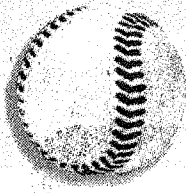


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Clothing drive

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Disabled American Veterans and the Westland Goodfellows are working together on a clothing drive that will help care for the city's needy.

Residents can drop off clothes, shoes and toys at Adams Upper Elementary School this month to help the Westland Goodfellows with their Back to School Dive.

A Disabled American Veterans has a clothing donation bin to collect donations in an effort to raise money for the Goodfellows. Gently used clothing can be deposited any time and all donations and proceeds stay here in Westland.

There also will be a Recycle for Charity Day from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 1, at Adams, 33475 Palmer, west of Venoy, and from noon to 4 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store, 8050 Middlebelt at Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

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Carol Manzo of Westland looks at baby clothes offered at the Westland Community Garage Sale.

City cleans house for garage sale

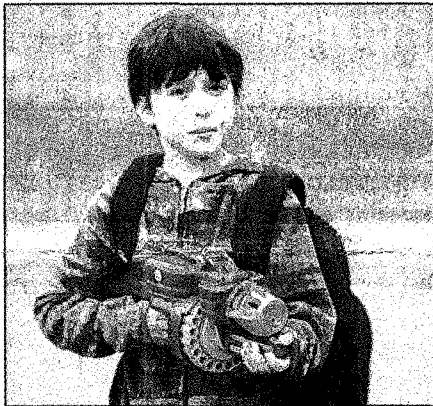
By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland recently gave residents a chance to sell items at the annual city-wide garage sale but now the city is cleaning house.

Bargain hunters will get a chance to buy unwanted city furnishings and equipment at a Saturday, Oct. 15, sale at the Department of Public Services, 37137 Marquette.

"We have a proposal to start selling off obsolete equipment from each department. We broke it down into three groups," said Mayor William Wild. "We'll look at selling some of the equipment to bring in revenue. Then we'll tackle our excess paper storage. We want to consolidate off site storage."

The sale will be open to the public and buyers will have the opportunity to view the items prior to purchase as well as asking questions of city officials. As required by the Westland Code, employees, appointed or elected officials and their family members are prohibited from purchasing any property sold at the garage sale.



Garden City resident Christian Farnell looks ready for business armed with a toy machine gun he bought at the Westland Community Garage Sale.

All sales will be final and all products will be sold "as is" and members of the City's Finance Department will be on hand to accept cash, certified checks or money orders. Credit cards and personal checks will not be accepted. Payment must be made for items before the sale ends and buyers must arrange

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Goodfellows, DAV join forces for clothing drive

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

It's time to clear out those unwanted clothes, shoes and toys as the Westland Goodfellows joins forces with the Disabled Veterans of America for a clothing drive that will benefit both charities.

There is currently a clothing collection bin at Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer. Then there will be a Recycle for Charity Day Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to noon at the school and noon to 4 p.m. at the DAV Thrift Center, Middlebelt at Ann Arbor Trail. Donors at the DAV can get a hot dog and the Westland Fire Department safety trailer will be on hand.

The Goodfellows will receive \$30 for each filled container of donated items, money that will benefit the

group's ongoing efforts to provide school supplies to needy Wayne-Westland Schools students. The gently used clothing, shoes and toys will then be sold at the DAV store.

"It won't be a huge fundraiser for us. We wanted to incorporate the school. Whatever we get from the clothing, we will funnel back into school supplies," said Goodfellow Donna Knight. "The DAV wants to improve their store and its inventory. They help veterans in the state. It makes a great circle. It's a big win for everyone."

The DAV works with a various community groups, schools and churches on Recycle for Charity programs, said Aaron Lewber, DAV outreach coordinator.

"We're very excited to be partnered with the Westland Goodfellows. It helps

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Road dropped to encourage construction

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Approval of a revised site plan eliminating a required road is expected to help clear the way for further development in a Westland subdivision left incomplete when the developer ran into financial problems.

"The developer went out of business, Comerica Bank took possession of the property as the receiver," said City Attorney James Fausone. "There are about 60 lots not developed. The lots couldn't be developed without the road being built but the receiver said they won't build the road."

After meetings with representatives for Comerica and four homeowners associations, repre-

senting Brookfield Village subdivision residents, Fausone recommended council revise the site plan to drop the requirement to construct Huron Parkway. Other conditions were added, including completing street lighting and sidewalks in the subdivision on the north side of Cherry Hill and west of Hix.

"Huron Parkway became an impediment to the development of the other lots," said Fausone, who added homeowners either agreed with dropping the road or didn't oppose it.

When the council approved a site plan for Brookfield Village Phase II Planned Unit Development in 2003, a contingency was added that no

Please see **ROAD, A4**

Incumbent Godbout touts record and experience

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland has a balanced budget and is maintaining services but there is still a lot of work to be done.

That's why incumbent councilman and current Council President James Godbout said he is seeking re-election.

"We're moving forward despite the loss of revenue. I'd like to think I've had an integral part in the process. We're not out of the woods yet," said Godbout. "There are still rough waters ahead of us."

Looking ahead, Godbout said the city's budget will continue to be a top priority. "We just have to be smart about how we spend our money and protect the revenue sources we have," he said. "We have to look for creative ways to reduce our spending through grants and partnerships."

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JAMES GODBOUT

Name: James Godbout

Age: 56

Family: Married to Sande for 33 years; one adult son Matt

Education: Bachelor of science in Business Administration — Lawrence Technological University; Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy — Level One: Education Award and Level Two: Leadership Award

Employment: Director of sales for SymCom Inc.

Community Involvement: President Westland City Council; vice chair Nankin Transit Commission; chairman, Westland Recycling Committee; member, Westland Technology Committee; Michigan Municipal League Governance Committee; Michigan Municipal League Energy & Technology Committee; precinct delegate; Westland Veterans Association; Westland Community Foundation; president, Westland Condominium Directors Organization; president Millwood Village Condominium Association; president Westland Host Lions Club; senior warden — Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

Lezotte, Rea terms OK'd

The Westland City Council has approved the reappointment of Joseph Lezotte and Jack Rea to the Westland Downtown Development Authority, each for a four-year term.

Lezotte, whose term will expire Sept. 15,

2015, has served on the DDA since February 2007.

Lezotte is a long-time Westland resident and currently

serves as chairman of the board for the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Rae, whose term will expire Oct. 1, 2015, has served on the DDA since October 2007. Rae is a longtime Westland resident and business owner.

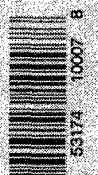
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the charity that works with us and the DAV," said Lewber. "The more clothing they collect, the more money they raise. It all stays in Westland. The DAV Thrift Store helps people with lesser incomes and the money says in the state helping

disabled veterans." The best quality donations usually come through these type of clothing drives, he said, often receiving bags of freshly washed and folded clothing. Even clothing that isn't in the best condition will be accepted. "All the used clothing is sold in the store. We look for clothing that is in good condition," Lewber said. "If it is torn or

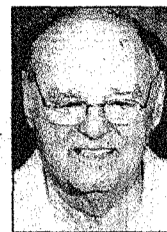
stained, we will sell it for poundage to be recycled. They make it into paper pulp. It's better than going into a landfill." After the Oct. 1 clothing drive wraps up, the DAV will continue to have a donation bin located outside Adams Upper Elementary School. Going forward, the proceeds from the donations will go to the Family Resource Center, which is

located inside the school. "The DAV will be providing shopping vouchers to the Family Resource Center," said Knight. The Goodfellows have already provided \$2,500 worth of the school supplies that are distributed to Westland students through the Family Resource Center.

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Man gets prison in cemetery trusts embezzlements

An Oklahoma man has been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison and must pay \$48 million in restitution for embezzling from 28 Michigan cemeteries, including Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.



Smart

The sentence came after Clayton R. Smart, 71, of Okmulgee, Okla., pleaded guilty as charged to 39 felony counts filed by the Michigan Attorney General's office in 2007. An investigation revealed that Smart had embezzled up to \$70 million in cemetery trust funds, according to the charges filed against Smart.

Under the terms of a multi-jurisdictional plea agreement, Judge Kevin Robbins of Detroit's 36th District Court sentenced Smart to the following, which will be served concurrently:

- Four to 20 years for one count of racketeering;
 - Four to 10 years for 10 counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee over \$20,000;
 - Two to five years for 28 counts of failing to trust or escrow funeral or cemetery or pre-paid contract funds.
- Robbins also ordered Smart to pay the affected cemetery trusts \$48.6 million in restitution. The order, which has the force of a civil judgment, may be enforced by Midwest Memorial Group, the buy-

er of 26 of the 28 cemeteries, and the Michigan Cemetery Commissioner.

Approximately \$20 million in restitution has already been recovered from Smart by the court-appointed conservator for the affected cemeteries, the Attorney General's Office and Midwest Memorial Group.

Under the terms of the agreement, Smart will be given credit for time served since March 23, 2011, the date he went into federal custody. Smart will serve his Michigan sentence concurrent with an additional five-year sentence for a federal conviction for tax evasion. If Smart completes his federal sentence prior to the four-year minimum in his Michigan sentence, he will return to Michigan to complete the unexpired term in the Michigan corrections system.

"Criminals who exploit the public trust for their own personal gain will be brought to justice, no matter how long it takes," said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

- In addition to Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, the affected cemeteries include:
- Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, 17840 Middlebelt, Livonia.
 - United Memorial Gardens, 4800 Curtis, Plymouth.
 - Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills.
 - Oakview Cemetery, 1032 N. Main, Royal Oak.
 - Roseland Park Cemetery, 29001 N. Woodward, Berkley.

GODBOUT

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The mayor and council are managing Westland's budget pretty well, Godbout said, especially compared with a lot of other communities. The city hasn't had massive employee lay-offs, he said, due to allowing employees to buy time for early retirements and concessions from employee unions.

An issue that no one wants to address, Godbout said, is the condition of City Hall which has a substantially wet basement and is sinking. The city recently had air quality testing and a study completed by city engineers OHM which is expected to be discussed at a future council study session.

"Even though the air quality was OK, the basement is always wet. There won't be a quick fix. How do you fund it? Where do you put it (a

new city hall)?" said Godbout. "That needs to be addressed. We're throwing good money after bad."

City Hall is expensive to operate with high energy costs but also due to staff being located in multiple locations and off-site storage, he said. Another priority needs to be improvements to infrastructure such as roads and sewers, Godbout said, but also police and fire vehicles.

"There are capital needs so we can continue provide residents with the level of service they used to receiving. They pay the bills through their taxes," he said.

Another success for Westland has been the curbside recycling program, said Godbout, noting 80 percent of residents who have the service available are utilizing it. Currently, the program is offered only to single family residences although the city is looking for ways to expand to multiple family develop-

ments. "We are still looking at ways to expand that. We just added e-waste (electronics recycling) and clothing recycling," he said. "We need to figure out longer term how to fund that. In less than one year, the recycling was generating revenue. That wasn't expected until year three. It's been a tremendous success."

Unlike some communities which have been closing parks and recreational facilities, Godbout said that he was pleased that Westland has been able to maintain and improve recreational facilities. Specifically, he mentioned the partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and independent fundraising to pay for the H2O Zone sprayground at Tattam Park.

"Our other parks are still maintained and well-kept. In other communities, the parks suffer due to the downtown," Godbout said. "Resident comment on that. It's all qual-

ity of life. We still have a lot to offer on the recreation side that residents can take advantage of."

The biggest thing residents are waiting for regarding parks is the ongoing remediation at the Central City Park, he said, noting an agreement with Wayne County is paying for the clean-up. Similarly, the city has also reached an agreement to take over the former National Airport property for recreation use after contamination remediation has been completed.

"We're not standing still even though it's not the best financial times. We're maintaining a fund balance. We're looking outside the box to see how we can make it happen," Godbout said. "We don't have all the bickering and in-fighting with the council and administration. We don't always agree but we agree to disagree and figure out how to get it done."

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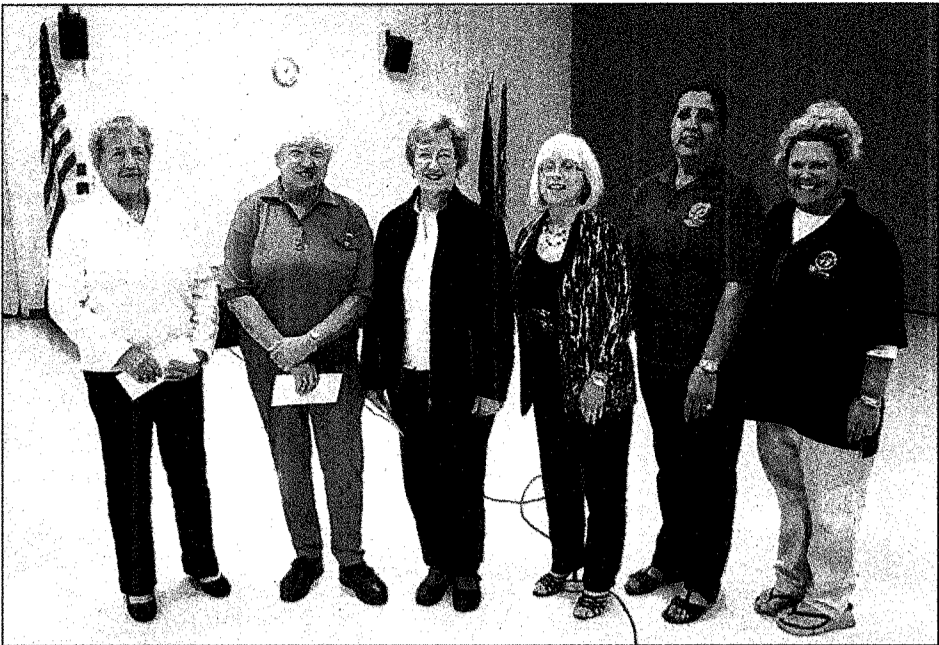
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Westland's Nash wins senior spelling bee

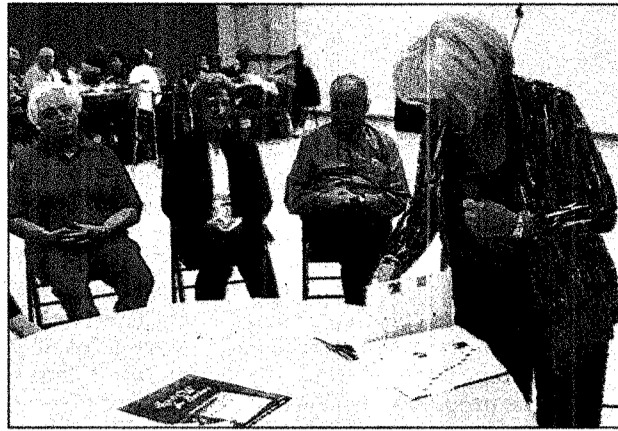


Spelling bee winners Thelma Balogh, third, (from left), Pat Bloch, second, Evelyn Nash, first are congratulated by 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli, Jakleen Ochalek and Barbara Marcum, Westland senior services director.

It wasn't quite the national spelling bee, but it seemed like it for 18 Wayne County seniors who competed in the fourth annual Wayne County Spell-Off Thursday.

The competition was fierce with 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli officiating the event and handling challenges of the spelling a word. The 18 seniors earned a spot in the finals after winning six senior spelling bees held at locations around Wayne County.

In the end Evelyn Nash of Westland proved her mastery of words, placing first in the competition. Finishing second was Pat Bloch of Canton with Thelma Balogh of



District Judge Sandra Cicirelli uses the dictionary to check the spelling of a word that's been challenged during the spelling bee.

Lincoln Park third. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano provides the event because it stimulates brain function, provides socialization and a nice meal for

older adults to share. During the event, senior participants and spectators do a word scramble, play Scrabble, and have a chance to win several raffle prizes.

Solomon, Gordon Chevrolet partner for 'Pictures of Hope'

For children who live at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, a picture is worth just one word: Hope.

Award winning photojournalist and author, Linda Solomon, is bringing her nationally acclaimed program, *Pictures of Hope*, to Detroit on Friday, Sept. 30, to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries' Genesis House II, 2015 Webb, Detroit.

Solomon will provide a photography lesson and empower local children, ages 7-12, to capture photos of hope. Following this photo exercise, Solomon and Susan Ianni, general manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, will surprise the children with cameras.

"Through photography children share their heartfelt feelings," said Solomon. "Their hopes and dreams captured in quiet moments tell a story that few adults can imag-



Award winning photojournalist and author Linda Solomon is bringing her nationally acclaimed program, *Pictures of Hope*, to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries' Genesis House II with the help of Susan Ianni and Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

ine. When you show children that you care about what they wish for in life, perhaps a child who never felt he or she had worth, now will."

"I am very honored to work with children in

this 10-city program, and know the children's heartfelt photographs will make an important difference in their lives," she said.

The hopes and dreams of children in Detroit will be transformed into holiday greeting cards which will be sold through the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. And 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the *Pictures of Hope* greeting cards will benefit the many families and children who receive services at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries due to the generosity of Gordon Chevrolet.

During the holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas every customer who purchases a new Chevrolet from Gordon Chevrolet will be given the *Pictures of Hope* greeting cards as a gift. A matching donation will be given to the shelter from Gordon Chevrolet.

"I was honored to be invited to partner with GM and Linda Solomon in sponsoring this homeless shelter children's program - *Pictures of Hope*," said Ianni. "What a wonderful opportunity for us to give back and make a difference. We will embrace this program, and with support from the community, make a positive difference in these children's lives. This program truly does give them hope through *Pictures of Hope*."

A celebration of the unveiling of the children's *Pictures of Hope* cards will take place in November at Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford Road, Garden City.

According to Dr. Chad Audi, president and CEO of Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, "hope springs from the roots of trust and a confident expectation." "This is the power that *Pictures of Hope* holds

for the children who have been offered a Life Changing Event in their precious lives," he said. "*Pictures of Hope*, taken by homeless children, shows how simple and yet profound are the dreams and hopes all children have - and can achieve. It gives them the gift of realizing that they are loved, that they are 'somebody,' how very important we think they are and it builds their confidence in ways that will sustain them as they spread their wings wide to embrace their bright futures, perhaps even as photojournalists."

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors, has partnered with Solomon for *Pictures of Hope* to help children across the universe express their hearts.

"Giving back to the communities where we live and work is incredibly important to Chevrolet,

its employees and its dealership," said Alan Batey, vice president of sales for Chevrolet. "We are proud to be a part of *Pictures of Hope*. Now more than ever, children need hope and a sense of pride that can translate into higher self-esteem and success later in life."

Solomon, who is recognized for her celebrity portraiture, has devoted her career to teaching children how to express their feelings through photography. She has founded educational photography programs that have reached more than one million children and has received numerous honors and awards for "*Pictures of Hope*. The program has been featured on *Oprah*, *CBS Evening News*, *ABC World News* and in *People Magazine*, *USA Today*, and numerous newspapers and magazines across the country.

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building permits would be issued for any homes in Phase II until Huron Parkway was constructed from Superior Parkway in Westland to Lotz in Canton Township.

Revised site plans were approved in 2004 and 2006, requiring construction of the road although the latter allowed the developer to build homes in the north part of Phase II with additional contingencies regarding the street.

Once the property was controlled by Comerica and the bank made it clear it wasn't going to build the required road, Fausone said the question became how to deal with the project that couldn't be developed as planned five years ago.

There is interest in developing some lots, Fausone said, but not in taking over the development. As it stands, vacant lots aren't maintained, there is one completed basement and one lot excavated for a basement. Removal of the basement and filling both holes are required on the revised site plan.

Other contingencies require engineering tests of roads in the northern area of the development to show they do not have stability problems as well as completing the testing, documenting and dedication of the water, storm and sanitary sewer systems and remaining roads in the development.

The only vote against the revised site plan came from Councilman Bill Johnson, who noted the council had earlier denied site plan approval for Brookfield without Huron Parkway being required.

"The developer then agreed to put the road back in. I can't support this based on the road not being there," said Johnson. "We did nothing to address the Cherry Hill traffic."

While he had also opposed the site plan without Huron Parkway, Councilman Dewey Reeves said that circumstances were different with the third phase of Brookfield not being constructed.

"Those (current Brookfield) homeowners are losing money. They shouldn't be penalized because the bank landlocked people. They pulled a fast one," said Reeves.

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Garage sale popular with sellers, buyers

There were plenty of bargains to be found at the fall edition of the Westland Community Garage Sale.

"We had close to 100 booths. We always sell out spaces (for sellers) but the crowds were up," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "There were a lot of people — you couldn't find a parking space."

Held in September and May, the garage sales are held in the front City Hall and police station parking lots.

"Some were items that people collected from their house. But there were purses and perfume. There were a lot of new items — it was about like a store out there," said Kosowski.

The garage sale has been a popular offering by the city since before he started working for the city 15 years ago, said Kosowski. One change over the years has been to hold fall and spring sales.

"We always sell out spots at both sales. Usually it's the same people. We're booking spots right now," said Kosowski.



Westland's Community Garage Sale draws customers from neighbor communities. Redford resident Rob Keesee (left) and Steve Goff of Garden City were among the shoppers.

The cost is \$25 for a space — sellers have to provide their own tables

and anything else needed to set up their merchandise display.

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By LeAnne Rogers

GARAGE SALE

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to transport their purchases by the end of the sale.

Heading the project, Assistant City Attorney Keith Madden said he had sent an e-mail to the city directors to have them compile a list of unused, unwanted or obsolete items in their departments.

The list of items runs from clocks and pool tables to specialty tools. The inventoried items have been divided into three categories: items that will be sold to the general public at a garage sale set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-

day, Oct. 15; items that will be scrapped and the metals recycled; and specialty items.

"We have equipment from the (closed) print shop. The DPS has specialty machines that aren't in bad shape. We'll have an online auction," said Madden. "We would raise about \$20,000 based on the directors' estimates (of values)."

Madden added that he is also working with the William P. Faust Library which has a storage unit filled with furniture that may no longer be needed.

"There is a lot of furniture and office equipment. There isn't much value in the old

computer equipment," Madden said. "There are some police car radios that aren't digital but might have some value."

Council President James Godbout asked if there had been a comparison of what the city spent operating its own print shop and what is being spent to have the printing done privately.

"Before we get rid of this stuff, can we look at the financial situation? We still put out a lot of hard copies," said Godbout. "If we get back into doing our own printing, the equipment is probably outdated. I'd like to see if it makes sense financially."

Along with any revenue that

would be generated, Wild said this is the first step in a process to clean out city buildings. Following the recent council adopting of an updated document retention policy, the city will also look to reduce the amount of document storage that has also occurred over the last 45 years.

"This is a unique opportunity for the city to sale the equipment that is no longer used while making a little money to set off the cost of the original purchase," said Wild. "This is also a great opportunity for patrons to get a great deal on items that they can use."

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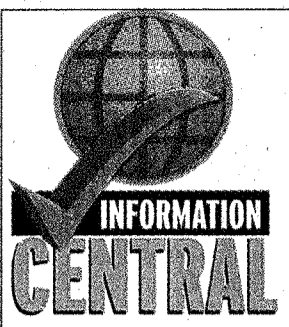
Now that school is in full swing, those homework assignments are starting to come home. If you are having difficulty finding information on that challenging topic, someone else has already checked out the material you needed or you just need one more source to complete the teacher's requirements, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you out.

The state of Michigan has generously provided to all libraries in the state access to more than 40 research databases, covering a wide range of topics for various age groups, as part of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). The library has also purchased subscriptions to other databases.

All of these databases can be accessed from the library's home page (www.westlandlibrary.org) under the Research tab. You can select from a subject-based list or an alphabetical listing. The majority of the research databases can be accessed either in the library or at home. You will need to have a valid library card in order to access from home. There is an informational bookmark available at the Reference Desk.

What exactly is a research/online database? A Research Database is an online tool for searching periodical or reference literature. Databases are the modern equivalent of the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. Although they are often accessed over the Internet, they are not websites - libraries and other institutions pay to provide them to their patrons. This means that you usually can use the articles you find in our databases for your school papers.

One of the best sources for information for speech topics or current events is the Opposing View-



points database. Good social studies databases include *Lands and People and America the Beautiful*. If you are looking for science material, check out *New Book of Popular Science*. The *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, *Encyclopedia Americana* and the *New Book of World Knowledge* are also all available. All databases should also give the information needed to cite the sources.

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 you can always find us on the web at westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Writers Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 26, age 16 and up
Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Natural Approaches to Treating Arthritis: 7 p.m. Sept. 27
Nearly 50 million Americans suffer from some form of Arthritis. Join Dr. Brian K. Brackey to learn more about the true causes of Arthritis and related joint diseases and how to live a flexible, pain-free life. No registration required.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 28
Join us for a discussion of Isaac Asimov's *Foundation and Empire*. Led by its founding father, the great psychohistorian Hari Seldon, and taking advantage of its superior science and technology, the Foundation has survived the greed and barbarism of its neighboring warrior-planets. Yet now it must face the Empire - still the mightiest force in the Galaxy even in its death throes. When an ambitious general determined to restore the Empire's glory turns the vast Imperial fleet toward the Foundation, the only hope for the small planet of scholars and scientists lies in the prophecies of Hari Seldon. Copies will be available at the Reference desk a month before the meeting.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: Sept. 30, Adults
Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run through Nov. 4. Students with children are welcome.

Friday Night Movie: *Conspirator*, 7 p.m. Sept. 30, Adults and Teens
What's better than a Friday night movie with friends? Tonight's movie is about Mary Surratt who is the lone female charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination trial of Abraham Lincoln. This movie is rated PG-13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins at 7 p.m. Trivia and prizes before the movie. Snacks and refreshments are available.

9/11 Journaling Project Ends: 7 p.m. Sept. 30, Adults
This is the last day read or add content to our 9/11 Journals. Journals are available at the Reference desk.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.
Have a question regard-

ing formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer Classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. Call (734) 326-6123

Information Central was compiled by Technical Services Librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Former clerk to stand trial for embezzlement

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A former Westland 18th District Court clerk has been ordered to stand trial on two felony charges of embezzlement.

Westland resident Lynne Marie Handzlyk, 52, is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Sept. 30 on the counts of embezzlement. A third count was dismissed.

Dearborn 19th District Court Judge William Hultgren heard the case to avoid a conflict of interest with the Westland judges.

An investigation by the Michigan State Police was requested by the 18th District Court administrator after an audit found \$2,000 in court funds were missing. A not guilty plea has been entered for Handzlyk, who remains free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Handzlyk served as the bond clerk for the 18th District Court. Her daily responsibilities included receiving and processing bond money delivered by the Westland

Police Department. She was responsible for documenting the funds after they were delivered by police and matching the funds to their corresponding court files. Handzlyk would then deliver the funds with the appropriate court file to the court's bond cashier.

It had been alleged that Handzlyk embezzled \$1,000 on three times occasions — Oct. 20, 2010, Nov. 4, 2010, and Nov. 5, 2010. The charge stemming from Oct. 20, 2010, was dismissed while Handzlyk was ordered bound over for trial on the other two charges.

Handzlyk used the last \$1,000 bond payment to pay back the first in an attempt to avoid detection. Handzlyk allegedly signed for the payments, but failed to turn them over to the bond cashier. Instead, it is alleged she took the cash for her own personal use.

Handzlyk faces a maximum possible penalty of 10 years in prison, if convicted.

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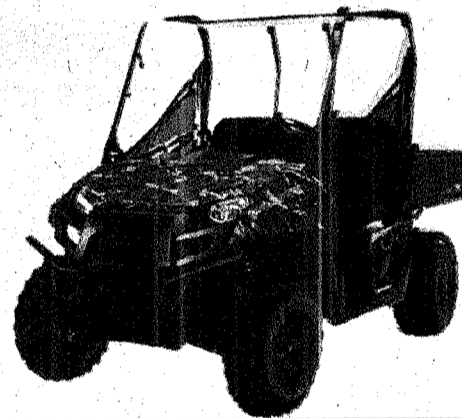
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Official talks TIGER with Senate leaders

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After lobbying from Lansing to Washington, D.C., and twice losing out on federal dollars, frustrated Canton officials are hopeful their nine-year push to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange could begin to draw the strong state-level support it needs. Supervisor Phil LaJoy has offered potential-ly encouraging news fol-

lowing talks Tuesday with high-ranking state Senate leaders in Lansing.

LaJoy said he believes the Senate may strongly consider a resolution citing a need for the project — a political move that could give credence to it.

Moreover, the Senate Transportation Committee, alongside Michigan Department of Transportation officials, is expected to conduct a

public hearing in Canton to hear remarks from local leaders and residents. It hasn't yet been scheduled.

The latest developments come as Canton officials seek to get state leaders, including Gov. Rick Snyder, involved in a push for third-round federal TIGER — Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — dollars.

Efforts to reshape the I-275/Ford Road area

have twice been rejected for TIGER dollars, though LaJoy reiterated Tuesday reasons the project deserves attention and money:

- It would ease traffic congestion along Ford Road at intersections such as Haggerty — an intersection LaJoy said has the highest number of crashes in Michigan.
- It would create construction jobs and other project-related work.
- It would have eco-

nomie benefits as workers spend money locally at restaurants and other businesses.

The road project involves building two new ramps, or slips, to allow motorists exiting southbound I-275 to access Haggerty Road, either northbound or southbound, without traveling on Ford Road. It also entails adding a service drive along the east side of the interstate, allowing traffic

from the Cherry Hill Road area to travel north and merge on to I-275 north of Ford Road.

LaJoy said it would cost \$20.3 million to reshape the intersection and ease traffic congestion — far less than the \$225 million price tag for a completely new interchange. "In road money, it's chump change," LaJoy said.

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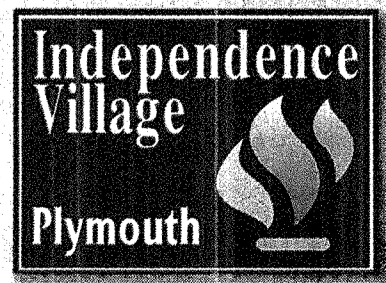
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Limited seating is avail-

able. Register by Oct. 20. The cost is \$20 for preregistered chamber members and \$25 non-members and walk-ins, space permitting. Call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448 to reserve a seat.

Open house

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness is hosting a Home School Open House at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.

GMA is beginning a new Day Program to serve the home school community. Classes are scheduled to begin 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Classes will run in nine-week sessions and cost \$65 per week session.

The class will fill the physical education need of the home school curriculum. American Kenpo provides fitness and also street-savvy self-defense. Kenpo teaches self-control, focus and develops leadership qualities. An important aspect to this program includes the interaction with other children helping with social skills.

GMA will also be hosting "Focus! Focus! Focus!"

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Preregistration is necessary and enrollment is limited. Call (734) 266-0565 or stop in at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford Road, Garden City.

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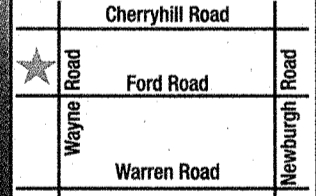
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The Westland Historic Village Park will celebrate American folk crafts, music and storytelling at its second annual Modern Americana City of Westland Celebrates American Folklore 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Guests will have the opportunity to view and participate in a variety of crafting demonstrations, including spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting, paper cutting and chair caning. New

this year will be live dulcimer music and storytelling. For the young and young-at-heart, storytelling and take-home projects will be available. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt will engage visitors with the stories of America's folk heroes throughout the afternoon. Guests also can try their hands at candle-dipping and make a corn-husk doll. The event is free of charge. The Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne

Road, Westland.

Harvest Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from Wayne Post Office. The cost will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and dessert. Carryouts are available. There also will be crafts, rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt, bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 734-721-4801.

Child ID

Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will provide a free child identification program during Mayor William Wild's annual "Take a Night Off From Violence" Thursday, Oct. 13. The event will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bailey Recreation Center. Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service. The Michigan Masonic Child ID Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. The program is also considered one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is also endorsed by the Michigan Sheriff's Association. The Detroit Office of Homeland Security has stated that "the

Michigan Masonic Child ID Program is the greatest program that they have seen," and it is highly touted by many local police agencies! For more information about the event or to schedule your own event, call Wayne Lodge 112 at (734) 721-7950, send an e-mail to bernardbrewer@comcast.net; or consult the Michigan Child ID Web Site at www.michip.org.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy. Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation. The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood. To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@national-faith.org.

Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many

other great items.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734)722-7620.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another. Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its longstanding regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

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.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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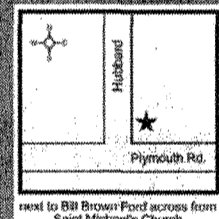
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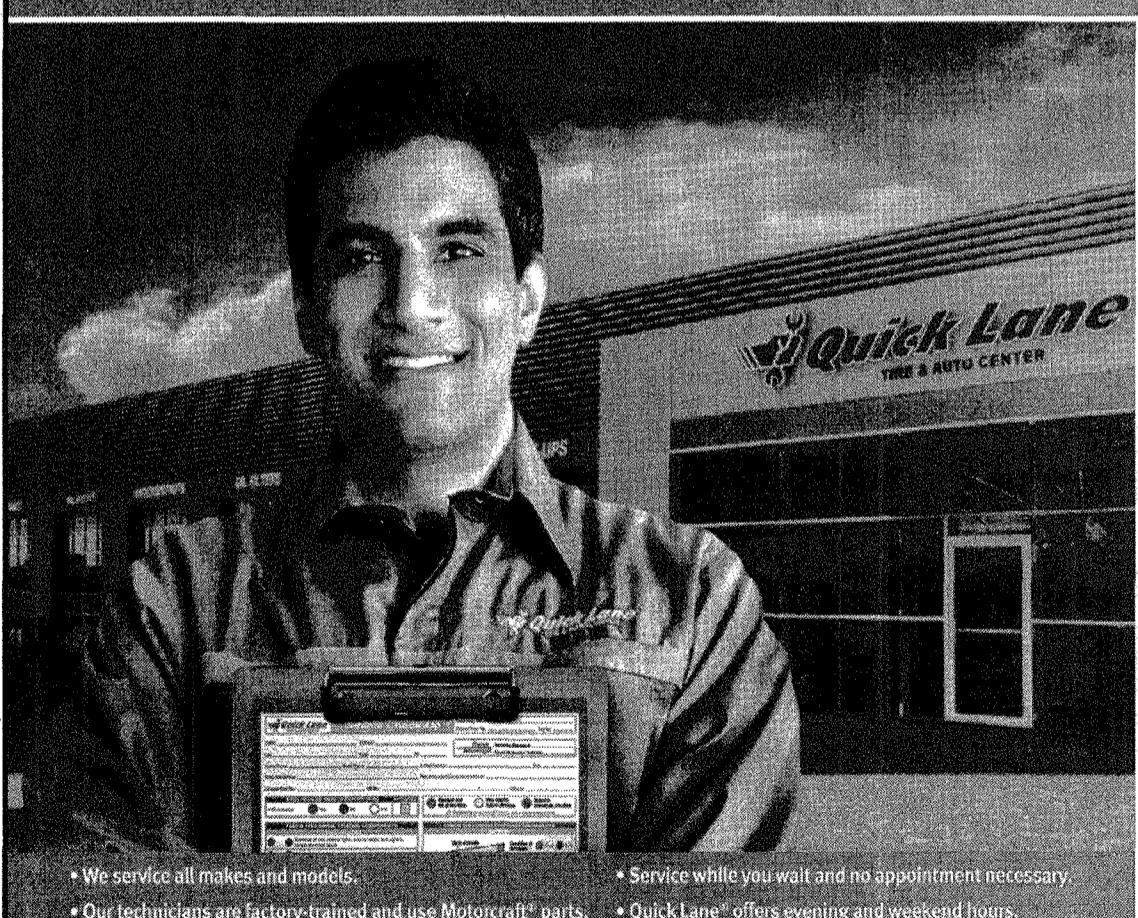


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Chefs take honors in Girl Scout bake-off

Ficano leads trade mission to Far East

Chefs Cheryl Hanewich of La Dolce Vita and Chris Troiano of the Culinary Arts Department at Washtenaw Community College took top honors in the second annual Girl Scout Cookie Dessert Bake-Off Benefit, held Sept. 21.

Area restaurants, bakeries and caterers competed with creations made with Girl Scout cookies and brought in more than \$25,000 for outreach programs of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Ann Arbor Regional Center. Outreach brings the benefits of Girl Scouting to girls who need Girl Scouts most, in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne Counties. Proceeds support Girl Scout troops in community centers and schools with high levels of free and reduced-rate lunch programs.

New this year, the bake-off proceeds also support Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, for girls whose mothers are incarcerated at the Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility.

Former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy was the celebrity emcee for the event.

La Dolce Vita took Judges' Choice in the competition, while the WCC's Culinary Arts Department won the People's Choice award and the Most Creative Award.

Other participating chefs and establishments were Chef Kyle Kooyers of Fabulous Food Catering, Chef Jeff Basta of Palio's, Chef Amanda Clark of Mindo Chocolate Makers and Chef Carla Hoopingamer of Paesano's.

The celebrity judges were Taylor Bond, CEO and president of Children's Orchard; Jan Brandon, former regent, Eastern Michigan University; Linda Hughes, general manager of WAAM Radio; David Janda, surgeon, author and talk show host, and Anthony Williamson, program director of the Parkridge Community Center.

Girls interested in scouting, adults interested in being volunteers or in making a donation can go online to www.gshom.org, or call (800) 49-SCOUT.



Girl Scouts and their leader from Parkridge and Bryant Community Centers show off Girl Scout cookies with former Miss Michigan and WDIV-TV personality Ashlee Baracy.



Chef Cheryl Hanewich (center) of La Dolce Vita received the Judges' Choice Award.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is making his seventh trade mission to Asia with a focus on meeting officials from battery and energy storage companies.


Ficano left Saturday on the trade mission which will take him to cities and corporate headquarters in Japan, China and South Korea.

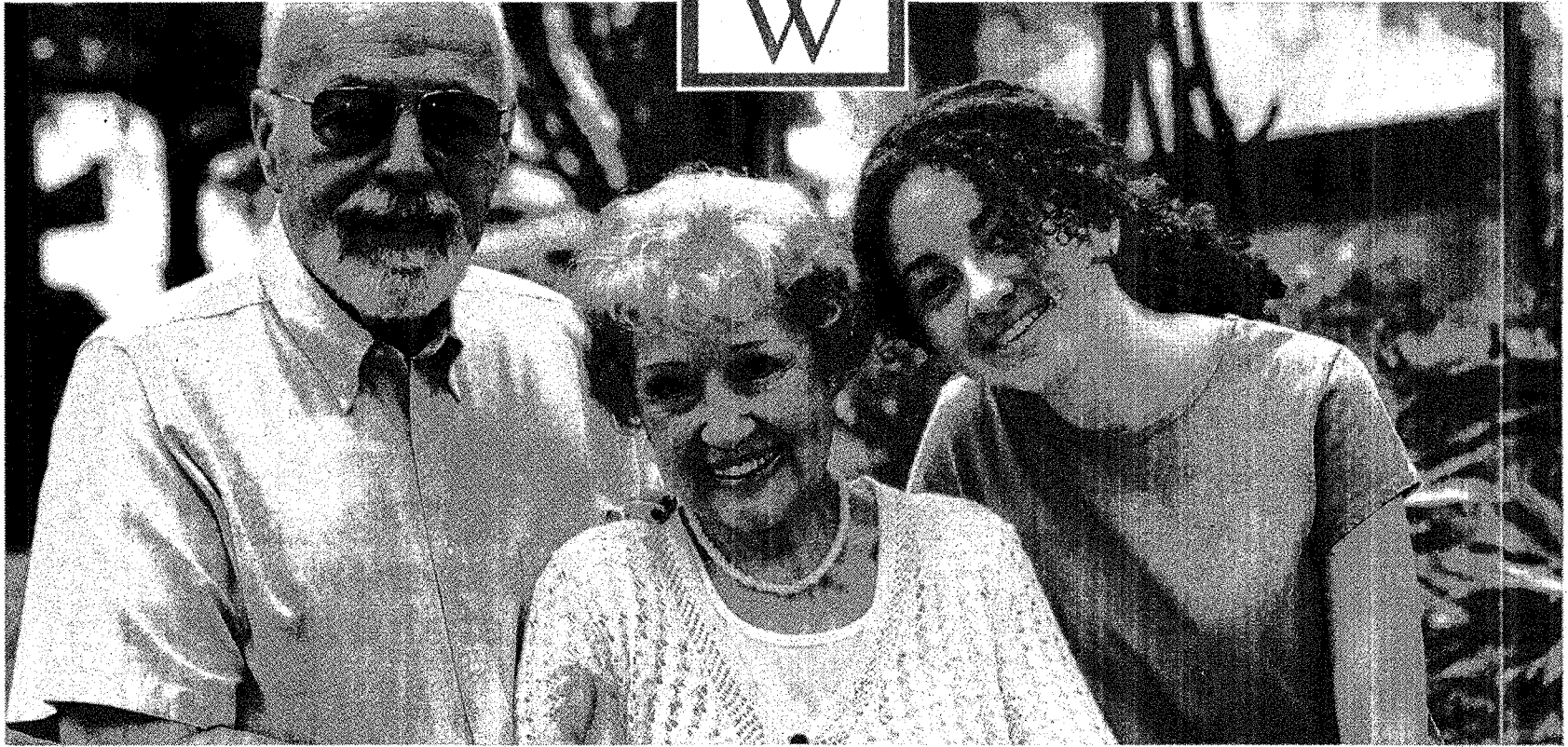
"There's real momentum with Asian investment in southeast Michigan," Ficano said. "Over the last decade, we have grown from single digit numbers in terms of Asian investments to hundreds. Currently in southeast Michigan we have 38 Korean companies, 56 Chinese companies and 398 Japanese companies all which have brought their investment dollars and jobs to Michigan. This trade mission is about driving that momentum to the favor of Wayne County and southeast Michigan."

The county executive is traveling with a delegation from the State of Michigan led by Gov. Rick Snyder. While they are both there to push the economic agenda for Michigan, each has specific goals. The Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) has been reaching out over the last two months to automotive and battery-related suppliers and manufacturers in Michigan in preparation of the trade mission.

Joining Ficano on the trip is Les Alexander, vice president for governmental affairs for battery giant A123 in Livonia. The public-private partnership will be exploring opportunities to expand A123's supply chain presence in southeast Michigan and grow its presence in Asia and Wayne County while attracting new businesses using prior successes of the partnership.

Ficano will meet with officials from SoulBrain and A123 who have a presence in Wayne County, as well as a number of other companies including Aisin, Yazaki, ChangAn Motors, Shanghai Daimay Automotive Interiors and Jin Jing Electric Motor.



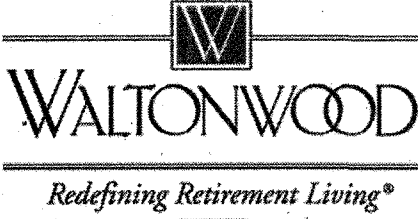


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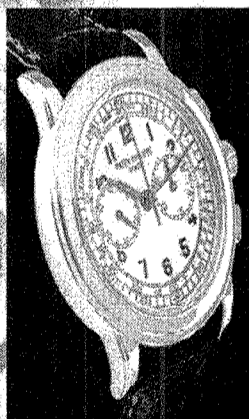
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Madonna, Schoolcraft sign credit-transfer agreement

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College, both based in Livonia, have signed an articulation agreement that helps students easily transfer credits from an associate degree into one of six bachelor's degree programs.

"We see this as a win-win situation. The students at Schoolcraft can rest assured their credits will easily transfer and Madonna University can be confident we will admit well-prepared students," said Mike Quattro, director of admissions at Madonna.

Madonna University typically accepts a maximum of 74 credits from community colleges. Through this agreement with Schoolcraft, more credits can be transferred — in some cases as many as 90.

"Students transferring to Madonna will find a



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University, and Dr. Conway Jeffers, president of Schoolcraft College, sign pennants in honor of an articulation agreement between the two institutions.

number of scholarship opportunities available. Advisors and instructors are ready to set up a plan of study and will work closely with them

to prepare them for a particular career field," said Michael Kenney, vice president for planning and enrollment management at Madonna.

The agreement applies to the following programs:

- Schoolcraft's associate degree in fire technology
- Schoolcraft's associate degree in criminal justice
- Schoolcraft's associate degree in graphic design
- Schoolcraft's associate degree in child development
- Schoolcraft's associate degree in culinary arts
- Schoolcraft's associate degree in emergency management

ate degrees in business, marketing and applied management, and small business for entrepreneurs transfer to Madonna's bachelor's degree in business administration.

At Madonna, students also may earn minors or certificates in related areas of study. Other benefits include lower tuition for master's degree programs for Madonna alumni.

"We have designed this articulation agreement with the students' needs in mind," Kenney said. "Students are able to take advantage of earning both an associate degree and a bachelor's degree at two highly regarded institutions. While they are earning their associate degree, they don't have to worry that certain credits won't be accepted. We have that all worked out for them."

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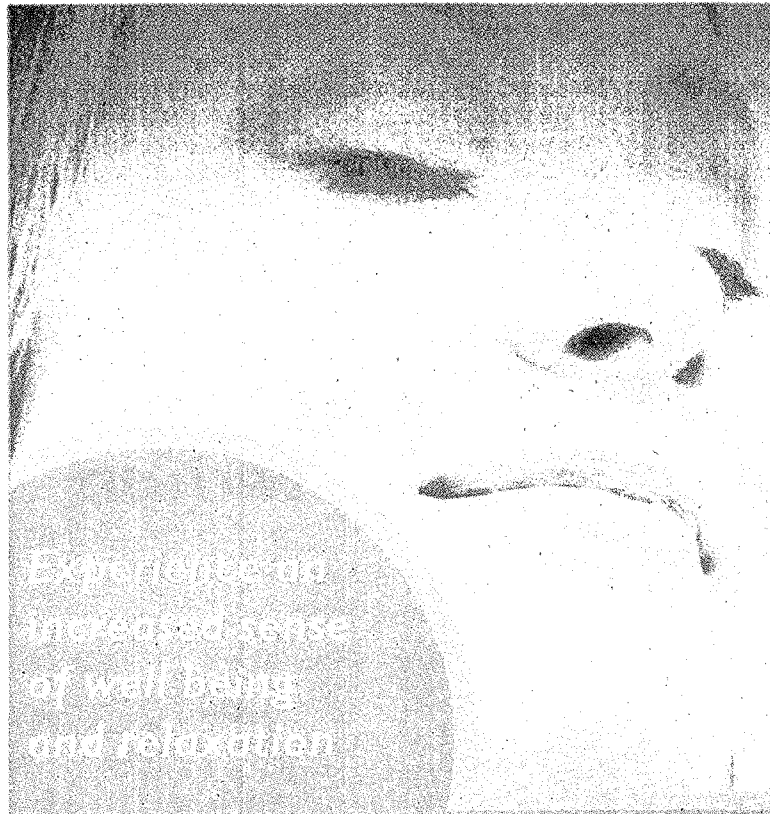
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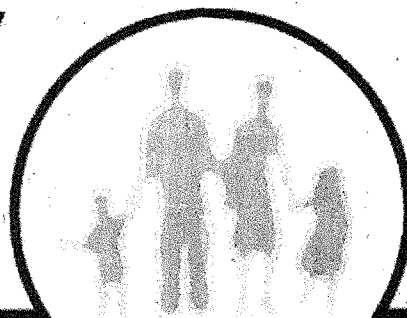
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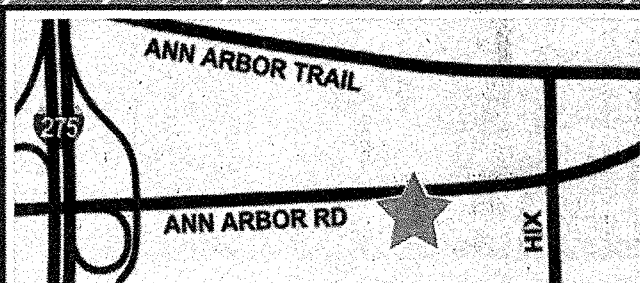
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American hockey icon retires

Westland's Modano goes out a Star

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

An American hockey icon from Westland said a tearful goodbye to the game during a press conference held Friday afternoon in Dallas.

Mike Modano, who starred in the National Hockey League for 21 seasons, signed a one-day contract so he could retire as a member of the Dallas Stars organization.

The Stars put a value of \$999,999 on the contract as a symbolic gesture to salute Modano's wearing of the No. 9 jersey in Dallas. The 41-year-old

then immediately sent his retirement papers to the league office.

Modano played all but one of his 21 NHL seasons with the Stars, starting with the team in 1988-89 when the franchise was located in Bloomington, Minn.

He played his last NHL season with Detroit. This summer he considered re-signing with another team with the Vancouver Canucks making overtures, but Modano announced earlier last week that he would retire Friday as a Star.

Please see MODANO, B3



In 2003, Mike Modano returned to Westland for a dedication ceremony to rename its arena in his name.

MU upsets Spring Arbor

Behind the strength of goals from freshmen Mo DeGrandis and Ashley Parent, the Madonna University women's soccer team pulled off its biggest upset in recent memory Wednesday with a come-from-behind 2-1 win over No. 7-ranked Spring Arbor.

Spring Arbor (7-1-1) got on the board first in the fourth minute when Maegan Smith finished off a pass from Olivia Clark to go up 1-0.

The Crusaders (3-3) pulled even just over eight minutes later when senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) controlled a pass from sophomore Amanda Jenaway off of a corner kick and found DeGrandis, who fired in a header and beat Cougar goalkeeper Brooklyn Morgan.

Brda had the assist on the game-winning goal as well, chipping her pass over the defense to Parent, who sent her shot past Morgan for what held up as the winner.

The Cougars peppered Crusader keeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) with shots throughout the remainder of the match, but the senior was up to the task, turning away all seven shots to earn her third win of the season.

MU returns to the pitch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, against Rochester College at Canton's Independence Park.

Churchill runs through Wayne in 49-6 victory

Livonia Churchill racked up 438 yards in total offense, including 300 on the ground, en route to a 49-6 KLA South Division football win Friday at home over Wayne Memorial.

Romello Brown, a 5-foot-11, 241-pound junior running back, finished with 208 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns.

Senior Chad Lipinski added three TDs on just four carries as the Chargers improved to 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Wayne (0-5, 0-3) ironically got on the board first on Stefon Perkins' 7-yard run with 9:53 left in the first quarter after the Chargers fumbled the opening kickoff on their own 22. (The point-after was blocked).

Lipinski's 1-yard TD tied it at 6-6 with 6:50 left in the same quarter. (The kick failed.)

In the second quarter, Churchill scored twice.

After one of Andre Abrams' first-half interceptions, Churchill went 99 yards in 10 plays capped by Lipinski's 12-yard TD run.

Junior quarterback Seth Suida then hit Jaylin Freeman on a 70-yard scoring pass and Brown later scored on a 65-yard run to make it 27-6 at intermission.

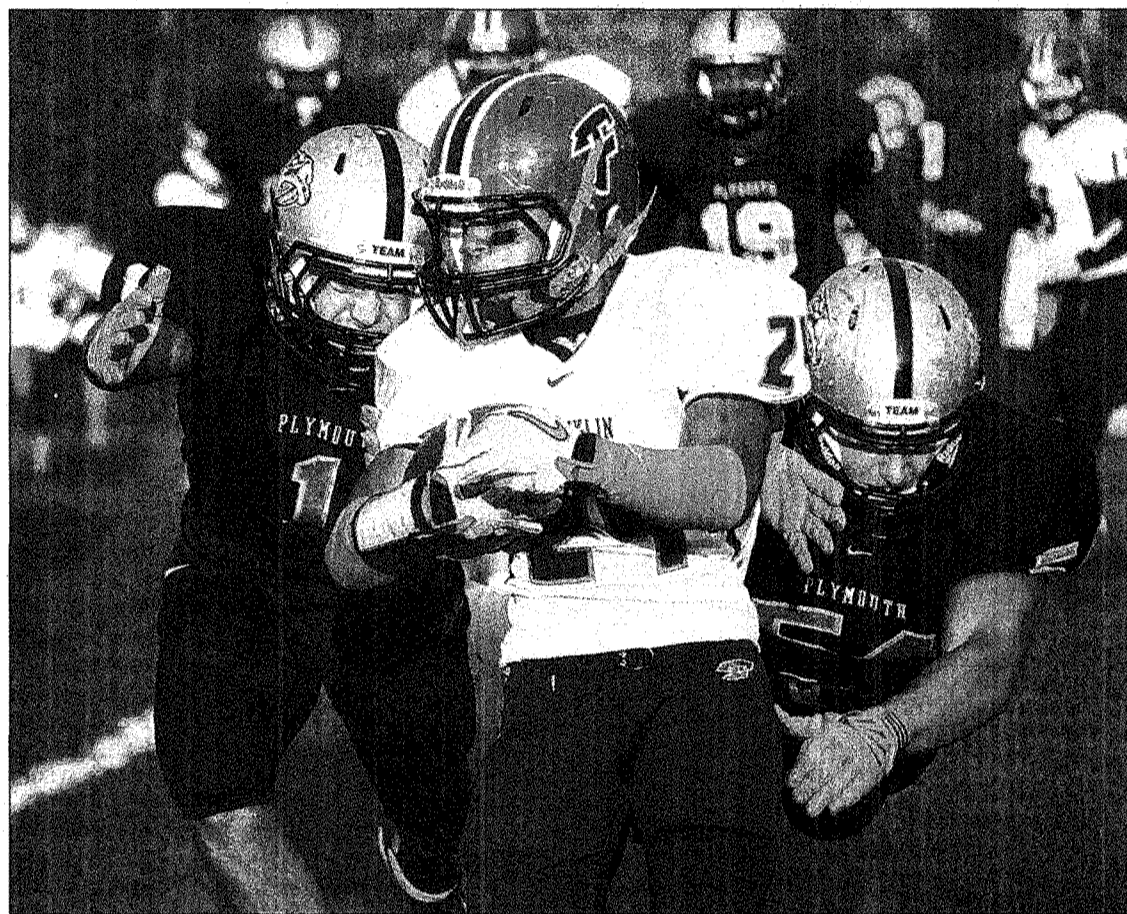
In the third quarter, Brown scored on a 16-yard TD run, followed by a safety when Connor Dwyer tackled a Wayne back in the end zone following a muffed pitchout.

Lipinski scored again with 6:38 left in the third on a 6-yard run after Kenny Dang recovered a Wayne fumble.

Senior quarterback Charlie Hicks capped the scoring with a 37-yard TD run for the Chargers with 9:13 left in the final quarter. (Tyler Piotrowski converted 5-of-7 PATs on the night).

Charlie Yost paced the Churchill defense with nine tackles, while Dwyer added eight tackles to go

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Franklin's Marquise Smith (24) tries to elude Plymouth tacklers Faris Abraham (1) and Tyler Goble (54) during Friday's KLA South Division clash.

Wildcats pounce on Franklin

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin tried to throw everything but the kitchen sink Friday night at state-ranked Plymouth — mid-field fourth-down gambles, blitz packages and a no-huddle offense.

The host Wildcats, however, had an answer for everything the Patriots attempted and rolled to a 47-7 KLA South Division football victory.

Senior quarterback Shaun Austin trumped the Patriots' defense, hitting 14-of-23 passes on the night for 233 yards and four touchdowns.

He was particularly good in the second quarter, going 9-for-

11 for 122 yards and two TDs as Plymouth (5-0, 3-0) turned a 14-7 first-quarter advantage into a 34-7 halftime lead.

"Shaun (Austin) is a very intelligent, composed kid, and we're lucky to have him," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said.

"When they start bringing a bunch of people in the box and play us man-to-man, we think we have some weapons outside. Our offensive coordinator and our offensive staff do a great job of blitz protection and give Shaun a lot of time in there."

Senior running back Donte Fox was the Wildcats' top rusher with 145 yards on 20 carries. He got Plymouth off on the right foot with a 54-yard TD run on his team's first posses-

sion.

Franklin came back and answered with Joe McRobb's 84-yard TD run with 3:32 left in the first quarter to knot the game at 7-7 (following Ryan Tikey's extra point).

"When they (Franklin) scored, that was when we went for it on fourth down and didn't get it, and our tight end missed a block," Sawchuk said. "Our offensive coach was talking to him and they (Franklin) came back out, and we only had 10 people on the field when they scored that last touchdown. So there was a mistake there."

The Wildcats, however, played flawless during the sec-

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It's no contest: Rockets routed

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Talk about a blowout with a capital B.

The fans at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were barely in their seats when Canton 5-foot-7 junior running back Kendall Scott blew through Westland John Glenn's defensive line, sprinting untouched for a 24-yard touchdown.

That was just the start of Canton's 66-13 onslaught in Friday's KLA South Division contest. The Rockets saw plenty of red in the stands (on Canton's Homecoming Night) as well as on the field, thanks to the barrage of big-play TDs.

"Our offensive line executed, our backs ran hard, we threw the ball, caught the ball well," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "Offensively it was an awesome first half. And defensively we were much more physical."

Some might wonder why any tweaking was required.

The Chiefs, already ranked No. 7 in Division 1, improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLA South with the win.

Right from the start it was a night to forget for the Rockets, who dropped to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the division.

"They're a good football team and right now we're not," John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin said. "That's it. I think our guys played hard, they have hearts. But we executed horribly and they executed perfectly."

Canton outgained John Glenn 446-211 and only the play of senior running back Terrance James — 12-106 including a 49-yard TD run — provided any kind of highlight for the Rockets. "He's a tough kid, he plays hard," Hardin said.

The outcome of the game was pretty much known by the end of the first quarter, when Canton bust out to a 28-0 lead.

An early spark was lit by Canton's revamped defense. Baechler said he thought his defense was



John Glenn's Terrance James (4) is pursued by Canton's John Chadwick (8) during Friday's KLA South Division game.

"getting pushed around too much, so we switched some things up this week."

Changes included moving 6-4, 285-pound junior Cameron Dillard from offensive tackle to the defensive line.

Senior Zac Merillat moved from outside linebacker to inside linebacker and 6-4 senior defensive

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Lady Ocelots blank UMD

The undefeated Schoolcraft College women's soccer team may not have brought its 'A' game Wednesday against the University of Michigan-Dearborn, but the game the Ocelots brought was more than enough for a decisive 5-0 victory.

"The game was not necessarily the best we have played this season, but I still thought the girls, despite being fatigued from a rough schedule, pulled through well," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman, whose team improved to 7-0 overall. "They collected themselves, put together a strong passing game, and continued to generate opportunities through their unselfish play."

SC goalkeeper Kelly Twigg (Livonia Churchill) made a pair of impressive saves to secure the shutout.

The Ocelots built a 2-0 halftime lead thanks to unassisted goals from Sam Zerelli and Kayla Szado.

Dawn Easton peppered the net with back to back goals within a two-minute span midway through the second half to make it 4-0. She was assisted by Lauren Badalamente and Ashley Welch (Livonia Stevenson).

Emily Behnke capped the scoring with 21:31 left when she scored off a Badalamente assist.

S'craft wins

The fourth-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team improved to 9-0 overall with a 2-0 victory Friday at Ancilla (Ind.) College.

The Ocelots stand 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, while Ancilla falls to 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the MCCA.

Livonia Catholics join nationwide rosary campaign

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Ron Danowski and Paul Daniel are praying for a big turnout at their "rosary rally" next month at Madonna University in Livonia.

"My vision is to look down the road and say, could we fill Comerica Park," said Daniel, who is helping Danowski with publicity for the outdoor rosary recitation on Saturday, Oct. 15. "This year our goal is to fill this parking lot at Madonna." "Or maybe have the largest rosary rally in Michigan," Danowski added.

The Livonia residents, both members of the Thomas Dooley Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Colette Parish, have enlisted the help of the organization and Madonna University to present one hour of outdoor, public prayer, using the rosary, a Catholic devotion.

Their rally, from noon to 1 p.m., will be among more than 7,000 nationwide scheduled at the same time and on the same day through a non-profit campaign called America Needs Fatima. Rally captains, like Danowski, can register their rallies through the organization's Web site, which promotes public prayer through the rosary.

Participants may bring chairs. The Rev. Alex Kratz, a Francis-



can priest, will lead the session, although other members of the Catholic clergy will take turns reciting portions of the rosary, with the crowd following along. It is open to the public.

"I think nowadays our country certainly needs prayer. Pray for peace. I think everyone will agree with that," Danowski said.

"Hopefully people will see all of us praying — you don't have to be Catholic to pray — and they will come and join us."

Starting small

Danowski said he'd be pleased to draw at least 300 worshippers to the event, but won't be disappointed if attendance is smaller. He's used to it.

"I started it four years ago with just four people," Danowski explained. He, his wife, Bernadine, daughter, Janet, and a friend from church, held their first rally in 2008 at Rotary Park in Livonia. He felt compelled to join the America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Crusade after learning that his sister-in-law's

ROSARY RALLY

What: A one-hour public recitation of the rosary
When: Noon to 1 p.m.; participants gather in the parking lot between 11-11:45 a.m.

Where: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: Bring a rosary or just follow along; led by the Rev. Alex Kratz. Chairs are permitted and restrooms are available

Contact: (734) 591-0360

Other rallies: Noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 15, Lourdes grotto at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township; noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 15, on the baseball diamond at St. Fabian, 32200 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills

Rosary Rally website: www.americaneedsfatima.org

son had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer.

"I promised the blessed Virgin I would do this as long as I could," Danowski recalled.

But after her son died and Danowski considered the low turnout at his rally, he didn't plan to organize a second rosary session.

"I changed my mind. I figured I shouldn't give up. It was meant to be a challenge to me. Nothing comes easy," he recalled.

"I said to Father Alex (Kratz) that I had been praying but my prayers weren't answered. He said, 'think of it this way, he probably went to heaven sooner because of you.'"

Growing interest

The second annual rally picked up approximately 40 more participants; last year it drew 94 worshippers.

Daniel attended the

rally at the park for the first time last year.

"I showed up without the intent of anything but seeing what it was like and saying the rosary out in public," he said. "I like doing something different, seeing what else is out there, and I had never prayed in public before. So, I figured I would try it."

He enjoyed the experience and offered to help Danowski with the event this year. They moved the rally from the park to the Madonna parking lot hoping to increase visibility and attract more participants.

Daniel also invited 26 churches in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate. The pair also created a Facebook page for Rosary Rally 2011, Livonia. "We want to make public prayer less unusual," Daniel said.

The rally will be held rain or shine.

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Certified yoga instructor Mark J. Price will lead a two-hour yoga class Saturday, Oct. 8, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

He'll guide a large group class, suitable for all levels, from 2-4 p.m. in the community room of the Zieger Building on the east side of Botsford's campus, 28050 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$10. Yoga class participants should bring an exercise mat to the session.

Price teaches a weekly yoga workshop that is part of Gilda's Club programs at Botsford Cancer Center. His Tuesdays@Botsford workshop participants have formed

a walking team that has registered for the Gilda's Club Family Walk and Health Fair later in October. The yoga session will help the team raise its fundraising goal for the walk.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers emotional and social support to individuals with cancer, their families and friends through networking groups, education lectures, workshops, specialized children's programs and social events in a nonresidential and home-like setting. The nonprofit organization is located in Royal Oak.

To register for the yoga class, e-mail Price at markprice6@gmail.com.

Vying for the crown



Jadyn Graham, 23, of Livonia will compete for the title of Miss Michigan USA 2012 during a pageant, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the McMoran Entertainment Center in Port Huron. Graham holds the current title of Miss Livonia USA. She graduated in 2006 from Livonia Franklin High School and studies adolescent psychology at Eastern Michigan University. She'll be among more than 100 women from throughout Michigan competing for the title and prizes that include travel, wardrobe and college scholarships. Contestants are judged in evening gown, fitness/swimsuit and question categories. The winner will represent Michigan at the Miss USA competition. Tickets for the show in Port Huron are available by calling (810) 985-6166.

Get pets blessed, vaccinated, walked

Many churches — including Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City and St. Aidan in Livonia — hold pet blessings in early October to coincide with the feast of St. Frances of Assisi.

Congregation members acknowledge the presence of animals in their lives and offer blessings for a long life, good health and happy home.

Good Hope's "Blessing of Animals" starts at 10 a.m. Oct. 8, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road. The church welcomes all animals including dogs, cats, turtles, goldfish, lizards, and hamsters. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and treats will be served to animals and their human friends. The church asks all owners to be responsible for "little accidents" that might occur while their furry or feathered friends are on hand. For more information call (734) 427-3660.

St. Aidan's starts at 1 p.m. Oct. 8, at the Marian Shrine at the church, located at 17500 Farmington Road. (734) 425-5950.

Vaccinations, bowling

Tail Wagger's 1990 of Livonia will wrap up its monthly low cost clinic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 25 at Premier Pet Supplies, 31215 Southfield Road, in Beverly Hills. Rabies, distemper and bordetella for dogs will cost \$30 for all three vaccines or \$12 individually. Rabies and distemper vaccines for cats will be \$12 each.

The nonprofit organization, dedicated to helping animals by offering low-cost vaccination clinics, spay/neuter services, a food pantry and emer-



PET PROJECTS

gency medical assistance, is gearing up for its annual bowling event on Nov. 5 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. It's accepting registration now online at www.tailwaggers1990.org. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a commemorative gift for \$25. Adults bowl at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. Youth bowlers are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Grand prizes will be awarded to the highest donations collected per bowling squad. For more information call (734) 560-4660.

MHS walk

There's still time to sign up for the Michigan Humane Society's annual Mega March for Animals at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. The two-mile walk runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, and will include humans and animals alike. Walk check-in starts at 9 a.m. The route stretches from Hart Plaza up Woodward Ave. to Campus Martius Park, along E. Lafayette to Rivard and down to the Detroit RiverWalk. A shorter route also will be available on walk day. Water will be provided for people and pets at several points along the route. Sign up the day of the event or online at www.michianhumane.org.

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After a successful injection, the patient feels better all over not because of more steroids but as a result of less strain.

The same effect results from injection into a painful shoulder or swollen ankle. The return of well-being occurs because the body can again act in a coordinated way.

The notion is correct that one should take steroids in as small an amount as needed, and for as short a time as possible. But this rule of thumb mainly applies to steroids taken by mouth and on a daily basis. In most instances joint injection is a procedure done once a month or less, usually no more than three to four times a year. The body tolerates the resulting amount of steroid with no difficulty.

If your past experience or what you have heard leads you to concern over a steroid injection, bring the matter to the attention of your doctor. He can give you the assurance you might need.

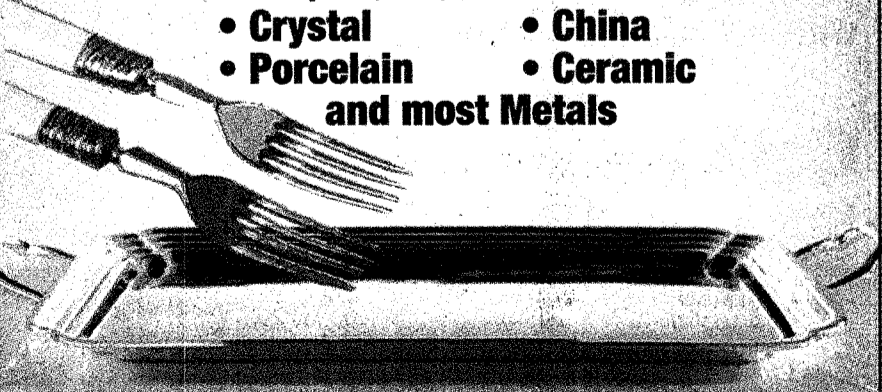
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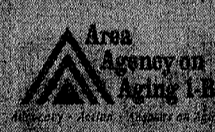
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Appliance industry news is useful

Many of the rebates given homeowners last year have expired, but it looks like New York is reinstating theirs when it comes to the purchase of a refrigerator or washing machine. Beginning Sept. 2, New York consumers began receiving a rebate of \$350 when buying a refrigerator and \$250 for a clothes washer. Naturally they have to purchase the high efficiency models in order to qualify.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

In Michigan it would be nice to see us follow suit. I think we are more in need of a kick in the pants than the state of New York. As it stands now, our utilities are giving us money for our old refrigerators and they will even pick them up.

Speaking of labels on appliances stating the product is rated energy efficient (Energy Star), things are about to change. Under an agreement between the E.P.A. and the Department of Energy you will soon see a label that says, "most efficient". The *Consumer Reports* magazine has commented and is playing a role in this change. It stated that "When more than 35 percent of all products sold in any category qualify for Energy Star, that should signal that the technology and economies of scale have reached a point where achieving an Energy Star is too easy and that the bar needs to be raised."

Now I'm no different than the next guy who wants to save energy, but if you ask a service technician who services these products you may get a very negative response. The advancement of technology leads us into more sensitive components and electronics which

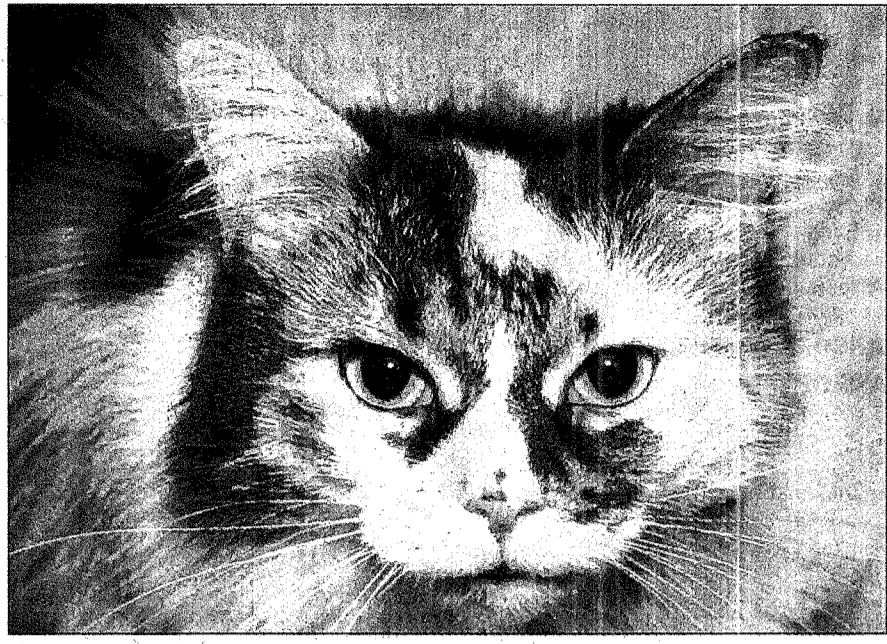
take the savings right out of your pocket due to the cost of increased service calls to repair them. The foreign brands are leaders in energy savings and will this new policy allow more sales of products not manufactured in this country. I wish that government had the ability to look past its nose and picture the after affect of its thinking.

I recently read an article that pointed out a Federal law that has been in the books since the year 1956. It's called the Refrigerator Safety Act which prohibits leaving old refrigerators and freezers laying about where they can be dangerous to the safety of children. It reminds me of the two little kids in Ann Arbor a few years back who climbed into a chest freezer and perished so needlessly. The federal law can fine a person \$200,000 if a death occurs and the homeowner is held responsible. I would ask everyone who observes a refrigerator or freezer without the doors removed to contact the local police department and report this accident waiting to happen.

There is a big appliance out there called a self-start generator which is being sold in increasing numbers. I had an expert in this field tell me that in years it will be compared to the advent of color television. Think of how many power outages that occur all across this country and how important electricity has become for so many homeowners and I agree with my expert's viewpoint. This is an up and coming business venture which means that you as a consumer should check out a generator business to the best of your ability. Know who you're dealing with, especially in this business. Stay tuned.

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

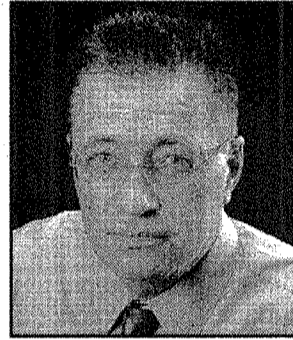
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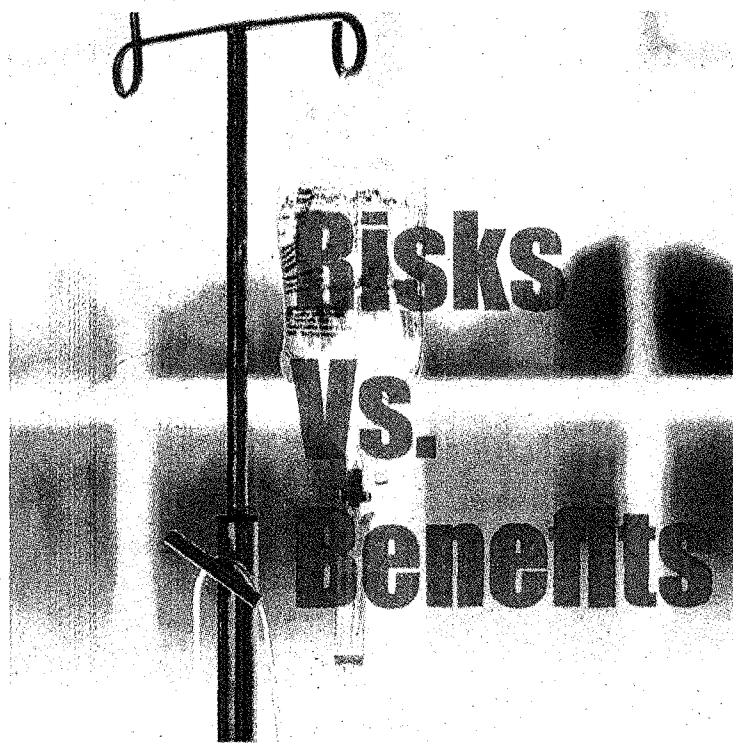
10 tips to consider in cancer care

Talking with doctors about cancer and cancer treatments can feel like learning a new language. Angela Fagerlin, associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and her colleagues hope to improve the way health care professionals communicate information to patients.

"People are making life and death decisions that may affect their survival and they need to know what they're getting themselves into. Cancer treatments and tests can be serious. Patients need to know what kind of side effects they might experience as a result of the treatment they undergo," said Fagerlin, a U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center researcher.

Fagerlin and her colleagues have published a commentary in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that outlines 10 things health care professionals can do to improve the way they explain treatment risks to patients. Patients can tap into these same best practices to become fluent in the language of cancer care and better understand their options. Here are their tips:

1. Insist on plain language. If you don't understand something your doctor says, ask him or her to explain it better. "Doctors don't know when patients don't understand them. They want patients to stop them and ask questions," Fagerlin said.
2. Focus on the absolute risk. The most important statistic to consider is the chance that something will happen to you. "It's important that patients and doctors know how to communicate these numbers, and patients need to have the courage to ask their doctor to present it so they can understand,"



Fagerlin said.

Sometimes, the effect of cancer treatments is described using language like "this drug will cut your risk in half." But, such risk statements don't tell you anything about how likely this is. Research has shown that using relative risk makes both patients and doctors more likely to favor a treatment, because they believe it to be more beneficial than it actually may be.

If, instead, your doctor told you that "the drug will lower your risk of cancer from 4 percent to 2 percent," you'll know the exact benefit you'd get from taking the drug. Fagerlin suggests asking doctors for this absolute risk information for a truer picture.

3. Visualize your risk. Instead of just thinking about risk numbers, try drawing out 100 boxes and coloring in one box for each percentage point of risk. So, if your risk of a side effect is 10 percent, you'd color in

10 boxes. This kind of visual representation, called a pictograph, can help people understand the meaning behind the numbers. Ask your doctor to draw it out for you, or do it yourself.

4. Thinking of risk in terms of groups of people can make statistics easier to understand. What does it mean to say 60 percent of men who have a radical prostatectomy will experience impotence? Imagine a roomful of 100 people: 60 of them will have this side effect and 40 will not.

5. Focus on the additional risk. You may be told the risk of a certain side effect occurring is 7 percent. But if you didn't take the drug, is there a chance you'd still experience it? Ask what the additional or incremental risk of a treatment is. "You want to make sure the risk number you're being presented is the risk due to the treatment and not a risk you would face no matter what," Fagerlin said.

6. The order of information matters. Studies have shown that the last thing you hear is most likely to stick. When making a treatment decision, don't forget to consider all of the information and statistics you've learned.

7. Write it down. You may be presented with a lot of information. At the end of the discussion, ask your doctor if a written summary of the risks and benefits is available. Or ask your doctor to help you summarize all the information in writing.

8. Don't get hung up on averages. Some studies have found that learning the average risk of a disease does not help patients make good decisions about what's best for them. Your risk is what matters — not anyone else's. Focus on the information that applies specifically to you.

9. Less may be more. Don't get overwhelmed by too much information. In some cases, there may be many different treatment options but only a few may be relevant to you. Ask your doctor to narrow it down and only discuss with you the options and facts most relevant for you.

10. Consider your risk over time. Your risk may change over time. "What seems like a small risk over the next year or two may look a lot larger when considered over your lifetime," said study author Brian Zikmund-Fisher, assistant professor of health behavior and health education at the U-M School of Public Health.

If you're told the five-year risk of your cancer returning after a certain treatment, ask what the 10-year or 20-year risk is. In some cases, this data might not be available, but always be aware of the timeframe involved.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

September

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT

One Step Aweigh, a free weight loss support group, kicks off at 7 p.m. Sept. 27, in the Farmington Hills municipal offices, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information e-mail group founder Jeffrey Weiss at OneStepAweigh@yahoo.com.

October

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• "Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More," runs 9 a.m.-noon in the hospital's south lobby, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants can learn about breast health, the latest in breast screening detection, cancer prevention, and heart health, as well as pamper themselves with a manicure or massage. The event includes health screenings, cooking and Zumba demonstrations, food, refreshments and giveaways. It's free but registration is recommended. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance and include a doctor's order. To RSVP or for information call (734) 655-1182.

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

• Delair Gardi, a cardiologist, and Peter Galea, a podiatrist,



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will speak at a seminar called "Feet, Circulation & How They Affect Your Heart," 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Marian Professional Building at the hospital, classrooms 1 and 2. They'll talk about risk factors associated with Peripheral Arterial Disease, non-invasive procedures, and early intervention. To register for the free program, call (734) 655-8940 or visit st.marymercy.org.

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