

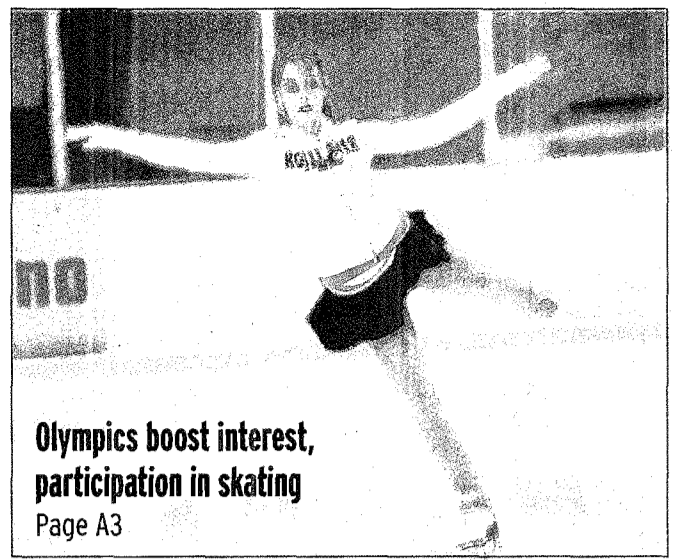
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Council president elected

The newly seated Westland council re-elected James Godbout as president by acclamation Monday. Councilman Michael Kehrer was also elected by acclamation to serve as president pro tem.

Sam Durante, who was unsuccessful in a bid for council, was appointed to replace new Councilman Adam Hammons on the Planning Commission. His term will expire July 7.

Pet project

When fire strikes, family pets can be injured or die from inhaling smoke. Because human oxygen masks don't fit over animals' snouts, local firefighters and rescue personnel couldn't do much to help them — until now.

Pet owners in Westland, Redford and Garden City can breathe a little easier — and so can their pets — because firefighters are receiving sets of specially designed oxygen masks for use on dogs and cats, thanks to the generosity of Tail Wagger's USA.

The fire department's newly acquired masks operate much as human masks do, but are cone-shaped to fit over an animal's snout and come in three sizes — large canine mask, small canine mask and feline. Their design makes them more effective at delivering oxygen to family pets who have suffered smoke inhalation during a home fire.

Tail Wagger's USA heard about the oxygen masks and was able to buy them primarily due to the generous donations and support from its recent Tail Wagger's Bowl — a signature fund-raising event held every November.

Founder Laura Zain had a vision three years ago to equip local firefighters with these masks after hearing about how Matt Schaefer, a Detroit firefighter, had to carry a dog out of a house fire in Detroit. Schaefer put his own life at risk by using his own oxygen mask to save a dog and suffered minor lung damage because of it.



Westland fire Capt. Brian Craft, firefighter Keith Barthaver and Laura Zain demonstrate mask use on Murphy.

Mayor: 'At an impasse' with AFSCME

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Westland Mayor William Wild talks about preparing a budget to deal with an expected \$3.5 million deficit in 2010-11 — a number that may reach \$12 million the following year — he mentions a quote from Detroit Mayor Dave Bing.

"He said, 'Cities are service providers, not job providers.' If there is a cheaper way to do things, we need to

do it," Wild said. "We're going to right-size. We're looking at what furlough days would do. We're looking at outsourcing. The unions won't like that."

That could be an understatement. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees local president Larry Roman, who heads the city's largest bargaining unit, didn't return calls for comment. But Wild said that a year of bargaining with AFSCME, which represents about 125 public services, clerical and parks and

recreation staff, hadn't resulted in any agreements.

"I was looking for concessions with AFSCME on wages, health care and pension. We are at an impasse," Wild said. "I'm trying to get AFSCME settled, but I may be going to council with layoffs in that unit soon. My folks are making cuts. That isn't going to get us there, but it's a start."

Wild was referring to mayoral appointees such as department heads and employees of the mayor's office

who gave up a scheduled 2-percent pay increase and will receive a reduced car allowance.

Wild will also be meeting with other bargaining units — a UAW local representing supervisors whose contract expired Dec. 31 and police and firefighters unions with contracts in effect through 2012.

"We will try to get concessions. We've looked at the buyouts Garden

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Job search help there for the asking at libraries



Janice Lenhart is attentive during the Job Seekers Boot Camp at the Westland library.

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Job seekers got 2010 off on the right foot this week with a Job Seekers Boot Camp at the Westland library.

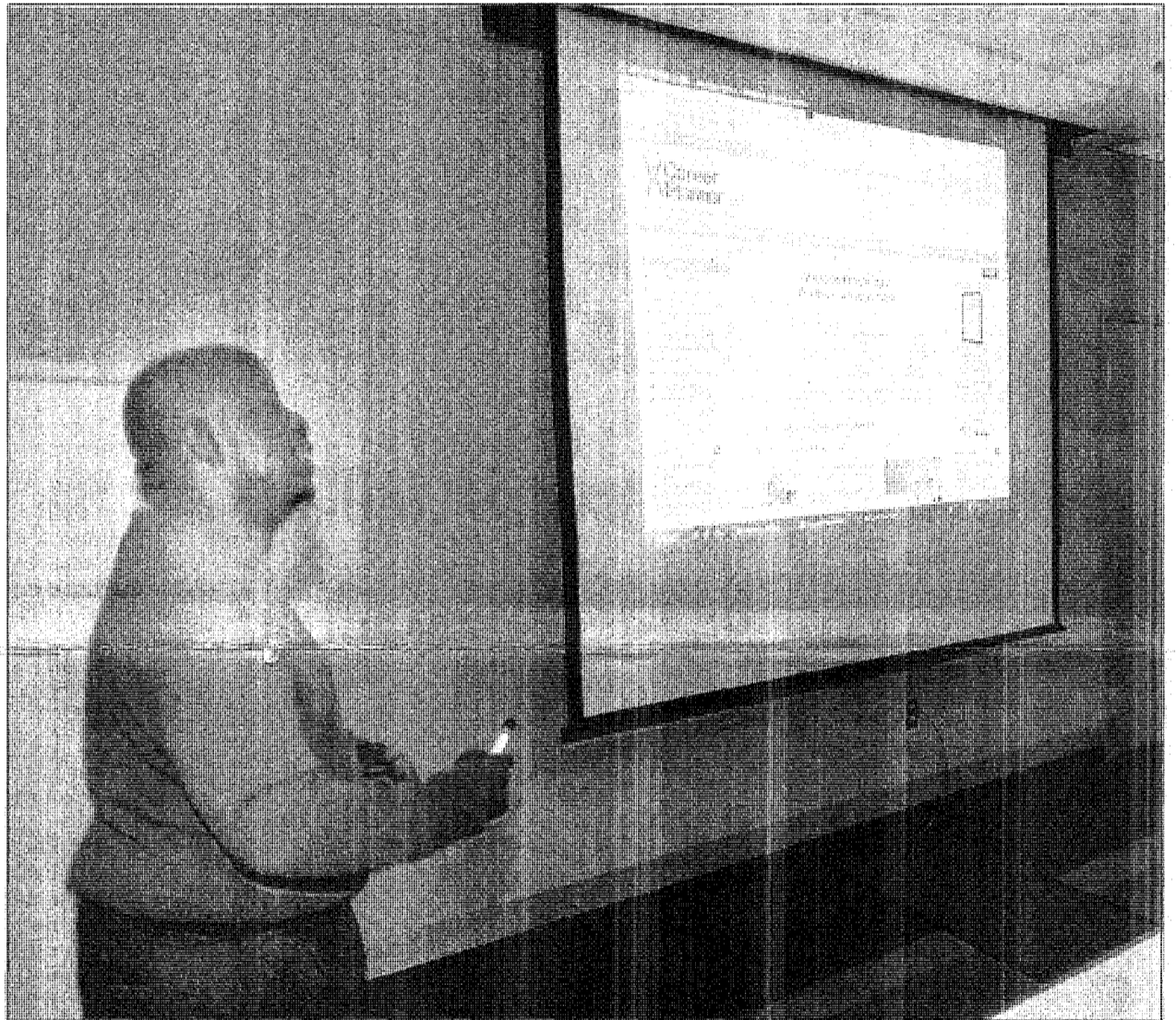
Preston Banks of Resume Solutions, LLC, led the Monday afternoon session on resumes and cover letters at the William P. Faust Public Library. Future Monday sessions will cover interviewing skills, job search strategies and regaining confidence after a job loss.

The library also has an ongoing Job Seekers Lab. It meets from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays. The library is on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

Participants get free help filing for unemployment, creating a resume in Microsoft Word or learning to upload a resume into the Michigan Talent Bank and other job-searching Web sites. A librarian helps with employment needs during those times.

The Garden City Library also has an "Economic Help" link on its Web site home page. "It's no secret that Michigan residents, and Garden City residents along with everybody else, are hurting," said James Lenze, Garden City library director. "We felt we had a duty to highlight some of the resources that are out there."

Garden City includes both employment assistance links and help with foreclosure. Lenze said the library is sending more employment-related faxes, and there's increased Internet computer use for job hunting. Garden City's library has six adult comput-



Preston J. Banks, owner of Resume Solutions, LLC, offers some pointers at Monday's job help session at the library in Westland.

ers, two children's computers and two additional ones that are strictly for word processing.

Lenze said the library staff has helped some file for unemployment. "Some people are surprised that that's a service of the library," he said. "Any way that we can be of service to the residents, it's something we're glad to do." Lenze adds a reminder the Garden City Library is now housed in the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood west off of Merriman, north of Ford Road.

Marilyn Kwik, department head for adult services at the Westland library, agreed the services are in demand. "There's a need for this kind of service," she said, adding it targets people who need to focus on job strat-

egies. The Boot Camp offers additional hands-on guidance to "make sure they have the tools they need from beginning to end," Kwik said.

There are remaining Boot Camp sessions Mondays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and you can sign up at the library Reference Desk, (734) 326-6123. There's room for up to 12 people. Sessions will also be offered 1-3 p.m. Saturdays in February, March and April, Kwik said, with signup through the Reference Desk.

The Westland library completed the seventh month of the Job Seekers Lab, with more than 250 hours of one-on-one guidance. "I think they may not be aware of the in-depth level of service we provide," Kwik said,

agreeing with Lenze on the library's expanding role.

The Westland library also has foreclosure help packets in a general area, and has given out about 400. Kwik has seen a tapering off on that in the last month to six weeks, with some people now seeking a list of foreclosed properties to buy.

She also is glad to offer such services in challenging times. "Sure, that's our responsibility to the community. We're happy to be able to provide any kind of service we can to strengthen our community," Kwik said. "That's our role."

Westland is also conducting a programming survey with ideas needed, both at the library and on the Web site, www.westlandlibrary.org.

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Ceremony recalls King's legacy

Westland's 12th annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Friendship Center.

This year's ceremony promises uplifting performances and inspiring words all in remembrance of Dr. King's legacy. Elnora Ford, longtime Westland resident and former secretary

for the NAACP, will share her personal experience of marching with Dr. King in Chicago.

Kevin Buford, director of Westland's Department of Public Services, will share his perspective of Dr. King's influence in his life. Various musical selections, a pictorial tribute and the invocation delivered

by the Rev. Gary Michalik of St. Theodore Church are also among the events planned for the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The Westland Friendship Center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh between Ford and Marquette.

Salvation Army surpasses yule goal

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army benefited from local generosity this Christmas.

"We can't thank our communities enough," said Capt. Derek

Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna. "We did really well this year."

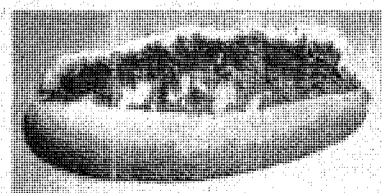
The Red Kettle campaign had a local goal of \$135,000, which was surpassed at \$146,000. The mail appeal, which continues through the end of January, stands at

\$15,000 collected of the \$20,000 goal. Donations payable to the Salvation Army may be made by mail at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186.

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Surplus food distributed

The monthly federal food commodities distribution dates for Westland residents have been scheduled.

•Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information.

•Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

•Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

•All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

For the month of January, the distribution will include frozen beef, apple juice, peas, UHT milk, vegetarian beans, vegetable soup and possible additional items.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

AROUND WESTLAND

Weight Watchers

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watchers program offered to members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices and living a healthier lifestyle.

This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. To participate in this program, you must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no excep-

tions.

The center also offers other programs that may help you realize your weight or lifestyle goal. Check out exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for \$6.

The center also has pinocle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Annual Fairy Princess Ball

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite princess at the annual Fairy Princess Ball. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Bailey Recreation Center. There will be dancing to disc jockey ThirDimension, Dj Group, which specializes in providing all the songs girls love best. There will be traditional "top 40" tunes as well as special dances like the Bunny

Hop, the Hokey Pokey, the Cha Cha Slide, the Chicken Dance and many more.

There will be refreshments served by Fairy Godmothers. If Dad can't come, bring Grandpa, older brother, uncle, or a special family friend can accompany the princesses. All ages are welcome but pre-registration at the Bailey Center by Feb. 3 is mandatory.

There are two sessions — 3-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple, including entrance fee, snacks, gifts and complimentary picture and \$7 per each additional daughter.

Mayor, finance chief refute overtaxing claims

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland residents aren't being overtaxed to fund the police-firefighter retirement fund and there isn't an extra \$20 million around to fund a recreation project.

That was the response of city officials to repeated comments from Mark Rodriguez, an unsuccessful council candidate, charging residents had overpaid \$20 million over the past seven years. At the most recent council meeting, Rodriguez repeated his allegations and was taken to task by both Finance Director Steve Smith and Mayor William Wild.

The city has a millage to fund the police-firefighter retirement fund. During the current year, 3.35 mills was levied to generate \$6.3 million. The Tax Increment Financing Authority and the Downtown Development Authority captured and refunded \$765,000

for the retirement fund.

Rodriguez's argument centers on retiree health care costs and the fund's administrative costs — both of which are paid out of the retirement fund, which in turn is funded by the millage. He said the fund isn't required to pay those expenses.

"No one has been overtaxed \$20 million like Mr. Rodriguez said. The hospitalization and management fees are allowable expenses," said Smith.

If the health care and management costs were pulled out of the retirement fund, Smith said the millage could be reduced but the city would have to make up the costs from other sources.

That Rodriguez was arguing over an amount of \$20 million wasn't a coincidence, according to Wild, noting that was the price tag for Frontier Park, a sports-recreation facility.

"I give Mr. Rodriguez credit. Several years ago, he presented plans for Frontier Park which was very state of the art," said

Wild. "We didn't have the funds. I think he is out to find \$20 million for that. There is nothing wrong with that. He doesn't mention that when he is here trying to incite people."

There is no windfall, Wild said, adding it wasn't right for Rodriguez to challenge people's integrity when he doesn't have correct information.

"I think that he doesn't have his facts straight. That hurt him as a candidate. If you want to be a candidate, you need to have your facts straight," said Wild.

Following the council meeting, Rodriguez didn't dispute looking for funding for Frontier Park but didn't change his views that residents were being overtaxed.

"When we proposed Frontier Park, one of the things we were told was that people in Westland would not approve millage to pay for it," Rodriguez said. "When I realized it appeared that we were being overtaxed for the police-

fire retirement fund, it was a great opportunity."

If the millage levied for the retirement fund was reduced 1 mill, Rodriguez said that funding could be shifted to parks and recreation without homeowners seeing a millage increase.

"Our parks and recreation facilities are nowhere up to national standards," he said. "I'd like the mayor to give me one fact I have wrong. I'm using their facts and figures. He knows I'm right."

It's incorrect to say the city has overtaxed residents and needs to be refunded, said Smith, who has met a couple times privately with Rodriguez to review the audits and actuarial reports.

"There is probably a report that he hasn't taken into account. Our auditors agree that it is legal. If it wasn't, we would have been told about it," Smith said.

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Derek Rose said. "It's been an amazing Christmas season. We couldn't have done it without

their support. All of the hard work paid off."

A number of staffers and volunteer bell ringers manned sites in Westland, Wayne, Romulus and Inkster. Westland Shopping Center, Kmart and the Kroger stores

do particularly well, Rose said.

Money raised provides much-needed social services, "keeping the lights on," he said.

"There wasn't a lot of big dollar donations this year. More people are donating out of what they have." Rose and other bell

ringers didn't see a lot of \$10 and \$20 bills put in kettles, but many donors put in smaller amounts.

People understand they or loved ones are a paycheck away from needing assistance, Rose said.

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BUDGET

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City did. It would be 75 bodies to lay off if we have to resolve the deficit with bodies," Wild said. "We're putting together a buyout plan in

combination with layoffs and concessions."

Although the council adopts one-year budgets, Wild said he is looking at the budget over two years and is looking to make cuts in 2010-11 that will move toward addressing the projected 2011-12 deficit. During the current fiscal year,

the general fund budget is nearly \$60 million.

Police and firefighter union representatives are scheduled to meet Tuesday with Wild. Westland Police Officers Association President Norm Brooks said his members, patrol officers and dispatchers, understand that the city may

have some financial issues.

"We're open-minded. We have offered to sit down, but that hasn't happened. We're willing to talk," Brooks said. "We've been offered nothing by the mayor. We've got a meeting Tuesday."

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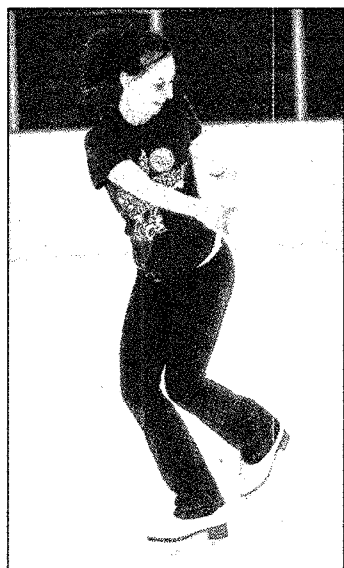
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Olympics boost interest, participation in skating 'Fun' of skating packs 'em in



Allison Gutowski enjoys her time on the ice at Mike Modano Ice Arena.

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Kosowski isn't surprised to see more people at open skate sessions these days at the city of Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena.

"Whenever the Olympics come around, it seems like interest peaks," said Kosowski, Westland parks and recreation director.

The Westland arena at Wildwood and Hunter packs them in for open skating, offered 5-5:50 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30-8:50 p.m. Friday, both of those Glow Skates. Admission is \$2 for kids, \$3 for adults, with \$1 skate rental Wednesday; for Friday, it's \$2.50 admission for kids, \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 skate rental.

There's also weekend open skating in Westland, 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturday and 2:30-3:50 p.m. Sunday. Both weekend days, it's \$3.50 admission for kids, \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.50 skate rental. For information, call (734) 729-4560 or visit www.cityofwestland.com.

"Our figure skating is really picking up," Kosowski said. Hockey interest levels also climb, although it takes longer to get started in hockey so numbers will climb later.

"Figure skating, you can join at any time, so it's a little easier," he said.

"Actually, I just goof around skate," he added, noting he's not a serious skater. The Westland arena was renamed for Dallas



Alyssa Bergerman of Garden City does some skating.

Stars player Mike Modano, a Westland native, July 20, 2003. The arena dates back to the late 1970s and used to be an outdoor structure, Kosowski said.

The Garden City Civic Ice Arena, at Merriman and Cherry Hill, is also popular with skaters. For information, call (734) 793-1882 or visit www.gardencitymi.org/civicarena.

"I would put more of a correlation to it being the winter season," said Dan Plamondon, Garden City rink supervisor. When winter sports show up in the media, interest grows, he said.

"There does tend to be interest generated," said Plamondon, who hopes to see more figure skating and hockey at his rink.

In Garden City, open skate hours are 1:30-3 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, 1:30-3 p.m.

Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults 16 and up, \$3 for kids, with \$2 skate rental.

Plamondon does open skating with his wife and their nieces and nephews. "It's good to get out and exercise," he said. "It's fun."

It helps that parents need to teach skating to children. "I think there's some good interaction between parents and kids," he said.

The Garden City rink has been around more than 50 years, with its indoor enclosure some 30-35 years old.

"In an ice arena, it is a controlled climate," Plamondon said, noting there's no snow on the surface.

His rink drew some 20-30 kids per day during the recent school break: "Our bigger draws are on the weekend."



Amanda Gutowski of Livonia skates at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland.

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Taylor Gray, 10, has been skating two years. The fourth-grade student at Edison Elementary School in Westland was recently waiting for her skating lesson at Mike Modano Ice Arena.

"Because I get to do shows," the Detroit resident said of skating. "I can probably compete."

She said "maybe" when asked about watching skating in the Winter Olympics, set for February in Vancouver, British Columbia.

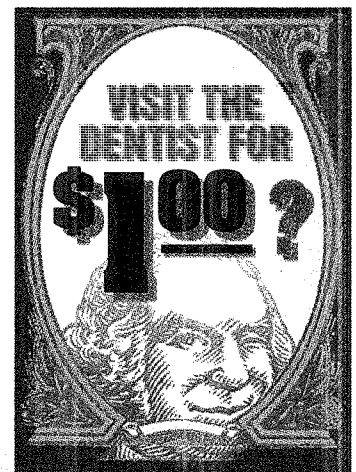
Cousin Justin Hipp, 7, of Westland also takes lessons, having started four weeks ago. The Edison second-grader likes skating "tricks. The teachers are nice and it's fun," he said.

Lola Smith of Livonia coaches for the Westland Figure Skating Club and was at the Westland arena Wednesday evening. "Kids always get interested when the Winter Olympics are in town," she said. "Some of them stick with it."

She said varied factors make skating appealing: "All the fancy costumes. It's great exercise."

Smith, 30, has been skating since age 4. She encourages others to try the sport, including open skate times.

"Anybody can skate," she said. "It's a good sport for everybody."



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EDUCATION

Fund-raisers make preschool affordable

Even before the recent state budget cuts to education, some local families found themselves caught "in between." They earn too much money to qualify for government funded pre-kindergarten programs, but not enough to afford private preschool fees.

Co-op preschool provides a more affordable option. The co-op concept gained popularity in the 1970s as an alternative for parents who wanted to be more involved in their child's early education.

According to Wendy Boye, mother of five, and board member at the Willow Creek Co-op Preschool of Westland, the way co-op preschool generally works is that the parents run the preschool. The fees and various fund-raisers at Willow Creek allow for three paid staff — a teacher and two assistants. The remainder of staffing for classroom help, cleaning, playground and building maintenance is provided by parent volunteers.

"It's a nonprofit organization with a board made up of the parents of the children enrolled," Boye said "Each family does pay a small amount. For example, Willow Creek costs \$67 per month for the 3-year-old program or \$83 per month for 4-year-old program

With so many job losses across the state, a parent may now be at home who previously worked, so with more time than money, co-op preschool is a good fit. More than a dozen co-op preschools currently exist in the metro Detroit area, including Willow Creek which serves families in Garden City, Westland, Canton, Wayne and Dearborn Heights.

Like most co-op preschools, Willow Creek relies on fund-raisers, to keep costs affordable for families. Each year, they hold a cookie dough sale, a poinsettia sale at the holidays, a fun fair, and a charity poker tournament. This year, the preschool have added a Mom-to-



Shawna Blaze of Garden City enjoys having her daughter, Savanna, learning from teacher Darlene Taig at the Willow Creek Co-op Preschool.

Mom sale.

Shawna Blazer is a 20-year-old single mom from Garden City. She is raising 4-year-old daughter, Savanna, while working and struggling to afford her own college tuition. Co-op preschool offered her the opportunity to participate with Savanna, and it fit her budget.

"Some of the other preschools we looked at were \$145 per week, almost \$600 per month, as opposed to the \$83 we pay," Blazer said. "I work in Savanna's class one or two days each month. I look forward to the time with Savanna, and I like getting to know the other kids, the teacher and the other parents."

According to Darlene Taig, lead

teacher at Willow Creek, research shows the most successful students are children with parents who are involved in their school.

"I believe that it begins with being involved at the preschool level and beyond," Taig said "Co-op preschool offers parents the opportunity to be involved in every aspect of their child's education."

Baracy says school funding picture 'dismal'

Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy was busy Thursday with the district's budget.

"It's dismal and it's fluid," Baracy said of the school funding picture in Michigan. Wayne-Westland now has a per pupil allocation of \$7,792, "which is significantly less than last year" by a couple thousand dollars per student.

The district's Board of Education will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Meeting Room of the Wayne-Westland Schools Educational Center, 36745 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

Baracy doesn't anticipate a crowd, as recent meetings related to the 21st Century Schools Committee drew. That plan included school realignment and closing of buildings, prompting parent protests.

"It should be non-eventful," Baracy said of Monday's meeting. "That was all taken care of before the beginning of the year."

He said, "Revenues will be down. The answer is expenditure cuts, significant reform and increased cost containment measures. There has to be revenue enhancement." That doesn't mean tax hikes, he added.

He said Michigan schools are too dependent on the state sales tax, as mandated by Proposal A. "We said it wouldn't work in '94" when passed, said Baracy.

The Wayne-Westland school board is expected to approve seeking federal "Race to the Top" dollars at its Monday night meeting.

As Baracy spoke, he sported an "I'm in ... for Every Kid" lapel pin, from a local parent group.

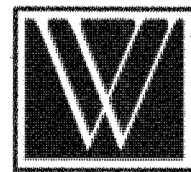
—By Julie Brown

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Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford (center) presented Council President James Godbout (left) and Mayor William Wild with certificates from the Downriver branch of the American Public Works Association. Buford is past president of the APWA branch which recognized Westland's curbside recycling program and reconstruction of the Warren-Newburgh intersection as projects of the year.



Recycling, road project garner kudos for Westland

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's curbside recycling program and reconstruction of the Newburgh-Warren intersection have been honored by a regional public works group.

Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford presented the awards from the Downriver branch of the American Public Works Association.

"Last month I stepped down as president of the APWA (branch). We had three projects of the year and two of them were from Westland," said Buford. "I'm here as a Westland resident, a city employee and the outgoing APWA president."

A certificate honoring the recycling program, a Mission Green initiative, was presented to Mayor William Wild.

"With Westland residents recycling over a million pounds of trash per month in the first six months of initiating curbside recycling, I'm pleased but not surprised our All-American City would be recognized with an APWA Award," said Wild.

Westland received the Downriver APWA Project of the Year award in the environ-

mental category for projects ranging from \$2 million-\$10 million for the curbside recycling program.

Kicked off in July 2009, the bi-weekly curbside recycling program saw 85 percent of Westland residents recycling within six months of launching the program. Residents who recycle receive discount cards to use at Westland retailers. Westland's recycling program is at the top of the charts nationally with the Recycle Bank, a National Rewards Company.

As a Michigan Downriver branch APWA award recipient, the project will next be presented to the Michigan APWA when they meet in February for a possible State APWA award. If the project receives this award, the project will be in contention for a prestigious National APWA award.

"I'm sure that the project will make it through the state competition and on to the national competition," said Buford.

Citing his hard work regarding the project, Buford presented the APWA award for the Warren-Newburgh intersection reconstruction to council President James Godbout.

The Warren-Newburgh reconstruction was honored

in the transportation category for projects costing less than \$2 million. Like the recycling project award, it will move on to the state competition.

With more than 45,000 cars passing through the intersection daily, this project, a partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, the city's engineering advisors and the city, resulted in an intersection that meets the latest handicap accessibility standards and includes energy efficient LED traffic control devices. Funding for the project was made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"The Warren/Newburgh intersection is the gateway to the city's 'Shop and Dine' District and a major linkage for the City's west side neighborhoods and businesses, parks and services in central Westland," said Wild. "The project is an excellent example of what can be achieved in partnering with other agencies such as Wayne County. I am thrilled to see the APWA acknowledge improvements to such a vital component of the city's infrastructure."

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Hibernation

Now that the holiday season is over and the cold winter weather is in full force, many people wish they could hibernate and wake up when spring is in full bloom.

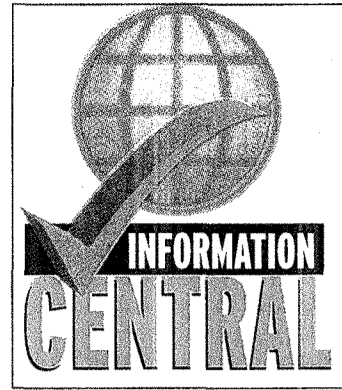
According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "hibernate" is defined as the following: to pass the winter in a torpid or resting state; to be or become inactive or dormant. When animals hibernate they conserve energy by tapping energy reserves or body fat at a slow rate. This lower metabolic rate leads to a reduction in body temperature. Most people generally think of bears as the best example of a hibernator, but actually they do not go into a true hibernation. Animals that do hibernate include bats, some ground squirrels and other rodents, mouse lemurs, insectivores and marsupials.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is the place to go if you are interested in knowing more about hibernation in animals. You might want to check out Bernd Heinrich's *Winter World and Clive Roots' Hibernation*.

Although people cannot hibernate like the animals, some characteristics can be imitated. A good night's sleep and finding a healthy diet for your metabolism can help the winter blahs go away.

Titles about sleep that might be of interest include Alex Lukeman's *Sleep Well, Sleep Deep*; James B. Maas' *Power Sleep*; and Gerard T. Lombardo's *Sleep To Save Your Life*. Scott Rigden's *The Ultimate Metabolism Diet*; Jillian Michaels' *Master Your Metabolism*; and Robert Reames' *Make Over Your Metabolism* are titles that you might like for information regarding calorie burning and energy.

Another option to get out of the cold winter air is to go south or west for a few months.



If you can't hibernate or go somewhere for the whole winter, then come to the library and pick up a good book or movie and enjoy the short days.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Susan Hanson

Highlighted Activities

•Job Seeker Boot Camp, 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. The second of this four-week intense job building experience continues. This week participants will work on developing interviewing skills. Mock interviews will be conducted. Seating is limited; contact the library for more information and to reserve your seat.

•Memoir Writing for Older Adults, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, for adults 50 and over. Have you ever wanted to write your stories down but never had a chance? The library is offering a free nine-week session to jumpstart your writing, strengthen memories, and build friendships. This class will meet every Tuesday at the same time and will end March 10. Sign up at the Friendship Center or the Reference Desk. Space is limited.

•Zumba Dance Party!, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. It's time to get back on track after the holidays! Beat the winter blues by getting up and moving around

with our Zumba dance class! Instructor Lisa Davis-English will lead the way and demonstrate the Latin-inspired moves that are guaranteed to show you a great time and a good workout. Loose fitting clothing is advised. No registration is required. Stop in and move.

•Documentary Movie Viewing: *War Dance*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. Join us for a viewing of the documentary film *War Dance*. Set in war-ravaged Northern Uganda, the award-winning film will touch your heart with a real-life story about a group of children whose love of music brings joy, excitement and hope back into their poverty-stricken lives. Their historic journey is a stirring tale about the power of the human spirit to triumph against tremendous odds. No signup is required.

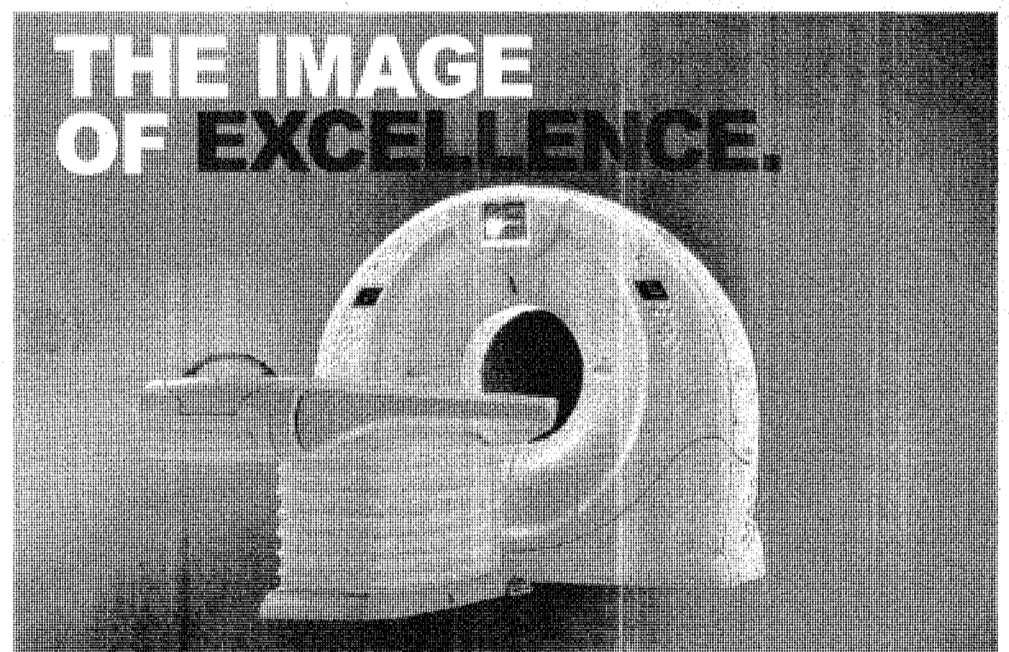
•Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday. Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job related activity? Stop by the library where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

•Drop-in Knitting Nights at the Library; Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

•ADDED HOURS!!!!: Chess Group meets every Thursday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m. Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No signup required.

This Information Central was written by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The library is on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford in Westland. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Loving touch: Daughter's memory lives on in quilts

When her daughter, Tracey, died two years ago, Clara Mirti was left with a lifetime of memories, a heart full of love, and the belongings her daughter had collected over the years.

Tracey died suddenly during an asthma attack. She had called 9-1-1, but when help arrived they were unable to revive her. Tracey was just 42 years old.

"It was a shock," said Mirti, a Westland resident. Mirti is married and has two other adult children.

Losing Tracey was hard, and Mirti turned to Angela Hospice for help. She began seeing Joan Lee, a bereavement social worker at Angela Hospice, who meets with individuals and families who are coping with loss. These services are free to all community members.

Joan knew Clara was a creative person, so she told her about a special group that had been formed: The Grief Support Quilter's Group. This unique quilting group uses loved ones' old clothes to create beautiful quilts, infused with memories and meaning — a

true labor of love. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary to join.

"It was about six months after Tracey died," said Mirti. "I decided to try it out and I've been going ever since. I look forward to each meeting."

Mirti had never made a quilt before joining the group, but while quilting was new to her, the fabric she used was very familiar. Most of Mirti's daughter's clothes had been given away by the time she joined the group, but Mirti was able to use her daughter's T-shirts to create a quilt that celebrated her daughter's life. She also used photo transfers to include family photos, a picture of Tracey's dog, even a Harley-Davidson motorcycle — something Tracey had always wanted.

"Working with her clothes, I felt close to her," said Mirti. When her first quilt was completed, she moved on to another. She surprised her daughter, Kelly, with a memorial quilt as well — and when her son, Bob, saw it, he wanted one, too. "It keeps Tracey with me,"

Mirti said. "I like working with my hands and being creative."

In total, Mirti has made about eight projects celebrating her daughter's life. Her fellow Quilter's Group members have made multiple projects as well, and were inspired to expand the breadth of their group. Now they've decided to begin crafting personalized quilts for others — for people who are homebound, or for various reasons are unable to attend the group, but would like to have this keepsake to treasure.

"The group will make quilts and teddy bears out of loved ones clothes for people who would like to have one personalized," said Joan Lee, who facilitates the group. Lee added that if the loved ones' clothes are no longer available, a project can be made with meaningful fabric that is specially chosen to represent that person.

Mirti is excited about the group's new path, and said she has been chosen to work on the teddy bear projects.

The Grief Support Quilter's Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month



Clara Mirti (right) displays the first quilt she created in memory of her daughter, Tracey. Also pictured is social worker Joan Lee, facilitator of the Quilter's Grief Support Group.

at the Angela Hospice Care Center, at 14100 Newburgh in Livonia. For meeting times and more information, or to request a project in memory of a loved one, contact Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012.

"The group might not be what you expect," said Lee. "First, you don't need to know how to sew. Second, you don't have to talk about your grief

if you don't want to. It's a safe, casual environment where the group has come together because they have something in common, and they have bonded because of it."

Carefully review the ever-changing world of charge cards

Q: Dear Rick: I received notice from my charge card company that they are changing the terms of my charge card. I had a fixed rate and now it is moving to a variable rate. In addition, I will have to pay an annual fee on my charge card. Is this legal? I thought that there were new rules with regards to charge cards so they can't do this.

A: Unfortunately, charge card companies can currently change the terms of their charge cards. Whether it is converting from a fixed rate to a variable rate or changing the annual fees, charge card



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009. Under this legislation, charge card companies must give consumers at least a 45-day notice of any rate change and must also allow

consumers at least 21 days from the day the bill is mailed before payment is due. Also, as of Feb. 22, 2010, companies will not be able to switch cards from a fixed to a variable rate. In addition, when the second part of the legislation is effective, charge card companies can no longer charge you fees if you exceed your credit limit. The downside, of course, is that if you do go over your limit, your purchase will be canceled.

Under the second part of this new legislation, consumers will have the opportunity to elect to go over their credit limit. Credit card companies will be able to

charge a fee and, no doubt, they will.

Because of the new legislation which restricts some activities, charge card companies have recently become very active in making changes to customer agreements. In your situation, they are changing your rate from fixed to variable because they can.

Typically, mail from a charge card company goes unread.

However, it is more important than ever to review notices you may receive to determine if they are changing any of the terms of your charge card. Whether it is how the interest

rate is calculated, annual fees or even credit limits, know the terms of your charge card.

After all, just like investments, charge cards can't be put on automatic pilot.

As I have stated in previous columns, there is no one perfect charge card. The key is to use a card that fits your needs. For example, if you don't carry a balance, how interest rates are computed is not that important. On the other hand, the reward program may be of interest.

Over the next month, many consumers are going to receive notices from charge card companies. Unfortunately, most

will throw away the letter without even reading it. Don't do this. At a minimum, you need to read the documentation to have a thorough understanding of your charge card.

Remember, it is still a competitive world and you can shop for the charge cards for your individual situation.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Location: Garden City, Livonia and Westland

Details: 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. **Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Nominations sought

Details: Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is asking the community to submit nominations to recognize adults who provide exemplary service to Girl Scouts. Nominations and letters of endorsement are due Feb. 1. Nomination forms are available online at www.gshom.org, "Volunteers" link, or by calling (800) 49-SCOUT. Girl Scout volunteers create opportunities for girls ages 5 - 17 to build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. Nominations are sought for national recognitions given by Girl Scouts of the USA, including outstanding volunteer and outstanding leader. Girl Scouts will formally honor recipients at a council-wide ceremony in Lansing on May 1 and at regional recognition events later that month. **Contact:** Send nominations to GSHOM Ann Arbor Regional Center, 1900 Manchester Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Railroadiana

Time/date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7

Location: SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, one mile west of Merriman, Westland.

Details: The Ushers Club is hosting a Toys and Train Show in the church hall. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free.

LifeCare

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday **Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth **Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges. **Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance nonprofit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There are opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. **Contact:** www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eaangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869 meetings

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

American Legion Post 251

Time/date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

Details: All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. **Contact:** www.post251.org or call

(734) 326-2607

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: 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. **Contact:** www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: 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. **Contact:** www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com

TOPS #128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

TOPS 869

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting

at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

Garden City Democratic Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. **Contact:** Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting

Contact: call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal!

Veteran's Haven

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. **Contact:** (734) 728-0527

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a tra-

ditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. **Contact:** (734) 482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

Garden City Kiwanis

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary

Time/date: noon Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

Habitat for Humanity

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fundraising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. **Contact:** (734) 459-7744

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Retirees

Time/date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month

Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne

Details: All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Garden City Amateur Radio Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. **Contact:** Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629

Garden City Lions

Time/date: 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Contact: Dave Fetter at (734) 425-

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Garden City Garden Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. **Contact:** Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410

Genealogical Society

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile

Details: Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Purple Heart

Time/date: 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month

Location: VFW Post 7575 Hall, 33011 Ford west of Venoy, Garden City

Details: Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults. **Contact:** (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

Dyer Center

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center. **Contact:** (734) 419-2020

Senior Fitness

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. **Contact:** (734) 793-1870

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Farmington Hills-based MPRO, Michigan's Health Care Quality Improvement Organization, has partnered with St. Joseph Mercy Health System to promote drug safety through the B-Safe campaign.

The campaign, a pilot program being conducted in western Wayne County and

Washtenaw and Livingston counties, specifically targets patients on anticoagulant therapy who are prescribed either Coumadin or generic Warfarin. The goal is to reduce harmful drug interactions and potentially serious bleeding complications.

The B-Safe message is simple:

- B — Bring a current list of all medications, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and other supplements, wherever you go.
- S — Standard dose, time and monitoring should be adhered to as prescribed by a doctor, and medications should be taken at the same

time every day. If a dose is missed, contact your health care provider and remember to complete routine blood testing as scheduled.

- A — Adverse effects. It's important to know the bleeding is the main side effect of Coumadin/Warfarin. Talk to health care providers before starting any new medica-

tions, including over-the-counter brands, vitamins or supplements. Also discuss diet, because some foods may interact with Coumadin and Warfarin, and avoid alcohol.

- F — Fall and injury precautions. Internal bleeding can result from falls and injuries while on the anticoagulant medications. Seek medical for a fall or a bump on the head.

- E — Evaluate and examine. While on Coumadin or Warfarin, seek medical attention immediately if any unusual bruising or bleeding occurs, for changes in stool or for difficulty breathing.

Anticoagulant drugs are used to lower the chance of blood clots, which typically form in the heart and legs and can cause a stroke, heart attack, blood clot in the lung or other serious conditions.

"These medications are extremely sensitive to drug/drug interactions (or DDIs)," said Dr. James Mitchiner, MPRO medical director. "Patients who take Coumadin/warfarin and certain other drugs at the same time, are at risk of developing serious and life threatening bleeding complications."

He called MPRO "fortunate" that St. Joseph Mercy Health System has partnered for what he called a "community call to action."

Educational efforts include the distribution of learning materials, such as pamphlets and booklets, through certain providers and community/senior groups. A consumer Web site also is available at www.mpro.org; just click on the B-Safe symbol near the bottom of the home page.

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State office to laud 2 seniors

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is requesting nominations to honor two older adults as Senior Citizens of the Year. They will be recognized at the State Capitol Building on June 10, the third annual Older Michiganders Day in Michigan.

Sponsored by the Michigan Office and Commission on Services to the Aging, the two awards will be presented to two individuals, age 60 and older, one for leadership in the community, and the other for service to others. Selections will be determined by service or leadership contributed during the past year.

"These awards are presented every year to recognize the special, unpaid contributions of two older individuals," said Sharon Gire, director of the Office of Services to the Aging. "They highlight the valuable contributions made by dedicated citizens to civic and social life in our state."

Nominees must be age 60 or older on or before April 12, 2010, and all nominations must be submitted by an organization. A presiding officer of the organization must sign the nomination. Nominees can be employed at the time of the nomination, but applicants will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid positions.

Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, April 12, and mailed to: 2010 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program; Michigan Office of Services to the Aging; P.O. Box 30676; Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

Only the provided nomination form or a photocopy will be accepted. It must describe the nominee's accomplishments during the past year. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, call (517) 373-8230 or go to www.michigan.gov/miseniors to download the form.

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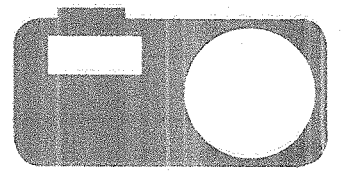
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Zebras get 1st division win, 71-60

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before Friday night's boys basketball game, Canton coach Jimmy Reddy knew his team would have a challenge facing Wayne Memorial power forward Daniel Hill.

Reddy was right, but the Chiefs also had to deal with the running and gunning Derric Horton and Reggie Reeves, among others, as the Zebras rolled to a 71-60

BOYS HOOPS KLA South victory in the division opener both teams.

"He's a load," said Reddy about Hill. "If you just key on him, and we were trying to a little bit, the other guys can beat you and that's what happened tonight."

Hill led the Zebras (4-1, 1-0) with 20 points and 12 rebounds, with Horton draining three triples to tally 19 points. Horton grabbed eight boards.

Also in double figures with 10 points was Reeves.

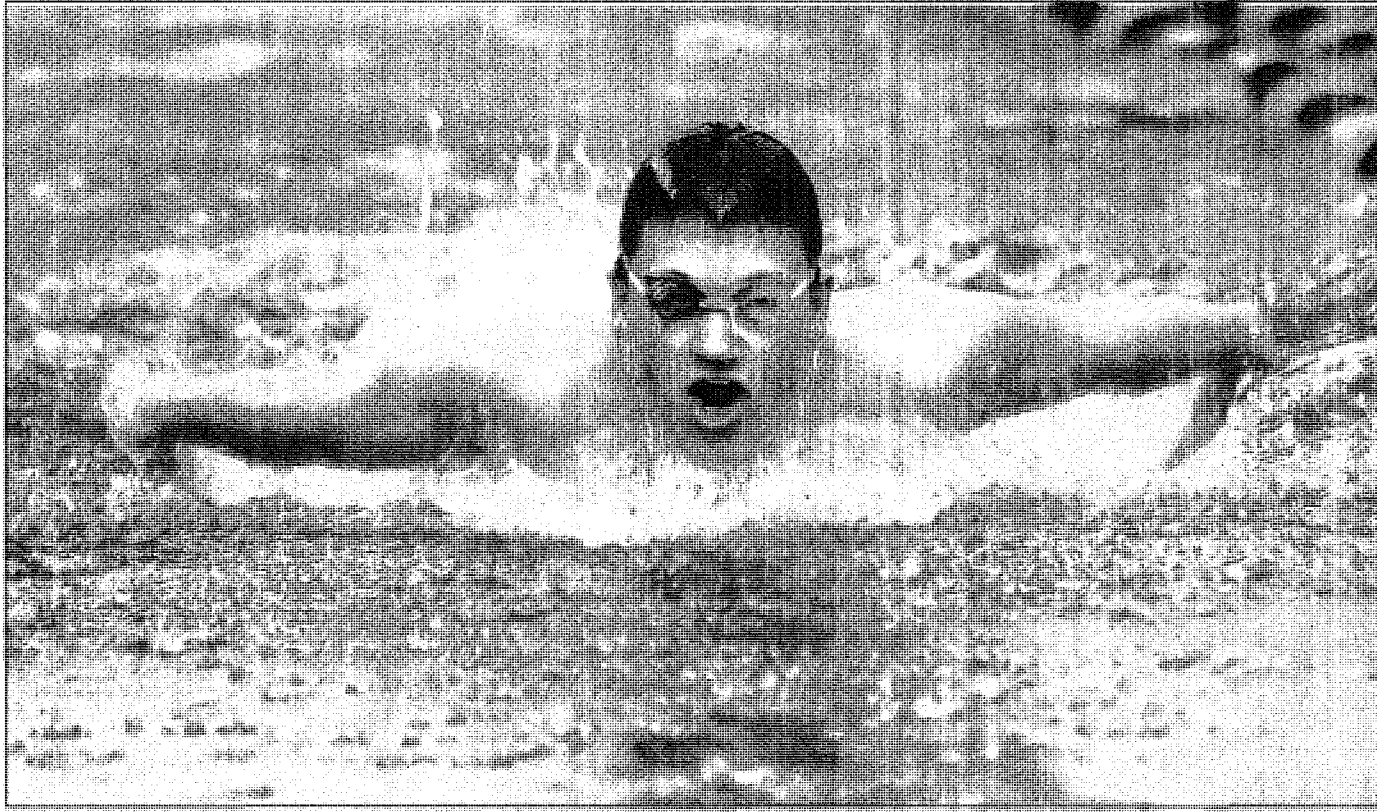
Canton junior guard Dietrich Lever had a spectacular night of his own, pouring in 28 points. Sophomore forward Paul Baumgart contributed 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

According to Wayne coach Warren Woodard, the team has a special go-to player in Hill.

"He's not spectacular, but he gets winning," Woodard said. "He understands the objective, which is to win."

The Zebras registered seven triples in the game, compared to Canton's three

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Bryan Bielicki was fifth in the 200-yard individual medley during Thursday's KLA Central Division dual meet against host Northville.

Early showdown Northville swimmers submarine Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's still early in the boys swimming and diving season, but Thursday's KLA Central dual meet between host Northville and Livonia Stevenson may prove to be an early barometer.

Although Stevenson swept all three relay races, the Mustangs chewed up enough points in the individual events to earn a 108-78 victory to improve to 3-0 overall.

"We got touched out in all three relays, but we touched them out in a few individual events," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "And

when you're touching people out there's not that much difference, even when it's a 30-point swing."

Northville has a veteran group with seven returning state qualifiers off last year's team which placed 12th in the Division 1 state finals.

"It's hard to tell right now where we are," Bennetts said. "I like the way we're working, but we still have a lot of work to do."

"Our relays need improvement. We've had four different guys every week and we are still trying to find the right people. You've got to have everything going into the state meet."

First-place finishers for the Mustangs included a pair of double winners - Nate Lunn in the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.01) and 100 butterfly (54.66); along with John Lubisco in the 100 freestyle (49.64) and 100 backstroke (58.09).

Other Northville firsts came from diver Kevin Bain (248.80 points) and John Blicke (4:59.13), the latter whom just touched out Stevenson's Danny Schoff (4:59.32) in the 500 freestyle.

"I thought our flyers, Nate Lunn, and Ben Schoenek, swam great races," Bennetts

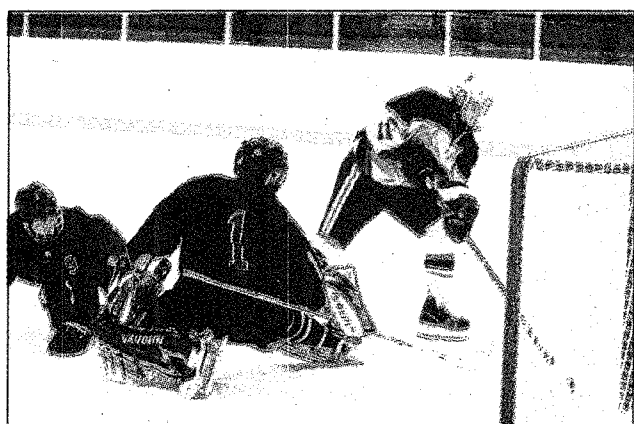
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Stevenson's Bryan Bielicki comes up for air as he finished third in the 100-yard backstroke during Thursday dual meet against host Northville.

Stevenson overcomes determined Charger icers, 4-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Jacob Vert (11) gets the puck past Churchill goaltender Aaron Crouse and forward Steven Klisz to make it 2-0 after one period. Stevenson went on to beat the Chargers, 4-0.

The second go-around for the Livonia Churchill hockey team against rival Livonia Stevenson did not resemble the Rocky Horror Show.

But the result was still the same for the Chargers, who fell 4-0 Friday night to the state-ranked Spartans at Edgar Arena.

Tim Pruchnik notched his ninth and 10th goals of the season for Stevenson, which improves to 8-1-1 overall and 6-0-1 in the KLA's Central Division.

Cole Rochowiak added his

fourth short-handed goal of the year and defenseman Jacob Vert tallied his first to round out the Stevenson scoring.

Stevenson dominated the previous meeting between the two teams on Nov. 25, winning 9-1 in an eight-goal mercy that ended after two periods.

"It was a good, competitive hockey game playing against a team that we knew was well coached," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "Anytime you win a Churchill-Stevenson game, it's a good win."

Pruchnik, a junior forward, opened the scoring at 11:34 of the first period from Evan

Malick and Trevor Baruzzini.

Vert then made it 2-0 with 1:20 to go in the same period on an assist from Malick.

Meanwhile, the shots were an even 8-8 in the second period, but neither team could get on the board.

"We got a couple of goals the first period and that caused us to settle down," Mitchell said. "The second period they (Churchill) took it to us a bit, but Danny Sager was solid in net and got us through it. The third period we buckled down and got a couple more."

Rochowiak's unassisted short-

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Lady Ocelots ascend to NJCAA's No. 1 spot

COLLEGE HOOPS

Coach Karen Lafata's Schoolcraft College women's basketball team now finds itself on the hot seat.

The Lady Ocelots, off to a 15-0 start, moved into the No. 1 ranking in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division II poll (released Jan. 6).

That came after defending national champion and No. 1-ranked Kirkwood (Ia.) Community College was upended by No. 3 Illinois Central, 68-58, on Dec. 12. Illinois Central (13-2) moved up to the No. 2 spot, while Kirkwood now stands at No. 3.

Averaging over 84 points per game, Schoolcraft has four players averaging in the double-digits this season, including Antania Shepherd

(13.6 points per game), Angela Burrell (11.8), Amber Avery (11.6) and April Goins (11).

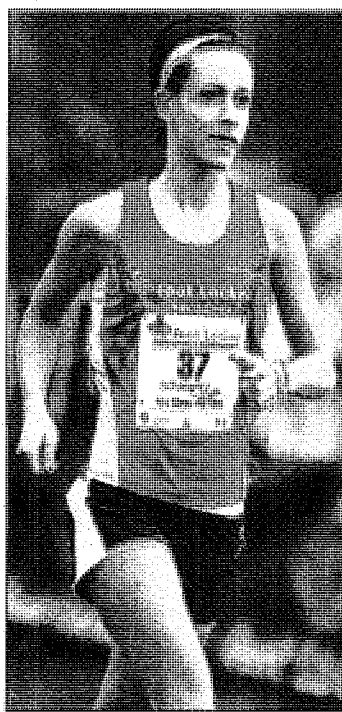
The Lady Ocelots were last ranked No. 1 on Dec. 14, 2005. They've been in the top 10 since Nov. 21, 2007.

MU women edged

A season-high 16 points from senior Kim Olech (Plymouth High) could not stem a late run Wednesday as host Siena Heights University earned a 66-61 women's basketball victory over Madonna University in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

Junior Tabatha Wydryck

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LISA CONIGLIO

Churchill's Sara Kroll, who participated in the Foot Locker National Championships last month in San Diego, Calif., is headed to Michigan State next fall.

Churchill's Kroll runs off to Michigan State

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the Midwest's most coveted prep distance runners is following in her family's footsteps to Michigan State.

Livonia Churchill High senior Sara Kroll, the first Observerland runner ever to qualify for the Foot Locker National Championships, is headed to Michigan State.

The decision wasn't easy for Kroll, who also seriously considered Michigan.

But now the Kroll family will bleed a little more Green and White. She will sign an NCAA letter-of-intent on Feb. 3.

Both of Kroll's parents, Michael and Anna, are graduates of MSU, while her sister Lauren is a junior who also

attends Michigan State.

"My parents have had season (football) tickets since I can remember," Sara Kroll said. "I've been going to football games since I was 6 years old."

MSU's special education program was the determining factor in the decision for Kroll, who finished third this fall in the MHSAA Division 1 state cross country finals and was runner-up in 800-meter run (2:14.39) and seventh in the 1,600 (4:57.0) in track last spring.

"It was a really hard decision for me for the last month," said Kroll, who broke the Churchill school record this fall for 5,000 meters (17:25.2). "It came down to the academic

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SIDELINES

Abraham saluted

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham was recently honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for reaching the 900-win mark at the AVCA's annual convention.

Abraham is just the second NAIA coach to reach 900 wins and one of only a handful of coaches at any level to have reached the historic milestone.

Abraham now sits at 911 wins and ranks second all-time in wins at the NAIA level.

He has taken 11 teams to the NAIA Nationals and his .795 winning percentage ranks among the best to coach the game at any level.

He has won 12 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles since 1997 and 50 of his players have received All-America recognition.

Special skate

The Livonia Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson hockey teams will stage their annual open skate for special athletes at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (between Farmington and Stark roads and just north of I-96).

Rental skates are available.

For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

MU adds golfer

Monroe's Chelsie Little, a two-time Division I All-State selection, recently signed an NAIA letter-of-intent to play golf next fall at Madonna University.

Little is also a three-time conference individual champion, winning the MEGA Red championship in 2007 and 2008 before winning the Southeastern Conference crown in 2009.

She also holds the Monroe record for a nine-hole round carding a 34 and was a first-team All-State selection as a sophomore.

Little is the second student-athlete signed by Crusaders coach Scott Marzolino joining Kaitlyn Brasher of Grand Blanc.

MU softball signees

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White, who led the Crusaders to a school-record 53 wins and a No. 13 season-ending ranking in 2009, signed two more recruits over the holiday break including Caitlyn Keuvelaar of Essexville-Garber and Rachel Walker of Fremont.

Keuvelaar is a three-time All-Tri-Valley Conference first-team selection, while Walker helped the Packers to the Lakes 8 Conference championship last spring and was named to the All-Area, All-Conference and All-District first teams, along with the Academic All-State team.

As a junior Walker led the Packers with 21 stolen bases and posted a .357 batting average.

Keuvelaar and Walker join White's two other recruits for the Class of 2011, Gina Sykes (Livonia Ladbroke) and Kristen Drabek (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central).

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handed goal just 1:30 into the final period gave the Spartans a three-goal cushion. Pruchnik then made a nifty individual effort at 15:02 when he banged home his own rebound to seal the verdict. (Assists went to Baruzzini and Kyle Gabrielson.)

"Cole (Rochowiak) and Justin Shureb are two of the better guys we have and they're also our top penalty killers," Mitchell said. "Their speed allows them to be aggressive. And when they're in synergy, they can create scoring opportunities."

"Tim Pruchnik had a couple (goals) and was solid tonight along with Evan Malick. They played well and it helps to have a couple of strong power forwards."

The loss, meanwhile, drops Churchill to 4-5-1 overall and 3-3-1 in the KLAASouth. "I liked the effort," Chargers

coach Pete Mazzoni said. "But we had too many mental mistakes and they (Stevenson) have too many weapons."

"We made them (mistakes) all over the place - whether the puck was in deep or when we're making a line change. We're not as smart as I like us to be."

Stevenson outshot the Chargers by a 34-20 margin. Churchill senior goalie Aaron Crouse had 30 saves, while Sager notched his second straight shutout.

"After the first period we settled down," Mazzoni said. "The second period I was real pleased and I thought we had them going."

"We had four power plays, but we took a penalty on one of them. We did not move the puck well on the power play. Some of the time it was on us, but some of that was their pressure. But we're getting there."

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Rockets orbit past Churchill

BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior forward Jeremy Langford's game-high 17 points paced a balanced scoring attack Friday as host Westland John Glenn opened KLAASouth Division boys basketball play with a 54-45 triumph over Livonia Churchill.

Freshman Nick Daniels chipped in with 14 points, including four triples for the victorious Rockets, who improved to 2-4 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Churchill, missing top scorer and rebounder Adam Bedell (soccer commitment), got 11 points from Reynard Allen.

Tony Frezzell added eight, while Stephen Foster and Matt Windle each contributed seven as the Chargers slipped to 3-2 and 0-1.

Churchill led 12-7 after one quarter before Glenn went on a 21-9 second period run. The Rockets, who shot 12-of-23 from the free throw line, increased their lead to 43-26 after three quarters.

Churchill was 11-of-25 from the foul line (44 percent) and 11-of-32 from the field (34.3 percent).

STEVENSON 72, NORTHVILLE 54: On Friday, senior guard Bobby Naubert poured in a game-high 27 points, including 9-of-9 from the foul line, to lead host Livonia Stevenson (4-1, 1-0) opened KLAASouth Division play with a win over the visiting Mustangs (3-3, 0-1).

The Spartans led 29-25 at halftime before pulling away with a 43-29 second half run.

"Our offense stemmed from our defense - we were exceptional on both ends," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "Our transition game and communication on defense won us the ballgame."

Jordan El-Sabeh and Nick Tomasi added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Spartans, who shot 17-of-22 from the foul line.

Andrew Baldwin led Northville with 17 points, while Bryce Groshek, Tim Hasse and Mike Wegzyn added nine apiece. The Mustangs were 16-of-20 from the stripe.

PLYMOUTH 60, FRANKLIN 38: On Friday, Pat Salo scored 14 points and Aaron Thompson contributed 13 to propel the host Wildcats (4-2, 1-0) past Livonia Franklin (2-4, 0-1) in a KLAASouth Division encounter.

Mike Nadratowski and Brennan Beyer chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively, as Plymouth pulled away from a 21-17 halftime advantage.

Alontae McElhany scored 13 points and Andy McCaffery added eight for the Patriots.

LUTH. WESTLAND 63, INTER-CITY 59: Gage Flanery poured in a game-high 23 points and teammate Ethan Haller contributed 14 Friday night as Lutheran High Westland (2-4, 2-3) edged Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (2-3, 1-2) in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division play.

The Warriors led 30-23 at halftime before the Chargers stormed back to take a 39-36 advantage after three quarters.

"We just did a better job of applying our full-court press and got some turnovers," said Warriors coach Doug Haller, whose team outscored Inter-City 27-20 in the final period. "Defensively we stepped it

up and it resulted in easy baskets."

Jimmy Vandtraa scored 16 and Evan Kraatz added 14 for Inter-City.

HURON VALLEY 54, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 18: In a MIAC Red Division game Friday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-1, 2-0) roared out to a 35-5 halftime to dispose of Warren Macomb Christian (0-4, 0-2).

Matt Kempainen and Tyler Wagaman scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Hawks.

Joey Brennan scored 12 to pace the Crusaders.

WAYNE 71, RIVERVIEW 59: Four players scored in double figures Wednesday as Wayne Memorial (3-1) earned a non-conference triumph over the host Pirates (2-2).

Senior guard Reggie Reeves led the victorious Zebras with 21 points.

Senior center Daniel Hill and junior guard Derric Horton added 15 and 14, respectively, while senior guard Brian Gray added 12.

Riverview's Brad Stewart, a junior guard, led all scorers with 26 points, shooting 9-of-14, including a three-pointer, and 7-of-8 from the foul line.

The Zebras shot 16-of-22 from the foul line, while Riverview was 11-of-15.

KROLL

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program as far as choosing a school."

Kroll, who called U-M coach Mike McGuire on Friday to inform him of her decision, also considered Illinois.

"My parents didn't encourage me either way," said Kroll, who placed 35th in the Foot Locker Championships last month in San Diego, Calif. "Deep down they probably wanted me at MSU, but they're were happy if U-M was the

place I wanted to go."

Kroll will also join former Churchill teammate Rachel McFarlane, who is coming off a medical red-shirt season at MSU. The two helped Churchill to a runner-up finish in the Division 1 state meet in 2006.

MSU, coached by Walt Drenth and Kim McGreevy, finished fifth in the Big Ten Championships and 31st in NCAA Championships last fall.

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Patriots start fast, rip Plymouth

KLAASOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Livonia Franklin roared out to a 22-5 first quarter advantage en route to a 49-39 KLAASouth Division girls basketball victory Friday night over visiting Plymouth.

Junior guard Chelsea Williams scored 11 points to pace the Patriots, who improved to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Senior center Seneca Scott added eight points for the Patriots, who forced eight Wildcat turnovers in the opening period.

"We pressed them and anticipated well on the defensive end," said Franklin coach Dave McCall, whose team shot 12-of-17 from the free throw line. "We're starting to click. We're going to the right spots and doing the right things."

Isis Haywood led Plymouth, which shot only 10-of-25 from the foul line, with nine points.

STEVENSON 53, NORTHVILLE 48: Sophomore guard Molly Knoph had another big night, nailing four triples Friday en route to a game-high 23 points as Livonia Stevenson

(2-4, 1-0) posted a KLAASouth Central Division win over the host Mustangs (3-3, 0-1).

Junior center Kristen Balhorn chipped in with 16 points and nine rebounds for the Spartans, who led 29-19 at halftime. Sophomore guard Jordan York also contributed eight points.

"Our defensive intensity was fantastic and our main focus was to win all four quarters," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We only had one little letdown where we did it again."

Katherine Jansen led Northville with 16 points. Julia Ramey added eight.

Stevenson was 13-of-20 from the foul line, while Northville was 6-of-14.

JOHN GLENN 40, CHURCHILL 37: Senior guard Michelle Vanover pumped in 22 points to lead Westland John Glenn (2-4, 1-0) to a KLAASouth Division victory Friday over host Livonia Churchill (4-2, 0-1).

Churchill led 19-17 at intermission, but Glenn rebounded by outscoring the host Chargers 23-18 in the second half.

Nicole Kempinski tallied six for Churchill, which shot 11-of-19 from the foul line.

Glenn was 5-of-11 from the stripe.

Five players reached double figures Friday night as Canton blitzed host Wayne Memorial, 68-22 in the KLAASouth Division opener for both teams.

CANTON 68, WAYNE 22: Four players scored in double figures Friday as the state-ranked Chiefs (6-1, 1-0) rolled past Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-1) in the KLAASouth Division opener for both teams.

Leading the way for Canton, which enjoyed a 29-5 halftime lead, were junior forwards Kari Schmidt (14 points, 11 rebounds, five steals), CarolAnn Sexauer (13 points), Sara Schmitt (12 points) and Kayla Bridges (10 points, 12 rebounds).

Holland Boertje led the Zebras with nine points.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 22

CANTON 8

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 244-252-496; Kyle Hamlin, 227-234-461; Chris Harper, 265-181-446; Tommy Ruark, 247-175-422; John Cleavenger, 158; Steve White, 148. Team totals: 1,131-1,000-2,131 (18 points); Baker games: 242-154-396 (4 points).

Canton scorers: Ross Terassi, 224-226-450; Andrew Klein, 246-193-439; Billy Keppen, 180-149-329; David Blythe, 129-168-297; Caset Bindas, 172; Trevor Cummins, 149. Team totals: 928-908-1,836 (2 points); Baker games: 213-235-448 (6 points).

Dual match record: John Glenn, 6-0 overall, 4-0 KLAASouth Central Division; Canton, 2-3 overall, 2-2 KLAASouth Central.

GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 17

CANTON 3

Jan. 6 at Novi Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 189-199-388; Khiry Sparks, 161-162-323; Natalie Brown, 149-143-292; Julianne Ayers, 141; Jennifer Horgas, 125; split score, 93-150-243. Team totals: 733-779-1,512; Baker games: 151-197-348 (6 points).

Canton scorers: Ashley Cade, 155-172-327; Charlotte Zimmer, 169-130-299; Cheryl Cosby, 165; Jackie Polaski, 150; Kelsey Joseph, 135; Allison Friess, 119; split score, 103-150-243. Team totals: 757-675-1,432 (9 points); Baker games: 152-125-277 (4 points).

Dual match record: John Glenn, 5-1 overall, 4-0 KLAASouth Central Division; Canton, 2-3 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth Central.

COLLEGE

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joined Olech in double-figures with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while sophomore Heather Goodwin contributed 12 points and a career-high 11 rebounds for the Crusaders, who slipped to 4-9 overall.

Shalaha Hubbard led three Saints (12-5) in double-figures with 15 points, while Erin Cassidy added 10 points and 13 rebounds.

"We fought foul trouble the whole game and still put up

a great fight," said MU coach Carl Graves, whose team led 35-28 at halftime. "Despite the record at this point in the season this remains one of the best teams I've had the chance to coach at Madonna. We are very young with one senior and just two juniors. We'll grow this week and be ready to work hard in practice tomorrow to prepare for Aquinas."

MU led by as many as 10 in the second half, but Tanci Levit's three-pointer gave the Saints a 60-59 advantage, a lead the Saints would not relinquish.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KLAA QUAD RESULTS
Jan. 6 at Livonia Franklin
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 34
NORTHVILLE 27

103 pounds: Kyle Gutkowski (N) decisioned Jack Newsa, 9-3; **112:** Dan Martinez (LF) pinned Ian Straton, 5:06; **119:** Gabe Martinez (LF) p. Jason Lesner, 3:36; **125:** Greg Lorrain (N) dec. Steve Tuyo, 5-3; **130:** Paul Hanni (LF) won by major dec. over George McClymont, 19-5; **135:** Kevin Lerner (N) dec. Avery Opperman, 4-1; **140:** Harry Eichholtz (N) dec. Jordan McGuire, 15-11; **145:** Josh Hatfield (LF) dec. Alex Coe, 2-1; **152:** Jon Nelson (N) p. Allen Steele, 0:51; **160:** Matt Roos (LF) p. Jake Johnson, 0:51; **171:** Alex O'Connor (LF) dec. Trevor Maresh, 4-0; **189:** Nick Mudar (N) dec. Zach Leuenberger, 9-5; **215:** Bobby Lahiff (N) p. Nick Simmons, 1:59; **285:** Omar Haymour (LF) p. Jon Wines, 0:40.

Franklin's dual match record: 10-6-1 overall.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 40
LIVONIA STEVENSON 23

103 pounds: Jake Newsa (LF) decisioned Sheldon Kabrovich, 11-8; **112:** Dan Martinez (LF) dec. Ashraf Alhaj, 12-9; **119:** Gabe Martinez (LF) pinned Omar Mostafa, 3:17; **125:** Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Robert Schramm, 4:52; **130:** Corey Davis (LF) dec. Erik Czech, 12-11; **135:** Paul Hanni (LF) won by major dec. over Samer Shebak, 9-1; **140:** Jacob Mailloux (LS) won by major dec. over Ryan Derry, 11-3; **145:** Charlie Kokenakes (LS) dec. Josh Hatfield, 5-2; **152:** Chris Arnold (LS) p. Allen Steele, 1:16; **160:** Matt Roos (LF) p. Christian Rohl, 3:48; **171:** Alex O'Connor (LF) p. Joseph Scott, 1:04; **189:** Daniel McCarthy (LS) dec. Zach Leuenberger, 8-4; **215:** Andrew Schramm (LS) won by major dec. over Nick Simmons, 15-3; **285:** Omar Haymour (LF) p. Derek Wenderlich, 0:37.

Stevenson's dual match record: 6-5 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 53
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 27

103 pounds: Jon Locklear (LC) pinned Sheldon Kabrovich, 3:02; **112:** Jacob Meadows (LC) p. Ashraf Alhaj, 1:41; **119:** Omar Mostafa (LS) won by technical fall over James Locklear, 15-0; **125:** Robert Schramm (LS) p. Addeff Yaffis, 2:28; **130:** Corey Davis (LS) won by void; **135:** Jonny Bannoura (LC) p. Adam Karabatakis, 2:37; **140:** Jacob Mailloux (LS) p. Matt Seimaz, 1:28; **145:** Charlie Kokenakes (LS) p. Josh Bridge, 2:58; **152:** Chris Arnold (LS) p. Matt Bosas, 1:38; **160:** Christian Rohl (LS) p. Cory Carrier, 1:58; **171:** Curtis Castleberry (LC) dec. Daniel McCarthy, 7-3; **189:** Joseph Scott (LS) p. Mike Harp, 1:59; **215:** Andrew Schramm (LS) p. Emmitt Sheppard, 0:49; **285:** John Shekell (LC) won by void.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-5 overall; Churchill, 2-5 overall.

Chargers melt Canton icers, 6-3

Senior Drew Carlson notched a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Churchill evened its overall boys hockey record at 4-4-1 overall with a 6-3 triumph over visiting Canton at Edgar Arena.

Churchill led 3-2 after one period as Carlson scored at 1:03 (on assists from Nick Proben and Devin Smythe) and at 4:04 (from Christo Papaionnou and Mike Woynick).

Woynick's short-handed goal at 7:32 made it 3-0, but Canton answered on goals before the period ended by A.J. Rosaes (from Riley Hoernschemeyer and Kyle Korte on a power-play) and Rohn Gaudi (from Matt Rodgers and Korte). "We started off pretty good, then could not stay out of the box," Churchill coach Pete

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Mazzoni said.

At 2:27 of the second period, Churchill's Steven Klisz made it 4-2 from Papaionnou and Jake Otto.

Canton's Garrett Bryden then scored on a power-play at 7:44 of the same period from Rosales and Korte.

Churchill put it away with pair of third-period goals - Otto on a short-handed effort from Klisz and Scott Hamill at 2:54 and Woynick from Otto and Papaionnou at 14:45.

Churchill goaltender Aaron Crouse made 23-of-26 saves, while Canton's Ryan Bazner was 20-of-26.

The non-KLAA crossover game leaves Canton's overall record at 1-4-1 overall.

LINCOLN-MILAN 7, FRANKLIN 4: In a non-conference game Wednesday, Blaze Keideb notched a hat trick and Josh Cassel contributed a goal and three assists to propel host Ypsilanti Lincoln-Milan (5-4) past Livonia Franklin (0-9) at Canton's Arctic Edge.

Ryan Elkins collected a goal and two assists, while Jarrett Pfeiffer and Ethan Lula had the other goals for Lincoln-Milan.

It was 2-all after one period as Kevin Webb scored for the Patriots from Tyler Dewhirst followed by Tyler Hewitt's goal from Adam Michael and Richie Wiecezorek.

Franklin was outscored 4-2 in the second period as Jacob Wirgau scored unassisted and Robbie Ringe had the other goal (from Mike Dibble and Wirgau).

Lincoln-Milan outshot the Patriots, 51-35.

Travis Ferrier started in goal for Franklin before being lifted in the second period for Mike Slinder.

ZEBRAS

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- including two during the waning moments when the contest was long decided.

Canton (2-4, 0-1) was 1-for-15 from beyond the arc at one point, Reedy lamented.

"The funny thing about that is, on Wednesday and Thursday we were making everything in practice," Reedy said. "That's the way it goes."

"I'm more upset that we didn't finish around the rim.

We had 11 missed shots in the paint in the first half and that's too many."

Canton fell behind 10-2 to start the game, but roared back with an 8-0 spurt featuring six points from Lever.

The first stanza ended 14-14 and stayed close until halftime (33-28 Wayne).

A trey by Horton got the second half off to a good start for the Zebras and a low-post bucket by Hill opened up a 38-28 edge.

Lever tried to put the Chiefs on his back and did chip the lead down to 44-39 with 2:20 left in the third,

but Wayne immediately put an end to that thought with a 7-0 run to break it open again.

Wayne's balanced attack also included nine points from Jon Bausley and seven from James Jackson.

"In the first half I didn't think we made it as tough as we needed to," Woodard said. "But we had a size advantage and probably are a little bit more athletic across the board. They gave us fits, especially in the first half."

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Mustangs gallop past Ladywood

Rachel Melcher scored 17 points as Birmingham Marian improved to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division with a convincing 53-34 girls basketball win Friday at Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers led 7-4 after one quarter, but were outscored 14-2 in the second and never got any closer than seven during the second half.

The loss drops Ladywood to 6-3 and 1-1.

"We played great defense in the first quarter, but then we got sloppy and had some unforced errors and we ended up with 13 turnovers the first half," said Ladywood coach Pat Cannon, whose team trailed 18-9 at intermission. "Marian was able to take us off the dribble and drive to the basket."

Christina Butkiewicz and Molly Gacioch each tallied eight points for the Blazers, who shot 14-of-16 from the foul line.

Marian was 17-of-25 from the foul line.

CLARENCEVILLE 35, CRANBROOK 31: On Friday, Kristen Jolly's 12 points carried Livonia Clarenceville (2-6, 1-0) to a Metro Conference triumph at home over Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook-Kingswood. Jolly, a senior guard, also grabbed four rebounds, while Paige Davis followed with nine points and a team-best nine rebounds.

LUTH. WESTLAND 39, GREENHILLS 29: Rachel Storck scored 11 points Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (3-4, 1-2) notched its first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Ann Arbor Greenhills (0-6, 0-3).

Emilie Freeman and Lauren Switzer each followed with eight points and Nicole Zehel bagged seven for the Warriors.

Leading rebounders for Lutheran Westland included Zehel (eight), Freeman and Amanda Terranella (seven each), and Switzer (six).

Rachael Darrabie tallied nine points to pace the Gryphons.

HURON VALLEY 45, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 16: An 18-0 first-quarter outburst was more than enough Friday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-2, 2-2) romped to a MIAC Red Division triumph over host Warren Macomb Christian (0-4, 0-4).

Senior forward Claire Wood, who hit six of her first seven shots, notched 12 of her team-high 16 points in that opening quarter. Senior Devon Lindermann chipped in with seven.

Gennifer Tesar tallied eight points to lead the Crusaders. "We started real strong tonight, using a press that created a lot of offense," Huron Valley Lutheran coach Kris Ruth said.

SWIM

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said. "And (John) Blicke had a great swim in the 500 freestyle."

"And both of our divers, Kevin Bain and Will Price - they're huge for us. Ninety percent of the meets they're going to get one-and-two for us. That's a result of our diving coach, Dayna Azzopardi, who is doing a great job."

Stevenson, which finished fifth last March in the Division 1 state finals, was hard hit by graduation losses.

The Spartans, now 2-1 overall, got firsts from Kellen Schoff in the 200 individual medley (2:02.25) and Aaren

Marecki in the 50 freestyle (22.89).

Schoff and Marecki teamed up with John Loria and Adam Dabkowski to win the 200 medley relay in 1:42.49.

The Spartans captured the 200 freestyle relay by 8-100ths of a second as Brandon Bielicki, Andy McLean, Mohamed Ghotemi and Dabkowski were clocked in 1:33.82.

Kellen Schoff's anchor leg then carried the Spartans to a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.01), which also included Marecki, Ghotemi and Bielicki.

"We're not very deep and they (Northville) are a lot deeper than we are, but all-in-all I thought we swam pretty

well," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "I'd like to have more mid-tier guys, but we've been training well and we're pretty healthy right now. We had some good times overall. Our goal is to get as high as we can at the (Division 1) state meet."

Despite the setback, the Stevenson coach was encouraged by some individual performances.

"I thought Dan Schoff had a good time in the 500 (freestyle), he did well in both the 200 and 500," Shoemaker said. "And I thought Kellen (Schoff) had a good meet. We had three good relays and I'm happy with that. We have a decent state meet team and that's huge."

Northville will try and unseat the Spartans, who are defending KLAA Kensington Conference champions.

"It was two quality teams," Bennetts said. "It's fun to coach against Jeff (Shoemaker) because if you don't swim well you're going to get taken to task."

"Salem is another team to watch out for. They have some good kids and you can't take them lightly, but at the end of the day I see ourselves and Stevenson probably as the top two teams."

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NORTHVILLE 108
LIVONIA STEVENSON 78

Jan. 7 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Aaren Marecki), 1:42.49 (state qualifying time); 2. Northville (John Lubisco, BoFang Zhang, Ben Schoenek, William Greenlee), 1:43.19 (state cut); 3. Northville (Ryan Winkler, Anthony Adamowicz, Dawson Laabs, Kyle McCormick), 1:48.91.

200 freestyle: 1. Nate Lunn (N), 1:48.01 (state cut); 2. John Blicke (N), 1:51.38; 3. Danny Schoff (LS), 1:53.33.

200 individual medley: 1. Kellen Schoff (LS), 2:02.25 (state cut); 2. Zhang (N), 2:06.07; 3. Schoenek (N), 2:06.41.

50 freestyle: 1. Marecki (LS), 22.89 (state cut); 2. Greenlee (N), 23.31; 3. Winkler (N), 23.63.

1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (N), 248.80; 2. Will Price (N), 222.40; 3. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 169.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Lunn (N), 54.66 (state cut); 2. Schoenek (N), 55.41 (state cut); 3. K. Schoff (LS), 55.9.

100 freestyle: 1. Lubisco (N), 49.64 (state cut); 2. Marecki (LS), 49.98 (state cut); 3. Greenlee (N), 51.25.

500 freestyle: 1. Blicke (N), 4:59.13 (state cut); 2. D. Schoff (LS), 4:59.32; 3. Chris

LaFayette (N), 5:05.63.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Brandon Bielicki, Andy McLean, Mohamed Ghotemi, Dabkowski), 1:33.82; 2. Northville (Lunn, Greenlee, Alex Miller, Blicke), 1:33.9; 3. Northville (McCormick, Zhang, Spencer Miller, Todd Truran), 1:36.77.

100 backstroke: 1. Lubisco (N), 58.09; 2. John Ferrara (LS), 58.52; 3. Bielicki (LS), 59.44.

100 breaststroke: 1. Zhang (N), 1:05.66; 2. Adamowicz (N), 1:06.88; 3. Loria (LS), 1:07.12.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Ghotemi, Bielicki, K. Schoff), 3:22.3 (state cut); 2. Northville (Lunn, Blicke, Schoenek, Lubisco), 3:23.01 (state cut); 3. Northville (Winkler, Tim Shea, Christopher Kim, A. Miller), 3:32.86.

Dual meet records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

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WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71

Jan. 7 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Brandon Tolinski, Pat Jenner), 1:49.34; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, Chase Glover), 1:50.61.

200 freestyle: 1. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:56.6; 2. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 2:01.44; 3. Matt Gran (C), 2:08.98.

200 individual medley: 1. Adrian Simion

(C), 2:17.0; 2. Chris Krebs (C), 2:18.61; 3. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:26.95.

50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.53; 2. Jenner (C), 23.61; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 23.95.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 192.45; 2. Ryan Kilgore (C), 177.90; 3. Wayne Roberts (C), 137.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Tolinski (C), 59.21; 2. Jenner (C), 1:03.76; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:04.01.

100 freestyle: 1. Jin (C), 51.23; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 57.04; 3. Eric Tian (C), 57.51.

500 freestyle: 1. Kemp (C), 5:13.36; 2. Ferguson (WJG), 5:22.6; 3. Krebs (C), 5:27.35.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jenner, Evan Champagne, Tolinski, Ryan DeFrain), 1:41.79; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Dave Vader, Boes, Duron Govates), 1:47.26.

100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 58.78; 2. Simion (C), 1:02.29; 3. Kyle Bindas (C), 1:16.95.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jacob Dillon (C), 1:10.61; 2. Boes (C), 1:11.52; 3. Cavender (WJG), 1:14.65.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Champine, Tolinski, Jin, DeFrain), 3:45.74; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Gutu), 3:46.05.

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.



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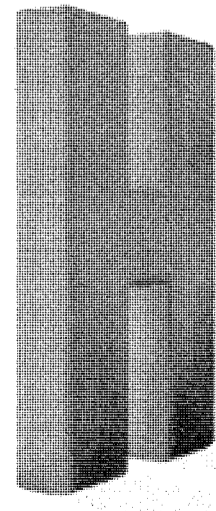
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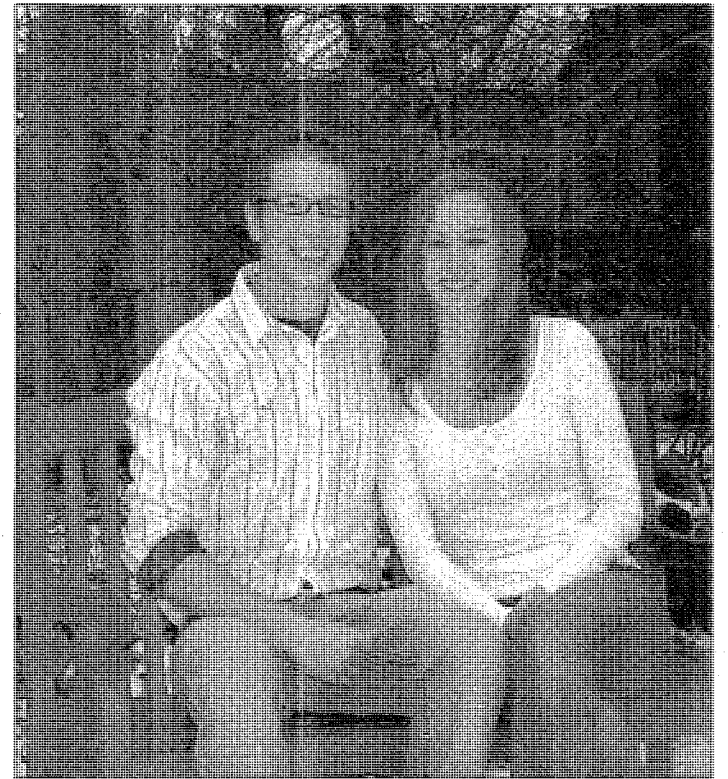
MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. John Westrick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Therese, to Brian James Clement, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Clement of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2007 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., with a B.S. degree in biochemistry. She is pursuing her doctorate in biochemistry at the University of North Carolina.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and 2007 graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a B.A. degree in athletic training. He is employed by North Carolina A&T State University as an athletic trainer while pursuing his Masters degree in sports psychology.

A May 2010 wedding is planned at Fox Hills in Plymouth.



Westrick-Clement

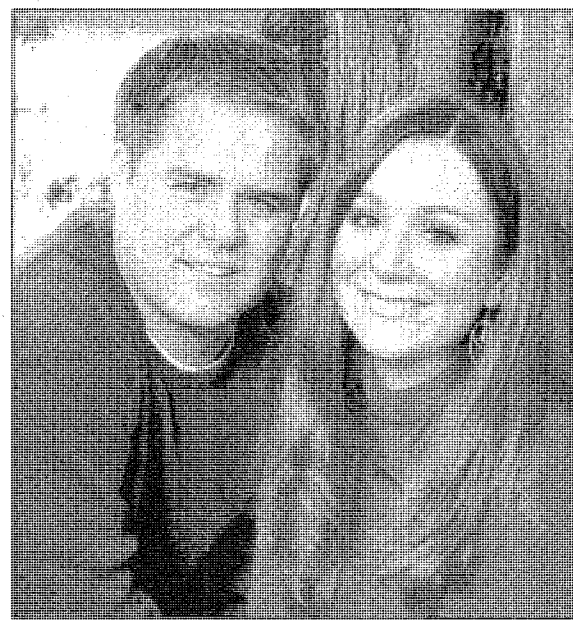
JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Michelle Lynn Mamo of Redford and David John Stando of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Alex and Terri Mamo of Redford, is a 2001 graduate of Redford Union High School. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in marketing from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2005. She is employed as an associate director of institutional research at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and is pursuing an MBA from Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Ann Stando of Livonia, is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in finance from Michigan State University in 2003. He is employed as a budget analyst for NSK Corporation in Ann Arbor and is pursuing an MBA from Wayne State University.

A June wedding is planned.



Mamo-Stando

WILLIAM COURTNEY FAY

January 7, 2010 age 88. Beloved husband of the late Mary Lee. Loving father of Jane (Ken) Hilbert and William (Jean) Fay. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Courtney), Vail, Ashley, Kelsey and Robert and great-grandfather of Sophia and Anais. Brother of Arthur (Dee) Fay and the late David and Jean. Dear friend of Lucille "Lou" Gilbertson. William was a Captain and Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Air Force during WWII in the European Theater. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Friday 3-9 PM. Funeral Liturgy at St. James Church, 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Saturday 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



MICHAEL A. GROFF

January 4, 2010, age 44 of Canton. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of JoAnna and Michael S. Dear son of Geraldine and the late John. Dear brother of Peggy Murasko, Mary, John (Wendy), Karen (Larry) Allman and the late Paul (Georgette). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren (west of Sheldon) Canton. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

MADELYN AKINS PADGETT

March 5, 1920-Dec. 31, 2009

Madelyn Akins Padgett, age 89, of Farmington Hills, died on December 31, 2009. She was the only child of Dewey and Mary Akins of Tattall County Georgia and was a graduate of the University of Georgia. Madelyn is survived by her husband, Lewis O. Padgett, Jr., of Farmington Hills. They have been married for 59 years and have resided in the Novi/Farmington area for over 40 years. Madelyn is survived by her children, Karen (Charles) Manz of Amherst, MA, Lewis O. Padgett III (Patty) of Atlanta, GA and Tom (Lynn) of Farmington Hills. She has two granddaughters, Kathryn Manz and Kimberley Padgett, and four grandsons, Christopher Manz, Scott Padgett, Drew Padgett and Max Padgett. She leaves behind other family and friends including those at the Botsford Commons Continuing Care Community in Farmington Hills. Madelyn enjoyed family life, golf, music, travel and has been a faithful member of Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held at Orchard United Methodist Church on Monday, January 4, 2010 with the Reverends Carol Johns and Jim Braid officiating. Burial followed the funeral at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia.

A memorial will be held for EDWARD P. ROWLAND

51, on January 12th, 2010 at 11 am at the First Congregational Church of Wayne in Wayne, MI. A lunch will be held after the services. Please call (734) 956-5877 to confirm attendance, as a head count is needed.



SUZANNE RAE SCHREIBER

Sunrise August 20, 1947 - Sunset December 20, 2009 at the age of 62. She was the dear fiancée of James Beamer. Beloved mother of Frank R. Schreiber and Christi (fiance Archie) Schreiber. Dear sister of Nancy (Gary) Pride, Robert J. Mettetal II and Steven Ross. Former wife of Frank E. Schreiber. Niece of Doris Close. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert J. and Olive Jeanne Mettetal. Suzanne formerly worked as a cashier at CVS, Kroger in Plymouth and Farmer Jack in Canton. She was the main ballerina in Swan Lake at the age of 13. She went skydiving twice, the last time at the age of 53. She was one of the riders in a B-25 that her mother rented for her husbands 80th birthday. She loved to fish and roller skate at Riverside. A Memorial Gathering will take place Saturday, January 16th, 2010, 10:30am to 11:30am, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



BARBARA M. WEBB

January 2, 2010, age 86 of Bloomfield. Loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Wife of the late George Henry Webb for 59 years. Dear mother of Barbara Bufford-Thacker, Dianne Abbott (George), Ann Winter (John) and Patty Webb. Also survived by seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral service Monday 2p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8p.m. Memorial tributes to Evans Scholars Foundation, 1 Briar Rd., Golf, IL 60029. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

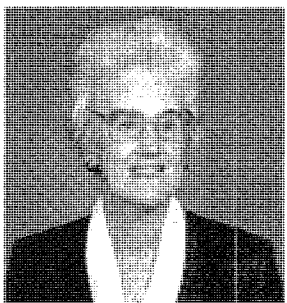
HILDA WOLKE

December 28, 2009, age 94. Hilda died peacefully after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John M. Ellsworth and Homer A. Wolke. Survived by daughter Linda J. (James) Oldfield of Canton, and son John R. (Germaine) Gaudet of Ellsworth of San Jose, California and several nieces and nephews. She emigrated from Liverpool, England during October 1923 with her parents, Edward and Emily Newman, siblings Emily, Albert Edward and Arthur and settled in Dearborn, Michigan where she graduated from Fordson High School in 1933 and Grace Nursing School with an RN degree in 1938. She had a keen interest in music, opera, and literature and demonstrated artistic talents in painting and needlework. A Memorial Service will be held 11AM Thursday January 7th at St. John Episcopal Church 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SHIRLEY M. CLARK

of Madison, NJ and formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, died Tuesday, the 22nd of December at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She was 79 years old. Born in St. Louis, MO in 1930, Shirley was pre-deceased in 2001 by her husband of 23 years, John V. Clark. She was previously married for 29 years to Arthur D. Desch, Jr. A loving and attentive mother, sister, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother, Shirley was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a skilled artist, craftswoman, baker, role model and a pillar of strength for her entire family. Her values, positive attitude, and devotion to God and church were many of the qualities admired by her friends and family. She is survived by three children, Arthur "Russ" Desch of Visalia, CA, Pamela A. Dottie, of Interlochen, MI, and Suzanne Becker of Madison, NJ and three step-children, Diane Palm of Winona, WI, Vickie Cheek of Laurel, MD, and Debbie Clark of Springfield, VA. Additionally, Mrs. Clark had 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the United Methodist Church of Madison, NJ at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 5 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or the First Baptist Church, 36 Cook Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.



MARGARET R. COOKE

January 4, 2010 Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Edward C. for 61 years. Dear mother of Kevin (Kimberly). Grandmother of Matthew (Megan), Elizabeth Taylor (Jay) and Laura. Great grandmother of Miles Cooke. Sister of the late Richard and George Galla. Funeral service Thursday 11a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Wednesday 5-9p.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to St. Anne's Mead, 16106 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



DELORES THERESA (MCCARTHY) HOLINSKI

Went into the loving hands of Our Lord on January 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Holinski, her eldest son, Daniel Holinski, grandson, David Holinski, and a brother, Vincent McCarthy. She is survived by her sons, Gregory (Debbie) Holinski, Edward (Lisa) Holinski, Barry (Bonnie) Holinski, Gerry Holinski, and Jimmy Holinski; daughters, Cindy (Sanford) Simon and Cary (Cory) Wachsmuth; brother, Erv (Mae) McCarthy; and sister, Marge Hoover. Another part of her legacy are her 25 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her greatest love and dedication were to her family that God blessed her with. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road in Hartland Twp. on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday 2-9PM. Rosary Thursday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or for Masses to be prayed in her name at St. John's. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DONALD W. JOHNSON

Of Redford, MI. Died: January 5, 2010. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Livonia, 734-522-6200. griffinfuneralhome.com



FRANCES MARCHINKO, LPN

A former resident of Clawson, December 30, 2009. Age 94. Wife of the late Stephen Marchinko (1981). Sister of Henry "Hank" Klobucar (Cheryl) and the late Mary, Steven, and Rose Tomac, Frank and William Klobucar and Antonia Babich. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Services and burial have been held. Memorial tributes to Guardian Angels Church 581 E. 14 Mile, Clawson, MI 48017. A. J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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GROVER NEFF ('PETE') CULLER

81, resident of Dallas, Georgia, died on January 4, 2010 while in hospice. He was the son of Annabelle and Carson Culler of Hicksville, Ohio. He is survived by his loving wife, Johnye Culler, daughters Christine Culler/Vaughan and Cynthia Culler-Johnson and their husbands Doug Vaughan and Calvin Johnson, stepchildren Mary Davis, Susan Gordon Clark, George Clark and Bill Clark Jr. and their spouses Kenny Davis, Amy Clark, and Cindy Clark, his grandchildren Christopher Johnson, Allison Clark, Aaron Clark, Martin Wallace, Erik Clark, Andrew Clark, and brother Tom Culler. An Army veteran and marketing manager with Uniroyal International, Pete lived overseas in countries as diverse as Peru, Brazil and Iran. Originally from Hicksville, Ohio, he was a world traveler and much loved by his many friends and large family. He was married to his beloved wife Johnye for thirty years, lived in Birmingham, Michigan then Gilbert, Arizona for some time after his retirement. Memorial donations may be made to Wellstar Community Hospice in Austell, Georgia.

WILLIAM DOHERTY

Age 88 of Dearborn, December 30, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Rita for 58 years. Proud father of William (Josie), Stephen (Diane) and Gregory (Julie). Grandfather of Rebecca Flack (William), William (Rafaela), Andrew, Timothy, Scott, Grant, Brett, Drake, Rachel, Jaclyn and David (deceased). Great-grandfather of Kylee and Brennan Flack. Resident of Bloomfield Hills from 1965-1982, after a long career in the computer field he retired from Ford Motor Company in 1982 as Director of Communications and Data Processing and moved to Ocean City, New Jersey. There he and his wife, Rita, enjoyed the beach and travelling the world during 16 wonderful years of retirement. They returned to Michigan in 1998 to reside at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. Memorial services at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills at 10:30am Wednesday and Henry Ford Village Chapel, 15161 Ford Road, Dearborn at 11am Thursday. Suggested memorials to the Henry Ford Village Scholarship Fund or Henry Ford Hospice.

JERALD H. FALLOT

January 1, 2010, age 77. Born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Plymouth, Michigan. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. An avid golfer, hunter and country and western dancer. Beloved husband of Virginia for 59 years. Dear father of Pamela Truskowski and Brad (Susan) Falloit. Grandfather of Elizabeth, Lindsay and William. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



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NEIGHBORS

Undomesticated

Plymouth artist created a 'plan b' for his living space

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

An oxygen tank hangs over the stove, creating a sense of danger in the kitchen at Kevin Ewing's Plymouth home.

Nearby a steel table — reminiscent of an autopsy gurney — has replaced the traditional dining furniture.

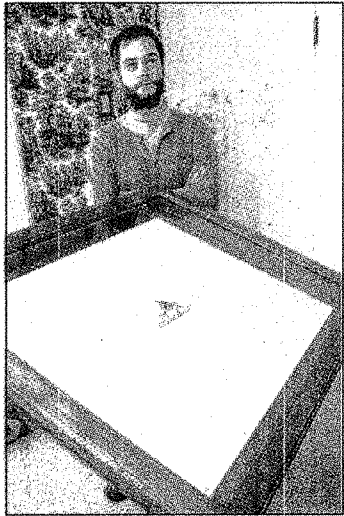
Downstairs in the basement, a continuous video loop of spiders adds to the creepy, cave-like setting.

And in the living room, a taxidermied deer head seems disturbingly out of place resting sideways amid fluffy fur fabric, rather than staring glassy-eyed from the wall.

"I find it to be a comforting thing. I feel more at home — surrounded by art — than I would in other ways," Ewing said of his combined home and contemporary art gallery. "For the public, it's going to be quite different. It will be interesting. I'm not sure how the local community will react to it."

"Having this place in Plymouth is interesting because Plymouth has always been a conservative town," he added, pointing out that contemporary art may "shake things up."

Ewing, an artist who also teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, will get a chance to gauge public opinion over the next month during "Undomesticated" the inau-



Northville artist Josh Newth is known for his detailed drawings.



Kevin Ewing shows Brandon Belknap's works, which combine sketches, photos and an installation.

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gural show at plan B gallery. It opened Saturday, Jan. 9 and continues noon-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through Jan. 30. (734) 834-3827

Thirteen artists are displaying their contemporary works in seven rooms, including the kitchen and basement, throughout Ewing's home, at 167 S. Union, in a residential area of downtown Plymouth.

"We've subverted the space. A home usually is comfortable place and it's no longer that way," Ewing said, describing the Undomesticated theme.

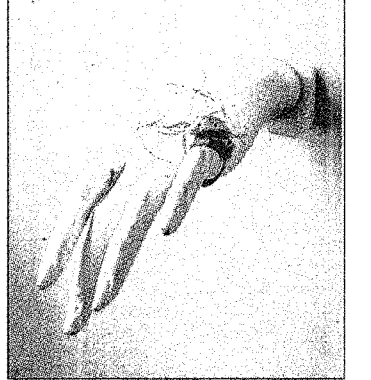
"When you walk into the kitchen you find some of the most intimidating pieces." Those works, including Brian Nelson's oxygen tank sculpture that incorporates Ewing's stove, makes the kitchen, generally a warm and inviting space, feel "almost dangerous."

"A lot of the work that references domesticity is about taking it and doing something else with it."

DOLLS TO DRAWINGS

Not all of the pieces evoke a sense of fear or danger. They range from abject and grotesque to humorous and beautiful. The collection includes a series of transvestite dolls made by an untrained artist, as well as the detailed drawings of Josh Newth, a Northville artist who teaches at Wayne State.

Please see **PLAN B, B7**



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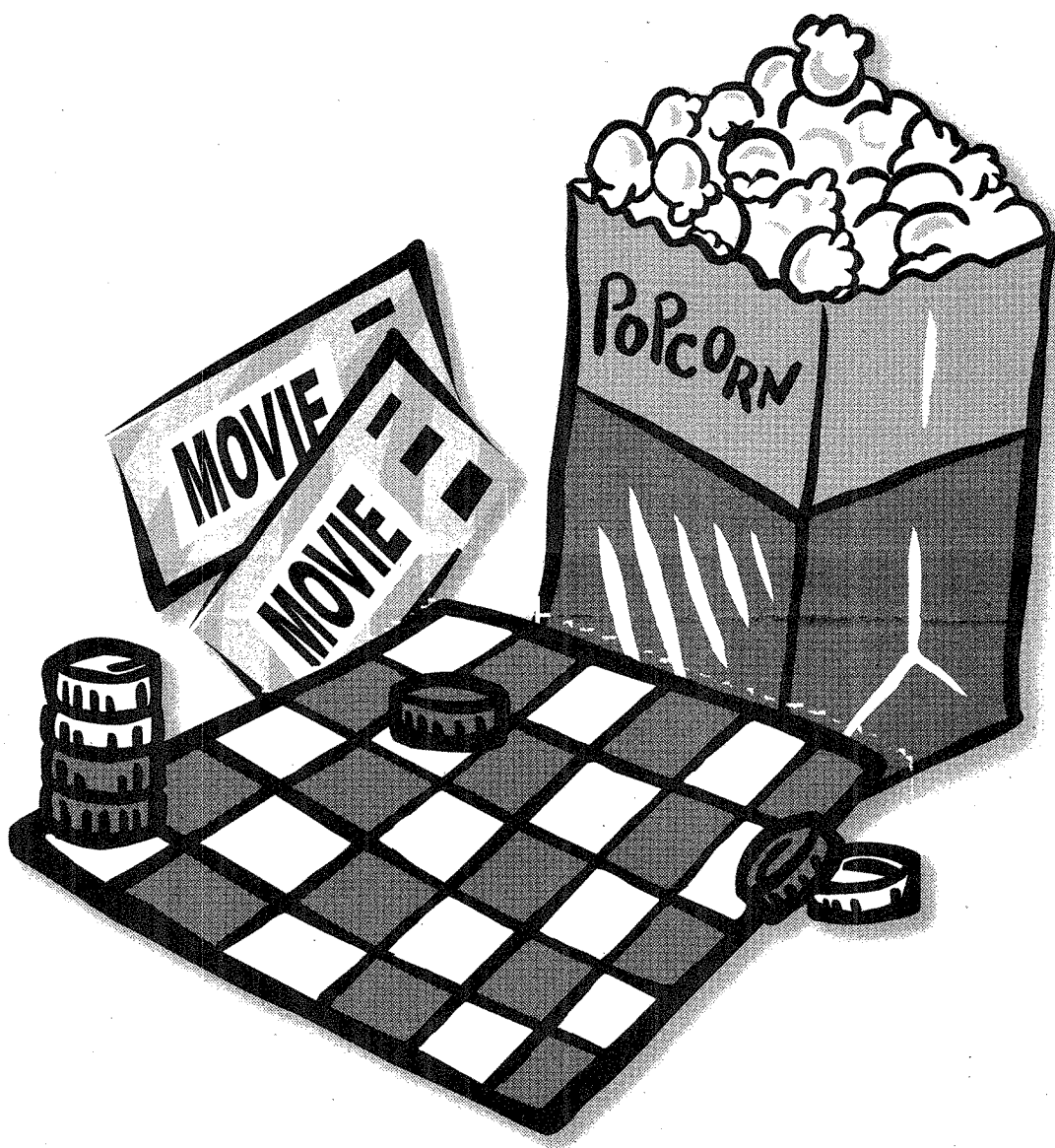
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One of Kevin Ewing's art pieces rests in the bay window of his Plymouth home. It's part of the "Undomesticated" art show that opened there Saturday.

Women to Work helps with employment

Women who've been out of the workforce due to family responsibilities for some time aren't alone.

Judy Richmond, Women to Work coordinator for Southfield-based Jewish Vocational Services, heads up a program for those women and other job seekers.

An informational meeting for the Women to Work program will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at JVS offices, 29699 Southfield Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Southfield. The first session will be Jan. 26, with sessions held Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks 9 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 25 is the final session for the program, sponsored free of charge for participants by Charter One Bank.

"Our numbers are constantly growing. The demand is on an upturn," Richmond said. The program helps people become more realistic in terms of job goals, and more focused as a result of an assessment.

"We are seeing more people finding jobs, definitely." The program's intended for women out of the paid workforce for some time, but also open to men. It's unusual to get men, and a man once asked for the "Misplaced Housewives" program.

"You know, I thought of a few housewives who would like to

be misplaced now and again," Richmond said jokingly.

She said today's job seekers must look harder, and need more assistance. "That's where JVS sort of comes in to play. They need to enhance their ability to network. Often people find they get their best leads as a result of networking."

You must register in advance for the Women to Work program at (248) 233-4232 with Richmond. The service is free and there are no geographical or religious limits.

Sessions cover resumes, job interviewing, job search strategies, identifying skills and abilities, stress management, and success in the workplace. "We've even added a piece called financial literacy," she said. People now need more help managing finances during unemployment and times of transition.

Women to Work has been offered by JVS at least 20 years. It draws from throughout the metro area, mostly the northern suburbs. "But it's open to people from everywhere. People just find a way to get here if they need to," Richmond said, noting she's had people from as far as Howell. The group has gone up to 16-18 members in the past couple years.

-By Julie Brown

PLAN B

FROM PAGE B5

Newth and Ewing both attended graduate school together at Wayne State, where they earned degrees in painting and then began working in other media.

"We came up with the (gallery) idea this summer," Ewing said. "I was already living here."

He had returned from teaching a year in Ohio and was looking for a way to reconnect with other artists. The idea snowballed.

POSITIVE IMPACT

"We said let's do it ourselves. It's D.I.Y.," Ewing said, adding

that he hopes the new space will help diminish the sense of anxiety felt by many people, including other artists, in a poor economic climate.

"We're all working multiple jobs," he noted. "Any time you can get people together it's positive."


Ewing said he'll miss living with the Undomesticated works when the show ends, but will create another exhibit to take its place.

In the meantime, he hopes visitors will reflect about their own lives as they view the current collection.

"It's not so much about needing to like contemporary art because contemporary art is cool...it has nothing to do with that," Ewing said. "To me it's about sense of self and learning about yourself."

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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

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

Garden City West Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974
35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

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Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

JAN. 10-13

Livonia Church of Christ
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Jan. 10
Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus; free admission
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Our Lady of Loretto Parish
Time/Date: Starting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10
Location: 17116 Olympia, Redford
Details: A "Grief Recovery" series runs for six-weeks and deals with the phases of grief, loneliness and other related issues. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Sponsored by Widowed Friends
Contact: Joan at (248) 478-1084

JAN. 14-20

St. Theodore Catholic Church
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

St. Thomas a' Becket Parish
Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Leon's
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Jan. 16
Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City
Details: Monthly breakfast meeting of Bethany Suburban West for divorced individuals and singles
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door
Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield
Contact: (248) 408-7275

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.
Contact: (248) 474-6170

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29
Location: 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty, Northville
Details: John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet parking, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.
Contact: Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.
Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820.

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

United Methodist Church of Wayne
Time/Date: noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 3 Townsquare, Wayne
Details: Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 Step Recovery Program
Contact: (734) 721-4801

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Films
Kenwood Church of Christ
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Guitar Praise game pre-

cedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free
Contact: (248) 476-8222

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows
Contact: (734) 261-1455

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1164	Djuana Pearson	boxes, bags, totes
1252	Gregory Marvin	dresser, chair, box
1325	Stanley Wilson	boxes, luggage
1360	Luana Dixon	boxes, totes, tv
1446	Alfred Boston	boxes, bags, totes
1478	Mary Green	boxes, bags, dresser
2304	Jorell McNair	boxes, bags, totes
2388	Sheila Alcini	boxes, sofa, dresser

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104	Tom Finnley	1991 Ford Tempo VIN 2FAPP36U7NB104843
215	John Charles	
313	Allen Hutchinson	boxes, bags, totes
408	Christina Koliba	bags, totes, dresser
408	Jill Redfield	boxes, dresser, tool box
603	Michael Wisniewski	boxes, bags, totes
717	Joshua Rushlow	boxes, bike, dresser
931	Victoria Concord	boxes, bags, totes
943	Larry Cooper	boxes, bags, dresser
1030	Yasmen M Harris	boxes, bags, totes

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
CITY OF WESTLAND
FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECT PROGRAM
JANUARY 11th, 2010

Sealed Bids for the CITY OF WESTLAND FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECTION PROGRAM will be received by the City of Westland until 11:00 AM, local time, on **February 4th, 2010**, by the office of the Purchasing Agent located at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

Sump Pump Installation	250
Footing Drain Service Lead, 3" PVC	15,750 Ft
Open Cut, 6" SCH 40	628 Ft
Directional Drill, 6" HDPE	6,250 Ft
Sump Pump Discharge Piping, 2" PVC	4,250 Ft
Restoration, 3" Topsoil, Seed, Mulch	18,750 Syd

This project consists of disconnecting footing drains of up to 250 homes, including sump and sump pump installation, discharge piping, electrical wiring of pumps, installation of storm drainage features to outlet the sump drainage, and restoration of basements and yards to preconstruction conditions.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 1:00 PM, **January 12th, 2010**, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction/ReproMAX, 36060 Industrial Road, Livonia MI 48150; Reed Construction Data at www.reedpr.com; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; Construction News Service of Michigan at www.michiganconstruction.net; and the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 1:00 PM, local time, **January 12th, 2010**, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A non-refundable fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be charged for each set of Contract Documents that are mailed.

Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked on the lower left-hand corner with: CITY OF WESTLAND, FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECTION PROGRAM, and the name of the bidder. Bid Security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids.

No pre-bid meetings are scheduled for this project.

William Gabriel,
 Contoller
 City of Westland

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ONGOING
AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096.
Classes/study
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 12851 Inkster, Livonia, MI, **January 30th @ 10:00 A.M.**

#161: Kevin Bartel
 #235: Richard Demrose
 #236: William Gansen
 #250: Barbara Traviss
 #256: Clifford Eason
 #287: Zeldia Thompson
 #356: Carolyn White
 #377: Francesco Iaquinta
 #423: Cheryl Henry
 #431: Salvatore Desanto
 #472: Michael Fluker
 #1005: Barbara Tobachak
 #1117: Nathan Fleszar
 #1188: Tanya Louise Perkins
 #1202: Wilma Weems
 #1206: Reginald Hamer
 #1208: Mark Woodruff
 #2102: Sharon Demorse
 #2115: Stephanie Shaft
 #3111: Thelma Bryant
 #3174: Michael Smith
 #3175: Shaylen Hutchins
 #4176: Tonya Carree

Units contain: misc household items.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of Monday, November 30, 2009, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following schedule.

2010 - SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday	January 11, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	January 25, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	February 8, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	February 22, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	March 8, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	March 22, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	April 12, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	April 26, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	May 10, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	May 24, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	June 7, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	June 21, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	July 12, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	July 26, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	August 9, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	August 23, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	September 13, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	September 27, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	October 11, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	October 25, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	November 8, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	November 22, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	December 6, 2010	Council Meeting
Monday	December 20, 2010	Council Meeting

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B045	Pamela Copeland	boxes, chair, dresser
B065	Patrick Spangler	totes, washer, dryer
B086	Donyald Borck	boxes, sofa, mattress
B104	Rhonda Houston	bags, totes, washer
B128	Dwain Puryear	boxes, bags, totes
B131	Dina Sanders	boxes, bags, totes
B152	Trina Moore	bags, totes, tools
B185	Tabita Latham	boxes, dresser, totes
B250	Miguel Gates	totes, grill, tools
B369	LaMarr Holley	bags
C013	Ted Konesky	boxes, bags, dresser
D038	Melissa Flynn	boxes, sofa, lawn mower
D047	Eric Fields	chair, desk, lamp
E008	Jason Hall	boxes, bags, totes
E016	Minnie Monson	boxes, bags, dresser
E022	Matthew E Eskola	chairs, sofa, table
F006	Jennifer Collier	bags, totes, tv
F014	Sturge Moreland	boxes, bags, bike
F042	Anisia Peoples	boxes, bags, totes
F047	Monica Garcia	boxes, bags, sofa

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2005	Holly Cacihas	boxes, bags, tv
2009	Danny Tittle Jr	boxes, dresser, tv
2051	Talis Dugas	boxes, totes, sofa
3003	Sandy Long	boxes, bags, tv
3035	Joann Rodriguez	boxes, bags, dresser
3042	Erma Austin	boxes, dresser, chair
3050	John F Zacchi	boxes, bags, sofa
3064	Andrew Jones	boxes, bags, washer
4016	Betty Blanchard	boxes, bags, totes
4050	David Alan Cole	boxes, tv, chair
5006	Ben Tolliver	boxes, bags, totes
5080	David Elliott	boxes, bags, totes
6022	Theresa Vargo	dresser, tv, refrigerator
6028	Ehony Boatman	tv, bike, grill
6040	Lisa Arnold	boxes, totes, dresser
6049	Nicholas Jones	boxes, table
6099	Tammy Goupill	boxes, bags, chair
7010	Janet Ball	dresser, table, chairs
7032	Matthew Oates	boxes, totes, tv
7130	Tisha Goree	boxes, totes, tv
9003	Don Zarbaugh	boxes, table, luggage
9036	Julie Villagomez	bags, totes
9078	Terrance Vassarwest	stove, exercise equipment
9090	Felicia Bachman	boxes, bags, totes

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Toughest questions to answer

Jeanne writes: "Thank you for your column in the *Observer* newspaper. I need to purchase four new appliances: a stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. It doesn't matter if the stove is gas or electric, but a slide-in model would best fit the counter space. Are front load washing machines better than top loaders? Are freezers on the bottom of the refrigerator better for energy cost, and is it best not to get water and ice through the door for purity and maintenance concerns? I am interested in the brands and features you would recommend. Thanks for looking out for consumers, and all of your help."



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Reply: In this world of appliance shoppers today there are basically two different scenarios which present themselves to the appliance salesperson. One is the homeowner who has had a makeover of a room and wants state of the art equipment and the other is the consumer shopping for replacement products.

I suggest you shop, at least two different stores to get the best prices and make notes of the model numbers and what is provided in the sale. Delivery and hook ups can be additional and so can removal of the old products. Get all of these facts in writing. Do not make any snap decisions on buying any extended warranties that may be offered to you. Weigh the costs and inquire what it would cost for extended warranties through your utility provider.

WHICH FEATURES NEEDED?

If you can swallow your pride for a minute, ask to see the scratch and dent products which can turn out to be a big savings with a hard-to-find defect. Remember that the more features on an appliance, the more you are going to spend and always ask yourself, will you use these extra features.

A service technician's point of view is, the more there is, the more to go wrong.

I am not a big believer in the concept of front load washers. I know they save on energy consumption and water usage but they can be very expensive to repair and the smelly washer syndrome is still quite prevalent across the country.

Refrigerators with a bottom freezer are very popular these days and are loved by anyone with a bad back who doesn't have to bend over as much. Energy consumption is very feasible compared to side by sides which use the most energy. Water dispensers through the door are certainly modern but you can plan on spending a lot of money replacing the filter every six months. I personally have doubts about the quality of the water that comes from these units.

SEEK A REPUTABLE DEALER

Now we get to the tough part where you ask me what brand of product to purchase. We all know that they don't make them like they used to. Life spans have been shortened and repair costs are through the roof. If I tell you I like Whirlpool products and you move in that direction and it proves to be a piece of junk, you will always remember me in a negative way. I love Speed Queen Washers but they aren't perfect either. Watch yourself with some of the foreign made brands because it can be tough getting parts when you need it repaired. Count on a reputable appliance dealer who is proven to help consumers in a time of need. Check out the Web sites which list complaints on dealers and particular brands of products. Keep in mind that appliances today are not nearly as tough as they were yesterday. Make sure they're installed properly, treat them like a baby and follow the instructions on self maintenance. You can add years of life to the product. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to apldr@twmi.rr.com

GET OUT

AUDITIONS

Farmington Hills Youth Choir
Time/Date: Auditions by appointment 5-6:30 p.m. and open auditions 6:30-7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 13
Location: Longacre House, located at 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The Youth Choir offers children, age 6-12, with all levels of experience the opportunity to perform a wide variety of choral music in an engaging, meaningful setting
Contact: Call (248) 473-1859 for audition appointment
Farmington Players
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. sign-in for ages

8-17 and 2:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 18 and over, Sunday, Jan. 24; call backs at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25
Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "Gypsy" is about a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie. While June and Louise wish their mother would settle down and marry Herbie, Rose continues to pursue dreams of stardom for her girls. The auditions for those between 8 and 17 will include singing, reading and dancing. All materials for these auditions will be available on the

Gypsy home page at www.farmington-players.org. Those who are 18 and over should be prepared to perform a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition.
Contact: E-mail Jason Wilhoite at counterpoint78@gmail.com or call him at (734) 765-4535.
Schoolcraft College
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 12-13
Location: 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, in the liberal arts theater
Details: Auditions for "King Lear," 35 roles will be filled. Performances will be March 19-20 and 26-27 and April 19-20
Contact: (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270

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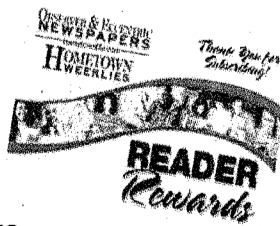


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New treatment uses cadaver bone to sculpt shoulder

The shoulder is the most commonly dislocated joint in the human body, occurring most often in young, athletic people. New research from the University of Michigan Health System shows patients who have recurrent shoulder dislocations may benefit from surgical reconstruction using cadaver bone and cartilage to essentially "sculpt" a new shoulder.

For some patients, standard stability-restoring procedures are ineffective.

"We've been looking at defects of the humeral head, which is the ball part of the shoulder, and the effects of those (defects) on recurrent instability following surgical repair," said Jon Sekiya, M.D., surgeon and associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. "We really looked at this biomechanically and we've been able to show that certain lesion sizes are at greater risk (for repeated dislocation)."

The study showed that even small defects and small divots in the humeral head can cause biomechanical consequences which can affect stability. A new technique was developed because standard procedures meant to tighten the ligaments and repair the tissues responsible for stabilizing the joint do not address bone defects.

"The most common way to reconstruct or stabilize a shoulder joint is a soft tissue repair, which is repairing the

capsule and ligaments that hold the joint in place and this is (usually) very successful," Sekiya said. "But in situations where there's missing bone ... the soft tissues see forces that are much higher than they can withstand and they fail."

Repeated dislocations affect quality of life

Brett Mann, a former wrestler, age 33 from Dexter, knows the effects of repeated shoulder dislocations and failed surgeries all too well.

"I started wrestling at four years old and pretty much every other sport I could get my hands on. I've always been athletic and active," Mann said. "My shoulder dislocates sometimes once or twice a night if I'm not wearing my sling. From all the dislocations, I've chipped away a lot of the bone and pieces of bone have broken off so it actually doesn't stay in the socket."

For patients like Mann, the pain can be excruciating and quality of life can be affected.

"I've had six previous surgeries and I haven't always followed the rules, but I'm seeing Dr. Sekiya for surgery number seven," he said. "If I'm not wearing my sling, I'll go to reach and grab for something and it will come out. Sometimes I can't get it back in so I have to go to the hospital. My main goal is for the pain to go away and just to be able to golf. All the other stuff I can forget about."

SCULPTING A NEW JOINT

To sculpt the new joint, surgeons take cadaver cartilage and bone from both the cup part of the shoulder, the socket, called the glenoid, and the humeral head, which is the ball of the upper arm bone. They match the shape and size to the patient's joint and fix it to areas missing tissue and bone.

"We transfer and transplant the tissue from a cadaver to a human by matching it with X-rays to make sure the sizes are appropriate then in surgery we actually shape it to be the same shape and consistency as the patient and then secure it in there and let it heal," said Sekiya, who is also a team physician in the U-M Athletic Department. "We've been very successful at this. We've been able to stabilize shoulders that have been dislocating recurrently and have even failed one, two, sometimes three surgical procedures that did not address the bone and cartilage damage."

Arthur Goldston, age 37 from Westland, sustained a fracture to his shoulder during a seizure due to a severe meningitis infection.

"I had come home from work and I was a little tired, little hot so I took a drink and I laid on the couch and 16 hours later I was awake and in a hospital," he said. "They told me that it was meningitis, bacterial meningitis, and somewhere during those 16

hours I fractured the shoulder, probably during a seizure."

GAINING FULL MOTION

Once Goldston recovered, his shoulder was very stiff and in a sling.

"They had a sling on it, but I could only move from the elbow of the forearm down to the wrist. That was the only movement I could get on my shoulder because it was out of socket backwards," he said. "So they had to go in and do a cadaver bone and tissue on my shoulder, which the doctor told me that the chances of the operation in the shoulder could be maybe 80 percent of what it was originally."

Eight months after the surgery, Goldston says he's fully recovered.

"It's been eight months since my surgery and my shoulder's 100 percent, full motion. There's nothing that I can't do. Anything I could do before my injury I can do now and I can do it better."

Sekiya says anyone who has had repeated shoulder dislocation, or failed surgical attempts to repair the problem, should discuss the possibility of bone defects in their shoulder joint with their physician.

Sekiya practices at MedSport, the University of Michigan Health System's sports medicine clinic. MedSport: <http://www.med.umich.edu/medsport/>

NEW FACES

Elected president

Jodie Sengstock, a doctor at Garden City Hospital, was elected president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association Board of Directors. She is serving a two-year term.

Sengstock attended Wayne State University from 1998-2002 and earned a Medical Degree from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. She completed her residency, Rotating Podiatric Medicine, at Mercy Hospital in Detroit.

Sengstock has practiced podiatric medicine since 1997 and has been an associate at Feet First Podiatry in West Bloomfield for eight years. She's also a Staff Physician at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, as well as a diplomat for the American Board of Primary Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics. She and her husband, David, have two children.

Sengstock received the Dr. Arthur J. Wessfield Memorial Award for Excellence in Podopediatrics in 1996, Award for Excellence in Physical Diagnosis in 1996, Podiatrist of the Year, Southeast Division, MPMA in 2004, and Meritorious Service Award, APMA in 2008.

At Children's Hospital

Four new physicians have been added to the hospital's roster of pediatric experts. They are:

• Jeffery Catrambone, MD, neurological surgeon, specializes in the treatment of brain tumors, craniofacial reconstruction, hydrocephalus, image-guided neurosurgery and pediatric trauma. Before joining the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Catrambone was attending physician for the Department of Neurological Surgery and director of pediatric neurotrauma at the Neurological Institute of New Jersey in Newark, N.J.

• Joseph Failla, MD, CAQ, is a respected orthopedic surgeon specializing in surgery of the hand. Before joining the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Failla was adjunct staff at Henry Ford Health System and held consecutive staff positions at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, DMC Huron Valley Hospital, and Providence Hospital.

• Julie Kovach, MD, is a cardiologist specializing in the treatment of adult congenital heart disease. She previously was a cardiologist with Jackson Cardiology Associates in Jackson.

• Larisa Kovacevic, MD, is a nephrologist in the department of urology. Kovacevic completed a fellowship in the pediatric nephrology division at the Children's Hospital of Michigan before joining its staff.

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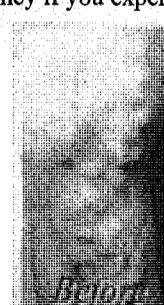
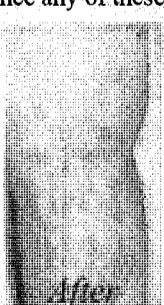
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