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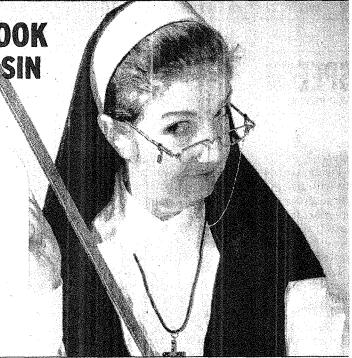
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IN BRIEF

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 not 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

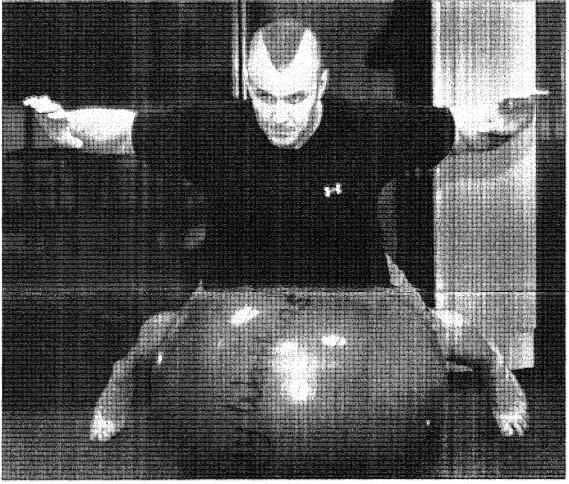
both the Ambassador and Blue Water (bridges). It was so backed up it took two hours to get across."

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 government, 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



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

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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

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 instructor Cody

Instructor Becky Reaver works with for 12 years," said Shannon Rosol on lifting a weight.

Watkins, who also teaches Brazilian Jiujitsu. 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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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 pre-

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-yearold 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 thè 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."

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possession of a firearm with

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sentence of up to five years, a

\$250,000 fine, or both. Jones

is charged with possession of

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a felony offense carrying a

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.

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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

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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Stevenson thanked all the

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

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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

"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. coiitsu.com.



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



Linda Ewald is one of Watkins' boot

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 semiannual 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-slamming 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 ofcganderson@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 Viramin 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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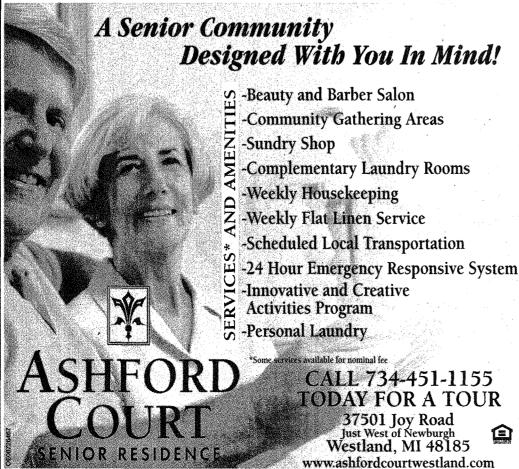


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Let the sales begin

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 showroom and offices, a task for themselves," Williams said. "It gives us an edge. This the next 12 months. Jeannotte week and throughout the rest also noted customers will see the Verano in the fall and the 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



arrived in the fall. surge," he said Tuesday. "We "I just came back from a sold 20 new cars yesterday,

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 electric-

ager of Bob Jeannotte Buick

GMC in Plymouth, believes

all the auto makers - and

"The biggest thing I've

excited that GM turned the

corner," he said. "They know

we're back making vehicles

that are superior in quality

The Plymouth Township

dealership is remodeling its

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Bob Faust, general sales

Ford in Wayne, said the ripple

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2011 will be a strong year for

Chris Jeannotte, sales man-

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been strong since Friday." Faust attributes the surge to extra exposure from the auto show, plus the new incentives offered by Ford.

which is great. Sales have

"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

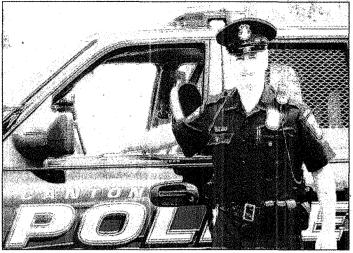
LeBlanc documented 7,384 hours in the 22 years he worked for the Canton Police Department.

"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 parttimers 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.

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 LeBlanc was hired by Canton 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.

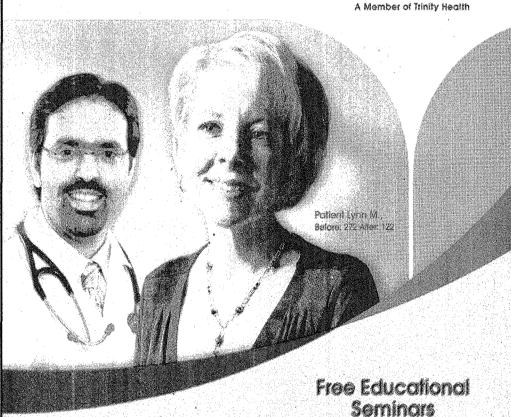
LeBlanc wanted to pursue a career as a full-time officer in the early 1990s, but he couldn't get a leave of absence from GM and needed a steady job to support his wife Cheryl and their

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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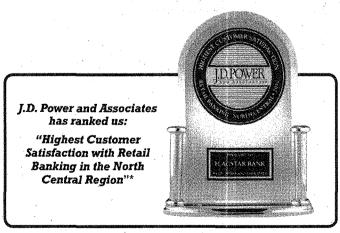
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'Humbled and honored'

EMU taps Hamilton's Funk for MLK Humanitarian Award

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 university'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."

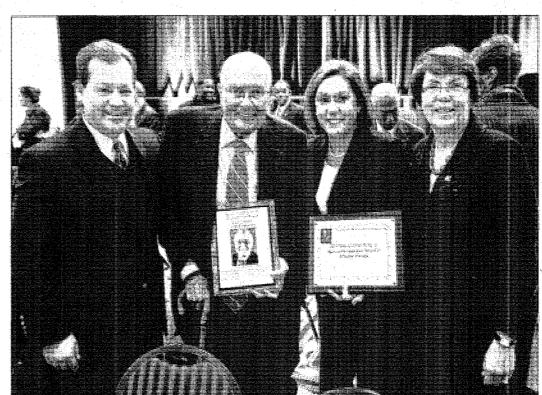
The purpose of the award is to recognize an EMU student who has demonstrated a commitment to promoting respect and improving the quality of life of all people consistent with the ideas of King and demonstrated service to EMU and/or the southeast Michigan community.

'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

"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 backs 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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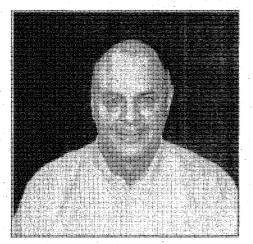


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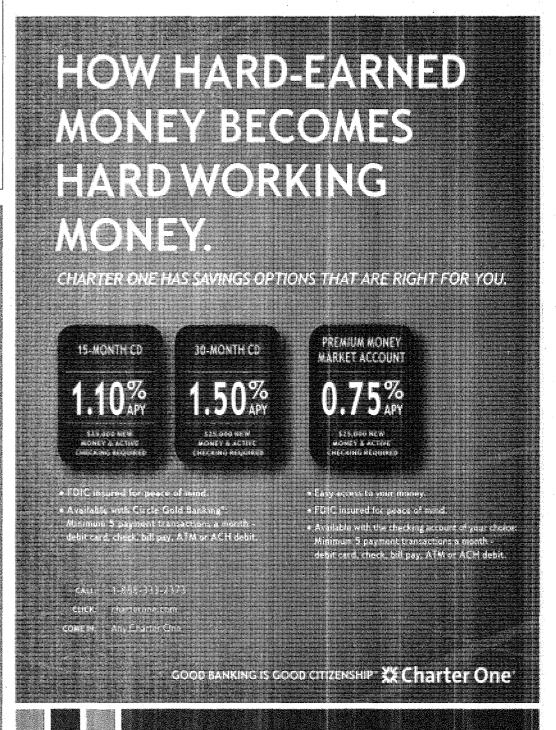
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Thousands mourn slain officer

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."

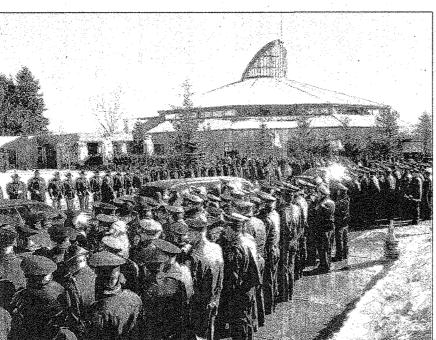
'A KIND AND LOVING MAN'

Nehasil talked about the val-



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



together," Tindall said. "He was

Nehasil was a social person

and very strong man, taking

pride in his appearance, yet he

also enjoyed cooking and work-

ing in his garden, Tindall said.

"You know how much your dad

"You are fortunate to have a

loves you and he was so very

proud of you," Tindall said to

Adam and Aaron Nehasil.

a great husband, father and a

kind and loving man."

Police officers from local departments along with Chicago and Toronto Lady of Good Council Church in Plymouth Township to honor Officer Larry Nehasil.

others including gathered at Our

good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He's given you a tremen-

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.

dous legacy in what it means to

be a man, to be a husband and

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



Livonia Fire Department salutes as the procession passes.

ing to give of himself," Tindall

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

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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Fr. William Tindall spoke

of Nehasil's life, pulling words

(Jesus) is the truth, the way and

the life," Tindall said. Nehasil

Tindall spoke of Nehasil's

devotion to family. "This is a

family that really truly came together, they have fun togeth

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describing Jesus Christ. "He

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At the auto show: Women speak up

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

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James Bond drives an Aston

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 exhume 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

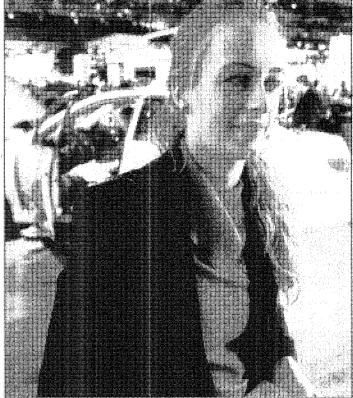
- especially their interior." Kokoszynska then notched it up a gear, setting the record straight on women and cars.

"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 sugges-

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



Magdalenia 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 bestselling 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 pre-fer 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 Stokeon-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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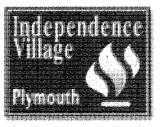
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Assessing risk, diversifying portfolio keys to investing

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



Rick Bloom

money from the CD is the money I have saved for retirement. Any ideas?

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 aftertax 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

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 equityindex 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!

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

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

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!

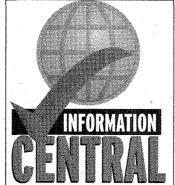
A few tips for learning a new lan-

 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? ive-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. The Westland Public Library has a wide selection of materials to help you with your language-learning goals. In addition to foreign language phrasebooks and dictionaries, the library also carries popular text and audio learning series such as "Teach Yourself ...," Barron's "Foreign Language Guides," Fodor's "Living Language" series and "Pimsleur" and "Lonely Planet" language courses cov ering languages from Arabic to Zulu.



To practice reading comprehension, check out the library's collection of foreign language literature, including Spanish, Korean, German, Hindi and more. Feel free to give us a call at (734) 326-6123, check the online catalog at catalog.westland.lib.mi.us/ or stop by the library to learn more about our resources for learning a

new language in the New Year. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 .p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, and always online at westlandlibrary.org. The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 31, for technology upgrade and staff in service day. We will resume regular hours Tuesday,

Highlighted Activities

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. Jan. 24

Homeowners can schedule a private, 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified coun-

selors who will help you avoid or man- Heather will share her love of cake age a mortgage foreclosure.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 24, ages 15 and up

Do you have stories or poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Chervi Vatcher Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. All writing is interesting to us so bring whatever you are working on.

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,

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

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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.

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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? Ford Chorus is having open auditions, under the direction of Jonathon Drake. Ford Chorus is a self-sustaining group of volunteers that perform throughout the Metro area. If you are interested in joining our group, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Monday evenings at the Ford World Headquarters. Practices for the spring season begin Jan. 24. **Contact**: For additional information and directions, go to our website at www.fordchorus.info.

St. Damian Open House

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

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

Details: St. Damian School is holding an Open House 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

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, 11311 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. The open house for prospective families is part of the school's annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, which runs Jan. 30-Feb. 5. Accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools and named a School of Distinction, St. Michael promotes deep faith values, a solid academic foundation and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and athletics. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the school or visit the school's Web site. Contact: (734) 421-7360; www.livo-

niastmichael.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. The offers a strong academic curriculum as well as art, music, library, computer, physical education and Spanish. It emphasizes strength in academics, respect for others and belief in Christian values in a quality faith-based educational environment. Latchkey is available before and after school.

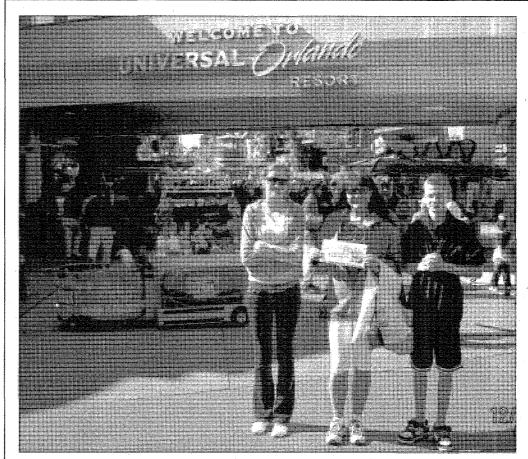
Contact: Call (313) 937-1655 or visit the website at www.strobertbellarmine.com and click on the school link.

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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. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each.



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. "Everyone had great time, and we did squeeze in quite a few roller coaster rides," said Marek Kowalczyk. "It was a little too cold for water rides." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.con or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the Parish School Campus in Bloomfield

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. Application deadline is March 4. The show will feature jewelry, edibles, art wear, wood, personalized Items, paper and glass. Food will be available for purchase

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

and there will be a raffle. The show

benefits the Dearborn Heights

NAMI Metro

Time/Date/Location: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the St. Regis 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. The workshop meets every week for 10 consecutive weeks, ending April 27 and 28 respectively. Facilitators who conduct the meetings are family members who have been trained by the Educational Committee of NAMI Michigan. The goal is to help families better understand mental illness, how it affects the family and what they can do to help. A nominal fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple will be charged at the time of registration. Families In Action is sponsored by NAMI Metro and funded in large part by the Oakwood

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

Healthcare Foundation - Heritage

427-1435. Space is limited, so you must pre-register for this program.

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

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. The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at

the church. There are no dues, but

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

Sewing Retreat Time/Date: noon-5 p.m. Sunday,

Location: Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. Details: Haberman Fabrics will hold its 14th annual Super Bowl Sunday "Football Widows Sewing Retreat. New and experienced sew-ers of all

ages are invited to join the party, laugh with friends, and learn how to make three sewing projects. Football fans will be home in time for parties and the game. Not a fan? You'll be set for a creative evening with your new projects. Also benefit which provides temporary monetary assistance to breast cancer patients during their time of need, participants will get to meet Dr. Pamela Benitez, Beaumont Hospital surgeon and specialist in breast cancer treatment and prevention, and medical director of the organization. Advance registration is preferred and 100 percent of admission donations support the Shades of Pink Foundation. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$35 on Sunday, Feb. 6. Contact: For more information and secure registration, visit www. habermanfabrics.com or register by phone at (248)541-0010, on in person at Haberman Fabrics.

for the Shades of Pink Foundation

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a mes-

Earth Angels

sage.

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

Contact: www.earthangelsontour. org or by e-mail to eangel1986@ comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month. Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6800 N. WAYNE ROAD, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A

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. The Property is located on Wayne Road south of Warren Road and formerly operated as a movie theater.

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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Choirs conducting open auditions

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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 nonauditioned 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.

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.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

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 shes 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 girl-friend.' Instead of saying, 'Oh, wow, that's too bad,' you need to jump in and say 'I need to talk with them to help pro-

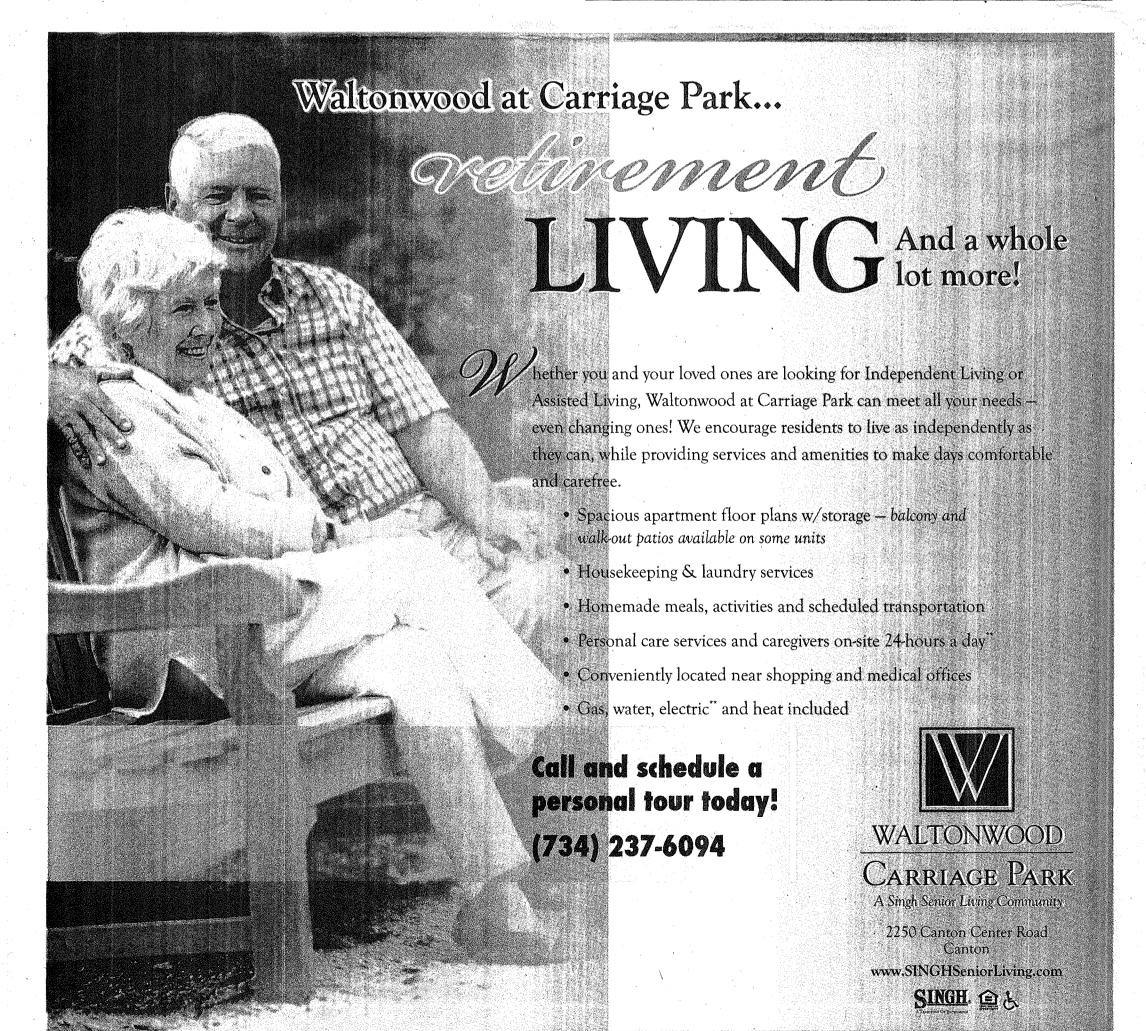
vide them with resources."

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.



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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.

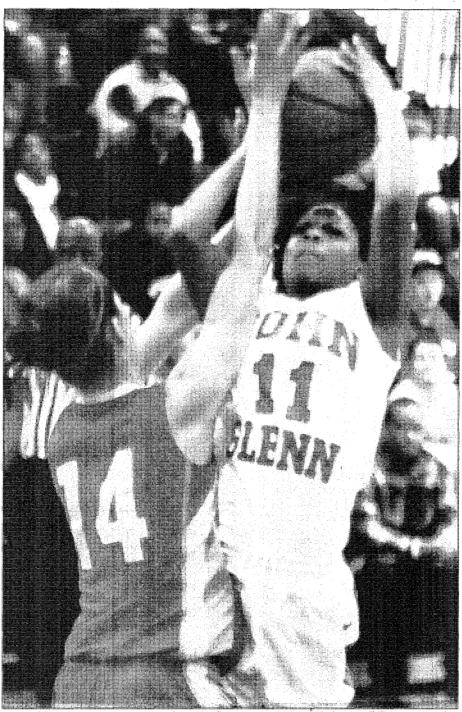
"We wanted to attack their pressure," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose team improved to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South. "We didn't want have them to dictate the way the game was going to be played. We knew they were going to come out and get after us, so we wanted to attack, and get the 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

"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

"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 quard Kaira Barnes (11), quarded 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

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

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 Bim 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 email nhoughan@seasons.org....

Soccer signup

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.livoiniacitysoccerclub.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

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

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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.

Please see GYMNASTICS, B3



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 guad 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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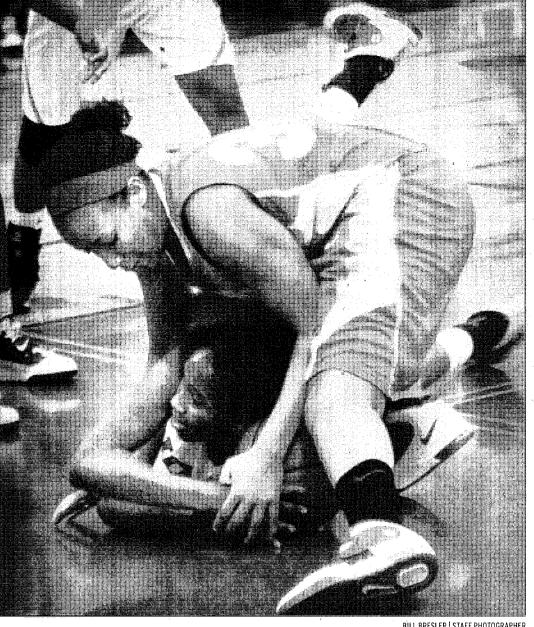
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Canton's Kayla Bridges (top) and John Glenn's Erica Covile wrestle for the loose ball during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

to Samulski's game plan. We had some mental breakdowns more so than anything. I really thought we were prepared for this. At times we were just a step slow. Again, I take my hat off to Samulski. He's a helluva coach. And you've got Bob Blohm on his staff...that's a helluva coaching tandem."

Many of Canton's converted shots in the paint came off

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passing lane, because when I scouted them, I thought they were slow in reacting." Anderson said.

Robyn Mack added 10 points for the Chiefs, while Sara Schmitt contributed six.

Glenn committed a total of 20 turnovers, including 15 in the opening half and shot only 33 percent from the field (12of-36) for the game.

On the defensive side, Bridges and the Schmitt twins rotated on putting the clamps on Glenn's potent duo of Covile and Massey.

"I thought 'Bridge' and the rest of the kids did a great job keeping Massey off the glass

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and Erica (Covile) off the glass," Samulski said. "Overall I thought it was a great team defensive effort."

Canton, meanwhile, scored a majority of its points in the paint and committed only nine turnovers on the night.

"They're a good team," Samulski said of Glenn. "They're an aggressive defensive team. Those are some of the things you've got to do to attack that defense. The kids were ready. They were focused and they came out hard. Got after it. I thought we defended

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Late Canton goals tie Spartans

State-ranked Livonia Stevenson yielded a pair of during the final period and settled for a 2-2 boys hockey tie Wednesday night at Edgar Arena against Canton.

Stevenson is now 11-2-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the KLAA's Central Division, while Canton stands 8-5-2 overall and 4-1-2 in the KLAA South.

The Spartans took a 2-0 lead at 3:52 of the final period on Tommy Ross' fifth goal of the season from Justin Shureb and Tim Pruchnik. But Canton stormed back

on a pair of goals from A.J. Rosales including a breakaway effort at 7:51 from Jimmy LaFontaine and Phil Baciak.

With only 3:17 remaining,

PREP HOCKEY

Rosales struck again from LaFontaine and Baciak to deadlock the game at 2-all.

After a scoreless opening period, Stevenson's Max Humitz scored his sixth of the vear on a four-on-four, breakaway effort from Nick Barr and goaltender Connor Humitz to make it 1-0 at 8:53 of the second.

Canton goaltender Spencer Craig stopped 34-of-36 Stevenson shots, while Connor Humitz made 21 saves. CHURCHILL 6, FRANKLIN 2: On

Wednesday, Kevin Louwers scored a pair of goals and Riley Brown chipped in with three assists as

Livonia Churchill (7-5, 4-5) skated past Livonia Franklin (4-11-1, 0-6) in a KLAA South Division encounter at

Edgar Arena. Churchill led 3-2 after one period on Evan Gibboney's eventual gamewinning power play goal with 1:53

The Chargers added two more goals in the second and one in the third to put the game away.

Mike Rybinski contributed a goal and assist for the Chargers, who outshot the Patriots 55-16. Jake Otto and Joe Williams had the other Churchill goals.

Tyler Dewhirst scored unassisted for Franklin in the opening period and Kevin Webb made it 2-all with 5:05 left off assists from Adam Michael and Andrew Pearson.

Matt Slinder went all the way in goal for Franklin, while freshman David Turel got his first varsity start and win for the Chargers.

MU men's cagers march by Saints

Nine different players scored Wednesday night as the host Madonna University men's basketball team held on for a 69-67 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Aquinas College.

Freshman point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) scored a teamhigh 15 points and added four assists for the Crusaders, who improved to 5-15 overall and 3-5 in the WHAC.

Mike Clark and Tyler Coker added 11 and 10, respectively,

as MU ended a six-game losing skid.

Senior center Geoff Gaylor grabbed a game-best 13 rebounds for the Crusaders, who led 32-29 at halftime.

Damacious White paced Aquinas (8-13, 1-7) and all scorers with 25 points. Jamell Hatchett added 11, while Matt Weiss and Sandy Underwood added 10 each.

SCHOOLCRAFT 81, MACOMB 72: On Wednesday, Anthony Nash connected on four 3-pointers en route to a game-high 17 points as Schoolcraft College (8-11, 2-4) downed host Macomb Community College (8-14, 2-6) in an MCCAA Eastern

The Ocelots, who led 40-31, also got 16 points apiece from Lydell Mason and Karl Moore, while Ron Pummill (Garden City) added 14.

Moore had a team-high nine rebounds, while Mason and Pummill contributed eight and seven, respec-

Alan Hardy and Keith Drain scored 19 and 14 points, respectively, for the Monarchs.

Schoolcraft was 18-of-27 from the foul line, while Macomb hit 11-of-20.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 25

Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. S. Lyon East at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m S'field Christian at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27

Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Univ-Liggett, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 8 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 25 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. South Lyon at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Northville, 7.p.m. Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Garden City, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27

Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m. Univ.-Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Taylor Kennedy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 26 Churchill vs. Novi at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Stevenson at Trenton, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Churchill at Mona Shores, 5:30 p.m. Franklin vs. Crestwood at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29 Churchill at Portage Central, 1 p.m. Ladywood vs. Regina at Fraser, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Farm, Unified at Farm, Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 26

Churchill at John Glenn Quad, 5:30 p.m. Franklin at Wayne Quad, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi Quad, 5:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Romulus, 5:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 Observerland Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.

Annapolis Tournament, 10 a.m BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Jan. 25 Livonia City Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Belleville at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson, Salem at A.A. Pioneer, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 25 Livonia Red vs. Plymouth at Churchill H.S., 6;30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 Troy Athens Invitational, 10:30 a.m PREP BOWLING

Monday, Jan. 24 Clarenceville vs. Canton John Glenn vs. Wavne at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Regina at Oak Lanes, 3:30 p.m Thursday, Jan. 27 Clarenceville vs. Wavne

John Glenn vs. Novi at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3;30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 29 UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 3 p.m Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 26 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 27 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7 p.m Friday, Jan. 28 Whalers vs. Niagara Ice Dogs at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29 at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Lady Ocelots win road test at Macomb, 63-54

Diamond Tolliver sparkled Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team maintained its grip on first place with a 63-54 triumph at Macomb Community Tolliver poured in a game-

high 21 points while hitting 6-of-9 shots from the floor and 7-of-9 from the foul stripe as Schoolcraft improved to 16-3 overall and 6-0 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference. The Lady Ocelots, who cap-

tured their eighth straight, trailed briefly, 39-38, with 11:18 remaining but was able to forge a five-point spread the rest of the way and hang on for the win.

Tolliver, Amber Sammons and Shealica Grandberry combined to make six straight free throws during the final 43 seconds to seal the victory for the eight-ranked Lady Ocelots.

Kimberly Bee added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Grandberry chipped in with 10 points. Shanequa Braggs added 12 rebounds.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Macomb (15-2, 6-2) got 13 points apiece from Chanegua Hills and Jackie Highstreet, while Precious Allen added a game-high 16 rebounds.
AQUINAS 54, MADONNA 47: A cold

shooting night spelled doom Wednesday for Madonna University (7-9, 3-5) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback to host Aquinas College (7-14, 4-4) in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, who shot only 34 percent from the floor (17-of-50), got 12 points and six rebounds from sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson).

Heather Pratt added 11 points for MU, which was tied 18-all at the

Shelby Carter paced the Saints with 15 points.

Nine straight points from Aquinas staked the home side to a 42-33 lead with 9:11 left in regulation before a 10-4 MU run pulled the Crusaders back to with-in three, 46-43, with 4:57 to go.

But MU could not get any closer the rest of the way, committing four turnovers and missing four of its final five shots from the floor.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 93 WAYNE MEMORIAL 77 Jan. 20 at Wayne

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Josh Wakeford, Paul Gutu, Dave Vader), 1:48.84; 2. Wayne (Zach Williamson, Corey Robbins, Nick Williams, Mike Stover), 1:54.66. 200 freestyle: 1. Brandon Harnos (WM),

2:12.71; 2. Tim Moran (WJG), 2:12.79; 3. Brad Alholinna (WJG), 2:16.45. 200 individual medley: 1. Jake Ferguson

(WJG), 2:17.91; 2. Stover (WM), 2:27.11; 3. Nick Stevens (WJG), 2:31.9. **50** freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.79; 2.

Williamson (WM), 24.39; 3. Cody Hodges (WJG), 26.66. 1-meter diving: 1. Connor Monroe (WJG), 167.45 points; 2. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 131.45. 100 butterfly: 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG),

1:01.0; 2. Williams (WM), 1:07.36; 3. John Kukulka (WJG) 1:12.39. 100 freestyle: 1. Alholinna (WJG), 58.31; 2. Shane Schooley (WM), 58.94; 3. Hodges (WJG), 59.9.

500 freestyle: 1. Stover (WM), 5:37.5; 2. Harnos (WM), 6:05.36; 3. Vader (WJG), 6:06.09.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 1:37.35; 2. Wayne (Schooley, Robbins, Williams, Harnos), 1:47.9.

100 backstroke: 1. Williamson (WM), 1:01.49; 2. Kukulka (WJG), 1:10.93; 3. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:13.24.

100 breaststroke: 1. Robbins (WM), 1:10.17; 2. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 1:10.93; 3. Pat Kemp (WJG), 1:24.57. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Stover, Schooley, Williamson, Robbins), 3:59.88;

2. John Glenn (Hodges, Rory Kemp, David Goralski, Ferguson), 4:08.54 Dual meet records: John Glenn, 5-0

overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-4 overall, 0-3 KLAA South WAYNE INVITATIONAL

BOYS SWIM MEET Jan. 14-15 at Wayne Memorial H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon, 332.5 points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 298; 3. Westland John Glenn, 223; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 125; 5. Wayne Memorial, 118; 6. Belleville, 110.5; 7. Garden City, 81.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS **200-yard medley relay:** 1. South Lyon, 1:47.6; 2. John Glenn, 1:48.71; 3. Edsel Ford, 1:48.78; 4. Wayne, 1:54.8; 5. Belleville, 1:57.66;

6. Crestwood, 1:59.35. **200 freestyle:** 1. Colin Colter (DEF), 1:52.93; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:57.05; 3. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:58.07; 4. Brandon Thomas (DEF), 1:58.27; 5. John Dunnuck (SL), 1:58.65; 6. Kegan Mahar (DHC), 1:58.86.

200 individual medley: 1. Bradley Ash (DEF), 2:09.93; 2. Travis Burgess (SL), 2:18.39; 3. Max Wilkinson (SL), 2:18.4; 4. Benjamin Villa (DEF), 2:18.76; 5: Jason Curtis (B), 2:26.16; 6. Corey Robbins (WM), 2:26.36. 50 freestyle: 1. Evan Bischoff (SL),

23.32; 2. Paul Gutu (WJG), 23.72; 3. Zachary Williamson (WM), 24.26; 4. Steven Daniels (GC), 24.42; 5. Eric Weiss (SL), 24.68; 6. Moe Krayem (DHC), 24.73.

1-meter diving: 1. A.J. Ruda (DEF), 390.20 points; 2. John Freeborn (B), 324.30; 3. Connor Monroe (WJG), 280.25; 4. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 273.40; 5. Dan Gerrie (B), 252.85; 6. Joeseph Krisniski (DHC), 230.00. **100 butterfly:** 1. Ash (DEF), 54.5; 2. Bischoff (SL), 56.38; 3. Burgess (SL), 59.23;

4. Adam Stone (SL), 1:01.88; 5. Gutu (WJG), 1:04.03; 6. Krayem (DHC), 1:05.34. 100 freestyle: 1. Colter (DEF), 51.45; 2.

Nathan Wagner (SL), 51.59; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 52.61; 4. Mahar (DHC), 53.53; 5. Weiss (SL), 54.25; 6. Daniels (GC), 54.73. **500 freestyle:** 1. Ferguson (WJG), 5:12.55; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:13.03; 3. Thomas

(DEF), 5:23.5; 4. Patrick Brodesser (SL), 5:27.85; 5. Joel Bischoff (SL), 5:31.45; 6. Mike Stover (WJG), 5:35.35.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon, 1:36.17; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:38.86; 3. John Glenn, 1:40.49; 4. Crestwood, 1:41.31; 5. Garden City,

100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 56.77; 2. Wagner (SL), 57.22; 3. Williamson (WM), 1:01.76; 4. Daniel Frantz (DEF), 1:02.77; 5. Wilkinson (SL), 1:02.97; 6. Connor Pettit

100 breaststroke: 1. Dunnuck (SL), 1:07.11; 2. Drake Veit (GC), 1:07.49; 3. Robbins (WM), 1:09.43; 4. Villa (DEF), 1:10.29; 5. Stone (SL), 1:12.25; 6. Parker Glass (DEF), 1:12.67.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Edsel Ford, 3:31.4; 2. John Glenn, 3:35.46; 3. South Lyon, 3:35.46; 4. Crestwood, 3:48.5; 5. Belleville, 3:52.65; 6.

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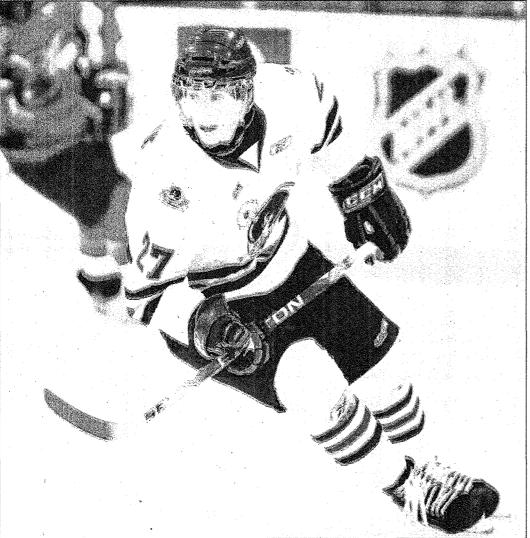
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Robbie Czarnik of the Plymouth Whalers points to his strong religious faith as being a big reason for his emergence on and off the ice.

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

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

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 any-

"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.plvmouthwhalers.com.



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

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

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 breakaway 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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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 8.55; 4. Megnan Laik (Reu), 0.5, 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

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. Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 4-0 overall; Livonia Red, 4-3 overall. LIVONIA BLUE 133.45 PLYMOUTH 132.725

PLYMOUTH 132.725
Jan. 17 at Plymouth
Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.8; 2. Katie
Salanga (P), 8.6; 3. Sarah Uhlian (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. Uhlian (P), 8.6; 3. (fix) Bridges (Blue), 8.0

2. Uhlian (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. Kennedi Lewis (P), 8.925; 3.
Bridges (Blue), 8.9; 4. (tie) Kitz and Jessica Luibakka (P), 8.6.
Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 3-0

team this year.

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

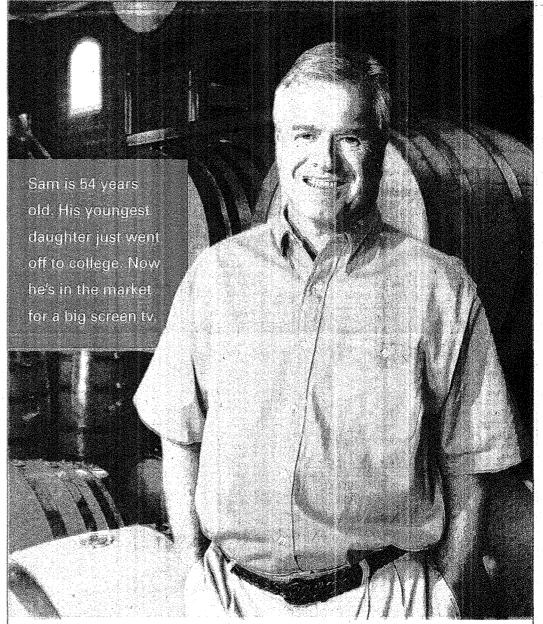
Fierk, meanwhile, was encouraged by her team's showing.

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 accomplishment and the way they came out with their skills that evening, but we still have room to grow and improve."

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Blazers' 3rd-quarter spurt reels in Marlins | Franklin cages Zebras, 44-36

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Livonia Ladywood exploded with a 26-6 the third quarter Friday en route to a 61-56 Catholic League Central Division girls basketball win over visiting Farmington Hills

Ladywood, now 10-1 overall and 3-1 in the Central, overcame a 31-25 halftime lead.

'We shared the ball in that third quarter, it was fun to watch," Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti said. "We got after it defensively and knocked down shots."

Sophomore guard Andrea Anastos paced the Blazers with 16 points, including 9-of-12 from the free throw line.

Teresa Wojnarowski, a senior forward, added 12 points and five rebounds, while Briana Combs chipped in with nine points, including a pair of three-pointers to help spark the third period run.

Senior forward Alyssa

Livonia Franklin senior

back from her lowest scoring

29-point performance Friday

in the Patriots' 57-31 girls bas-

The 5-foot-10 guard, who

Canton, played a sterling all-

in the opening period.

had just six in Tuesday's loss to

around game with nine assists.

seven steals and seven rebounds.

Williams scored eight points

"Chelsea played well from the

get-go," said Franklin coach Bob

Ostrowski, whose team led 31-16

Senior Jessica Emery also

chipped in with 12 points,

eight steals, four assists and

four rebounds as the Patriots

ketball victory over host Wayne

output of the season with a

Memorial.

at halftime.

Chelsea Williams bounced

GIRLS HOOPS

Anastos also played a strong all-around game with six points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Sarah Benson scored a teamhigh 17 points, while Abbey Lovat and Jannelle McQueen added 11 and nine, respectively, for the Marlins (8-3, 2-2).

Ladywood made 17-of-27 free throws on the night, while Mercy hit 17-of-27.

"The fourth quarter we did a good job of weathering the storm," Coratti said.

Ladywood's next game, originally set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Central Division leading Dearborn Divine Child, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2 at

CLÁRENCEVILLE 55, HAMTRAMCK 51: On Friday, Angela McAlpine scored 16 points and Brittany Tallman added 15 as Livonia Clarenceville (4-7)

Williams nets 29 in Patriots' win

KLAA GIRLS HOOPS

turned back the Cosmos (3-7) in a non-conference game.

McAlpine also had five rebounds and two steals as Clarenceville led 28-14 at halftime before Hamtramck went on a 21-11 run to cut the deficit

The Trojans won despite making only 7-of-24 free throws. The Cosmos were 13-of-21 from the line.

Hamtramck's Zauria Kilgo led all scorers with 24 points, while teammate Alexis Reed added 14.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 45, LUTH. WESTLAND 29: On Friday, Kim LePor scored 16 points and Jillian McLoughlin added 11 as Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (6-4, 4-1) posted the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over Lutheran High Westland (1-8,

The Warriors, who fell behind 32-5 at halftime, got nine points and five rebounds from junior center Amanda Terranella.

Angela Morrison contributed eight points. Aldreanna Fikes also grabbed eight rebounds.

Northwest was 8-of-18 from the foul line, while Lutheran Westland

stopped on Friday.

from Hamtramck poured in a game-high 38 points as the host Cosmos downed Livonia Clarenceville, 68-63, in a nonconference boys basketball game.

played hard," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said of 20.6 points per game. "He got putbacks. We didn't box him out and he outworked us.'

Nadis Ahmic added 12 points for the Cosmos, who improved to 4-5 overall.

Junior Sam Brown scored 19 points for the Trojans, who trailed 30-19 at halftime and 45-38 after three quarters.

BOYS HOOPS

KLAA BOYS HOOPS

time and 36-23 after three

STEVENSON 51, SOUTH LYON 26:

Seniors Jalen Reynolds and C.J.

Mwila scored 15 points apiece to

Livonia Stevenson (8-1, 5-0) to a

victory Friday at home over the

lead KLAA Central Division leader

Stevenson led 25-12 at halftime

and put it away with a 14-4 fourth-

Other contributions came from

junior guard Damon Bogich and

junior forward Carey Cobb (nine

Wayne made 1-of-5

Lions (4-6, 1-4).

quarter spurt.

points).

The Patriots shot only 10-

of-24 from the foul line, while

quarters.

Senior Adrian Myers added 10 points as Clarenceville falls to 2-7 overall.

free throws on the night (75.7 percent), including 14-of-15

18-of-33 (54.5 percent).

55: Four players scored in double figures Friday as Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (5-4, 3-2) downed host Lutheran High Westland (2-7, 1-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game

ous Crusaders with 15 points followed by Mike Miller (14), Joshua Morrison (12) and Gregory Vandervoord (10).

Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. Jeff Schmitz led South Lyon with 13 points. Stevenson made 11-of-17 free

"Both those guys played well."

throws, while the Lions were only

PLYMOUTH 48, CHURCHILL 26: Brennen Beyer and Pat Salo tallied 10 points apiece as the Wildcats (7-3, 5-0) rolled to a KLAA South Division win Friday at Livonia Churchill (0-

Plymouth led 20-13 at halftime and put it away with a 13-1 thirdquarter run. For the game, the Wildcats made 17-of-29 shots from

the floor (58.6 percent). Churchill was outrebounded 35-12 and shot only 8-of-33 from the floor (24.2 percent).

Senior guard Evan Ragland tallied six points for the Chargers.

Cosmos' ace burns C'ville for 38 points

Anthony Nrecaj couldn't be The 6-foot-2 swingman

Livonia Franklin earned its

second boys basketball victory

of the season Friday with a

44-36 KLAA South Division

triumph over visiting Wayne

Sophomore point-guard

and six assists, while 6-foot-6

senior transfer Tino Thomas

eight rebounds as the Patriots

improved to 2-8 overall and 2-

Jacob Erme had 10 points

contributed 10 points and

Junior guard Michael

Jordan Buck scored 12 and

11 points, respectively, for the

Franklin led 22-12 at half-

Cooper and senior guard

3 in the division.

Zebras (2-8, 1-4).

Memorial.

"Give the kid credit, he Nrecaj, who came in averaging a lot of offensive rebounds and

Marc Rosin tallied a team-high 15 for the Warriors, who trailed 31-29 at halftime and 48-39 after three quarters.

We played better than we have the last few games and the effort was better," Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller said. "We can take some positives from this."

foul stripe, while the Warriors made

Nick Ward's 22 points propelled

points for the victorious Warriors. who led 50-21 at intermission. Shawn and Ryan Schaffer tal-

Huron Valley made 14-of-23 foul

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improved to 4-6 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA's South Division. Ashley Bland and Holland Boertje tallied nine and eight points, respectively, for the Zebras (3-7, 0-5).

Franklin was 16-of-33 from the foul line, while Wayne connected on 10-of-13.

SOUTH LYON 58, STEVENSON 43: On Friday, Kristin Short pumped in 21 points and Gabrielle Williams

added 18 as the host Lions (5-5, 2-3) knocked Livonia Stevenson (7-3, 3-2) out of first place in the KLAA Central Division race. Junior guard Jorden York scored a team-high 17 points for the Spartans,

who trailed 30-21 at halftime and 47-30 after three quarters. Junior guard Molly Knoph added

nine points.

"It was our worst outing of the year." Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We were outrebounded, outhustled, outplayed period. They shot the ball well, while we turned the ball over far too many times to win."

the foul line, while South Lyon was 'Tonight was hopefully a wake-

up call for what kind of effort we need to put in to move on and be successful in second half of the season," Knoph said.

scoring affair Friday, Kate Watson had a game-high six points as the Wildcats (5-5, 3-2) downed Livonia Churchill (2-8, 1-4) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

scoreless for the first and third quar-Churchill was only 4-of-10 from the

The Spartans went 8-of-18 from

PLYMOUTH 24, CHURCHILL 12: In a low-

Plymouth jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead and held the Chargers

foul stripe, while Plymouth was 1-of-7.

Hamtramck made 25-of-33

from Nrecaj. Meanwhile, the Trojans hit

LUTHERAN N'WEST 61. LUTH. WESTLAND

Nathan Drews led the victori-

Northwest was 9-of-11 from the

FRANKLIN ROAD 81, HURON VALLEY 43:

Novi Franklin Road Christian (6-2. 4-1) to a MIAC Red Division victory Friday over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-7, 1-4). Solomon Williams added 14

lied 12 and 10, respectively, for the

shots, while Franklin Road hit 8-

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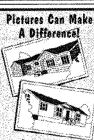
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In Southeastern Michigan, approximately 100 pints of O-negative blood are used daily for patients at 43 area hospitals. Type O-negative blood is always in high demand because it is the universal type, and it can be transfused to patients with any blood 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



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

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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.

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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 help 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."

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Patricia Lyden is praising her staff for earning the citationfree 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.

> "Ask to see survey reports, find out who the physicians are, look at which buildings in the area are available," said Lyden. "You make the choice. Don't let hospital staff make the decision. It's important for resident families to tour the nursing home and ask questions. Don't always rely on what you're reading on the Internet."

> At the time the survey was conducted there were 153 residents at Four Seasons. Surveyors looked not only at the care received from physicians and staff, but if the facility was clean, comfortable and home-like.

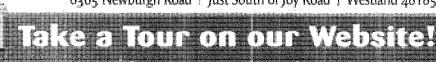
> "We're very proud of what we were able to accomplish with a team approach," said Lyden. "It takes more than one person to accomplish the feat."

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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 ll 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



Vickie 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 selected 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



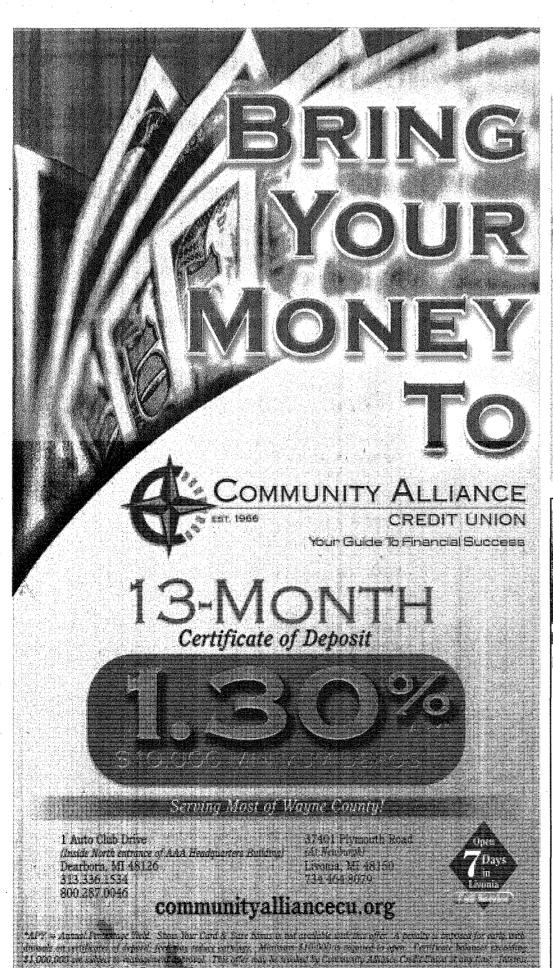
Breeda Kelly Miller plays Mother Superior in "Put the Nuns in Charge," Jan. 28, at St. Thomas a' Becket, in Canton.

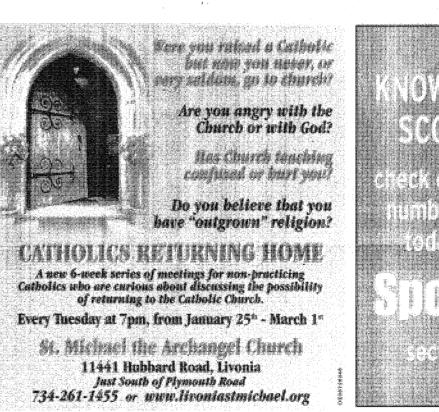
in Adrian.

"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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Rescue sets fund-raisers to offset vet bills

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

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

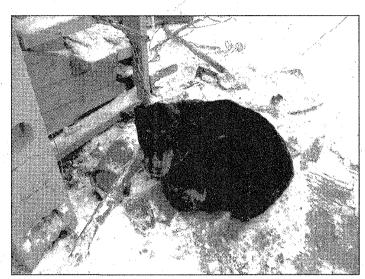
"We are slowing working away at this bill, it is less than \$4,000 at this time, but as fast as the animals come in it is hard to keep up," said Sandra Mezza of Westland, GAAR president. "If an animal needs medical care we provide it."

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



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.

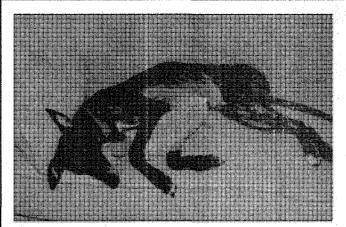
According to MHS, a dog that is shivering, trying to curl up into a small tight ball, or attempting to dig a "bed" in the snow, is too cold to remain outdoors. If he is extremely cold to the touch or his paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. Move the pet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

• 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.



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Rusty is 2 years old and behaves well.

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Phone: (248) 478-7860 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.

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The third way to spare the back is to sleep on the back rather than the stomach.

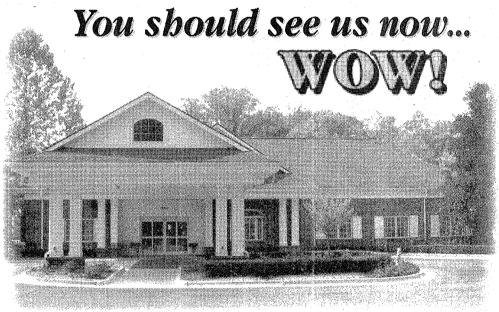
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Walter "Bud" and Suzan (Turqman) Becker of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Jan. 21. The couple married in 1961 in New York, N.Y.

Walter has been retired from Ford Motor Company for 25 years and the couple has lived in the area for 50 years.

They have two children, Matt Becker and Melissa Nowak, and five grandchildren.



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Walter and Suzan Becker of Livonia on their wedding day in 1961.

JUNE WEDDING

Jillian Sellers and Andrew Sergison announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ken and Patty Sellers of Brownstown, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Her fiancé, son of Charlie and Denise Sergison of Livonia, attended Madonna University. He is employed by First Centennial Title Agency.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia.



Sellers-Sergison

OCTOBER WEDDING

Jessica Anne Petriches and Christopher Michael Latimer announce their engagement. Jessica, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Petriches

of Redford, graduated from Redford Union High School in 2006 and currently attends Schoolcraft College part time while working full time.

Christopher is the son of **Emmett Latimer of Grand** Island, Fla., and Jan Hubert-Ward of Livonia. He graduated from Lutheran High School Westland in 1998 and currentlv attends Eastern Michigan University part time while working full time.

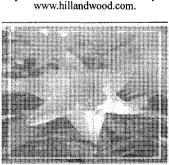


Petriches-Latimer

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Redford followed by a reception in Livonia.



BETTY L. STEINKE Age 89, formerly of Farmington, MI more recently of Charlottesville, died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at her residence. She was born on December 7, 1921 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur Steinke, her parents Agnes Peekstok Rynbrand and Abraham Rynbrand, and her brothers Lee and Lawrence Rynbrand. Betty grew up in a loving family surrounded by many relatives. She was proud of her Dutch heritage. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in Medical Technology. Betty married Wilbur Steinke after WWII ended and moved to Farmington, Michigan. She was a charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and was very active in the church through the years, serving as a deacon, elder, president of Presbyterian women and circle leader. She was also active in many committees. She tried to live a life of service to her church and community through activities. Betty delivered Meals on Wheels for 20 years and was an active member of AAUW. She made many friends in the Farmington community through the years. Betty moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in 2001 to be closer to her daughters. She enjoyed life at the Colonnades and Meadows Presbyterian Church, playing bridge, being active in women's circle and making many new friends. Betty felt that God had guided her in this life. She was very proud of her family and was thankful for her life on earth. Betty is survived by her children, Janet Ciarkowski and her husband Art, Frederick, Maryland, Daniel Steinke and his wife Beth, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Carol Atchison and her husband Mike, of Charlottesville. Virginia and Pamela Steinke and her husband George Dowdle, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren, Leigh Ciarkowski and her fiancé Jason Priecko, Claire, Arthur and Michael Ciarkowski, Hillary Caruso and her husband Joe, Heather Evans and husband Tom, Jeff Steinke, Chris Steinke, James Atchison and his wife Cheryl, Drew Atchison and his fiancée Jamie DiGiacomo, Casey and Erin Dowdle; and five great-grandchildren, Jack Caruso, Griffin Caruso, Lauren Kelly Caruso, Noah Thomas Evans and Elena Claire Atchison. She is also survived by nieces Joyce



Parker, Marcia Swanson and nephew

Donald Rynbrand. A memorial serv-

ice was held on Saturday, January 22,

2011 at Meadows Presbyterian

Church with Pastor Tom Goodrich

officiating. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to the Memorial

Fund of First Presbyterian Church of

Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington

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CLARA SINTA

15, 2011, age 95, of Northville. Loving mother of Leroy (Sophie) McGarry. Dear grandmother of Marsha (Michael) Maxey, Rick (Bonnie) McGarry, Darryl McGarry and Wendy (Mark) Grimm. Also leaves 16 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Herman Arnoldink and one sister Mary Nycamp. Her family meant the world to her and in their company she smiled. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment United Memorial Gardens, Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

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ANNA MAE FRASER

Age 93, of Farmington, MI. Passed away January 18, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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EDITH MAY (JOHNSON) BALMAN

Farmington Hills, MI - Edith Balman, 94, died January 18, 2011 at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, MI. She was born July 4, 1916 in Larned, Kansas and was a grade school teacher, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Edith is the beloved wife of the late for 64 years. Survivors include three children: Carolyn (Terry) Wik, Marshall (Gail) Balman, and Jo Lynn (Alan) Kinnelly, three grandchildren: Lawrence (Jennifer) Wik, Kathryn (Gary) Kaczor, John (Abby Trauth) Wik, and six great-grandchildren, James, Aaron, Alissa, Sarah, Emma, and Andrew, and her sister, Evelyn Boettger. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, January 25th, 11 AM (in state 10 AM) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48336. Rev. Robert D. Brenner will officiate. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd). Private Burial will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 38, Farmington, MI 48332, or Angela Hospice. www.thayer-rock.com

FRANCIS GERARD "PAT"

Charlottesville, VA 22901. Friends may send condolences to the family at HOFFMAN 93, of Rock Hill, passed away December 6, 2010 at Piedmont Medical Center. A native of Farmington Hills, MI. Mr. Hoffman was born October 3, 1917 a son of the late Michael and Helen Zielinska Hoffman. He was a self-employed builder, a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Rock Hill and was a former member of Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church and a U.S. Army Air Forces veteran of W.W. II as a Technical Sergeant with the 146th AAF Base Unit. Mr. Hoffman was a lifetime member of the Groves-Walker Post 346 American Legion in Farmington Hills, MI where he served as Commander and was a member of the Y.M.C.A. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Norma Fuhr Hoffman and a brother Michael Hoffman. Surviving are his daughter Dr. Patricia Kostell and her husband George of Rock Hill; two grandchildren Sharon Kostell Braun and her husband Donald of Atlanta, GA; Patrick J. Kostell and wife Suzanne of Dallas, TX; four great grandchildren Eric and Madelyn Braun, David and Katherine Kostell. The family and friends visitation will be held from 9:00am until the hour of service in the Gathering Space at the entrance to St. Anne's Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00am at St. Anne Catholic Church with Father Joseph Wahl officiating. Interment will follow at Rock Hill Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors by The American Legion Frank Roach Post 34 Honor Guard. The family suggests that those who wish may make donations to The Oratory, PO Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731. Condolences can be emailed to the family online at

www.basscauthenfuneralhome.com Bass-Cauthen Funeral Home is serving the family, 700 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC.

DANIEL RICHTER Age 63 January 14 2011

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Only son of Bob (deceased) and Betty Richter of Plymouth. Dear brother of Jill Vernal of Plymouth and Nan Tribble (Dan) of Whitmore Lake. Loving father of Cammie Richter and Maryann Richter. Grandfather of Glynna, Chandler and Cherish. Uncle of Jenny, Amy and Darren. There will be a memorial service at the American Legion in St. Helen, Michigan on February 12 at 1pm.

DON ATKINSON

Age 82. Dear husband of Elizabeth. Loving father of Gary and David. grandpa of the late Nora Jean, the late Kathryn Jean, Shane and Jacob Atkinson. Don was laid to rest in Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-7280



HENRY (HANK) BURDICK

Passed away at age 72. He was known by his listeners as "Hank O'Neal" died at La Conte medical center near igeon Forge, Tennessee while vacaoning with friends. A resident of Winter Haven, Florida; Hank died January 15th, 2011 from complications related to congestive heart failure. Hank was born September 13th, 1938 Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan he joined the Marine and served for 3 years before being discharged. His career behind the microphone started in 1967 at WPGC. Washington DC followed by several radio stations in the Detroit area including WJBK, CKLW, WHND and WWWW. His last stint on the air was in 1992 in Traverse City, Michigan at WCCW where he retired before moving to Winter Haven. Henry Hagamen Burdick is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Burdick) Bunch and granddaughter, Erica of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughter, Jodi (Burdick) Collier of Paris, Texas; son, Scott Burdick of Auburn Hills, Michigan; son, Matthew Burdick of Waterford, Michigan; daughter, Jennifer (Burdick) Olson, grandson, Jacob and granddaughter, abel of Buckley, Michigan. He is also survived by sister Joanne Groves and brother Thomas Burdick, A memorial service is being planned for April 2011, near Traverse City, Michigan. Contact Jodi Collier for details at jodi.collier@rocketemail.com



MARIE J. GASTON

Of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away January 1, 2011, at home with her husband and sons by her side. Born March 3, 1956, in Evanston, Illinois, Marie was raised in Southfield attending Angling Road, Levey, and Southfield HS schools. Further studies took her to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. A prolific artist specializing in fibre arts, she was active in Ann Arbor for 30 years. Her work has been available in boutiques and art shows.

Her quilts can be seen at arbormap.com/quilts.htm Marie is survived by her husband, Kevin Duke, two sons, Carl, Rune, and Rune's fiancee, Xin Yuen; her mother, Doris Gaston, Southfield; brother, Peter (Robin) Gaston, nephew Spencer, niece Leila, Gloucester, MA; and uncle David (Deane) Gaston, Williamsburg, VA. A memorial service is planned for the coming Spring.

GENEVIEVE T. ROMAIN

Age 77. previously of Livonia, passed away Jan. 18, 2011. A funeral mass will be held Fri., 10am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, of Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

JOAN PERRY SNYDER

Age 84, passed on January 11, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dear mother of Carol (William) Jarocha, Susan (Mike) Keller, and the late Robert Jr; dearest grandmother of Stacey and Heather Jarocha, Amy, Jeffrey, Julie, and Tommy Keller and Ashley, Steven, Matthew, and Andrew Snyder; loving sister of Ray (Betty) Perry. Family will have a visitation Thursday 6pm until the time of their emorial service at 7 pm at the Harry Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

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MARY E. (MANBY) SPEAR

Died December 22, 2010. Age 91. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Kenneth. Dear mother of Susan Giles, John (Ann) Spear, Martha Spear (Robert Holley), and Mary Ann (Dale) Burtch. Loving grandmother of Kathy Giles Diaz, Mark Giles, Erin Spear, Andrew Spear, Kelley Burtch, Ryan Gilpatrick and David Burtch. Proud great grandmother to Norah, Elena, and Amava. Mary was a native Detroiter and a life-long resident of SE Michigan. She graduated from Wayne State University in 1940. She was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and many civic and women's organizations. She loved square dancing, travel, Bridge, and classical music. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living and Nursing Care, 16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076, The Presbyterian Church Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to The [Presbyterian] Village of Westland, Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48186. There will be a memorial service celebrating Mary's life on Saturday, January 29 at eleven a.m., at St. Anne's Mead (address above).



MICHAEL BARRIE SMITH Age 70, passed away on December 27, 2010 in Page 29.

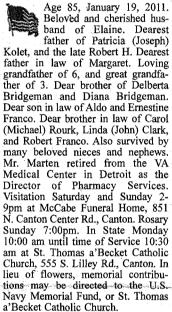
27, 2010 in Boca Raton, FL. Born in Detroit, Michigan, son of William A. and Georgeina F. Smith. Michael graduated from Michigan State University where he was a member of Triangle Fraternity. He followed his father as President of the family companies, Machining Enterprises and Machining Industries. He was an active supporter of MSU and a member of Young Presidents Organization. He was also an active Board Member and instrumental in the building of Renaissance Unity Church in Warren, MI. In 1990 he left the company to study and received his Ministerial Ordination from Unity School of Christianity in 1992. He has served churches in Bremerton, Washington, Fort Lauderdale, and of recent, Miami, Florida. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Christopher Michael Smith. He is survived by his sister, Judith Crooks and husband, nephews William and Robert Clink, and nieces, Donna Studebaker and Nancy Miller and their families. A Memorial Celebration Service will be held at Renaissance Unity Church in Warren Michigan on February 5, 2011

JANICE I. RUDICK January 14, 2011, age 61. Beloved daughter of Bernice L. Rudick and the late William A. Rudick. Dear sistaer of Frances (Gary) Dunbar, Darlene (Michael) Ciarrocchi and Barbara (Loren) Roberts. Also leaves nieces and nephews. Services have been held. Contributions suggested to Plymouth Elks, #1780. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

ROBERT H. UPFOLD Age 63 of Redford Twp.

December 18. Son of the late Harry & Sue. Proud sergeant in the U.S. Marines serving two tours during Vietnam War. Receiving friends at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp 313-535-3030, January 27, 2011 from 1 until time of memorial service at 3pm. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

ROBERT W. MARTEN



www.mccabefuneralhome.com

WILLIAM J. HUNTER

93, died January 15, 2011. Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford. Those desiring may make contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund at Canterbury on the Lake. William was born September 11, 1917 in Detroit,

the son of Ralph C. and Beatrice (Busby) Hunter, Mr. Hunter was a graduate of Detroit Public School and attended Wayne State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was married to Helen Curtis 1946. Mr. Hunter lived in Birmingham most of his life. He worked at a manufactures representative. He was a community activist, a life member of Ferndale Rotary Club, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Birmingham Senior Mens Club and Birmingham Masonic Temple. Surviving are: children, John Curtis Hunter, Judith Hunter, Barbara (John) Hunter-Fox; grandchildren, Jennifer (David) Hoogenes, Desiree (Sean) Metcalfe, Jeremy (Lauren) Deuel, Katie Fox, Amy Usher; greatgrandchildren, Emily, Brie, Evie and Davis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; sister-in-law, Catherine Derr; brother-in-law, William J. Derr; sister, Katherine Hart; brother, Donald Hunter; son-in-law,

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MAY WEDDING

Dean Jabara of Plymouth announces the engagement of his daughter, Brooke, to Nicholas Hammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammons of Dexter.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2001 from Plymouth Christian Academy and in 2006 from Madonna University. She is completing a second degree in veterinary technology from Wayne County Community College District and is interning at a local veterinary clinic.

Her fiancé graduated in 2002 from Ann Arbor Academy and currently serves in the United States Navy, where he works as an aviation machinist.

A May 2011 wedding is planned at Mill Race Village in Northville.



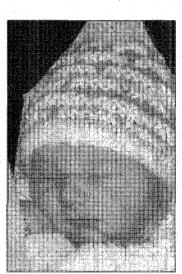
Natalie Lynn Johns

NATALIE LYNN JOHNS

Natalie Lynn Johns was born Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Nate and Shelley Johns of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Tom and Randa Williams of Plymouth and Carl and Elaine Johns of Ann Arbor.



Logan Edward Hansen

FIRST BABY OF 2011

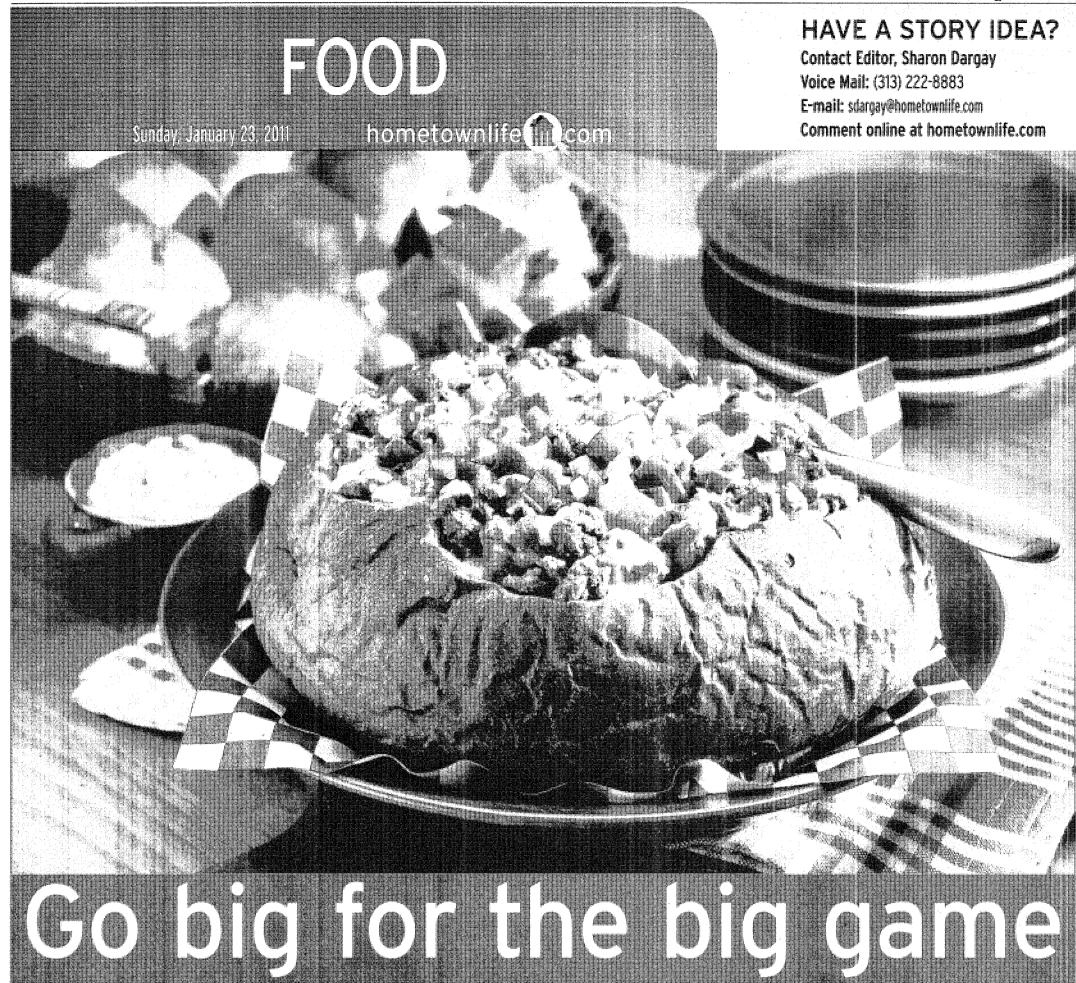
Logan Edward Hansen was the first baby born in 2011 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He was born at 2:10 a.m. Jan. 1.

Logan weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth and measured 20 inches long.

His parents are Dan and Megan Hansen of Livonia. Grandparents are Terri L.

Luter and Bob Maddaford of Northville and Rick and Dara Hansen of Livonia.





Kick-off your

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 shutout in the kitchen.

Supe-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 quan-

tities, 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

2 16-ounce loaves King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Bread

1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained

1 teaspoon seasoning salt 24 ounces American processed cheese

7 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

1 cup peeled cooked tomatoes, diced

¼ 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, eeping 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 Îsland dressing (if desired).

· Ground turkey can be substituted for ground beef.

• Bowl dip mixture can be spooned onto King's Hawaiian rolls for a group meal alter-

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 8×8 or 9×9 -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

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

BBQ Nachos

Serves 4 Byron's BBQ

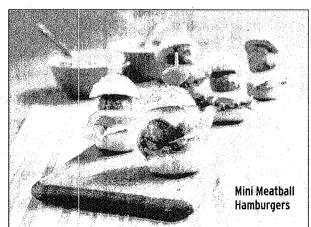
1 cup shredded Monterrey Jack cheese

½ cup red onion, diced

1 green bell pepper, diced 1 tomato, diced

115-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained

Tortilla chips



Whole kernel corn Sliced jalapeño Fresh quacamole 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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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

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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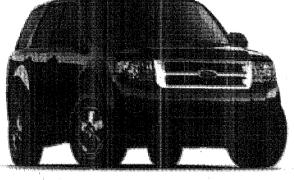


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