster was homeless man

BY DARRELL CLEM
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The severely burned body found last Friday in a Dumpster in Westland's Norwayne subdivision has been identified as 49-year-old Jeffrey Oscar Duncan, a homeless man who knew some residents in the south-end neighborhood where he died, police said.

Although the investiga-

tion is continuing, police Lt. Dan Karrick said the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office "does not suspect foul play" and "there are no signs of trauma."

Authorities suspect that Duncan had been drinking alcohol before he ended up in a Dumpster on the north end of Palmer Terrace Apartments, a one-story complex next to the Palace Plaza on Venoy south of Palmer.

"He had a lot of acquaintances in the neighborhood," Karrick said. "He had lived there in the past."

Police last Friday had considered one scenario in which the victim may have gotten inside the Dumpster and accidentally started a fire.

Maintenance worker Jim Haile found Duncan's body shortly after 7 a.m. after apartment residents noticed the Dumpster was on fire. Haile

said the body was so severely burned that he couldn't even tell if it was a man, a woman or a child.

Haile, 53, had dumped two buckets of water in the Dumpster before he even realized that it was a body burning. "It's not something I ever thought I'd find," Haile said last Friday, standing outside the apartment complex.

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in the 1950s, during a time of heightened racial divisions and widespread housing discrimination.

With help from a friend, 34-year-old Michael Davis got out of a car and into a wheelchair as he prepared to vote on a day that he wished his late father Edward, who died in January, could have lived to see. Davis' father moved to Annapolis Park from South Carolina to work for General Motors Corp., leaving behind a place where blacks and whites drank from separate water fountains and attended segregated schools.

"This day means that the stories and the dreams that we were taught to hope for, so many years ago, have the possibility of coming true," Davis said. "I'm just so proud of our nation."

Davis also acknowledged the historical significance of Sarah Palin becoming the first Republican to serve as a woman vice presidential candidate, alongside John McCain.

Davis recalled how his mother, Evelyn, still an Annapolis Park resident, told of braving discrimination at places like lunch counters when she would travel south to visit relatives. Now, after all these decades, people like her were able to cast a vote for an African-American president — proof that times have changed.

Helping Davis at the polls was friend Damon Carter, 36, whose father, Ernest, moved to Michigan from Mississippi and taught school. Carter also had relatives from Arkansas who lived through the bitter days of segregation. Carter said Tuesday marked an important day because his children, Maleik, 13, Damon Jr., 9, and Armon, 7, could see in Obama a role model who became president.

White supporters also worked for Obama in Annapolis Park, including Ford Motor Co. retiree and United Auto Workers Region 1-A campaign worker Jim



Damon Carter says his three children, ages 7 through 13, see in presidential candidate Barack Obama a role model.

Greenfield and his 13-year-old son, Erik.

"I think this is pretty fun," the teen said, holding his campaign literature. "I think people should be educated in politics, and I think we need change."

Standing nearby on this unseasonably warm November voting day, poll worker Reasther Everett, 73, said she had just returned from her hometown of Kinston, N.C., where she visited relatives and made some phone calls for Obama before returning to the Annapolis Park neighborhood where she and husband Arnell have lived since the 1950s.

Annapolis Park voters formed a long line early Tuesday morning, Everett said, but the wait to cast a ballot had disappeared around lunch time. Her teenage grandson Darius Osborne voted for the first time and was working in the Westland Meadows mobile home polling place, not far from Annapolis Park.

Everett, the area representative for the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, recalled how discrimination wasn't limited to the Deep South. She remembered how she and one of her daughters, Veronica, couldn't get service one day at a lunch counter in the city of Wayne.

"I'm real proud to be an American today," Everett said Tuesday afternoon. "Whatever happens today, we are winners. I am so proud of my precinct. And this is a great day for Americans — all Americans."

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LeBlanc to push for job creation in Lansing

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After winning his second two-year term in a landslide, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said efforts to boost Michigan's economy and create new jobs will continue to command the attention of state legislators.

LeBlanc, 50, vowed to push for "job creation and economic activity that will encourage investment in our state."

LeBlanc defended his 18th District seat against a challenge by U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Harold Dunn, and he said he is pleased that voters continued to show confidence in his ability to represent them in Lansing.

"I feel very privileged," LeBlanc said, "and I'm very much appreciative of the Westland community for keeping me in my current position."

LeBlanc garnered 29,044 votes, or 87 percent of the totals. Dunn received 3,867 votes in a Westland election that saw a 65.6 percent turnout among the city's 62,544 registered voters.

LeBlanc, whose district includes only Westland, said he and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, are pushing for ways to create jobs for their district, such as supporting a local stop for a Detroit-to-Ann Arbor light rail system and a so-called "smart zoning district" that would provide tax breaks for companies that remain here.

"It would keep jobs in Westland and maybe create others," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc described his working relations as productive not only with state lawmakers, including both Democrats and



State Rep. Richard LeBlanc shares a laugh with Westland resident Steve Sagert outside Madison Elementary where incumbent candidate also voted.

Republicans, but he said he has worked effectively with city and county leaders, too. Moreover, he said he has prided himself on keeping in close contact with his constituents and trying to resolve their concerns and issues.

LeBlanc also has indicated that a surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax — part of last year's solution to a huge state budget shortfall — has had a detrimental impact, and he has engaged in talks with business leaders to seek solutions.

LeBlanc formerly served on the Wayne-Westland school board and the Westland City Council before he was elected to the state House two years ago. He vowed to continue working as diligently in his second term as he did in his first.

"I'm just very pleased that voters have shown that they saw my service to our communities as beneficial and they wanted to send me back," he said.

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McConnell ready to be new district judge

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Long before the polls closed Tuesday evening, newly elected Westland 18th District Judge Mark McConnell already was mapping out his first day on the job in January.

McConnell, 40, said he will be handling sentencings and arrainging jail inmates arrested over the New Year's Eve holiday weekend.

McConnell was unopposed Tuesday in his bid to replace outgoing Judge C. Charles Bokos, who was forced out by a state law that prohibits



McConnell

district judges from seeking re-election once they turn 70.

McConnell accumulated 19,405 votes in a Westland election that

had a turnout of 65.6 percent of the city's 62,544 registered voters.

McConnell, a married father of two, will don his black judicial robe after spending the last 13 years prosecuting cases as an attorney for Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas'

office. He has won accolades from Bokos and holdover 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, who has said McConnell "will be a great addition to our 18th District Court."

On Tuesday, McConnell said he appreciates the voters who cast ballots for him in an election that didn't force him to campaign aggressively. He was chosen for a six-year term.

"I'm thrilled to have the support of the voters, which is the most important thing when you run for elected office," McConnell said.

McConnell earned his law

degree from the University of Detroit School of Law, and he worked as a research attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals before becoming an assistant city attorney in Westland.

He pledged he will be fair-minded and impartial as he metes out justice along with Cicirelli, in one of Wayne County's busiest district courts outside Detroit.

"I'm very anxious to start, and I'm going to hit the ground running on Jan. 2," McConnell said.

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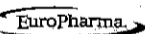
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Scott pledges to champion WCCCD

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After resurrecting her political career Tuesday night, newly elected Wayne County Community College District Trustee Sharon Scott pledged she will champion for what she called "one of the top community colleges in the United States."

Scott, 69, captured a six-year term for an unpaid position that her husband, former Westland Fire Chief Ted Scott, once held. Scott, who was unopposed, will replace departing 9th District Trustee Elizabeth Potter.

"I think it's a very worthwhile position to have," Scott said. "I think Wayne County Community College does need to become more known in this area of western Wayne County."



Scott

Scott captured 13,996 votes in Westland, where 65.6 percent of the city's 62,544 voters cast ballots. She also garnered 2,953 votes in the Canton portion of the district on the

way to amassing a total of 34,062 votes, or 98.07 percent of the ballots cast in the race.

Scott pledged to serve as an advocate for the college, especially the western Wayne County, Belleville-based campus that is home to what she described as a "beautiful" new building that houses top-notch programs. The 9th District includes part of Westland, Canton and several other communities.

Scott will be sworn in by Westland Mayor William Wild on Jan. 14 at the WCCCD's downtown Detroit campus.

Scott formerly served on the Wayne-Westland school board and the Westland City Council. She resigned from the latter position in 2000 amid a threatened recall over her role in the firing of then-City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Scott said she has moved on, however, and she has remained involved in her community through the Westland Community Foundation, the Westland Downtown Development Authority and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Scott, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate, has

long been involved in her community, and she has indicated that her years on the Wayne-Westland school board amounted to some of her most important work. She said she is proud to return to serving her community in an educational capacity.

Scott touted WCCCD and other community colleges as becoming increasingly important for students, including adults, who are trying to further their education or gain new skills while staying within a budget that is strained by a troubled economy.

"I think there's a lot of offer at the community college when four-year colleges are getting so expensive," she said.

Scott also said she looks forward to working with WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery, who oversees the 72,000-student, five-campus community college. She has described him as "a very capable chancellor who has got a lot of great ideas."

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Tax renewal lets WCCCD 'build stronger futures'

BY SUE MASON
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What difference a year made for Wayne County Community College officials, who saw a pared-down millage renewal pass muster in Tuesday's general election.

"No doubt, the very survival of this great institution was at stake and we are delighted that Wayne County voters recognized the need for WCCCD and demonstrated such a strong support for this district," said Vidya Moorthy, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Community College District. "The passage of this year's millage renewal and reduction ballot is of utmost importance to Wayne County Community College District,

our students and our communities."

This is the second time the college has asked voters to pass the tax renewal which expires in 2010. In 2007, 60 percent of voters cast ballots against the WCCCD plan to renew the 1.5-mill property tax for 10 years. However, this year's request, while still a 10-year renewal, was pared down to 1.25 mills. As a result, 62.99 percent of voters in the district voted yes compared to a 37.01 percent no vote.

In the portion of Westland in the college district, the vote was 12,040 to 9,912 in favor of the tax renewal, while in Canton Township, 2,943 people voted yes to 2,403 who opposed it.

In Redford Township, most of which is in the WCCCD district, 11,604 people voted for

the tax renewal, 10,037 voted no.

The tax, which will take effect in 2011 after the current 1.5-mill tax expires, would cost \$125 a year for a homeowner who has a \$200,000 house with a taxable value of \$100,000. The millage represents 40 percent of the budget for a 72,000-student, five-campus district.

"The district now continues to have the critical resources it needs to help build a trained workforce for southeastern Michigan, to continue to improve our student facilities, broaden our program and course offerings and most importantly, continue to transform lives and help build stronger futures," Moorthy said.

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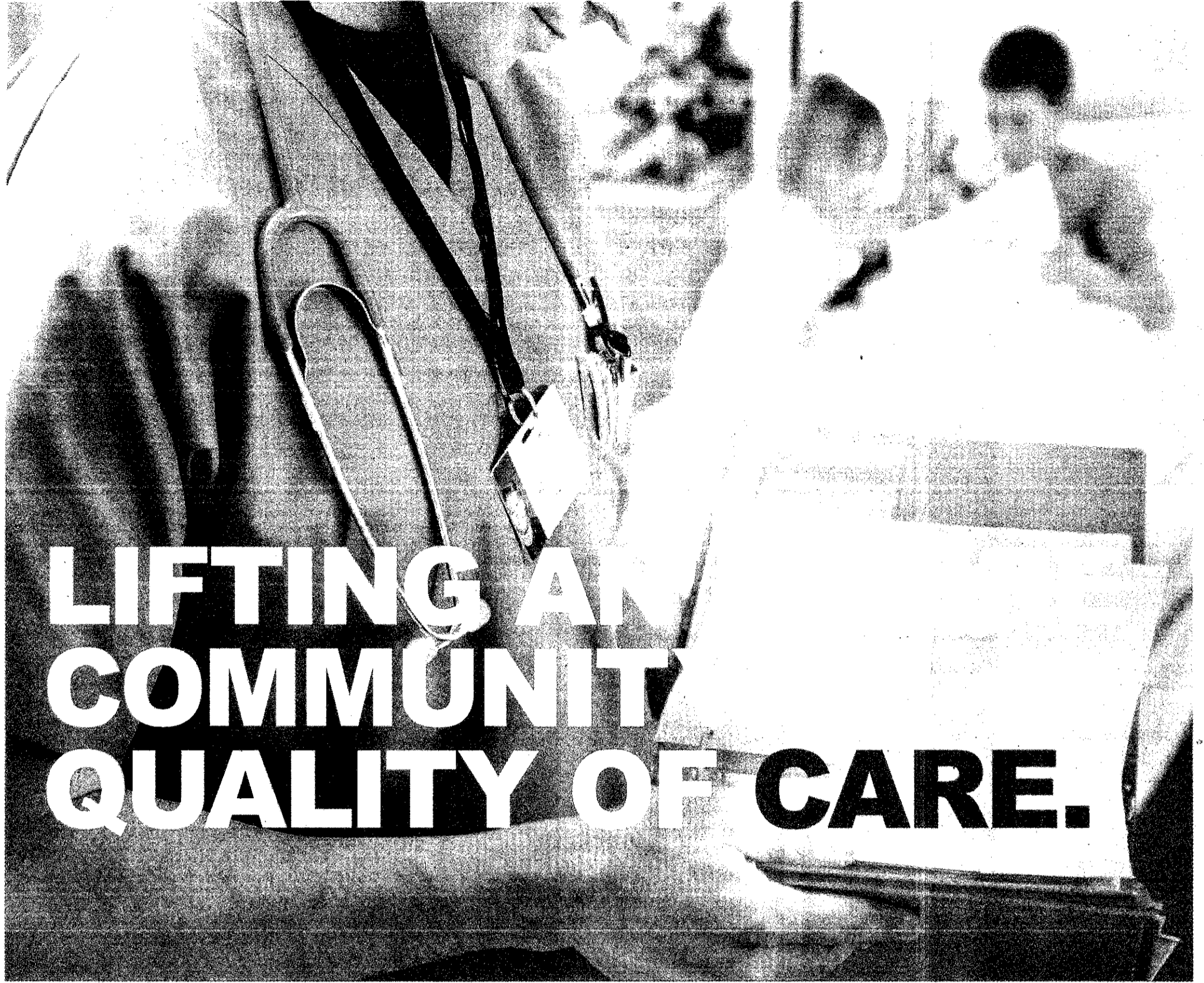
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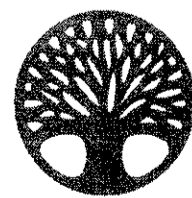
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Historic night celebrated by local Democrats Wojtowicz, other incumbents sweep county offices

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The party was festive, the mood nothing short of euphoric Tuesday night.

When Barack Obama's face loomed large on the big screens televising CNN and WDIV at Burton Manor in Livonia with a win in Virginia, the local Democrats cheered.

Moments later, the room erupted when the networks named Obama as the projected winner. High-fives, hugs and Obama chants filled the room.

Standing and watching the results, Derrick Thornton, a black voter from Canton, stood by himself near a table, soaking in the moment of history, seeing the first black man elected president of the United States.

"I want to cry and I'm trying to hold back the tears," Thornton said. "It's a very different feeling. It's the first time we're seeing a black man get to that level."

"(Obama's election) tells me that people in this country are accepting people as who they are."

It wasn't lost on the Thornton, the loud cheers coming from the mostly white audience for a black president, either.

"We're so familiar with each other, rooting for that person to get to that position," Thornton said.

Thornton thought Obama won because "he capitalized on the issues that the small person has."

"He spoke to our innermost feelings," Thornton said.

Not only was history made, the pendulum of power now was swinging back to the Democrats.

Kevin Kelley, onetime Redford Township supervisor and currently Wayne County director of senior services, watched results with his wife, Connie Marie Kelley, who was running for



Tanya Miller-Swift of Farmington Hills is overwhelmed with emotion as she calls her mother to give her the news of Barack Obama's victory. Linda Nimpson of Canton applauds the historic moment.



Sunday and David Sudek, of Livonia, react to CNN's projection of an Obama win.

Wayne County 3rd Circuit judge. "In my 50 years, it is the biggest night I can remem-

ber as a Democrat," Kelley said. "I thought Michigan would be solid, but states like Indiana and Louisiana

would be close. When you see those numbers in the election, I think it bodes well for the Democrats for the next 10 or 12 years."

Kelley thought Bush's foreign policy "overreached" which led to Republican John McCain's and other Republican losses Tuesday.

"I can't believe we sunk that far," Kelley said. "I hope we learn a lesson from the middle so we can progress from the middle."

House Speaker Andy Dillon, who was celebrating his re-election and defeat of a recall against him that evening, called Obama's election "a historic day," comparing it to when man landed on the moon.

"It crosses a bridge," Dillon said. "It's a day we'll all remember."

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Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz won easy re-election Tuesday in the only competitive race for Wayne County administrative offices.

Sheriff Warren Evans, Clerk Cathy Garrett and Prosecutor Kym Worthy were returned to office after facing nominal opposition. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood faced no opposition in the general election Tuesday. The winning incumbents are all Democrats.

Wojtowicz, 79, a Democrat from Hamtramck defeated former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, a Republican of Plymouth, after surviving a strong challenge from County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford, and others in the August Democratic primary.

Wojtowicz has been Wayne County treasurer since 1976.

During the campaign, Dunleavy said he didn't expect to win in the heavily Democratic Wayne County but that he wanted to raise questions about the accounting and contracting practices of the treasurer's office and about the handling of foreclosed properties.

"I don't think we got a lot of those issues out there," he said Wednesday. "I do intend to make sure the issues that got out. These are complicated issues and we need to find a way to break them down so folks can understand them."

He said that his proposals for handling foreclosed properties helped him win the endorsements of The Observer and the two Detroit dailies.

"Maybe Ray will adopt some of these ideas," he said.

ELECTION RESULTS	
The following vote totals are unofficial totals for how residents of Wayne County voted. Overall winners are denoted with a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Evans (D) (I) ...	562,144
<input type="checkbox"/> Taras Nyoriak (R) ...	125,913
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Wojtowicz (D) (I) ...	522,180
<input type="checkbox"/> Brendan Dunleavy (R) ...	177,919
WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernard Youngblood (D) (I) ...	580,760
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Garrett (D) (I) ...	537,447
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lannell Suffington (R) ...	153,447
WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kym Worthy (D) (I) ...	611,493
3RD CIRCUIT COURT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Cunningham ...	142,247
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Hathaway ...	209,168
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Hubbard ...	173,017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connie Marie Kelley ...	177,881
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynne Pearce ...	202,239
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sullivan ...	146,383

Last week, Dunleavy filed a formal complaint with the Secretary of State's office accusing Wojtowicz of purchasing radio ads, signs and other campaign materials with county funds he controls as treasurer.

The complaint also accuses Wojtowicz of violating Michigan's campaign finance act by failing to disclose spending of more than \$150,000 to mail campaign literature.

Dunleavy said he will be focused full time on his financial consulting business.

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Hospital fund-raiser raises some \$126,000

Having raised more than \$126,000, Garden City Hospital's 17th annual fall fund-raiser is being called a spectacular success.

Sponsored by the hospital foundation, the 6245th MASH salute to the troops themed event drew 710 guests - the largest turnout since the fall fund-raiser began.

"We have received nothing but accolades and positive responses to this year's fund-raiser," said Chris Hunt, hospital library services director and sponsorship chair for the event. "Many people look forward to this event throughout the year. To be a part of such a great success and important endeavor is both rewarding and inspirational."

As part of the military theme, guests came dressed in military attire ranging from camouflage pants to complete military uniforms. Live music was performed by Sunset Boulevard while guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, elaborate basket raffles and a silent auction offering overnight hotel accommodations, jewelry, signed sports memorabilia and event tickets.

The \$126,000 raised during the fund-raiser will go towards advancing hospital-wide telemetry. The 2007 Fall Fund-raiser, "Neptune's Ball," raised money to benefit the Garden City Hospital Surgery Center, which opened in August 2008.

"Generous donations from sponsors, guests and employees allow Garden City Hospital to remain competitive in health-care by being able to provide the community with advanced technology," said Hunt. "The community in which we serve is who benefits most from our fund-raising efforts."

All funds donated to Garden City Hospital's Foundation benefit growth initiatives of the hospital and are reinvested into the Garden City Hospital facility, technology and patients services. To make a donation or to learn more about the Garden City Hospital Foundation, call (734) 458-4331.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Ss. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Free Movie
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia, will host a free movie screening of Clint Eastwood's film, "Flags of Our Fathers" at 3 p.m. Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty, north of Seven Mile. Concessions will also be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia. The event is being held to honor the service of America's military veterans. Tickets are limited and required for admission. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

Travel show
Party Animal Travel is holding a free travel show for residents in Wayne and Oakland counties 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City. Discount travel deals, free travel coupons and some of the area's top travel suppliers will be present. Coupons and raffles will be available for all attendees. To reserve a spot, call (734) 525-9777. Space is limited to the first 300 callers.

Home-buyer extravaganza
Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., sponsors a pair of "Home-buyer Extravaganza" seminars where attendees can "learn how to tap into government programs and get free money to buy a home." These programs and others, including mortgage options available to the first-time home-buyer, credit coaching, buying a HUD home for \$100 down, and getting up to \$7,500 as an interest-free loan, are among topics to be covered. The events take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, or 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at 1200 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Those wishing to attend should call the 24-hour reservation hotline - (888) 776-3703 or e-mail Diane@SMPrate.com to save a seat.



Wish you were here
Inside the Roman Coliseum was the spot sisters Alicia and Erin Berger chose to pose with their Garden City Observer. Rome was one of the stops on their 16-day European trip they took with Contiki Tours. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Garden City Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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Informational meeting
Don Nicholson Enterprises and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce are an informational open house for businesses interested in finding out what they can do to benefit their business during the Michigan Avenue Cruise. The open house will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the chamber office, 34844 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne. For more information, call Don Nicholson at 73 658-5296 or by e-mail at Don@donnicholson.net.

Free seminar
A free healthcare workshop, "The Thyroid Gland and Your Health: How Does Your Thyroid Measure Up?," will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia. Guest speaker, Dr. William H. Karl, a certified wellness doctor, will share his expertise about the thyroid gland and its function and commonly prescribed medications to help participants figure out what to do if the thyroid is not functioning the way it should. This seminar is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals. Visit www.WellnessSpeakers.org and www.KarlWellnessCenter.com for more information. Seating is limited; call (734) 425-8588 to reserve your seat.

Charity casino
If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the hottest game in town, the Canton Charity Casino, Western Wayne County's only charity poker room at the Shark Club on Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday, the Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.) The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokerb@gmail.com.

Class reunions
Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and open bar (casual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempien) at (734) 729-6783, '83- Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-1303 or '84- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826.

Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$65 before March 1 and \$75 March 2-June 1. Tickets includes, dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gc989reunion@hotmail.com.

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

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SNOWS
Garden City Knights of Columbus
Crafters are needed for the Garden City Knights of Columbus second annual craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, at the hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373 or

Vicki at (313) 538-0204.
St. Sebastian
Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266.
St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendor for its craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 20700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.

Sts. Peter & Paul
Sts. Peter & Paul Church will hold its 20th annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the church hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. There will be a raffle and bake sale. Cabbage roles and other ethnic food will also be available. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia at (734) 522-9653.

ORGANIZATIONS
Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Writing Group
Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shprey@yahoo.com.

TOPS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M28 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club
The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace
Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, November 13, 2008, various items of the City of Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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4746808	1977	LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	7Y82A825764
4746822	1990	CHRYSLER	NEW YORKER	1C3XY66R1LD755899

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

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

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Re-zoning:

RZ 08-007, Proposed re-zoning of Lots 1664 through 1671, - Including the property at 1847 Inkster Rd. Parcel ID #s 35-012-01-1665-001, 35-012-01-1664-001, and 35-012-01-1666-001, located at the southwest corner of Inkster and John Hawk Roads from R-1, One-Family Residential to O-1, Office

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

David L. Harvey
City Manager

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 11/21/08 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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1024 - Cassandra Boggon - 2 Totes, 1 Box, 3 Bags
1032 - Sheila Boyd - 10 Bags, Dresser, Headboard
1104 - Derrick Jackson - Dresser, Vacuum, 2 End Tables
1166 - Ryan Mason - Mountain Bike, 2 Totes, Bassinet
2032 - Lori Brokenshire - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
2044 - Rhonda Steele - Sofa, TV, Entertainment Center
3110 - Megan Thornton - Suitcase, Tote, 5 Boxes
3124 - Elaine Griffin - 30 Boxes, 20 Bags, Bicycle
3158 - Samuel Hamman - 5 Bags, Toys, Misc Items
3202 - Ashley Pawlowski - 2 End Tables, 5 Boxes, Lamp
4032 - Donielle Mitchell - 10 Bags, Bed, 2 TV's
4040 - Cindi Reese - Dresser, Sofa, Loveseat
4076 - Debra Mike - 20 Bags, 3 Boxes, Misc Items
4168 - Kimberly Winningham - 2 Lamps, 10 Bags, 2 Boxes
5046 - Dawn Smith - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
5102 - Marcus Mathis - 10 Boxes, 10 Chairs, Misc Items
5112 - Dennis Bates - 20 Boxes, Suitcase, Freezer
5174 - Joann Myrick - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
5176 - Roseita Jones - Washer, TV, Sofa
6066 - Lena Sturgis - 12 Totes, 2 Chairs, Desk

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McCotter will face a changed, more Democratic Washington

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When Thaddeus McCotter goes to Washington in January for the opening of the 111th Congress, he will face a dramatically changed political environment.

The Livonia Republican won re-election to represent Michigan's 11th congressional District in the House of Representatives Tuesday, but his party took a hit. By early Wednesday morning, Democrats were expected to add to their majority in the House by at least 18 seats. In the Senate, Democrats were expected to add to their majority by at least five seats, bringing them to 56 seats, with four seats still too close to call.

In addition, Democrat Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois won a convincing victory in the presidential election over Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona and will be setting the agenda for the next Congress.

Two of McCotter's fellow Republicans in the Michigan



McCotter

UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS

- Thaddeus McCotter-R (I) 172,282
- Joseph Larkin-D 147,530
- John Tatar-L 5,756
- Erik Shelley-G 4,829

House delegation were among the defeated. Democrat Mark Schauer defeated Republican incumbent Tim Walberg in the 7th District and Democrat Gary Peters defeated longtime Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

In the Michigan Senate race, longtime Democratic Sen. Carl Levin easily defeated state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk with more than 60 percent of the vote. McCotter had a relatively easy time defeating Democrat Joseph Larkin, a political newcomer. McCotter won by more than 20,000 votes in the Oakland County section of his district, but according to unofficial vote totals early Wednesday morning he was only ahead of Larkin by about 3,000 votes in Wayne County. Also on the ballot were Green Party candidate Erik Shelley and Libertarian John Tatar.



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Joseph Larkin at the Democratic Party gathering at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"The fundamental goal if re-elected is to serve your constituents whether it's a President Bush, a President McCain or President Obama, you look at the interests of the district and if some things are good, you vote for them and if some things are bad, you oppose them," McCotter said Tuesday. Larkin offered his congratula-

tions to McCotter.

"He was the incumbent and had name recognition and money. If I had had the monetary support that Mr. (Gary) Peters had, I might have won," Larkin said.

Larkin said he was excited by the election of Sen. Barack Obama.

"I look forward to his presidency. He is for many of the things I ran for," Larkin said. "Investment in energy and alternative energy, ending the war in Iraq and bringing the savings back from that so we can use them to rebuild our economy."

McCotter held his victory party at Laurel Manor in Livonia. He and his brother, Dennis, entertained the attendees with some hard-charging rock and roll as background music for what would turn out to be the disappointing news for Republicans being broadcast on a big screen by the Fox News Channel.

McCotter is taking a wait and see attitude on what kind of cooperation there will be between the Democratic majority and Republicans.

"It's going to depend on the size of the majority they bring in," he said after completing his musical set. "The House is obviously dif-

ferent from the Senate. The will of the majority is designed to prevail there, so we have less relevance. The rights of the minority in the Senate are more powerful, so it depends on what number we get of Republicans and I think the Senate will determine the starting point."

On Wednesday morning, Democrats were short of the 60 votes needed to quash to filibuster. McCotter said that might determine whether Democrats will feel a need to work with Republicans.

He said he didn't want to pre-empt the Democratic leadership in the House, though he has been critical of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the past.

"We need to see the size of what happened, there could be a mandate here, a mandate from the people to do certain things and they'll be justified in doing them whether they work with us will be up to them," he said.

He said the atmosphere will also depend on the new president.

"It depends on Sen. Obama, he's talked about being more of a uniter and I hope he is," McCotter said.

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OUR VIEWS

Election winner? It's the voters

So, we must ask, did you vote on Tuesday? If so, pat yourself on the back. You're the winner in this election.

Why? Because you voted. Whether you stood in long lines at the polls, or voted by absentee ballot, you helped make history.

For many, the lure was the presidential race. The once-every-four-years event always brings out more voters than in the off years. The fact that so many registered voters in Westland cast their votes in Tuesday's election is good news. But it would be even better if every registered voter in the city had done so. It's a city clerk's dream come true to one day report that there was 100 percent participation.

We can only speculate as to why so many people don't take an interest in who is running their city, state and national governments. And we can only hope that one day they will see the light and get involved in the election process.

As for that process, it happens because of the city clerk and an army of election workers that work from the wee hours of the morning until late night, making sure everyone who shows up to vote does and that every vote gets counted. We can grouse all we want about the long wait, but it is these election workers who keep those lines moving.

These workers at city hall and at polling places are the backbone of an election. They make sure everything is done right. The lines may not move as fast as we'd like, but they do move because of the election workers. They deserve a big thank you for what they did on Tuesday.

To all the people who decided to run, the incumbents and the challengers, we say thank you. Our election process works when people get involved. Running for an elective office is no easy job, even with this year's quiet races in Westland. We appreciate that those who did face challengers stuck to issues and ideas and left the mud-slinging to others.

To all the people who took the time to vote, we also say thank you. Sorting through the political rhetoric, especially at the national level, was no easy task. You have spoken, the winner has been declared and the loser has been sent packing.

But we ask you to remain involved in the election process. Don't wait another four years. There's plenty of elections between now and then for you to express an opinion at the ballot box. Let's aim for 100 percent voting each and every election.

Don't aid the emerald ash borer by moving firewood

Since it first appeared in southeast Michigan in 2002, the emerald ash borer has spread across the state at an alarming rate.

More than just a pest, this exotic bug from China has devastated our state's ash trees. It is estimated that the metallic green insect has damaged or killed more than 25 million ash trees in Michigan and at least five other states, with southeast Michigan being the epicenter of the infestation and the hardest hit.

Most of us in metro Detroit have seen the damage firsthand. Many neighborhood streets once lined with stately ash trees now stand bare. Parks and golf courses have also been hit hard. In fact, there aren't many ash trees left in the original six-county quarantine area of southeast Michigan.

It is clear, based on how quickly it has spread, that the emerald ash borer is pretty adept at moving on its own. Unfortunately, it has been aided by careless or ignorant people who have transported dead ash materials, usually in the form of firewood, to other parts of the state (and nation).

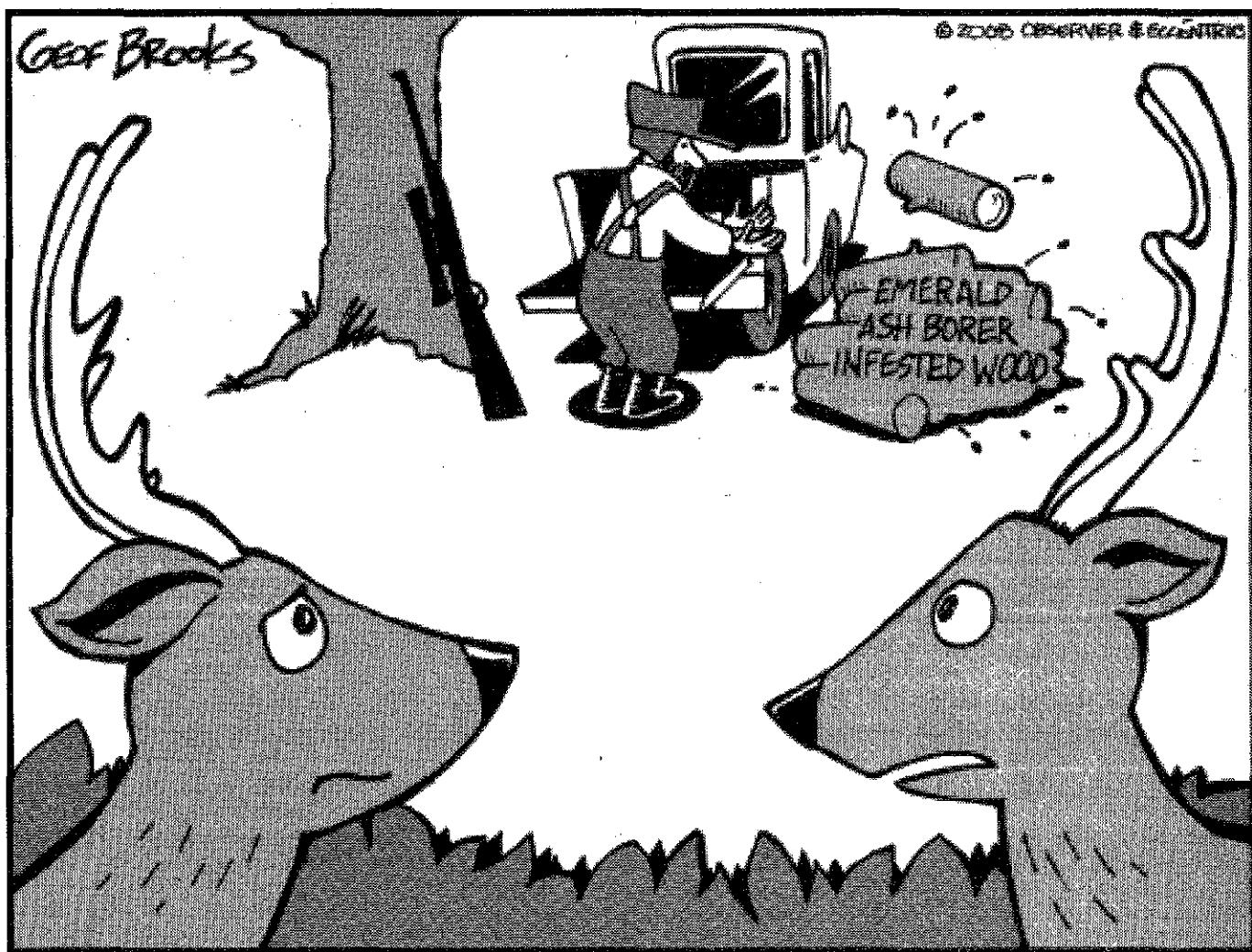
Just last week, state agricultural officials confirmed an isolated emerald ash borer infestation in the Upper Peninsula's Schoolcraft County. Schoolcraft is now the fourth county in the UP to have confirmed cases of the destructive pest. State officials believe all the cases are a result of transported firewood.

Because of its rapid spread, the state has continuously expanded its quarantine area, which makes it illegal to transport any hardwood firewood or other hardwood materials out of the area. The Level I quarantine area includes 21 contiguous counties of southeast Michigan. The Level II quarantine area, which includes the remainder of the Lower Peninsula, means people can only move hardwood materials into the Level I quarantine area.

Individuals or businesses found violating the quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years.

With the firearms deer hunting season right around the corner, downstaters will be traveling north to their hunting camps. Many might be tempted to take their firewood with them. If you're thinking about it, don't do it. The millions of ash trees in northern Michigan are at risk, and state officials are doing everything they can to stop the spread of this destructive insect, including cracking down on those who violate the quarantine.

Don't move firewood. Buy firewood when you reach your destination and burn it all on site. There are no more excuses.



"His rifle used to scare me, but now it's his firewood!"

LETTERS

Downtown move opposed

I was surprised and saddened to read in the *Observer Newspapers* several weeks ago that the editorial employees housed in the Livonia office for 37 years will be relocated to a downtown Detroit office.

The news of the upcoming move saddens me for several reasons. One is that as an *Observer* community editor for more than 33 years before retirement, I know firsthand that the newspaper builds its strength on the relationships it has with institutional leaders, ongoing contacts and typical readers who depend on the newspaper for information that can't be found anywhere else.

By relocating the reporters, editors and photographers to a distant location some 25 miles away from its current location could be damaging on a direct and indirect basis. Will readers see the *Observer* as its "hometown newspaper" when its phone number is in a different area code and represent a toll call for local residents? While many contacts may continue to communicate by computer, it's not the same as knowing the reporter or editor is just a short drive away if personal contact is required.

The damage will be psychological as well as real. I hope the management reconsiders the relocation on a financial basis as well as an editorial one.

By providing reporters, editors and photographers with laptops and cell phones, it would less cost than reimbursing them the reimbursed mileage and parking fees.

That method would give all editorial employees the opportunity to spend more time interacting with readers, news sources and the community at large instead of driving 45 minutes each way to a downtown office (longer during rush hours and inclement weather). Such a move downtown would create a further emotional distance between the newspaper and the community it wants to represent.

I also read in the relocation story that the Oakland County editorial employees will remain in their current offices near downtown Birmingham. If saving money were the key issue in the relocation, why not transfer those persons to the downtown Detroit office?

Over the summer, the company had a large sign outside its Livonia office that it intends to relocate within the community. I find it hard to believe in this period of economic hardships and numerous office vacancies that the *Observer* couldn't find a local office location at a reasonable cost closer to home for most of its employees and readers.

Hopefully the newspaper I had worked for more a third of a century will continue to represent the needs and wants of the community instead of corporate bean counters. But I am not optimistic.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Editor's note: Leonard Poger was editor of the Westland and Garden City editions of the *Observer*. He retired in 2000.

Let dog owners sleep outside

In regards to the dogs being chained up left out in the cold by their humane owners. Many people fail to understand that animals have feelings too, to some they're just a dog!!

Dogs are suppose to be "man's" best friend. Why would anyone treat them this way? I believe there is no such thing as a bad dog, maybe a moron for an owner — but not a mean dog!! If you take a dog from a puppy, young age or even older dog that has been mistreated and show them love and concern for their welfare, I believe their behavior can be turned around and you've made a friend for life.

The only laws we need to apply in these type of situations is common sense. When it is discovered an animal is being mistreated, kept out in the cold, no food, water and chained up, I've got a sure cure for this: Have a judge order that the owner sleep outside for a few nights in the same elements and conditions, chained up!! I bet Sparky would be sleeping indoors after that!!

Vince Berna
Westland

Freedom to speak

Should a 15-year-old be forced to defend herself? I think not. I was only expressing my freedom of speech. In doing that, I don't think my character and honor should be slandered, ridiculed or torn apart. Tearing apart someone's opinion and belief is pure hatred. Sharing your opinion is not.

Republicans and Democrats may not always agree, but that doesn't mean we should disrespect someone because they think different from us. Can't we simply agree to disagree? Why show hate when love is what our country is craving?

I have been raised to be an individual and to think for myself. My family has never tried to poison my "young" and "vulnerable" mind, but the liberal media has. I have only observed how the Democratic Congress has destroyed this great country. I am for McCain and Palin because of their love and devotion for America. I believe they will provide the change America needs to move forward. It is as simple as that.

As for me "drinking the Kool-Aid," I don't even like Kool-Aid! Joe Golonka, my suggestion to you would be, maybe you should stick with soda. I firmly believe I can discern what is true and what is false. Remember, I was one of the children who witnessed the attack on 9/11. That terrible event changed my life forever. Sept. 11, 2001, is the very day I realized how vulnerable our country is to people whose mind is blinded with hatred.

Janell Evans
Westland

Character assassination

I'm saddened by the character assassination adopted by the Democratic party in this election. Is it indicative of the training of our current Democratic candidate? Is it an example of what we, in

America, have to look forward to?

Janell Evans wrote a poem with an apparent passion for the truth. It is obvious to me that she has been paying attention to what is happening in the world. She used the freedom that our fore-fathers sacrificed to give to each and every one of us, to speak HER mind.

Joe Golonka's comments were about Janell and her family were insolently assumptive. I didn't feel a hate-mongering attitude from Janell's article, but it came across loud in clear in Joe's. Perhaps some soul-searching would be beneficial for him.

Patricia Linna's concern was that a teenager has such fears. I found it encouraging to know we have youth that are interested in the world around them and not just in themselves. Patricia's use of phrases from Janell's poem did not impart what I believe her concerns to be. It is no secret that Obama has been "given" many opportunities in life that the majority of us will never have. Where did those opportunities really come from? Who or what opened doors for him that are not permeable by so many others? To who will Obama, or better yet, America, be held accountable to?

"One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty ..." Each day we lose more of that allegiance, and are witnessing division when we need to stand strong and be united. To remove an American flag, and replace it with a symbol-poses it's own suggestions. Does it show "honor" to America and the position of "dignity" that Obama is seeking? Many people come here to become citizens with no desire or intention to become an American. We have to wonder why then are they here? Do we as a nation want a president that share their philosophy? All my life I have been proud to be an American. Mrs. Obama, I'm sorry it took your husband running for president to "finally" make you proud of America. The essence of true character is who you are when no one is looking.

To you, Janell Evans, I commend you for using your talents and taking a stand for what you believe in. I do believe dear young woman, your voice has been heard.

Shirley Bartz
Dearborn Heights

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Mock election good practice for 'real' future

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

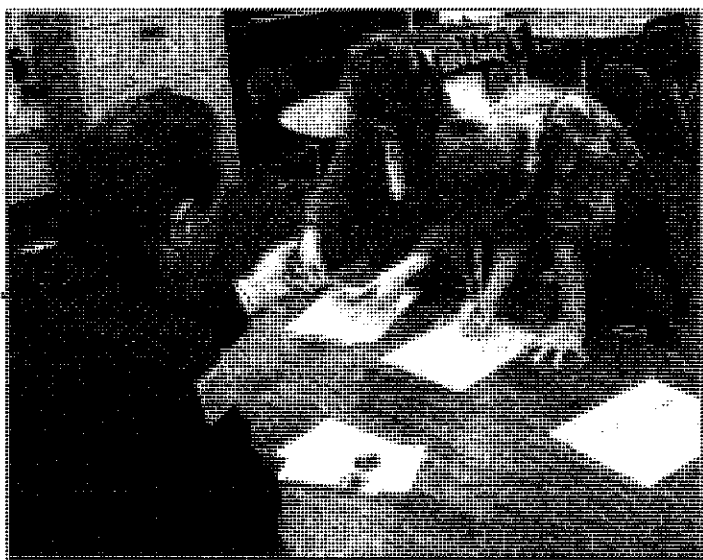
Autumn Threlkel and classmate Stephen Nagy are only 6, but they know they can keep their presidential preferences to themselves — away from snoopy reporters.

Autumn and Stephen are first-graders at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland who participated in a Monday, Nov. 3, mock election between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain.

"I like it," Autumn said of the schoolwide vote. "I like it, too," Stephen added. "This is my first time, kind of scared."

They agreed it would be helpful for when they're grown-ups and vote "for real."

Second-grade teacher Bonnie Schramm organized the Lincoln effort, said Principal Jennifer Munson. Each child received a registration card with his or her name and age.



Lincoln Elementary School first-graders Autumn Threlkel and Stephen Nagy, both 6, prepare to cast their ballots. Tabulation continued Wednesday.

"It's kind of a neat thing," said Munson with a smile, pausing between duties in the principal's office.

The kindergartners through fifth-graders voted for president only, with voting Monday morning and continuing after lunch until school ended for the day.

"I absolutely have no idea, to be honest," Munson said of "straw poll" predictions on whether McCain or Obama would prevail.

She agreed most children at that age tend to vote as their parents do.

"We tried to make this more about the voting process," the principal said.

Children received unbiased information on both candidates. Writing activities and those related to math like graphing were included.

It was truly a community effort, with chef Tony Paquette of the Wayne-Westland district's William D. Ford Career Technical Center creating appropriate cupcakes for the day.

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart came through with supplies for voting, including the folding booths adult voters use, privacy sleeves for the school ballots and festive "I voted" stickers.

McCain vs. Obama

Hamilton students cast their votes for their presidential favorite

You'll find more photos of Hamilton Elementary's mock presidential election, see our online gallery at www.hometownlife.com.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The polls hadn't even opened in Westland Tuesday morning, but voters had already spoken at Hamilton Elementary School: Barack Obama had defeated John McCain by a landslide.

Of course, none of the votes cast counted. It was only the results of a mock election held at the school last Thursday. In addition to making their pick for president, the students in kindergarten through fifth-grade gave thumbs up to two proposals, one for more student involvement in morning announcements and one for more spirit days when students can wear their Hamilton Stars T-shirts.

The registered student voters favored Obama over McCain by a 245-79 vote. They also heavily favored the proposals: 260-53 for more student involvement in morning announcements and 226-81 for more spirit days.

"I voted for John McCain because he has a girl vice president and that's never happened before," said fourth-grader Brittany Brewster during exit polling.

"I voted for Barack Obama because I think he'll make the country a better place and help people get jobs," said first-grader Harrell Williams.

"I voted for the guy whose name starts with an M because I thought he'd do a great job being the new president," said second-grader Camryn Fields.

Hamilton was one of several schools that held mock elections. Youngsters also went to the polls on Monday at Lincoln and Kettering Elementaries.

At Hamilton, the idea to hold a mock election was initiated by the staff to teach youngsters about the election process. Staff and students took on different jobs, everything from decorating to putting up campaign posters. Patriotic red, white and blue



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Sadie Sindone, a second-grader at Hamilton Elementary places her ballot in the ballot box, while fifth-grader Tony Sample makes sure she marked all her choices.

decorations filled the polling place. Even the election box and voting booths were decked out.

"They thought it would be a great idea and everyone picked different things to do," said Principal April Quasarano. "The students were very excited. One third-grader was excited because his mother said he couldn't vote because he wasn't old enough."

The regular voting process was followed for the election. Students had to register to vote. Those students who were absent during the registration were able to complete the paperwork before the poll supervisor, parent Virginia Towlaski, on Election Day. The students also filled out a form that the election workers used to compare to their voters' list and were given ballots for the presidential race and the proposals.

"Even the teachers are voting," said Towlaski.

Fifth-graders worked at the poll, doing everything from checking in voters to passing out "I voted today" stickers. But when the kindergartners came through, Towlaski reorganized her workers, assigning one at each voting booth to read the ballots to the youngsters.

Tony Sample took his job seriously, handling the election box, making sure students followed the procedures.

"I make sure they've voted, I make sure they don't fold their ballot and that they've voted for everything," he said. "I ask first, but when they hold up their ballots, I can see and know if they did."

Five-year-old Colin Downing put his X under Barack Obama's photo, but only shrugged his shoulders when asked why and second-grader Hannah Russell offered up an "I don't know, I'm not sure" for her vote for McCain.

Sydney Lifowsky also voted for Obama, saying that he "looks pretty neat" and it looks like "he can do some pretty neat stuff."

"I went with my dad and brother to vote and got a pencil with two erasers," she added. "I've always wanted to vote." As for the proposals, Camryn checked yes for more spirit days, but voted no on more students doing the morning announcements.

"I don't want longer announcements, it wastes teacher time," she said.

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2 charged with holdup of pizza delivery man

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Quick action by Westland police led to the capture of two teenagers accused of attacking a pizza delivery man with baseball bats and robbing him at a north-end apartment complex.

Ray Andrew Lake, 19, of Canton, and Cornelius Edward Mickels, 18, of Inkster face a preliminary hearing next week amid allegations they robbed the worker around 11 p.m. last Friday at Hawthorne Club Apartments, on Merriman south of Ann Arbor Trail, police Lt. Dan Karrick said.

The victim was treated for his injuries.

The worker already had delivered a pizza to an apartment when the incident happened, Karrick said.

"He was walking back to his car when two guys came out of the shadows," the lieutenant said. "One of them hit him on the head with a baseball bat. They took his money and fled on foot."

Both of the assailants had baseball bats, Karrick said. Police quickly arrived at the scene and captured the two defendants with help from Officer Joe Bobby's police dog Friday, Karrick said.

One suspect was running north from the apartment complex, near the ACO Hardware

store, and another was found hiding in a laundry room, Karrick said.

The robbery remained under investigation, and Lake and Mickels have been arraigned on charges of armed robbery. Each is jailed with a \$100,000 cash bond.

The defendants are expected to appear Nov. 13 for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court. The court proceedings will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Seniors need to do research to get the best Medicare drug program

Now that the election is behind us, many senior citizens will have to make another choice which, from a quality of life standpoint, could be as important as who they voted for in the presidential election. Beginning Nov. 15 until the end of the year,



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seniors who have been participating in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program (Part D) can remain in their existing plan or switch coverage to a new company. Seniors that do have a

Medicare D Plan should spend some time to make sure that, moving forward, they're in the right plan.

There was great skepticism in 2005 when the prescription drug plan was passed. Although it got off to a rocky start, by most accounts it has been a success. More than 30 million seniors are enrolled in Medicare Part D and they have seen significant savings on prescription drugs. In fact, Medicare has saved billions of dollars on drug spending. Enrolling in the plan is definitely something that seniors should consider.

During open enrollment period, I recommend anyone in Medicare D review their situation. After all, health situations

change, prescriptions may be different and Medicare D Plans are also changing. In fact, some plans are lowering premiums. Just because a plan worked this year does not mean it's going to be the right plan for next year. Also, don't forget that in many situations it makes sense for spouses to have different plans. In doing research, husbands and wives should each look at their situation independently.

In deciding whether to retain current coverage, it is important to know there are no penalties to switching plans. As long as you do it during the open enrollment period (Nov. 15-Dec. 31), there is no cost. In addition, there is no gap in coverage or double coverage.

The new plan begins Jan. 1, 2009, while the old plan ends Dec. 31.

Although the drug plan has been a success and has saved seniors a substantial amount of money, to fully benefit from the program you must be proactive. It would be nice if there were only a few different options available to make selecting easy.

Considering the complexity of health care, it would be nearly impossible to only have a few options and at the same time deliver the savings and benefits to seniors.

Whether assisting someone or doing it on your own, it's important to base your decision upon your individual situation. Consider the drugs you are taking, including quantity,

dosage, frequency and whether a generic equivalent is available.

The Internet is an excellent place to do research. The first place that you should go is the Medicare Web site (www.medicare.gov). This Web site has good information and allows you to compare different plans. It is also easy to use and navigate.

I recognize that many seniors are not computer savvy, but that does not mean that you can't take advantage of the government's Web site. Ask a grandchild who ultimately knows more about computers than you and I and don't forget about the public libraries. Public libraries do an excellent job of helping people navigate and learn the Internet. For those individuals who prefer to talk to an individual, call (800) MEDICARE or (800) 633-4227.

You can make changes to your prescription drug plan only once a year, so make sure you get the plan that best suits your situation. Begin your research as soon as possible, take your time, ask questions and, most importantly, save money.

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

In addition to lunch with the WNIC radio personalities, the winner will be treated to a limo ride

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East Kentwood goalkeeper Mike Sweers denies an attempt by Stevenson's Mike Nickerson and Nate Sergison.

Gut-wrenching

East Kentwood repeats vs. Stevenson, 1-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the world of sports political correctness, it's called sudden victory or golden goal.

For Livonia Stevenson, it couldn't be termed anything else but sudden death following Saturday's Division 1 boys soccer final.

East Kentwood repeated as state champion with a 1-0 overtime win over the Spartans, who were making their 11th finals appearance in school history.

Bung Jin Lee's header off a throw-in from Matthew Vander Meer with 1:48 remaining in the first 15-minute period gave the Falcons, who finished with a record of 23-1-3, the coveted crown.

"I can't envision how it all broke down," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Both teams fought off a lot of throw-ins and corners. We attacked the ball every time, but not that time."

Lee played defender on last year's state championship team, but got a chance to move up-top this season and notched his fourth goal of the year.

"I was committing to the run there at the right time — and scored it," Lee said. "It was weird. I ran to it, and 'boom,' it went right to my head. I thought they would clear it, but it went right to my head. I think they over-committed and I just finished it."

Stevenson, gunning for its seventh state title in school history bows out at 20-2-3 overall.

The loss was especially painful because the Spartans controlled play much of the



Stevenson midfielder Brian Klemczak gets a shot on goal past East Kentwood's Bung Jin Lee, but can't convert. Lee scored the winning goal in overtime against the Spartans in Saturday's Division 1 state championship final at Troy Athens.

second half and had five different legitimate chances to score, including a shot from 35 yards out by Nate Sergison which changed off the upper-right post and just under the crossbar during the 44th minute.

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Sidelines

Conner on move

Westland native Chris Conner was assigned to the Peoria Rivermen of the American Hockey League after appearing for the Dallas Stars in Friday's 5-2 NHL loss against the host Chicago Blackhawks.

The 24-year-old winger, who starred at Michigan Tech and signed with Dallas as a free agent in July of 2006, has appeared in 34 games with the Stars with four goals and four assists.

Lady Ocelots romp

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team opened its 2008-09 schedule Saturday by rocking host Alpena Community College, 82-57.

The Ocelots, who are ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II poll, never trailed after racing to an 18-4 lead after 10 minutes.

Schoolcraft led 45-26 at the half and held off a mini-rally by Alpena, which closed to within 61-46 with 8:04 left in the game.

Schoolcraft swished 26 free throws — the second-highest total in school history.

Sheray Brown paced the winners with 18 points. Antania Shepherd (12 points), Shanika Morman (11) and Angela Burrell (10) also scored in double-digits for SC.

Kimmi Breaugh led Alpena with 17 points. Mary Calhoun added 15.

MU women fall

Nikki Kassebaum's last-second triple enabled host Taylor University (Ind.) to escape with a 59-58 women's basketball win over Madonna University in the Tip-Off Classic.

Taylor, 2-0 overall, is ranked No. 16 nationally in NAIA Division II.

Katie Mount placed MU (0-2) with 17 points, while Tabatha Wydryck added 11.

Kim Olech (Plymouth) grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

Stevenson eyes playoff nemesis

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Stevenson aims to write a different chapter in its sixth playoff meeting this Friday at home with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Although history is not on the Spartans' side — 0-5 in the postseason vs. the Shamrocks since 1995 — Stevenson will rely on an improved defense which sparkled in last week's 17-6 Division predistrict win over West Bloomfield.

"We are still striving to be consistent day-in and day-out," said Stevenson coach Gabel, whose team is 8-2 overall. "Three things have happened for the better: Number one — Wyatt Stahl has effectively moved from safety to linebacker. He has become more comfortable, and more effective each week.

"Number two — Rich Sayig returned mid-season knee injury in time for the Plymouth game. And number three — Jordan El-Sabeh is playing close to full time at defensive end, in addition to starting at tight end."

CC did not complete a pass in last week's come-from-behind 15-12 predistrict win over Novi, but ran for 206 yards.

"There is something unmistakable about a CC team lined up in a double tight formation, and this year's team certainly does that effectively," Gabel said. "Coach (Tom) Mach has always thrown subtle formation changes into his offense, however, to make it hard to just junk it up against

them. It looks like they do that more than ever this year, including some spread sets."

Getting off to a good start could bolster the Spartans' chances. CC has outscored its opponents 79-3 in the first quarter.

Anthony Capatina and Niko Palazeti have rushed for 645 and 539 yards, respectively, to lead the 6-3 Shamrocks. There are also a cast of others that are cause concern for Gabel.

"Palazeti is impressive on both sides of the ball, and is going to be one of the best players we have seen this season," The Stevenson said. "(Michael) Kinville is a real presence at linebacker, and is a classic CC tight end when he's in on offense.

"(Butch) Herzog is a great

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Block that tip!

Churchill's Kat Krupsky tries to block a tip from Stevenson's Meg Iafrate during Monday night's Class A district opener at Farmington High School. Churchill defeated the Spartans in three straight games to run their overall season record to 44-3. For a roundup of area girls district volleyball tournament results, turn to page B2.

Crusaders survive WHAC test

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

The Madonna University women's volleyball team maintained its perfect record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 21-25, 25-17, 25-18, 26-24 triumph over Indiana Tech in a showdown of nationally-ranked teams.

MU, rated No. 7 in the latest NAIA poll, improved to 32-3 overall and 12-0 in the WHAC, while No. 15 Indiana Tech slips to 28-2 and 11-1.

MU needs a win Thursday at Davenport and another victory Friday at Indiana Tech to win the regular season title outright.

"We need to go back and do it again," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "It's a good start. We only have three (regular season) games left. We stressed this is a championship week and the first one is done."

There was no hangover from last week's non-confer-

ence upset loss at Webber International (Fla.), but the Crusaders got off to a slow start before slowly taking control.

"We played a little tight the first set," Abraham said. "We had to pay attention to detail and not make unforced errors — go back and do that we do best which is play faster, with speed, and attack."

MU got a strong effort from 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter Lubovj Tihomirova. The Riga, Latvia native had

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Area All-State performances highlight cross country finals

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Livonia Churchill recorded its fifth consecutive top ten finish Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 girls cross country finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

The Chargers, getting All-State performances from juniors Sara Kröll (seventh) and Amanda Southwell (14th), placed eighth in the team standings with 232 points, just 12 points out of fifth.

Traverse City Central captured the team title with 129 points followed by Grand Haven (148), East Kentwood (189), Rockford (195), Brighton (220), Saline (221), Troy (225) and Churchill (232).

Megan Gothals of

Rochester was the individual champion, covering the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 10.1 seconds.

Kröll also broke 18 minutes in 17:53.5, one place ahead of Livonia Stevenson's Courtney Calka who also made All-State with a time of 17:55.1. Southwell, meanwhile, was clocked in 18:24.1.

"It was very exciting watching Sara and Amanda earn All-State honors," Churchill coach Sue Tatrow said. "I can't emphasize enough how instrumental these two young ladies have been in the overall success of our team - especially in our last three meets. It is also great knowing that they will be returning for another season."

Other finishers for coach Sue Tatrow's Chargers included senior Alyssa Mira, 50th



Kröll Churchill Calka Stevenson Southwell Churchill Lyle Luth. Westland

(19:22.9); freshman Bethany Pilat, 79th (19:53.2); senior Emily Clairmont, 87th (19:56.7); senior Hannah Otto, 121st (20:32.7); and Kayla Szado, 124th (20:34.1).

"I am extremely proud of the entire group for their accomplishments this season," Tatrow said. "We knew that we were capable of fin-



Lyle Luth. Westland

ishing in the top 10; and to come that close to a top five finish (12 points) was truly amazing. They have come a long way since the beginning of the season."

Calka, meanwhile, repeated earned All-State honors for the fourth straight year. "We made some adjustments in her training this

season that allowed her to improve from last year's race," Stevenson coach Nancy Gavoor said. "Our goal all season was to finish in the top 10 and we are very happy that she was able to accomplish that in this years race."

"Courtney is a tremendous competitor and raced hard, making a great effort to finish eighth overall in this talented field of girls. She is having an awesome senior year with running her all-time P.R. of 17:47 (at regionals) and hopes to continue to improve and run well in future races."

Livonia Franklin sophomore Megan McPherson just missed out on All-State honors with a 32nd-place finish in 18:49.8, breaking her own school record of 18:50.0 set earlier this season at the Monroe-Jefferson

Invitational at Sterling State Park.

"She ran a great race, going out aggressively and getting into a battle for the top 30, coming up just a little bit short," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Still, 32nd out of 242 runner is awesome. Everyone in our program is very proud of the season she's had, and it's always good to P.R. at the state meet."

In the Division 4 boys race, the Warriors' Spencer Lyle, a senior, placed 27th overall in 16:29.4 to earn All-State recognition. On the girls side, sophomore Sarah Maynard finished 102nd (21:31.3) in Division 4.

In the Division 2 girls race, Livonia Ladywood senior Julia Kenney was 21st in 20:11.4, also a personal best.

St. Francis run sinks Crusaders

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the eve of election night the numbers didn't project very well for the Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders opened their 2008-09 season Monday with an 89-66 setback to the University of St. Francis (Ind.).

After losing five of their top six players from last year's 19-13 squad, it may take MU coach Chuck Henry awhile to sort things out.

St. Francis, 14-17 a year ago and picked fourth this year in the Mid-Central Conference, improved to 2-1 on the young season.

The Cougars led 38-30 at halftime and came out smoking to start the second half by hitting 10 straight shots, including five 3-pointers during the stretch, to spark at 29-5 run.

"And a lot of them were deep shots," Henry said of the Cougars' long-range accuracy. "It was 28-28, then we did not score a field goal the last three minutes (of the first half). We

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had only two free throws and they outscored us 10-2. We knew we had to keep it close being in our gym, but they had a lot of firepower. They ran 10, 11 kids at us."

The Crusaders had 20 turnovers and shot 42.5 percent from the field (23-of-54).

"I saw them play Friday (against Indiana Tech) and they get a lot of deflections defensively," Henry said. "And if you're lazy with your passes like we were, you'll pay for a lot for those."

Senior guard Kreigh Hentrup scored a game-high 20 points to lead St. Francis, while Puerto Rico native Ferdinand Morales-Soto added 13. Nate Bojrab and DeJovann Sawyer-Davis chipped in with 12 each, while Matt Edmonds contributed eight points and nine rebounds.

MU's only returning starter, senior Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial), made his debut at the point-guard and finished

with a game-high 19 points, but was only 5-of-16 from the floor and 8-of-13 from the foul line. He also finished with four assists and four turnovers.

Sophomore guard Bryant Slaughter (Westland) added 10 points, while 6-7 newcomer Leroy Allen added nine.

"They (MU) play with a lot of energy, they caused problems with their pressure," St. Francis coach Jeff Rekeweg said. "Slaughter and Sims are good off the dribble. They're good offensively."

"We talked more about defensive things (at halftime). We saw some things during the first half that we could take advantage of and things worked out pretty well (the second half)."

MU was also outrebounded 46-30.

"They (St. Francis) got 30 points in the paint, 17 second-chance points and 22 points off turnovers," Henry said. "It gives you a real direction for practice."

Henry's now has a week off to prepare for his next opponent (Nov. 11 at Spring Arbor).

Chargers take out Stevenson

Livonia Churchill ran its overall record to 44-3 with a 25-20, 25-12, 25-19 Class A district girls volleyball triumph Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson at Farmington High.

Senior libero Lindsey Graciak paced the state-ranked Chargers with 22 digs, three ace serves and two assists.

Other standouts for the Chargers included Kristen Nalecz (12 kills, four digs), Sarah Suppelsa (10 kills) and Katie Matz (five kills, seven assists, seven digs).

"Katie played a great all-around game," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team advances to Wednesday's district semi-final against Redford Union. "It was a good match and the Stevenson kids played hard all three games. They gave us a great match."

Stevenson, which bowed out at 21-23 overall, got a team-high eight kills from Brooke Knochel. Teammate Meg Iafrate added seven kills and four blocks.

Other statistical leaders for Stevenson included Christine Armstrong (18 digs), Katie Vellucci (12 assists), Shelby Wilson (11-for-11 serving, nine digs), Kaylee McGarth (two kills, three blocks) and Alisha Linstrom (three blocks).

Other district volleyball

Becca Refenes had 16 kills, five blocks and six digs Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland improved to 41-5-4 overall with a 25-21, 25-16, 25-11 win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at the Class D district at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Setter Lauren Gieschen had 28 assist-to-kills, while Abi Gieschen finished with a team-high 12 digs. Katey Ramthun also had 12 kills, Rachel Storck and Allyson Yankee added eight and five, respectively to advance to tonight's final against the host Hawks.

"We got the win, and I'm happy for that, but we need to play better if we want to make a deep run in this tournament," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "I thought Inter-City played hard and we definitely took them too lightly."

Senior setter Julie Rhodes had a game-high 37 assist-to-kills in Livonia Ladywood's 25-11, 25-11, 25-13 Class B district first-round win over South Lyon East in a match at Livonia Clarenceville.

Other standouts for the Blazers, now 29-19 overall, included junior Claire Dezelski (21 digs, five kills), senior Rachael Fuller (six kills) and junior Ashley Hines (five aces).

In the other first round match Tuesday, Bloomfield Hills Lahser downed host Clarenceville in three straight, 25-8, 25-7, 25-16.

Marlene Azar and Kat Hall each had five kills in the loss. Katie Blacker tallied 14 assists, while Teresa Parent had six digs for the Trojans (11-15-2).

"We progressively got better today," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "But we just faced a really good team and they outplayed us. They had some strong serving and our defense was not there."

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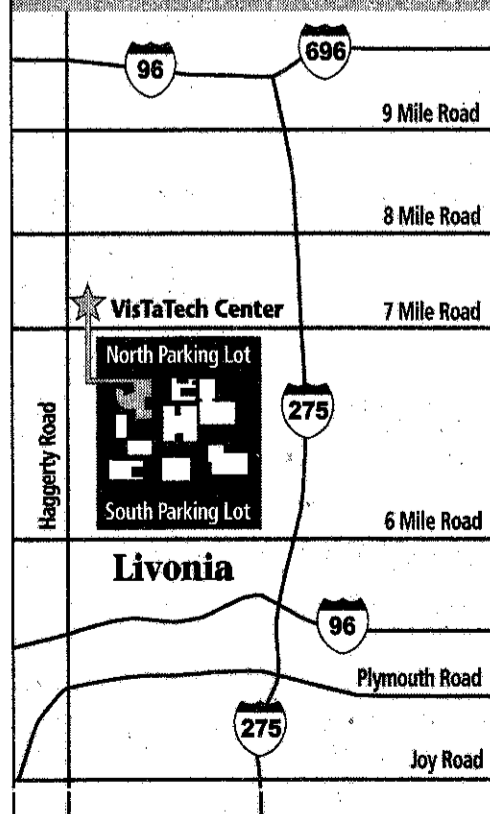
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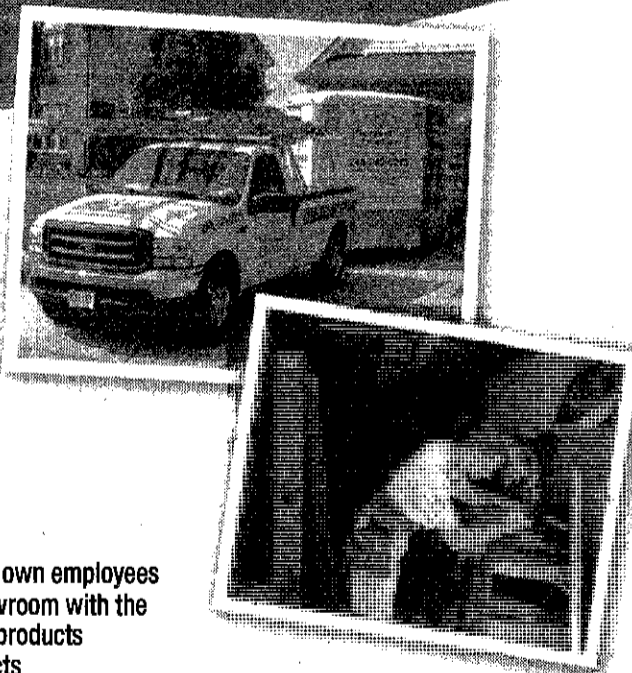
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Schoolcraft men take NJCAA-Region 12 crown, 1-0

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team captured the NJCAA Region 12 championship this past weekend at Delta College in Saginaw.

The Ocelots defeated Lakeland (Ohio) College, 1-0, in the title game thanks to a free-kick goal off the foot of Peter Magier.

SC advanced to the final game by ousting Cincinnati Tech CC, 2-0, on

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Saturday. Both goals were scored in the first half by captain Michael Iyoha.

On deck for the Ocelots (16-4) beginning at noon (CST) on Saturday in Springfield, Ill. is Region 24 champ Lincoln Land CC (18-4, which advanced with a 1-0

win over Parkland (Ill.) CC.

The winner advances to the NJCAA Division I Tournament, Nov. 20-23, at Paradise Valley CC in Phoenix, Ariz.

MU clinches title share

Mike Ujic's header off Daniel Amaya's free kick from 35 yards out during the 56th minute gave the Madonna University men's soc-

cer team a 1-0 win Saturday over visiting Cornerstone University at Livonia's Greenmead Field and a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title.

The Crusaders, now 14-2 overall, split the WHAC crown with Aquinas College, who also finished 11-1 in conference play.

MU goalkeeper Steve Besk, named WHAC Defensive Player of

the Week, had to make just one save for the shutout.

Prior to the game, the Crusaders also honored their four-member senior class which includes Doron Drai (Kfar-Yona, Israel), Eric Kiebert (Essex, Ontario), Cory Maupin (Linden) and Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson).

The loss drops Cornerstone to 5-11-2 and 3-7-2.

MU women perfect 12-0

Goals by Canton's Andrea Johnson (penalty kick), Kaila Moore, Shannon McIntyre and Livonia Franklin's Jessica Austin sparked the Madonna University women's soccer team to a 4-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Saturday over visiting Cornerstone at Greenmead Field.

Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with two assists, while Diana Brda (Franklin) also had one.

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made two saves as MU, 14-3 overall, finished conference play with a perfect 12-0 record and will be the top seed in the upcoming WHAC playoffs.

Ashley Morrow scored the lone goal for Cornerstone, which falls to 9-7-2 and 6-4-2.

Prior to the start of the match, MU honors its four-member senior class including Allie, Johnson, McIntyre (Woodhaven) and Ashley Stoychoff (Salem).

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20 kills in 36 attempts (.417 percentage). Whitney Fuelling added 12 kills, while Mary McGinnis and Karie Altman contributed nine each.

"I thought our seniors really responded," Abraham said. "Stephanie (Parslow) had a big block at the end and Whitney (Fuelling) — when she got the sets — put the ball down. Lubovj also had nice match with some clutch, powerful hits."

Setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 46 assist-to-kills, while Brynn Kerr and Amanda Koszela sparked the defense with 15 and 10 digs, respectively.

"Inta (Grinvalds) did a nice job setting antenna to antenna," Abraham said. "She made the correct decisions in the right parts of the game."

"And I thought Karie Altman had her best game of the year. She played fast and blocked very well. She got those quick sets and attacked. For a freshman she really responded."

Freshman Ashley Hamilton led Tech, which was coming off its first loss of the season Saturday against Taylor (Ind.), with 13 kills. Setter Laura Booker had 39 assists and Michelle Fitzpatrick finished with one dig.

"We need more efficiency and take our opportunities to put the away," Indiana Tech coach Krista Solberg said. "They (MU) took them and we did not take ours. We have to serve a little better and clean up our side of the net."

S'craft men win, 73-60

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team is already well on its way to making last season's disappointing record a distant memory.

The Ocelots opened their 2008-09 schedule on Saturday with a 73-60 triumph over host Alpena Community College.

The winners were spearheaded by sophomore point guard Trivoris Freeman, who netted a team-high 15 points while distributing the ball well for coach Randy Henry's squad.

Freshman big man Bruce Watson also sparked for the Ocelots, notching a double-double (14 points, 10 rebounds).

Eric Henry and Kevin Brown both contributed 11 points each to SC's successful cause.



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Lafata optimistic about Schoolcraft Ocelots' '08-09 chances

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judging by the enthusiasm in Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata's voice, you'd think the Ocelots were returning four starters from last year's 28-4 squad, not losing four starters.

The fact that Schoolcraft has just one starter coming back from the 2007-08 MCCA Eastern Conference championship squad — and the fact that Lafata is

enthused — tells you all you need to know about the quality of the replacements who have been assembled to carry on the program's tradition of excellence.

"We lost nine players from last year's team, including four starters, but I'm excited about this group," the veteran coach said. "We can go two-deep at every position."

"This is also a hard-working group — both on and off the court. They're definitely taking care of business."

Three of the departed

Ocelots — Heidi Warczynski (Central Michigan University), Antoinette Brown (Tulsa) and LaDwan Jones (Eastern Michigan University) — have moved on to Division 1 schools while a fourth — Brittany Ivey (Virginia State) — is currently competing at the Division 2 level.

Schoolcraft's up-tempo attack will be engineered this season by 5-foot point guard Brittany Collins, a transfer from Saginaw Valley State University.

"Brittany is extremely quick with great leadership ability," said Lafata.

Collins will be joined in the starting backcourt by Salem graduate Taylor Langham, a 5-9 sophomore.

"Taylor is a tremendous athletic talent," said Lafata. "She's a slasher/driver type of offensive player who can get to the basket. She's a flyer, too, on the fast-break."

Anchoring the frontcourt for Lafata's hoopers will be center Shannon Collins, a 6-0 sophomore out of Detroit

Mackenzie.

"She can play the post and move outside and shoot equally well," Lafata said.

Collins will be flanked by starting forwards Shera Brown, a 5-8 power forward who is the squad's lone returning starter, and 5-10 freshman Antania Shepherd, who will man the small forward position.

"Shera led the team in rebounding last year and she brings a lot of leadership to our team," said Lafata. "Antania is solid at both ends

of the court and she can really shoot the three."

Filling out the Ocelots deep and talented roster are Amber Avery, a freshman forward from Southfield Lathrup; April Goins, a graduate of Detroit Pershing; Angela Burrell, a sharp-shooting guard who prepped at Detroit Northwestern; Shanika Morman, who will serve as the back-up point guard; and Jasmine Brown, who excels from beyond the arc.

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Monday, November 10, 2008
San Francisco at Arizona

Honor sailors at special service Separated and divorced singles plan for fun

Mariner's Church in downtown Detroit will hold its annual Great Lakes Memorial Service at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 9.

The service honors deceased sailors who served on the Great Lakes, as well as all military personnel who died in service to the country.

Members of the

International Ship Masters' Association, U.S. Merchant Marine's, United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other Great Lakes-related personnel have been invited to be a part of the uniformed honor

guard.

Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium Underground Garage.

The entrance to the lot is in the median strip of Jefferson Avenue at Woodward.

Mariner's Church, The Maritime Sailors' Cathedral, is located at 170 E. Jefferson Avenue.

Bethany West, a group that offers spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians, plans several get-togethers through December.

Here's what's on the group's calendar:

■ Saturday, Nov. 15: The group's monthly breakfast meeting is at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, (south side) in Garden City. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, Nov. 29: Bethany Together Dance, which is limited to the first 450 paid admissions, will run from 8 p.m.-midnight, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission is \$12. For more information call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284.

■ Saturday, Dec. 13: The monthly dance runs from 8 p.m.-midnight at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Participants can take a dance lesson. Admission is \$10 and refreshments are included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

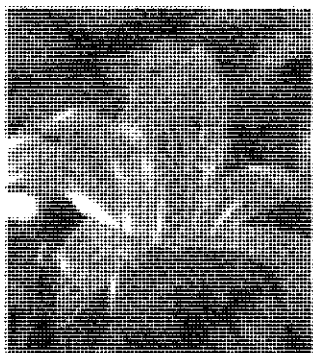
■ Sunday, Dec. 14: Join Bethany Suburban West for its annual Advent Mass, at 9 a.m., at the Felician Sister House Chapel on the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Use the Newburg entrance. Breakfast will follow service. For details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, Dec. 20: Monthly breakfast meeting

at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 0149 Ford Road, in Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 31: Join Bethany Suburban West as members ring in the New Year at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road at Inkster Road, in Redford. Two hundred advance tickets at \$35 each are available before Dec. 15. The first 100 tickets sold before Dec. 1 will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize. The evening will include a catered dinner at 9 p.m., with refreshments and party favors. The party runs from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Music by Dick Gerathy. For tickets or more information call Elsie at (313) 563-1142, Chris at (313) 561-9721 or Judy of Bethany South at (313) 389-4730.

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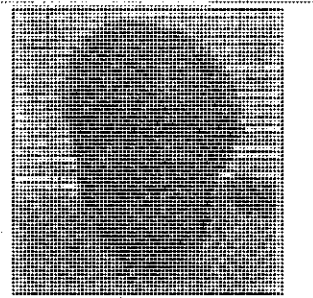
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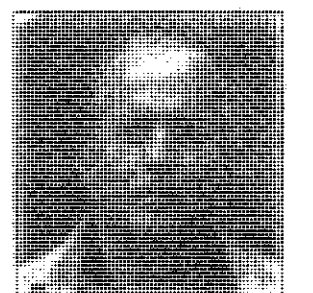
JOANNE E. MCCRIRIE
Age 75. Formerly of Farmington, MI. Passed away November 1, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

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



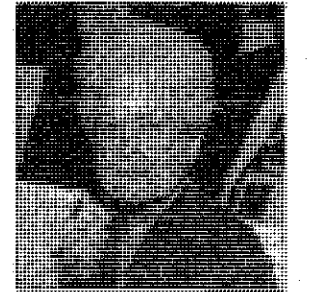
ROBERT G. CAMPBELL
October 24, 2008. Age 89. Husband of the late Grace Mack Campbell. Dear father of Robert Ross Campbell and Amy Anderson. Grandfather of Matthew. Brother of the late Mary Margaret Banks. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial service Saturday, 11 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills or The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009 or The Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

ETHEL G. RUSSOM
Age 88, November 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Lamar Russom. Loving mother of Carol (Mike) Yacoub, Thomas (Jo) and Ronald (Debra). Dear sister of Paul (Sara) Marshbanks. Dear grandmother of Matthew, Jason and Stephanie, Katie and Kevin, Joshua, Michael and Maria. Funeral service and R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Friday 11 a.m. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Baptist Church. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rghharris.com



MAURICE B. ALLEN, JR., FAIA
November 1, 2008. Age 82. Beloved husband of 57 years to Nancy Huff Allen. Preceded in death by son Robert (1965). Survived by his children, Kathy (Dennis) Klohs and David Allen both of Minneapolis, MN, granddaughters Caroline Klohs and Christine Allen, sister Ruby (William) Magee of Lansing, MI, and brother Ret Col Charles (Mitzi) Allen, Columbus, GA. Born in Lansing, MI in 1926, he was educated at Western Michigan University and Notre Dame University in the Navy V-12 program, was commissioned an officer, and served on a destroyer in the Pacific Fleet. He later graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Michigan. Throughout his professional life, Maury exhibited a concern for architectural excellence in the fullest sense. He designed many prominent structures which received local, regional and national recognition. In addition, his design interests led him into positions of teacher, juror, public speaker and counselor to state government. His career started as draftsman/designer for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and for a decade as an Associate of Eero Saarinen. He was a Principal of TMP Associates for 31 years, retiring from his Board position in 1993. Maury was honored with advancement to the College of Fellows of the AIA in 1983 for his outstanding contributions in design and service to the profession. In 1995 the AIA, Detroit Chapter, honored Maury with its most prestigious award, the Chapter's Gold Medal. Memorial service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm. Reception at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Episcopal Church.

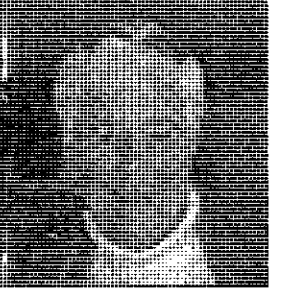
FRANCIS T. MAJESKE
Nov. 1, 2008. Age 81, of Troy. Beloved husband of Penelope "Penny" for 50 yrs. Dear father of Matthew F., Amy Majeske (Tom Cox), and Nick (Karen). Loving Papou of Edward, Penelope, Amelia, Nicole, and the late Alyson. Services have taken place. Memorial tributes to Salvation Army. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOYCE M. ROZEK
Age 83, November 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late John Rozek. Loving mother of Brian (Katherine) Rozek & Melissa (Christopher) Smith. Dear grandmother of Ryan & Breanna Rozek. Dear sister of Jane (Ted) Harvey. Joyce was a former Detroit Police Officer, an educator, musician and homemaker. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Thursday from 1 pm until funeral service at 7 pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Assoc. or Angela Hospice. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rghharris.com



KRISTEN J. ROSS (nee Kamen)
Age 36, October 31, 2008. Beloved wife of Gunnar R. Ross. Dear mother to Charlotte and Vivienne. Beloved daughter to Don and Elaine Kamen. Loving sister to Michael and Lyndsey. Graduate of University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She walked faithfully with Christ and rests perfectly with Him now. Service will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Monday November 10th at 11 am. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Saturday, November 8th from 2-6 pm and Sunday November 9th from 1-8 pm. Share a memory of Kristen at www.rghharris.com.



NORMA JEAN ABBOTT
November 1, 2008, Age 81. Of Novi, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late George "Pete" Abbott Jr. Dear mother of Jim (Leslie), Patti (Joe), Bill (Karen) and Dave (Cathy). Grandmother of Chris, Megan, Michael and Emma. Daughter of the late Hattie Hollister. Also survived by many extended family members and life long friends. She summered in Elk Rapids where she enjoyed gardening and being with family. She also enjoyed painting and antiques. She was a former member of the Village Women's Club. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Elk Rapids Garden Club, P.O. Box 534, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vas, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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NOVEMBER

Scrapbook fund-raiser
All day scrapbook event, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, is a fund-raiser for Tiny Tots Preschool located in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Full day registration is \$35 which includes a 6-foot or 8-foot table, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. Half day options and scrap booking class also available. Call the school at (734) 464-0211 ext. 208 for information.

Red Cross blood drive
2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455-5393 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Church fair
Christmas shop boutique, home made candy, attic treasures, hand made goods, book store 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. For details, call (734) 729-7550.

St. Andrew's Day
Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; At the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.

All-you-can-eat pancakes
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Evenings of Evangelization
With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Clothing bank
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (Nov. 22, Dec. 27), at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Roncia Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

Thanksgiving Day dinner
Don't be alone for the holiday. Come to Our Lady of Loretto Family Center 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Six Mile and Beech Daly. For reservations, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 24.

Special needs class
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening

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Volunteers needed
The Salvation Army invites the community to partner with it this holiday season. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer.

Grief workshop
Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support, began 7-8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

Global gifts
10 a.m.-3p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 17, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, at Bates, north of Maple and a block west of Old Woodward. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. (248) 644-0550.

Prayer hour
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church holds an hour of prayer and inspiration at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday with Rev. Merlin Pratt, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Call Pat Beggs at (734) 453-3287 for more information.

Caregiver's support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month 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.

Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

New worship schedule
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Time change
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Wednesday activities
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfeellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

UPCOMING

Music at St. John's
A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups: Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009, at St. John's Archangel Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

ONGOING

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENOOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Choral rehearsals
Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its

Big Fun Party at Ford Field helps boys in foster care

Forget the ball gowns and tuxedos. Christ Child Society wants party goers to have big, casual fun in blue jeans during its 33rd annual holiday gathering on Friday, Nov. 21, at Ford Field in Detroit. "We're throwing the biggest party we've ever thrown. We're like the little charity that could," said Maureen Carey, a long-time volunteer.

"This is a wear-you-cutest jeans party and dance all night. We have 'green' solutions for decorations and no one has to waste money on a fancy dress they will

only wear once."

The Big Fun Party will be held for the first time in The Ford Field Atrium, with entertainment by Larry Lee's "Back in the Day" band. Party goers that have worn dressy attire to the organization's previous parties, can relax in casual garb as they dance the night away. The event also includes dinner and a live auction featuring four tickets to the Final 12 American Idol show; walk-on parts for four movies filmed in Detroit and a trip to Sonoma with private winery

Proceeds from the Big Fun Party benefit boys, age 5-15, who suffer from severe developmental, emotional and behavioral problems.

Christ Child Society of Detroit, founded 90 years ago as a local chapter of the national organization, has cared for abused and neglected children since 1948 at Christ Child House, located in Detroit. Boys from throughout the tri-county area live at the house, an intensive residential treatment center licensed by the

State of Michigan, after being removed from abusive homes.

"Christ Child House is the last house on the block for these boys," Carey noted. "Sometimes I force myself to listen to the stories of what they've endured — I figure if they can live it, I can at least listen to it. But listening is

hard. The stories are brutal and the pain that surrounds everyone involved is enough to bring you to your knees."

She pointed out that 12 of the approximately 30 boys at the house were adopted last year, fulfilling the Christ Child House philosophy that "It's never too

late to have a happy childhood."

Individual tickets for the Big Fun Party are \$150 and sponsorship tables are still available.

For more information call Mary Pat Stacy at (248) 642-6298; e-mail stacyblake@aol.com or visit www.christchild-house.org.

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FINALS

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"With the slight wind at our backs we felt we got some good opportunities, but unfortunately we didn't get one knocked one," Richters said. "I thought we played a good game, but it did not show up on the scoreboard. It was a good effort and most of the action was on the other end. It's one of those things."

East Kentwood had 14 shots to Stevenson's 10. The Spartans had five corner kicks to the Falcons' four.

"The hardest thing in this sport is to score a goal and it did not happen today," Richters said. "I thought we gave ourselves a chance to win."

Stevenson goalkeeper Connor Burton made seven saves, none bigger than his stop with 4:33 left in the first OT.

Meanwhile, the Falcons' burly 6-foot, 200-pound goalkeeper Mike Sweers recorded six saves

to notch his state-record 22nd shutout. He has allowed only five goals in 27 games.

"The most experience we had coming back from last year's team are our four starting defenders and our goalie," East Kentwood coach John Conlon said. "Those five guys have been to three straight semifinals. And if there's a better goalie in the state, I want to see him."

Early in the second half, the Falcons faced a stiff breeze and found themselves back on their heels.

"Lars (Richters) is a great coach," Conlon said. "When they took the wind, they took it right down our throats. With about 30 minutes to go I brought Brad Klinkner back — who is about 6-feet-5 — to take away their entry passes. It basically comes down to a chess match because of the conditions, which are not ideal with the wind and the narrower field. Because of the wind, the (Stevenson) played more direct. Stevenson is one of the

best teams I've ever coached against and (Brian) Klemczak is one of the best players I've ever coached against. We not only put a defender back, we also took a midfielder to stay with him because when a player like that gets the ball, you're at his mercy."

Richters, who won three state titles as a player at Stevenson, was aiming for his 200th win in 11 years as coach. It was also the Spartans' second state finals appearance in three years. In 2006, the Spartans fell to Traverse City West, 1-0.

Stevenson was gunning for its first state title since 1996.

"It's difficult when it comes down to the last game," Richters said. "We accomplished a lot of our goals this season, but this rings kind of hollow. We're gutted at this time."

"We wanted to connect the dots as far as our program because it meant a lot not only to this bunch, but to all the former Stevenson players."

NEMESIS

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utility guy for them, both in what he does for the offense, and where he lines up on defense. And (Steve) Harding seems to be in on just about every big play they have on both sides of the ball."

If the game stays close through the fourth quarter, it could boil down to the field position and ultimately the kicking game. "The closer the game is, the more important special teams become in determining the outcome," Gabel said. "They (CC) are so solid, and so well-coached in all phases, however, that we are going to have to play really well everywhere to give ourselves a chance to win."

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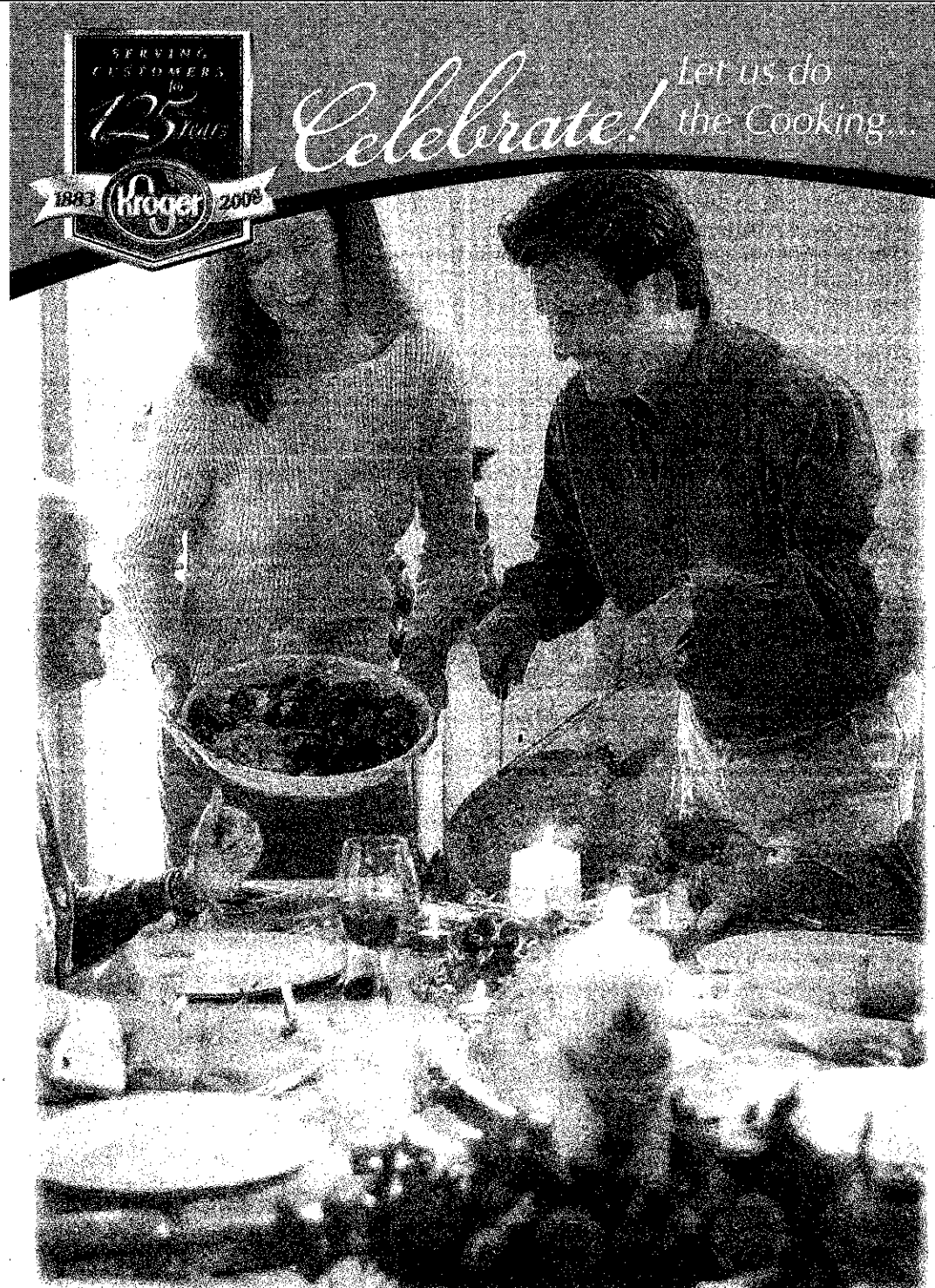
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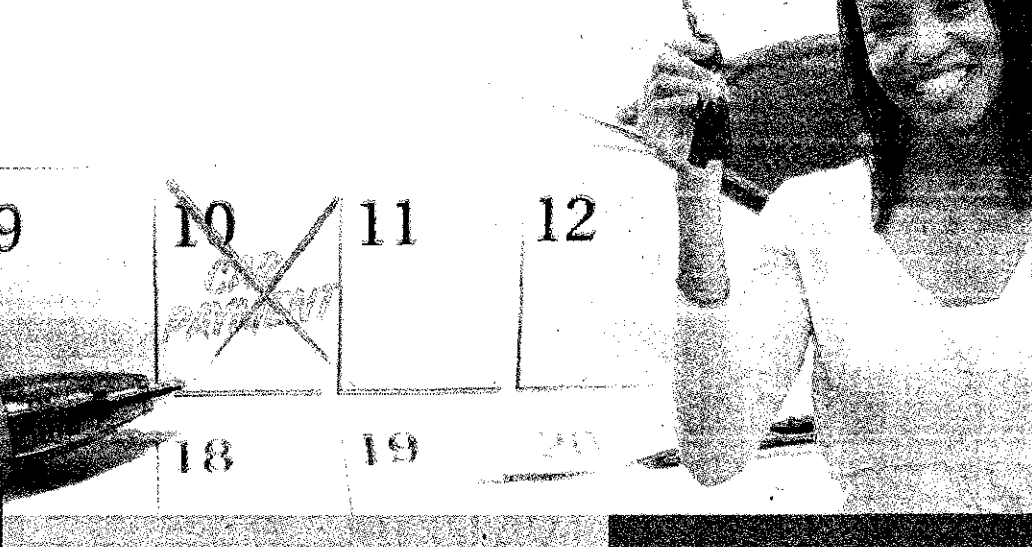
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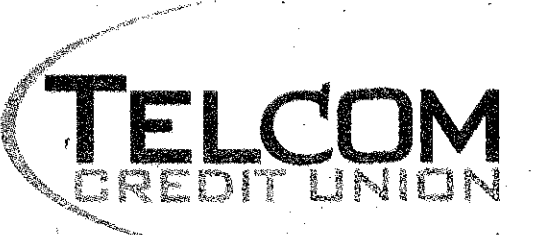
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Classic and jazz music fans have busy week

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you love the symphony or jazz, early November is exciting.

There's so much happening musically in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Farmington Hills it's going to be hard to pack it all in.

MUSIC
What: Multiple events in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Canton and Northville for kids and adults

Swedish saxophonist Johan Stengard performs *Jazz and More* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Stengard has performed with Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Peter Cetera, Lena Horne, Sammy Davis Jr., ABBA and is also a favorite performing guest of the king and queen of Sweden.

He will play popular favorites, jazz standards, and original compositions on both the tenor and the soprano saxophones. Examples include cinema songs such as *My Heart Will Go On (Titanic)*, *Live and Let Die (License to Kill)*, and *As Time Goes By (Casablanca)*.

"If you have a chance to hear Swedish saxophonist Johan Stengard in concert, do yourself a favor and be sure and be there," Charles Olson, Musical Director of the Chicago Symphony Choir and the North Park Covenant Church, said in a press release. "You will be thrilled at his music and charmed by his personal warmth."

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students, on sale at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills or call (248) 473-1848.

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Saxophonist Johan Stengard, who has performed with Michael Bolton and Celine Dion, plays *Jazz and More* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.



Events

The Big, Bright Light Show: Downtown Rochester will light the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main Street. The free event, Dec. 1 to Jan. 4, 2009, attracts more than 1 million visitors. Expect a traffic jam but it's still a sight to behold.

Wayne County LightFest: Drive through more than four miles of light displays along Hines Drive, beginning at Merriman Road. Cost is \$5 per car; call (734) 261-1990 for details. The display runs Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, 2009.

Holiday Nights: Greenfield Village will transform into a living Christmas card from its candle-lit paths, Model T and carriage rides, ice skating and decorated home tours for this seasonal favorite, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28. Tickets \$12.50-\$17, children under 4 enter free. Add dinner at the Eagle Tavern for \$64.50-\$68.50. Parking costs \$5. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Visit www.thehenryford.com.

Christmas Walk: The Friends of Greenmead presents its 20th annual event beginning at Hill House with hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets are \$9-\$10. Wear slip-on shoes for the tour. Profits go to restoration and preservation at Livonia's Historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh. Call (734) 466-3540.

Music
Holiday Brass: The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents this rousing show 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 644-5210 or visit www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Messiah: The Oakland Choral Society presents this classic Sunday, Dec. 14, 6:20 Romeo, Rochester. Tickets \$15-\$50; call (248) 391-0184.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Talk about uplifting and re-inventing holiday songs! Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

Holiday with heart and soul: Hear The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis, Dec. 18-19, The Masonic Temple Theatre, Cass and Temple streets, Detroit.

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Readers submit favorite Thanksgiving recipes



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This week's recipes focus on fruit and sweet potatoes.

SWEET SWASHBUCKLIN' MASHED POTATOES

By Mandi Buckland with Plymouth's Green Street Fair

Simply swap out regular spuds and replace with sweet potatoes for a burst of color and added nutrients in your favorite mashed potato recipe.

Place in a serving bowl and sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg before serving. For

those wanting an extra sweet treat: Top the sweet potatoes with a sprinkle of oatmeal, a handful of raisins, a dollop of yogurt, or drizzle lightly with maple syrup.

"This is a big hit for children! My daughter, Tuula, loves this dish!"

MICROWAVE ORANGE-CRANBERRY SAUCE

By Jill Pines, Public Information Coordinator, City of Farmington Hills

- 1 11-ounce can mandarin orange segments
- 1 12-ounce package of fresh cranberries
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Drain oranges and reserve ¼ cup syrup. In a 2-quart casserole, stir together cranberries, sugar, ginger, and reserved syrup. Cook in the microwave, covered, on high for 7-11 minutes until cranberries pop. Stir twice during cooking. Stir in oranges and nuts. Chill. Makes 3 cups.

SWEET POTATOES WITH BOURBON AND PINEAPPLE

By Jill Pines, Public Information Coordinator, City of Farmington Hills

- 5-6 medium sweet potatoes
- Butter
- Salt
- Spices (use cinnamon, allspice, or pumpkin pie spice - just a few dashes)
- 2-3 tablespoons orange juice for moisture
- ½ cup crushed pineapple, drained
- ¼ to ½ cup bourbon
- ½ cup crushed pecans
- 1 bag mini-marshmallows

Wash, peel and cut up the sweet potatoes. Put in a large pot and cover with cold water. Cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain and mash. Add butter, salt and spices to taste. Add orange juice (more as

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Joe the Plumber Drinks, art cafe, and new Dino's

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Have we had enough of Joe the Plumber? Well here's one more. *Early Times Kentucky Whiskey* has created a cocktail to toast Joe the Plumber. Here it is:

EVERYMAN'S PLUMB

- 3 ounces Red Plum Juice
- 1.5 ounces Early Times Kentucky Whisky
- Squeeze of Lime

Note that you want to pour the Red Plum first into a rocks glass with ice, then the Early Times. This is an unevenly distributed cocktail, just like Joe doesn't want our money evenly distributed.

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We love the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit, it's one of the hippest places in the city.

Now it has a new cafe made from locally grown produce and includes free wireless Internet. The eclectic cuisine includes pepper and goat cheese panini sandwiches, pumpkin and squash soups, and grilled vegetable salads with homemade dressing.

The veggie sandwich can be made vegan if you skip the honey mustard.

The cafe also serves coffee; brewed fresh from Ann Arbor's Roods Roast beans, organic teas, and baked goods from Strawberry Moon and Pinwheel bakeries in Ferndale.

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museum, but supporting local merchants and farmers," said Marsha Miro, MOCAD director.

MOCAD is located at 4454 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Museum and cafe hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday and Sunday, unless otherwise posted. (313) 832-6622 or www.mocadetroit.org/cafe

NEW RESTAURANTS IN NORTHVILLE

Dino's Restaurant in Ferndale has expanded and opened its doors in Northville. Riffle's restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner is also new. And, Edwards Café & Caterer serves a buffet brunch now every Sunday. We love to see new businesses and expanding businesses taking a chance in this economy.

Dean Bach of Dino's Restaurant and Lounge on Woodward in Ferndale teamed

with Phil Martinez and Adam Mason to bring a variation of his "upscale but not uptight" restaurant concept to downtown Northville. A few weeks ago, Dino's opened at 133 W. Main Street in the Northville Square building. There are lots of large plasma screen TV's to watch sports, a large diverse menu and a vast array of fine wines and beers.

Doors open at 11 a.m., seven days a week, and remain open until the wee hours of the morning. In January they will serve brunch on the weekends.

Call (248)347-5993 or visit www.dino-slounge.com

Riffle's restaurant at 160 E. Main prides itself on affordable means and a changing menu. Call (248)924-3007. Edwards Café & Caterer is serving buf-



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Wine industry impacts economy

Wine grapes are grown in 46 of California's 58 counties. Its 10 leading wine regions are Amador, Carneros, Livermore, Lodi, Mendocino, Monterey, Paso Robles, Napa, Santa Barbara and Sonoma. From these regions, more than 43 different varieties and blends are grown and cost from \$10 to more than \$150 per bottle.

Today, however, wine consumers want to know not only where wine is grown, but how it's grown.

Although winegrowing terms such as organic and biodynamic have drawn consumer curiosity, most grapes are grown sustainably. "Simply put," said Karen Ross, President of the California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG), "sustainability means that we grow and make wine in a way that meets the needs of the present without compromising the livelihood and needs of future generations."

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try generates 875,000 jobs.
■ Overall, California's wine industry economic impact exceeds \$125.3 billion.
■ In the U.S. last year, California's wine industry generated \$19 billion in retail sales.

WHERE MICHIGAN STANDS

With 56 commercial wineries (up from 17 in 13 years) producing more than 375,000 cases of wine annually, Michigan has successfully linked two growing industries: agriculture and tourism, under the moniker of agritourism.

Also, according to Michigan Wines official Web site, Michigan's wine industry accounts for more than 5,000 jobs across the state for a payroll of more than \$190 million and contributes \$800 million to the state's economy annually.

More than 1,500 acres are devoted to wine grapes, ranking Michigan eighth in the U.S. In the state, vineyard acreage has increased 25 percent in the last 10 years. Yet, that's not nearly enough to satisfy growing demand, especially for riesling.

Help the economy — drink more Michigan and California wine!

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric newspaper. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



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DID YOU KNOW?

California is the fourth largest wine producer in the world, making more than 90 percent of the wines in the U.S. The following are other facts supplied by the Wine Institute:

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Fest honors Michigan's native people

Interested in tasting real Native American food? You'll find everything from tacos and fry bread to buffalo burgers and wild rice soup at the 16th Annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow this weekend, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 8-9 at the Southfield Pavilion.

Nearly 50 Native Americans in traditional clothing also will perform specialty dances, including hoop, jingle and traditional dance.

Feel the energy of the Native drums as the dancers twirl and sing. Peek inside a traditional tepee and wigwam. And check out the unique wares at the Native American Arts & Crafts Bazaar, where more than 40 traders from across the Midwest and East Coast will sell handmade jewelry, pottery, blankets and more.

Native Americans representing the *People of the Three Fires* will gather to celebrate the customs and culture of the indigenous Michigan Indians — Ottawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi.

Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9. The event is south-east Michigan's premier Native American festival and mini pow wow. Scouts can earn their Native American Heritage Patch by completing the "Seven Grandfathers Teachings" program. All kids, age 3-12 will receive a take-home Native American craft project. Formerly called the Autumn Harvest Indian Festival, the Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow honors Michigan's native people.

According to the 2000 Census, Michigan has the 10th highest Native American population in the United States with more than 122,000 American Indians and Alaskan Natives. Our state has the fourth highest Native American population east of the Mississippi River and 12 federally recognized tribes.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Children age 2 and under are free. Parking is free. The Southfield Pavilion is located at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, south of I-196. Visit www.MetroParentEvents.com or call (248) 398-3400.

- Lana Mini



Theresa Johnson, Martin Wabindato and Nadine Lewis are members of the Little River Band of the Ottawa Indians. They will perform along with 45 other dancers and drummers, at the 16th Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 8-9, at the Southfield Civic Center.

JAZZ

FROM PAGE D1

p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, **The Sounds of Canton** perform a *We are the World* concert at the **Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300.**

Sounds of Canton is a group of singers age 55 and up who sing songs from across the globe like *La Vie en Rose*, *Somewhere My Love*, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Brazil*, and *Scarborough Fair*.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. Purchase online at www.canton-mi.org/village theater, by

phone at (734) 394-5460 or at the Cherry Hill box office, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Need more? Also at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at **Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, (248) 374-7400.** The **Plymouth Symphony** presents *Music From the Heartland* with West Bloomfield's **David Syme** performing Evard Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A Minor*.

The Juilliard-trained musician represented the U.S.A. in international piano competitions in Moscow and Warsaw to critical acclaim.

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than 20 CDs with the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic, the Czech National Symphony, the Vienna Symphony and much more.

The Plymouth Symphony will also premiere *Tempus Fugit*, a piece by Michigan composer, James Aikman who has been honored by The American Music Center, The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, ASCAP (annually 1990-2006), The American Symphony Orchestra League and others.

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Les Arts Vivants takes arts fund raising on with French flair



SOTU Productions ups the ante on elegance at this year's Les Arts Vivants benefit at the DIA.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's been nearly a year since the grand re-opening of the expanded and fully-renovated Detroit Institute of Arts, and nothing marks the passage of that time like the museum's major annual fund-raising gala known as Arts Alive. Formerly known as Under the Stars, the 2008 theme builds on the current DIA exhibition *Monet to Dali: Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art*.

According to co-chairperson Jennifer Fischer of Bloomfield Hills, the works by Cézanne, Renoir, Monet and Matisse included in this visiting exhibit inspired a new-found French flair, altering the title to Les Arts Vivants!

"I've always thought of the DIA as one of the great jewels of Detroit," said Fischer, who organized the event along with Mary Kay Crain. "I also believe the entire area where the DIA is an absolutely critical part of the downtown area." And for her, Arts Alive is a means to protect the cultural center of Metro Detroit for visitors and residents alike.

More than a museum, the DIA offers lectures, films, children's art education, and evening entertainment for families, she said, adding that the money raised through Arts Alive "does so many things."

Last year the event raised more than \$1 million to support the museum's re-opening and paid for the DIA to be open and free to the public for its first month of programming. This year, Fischer recognized, times are more financially challenging than ever. As such, she believes it's an even more crucial time to support the arts.

STUNNING ENVIRONMENT

The DIA itself, she said, sets this gala apart from a host of others. "To have a setting that beautiful is just incomparable," she said. "To be standing, sitting, dining or eating with the Rivera murals all around you, to me that's beyond enchanting."

Patrons will surely notice the return of

16,000 mirrors adorning the Great Hall — a twinkling design delight that returns from last year's opening. "From the street it's unbelievable at night," said Fischer.

Revelers can expect a vibrant cabaret feel with aerialists performing around the museum from New York City's SOTU Productions. They'll be adorned in sequins and feathers, corsets and top hats, and offering choreographed numbers as well as perching on swings. Listen for music by DJ Rashida, of *America's Best Dance Crew*. She's opened for the likes of Kanye West and The Roots. In an effort to provide something for everyone, additional performers include a sultry chanteuse as well as the Mel Ball Orchestra. "The beauty of any party is that you get everyone up and dancing," said Fischer.

Though the entire museum was open for this event last year, this year guests will traverse the Kresge Court, Rivera Court and the Great Hall. The *Monet to Dali* exhibit will be open for patrons to peruse. "We were trying desperately to get a flavor of the times of these artists," said Fischer.

SUMPTUOUS FOOD

As such, the seated dinner will include Steak Tartar, Veal Chops with Mushroom Fricassee and Grand Marnier Souffle, while the strolling supper includes Fois Gras, Petite Lobster Pie and Rock Shrimp Martini. Late-comers will be treated to assorted French cheeses, chocolates, gelato and an elaborate coffee station. And French wines from Côtes du Rhône to Châteauneuf-du-Pape will compliment the dishes. "Truly, the food is amazing," said Fischer. "There will be everything you could possibly imagine."

Though last year's Arts Alive drew 2,500 people, Fischer couldn't venture a guess as to how many would attend this year. She did say that the funding is much-needed and, while it's a difficult time in Detroit, organizers hope for a good crowd.

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DJ Rashida will perform at this year's Detroit Institute of Arts Les Arts Vivants fundraising gala.

LES ARTS VIVANTS

What: The DIA's largest annual fund-raiser, Arts Alive, earns a Moulin Rouge theme this year.
When: 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 8
Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts
Tickets: \$200 for Les Folies Bergère late-night revelers afterglow at 9 p.m.; \$600 for La Brasserie Fouquets, including a strolling supper at 7:30 p.m. and afterglow; and the entire evening at \$2,500 for La Moulin Rouge, including a 6 p.m. champagne reception, 7 p.m. dinner by chef Georges Perrier of Philadelphia's Le Bec Fin, a performance by New York's SOTU Productions, and an afterglow.
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"The Human Condition"



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screened film event with the showing of Masaki Kobayashi's opus *The Human Condition* beginning at noon today. The film tells the story of a well-meaning labor boss who tries incorporate humane methods in times of grueling military service. The film will be presented with two intermissions, including a one-hour dinner break. Tickets \$6.50-\$7.50, visit www.dia.org/dft.

10 Head to the local theater to see Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott star in *Role Models*.

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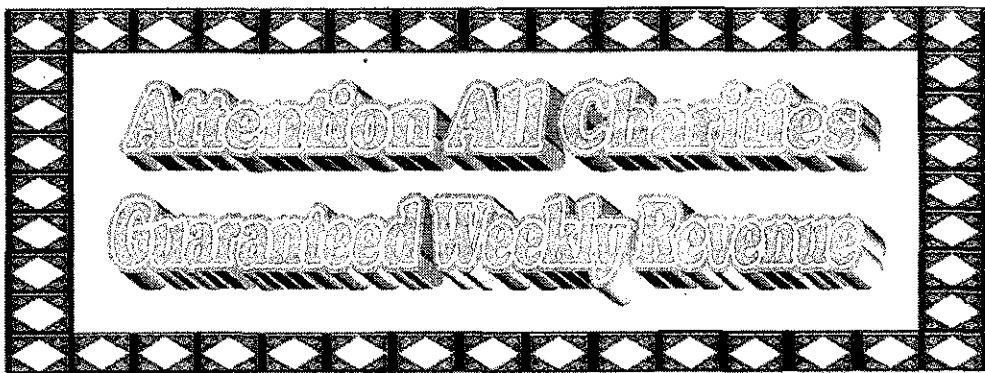
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WHAT'S NEW AT THE NEW DIA.

In preparation for the DIA's Arts Alive! gala, the museum will add new programming and offer visitors half-price tickets to Monet to Fall: Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, but there will be no special programming on either day.

The museum is expected to return to regular use on Sunday, November 9.

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Art Leaders Gallery: Henry Asencio One Man Show, through Nov. 15, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262. www.artleaders.com.

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Biddle Gallery: 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.

Cafe 84: "The Green Show" featuring Detroit Up & Coming Artists Guild, 14084 Lakeside Blvd., Shelby Township, (586) 913-3773.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Conference Center: 31301 Evergreen, Birmingham.

Birmingham Unitarian Church: 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 647-2380.

Bohemian National Home Gallery: 2009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohouse.htm.

Cary Gallery: Photographs by Nancy Stocking and by Ron Teachworth, Nov. 15 to Dec. 13, 226 Walnut, Rochester, (248) 651-3656.

CPop: 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.

Detroit Artist Market: Art for the Holidays, Nov. 7 to Dec. 21, 4719 Woodward, Detroit.

D&M Art Studio: Bob Ross-style painting classes, 1-5 p.m. one Sunday per month; free fine art portfolio assessments for college-bound students, 28691 N. Lilley, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dmarstudio.com.

Farmington City Gallery: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, (248) 473-1856.

Farmington Community Library: 23500 Liberty, (248) 553-6261, www.suzannebeaman.com.

First United Methodist Church: 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Gallery@VT: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater, www.wsg-art.com.

Galeria at Orchard Lake: "Insights" by sculptor Evelyn Bachorski-Bowman, through Nov. 30, Building 8, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (248) 663-0345.

Habatat Galleries: 4400 Fernie, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.

Janice Charach Gallery: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (238) 432-5448.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Alice Frank: Frame of Mind, through Nov. 29, reception, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 7; Little Things Mean A Lot! Competition, Dec. 3-24; reception, 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lomborg Gallery: Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," through November, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lomborggallery.com.

Livonia Arts Commission: Fine Arts Gallery, second floor; Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (734) 466-2490; Livonia Arts Commissioners, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (734) 466-2540.

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Northville Art House: 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Oakland University Art Gallery: "Domesticated Angst: Second Reading, new projects by Chido Johnson," through Nov. 23, opening reception Nov. 8, at 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: Works in Oil & Pastel by Sharon Will, October, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, through Nov. 8; Tom Carey's Scary Monsters, through Nov. 8; Holiday Objects Up and Down, Nov. 22-Jan. 3, 2009, shoppers preview, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 22, reception and silent auction, 7-10 p.m. Nov. 22, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Paul Kotula Projects: Kathleen McShane's "Fifty's Rainbow," through Nov. 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Pewabic Pottery: 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.org.

The Print Gallery: H.W. Hudgeon, original oil paintings and mixed media, through Nov. 12, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.

Progressive Art & Frame Design: 1511 North Main, Clawson, (248) 435-0944, www.progressiveart.net.

Susanne Hillyery Gallery: 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700, www.susannehillyerygallery.com.

Tangent Gallery: "The Last 9 Days of Plan 9 from Washington," artwork by Eric Mesko, through Nov. 15, opening reception 6 p.m. to midnight, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit, (313) 877-4377.

The Community House: 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.

AUDITIONS

Madrigal Choral of Southfield: Rochester Church of Christ, 240 W. Avon, Rochester Hills, (248) 352-9527.

BOOKS/LITERATURE

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center: 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, (248) 203-5270.

Borders Ann Arbor: 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 668-7652.

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Barnes & Noble Royal Oak: 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.

Campus Martius: Saturday Book Club, Campus Martius, next to the Computware Building, Detroit, http://www2.wsupress.wayne.edu/news.php/

Westland Public Library: 6123 Central City Parkway, (734) 326-6123.

CHAMBER

Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series - Alturas Duo, Nov. 8; Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4, 2009; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 2009; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest," 3 p.m. Nov. 9; First Presbyterian Church, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; "Holiday Brass," 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Christ Church Cranbrook and 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Grosse Pointe; "Fun and Games," 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 4 p.m. March 1, 2009, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; "String Sundae," 3 p.m. March 29, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 3 p.m. April 5, 2009, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, 2009, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, 2009, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Hagopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 9, 2009, Jan. 30, 2009, March 13, 2009 and May 8, 2009, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Seligman Performing Arts Center: Prazak Quartet, Nov. 15; Christian Tetziuff, violin, Dec. 6; Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano, Jan. 24, 2009; ATOS Trio, Feb. 7, 2009; Garrick Ohlsson, piano, March 21, 2009; Guarneri String Quartet, April 11, 2009; Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone, April 18, 2009; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16, 2009; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30, 2009. All concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

University Musical Society: Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Nov. 13, Hill Auditorium, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor; Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Nov. 16, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org.

CHORAL

Beckridge Choral: 45700 Six Mile, Northville, www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musicall.org.

Farmington Community Chorus: Seligman Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, in Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir: Wexford Hall, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1859.

First Presbyterian Church: A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7; Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Psalteries of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing?, 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipedusters w/Organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, trenney@comcast.net.

Oakland Choral Society: "St. Nicholas" and "Wachet auf," Dec. 6; "Messiah," Dec. 14, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester, \$15-\$50, (248) 391-0184, Plymouth Oratorio Society; First United Methodist Church, 45250 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8533.

Rockham Choir: "Too Hot To Handel," Nov. 29-30, Detroit Opera House, "An Affair to Remember," Feb. 14, 2009, Club Venetian, Madison Heights; "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, 2009, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, 2009, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rockhamchoir.org.

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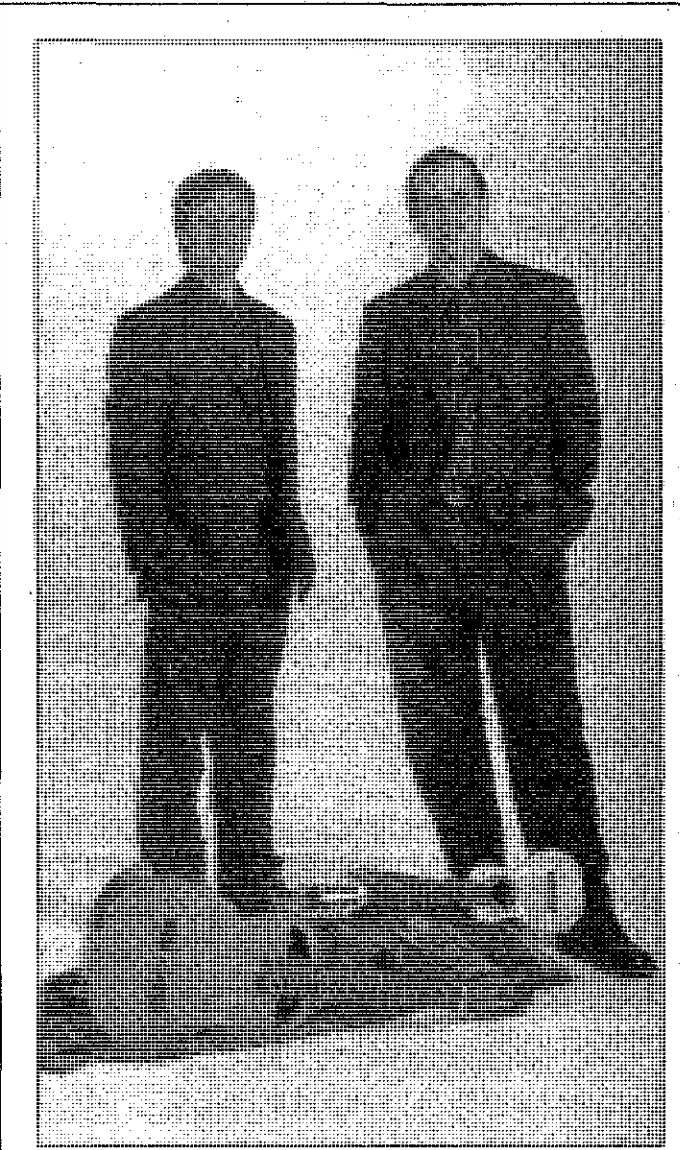
Antioch Lutheran Church: 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Orchestra Carlon: "Mozart's Birthday Bash," 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 2009, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

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Duo takes stage

The Alturas Duo will take the stage during the second concert of the Vivace Music Series, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. With Scott Hill on guitar, and Carlos Boltes on viola and charango, a traditional South American stringed instrument, the duo alternates between works by Johann Sebastian Bach, South American folk rhythms and newly commissioned music. Tickets are \$21; \$18 for seniors. Call (248) 788-9338 or visit www.vivaceseries.org.

chamberwinds.org.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Marek Janowski leads the DSO, Nov. 6-8; Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa, Nov. 9, Max M. Fisher Music Center, box office at 3711 Woodward, www.detroitssymphony.com, (313) 576-5400.

Fox Theatre: Andrew Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. May 19, 2009; tickets \$82-\$162.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Classic Broadway, Nov. 13-15; Home for the Holidays, Dec. 18-20; Marvin Hamlisch, Jan. 22-24, 2009; All You Need is Love, Feb. 12-15, 2009; Pops Goes Las Vegas, March 19-22, 2009; The Music of Billy Joel, April 16-19, 2009; A John Williams Adventure, March 14-17, 2009, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Music From the Heartland" 8 p.m. Nov. 8; "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 2009; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, 2009, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; "Pops at the Penn, Home for the Holidays," 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, 2009, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Schoolcraft College: Pianist James Tocco, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13, 2009; Avalon String Quartet, March 20, 2009; Celist Robert de Maine, May 15, 2009; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

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pink picks

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Cassandra Smith of Livonia with sons Harvey, 2 and Clark, 3 months, earned second place in this year's PINK Picks contest.

Wear It!
Fall's hot new colors: purple and gray

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Your husband's/boy-friend's jeans (i.e. Katie Holmes)

Tote It!
Target's 100 percent organic tote bags

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Nike Shox Turbo with your own personalized ID

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Oversized sheer scarves

Face It!
Loreal Advanced Revitalift night cream

Hair It!
Haircut House @ Westland Mall

Gift It!
Slatkin & Co. 14.5 oz. Filled Candle Creamy Nutmeg at Bath and Body Works

Near It!
Murder She Wrote by Chaka Demus & Pliers

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Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte

Eat It!
Bruschetta at Bar Louie at Laurel Park Place

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Read It!
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel (Oprah Book Club no. 62) by David Wroblewski

Pick your own apples and make your own pie

The picks of our third place winner, Carla Cardello of Livonia, will be featured next week in next week's PINK.

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