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Assignments

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has been named Democratic vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee for the 2011-12 legislative session. He also will serve on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and as Democratic vice chair of three Appropriations subcommittees - Military and Veterans Affairs, State Police and Supplementals.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to continue fighting for our brave men and women of uniform and I'm eager to get to work," said LeBlanc. "These men and women put their lives on the line every day to protect our residents and preserve our freedom, and they deserve a strong voice standing up for them at the Capitol."

"Even in these tough times, I will work hard to ensure that our state troopers and service members get the support they need to keep themselves, their families and our neighborhoods safe," he said.

LeBlanc was also recently named Democratic vice chair of the House Fiscal Agency Governing Board. During the last legislative session, LeBlanc served as chair of the Michigan State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittees.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, LeBlanc will help shape decisions about how the state will resolve a budget deficit of up to \$2 billion.

"With all the challenges Michigan faces, a number of tough state budget decisions will certainly come before the Appropriations Committee," LeBlanc said. "In every decision that I make, I always consider how it will affect our families in Westland."

Mystery dinner

The Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation will present a "Night of Fine Dining & Intrigue" Saturday, Feb. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The event, running from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, will feature a mystery-themed dinner theater and auction.

The performance will be by the Murder Mystery Players, a professional theater troupe. The theme for the evening, which includes a silent auction and live auction, is "Murder Most Romantic." There will be hot appetizers and a steak and shrimp dinner as well as dessert and cash bar. Appetizers will be served 6:15 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. The curtain opens at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$40. Tables of eight are \$300. Each ticket also includes two cocktails.

Proceeds will support Westland Youth Assistance and Rotary charities. Tickets are available at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, C&M Printing and Juenemann Insurance. For information, call Mary Vellardita or Dick Isham at (734) 729-5401.

Officials find positives in governor's speech

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following his first State of the State address, Gov. Rick Snyder is receiving a positive response from local officials who are particularly pleased with his support for construction of a second bridge across the Detroit River.

"I liked most of the things that he said. I found a couple of unexpected items, but they were also welcome and

interesting," said state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "I'm excited about the support for the bridge and leveraging the Canadian money to get federal transportation funds."

Westland Council President James Godbout echoed those comments.

"I'm glad he was supportive of the Pure Michigan campaign," Godbout said. "I was glad to see he was supportive of the bridge. It's definitely a needed resource for this region. I travel

both the Ambassador and Blue Water (bridges). It was so backed up it took two hours to get across."

Attending the speech as LeBlanc's guest, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said he was encouraged by the non-partisan, inclusionary tone of the governor's speech. He also was pleased with support for the Detroit River International Crossing project.

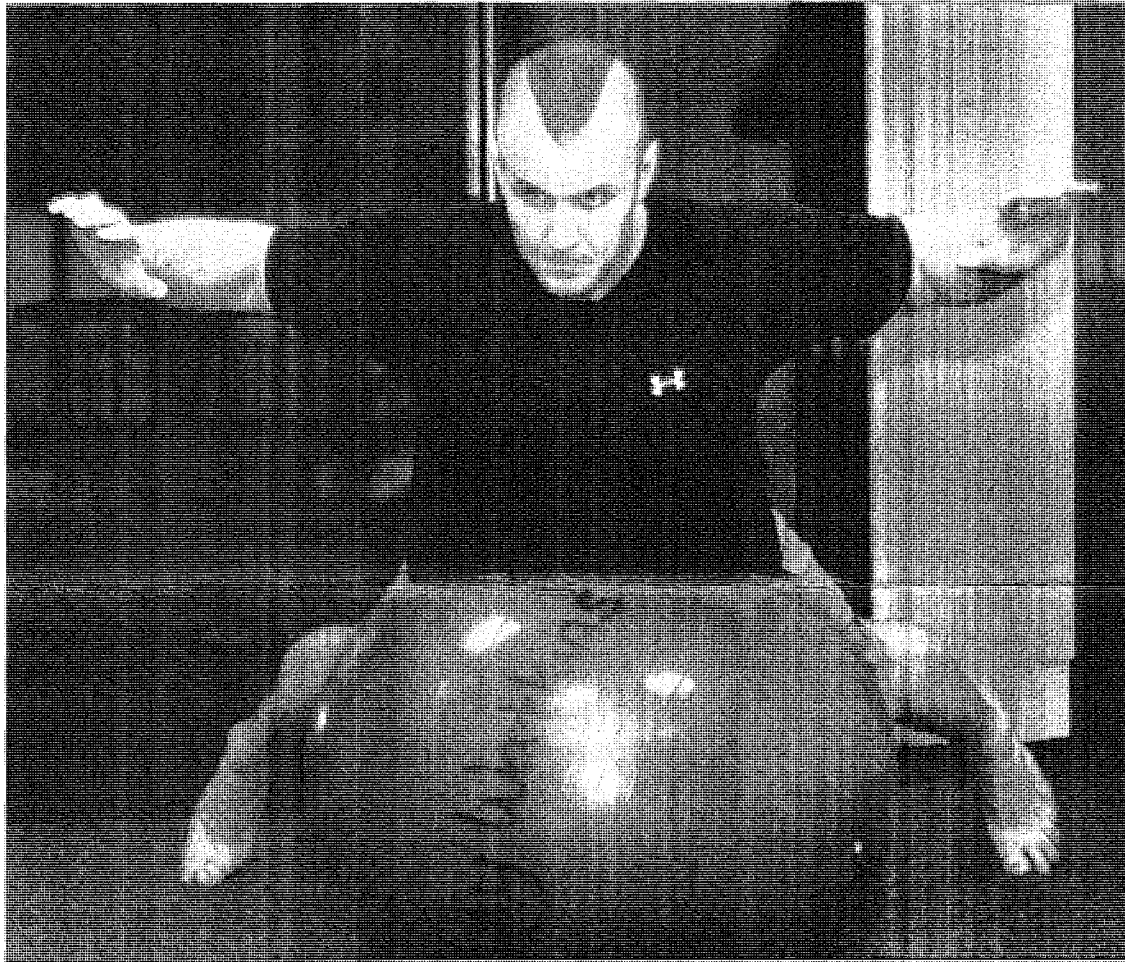
"The governor has many challenges to address throughout state govern-

ment, as we all are facing tough decisions, having to do more with less," Ficano said. "His ability to create a public-private partnership, including both the federal U.S. government and Canadian government, to complete the DRIC was clever, out-of-the-box thinking. As we've seen with numerous projects in Wayne County, public-private partnerships are examples of efficient

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Bailey Rec Center boot camp helps people get fit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Instructor Cody Watkins puts participants through strength and fitness conditioning in his boot camp at Bailey Recreation Center.

For people interested in keeping that New Year's resolution to get in better shape, the Bailey Recreation Center is offering a new way to get fit — boot camp style.

The new Fitness Conditioning Bootcamp class, which meets 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday, has participants doing a circuit that has them working with thick ropes, weights and balance wheels.

"We're just starting this class. I teach the cardio kickboxing classes — we've had that for 12 years," said instructor Cody Watkins, who also teaches Brazilian Jiu-jitsu.

On a recent Tuesday evening, Watkins was putting about half a dozen students of both genders and varying ages through their paces.

"This class is for strength and fitness conditioning. It's cross-training for any sport or for people who want to lose weight and get stronger," said Watkins. "We focus on strength and balance. It's good for all

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Instructor Becky Reaver works with Shannon Rosol on lifting a weight.

Westland woman to repay money stolen from mother

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman will avoid prison, but will be required to work full time to repay more than \$350,000 stolen from her elderly mother under a plea bargain.

Carol Brazeika, 49, had pleaded guilty to three counts of embezzling over \$100,000, which all carry a penalty of up to 20 years in prison. She is scheduled to be sentenced April 11 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner. Brazeika origi-

nally faced 14 felony charges, including identity theft and larceny by false pretenses.

The plea bargain calls for Brazeika, who is married with children, to be placed on five years probation, that she maintain full-time employment and make a monthly restitution payment to her mother or her mother's estate.

"The family didn't necessarily want her in prison, they wanted her to take responsibility for what she had done," Westland police Sgt. David Zucchetto said. "I know that the family had a lot of input on the sentencing and that

weighed heavily."

Having spent the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays in jail unable to post bond, Brazeika has been released from custody.

The charges were that over a five-year period, beginning in 2004, Brazeika misappropriated funds in excess of \$350,000 belonging to her 76-year-old mother. The funds allegedly were siphoned from accounts owned by her mother which contained retirement, pension and Social Security funds.

It was also charged that Brazeika, using her mother's identity, opened

credit card accounts and obtained loans in her mother's name during that same time period. Brazeika's siblings discovered the irregularities and missing money, then contacted police.

The investigation tracked the missing money, which Zucchetto had described as being unrecoverable.

"A large portion of the money was spent at local casinos. When people start gambling, it snowballs. They think they can win it back — double or nothing — then they lose it all," he said.

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Suspect's ex-wife, three others charged after officer's murder

Two Westland residents are among four people charged after investigations by the Livonia Police, U.S. Marshals' Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team (D-FAT), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the U.S. Attorney's Office related to the murder of a Livonia police officer.

Four suspects were charged Thursday with federal firearm offenses. U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade announced the charges and was joined by ATF Special Agent in Charge Thomas E. Brandon and Livonia Police Chief

Robert Stevenson.

Arrested and charged were Lisa Renee Dunn, 37, of Westland; Frederick Latron Hunter, 21, of Detroit; Labrell Jones, 19, of Detroit; and Jimmy Telfer, 48, of Westland.

Dunn is the ex-wife of Terry Bowling, who is presently being held in Oakland County for the shooting of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil.

Investigators focused on Dunn when police

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use of resources with economic impact."

Ficano also commented on his willingness to work with the governor to welcome best practices for revenue sharing, as well as on other collaborative efforts to move Michigan forward.

Local communities have been bracing for cuts to state shared revenues as the state deals with its projected deficit. Snyder didn't specifically address cuts, but rather mentioned encouraging consolidation of services.

"I didn't know what to take on his comments about local government. There wasn't a lot of specifics. I'm hopeful that there will be no more hits to state shared revenue," Godbout said.

To get school districts and local government to consolidate and regionalize services, LeBlanc said he liked what he called the governor's big stick and little carrot approach.

"That's kind what he said — if you don't share services, you're not going to get state revenue sharing," LeBlanc said. "A lot of communities are looking for ways to collaborate. I think we'll see in the next legislative term bills that say demonstrate A, B and C or see reduced funding." LeBlanc has been a sup-

porter of consolidations of services, for example emergency dispatching services. Westland built a dispatching center at the police department with the idea that neighboring communities would utilize it, but only Inkster participates in the joint dispatching.

Without consolidation of services, LeBlanc said continuing funding cuts will force more local cuts.

"I would rather have one agency doing the minimum effort of what government does than multiple agencies doing nothing," he said. "Garden City police has half the manpower it had 10 years ago."

Consolidating or regionalizing services is a hard sell for local communities and school districts, LeBlanc said, so some force is needed to accomplish that effort.

Westland Mayor William Wild, who was in Washington, D.C., attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, earlier had listed service consolidation as a goal for 2011.

"I didn't like one item in the governor's speech — item pricing. One of the things I said to my colleagues was that if price tags cost \$2 billion in productivity, that means they will lay people off (if item pricing isn't required)," LeBlanc added.

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Instructor Becky Reaver works on balancing on a ball. According to Watkins, people "lose that as you get older."

BOOT CAMP

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kinds of sports."

The class begins with a warmup and then students go through the circuit training which Watkins said is varied on a monthly basis to keep it challenging.

"The class is for people who want to keep in shape. It helps with coordination and balance — you lose that as you get older," said Watkins.

Following the Fitness Conditioning Bootcamp Tuesdays and Thursdays, Cardio-Kickboxing/Aerobics is offered 6-7 p.m.; then actual martial arts classes with Mixed Martial Arts Kickboxing 7-8 p.m.; and Brazilian JiuJitsu 8-9 p.m. All are drop-in classes not requiring registration — just pay \$5 at the door when you want to attend.

"Usually, the number of students doubles after the first of the year for existing classes. This is the first time for this (boot camp) class here," said Watkins. "The last couple of years, we haven't seen a drop off until summer. We've had classes of eight to 12 people double. Some classes have gotten up to 50 people."

With experience as a mixed martial arts fighters, Watkins also teaches classes in Brighton. His website is www.cojitsu.com.

For more information on the



Riccardo Sole works with thick ropes as part of Watkins' boot camp circuit.



Linda Ewald is one of Watkins' boot campers.

classes at the Bailey Center, call Watkins at (734) 686-9882.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Toastmasters

Westland Easytalkers, club 6694, is hosting their semi-annual speech and evaluation contest 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford directly behind City Hall. Contests like this help members sharpen their speaking skills and leadership skills. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Auditions

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* at 12:30 p.m. today (Jan. 23) at the theatre, 33445 Warren Road.

Men and women ages 18-70ish are needed. No singing or dancing involved. Arrive on time and come prepared to do cold readings.

The plot concerns several show business folks who have been gathered into a mansion house to flush out a serial killer. As the events unfold, there are bits from the past that seem to come back and haunt some of the characters. Once folks start dying off, the madcap search to find the killer begins. It's a door-slammng ride to a very funny finish line.

If you liked the movie *Clue*, you'll love *1940*. The performances are scheduled for March 18-20 and 24-26.

Coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City Monday, Jan. 24.

He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia 9-10 a.m., then move to Garden City for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at ofcgander@senate.michigan.gov.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. The board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call club President Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327

Romanowski VFW

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW 6896 is holding a Poor Man's New Year's Eve Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, sponsored by the Marine Corps and Veterans helping Veterans. The evening

include a fried bologna and onions dinner, cash bar and raffles.

The events are open to the public. The post is at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454.

Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Michigan's 11th Congressional District, is holding office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the representative have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. This is not a political venue and no discussions of a political nature will be expected.

Office hours for Thursday, Feb. 1, are 9-10 a.m. 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northville Senior Center, noon-1 p.m. at the at the Plymouth District Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 3-4 p.m. at the Westland Senior Friendship Center.

The Thursday, Feb. 3, office hours at 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center.

The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Lions Club The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Metro Fibro Group

Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain when the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford, in Garden City.

The group also is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of *Unlearn Your Pain*, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of *The Vitamin D Cure*, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

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learned that she reportedly drove Bowling and his brother, David Matthew Bowling, both of Detroit, to a home in St. Clair Shores where authorities say the pair committed a home invasion in that community in which a gun was stolen.

Lisa Renee Dunn faces charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Hunter is charged with possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, a felony offense carrying a sentence of up to five years, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Jones is charged with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and dis-

tribution of crack cocaine.

Telfer is charged with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and felon in possession of a firearm. The crime of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime carries a minimum sentence of five years up to a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Stevenson thanked all the members of the Livonia Police Department Detective Bureau "for continuing to diligently do their duties under the most trying of times."

"I would also express our Department's gratitude to the United States Marshals' Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives and the United States Attorney's Office for their efforts in bringing these individuals to justice."

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Let the sales begin

Dealerships expect surge in sales following auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Moving the crowds from the displays to the showrooms will be the true test of the 2011 North American International Auto Show ending today.

"Ford has come to the party," said Mike Schrieber, sales manager for Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "We have the best incentives in leasing that we've had in years — and we have lots of inventory. I expect sales will be phenomenal between now and the end of the month."

Roy Williams, sales manager at Avis Ford in Southfield, shares that optimism.

"It helps to have a strong product, and right now the cars and trucks at Ford speak for themselves," Williams said. "It gives us an edge. This week and throughout the rest of the month, I expect to see a really big push in sales."

Jim Bechtell, sales manager of Somerset Buick GMC in Troy, said the newly remodeled Buick Regal is selling fast in his showroom. He's also looking forward to the all-new Buick Verano luxury compact that's expected to



At Gordon Chevrolet. "The trend we see in January is we get people coming in to do some initial information gathering for the first part of the month, but they want to get to the auto show and see what is out there and what else is available to reinforce their decision," according to sales manager James Schram.

arrived in the fall.

"I just came back from a dealer meeting at the auto show and the excitement down there is amazing," Bechtell said Tuesday. "It's packed elbow-to-elbow and you can just feel the electricity in the air."

Chris Jeannotte, sales manager of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth, believes 2011 will be a strong year for all the auto makers — and GM in particular.

"The biggest thing I've noticed is how people are excited that GM turned the corner," he said. "They know we're back making vehicles that are superior in quality and design."

The Plymouth Township dealership is remodeling its showroom and offices, a task that should be complete in the next 12 months. Jeannotte also noted customers will see the Verano in the fall and the all-new mini Buick Enclave in 2012.

Bob Faust, general sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said the ripple effects from the auto show are already being felt in the showroom.

"We're already seeing the

surge," he said Tuesday. "We sold 20 new cars yesterday, which is great. Sales have been strong since Friday."

Faust attributes the surge to extra exposure from the auto show, plus the new incentives offered by Ford.

"Our incentives are as good as I've ever seen," he said. "Ford is really working hard for its customers."

While Ford is pushing its new leasing incentives, GM is offering a \$500 post-auto show rebate on all its cars and trucks, with the exception of the Terrain.

"The trend we see in January is we get people coming in to do some initial information gathering for the first part of the month, but they want to get to the auto show and see what is out there and what else is available to reinforce their decision," said James Schram, sales manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City. "It seems like they wait to see the auto show to confirm the color, options or vehicle selection. Then they're ready to make their purchase."

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Retirement ends 22-year reserve career

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard LeBlanc worked a Canton job for 22 years that paid just \$1 a year.

Yet he didn't want to quit. Bittersweet isn't in his vocabulary as LeBlanc, 52, describes his feelings after stepping down this month as a Canton reserve police officer.

"It's bitter," he said. LeBlanc grew to love Canton and his part-time job here. But he said he had an obligation to hang up his badge and uniform amid a burgeoning workload he faces as a fifth-year state House legislator representing his hometown of Westland.

His widening role in the Democratic caucus and as vice chair of the House Appropriations Committee convinced him it was time to quit a part-time gig that, all these years, helped him live out a childhood dream of police work.

LeBlanc documented 7,384 hours in the 22 years he worked for the Canton Police Department.

"It's a great place," he said, "and I truly enjoyed my service. If not for my primary responsibility as a legislator, I wouldn't be leaving."

LeBlanc's departure leaves only four Canton reserve officers — a number Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said has gradually declined over the years even though the part-timers certainly have left a mark on the community and its residents.

"They supplement the road officers by putting an extra set of hands, eyes and ears in the patrol cars," Nemecek said. "Richard has put a lot of effort and time into the job, and he has given a lot to the Canton community. He's been around a long time, and we're very appreciative."

Reserve officers work a minimum of 16 hours a month at what is essentially a volunteer



State Rep. Richard LeBlanc of Westland is stepping down as a Canton reserve police officer after 22 years on the job. He and other reserve officers receive \$1 a year for a job that is essentially volunteer.

job. LeBlanc was hired by Canton on Dec. 21, 1988, and he finished first in a police academy at Schoolcraft College. He had decided to pursue a reserve officer job after he saw an advertisement in the *Observer*.

During his tenure as a reserve officer, he carried a weapon, received most of the training as full-time officers and, under their supervision, had arrest powers.

He worked every Canton Liberty Fest except one during his 22-year stint. He also led citizen tours of the Canton Public Safety Department and went to neighborhoods to teach child safety classes. He helped out when the first President George Bush visited Canton and then, 11 years later, when his son came to town.

One of LeBlanc's worst memories involves a house fire in 1990 that killed a Canton father and several children. He went to the scene.

"When you're in that police car, anything can happen," he said, "and it usually does."

LeBlanc began his work as a reserve officer four years before his political career began as a Wayne-Westland school board member before he moved on to the Westland City Council

and the state House. He once waged an unsuccessful bid to become Westland's mayor.

As a child, though, he had dreamed of becoming a police officer — a career chosen by two of his uncles and a cousin. Yet fate seemed to intervene as he became a tool-and-die maker before working for General Motors Corp. and landing a lucrative job as a Ford Motor Co. staffer.

LeBlanc wanted to pursue a career as a full-time officer in the early 1990s, but he couldn't get a leave of absence from GM and needed a steady job to support his wife Cheryl and their two sons.

He settled for becoming a reserve officer, mostly under the leadership of former Public Safety Director John Santomauro. LeBlanc received training in firearms, defensive tactics, writing reports and searching buildings. As Canton witnessed a boom in residential and business growth, he also developed a street locator guide used by police, utility companies and township employees.

Even now, LeBlanc wonders how his life would have been as a full-time police officer. Yet, even for \$1 a year, he cherished the opportunity he had as a reserve officer.

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'Humbled and honored'

EMU taps Hamilton's Funk for MLK Humanitarian Award

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Johnson looks at Molly Funk and sees someone who will someday be "an international leader and humanitarian for children in peril."

She describes the Canton resident as "a highly ethical and zealous servant leader who nourishes the souls of every child, parent and staff member" at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, where Funk is the principal.

"She creates an exemplary learning environment by educating the whole child in concert with their many, seemingly insurmountable, challenges," said Johnson, a professor of teacher education at Eastern Michigan University. "I have, in my 38 years as an educator, never seen a young principal whose work transforms, restores and provides a life plan well beyond 'hope.'"

Funk, 33, was among six honorees recognized for exemplifying the spirit and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at EMU's 25th annual President's Luncheon Jan. 17. Nominated by Johnson, Funk received the universi-

ty's Martin Luther King Jr. Student Humanitarian Award.

"It was such a surprise, it was so cool," said Funk, who is a doctoral student in EMU's educational leadership program. "I didn't know she nominated me until after the fact."

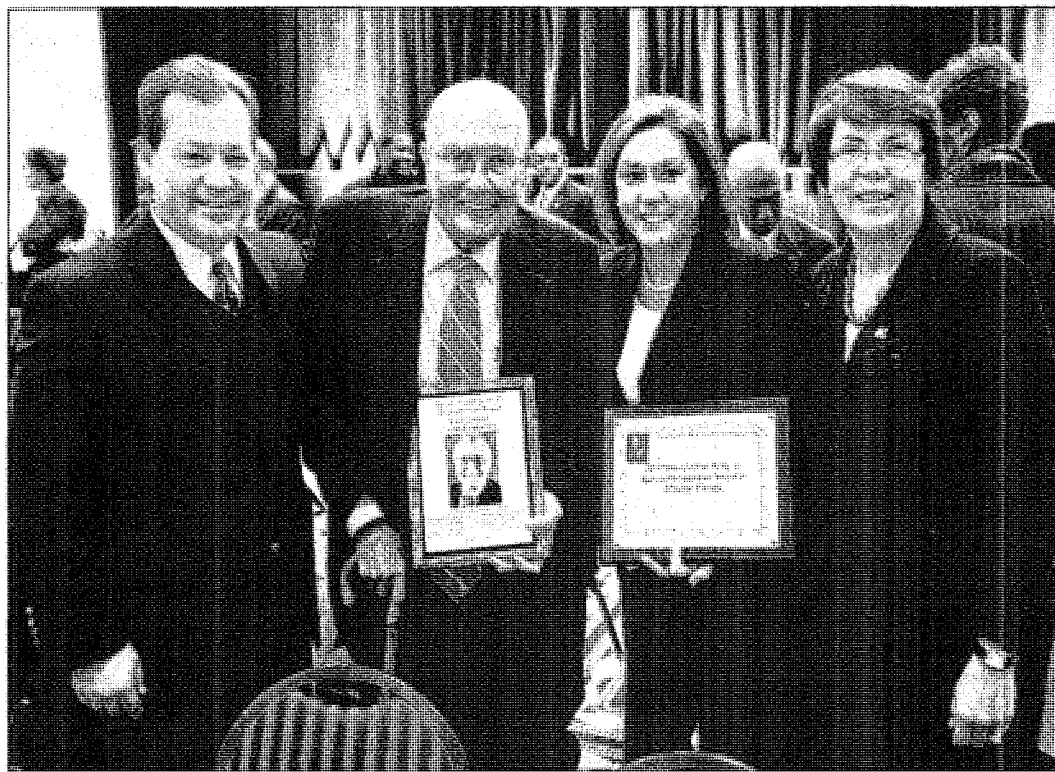
The purpose of the award is to recognize an EMU student who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting respect and improving the quality of life of all people consistent with the ideas of King and demonstrated service to EMU and/or the southeast Michigan community.

'HUMBLED, HONORED'

In accepting the award, Funk said she was "humbled and honored to be recognized for continuing the legacy that Dr. King left."

"I, too, have a dream. That my four little children say I not only had a hope for making a difference, but that I had a plan," she said.

Funk has been with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools since 1999. She was a first-grade teacher, Reading Recovery Program teacher and professional development coach before being appointed a principal at Vandenberg



Michigan Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe (left), and Eastern Michigan University President Susan Martin (right) join Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award winners U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-15th District, and Hamilton Elementary Principal Molly Funk.

Elementary in Wayne in 2004. She also was principal of Patchin Elementary for four years until it closed last June.

Johnson said Funk's commitment to disenfranchised children is exemplified in her professional motto, "Hope is not a plan."

"She constantly creates opportunities for students by obtaining alternative resources and through intervention,"

Johnson said. "She is undeterred, first in meeting basic human needs for her students and their families, and then in creating mechanisms to find resources to help them not only survive, but thrive."

"This phrase often means that she is expecting others and herself to do the right thing in the education of all students," school social worker Jennifer McCulloch wrote in a letter supporting Funk's nomination. "This might mean going above and beyond the duties of the job to provide food to families in need, find transportation for a family to a necessary medical appointment or just spend time during the busy school day to sit and talk to a distraught student."

"Molly certainly shows us all how to 'walk the walk' by caring for others and encouraging others to do what is right for kids," she wrote.

HER MISSION

"Hope is not a plan" is only one of many quotes that are displayed on the walls of her office, several of them from King. The quotes give Funk "a

small vision of my mission."

"They make it clear what the perception is at that moment in time," she said. "Hope is not a plan" is my passion. I want to be a voice for the kids who can't speak for themselves and who live in poverty. With 15 million people homeless last year, someone has to do something and maybe that someone is me."

Her concern for the less fortunate dates back to her years at Plymouth Salem High School, when she befriended

a mentally impaired student. While classmates made fun of him, she remembered to be nice. She even pulled him off the stage where he would go and dance for the amusement of the other students. She still gets letters from him at her parents' house.

That concern has spilled over into her family and professional lives. Her children are learning to care about the less fortunate. At the grocery store, if the family sees a person in a motorized cart, they offer to shop with them so than can get the groceries that are out of reach.

"I want my kids to see me go the extra mile to make a difference," said Funk, whose husband, two of her four children and her mother were with her when she received the award. "At the end of the day, you need to take care of the human condition. Kids matter, family matters, marginal kids matter."

Funk admits she lives for service and stands up for every child as if they are her own. Without hope, there can't be change, but there has to be a plan for change to happen, she said.

"That's what makes Martin Luther King different than the others before him. He had a plan," she said. "Real change can't happen if you sit by and hope. What I do may not be easy, but it's not as hard as what Martin Luther King did. If he can do it, I can, too."

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Thousands mourn slain officer

Police chief: 'He died saving our way of life'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of mourners lined the pews Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for the funeral of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil.

Nehasil, 48, died Monday after he was shot while pursuing a home invasion suspect.

Police officers and officials from law enforcement agencies from Michigan and across the country gathered to pay respects to Nehasil, a 20-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department.

The 100-car procession of family members and Livonia police officers drove from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Six Mile Road to Farmington Road past Police Headquarters.

Fire trucks from Livonia and Farmington Hills flew a giant American flag, which spanned across the northbound lanes of Farmington Road. The hearse stopped underneath the flag for a few moments, while Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters saluted.

Onlookers from buildings and businesses along Farmington Road gathered to pay their respects and watch the procession go by.

Traffic was rerouted for the procession with closures on Six Mile Road, Farmington, I-96 entrance and exit ramps, Beck Road and North Territorial Road.

During the eulogy Police Chief Robert Stevenson spoke of the dedication of all police officers that citizens may not understand: the willingness to die to protect the public.

"Larry didn't die arresting a burglar, he died saving our way of life," Stevenson said. "He died serving our community and he died for the children walking the streets."

'A KIND AND LOVING MAN'

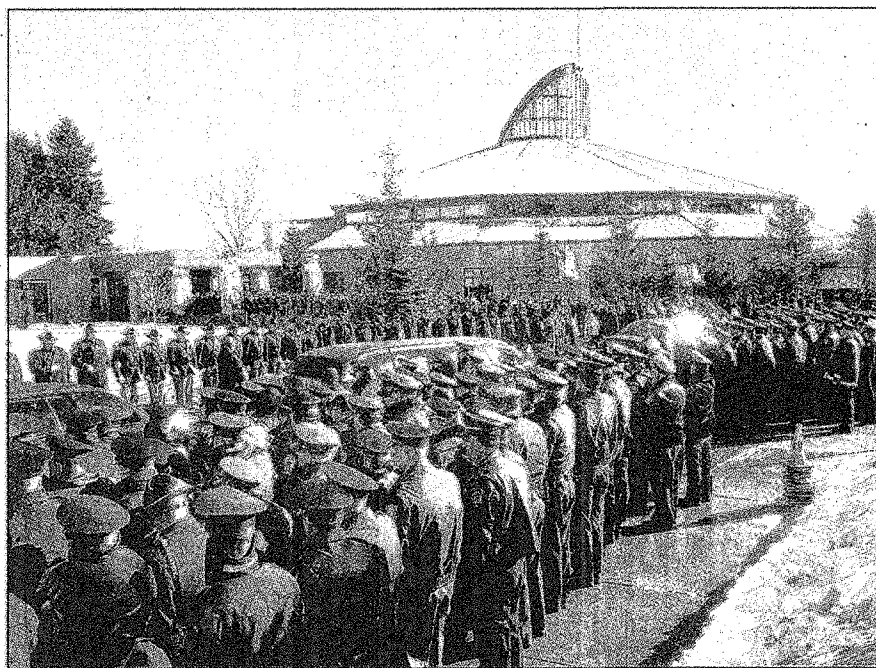
Sons Aaron and Adam Nehasil talked about the val-



The family of Officer Larry Nehasil leaves the church following the funeral service.



Livonia Fire Department salutes as the procession passes.



Police officers from local departments along with others including Chicago and Toronto gathered at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township to honor Officer Larry Nehasil.

ues their father taught them, their love for their father and how much they will miss their father.

Fr. William Tindall spoke of Nehasil's life, pulling words from the Gospel reading describing Jesus Christ. "He (Jesus) is the truth, the way and the life," Tindall said. Nehasil was "an example for us."

Tindall spoke of Nehasil's devotion to family. "This is a family that really truly came together, they have fun together and they spend a lot of time

together," Tindall said. "He was a great husband, father and a kind and loving man."

Nehasil was a social person and very strong man, taking pride in his appearance, yet he also enjoyed cooking and working in his garden, Tindall said. "You know how much your dad loves you and he was so very proud of you," Tindall said to Adam and Aaron Nehasil.

"You are fortunate to have a

good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He's given you a tremendous legacy in what it means to be a man, to be a husband and to be a dad."

Tindall told them to hold their father alive in their hearts, whether they are playing sports to the day when they have children of their own.

Nehasil was "always smiling, always happy and always will-

ing to give of himself," Tindall said.

Tindall also spoke to the hundreds of police officers, expressing his sympathy and condolences to the Livonia Police Department. "I thank you for what you have done," Tindall said. "And to all who protect and serve, I thank you. I thank you for sharing in this ministry."

Tindall ended his homily by asking the family to trust in Christ's resurrection during this time of great pain and sorrow.

'A COP'S COP'

During his eulogy, Stevenson pointed at Nehasil's photograph and reiterated what he had said earlier that week about how Nehasil was always smiling.

Stevenson thanked all of the officers, police departments and law enforcement agencies that offered support during the week and who attended the funeral home. Departments from as far away as California and Texas came into town to pay respects, Stevenson said. Officers were seen from Toronto and Chicago, along with numerous metro Detroit and Michigan agencies.

Stevenson said Nehasil was a cop's cop, aggressive and highly motivated. "He wanted to catch the bag guy, and wanted to be the first one on it," Stevenson said.

Stevenson shared lighter moments about Nehasil, too. Nehasil had the nickname of Waldo, because some officers said he could not be found when they needed him, but Nehasil responded to the needling that he was already there ahead of them, Stevenson said.

Stevenson remembered one time that Nehasil threw stop sticks in busy traffic on I-96 and flattened the tires of a suspect's vehicle, but he also happened to flatten a scout car's tires in pursuit of the suspect, a story which drew a laugh from the crowd.

But Nehasil also got into his vehicle and chased the suspect, then pursued him on foot after the suspect pulled off the road because of the flat tires. The suspect pretended to pull a weapon, which happened to be a cell phone, with an intention to commit suicide, Stevenson said. Nehasil fired his weapon, and wounded the suspect, and apprehended him.

"Larry showed a passion in the intelligence bureau," Stevenson said. "He tracked down and arrested the most dangerous felons."

Stevenson also offered continued help to the Nehasil family. Stevenson also addressed Larry, vowing to take care of his family.

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At the auto show: Women speak up

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

James Bond drives an Aston Martin.

Marty McFly will probably stick with a certain DeLorean.

But what kind of car do women prefer to buy?

We asked that question at the North American International Auto Show, only to return with a fleet of answers — from roadsters to crossovers, Cadillacs to Hyundais.

Almost everything, in fact, but a minivan.

"I was just saying I should start a car company for women," Laura Driscoll said while checking out the new models at the auto show. "More cup holders, more secure areas for purses, lower window lines ... with some of these cars, the window line is so high that I'll never be a customer of that vehicle."

Driscoll, a former resident of Birmingham, works in Chicago for Interclick, an online advertising network that caters in part to the auto industry. For her money, she likes the 2011 Buick Regal GS.

"It's a little more rounded and it seems a little more updated," she said. "Plus, it's a stick so that's attractive and interesting."

Magdalena Kokoszynska, 25, of Royal Oak, a creative designer for General Motors, has set her eyes on luxury.

"As a female, I want the vehicle to exude femininity, but I also want it to have



Laura Driscoll, a resident of Chicago, but native of Birmingham, checks out a GMC SUV at the auto show on Jan. 13 inside Cobo Hall.

a presence and a hint of sophisticated performance," she said. "I would definitely go for a Cadillac CTS Coupe — it's sexy, sleek, sophisticated and fun. I would look at a Mercedes; I also love the quality and aesthetics and the color combinations of Jaguar

— especially their interior."

Kokoszynska then notched it up a gear, setting the record straight on women and cars.

"A lot of people have this idea that women aren't into performance," she said. "But women are — they want that aggressive look, that bold

vehicle that pulls right in and shows the men who is boss!"

Northville resident Bob Lewandoski, a product specialist with Mazda, adds a little zip to the list of suggestions.

"For a single woman, someone who perhaps doesn't have



Magdalena Kokoszynska has her eye on the Cadillac CTS Coupe — "it's sexy, sleek, sophisticated and fun."

children yet, I would recommend the MX-5 convertible Miata," he said. "It's the best-selling roadster of all time. It's a two-seater that's just a joy to drive, like an adult go-cart. A lot of women enjoy that car because it's smaller, easy to drive and quite maneuverable." He cautions a good set of snow tires is a must during the Michigan winters.

"Now for a woman with a young family on the way, let's

look at the all-new Mazda 5," Lewandoski said. "This is a six-passenger, almost type of crossover that has sliding doors and three rows — but it's really not a minivan. Some people refer to it as a 'mini minivan' because of its size and shape. It's built off the Mazda 3 platform, so it has a very sporty agile driving nature."

Katie Meilinger of Beverly Hills would love a Cadillac with an extra row of seats.

"Personally, I'm looking for a lot of seating for my kids and their friends," she said. "I prefer a wagon, like the Cadillac SRX. I'd just prefer if it had a third row."

Clare Gibson, 32, traveled the Atlantic to see the new models. Arriving from Stoke-on-Trent, England, Gibson said she came for the trade show and to tour Detroit.

"Surprisingly, I like the Hyundai Velostar," she said. "It's a new coupe. It has three doors, which is a bit weird, but it's really nice inside — lots of room and it's cute."

"But if I was going all out, I'd probably go for a Chevy Camaro. It's incredibly cool and it's a relative to some of the cars in England. It's quite profound, actually."

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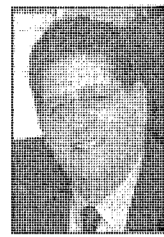
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Assessing risk, diversifying portfolio keys to investing

Q: Dear Rick: I just had a \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit come due. I am a conservative investor, so I was just going to buy another CD, but the rate is very low so I decided not to do anything. What should I do with the money? I am in my early 50s with a decent job. I plan to retire in about 15 years. I am conservative and don't like volatile investments. The money from the CD is the money I have saved for retirement. Any ideas?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: The first issue to explore is risk. You are a conservative investor and that is why you like investing in CDs. However, in your situation, CDs are not conservative. My reasoning has nothing to do with where interest rates are today, but rather, where interest rates are historically. For short-term needs, CDs are a very good investment. However, they don't keep up when you look long term.

When looking at risk, most people only consider principal fluctuation. I suggest that a risk too many investors forget about, and one that is just as important as principal risk, is the risk of not keeping up with the increased cost of living.

When you look at the after-tax return on CDs, you will see they do not keep up with the increased cost of living.

In regards to your \$100,000 CD, the key is to make it grow in real dollar terms. After all, we know \$100,000 today is not worth \$100,000 five years from now. Therefore, in establishing a portfolio, the key is to factor in a variety of risks such as purchasing power risk, and risk of principal.

There are a number of different investment options. The first is to set up a conservative growth portfolio. My recommendation is to initially allocate 55-60 percent in equities, the rest in bonds. The 55-60 percent in equities does not get invested in one fund or one investment, but rather is spread out into a variety of different investment

vehicles. At the same time, the remaining 40-45 percent of the portfolio would be invested in fixed-income investments such as U.S. Treasuries and investment-grade corporate bonds. If you have a portfolio that is investing in equities, there will be principal fluctuations. Stock funds go up and down. However, don't look day to day, or even year to year — focus on 15 years down the road. I have no doubt that equities will be higher in the future.

In addition, the only way to have a rising income throughout your lifetime is to have a portion of the portfolio invested in stocks. I don't have the space to list all the funds I would use. However, there are probably 10-15 different funds and, of course, they would all be commission-free.

Another alternative, considering that you are a conservative investor, is an equity-index annuity. In theory, an equity-index annuity gives the opportunity to participate, to some extent, in the gains in the stock market, while avoiding the losses. Over the long run, investing in the stock market almost always produces better returns.

Of course, it has to be a good equity-index annuity, not one stuffed with unnecessary high fees and costs. In making your decision, keep in mind that the goal in saving for retirement is to make sure that the purchasing power of your money grows into the future. When you factor taxes and increased costs of living into the mix, the very low rates of return you receive at a bank just don't make it. Purchasing power risk is important to consider. Investors that play it too close to the vest, particularly long-term investors who fail to take purchasing power risk into consideration, generally get burned.

Good luck!

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Learning a new language

Looking to broaden your horizons this year, perhaps travel a bit? Seeking a better way to communicate with a neighbor or coworker?

Learning a new language can provide you with a window to another culture and a new way of connecting with those around you. It can also provide a better understanding of your native language.

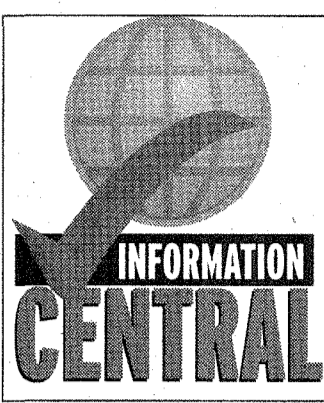
Once you've chosen a language to learn, you may be surprised by how many resources are available to you for little or no cost. Instead of taking an intensive course at a community college, you can find free language learning tools online, or at your local bookstore or library. For example, the BBC (www.bbc.co.uk/languages/) offers free online audio and video language tools in French, Greek, Chinese, Portuguese and more!

A few tips for learning a new language:

- Be patient - fluency takes time.
- Break up study time in to manageable chunks.
- Make flash cards to learn and increase vocabulary.
- Practice (alone or in groups).

Don't have any friends or neighbors fluent in Japanese or Russian? I've-Mocha (livemocha.com) is an online language learning community that can be useful, if you don't have native speakers in your community with whom you can practice your newly-acquired skills.

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Afternoon Movie Classics: "The Philadelphia Story," 3 p.m. Jan. 25, adults and teens

Join us as we explore comedies on the American Film Institute's list of Top 100 movies over the past 100 years. Today's selection is "The Philadelphia Story" with Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 26, adults

Join us for a discussion of Neil Gaiman's "American Gods." Shadow gets out of prison early when his wife is killed in a car crash. At a loss, he takes up with a mysterious character called Wednesday, who is much more than he appears. Everyone is welcome.

Yoga for Beginners: 7 p.m. Jan. 26, adults and teens.

Join Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Interested parties should bring a yoga mat, if possible. Wear loose clothing. The fourth of four evening classes this month. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Art of Cake Making: 7 p.m. Jan. 26, adults and teens

Learn about the art of cake making by one of the true masters, Heather Anne Leavitt of Sweet Heather Anne. Having assisted Eve Aronoff as a cook at Eve the Restaurant, as well as with Courtney Clark of Cake Nouveau on a series of Food Network Challenges,

Heather will share her love of cake making and demonstrate techniques you can include in your next baking project. Call or stop by the library to reserve your seat, or sign up online by going to westlandlibrary.org/events

Yoga for Beginners: 11 a.m. Jan. 28, adults and teens

Join Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Interested parties should bring a yoga mat, if possible. Wear loose clothing. The fourth of four evening classes this month. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Friday Night Movie: "The American," 7 p.m. Jan. 21, adults

Join us on Friday nights throughout the winter and spring to catch some of the Oscar contenders for 2011. Tonight's movie is "The American," starring George Clooney, Paolo Bonacelli and Violante Placido. An assassin hides out in Italy for one last assignment. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts 7 p.m. Rated R.

Blogging for Beginners: 2 p.m. Jan. 29

Share your thoughts, feelings and important elements of your everyday life with your friends, family or the general public by publishing your own blog. Using Blogger, a free service, we will cover tips for writing a great blog, personalizing the look of your blog, publishing posts and sharing your blog with others. Prerequisite: Computer Basics or some previous computer experience. Users must have a Blogger Account set up before class (see Reference Desk for details). Seating limited, signup required.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ford Chorus

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24
Location: 1 American Road, Dearborn
Details: Do you love to sing? Would you like to be a part of group of people who do just that?

St. Damian Open House

Time/Date: noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

Location: St. Damian School, 29825 Joy, east of Merriman, Westland

Details: St. Damian School is holding an Open House for parents interested in enrolling their children in the school.

Contact: Parents also can get more information on the school website at www.stdamian.com or call (734) 427-1680 to arrange a tour.

St. Michael Open House

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

Location: St. Michael School, 1131 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: National Junior Honor Society members will offer group tours, and staff will be on site to answer questions about St. Michael School.

Contact: (734) 421-7360; www.livoniastmichael.org

St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford

Details: St. Robert Bellarmine School is accepting enrollment for our preschool for 3-4-year-old children. It also has openings in grades K-8 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Contact: Call (313) 937-1655 or visit the website at www.strobertbellarmine.com and click on the school link.

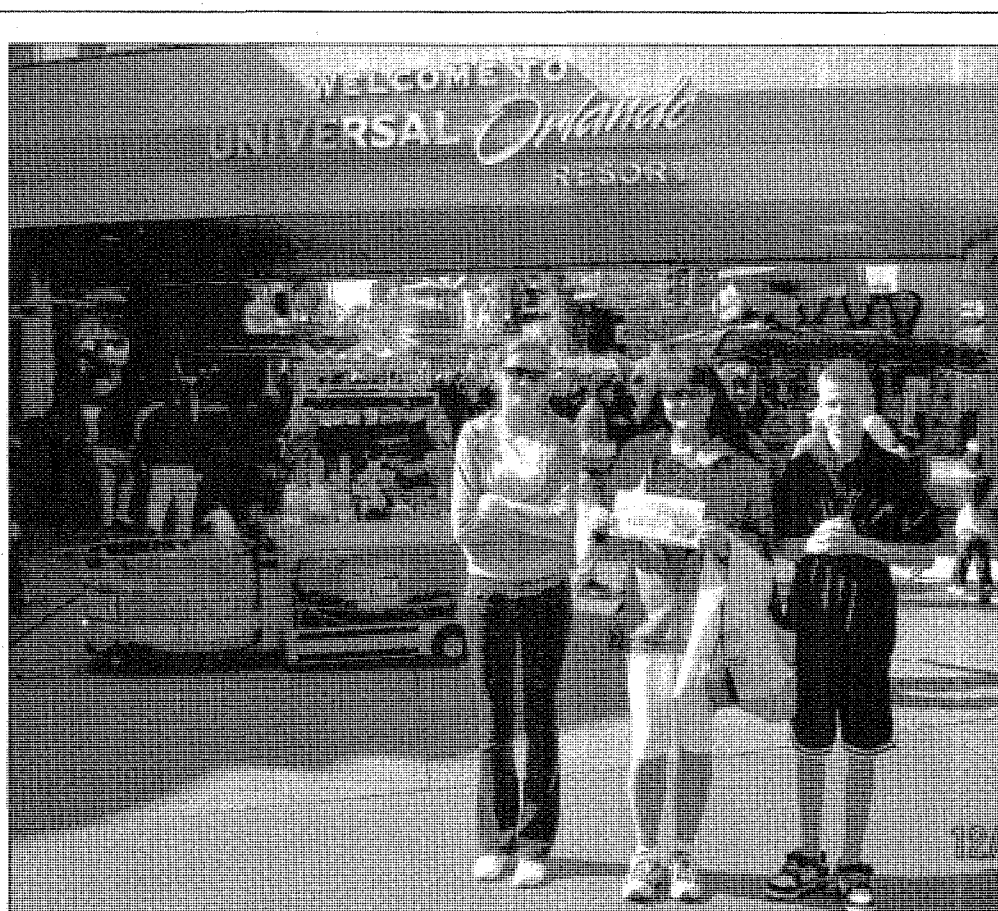
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Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland

Details: The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show at the church hall. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 277-7765.



Wish You Were Here

En route to Naples, Fla., in December, Paulina, Maria and Adam Kowalczyk of Westland made a stop at Universal's Islands of Adventure where they showed off their Observer newspaper.

Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

Juried Craft Show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Vendors can visit the Eton Senior Citizen Center to pick up an application for the crafts show between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 277-7765.

NAMI Metro

Time/Date/Location: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the St. Regis

Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills and Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

Details: NAMI's Families In Action (FIA) educational program is specifically for people with a loved one diagnosed with a mental illness.

Contact: For additional information or to register for this program please call (248) 348-7197 or (734) 427-1435.

Space is limited, so you must pre-register for this program.

Fibromyalgia Group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City

Details: Lori Grigg will demonstrate how service dogs can help those with chronic pain at the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group meeting.

Contact: (734) 981-2519; www.MetroFibroGroup.com

Sewing Retreat

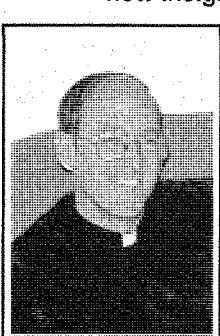
Time/Date: noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6

Location: Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main Street, Royal Oak

Details: Haberman Fabrics will hold its 14th annual Super Bowl Sunday "Football Widows Sewing Retreat."

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6800 N. WAYNE ROAD, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the property located at 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan, parcel ID 034-99-0003-705 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Brownfield Plan for the Property.

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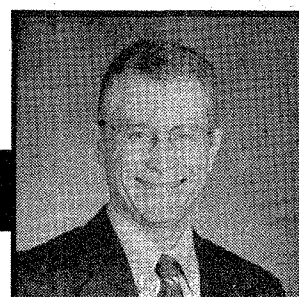
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Choirs conducting open auditions

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers are looking for new voices, and they've announced open rehearsals in an attempt to find them.

"We want to give people an opportunity to experience either Cherry Hill Singers or BeckRidge Chorale without making a commitment," said Michael Gross, Artistic Director of both choirs.

"Cherry Hill Singers is a non-auditioned choir. We welcome everyone looking for an opportunity to develop or brush up his or her vocal skills. The BeckRidge Chorale is an auditioned choir and exists for more experienced singers."

Cherry Hill Singers will hold their Open Rehearsal on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The theatre is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

The BeckRidge Chorale Open Rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

"Our rehearsals run two hours and while we work hard, we also have a great deal of fun," Gross said. "We thought January would be the perfect



BeckRidge Chorale music director Mike Gross conducts a rehearsal.

month. Most of us are starting to get cabin fever and singing helps get us through to spring. Obviously, we hope people will enjoy the experience and want to join us in making some great music."

Cherry Hill Singers will present "Summer Fun" on April 29 at the Village Theater in Canton. The BeckRidge Chorale is preparing for an "Evening with Composer/Arranger and Pianist Mark

Hayes" at Northville High School May 14-15. Mark Hayes is a Dove Award-winning composer and is known worldwide for his incredible talents. Hayes will lead the BeckRidge Chorale in his own arrangements and original compositions.

More information about both organizations can be found at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887.

First Step aims to educate the community about stalking

BY COURTNEY CONOVER

Computer and cell phone use has increasingly become a cornerstone of our daily lives: We use these tools to RSVP for an upcoming gathering at a friend's home; we instant message a colleague about lunch; we share our upcoming plans on Twitter or Facebook without a second thought. It all seems innocent enough, right?

But these simple aforementioned activities may inform a stalker about your whereabouts for an entire week.

January 2011 marks the eighth observance of National Stalking Awareness Month and First Step, the domestic violence and sexual assault agency which promotes peaceful families and safe communities, aims to bring awareness to the epidemic of stalking, which affects a staggering 3.4 million people over the age of 18 in the United States, according to the Stalking Resource Center (SRC). Additionally, three of four victims are stalked by someone they know. Furthermore, persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking. Stalking is a crime under the laws of 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, and the federal government.

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. It is serious, often violent, can escalate over time, and, unfortunately, is becoming more prevalent among our youth. Although stalking can occur in the absence of a relationship, it can also take place during a relationship or after one.

TEEN VICTIMS

Through her work as a

First Step First Responder and Community Response Advocate, Niesha Harris has witnessed first-hand the devastating affects stalking can have on teen victims. After giving a presentation about cyber-stalking at a local high school, a female student confided in Harris about her own troubles.

"She said that she didn't know that her boyfriend was stalking her; she just thought that that was what happened in relationship," Harris said. "She said that she thought your boyfriend was supposed to know everything you did or said to someone. I let her know that, no, that is not normal, and, no, it isn't OK."

Harris is thankful for the opportunity she had to converse with the teen, whom she still sees occasionally. "She still references the talk we had, and how it helped her," she said.

While women are three times more likely to be stalked than men, Harris says that a gross misconception is that stalking only happens to women.

"There has been an increase in men getting stalked by ex-partners - people they've recently started dating, or women with whom they have children in common," Harris said. "These people want to know everything about them: where they are, where they're going, what time they're coming back - basic things that you would think a man would do to a woman, only here the perpetrator is a woman."

Yet another huge misconception is the image of what a "traditional" stalker looks like; for example, the old peeping Tom outside your window with a pair of binoculars.

"Nowadays it more so involves texting, Facebook,

and Myspace," said Harris, pointing to an example of how the use of social media was actually one stalker's downfall - making history in the process. "In a recent Michigan court case, someone brought a Facebook archive of instant messages into the courtroom, and with that information, it was the first time a court case had been won with that type of information."

How can people help bring an end to stalking?

GET INVOLVED

According to Harris, one of the main things is be a positive bystander.

"If you see and hear things that are happening, don't just sit there, react on it," she said. "Just the same way you would if you heard someone say 'Oh, so-and-so just got beat up by his or her boyfriend or girlfriend.' Instead of saying, 'Oh, wow, that's too bad,' you need to jump in and say 'I need to talk with them to help provide them with resources.'"

She added that there is no such thing as an insignificant show of support. Even accompanying a victim to the police department to file a police report, or helping the victim get in contact with a First Step advocate are tremendous proactive steps toward helping the victim.

Harris's wish for the New Year is a simple one: That awareness is brought to anyone who seeks help.

"I want people to know that we (First Step) are not just here for women; we're here for the whole family," she said.

For more information about First Step, visit its website at www.firststep-mi.org. It also can be reached toll free at (734) 453-5900. The agency also has a 24-hour hotline - (734) 722-6800 - for those in need of help.

AROUND WESTLAND

Open House

St. Damian School is holding an Open House noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, for parents interested in enrolling their children in the school.

The school has been an integral part of the Westland-Garden City area and the Archdiocese of Detroit for 51 years. Both Catholic and non-Catholic families have embraced St. Damian School as the school of choice for their children.

The school maintains high academic standards and offers a well rounded curriculum. Students are

respectful, responsible, and take pride in doing their best as they live out their faith life each day. The school and parents work to maintain a collaborative partnership in support of the students.

Parents also can get more information on the school website at www.stdamian.com or call (734) 427-1680 to arrange a tour.

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Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiv-

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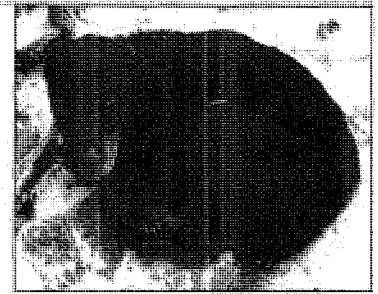


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Hail to the Chiefs

Canton dominates John Glenn girls in showdown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Step aside Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin Moore, the Canton girls basketball team knows a thing or two about paint, too.

The Chiefs certainly provided the primer in Friday night's KLAA South Division showdown against host Westland John Glenn as they made layup after layup en route to a convincing 52-34 triumph.

Senior forward Kari Schmitt was the main recipient as she scored 14 of her game-high 20 points in the opening half as Canton built a 34-15 advantage.

The Chiefs smothering defense also held Glenn's vaunted transfer tandem of 6-foot Erica Covile and 6-1 Joslyn Massey to a combined six points.

Only freshman point-guard Kaira Barnes was able to score with any regularity for the Rockets' as she scored 19 of her team's 34 points.

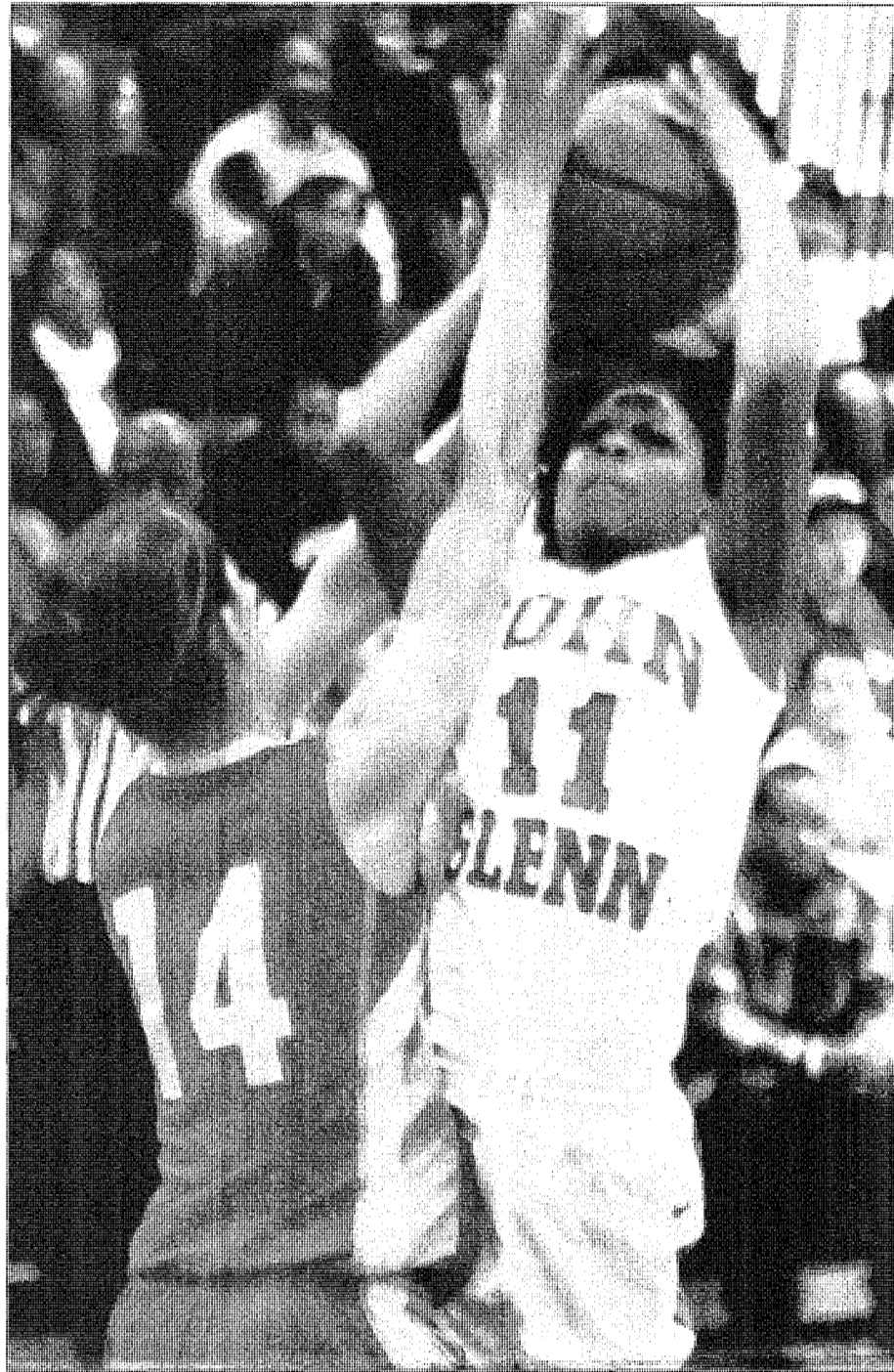
"We wanted to attack their pressure," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South. "We didn't want have them to dictate the way the game was going to be played. We knew they were going to come out and get after us, so we wanted to attack, and get the ball to the middle, push and attack, and see if we could get to the rim. For the most part I thought we did a good job with that."

Canton shot 50 percent from the floor during the first half (12-of-24) to build the commanding 19-point advantage.

"He (Samulski) jumped everything we did," said Glenn coach Mark Anderson, whose team fell to 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the division. He did a helluva job scouting us - he really did.

"I thought our effort wasn't there, but I'm going to attest that

Please see **CHIEFS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn freshman guard Kaira Barnes (11), guarded by Paige Aresco (14), scored a team-high 19 points in Friday's 52-34 setback to Canton in a battle of state-ranked teams.

Crash land: Rockets fall in 2nd half

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At halftime Friday night, the host Canton Chiefs were struggling mightily against Westland John Glenn and trailed 27-19.

Unable to mount much offense and with 6-foot-7 junior power forward Paul Baumgart forced to sit most of the first half, the Chiefs needed

BOYS HOOPS

some kind of spark to rally in the KLAA South boys basketball matchup.

They did, coming out of the locker room a different team, turning steals and blocks into fast-break points en route to a 20-4 spurt (it was 39-31 with six minutes to go in the game) that set the table for Canton's 51-43 victory.

The win lifted Canton's record to 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the division, one game back of Plymouth. John Glenn lost for the third straight game and now are 6-4, 3-2.

"We got a pep talk in the team room," Canton senior point guard Dietrich Lever II said. "And when we came out in the second half, our defense played incredible."

"... We just had to get steals, box out and get the ball back."

Chiefs coach Jimmy Reddy acknowledged that his team wasn't very good in the first half. But he did note not having Baumgart for much of the first 16 minutes made it easier for the Rockets to pack it in defensively on Lever.

Please see **ROCKETS, B3**

SIDELINES

Ex-Ocelot drafted

Former Schoolcraft College standout Birn Ogunyemi, who played for the Michigan Bucks in 2009, was taken 17th overall in Wednesday's Major League Soccer Supplemental Draft by FC Dallas.

Ogunyemi most recently represented the Portland Timbers U-23 team in the USL Premier Development League. The midfielder started all 20 matches, including playoffs, for the Timbers, who went 20-0-0 en route to winning the PDL North American Championship.

Ogunyemi logged 1,589 minutes, scoring four goals and seven assists.

He was one of 10 ex-Bucks taken in the MLS Super and Supplemental drafts.

"The draft is never a perfect science," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said. "Teams draft what they know, but most teams don't have the scouting resources to possibly identify all the talent that is playing in D-I, D-II, D-III and the NAIA. Who would have ever thought you would find an MLS player at Schoolcraft College? All great soccer players don't go to big-time schools and get the exposure they need to be discovered. This is another important role for the PDL and the USSF Academy teams that many people have yet to appreciate. It is our job to help identify the little guy and help get him an opportunity to show if he can play at the next level."

Churchill benefit

The Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons will stage a fund-raiser dinner 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia.

The event will also feature hourly 50-50 drawings along with Rod Hawrany and Mario D'Herin of Roger & Rod's Barber Shop serving as guest bartenders.

CAP Hall of Fame

The Livonia Churchill athletic patrons will stage their ninth annual Hall of Fame induction dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Italian American Club, located at 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Among the inductees will be former football and track coach Bob Armstrong, baseball and hockey player Ron Griffin (1976) and the 2005 and 2006 varsity gymnastics teams coached by Christa Hinderliter and Kelly Grodzicki.

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, call Neal Houghan at (734) 634-5524; or e-mail nhoughan@seasons.org.

Soccer sign-up

The Livonia City Soccer Club has opened registration for the spring 2011 recreational soccer program for both boys and girls in all age groups.

Registration information can be found on the club's website, www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com or by calling the club offices at (734) 464-8575.

Blue topples Red in 'Flip for a Cure'

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GYMNASTICS

There were winners all the way around during the third annual Flip for a Cure gymnastics meet held Wednesday night between Livonia Blue and Livonia Red at Churchill High School.

Livonia Blue, getting a sterling performance from all-around winner Alex Kitz (35.95), improved its dual meet record to 4-0 on the season with a 135.075-129.85 triumph.

"The Flip for a Cure meet was a success as far as getting donations for breast cancer research and winning the meet," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "We raised \$120 to help the research on breast cancer and we sent it to the Karmanos Cancer Research Center."

Kitz, a junior, captured all four events, including the vault (8.9), uneven parallel

bars (8.85), balance beam (9.15) and floor exercise (9.05).

"Alex had an outstanding meet," Fierk said. "She got her very first nine on beam and was extremely happy. She stepped up her performances on all events and it showed in her scores. She is becoming a great gymnast and someone fun to watch."

Junior captain Sara Bridges of Livonia Blue also stood out with a second on bars (8.325), third on floor (8.6) and tie for fourth on beam (8.25).

"Sara always amazes me on each event," Fierk said. "Her floor is what I love to watch the most. She is a talented gymnast and she has wanted to up her skills to improve her routines."

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Spartans on a roll

The Livonia Stevenson varsity girls cheer team has captured four out of five competitions this season including the Livonia Ladywood (Jan. 15) and Allen Park (Jan. 8) invitationals, along with a runner-up finish at the Warren Cousino Invitational (Dec. 8). The Spartans also won a tri meet (Jan. 4 vs. South Lyon East and Novi) and quad meet (Dec. 6 vs. Waterford Mott, Brighton and Livonia Churchill). Members of the Spartans, coached by Blair Slack, include: Sammi Beaman, Marissa Boren, Erin Brewer, Emmi Broda, Elise Caruso, Allie Cordon, Mallory Deluca, Breanna Gleason, Angelina Glenn, Laikyn Jajowinicz, Heather Jaynes, Becca Koestering, Becca Martus, Brianna Montgomery, Emma Parker, Alex Poynter, Ashley Robinson, Kelly Schoen, Kristin Wagel, Shelby Weiss and Jenny Wutka.

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Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers points to his strong religious faith as being a big reason for his emergence on and off the ice.

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Power source

Czarnik's strong faith keeps him going

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers is quiet and reserved and isn't about to crush an opponent through the boards.

But the Whalers center from Washington, Mich., lets two things in his life do the talking for him — his strong faith in Christianity and considerable talent as a playmaker and goal scorer.

As far as Czarnik is concerned, the two are woven together, with it being up to God more than himself or anybody else whether his path leads to the National Hockey League.

"I just know if it's meant to be, if it's gonna happen, there's a plan set for me," said Czarnik, whose NHL rights belong (appropriately, for a believer) to the Los Angeles Kings. "If I'm going to sign and play, get an NHL contract, I will get one and I just have to continue to play hard and believe it will happen."

L.A. scouts likely have been impressed with former University of Michigan player Czarnik so far this season. In 37 OHL games, he has 24 goals and 50 points.

The future will take care of itself. But for Czarnik, the convergence of slap shots and Scripture will be there to see Friday night, at the Whalers' first "Faith & Family Night."

Czarnik and the rest of the Whalers will host Niagara at 7 p.m., where he will flash the skills that have flourished recently — he has totaled nine goals and 15 points in eight January games.

Following the game at Compuware Arena, all who attend are invited to enjoy Christian rock's The Mark White Band and renowned youth speaker Jack Janigian.

"I think it's a great event, it's going to be good," Czarnik, who turns 21 Tuesday, said following a practice last week. "It will be a nice game and ... it's going to be pretty cool to have a concert after."

STEPPING OUT

All of the Whalers' promotions for the event feature Czarnik, and he is likely to get out of his comfort zone and say a few words to youth church groups and individuals who attend.

"It's really great to have somebody that is going to step up and be a part of it (the event)," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers. "I give him a lot of credit for being a young athlete, being a successful young athlete, and being very straightforward and just saying 'I didn't get here by myself.'"

Ronayne said all church groups within a 45-mile radius have been invited to the event.

Tickets (\$9 each) are still on sale for youth ministry and church groups and their families, although anybody who buys a ticket will be able to hear the concert and message.

Brought up in a religious family (his uncle Mike is a pastor, for example), Czarnik's beliefs helped him decide in 2009-10 to leave the University of Michigan hockey team and join the Whalers. (He still is a student at U-M.)

"Yeah, I prayed about it and then decided what I wanted to do," Czarnik said. "When it came down to it, after praying, thinking about it and talking to family ... I felt strong about it and I didn't have any regrets. "And I still don't regret it at all to this day."

With the Whalers, in a league considered a pipeline to the NHL, scouts from the Kings have watched him "more times than they ever did when I was at Michigan."

"And I've also developed better here," he said. "It's just more of a developmental league and I've become a better player just coming here, coming to this path."

QUIETLY ASSERTIVE

Czarnik the hockey player lets his stickwork make noise

for him. What does that job when it comes to Czarnik the person is a tattoo emblazoned on his upper body.

It serves as a welcome mat for anybody who decides to step onto it and discuss Christianity.

"It's not a huge thing that people talk to me about, it's not brought up that often," he noted. "But ... conversations do come up in the locker room randomly, there will be a (discussion) about church and God and people believing or not believing."

Czarnik added that he doesn't set out to change anybody.

"I always say what I believe," Czarnik emphasized. "Everyone has their own opinions and you can't make someone believe if they don't want to."

"I just try to say what I believe and hopefully it (the message) gets out."

With Friday's "Faith & Family Night," Czarnik will have a unique opportunity to go top-shelf in that never-ending quest.

For more information about "Faith & Family Night," call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or go to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

ROCKETS

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Baumgart returned for the second half and that seemed to immediately open up Canton's offense. He scored six second-half points and chipped in with six boards and three blocks.

"At halftime, we challenged them," Reddy said. "And with Paul playing the whole second half we just did a lot better job of defending and rebounding and making them take a contested two" instead of setting up for treys.

Conversely, John Glenn coach Paul Young was almost flabbergasted at how the game beginning with the start of the third.

"Give Jim Reddy and his staff credit," Young said. "They took us out of everything we were trying to do offensively and took us right out of the game."

"We turned it over a lot and they outrebounded us and we got in foul trouble again. Now we just have to get back in the gym and try to get better."

Midway through the third, the Chiefs forced a pair of turnovers at their own end. Both times, Lever then got the ball and dribbled in for easy layups that gave Canton a 31-29 lead.

If not for some poor shots by Canton in the final stages of the frame, the Chiefs probably

would have enjoyed more than a 33-31 lead going into the fourth.

Marcus Mecks scored 11 points to lead the Rockets.

Adding nine and eight points, respectively, were Christian Covile and Desmond Cervera.

As for the foul trouble cited by Young, starting forward Eric Covile (four points) fouled out with seven minutes remaining in the contest.

Perhaps summing up how the second half went, Mecks sprinted in for an apparent break-away layup with 2:35 to go. But out of nowhere, Spreitzer blocked the shot at the glass.

Young thought it might have been a goaltending infraction and was whistled for a technical foul. Instead of cutting the Canton lead to 41-36, Lever sank two free throws to open up an eight-point edge.

"I think we were focused," Young continued. "I can't explain the second half. We just never could get into a flow and, obviously, that has to do with them."

The teams were tied 10-10 after one, but the Rockets enjoyed a 17-9 second.

Lever scored 12 of Canton's 19 first-half points and finished with 27 for the night.

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GYMNASTICS

FROM PAGE B1

Livonia Red, now 4-3 on the year, got a runner-up finish from senior Meghan Lark on floor (8.9) along with a second from Shannon Diaz on balance beam (8.65). Lark also placed third on uneven bars (8.15).

"Meghan Lark is developing new skills and stepping up for the team in general — she's one of our captains," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "Shannon's a freshman and has been coming around lately. She's coming off an injury and was able to come through."

Grodzicki not only applauded the effort of her team, but Livonia Blue as well.

"Alex Kitz (Blue) has more depth on all the events and Sarah Bridges is pretty close," she said. "They have a great

GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA BLUE 135.075
LIVONIA RED 129.85
Jan. 19 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.9; 2. Andrea Irvine (Blue), 8.6; 3. Allison White (Blue), 8.55; 4. Meghan Lark (Red), 8.5; 5. Cassie Morford (Blue), 8.4.

Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 8.85; 2. Bridges (Blue), 8.35; 3. Lark (Red), 8.15; 4. Morford (Blue), 8.05; 5. Maggie McGowan (Red), 7.7.

Balance beam: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.15; 2. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.65; 3. Morford (Blue), 8.55; 4. (tie) Rose Prebola (Red) and Bridges (Blue), 8.25 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.05; 2. Lark (Red), 8.9; 3. Bridges (Blue), 8.6; 4. McGowan (Red), 8.55; 5. Diaz (Red), 8.4.

All-around: 1. Kitz (Blue), 35.95.
Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 4-0

overall; Livonia Red, 4-3 overall.
LIVONIA BLUE 133.45
PLYMOUTH 132.725
Jan. 17 at Plymouth

Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.8; 2. Katie Salanga (P), 8.6; 3. Sarah Uhlman (P), 8.5; 4. Andres Irvine (Blue), 8.25.

Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.1; 2. Sara Bridges (Blue), 8.35; 3. Cassie Morford (Blue), 8.2; 4. Reagan Engstrom (P), 7.95.

Balance beam: 1. Morford (Blue), 9.25; 2. Uhlman (P), 8.6; 3. (tie) Bridges (Blue) and Engstrom (P), 8.4 each; 5. Brenna Connelly (P), 8.25.

Floor exercise: 1. Jane McCurry (P), 9.15; 2. Kennedy Lewis (P), 8.925; 3. Bridges (Blue), 8.9; 4. (tie) Kitz and Jessica Lubakka (P), 8.6.

Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 3-0 overall.

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team this year.

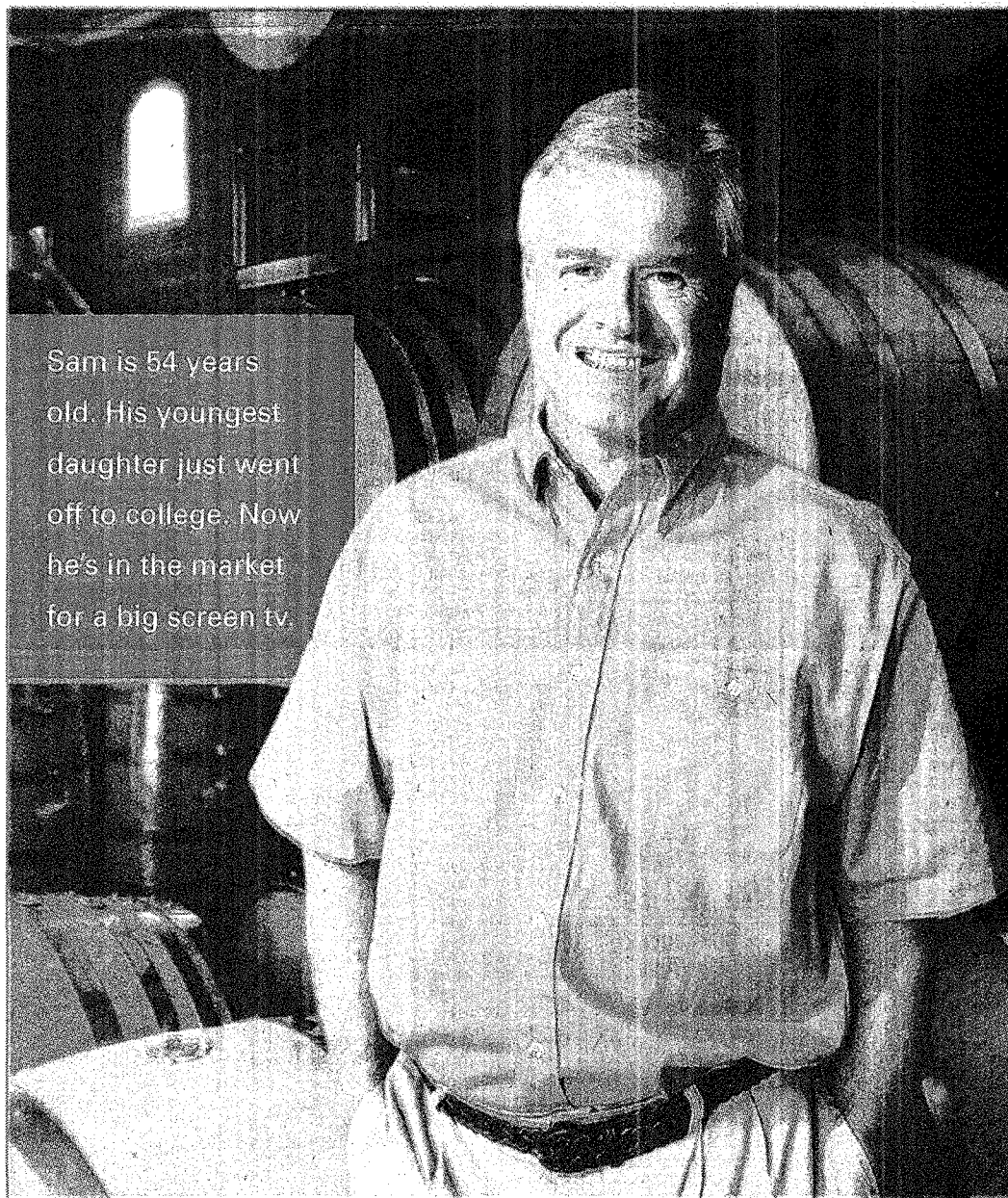
"It was a fun meet and we did things for Cure. It was a great turnout and good attitudes by all."

Fierk, meanwhile, was encouraged by her team's showing.

"Our gymnasts are working hard to improve their skills as well as their scores," she said.

"I am looking forward to seeing what else my gymnasts have in store for themselves."

"I was very pleased with what they have accomplished and the way they came out with their skills that evening, but we still have room to grow and improve."



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Type O-negative blood donors needed

The supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels in recent days, as winter weather across the country has canceled blood drives and prevented potential donors from safely traveling to give blood. The Red Cross needs eligible donors with type O-negative blood to make a blood donation appointment now.

In Southeastern Michigan, approximately 100 pints of O-negative blood are used daily for patients at 43 area hospitals. Type O-negative blood is always in high demand because it is the universal type, and it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. Since the beginning of December 2010 winter weather has negatively affected blood donations despite many donor recruitment efforts.

"While all blood types are needed on an ongoing basis, we urge those who know they are type O-negative to make and keep appointments to give blood as soon as possible," stated Dr. Bruce Newman, medical director of the American Red



The American Red Cross needs blood donors of every type, but especially Type O-negative.

Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Your donation could help save the life of someone's child, mother, brother or friend. When you come to give, you help make everyday medical treatments possible."

Cancelled blood drives across the Midwest and Eastern parts of the country have caused a shortfall of more than

8,000 blood donations. In Southeastern Michigan alone since the beginning of last month, collections have been down more than 2,500 units.

The Red Cross is working to boost type O-negative donations by alerting current donors in their system through e-mails, phone calls and post cards. Donors of all types are needed year-round. Individuals who don't know their type can find out by giving blood.

In Michigan 16-year-olds are eligible to donate blood with parental consent. Information and the consent form for 16-year-old donors are available at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen>.

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds based on height and in good health.

Blood donor centers are located at 36650 Five Mile in Livonia and at 31150 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

To find out about blood drives and to schedule a donation appointment, call (800) REDCROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Study to develop test for pancreatic cancer

A clinical research study to develop a rapid and inexpensive blood screening test for the early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer has been launched by Henry Ford Health System and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Sky Foundation, Inc., a local non-profit dedicated to raising awareness and money for the early detection of pancreatic cancer, is funding the study.

Henry Ford held a blood draw event Saturday to recruit some of the 300 patients needed for the study.

"Currently there is no available blood test for pancreatic cancer that is either sensitive or specific enough for early diagnosis," stated Dr. Ann Silverman, of the Henry Ford's Department of Gastroenterology, and lead study investigator for Henry Ford.

"The objective of this research study is to develop such a diagnostic test by identifying useful markers of cancer in the blood of high risk individuals and cancer patients."

According to the National Cancer Institute, 36,800 people died of pancreatic cancer annually and more than 43,000 new cases of the disease were diagnosed last year.

"Patients with pancreatic cancer usually lack signs and symptoms in the early course of the disease and even when malignancy is suspected, differential diagnosis between benign and malignant pancreatic disorders may be difficult with current methods," Silverman said. "Therefore, pancreatic cancer largely remains undetected and is often diagnosed at an advanced stage when surgical intervention is not possible."

Current diagnostic methods include CT scan, ultrasound, MRI, a needle biopsy or an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) test that uses an ultrasound machine on the end of an endoscope that is inserted into the stomach to directly evaluate the pancreas and remove tissue or fluid to be tested for cancer. These tests are expensive and are not considered practical screening tests.

The study is being done in collaboration with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, where blood samples will undergo biomarker analysis. Researchers at Karmanos are leaders in the identification of circulation biomarkers for cancer in serum samples.

Participants must be at a high risk for pancreatic cancer or must have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer to be eligible for the study. Individuals are considered at high risk for pancreatic cancer if they have one or more family members with pancreatic cancer, have hereditary pancreatitis or BRCA 2 gene mutation.

Participation in the study requires a single blood draw for those at high risk for pancreatic cancer.

Patients who agree to volunteer and meet the eligibility requirements must complete a patient questionnaire and sign a consent form.

To participate, call Nicole Samuels at (248) 344-2358 or e-mail to QSAMUEL1@hfhs.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Medical certificate courses

Class begins Feb. 2 for medical receptionist; Feb. 8 for medical coding and Feb. 22 for pharmacy technician at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tuition includes books and ranges from \$1,024-\$1,824. These job training courses are for adult learners who are laid-off, re-entering the workforce or changing careers. Students learn the foundation of a specific field and can begin applying for entry-level positions upon course completion. Job leads are sent with certificates. Seating is limited. Call GERALYN at (734) 432-5904 or visit www.madonna.edu and click on continuing education and job training.

Grief recovery

A grief support series will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3,

at Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark, Suite 200, Ypsilanti. Support group members will learn how grief affects them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually and how to deal with difficult emotions. They'll receive and give support and learn how to take steps to reconcile with grief. To register call (734) 327-3224 or (734) 327-3409.

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should

bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Ladies' Night

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is

requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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Patricia Lyden is praising her staff for earning the citation-free Certificate of Achievement from the Health Care Association of Michigan. The framed accomplishment will soon be hung in the lobby. Surveyors from the Michigan Department of Community Health showed up unannounced before Thanksgiving for the annual survey. Every nursing home is surveyed annually for licensing and certification. During the four days, six surveyors looked for infractions of federal and Michigan Public Health Code regulations used as guidelines for all aspects of resident care. Throughout the year Four Seasons' Quality Assurance Committee meets with the medical director to address concerns.

"It's not easy to get through the survey," said Lyden, Four Seasons' Administrator and an RN. "I'm very proud of the staff from admissions to maintenance, nursing to dietary. The surveyors get everybody involved in the survey process and are here 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., sometimes through the dinner hour, and meet with family and residents."

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Lyden recommends touring a facility when searching for a nursing home. Survey results are required to be posted at the reception desk.

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'Mother Superior' takes a humorous look at modern sin

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Vicki Quade will sit in a back pew and take notes next weekend at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

She'll make sure the jokes are fresh and that the audience is connecting with her one-woman comedy, *Put the Nuns in Charge!*, in which "Mother Superior," played by Manchester actress Breeda Miller, gives her take on the "Golden Rule."

"It's a play about modern sin, a look at modern behavior and bad behavior," said Quade, from Chicago, Ill., where she lives, writes and produces for the stage. Quade's *Late Night Catechism*, was her first in a series of nun-themed shows, and has been running since 1993 in Chicago. It featured a character much like the nuns who taught Quade in Catholic grade school.

"I had the old fashioned nuns, but in the middle of my education they turned into modern nuns. They had the option to switch out of their habits and a lot of them did. It was right around the seventh grade," Quade said. "I remember those nuns changing from their habits. It was the first time you could see their hair. It was like seeing them naked. You almost had to divert your eyes."

"*Put the Nuns in Charge!* features that more modern post-Vatican II nun. She's the youngest in the convent. They voted her to be Mother Superior," Quade said.

With an opinion on everything from "lipstick to the



Vicki Quade, playwright, will attend a Jan. 28 performance of "Put the Nuns in Charge!" at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

I-Pod in your pocket" Mother Superior has been preaching about the need for civility since the play opened in 2005 at the Royal George Theatre, in Chicago.

TOPICAL SHOW

Although the play's underlying message has remained the same, the comedy that describes anger, sloth, lust and the other deadly sins, has kept pace with current events and changes in lifestyle.

"It's a very topical script. A modern sin that we used to have when the show opened in '05 was coming to trial in your pajamas — sloth," Quade said, recalling a court appearance by the late pop singer, Michael Jackson. "After a year we had to change that. (Actor) Russell Crowe threw a telephone at someone — that was the sin of anger. Any time there's a good scandal that sticks, we're always happy when people bring that up."

The audience gets a chance to vent about modern sins and bad behavior during the interactive show. Quade, who worked as a journalist in Chicago for years before

penning plays, pays attention to their responses as she jots notes while watching select performances.

Ticket-holders in the \$50 and \$75 seats at the Jan. 28 performance at St. Thomas a' Becket, also will get a chance to meet Quade and Miller. Unreserved seating costs \$20 and lesser-priced reserved seating is \$35.

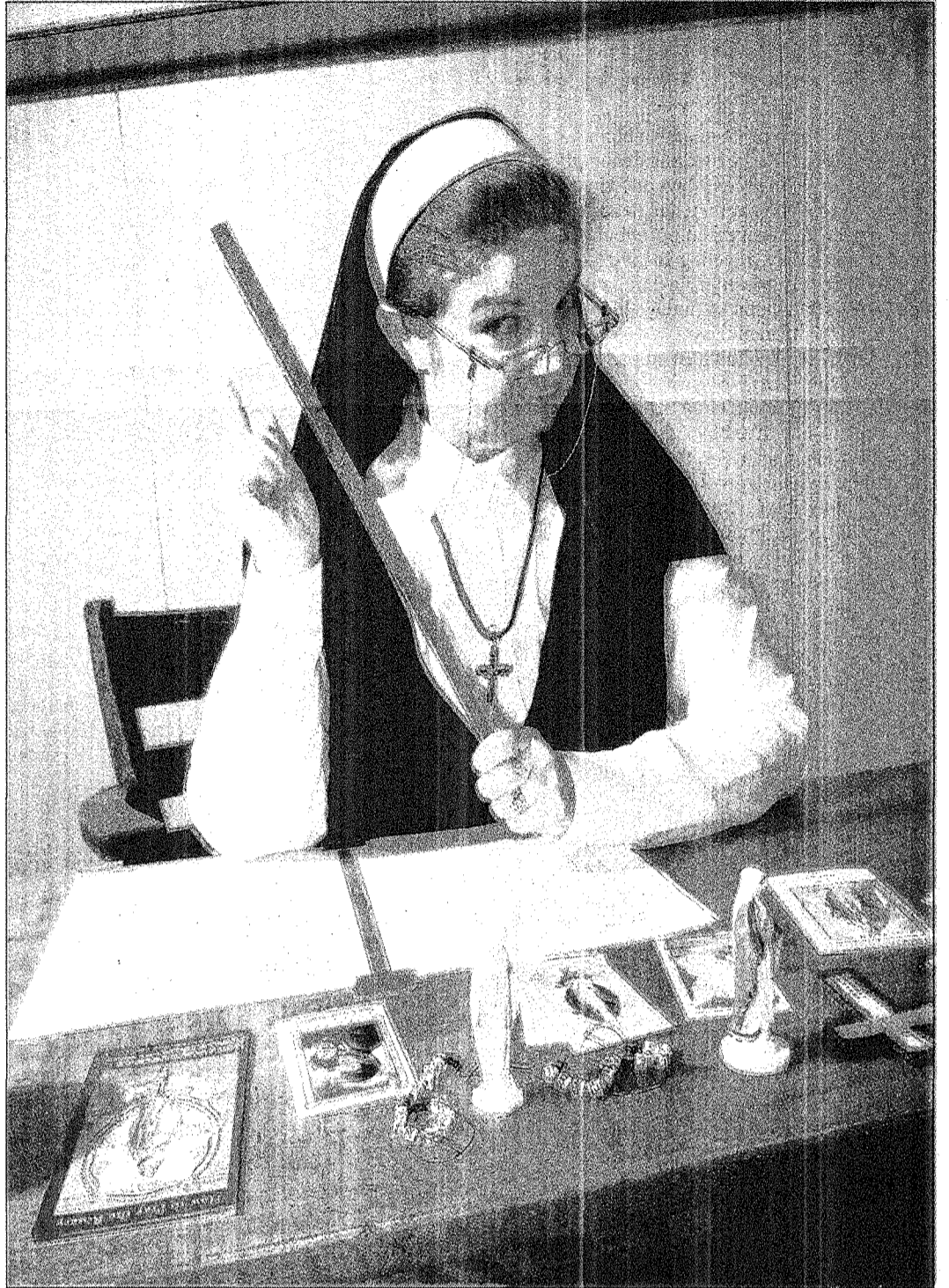
FUND-RAISER

"We are thrilled to have her come out to the show. It is exciting for us," said Georgette Stubin, a member of the committee that organized the event. "A couple of years ago we put on *Late Night Catechism* and that was quite a success."

Put the Nuns in Charge! will raise funds to send members of the church youth group to Spain in August for the Catholic Church's World Youth Day. Half of the proceeds also will go to the St. Patrick food pantry in Detroit.

"When we throw something like this show, it's always in the form of a fundraiser. We've always had a partnership with St. Pat's, raising funds or holding a food drive," Stubin said. "We give back to the community in some way and we give to something in the parish. World Youth Day will be a pricey trip but a lot of people who went in the past called it life-changing."

Quade uses her shows to help make a difference in the lives of retired nuns by taking a collection at each performance. Donations given at St. Thomas a' Becket will go to the Dominican Sisters



Breeda Kelly Miller plays Mother Superior in "Put the Nuns in Charge," Jan. 28, at St. Thomas a' Becket, in Canton.

in Adrian. "We ask them to use it for retirement needs," Quade said, adding that the recipients can spend the money on anything they want as long

as it benefits them. In the past, donations have bought a handicap-accessible van, purchased convent television sets and upgraded bathrooms.

She tells the sisters, "You can establish a Hagen Daz fund ... you can get Netflix ... we don't care. We want it to go to you. Do something nice for you."

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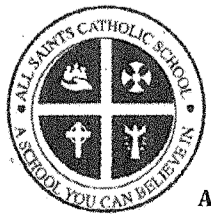
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Rescue sets fund-raisers to offset vet bills

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) will hold a can and bottle drive in conjunction with its weekly adoption event, noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.

The Livonia-based animal rescue desperately needs funds to pay down a \$4,000 vet bill that accumulated because of an unusually high number of emergency rescues last month.

- Among them:
- 30 cats — many which needed to be treated for upper respiratory infection, mites and parasites — taken from a hoarding situation
 - An abandoned cat that appeared to have been burned had her tail amputated
 - A dog found starving at a bus stop in Detroit that has been nursed back to health
 - Animals rescued from abandoned buildings in Detroit suffering from frostbite and other medical problems

"We are slowing working away at this bill, it is less than \$4,000 at this time, but as fast as the animals come in it is hard to keep up," said Sandra Mezza of Westland, GAAR president. "If an animal needs medical care we provide it."

Members open their own wallets if needed to pay for vet visits. Or the group holds special fund-raisers such as the bottle drive and upcoming "Comedy for the Love of Animals" Feb. 14 at Joey's Comedy Club, 3602 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Similar to the group's first comedy fund-raiser held last fall, the Valentine's Day show will start at 8 p.m. and feature several stand-up comedians. Tickets are \$10 available at the door or by calling Mezza at (734) 788-6857.

"Guardian Angel is a great group of volunteers," Mezza said, "We pull together to get what needs to be done no matter how hard or expensive it may be. We have had a rough two years, helping with the



Some of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's volunteers help with an adoption event.



This dog, chained, subjected to cold weather and poor living conditions, could face frostbite, hypothermia and possibly death. Michigan Humane Society urges pet owners to take their animals inside during frigid weather.

Livingston County Animal Control, a very high kill shelter, the Detroit animals and all the calls on our hotline. But we all have faith and believe in our mission and all the people who support us."

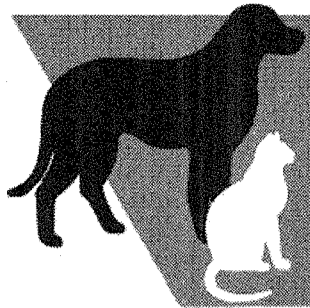
This month the organization has rescued five cats and three dogs. It responds to rescue calls through its hotline, (734) 516-2171 and gives pet food to several families in Detroit that feed animals in abandoned

buildings.

"Food and litter alone cost us over \$1,000 a month." GAAR's foster families have 18 dogs and 100 cats available for adoption.

"We also have many special need animals that are looking for forever, loving homes"

Mezza said the organization needs more foster families, especially someone who can foster puppies and/or pregnant dogs.



PET PROJECTS

GAAR also accepts donations at GAAR, P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151 or by PayPal at www.gaarmichigan.org.

FROSTBITE WEATHER

With temperatures dropping into single digits at night, the Michigan Humane Society reminds dog owners to bring their furry companions inside. Even large, thick-coated dogs may be unable to withstand low temperatures.

According to MHS, a dog that is shivering, trying to curl up into a small tight ball, or attempting to dig a "bed" in the snow, is too cold to remain outdoors. If he is extremely cold to the touch or his paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. Move the pet to a warmer area and contact your veterinarian immediately.

Other cold weather tips from MHS:

- Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to startle them and give them a chance to escape.

- Increase the amount of food by 10-20 percent for dogs kept outside during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help an animal to stay warm.

- Regular access to clean, unfrozen water is critical. Check drinking water frequently to ensure that it is unfrozen.

For more information, visit www.michiganhumane.org.



Chica is a small dog with a joyful spirit.

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For more information about Chica and Rusty, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and visit the organization's Web site for more photos of the dogs. www.greyheart.org.



Rusty is 2 years old and behaves well.

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ACHIEVING A STRONG BACK

Patients with back pain have reason to ask their doctor for advice on exercises to help strengthen the lumbar or neck muscles.

Devising a technique to strengthen back muscles is difficult because of the interweaving and layering of these muscles. Most physicians take a different view. They ask the patient to consider the back as a "precious resource," a part of the body to preserve and use with care.

The first way to save strain on the back is by one's gait and posture. The proper way to stand and walk is to keep the ears even with the collar bone and the stomach even with the chest. This type of posture is what one sees in ballet dancers. The ability to balance a book on the head while walking depends on the same principle of walking.

The effect is to use abdominal pressure to maintain a straight posture rather than placing the responsibility and strain on back muscles.

The second way to reduce stress on the back is to bend down not over. When stooping down to pick up papers or small objects from the floor, one should bend at the knees and arise from the squatted position. Of course, when lifting heavy objects off the floor, one needs to lift using the calves and thighs, not the back.

The third way to spare the back is to sleep on the back rather than the stomach. Sleeping on the stomach puts strain on the lordotic curve of the lumbar spine with secondary stress on the longissimus and iliocostalis muscles.

Finally, use a back brace sparingly if at all. Braces cause weak back muscles to become weaker.

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Go big for the big game

Kick off your Super Bowl party right

Classic commercials, historic plays and close company are all quintessential elements to the perfect game-day get-together. The biggest obstacle for many Super Bowl shindigs is how to best tackle the menu. Ideal dishes need to be finger-friendly, universally appealing and well suited to feeding hungry groups. Here are six vital tips for sidelining game day stress, as well as a sumptuous all-American recipe guaranteed to be the MVP of your party planning playbook:

Game Plan Greatness: Plan ahead and prepare as much of the food as possible before the blitzing begins, so you don't have to miss any of the pre-game fun shut-out in the kitchen.

Super-up Team Spirit: Use colorful team jerseys, posters and pennants to create a festive field of decorations. Build a little friendly rivalry by decorating one side of the room for each team, or line table tops with green turf in place of coasters and table clothes.

Stock Your Roster With Reserves: Game day parties bring hungry crowds, so when planning for food quantities, think big to avoid a grocery store rush at fourth quarter. In addition to your starting line-up of dishes, you may also want to consider preparing items that you don't bring out until half-time.

Avoid Penalties, Safety First: Make sure to offer a variety of "mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages) for kids and designated drivers.

Be Replay Ready: Set up your digital video recorder (DVR) the night before the Big Game so you can be sure to capture close calls and commercials for a second look or laugh.

Simplify the Sideline Set-up: To save time and money, choose shareable favorites like pitchers and punches (rather than complicated cocktails) and bowl dips and finger foods like this hearty Cheeseburger Bowl Dip, provided courtesy of King's Hawaiian Bakery:

CHEESEBURGER BOWL DIP

Makes 8-10 servings

- 2 16-ounce loaves King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 24 ounces American processed cheese
- 7 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup peeled cooked tomatoes, diced
- ½ cup red onion, chopped
- ½ cup hamburger dill slices, chopped
- Thousand Island salad dressing
- Carve out center core of bread within two inches of bottom and sides, keeping bread intact.
- Cut reserved bread and other loaf into 1-inch cubes for dipping.
- Cook ground beef, season with seasoning salt and pepper to taste.
- Cut American cheese into chunks and add to cooked beef and stir until melted.
- Add crumbled bacon and diced tomatoes, stir to mix well.
- Spoon warm mixture into carved bread bowl.
- Top with red onion and pickles (to taste).
- Drizzle with Thousand Island dressing (if desired).

Options:

- Ground turkey can be substituted for ground beef.
- Bowl dip mixture can be spooned onto King's Hawaiian rolls for a group meal alternative.

For more bowl dip recipes, visit www.kingshawaiian.com/recipes.

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MINI MEATBALL HAMBURGERS

Makes 26 appetizers

- 26 frozen Casa Di Bertacchi fully cooked meatballs (1 pound)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons Dijon honey mustard
- 26 2-inch rolls, sliced in half horizontally
- 1½ cups sweet pickle relish

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Place meatballs in 8 x 8 or 9 x 9-inch pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.

In a small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. Place a heaping teaspoon of ketchup mixture on the bottom of roll. Place a meatball on top. Follow with a rounded teaspoon of pickle relish. Place top half of roll over top. Repeat for remaining meatballs and rolls. Serve immediately on a large platter.

Cheeseburger Variation: Place a small slice of cheddar cheese over each meatball.

BBQ NACHOS

Serves 4

Byron's BBQ

- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup red onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- Tortilla chips



Mini Meatball Hamburgers

- Whole kernel corn
- Sliced jalapeño
- Fresh guacamole
- Sour cream

On a large oven safe serving plate, arrange a layer of tortilla chips; top with BBQ. Sprinkle with cheese, onions, bell peppers, diced tomato and black beans. Heat in microwave (or in oven) until cheese is melted. Garnish with whole kernel corn, sliced jalapeño, fresh guacamole, and sour cream.

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Feeding the Game Day frenzy

What better way to serve a hungry gang than with two crowd-pleasers: meatballs and BBQ? Anyone hosting a big game gathering needs to have recipes on-hand that are hearty and tasty, while still being easy to prepare.

The easiest and fastest way to find what you need to feed the fans is by utilizing local club stores like Sam's, where shoppers can huddle and find great game-day foods and entertaining items at affordable prices. These crowd-pleasing recipes start off with Byron's Hand Pulled Pork BBQ and Casa Di Bertacchi Meatballs, both sold at Sam's Clubs nationwide.

The Mini Meatball Hamburgers are made from fully-cooked meatballs crafted from an outstanding, authentic family recipe. The seasoned and lightly steamed meatballs can be warmed up quickly and paired with a tasty sauce for some super-star sliders.

BBQ Nachos take game-day appetizers to a whole new level. Made with hickory-smoked pulled pork that's finished with a sweet and spicy sauce, this BBQ is ready to be warmed up and loaded up with fan-favorite nacho toppings for an appetizer that will have your guests calling for a replay.

For more information about Byron's Hand Pulled Pork BBQ, Casa Di Bertacchi Meatballs, or for additional recipes, visit www.ClubEntertaining.com.



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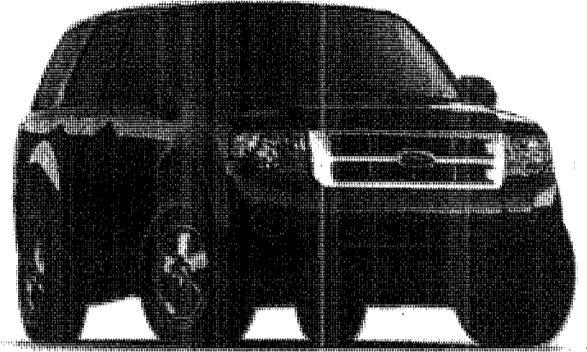


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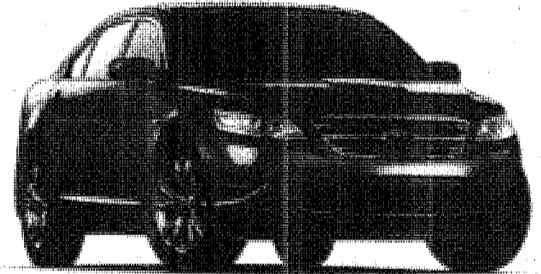


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