



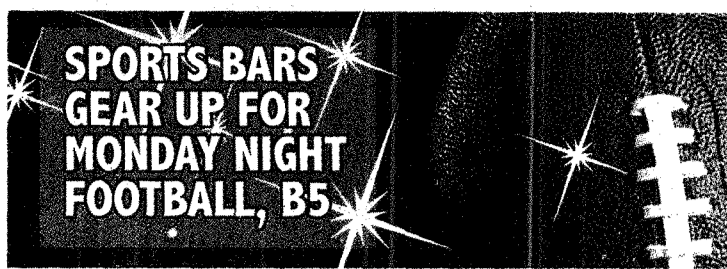
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Open skating and the popular Glow Skate are back at the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

The arena, at 6210 Wildwood, north of Ford, offers open skating 1-2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults who live in Westland. Non-resident fees are 50 cents more. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena is offering Glow Skate from 8-9:20 p.m. Friday. Westland resident fees are \$4 for children and \$5 for adults, non-residents pay 50 cents more.

For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560.

Going pink

Westland Fire Department firefighters are participating in "Passionately Pink" to help raise breast cancer awareness in Westland.

From Oct. 8-16, firefighters will be around town wearing pink shirts and raise money by selling the same style shirts. Residents can purchase the shirts for \$20 or drop off donations at the main fire station on Ford at Central City Parkway.

Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and The Pink Fund, a local charity that helps women with breast cancer meet their financial obligations. The cost for creating the shirts was donated by Alleycat Designs at 6647 N. Wayne Road.

Scary make-up

Kids 10 and older can learn how to apply monster make-up at a program being offered from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

A make-up artist will transform audience members into vampires, zombies, and demons.

Kids planning to participate need a signed parent/guardian form, which is available at the Reference Desk and in the Teen Area of the library and at www.westlandlibrary.org. Register for the program online or at the reference desk.

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Printer fixes absentee ballots

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Thanks to a printing error, Westland absentee voters who live in the Livonia Public Schools district recently received two ballot applications for the Nov. 8 general election.

"They can fill out either application or both, they will still only get one ballot," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof.

The problem with the ballot was that it was for a Livonia Public Schools election.

"If people thought it was only a Livonia schools election, people might throw the ballot application away," said Schoof. "The printer corrected it and the new one says City of Westland. Our proof said City of Westland."

Westland residents who live in the Livonia School District will fill board

seats along with the city-wide election. Since the error was made by the printer, Schoof said the printer redid the application and also covered the cost to mail the applications.

Last Friday, the Westland clerk's office sent out just under 2,000 absentee voter applications and another 200 on Monday. Currently, the city has more than 5,400 residents on the permanent absent-

tee voter registration list.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election will be by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 — a day later than normal due to Westland City Hall being closed for the Columbus Day.

In the Westland city election, incumbent councilmen James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer are being challenged in re-election bids

by first-time candidates Richard Ciaramitaro, Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg.

Running to fill two four-year terms on the Livonia Board of Education are Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Lynda Scheel and Lee Yesh. Running unopposed for a partial term expiring Dec. 31, 2013, is Randy Roulier.

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Telling stories



Stephanie Dickinson of the Children's Programs at the William P. Faust Public Library, leads youngsters in a dance during the weekly Toddler Tales program. The library has story times available for children of all ages, ranging from Toddler Tales for children who are 17 months to 3 1/2 years old, Preschool Story Time for those age 3 1/2 to 5 years of age, Babytime Story Time an interactive story time for babies and infants up to age 24 months with a caregiver, and Family Story Time for parents and children up to age 12. For more information on the programs, call the library at (734) 326-6123.



Toddler Melanie Matusck plays the bells and dances during story time at the library.



Victoria Thurmand asks a question about the book.

Judges adjourns Morse murder trial

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The trial of a Belleville man charged with murdering a Westland teenager has been delayed a second time at the request of prosecutors.

A jury trial had been scheduled to begin Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court for Justin Yoshikawa, 19, who is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Carlee Morse, 16.

Judge Ulysses Boykin agreed to adjourn the trial until Nov. 21 to allow more time for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to receive DNA test results.

A former Garden City High School student, Morse was reported missing about 12:30 a.m. Aug. 20, 2010, from the Westland apartment where she lived with her mother. She went outside to talk on her cell phone for a few minutes and never returned.

While her family spent months trying

find Morse with fliers and vigils, statements from Yoshikawa and co-defendant Nicholas Cottrell, 23, indicated the teenager was killed shortly after leaving her apartment and driving off with the two men.

Having already pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and currently serving a 25- to 50-year prison, Cottrell's plea agreement required him to testify against Yoshikawa.

Incarcerated at the Macomb Correctional Facility, Cottrell's earliest release date would be in 2035. He had multiple prior convictions for home invasion and possession of methamphetamines dating back to 2005, all listed as probation discharged without improvement by the Michigan Department of Corrections.

In his testimony in 18th District Court, at the preliminary examination for Yoshikawa, Cottrell described

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W-W thanks Heise for help with funding

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Legislators are used to taking a lot of flack, especially when it comes to school funding.

However, state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, got a ceremonial pat on the back for his efforts in restoring funding to Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



Heise

"He has been extremely supportive of Wayne-Westland Schools. Rep. Heise was instrumental in opening the right doors to getting us in to talk with the right legislators," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "He introduced us to (state legislative) committee chairs and made sure they knew about the Wayne-Westland Schools language."

Without Heise's efforts in the Republican-controlled Legis-

lature, Baracy said the district wouldn't have received \$3 million in enhanced school aid funding from the state. The district had been receiving some \$6 million in additional school aid to offset millage that wasn't used in calculating its per-pupil funding with the start of Proposal A. Gov. Rick Snyder had proposed cutting the entire amount, which would have put the district millions in deficit.

"That made our jobs easier, but more important, made a better education program for our students," Baracy said. School board President Carol Middel presented Heise with a plaque, thanking him for his efforts on behalf of students, employees, community members and the board.

"For someone in the public domain like a state representative, it's embarrassing to be recognized like this," said Heise, whose district

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Herzberg: Represent citizens better

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Like other candidates seeking a seat on the Westland city council, Peter Herzberg cites the city budget as his biggest issue.

"We need to look at it. We need to minimize wasteful spending and look at cuts (that have been made) to public safety," said Herzberg. "I don't think we have enough police presence on the street. Neighborhood Watch should be more common in the city."

There isn't enough detail in the city budget, he said, citing a \$650,000 line item for the city attorney.



Herzberg



Westland City Council

"I don't know what that's for, I don't know how many people they are paying and for what," Herzberg said.

As he has been campaigning door-to-door in the community, he said some residents complained that they are paying for curbside leaf

PETER A. HERZBERG

Age: 20
Education: College Student
Employment: Computer Tech, CEPM Services
Community Involvement: Lifetime resident; volunteer; Westland John Glenn High School graduate; regularly attends council study sessions and council meetings

collection which is no longer provided by the city. "I would like to restore that," said Herzberg.

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Police arrest duo wanted in parking lot holdup

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Two people have been arrested for robbing a woman in the parking lot of a Westland grocery store days after surveillance photos of the pair appeared on newspapers and television.

Jamie Richard Jones, 27, of Inkster, and Melissa Ann Saul Roberts, 33, of Taylor, are both charged with armed robbery

and stealing a financial transaction device. Jones is also charged as a third-degree habitual offender.

The couple are charged with robbing a Romulus woman of her purse Oct. 1 as she was getting into her car at Kroger, 31300 Michigan Ave. at Merriman. The woman, 56, reported a man approached and robbed her at gunpoint, then fled in a waiting car.

The woman's credit card was used within 20 minutes at a Detroit gas station where police were able to obtain security surveillance photos of the male suspect, including visible tattoos, and a woman



Jamie Richard Jones



Melissa Ann Saul Roberts

who was seen driving into the gas station, police said. "We received tips after the photos aired. Cooperating agencies coordinated efforts to make the arrests," said Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik.

"We identified both suspects with the help of many jurisdictions. We were actively looking for them."

Officers from Dearborn, Taylor, Inkster and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department worked with Westland police to make the arrests, Wojcik said.

Jones was arrested at the Inkster Motel while Taylor police officers arrested Roberts during

a traffic stop, police said. Not guilty pleas were entered for both defendants at their arraignment. Jones is being held in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond while Roberts is jailed in lieu of \$10,000 cash bond. They have preliminary examinations scheduled in Westland 18th District Court on Thursday, Oct. 13.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, Oct. 10, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator 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 SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

HERZBERG

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Another issue for Herzberg is communication between the council and members of the community.

"Sometimes when I knock on the door, they say they know why you're running. They watch the meetings on television and dislike some council members," he said. "I think people

want effective communication between city government and residents. That's not what they are getting right now."

Herzberg added that he thought he had more patience than some of the current council members and would communicate better with residents who come to meetings to express concerns.

"I'd like to see more citizens come to council meetings. It seems that

people just don't care — less than 10 percent vote in city elections," he said. "I just want to represent citizens better. Before an item is voted on, I would speak to as many residents as possible to get their opinion."

Campaigning for council with his cousin Kevin Coleman, Herzberg said that he decided to run for council to represent citizens.

"I'd vote in favor of what residents want. I'm

ready to work with residents and other councilmembers to find the best solution to problems," said Herzberg. "Overall there is a lack of respect by some councilmembers for citizens. We need to come together as a community."

Asked to name three things that he thinks the city is doing well, Herzberg said, "I don't have anything to say for that."

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TRIAL

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Yoshikawa as planning and carrying out a plan to strangle Morse, his former girlfriend. The trio sold marijuana together, Cottrell testified, and he lured Morse to his car with an invitation to smoke a joint.

Yoshikawa and Cottrell told police that they smoked marijuana, then drove around aimlessly before placing Morse's body in a Dumpster outside a

church. Her body has not been located.

A former Wayne Memorial High School student, Yoshikawa has been jailed since his arrest in December 2010. He was found competent to stand trial following psychiatric examinations.

Cottrell's mother Tina Marie Lowe, 49, was sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to a charge of interfering with a police investigation.

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HEISE

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currently includes the city of Wayne. "Thanks to the board and administration for keeping up information."

A Plymouth resident, Heise said he voted against the whole budget because it wasn't in the best interest of schools. That budget hit Wayne-Westland Schools especially hard, he said.

"I wasn't able to restore it all (the funding), I'll keep plugging away,"

Heise said, noting he would no longer represent Wayne in 2013, if re-elected, due to re-districting.

"It's important to maintain this issue — that K-12 money goes to education," he said.

Heise added that he would like the Wayne-Westland Schools held harmless from more severe funding cuts.

"I pledge to keep up the good work and hope for better things in the future," Heise said.

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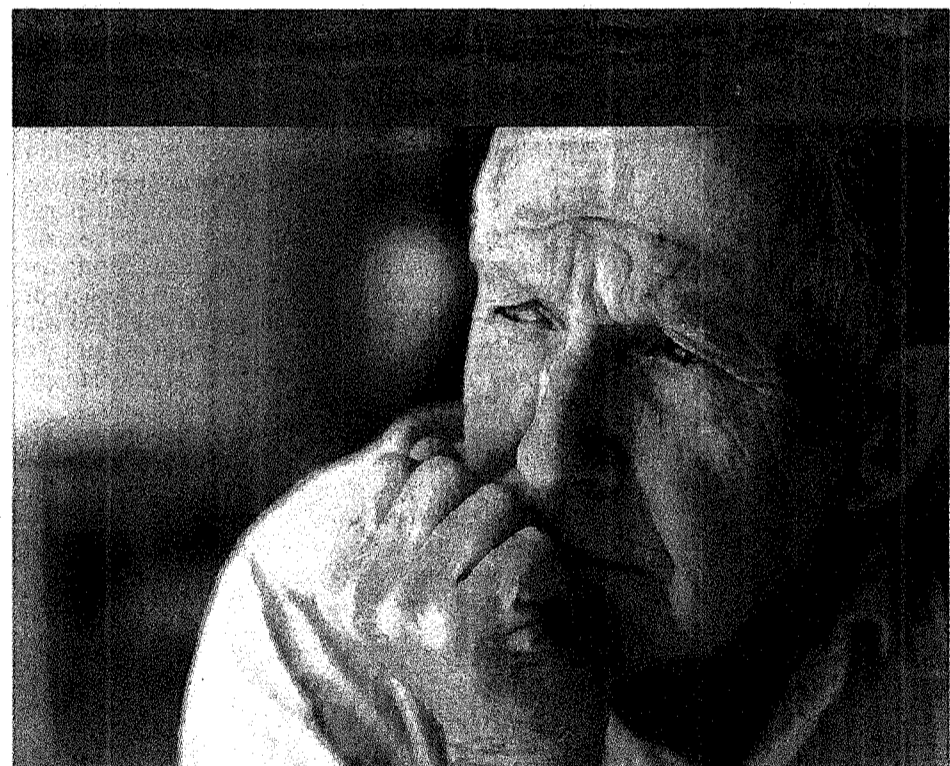
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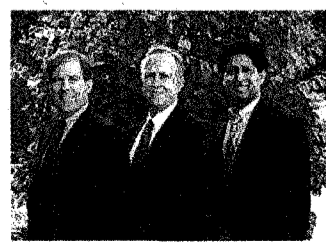
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Homecoming excitement invades Garden City HS



Lisa Wilz holds the template for the senior window.

The countdown is on to the annual Homecoming game at Garden City High School where, at halftime, five young women will find out who will get to wear the crown as Homecoming queen.

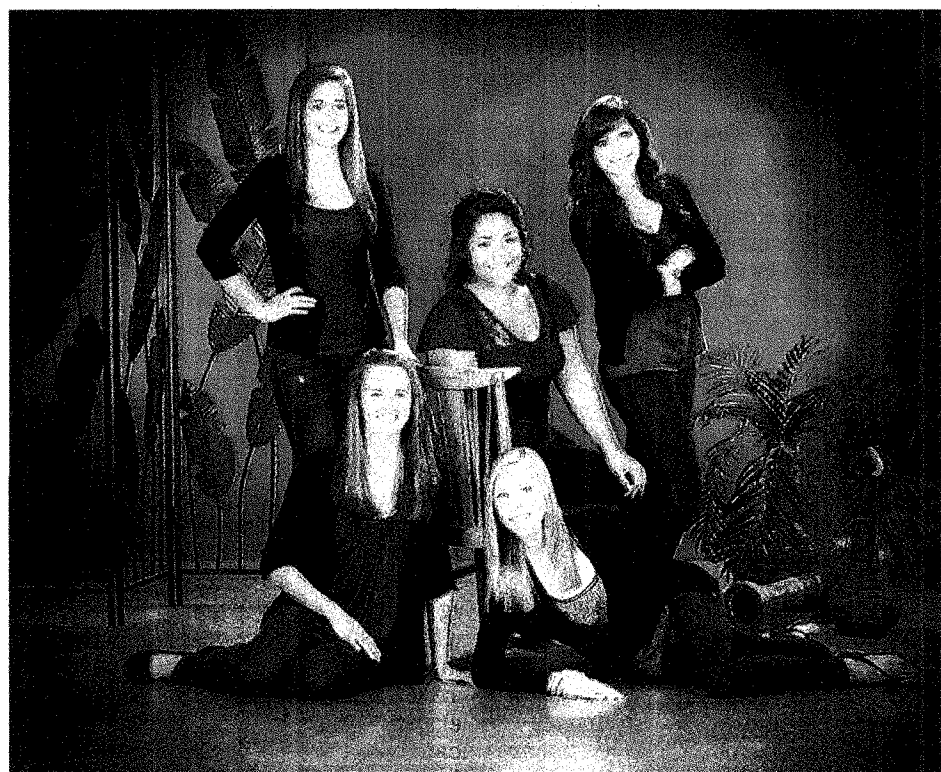
Hoping to win the vote for Homecoming queen are Becky Beveridge, Jasmine Marks, Ashley Perrin Ashley Lynn and Rebecca Szczenbara.

The Cougars will face Dearborn Heights Robichaud under the lights at 7 p.m. Friday, but not before fans take in some of the Homecoming festivities around the school.

The windows of O'Leary Auditorium are decked out in the annual window painting contest. The theme this year was season, with the

Theme for window is seasons with the seniors walking away with the win with their spring themed artwork. Students also have spent the week working on floats for the annual Homecoming parade which has a theme of cities and will be at 6 p.m. Friday.

If the pep assembly tomorrow afternoon isn't



Vying for the title of the 2011 Homecoming queen at Garden City High School are Becky Beveridge, Jasmine Marks, Ashley Perrin Ashley Lynn and Rebecca Szczenbara.



Alyssa Whiater works on the junior class entry in the contest.

enough to get the Cougar fans excited, there's the Tailgate Fair 4-7 p.m. on the grassy area west of the field house. There will be dunk tanks, inflatable bouncers, face painting, carnival games, pie throwing, cougar

pride dog tags for sale, as well as food and ice cream. There is a nominal fee — \$1 — for the activities and food. The fair is for all ages and the money raised will support student clubs and activities.

Capping off the weekend will be the Homecoming dance, Escape to Paradise, Saturday. The dance is being held in the Garden City Middle School gymnasium to accommodate the large turnout.

W-W teens sought for scholarship program

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program has a new name.

The longtime scholarship program is now called Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland and is part of a state and national scholarship program, now called Distinguished Young Women of Michigan and America.

Distinguished Young Women is the same scholarship program which has been in existence for more than 50 years and awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships around the country. The Distinguished Young Women Program promotes scholarships, leadership and talent.

The first local Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland Scholarship Program is seeking applicants for the program. Young women must be a high school senior graduating in 2012 and living in either Wayne or Westland.

The program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. The local program will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at John Glenn High School.

The winner of this event will represent Wayne-Westland at the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan State Program on Jan. 28 in Saline Michigan.

Last year, more than



Shelby Turner is the 2011 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss.

\$11,000 in college scholarship money was awarded at the state program. Contestants will be judged based on academ-

ic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness and interview.

Local director Brooke VanBelle will be holding an informational meeting for the Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland Scholarship Program at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Pointe Counterpoint Dance Center, 32807 Manor Park, east of Venoy and north of Ford, in Garden City in Garden City. Interested high school seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

For more information about this event or to RSVP, call VanBelle at (734) 674-4447 or send an e-mail todyw-ww@hotmail.com. Information also is available on the America's Junior Miss website at www.ajm.org for more information on the scholarship program.

Local businesses or individuals who are interested in contributing to the scholarship program also can call VanBelle. Last year, more than \$2,000 in cash scholarships were awarded at the local level.

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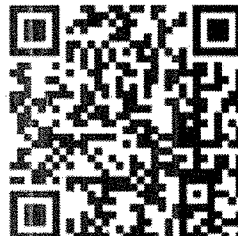
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TVs, game systems taken in break-in

Break-in

A resident of an apartment in the 37000 block of Joy told police Oct. 1 that he had spent a week at his grandparents' home to help care for his ailing grandfather. On Sept. 30, he said he stopped by to pick up mail and everything was fine at the apartment. The following day, he said he stopped by to pick up some clothing and noticed the sliding patio door was open.

Items valued at over \$3,500 were reported missing, including an iPod, a 32-inch LCD television, a 25-inch LCD television, a 46-inch LCD television, a Blu-ray player, a DVD player, a PlayStation 3 game system and an Xbox video game system.

Break-in

On Sept. 30, a resident in the 31000 block of Hazelwood told police that she returned home to find the front door ajar and the dogs in a "panic state." Officers noted fresh pry marks near the deadbolt area of the door.

Nothing appeared to have been taken from the home. The owners told police that two dogs roaming the interior of the house would have tried to bite a stranger entering without one of them.

Larceny from a vehicle

Four aluminum wheels and tires val-

ued at \$1,000 were reported stolen Oct. 2 from a Chevrolet Malibu parked at the Scotsdale Apartments, 37735 Scotsdale Circle. The owner told police she came out to find her car sitting on cement landscaping bricks. Similar thefts had been reported in neighboring apartment complexes.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of Fernwood told police that he returned Sept. 28 to find someone had tried to break into his home. He said the handle and trim on his front door had been broken along with a cracked stained glass window in the front entry door.

Damage was also reported to two window screens and the rear motion detector light was broken off the home. The man told police his home was broken into about this time a year ago and this was the second break-in attempt in recent days.

Property found

A Livonia man told police Oct. 2 that he had found a brief case and a CD player on the ground near the fence of the Full Gospel Church, 34033 Palmer. Officers were able to identify an owner of the briefcase and return it. The briefcase owner didn't know who owned the stereo.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY

Three stores hit with break-ins

Break-ins

Officers responding to an alarm at 5:13 a.m. Oct. 4 discovered a string of businesses had been burglarized in the 28500 block of Ford Road.

The initial alarm came from A Salon Beauty Salon where officers found the front door lock broken, the rear door pried open, the security light disabled and phone lines cut. The officers also saw a hole had been made through the wall into the adjoining business, Fashion Valley, at 28536 Ford Road. The suspects then broke through another wall to gain access to Asia Jeweler at 28534 Ford.

Stolen wallet

A 65-year-old Dearborn Heights woman was the victim of a theft while shopping at Kroger, 5866 Middlebelt, on Oct. 4.

She told police a stranger approached her to discuss cakes and she believes the conversation was intended to distract her while someone removed her wallet from her purse. The looted wallet was found later in the women's restroom at the store.

Suspended license

An officer working traffic enforcement in the area of Middlebelt and Beechwood arrested a 21-year-old Ypsilanti woman for driving with a suspended license Oct. 4. The vehicle was stopped after the officer checked the plate and learned the owner/driver should not be driving. The woman was issued violations for

driving while suspended and no proof of insurance.

• A cracked windshield resulted in a 27-year-old Inkster resident being arrested for driving with a suspended license and an outstanding warrant Oct. 4, police said. The woman was stopped at Middlebelt and Marquette and told the officer she was suspended, police said.

A computer check also revealed the warrant from Inkster, police said. Her vehicle was towed and the woman was taken to the police department and held for bond.

• A 27-year-old Redford woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license in the area of Middlebelt and Beechwood on Oct. 3. The officer stopped the vehicle after being unable to read the temporary license plate.

Ordinance violations

A resident in the 29400 block of Alvin was cited for several ordinance violations Oct. 3 after officers responded to a loud noise complaint, police said. While the noise was gone when officers arrived, they noted the ordinance violations for which the resident had been previously warned. Citations were issued for parking on the front lawn and having an unlicensed dog, police said.

Arson

A 50-year-old Garden City resident was arrested for arson Oct. 2 after officers responded to a

reported burning vehicle in the 6100 block of Belton. A witness provided information to the investigators which led to a traffic stop in the area shortly after the incident.

The suspect, who was an acquaintance of the victim, has been charged with Arson of Real Property and faces a penalty of up to five years in prison and financial sanctions.

Break-in

A resident in the 28800 block of Donnelly reported to police Oct. 2 that her house had been broken into and ransacked over the weekend. Other than the damage to gain entry, there was no other loss.

Vandalism

A vehicle was damaged while parked in the street in the 1800 block of Helen. The owner called police after discovering her vehicle had been "keyed" in several areas. An abandoned metal birdcage located nearby is believed to have been used in the crime.

Fraud

A 30-year-old Garden City resident told police he had been the victim of fraud after he discovered five unauthorized transactions on his debit card, totaling more than \$800. The victim still has his debit card and has no idea how these transactions are occurring.

Underaged drinking

A 17-year-old Westland woman was arrested

Oct. 2 after an officer on patrol watched the vehicle, in which the girl was a passenger, pull into the lot of a closed establishment and extinguish the lights. While the officer was interviewing the occupants of the vehicle, he observed signs of intoxication and administered a preliminary breath test to the teen, police said. She was found to have a blood alcohol content of .08 percent and was arrested, cited, and released to her mother, police said.

Drunken driving

A 31-year-old man from Decker, Michigan, was arrested Oct. 2 for operating while intoxicated after an officer saw the man's vehicle strike the curb in the area of Middlebelt and Marquette, police said. The driver was found to have a blood alcohol content of .18 percent, police said.

His vehicle was impounded and the man was held overnight. He was cited for operating while intoxicated and possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, police said. Two partially consumed bottles of whiskey were disposed of by police, police said.

Stolen motorcycle

A 1987 orange and white Honda motorcycle, valued at \$800 by the owner, was stolen Oct. 1 from an unlocked shed in the 32900 block of Bock. The man said the cycle had disappeared within the last 24 hours.

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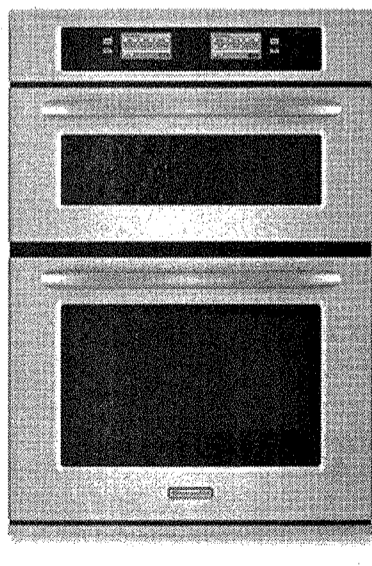
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We're out to prove canoeing the Rouge River is no longer a pipe dream

Did you ever wonder what Lewis and Clark must have been thinking as they embarked from St. Louis on their way into the great unknown and, ultimately, into the history books on one of the most ambitious explorations in the history of this nation? Against major odds they, along with their crew, mapped out most of the West as we know it — all the way to the Pacific Coast.

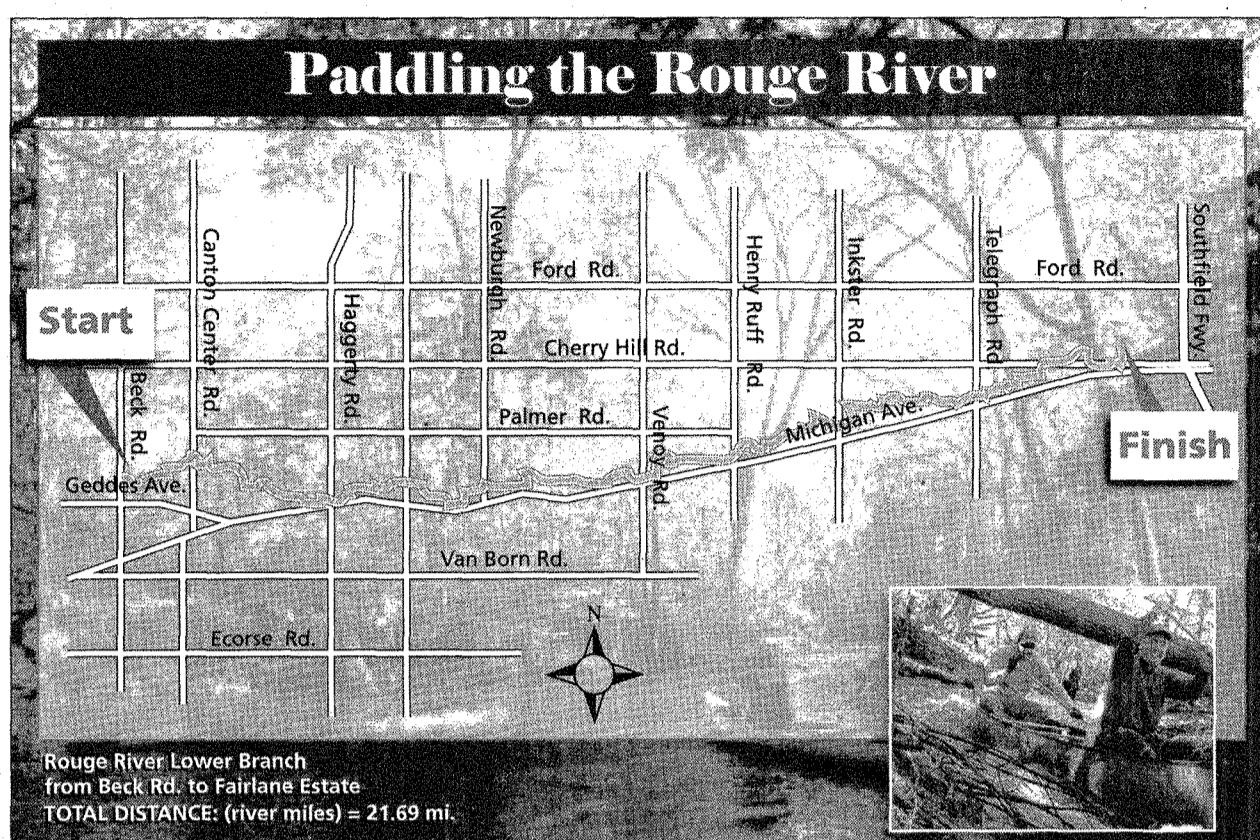
I've been pondering that question a lot lately. I'm also getting ready, along with a small group of people, to embark on what I think is an ambitious — though some might say crazy is the more accurate term — journey to map out a largely forgotten water course. Unlike Lewis and Clark, though, I'm not talking about in some far away place. Our goal is to paddle and document a potential canoe route through the heart of Wayne County.

On Friday morning, we will put our canoes into the water near Beck Road in Canton Township and begin paddling east, until we get all the way to Dearborn — some 21.6 river miles later. If you're scratching your head wondering what body of water I could possibly be talking about, I'll dispose of the suspense. Believe it or not, we will be floating down the Rouge River. More specifically the Lower Branch of the Rouge River.

I realize many people, especially longtime residents to the area, may see the Rouge River as something to stay away from. That was once, not too long ago, probably true. But things have changed dramatically for the Rouge in recent years.

Led by the efforts of a group called Friends of the Rouge, and countless volunteers, along with major municipal and federally-mandated improvements, the water quality of the Rouge is no longer something to fear — at least in most parts of the watershed.

In fact, the very rea-



Rouge River Lower Branch from Beck Rd. to Fairlane Estate
TOTAL DISTANCE: (river miles) = 21.69 mi.

son our group, which includes Friends of the Rouge members and some officials from Canton Township and the City of Wayne, is making this journey, which we are expecting to break up into three legs over the course of the upcoming weekend, is to discover just how much of a recreational asset it is.

Canton Township officials certainly understand its value. In fact, the township has spent the better part of the last decade trying to reconnect its residents to the river. They have built an impressive trail system along the Rouge, which is becoming more popular all the time, and they are very much interested in it becoming a canoe route as well.

That can also be said for Wayne, which the river runs through east of Canton, on its way through Westland, Inker, Dearborn Heights and finally Dearborn, where it empties into the Main Branch of the Rouge just downstream of Fair Lane — Henry Ford's impressive historical estate located on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Wayne, an older community dating back to

the 1820s, wasn't always the kindest steward of the Rouge, but the community has in recent years completed many projects to limit the amount of pollution that enters the river. It too has a nice trail system along the Rouge, and continues to do projects that improve the river. In fact, the impetus of our trip has to do with a planned project to take out the only dam along entire Lower Branch of the river, which lies under Wayne Road in downtown Wayne.

Friends of the Rouge and other Rouge River enthusiasts like myself see this dam removal project as an opportunity to tout the river's recreational possibilities. It's good news for the river, because it will allow fish communities to move up from the Detroit River all the way to headwater streams in Canton and beyond.

Some may find it hard to believe the Rouge River even has fish populations, but it is true. The Michigan DNR has conducted surveys of the fish communities throughout the Rouge system, and in many areas they are coming back strong and fairly healthy. Newburgh Lake,

for example, is teeming with fish, including giant pike, walleye, and catfish, not to mention plenty of panfish, which ice fishermen target each winter.

The Lower Rouge, to me, is even more exciting. A limited run of chinook salmon make their way up the river to spawn every fall — I know I've seen them in Wayne just downstream from the dam. In Canton, where the river is even cleaner, there are plenty of smallmouth bass, pike and even a thriving population of rainbow trout. Again I know, because I've caught them.

As the water quality continues to improve because of better management practices and reduced pollution, those fish communities will only get healthier. That is one of the main reasons the bevy of governments and organizations like Friends of the Rouge are targeting the dam for removal. The dam now prohibits all but the largest, most persistent fish from getting up or down stream of it.

Once that dam is removed, it will also

eliminate the only man-made impediment for canoeists to get from Canton all the way to the Detroit River. I say man-made because there are currently dozens of log-jams. That's what our canoe expedition will try to determine — just how many impediments we're dealing with.

Much of the Lower Rouge, perhaps even most, is hidden away beneath a canopy of trees, out of sight for much of its path. So we're not even sure what we will find. I guess that's part of the excitement. We are breaking our trip up into three separate legs, beginning Friday morning at 10 a.m.

We will journey east from Beck Road to the Wayne County Department of Environment's office in Wayne just east of John Hix Road. Saturday morning, we will start back up there and make our way to Inker Road, where there is a nice county-owned park in the city of Inker. And on Sunday, we will go from there to the Ford Estate in Dearborn, where Henry and Clara Ford once even had a

boathouse on the river.

Back in Henry Ford's day, it wasn't uncommon to see a canoe on the Rouge. We're hoping our own Lewis and Clark-like expedition convinces people that they could be a regular sight again. The communities that surround the Lower Rouge are home to more than a quarter million people. Yet, the river traverses a natural corridor that more closely resembles northern Michigan than a landscape of suburban sprawl. In Wayne, a group of volunteers including myself has been keeping the river open, and we have been able to canoe for a number of years. In fact, Friends of the Rouge has been organizing a group float each fall, and in planning another on Oct. 29. Don't believe me, check out this YouTube video of a trip from a couple years ago: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLtSFLcZeqQ>.

We're out to show canoeing on the Rouge River is no longer a pipe dream. This is doable. This is our water. Why should we have to drive three or more hours north to be able to canoe or fish? We have a wonderful resource right here in our back yard. And we're out to prove it.

If you're interested in coming along — in a way — we are going to do our best to provide updates along our three-day journey on the river. Look for updates on the Hometownlife and Friends of the Rouge Facebook pages. We'll be posting some photos and writing about the more interesting things we encounter. While it won't be quite what Lewis and Clark found along their route, I have a feeling we will discover a few surprises.

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Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAIN SHOW

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27
Location: Parish Hall of Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.
Details: Ss. Simon and Jude Church' Ushers Club is holding Railroadiana Train Show. Buy, sell or swap toys and trains. There will be approximately 130

dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free.

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

METRO FIBRO GROUP
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13

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

Details: Dr. Daniel Clauw of the University of Michigan will conduct a free two-hour workshop on fibromyalgia and chronic pain at the next meeting of the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. There are no dues but donations accepted.

Contact: For more in-

formation, check out the group's website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland,

Details: Join Ss. Simon and Jude for its seventh 12-hour crop. All of the proceeds raised during this event will go directly to Ss. Simon and Jude. All you will need to bring are your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, and a couple of friends to keep you company while you all crop. We will supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages. Vendors will be available for you to purchase scrapbooking and stamping items. There also will be raffle. Also, embossing will be available during the event. The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day.

Contact: For more information or to register, call Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 and Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

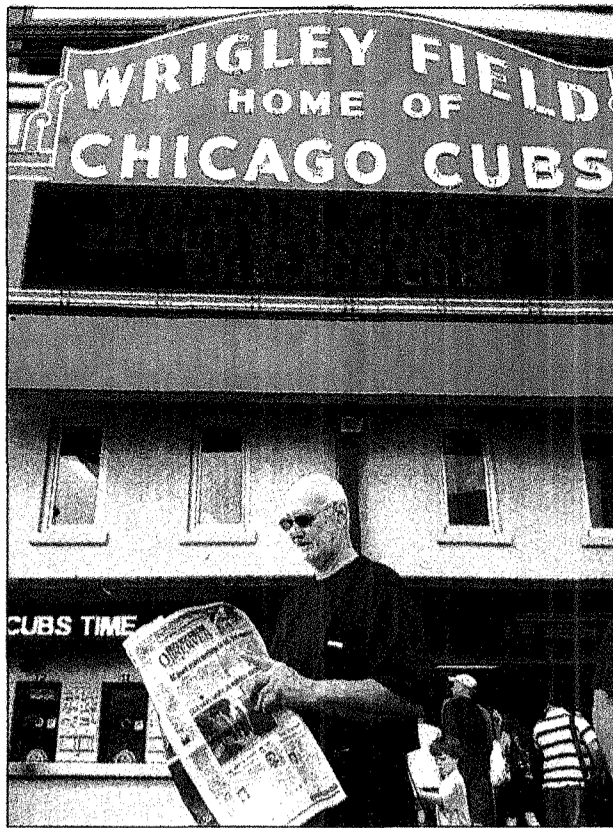
Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Itching to make money? The Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is \$15. Sellers are responsible for pricing and selling all of your items, the center will advertise the sale. All proceeds are kept by the seller. Table



Wish You Were Here

Marlene Davis snapped this Wish You Were Here photo of her husband Leroy outside Wrigley Field in Chicago. The Garden City residents took the train to the Windy City and caught a Cubs game at Wrigley field. According to Marlene Davis, they got their inspiration for their photo from Garden City Middle School Principal Larry Conn. "We liked how Mr. Conn posed when he was at the Kentucky Derby, so thought Leroy would copy it," she said. 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.com 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.

position will be based on first come basis. Crafters and vendors are welcome. Registration for a table can be made at the Eton Senior Center. Deadline for table rentals is Friday, Sept. 23. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund.

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

CLASS REUNION

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Details: Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

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,

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

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CRAFT SHOWS

ST. DAMIAN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Westland

Details: Table space is available for St. Damian Parish's annual fall arts and crafts show. Table space is \$25.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic School's vendor show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Michelle at (313) 562-2835.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

BIZARRE BAZAAR

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville,

Details: Crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs are being sought for a Bizarre Bazaar. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talents and products to hundreds of local customers and support Village Banking. Grow your business and help women in desperately poor countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank you helped create by participating in Bizarre Bazaar. Reasonable entry fee, friendly community atmosphere and a great cause. For details and to reserve a space, go to furncnorthville.org/#missions-and-service.

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Runners, walkers turnout for Red Run

For 21 years, runners and walkers have been converging on Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, not to seek medical care, but to put their feet in motion in Oakwood Healthcare System's Red October Run.

More than 1,200 runners and walkers, including 125 youngsters, turned out for last Saturday's event which included a 10K run, a 5K run and a 5K walk and a non-competitive one-mile Junior October Run which attracted 125 youngsters. There were awards in each event, refreshments, as well as drawings for prizes, including \$100, \$75, \$50 certificates from Hanson's Running Shop, two tickets for the Detroit Lions game against the San Francisco 49ers and an Adidas Digital Candy red chronograph watch.

Showing well in the competition were:

- Josh Sprunger, 26, of Westland finished first overall among male runners in the 5K with a time of 17:04.
- John Palgut, 23, of Westland was third in the 5K male 20-24 age group with a time of 26:37.
- Heather Young, 29, of Westland finished third in the 5K female 25-29 age group with a time of 26:00.
- Keith Rypkowski, 36 of Westland finished second in the 5K male 35-39 age group with a time of 22:32.
- Sarvesh Kumar, 42, of Westland finished second in the 5K female 40-44 age group with a time of 24:37.

• Deborah Diehr, 52, of Westland finished second in the 5K female 50-54 age group with a time of 30:16.

• David Miller, 75, of Westland finished first in the 5K male 75-79 age group with a time of 36:03.

• Benjamin Biber, 12, of Westland, finished second in the 10K 14 and under group with a time of 48:55.

• Megan Stonebraker, 16, of Westland, finished first in the 10K female 15-19 age group with a time of 1:13:53.

• Shadia Zayed, 35, of Westland was second in the 10K female 35-39 age group with a time of 54:34.

• Mary Biber, 45, of Westland finished third in the 10K female 45-49 age group with a time of 49:00.

• Annette Belanger, 53, of Westland finished third in the 10K female 50-54 age group with a time of 57:44.

Linda Abernathy, 64, of Westland finished second place among the 212 female participants in the 5K walk/run, with a time of 40:24, while Devin Ross, 24, of Westland was eighth with a time of 43:08 and Allyce Hodges, 22, of Garden City ninth with a time of 43:13.

An Ed McMurray, 70, of Wayne didn't let having his knees reconstructed more than a year ago, get in the way of competing. He finished the 5K walk with a time of 1:06:47.

Complete results can be found at www.oakwood.org/redoctoberun.

Be pro-active about banking fees

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I read that Bank of America and other banks are going to begin to charge a monthly fee on their debit cards. Of course, when banks assess a new fee it never surprises me.

Banks are the most creative organizations when it comes to fees. The only thing that surprises me is the reaction of consumers, and that generally is no reaction at all. Unfortunately, when banks raise or assess new fees, customers are generally upset; however, the vast majority do nothing. It's about time that you and I react by considering taking our business elsewhere.

First, banks have every right to assess fees. They are a business and as far as I'm concerned they have every right to assess new fees or to raise existing ones. What I'm always confused about are consumers who get upset and think they don't have options, because they do.

Too many consumers tend to think that all banks charge the same fees. That is a huge mistake. Different banks have different fees on different services. The key is for consumers to look at the services they use and then look at the bank's fees. For example, if your bank is going to charge a fee for a debit card and you don't use one, it's not a big deal. However, if you do use a debit card and your bank does assess a fee, then it should be important to you. My recommendation is to be proactive. Now is a great time to begin the process of reviewing your banking relationships and to look for ways to

save money.

I recognize sometimes it is a hassle to change your bank. After all, you have automatic withdrawals from your checking account or direct deposit of your paycheck, and to change these things is a bit of a pain. Many of you are probably wondering whether it is worth changing banks for \$5 a month.

However, does anyone believe banks that are now going to start charging for debit cards aren't going to raise the fees in the future? You and I both know when the bank starts at \$5 a month, before you know it will be \$7.50 a month and then \$10 a month. Banks generally know that most of us are lazy and don't want to go through the hassle of changes. The only way you and I can send a loud message to our banks is to take our business elsewhere.

We should all be receiving our September statements from our bank, and therefore, it's a good idea to use this time to re-evaluate our banking relationship. Not only should you look at the fees you are paying, but also the interest you receive on savings and checking accounts. When you look at different banks, don't be afraid to look at credit unions and internet banks, as well. Credit unions, for example, have become very easy to deal with. It used to be they didn't offer some of the same services as banks that is no longer the case. Credit unions have become very user friendly and save consumers a substantial amount of money. Keep in mind, however, that not all credit unions are the same. Some offer different services and also have different fee structures.

Many people are afraid to deal with internet banks, but that shouldn't be the case. As long as you deal with a federally insured internet bank, your money is going to be

protected. One of the reasons that many people don't like to deal with an internet bank is that they like the idea of being able to go to a branch. However, take a step back and think about it. When was the last time you went into a bank? Many of you haven't been to a bank branch in years because you take advantage of the ATMs. That's how internet banks do business and many times you will find that their fees are a fraction of what traditional banks charge.

I'm not saying you shouldn't deal with bigger banks. Sometimes they offer services that are more convenient and that is something to factor into your decision. However, just because you've been using a bank for years does not mean you should continue with it. In the old days, one of the reasons people developed a relationship with their banker was because that personal relationship helped them if they needed to borrow money, buy a home or a new car. In the past customers were rewarded. Unfortunately, I no longer believe that is the case. Whether you've been a long-time customer of the bank or not, I don't think that enters into the final decision as to whether or not you get approved for a loan.

So if you can save money on unnecessary fees, why not?

I've always believed that money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. If you agree with me, now is a great time to re-evaluate your banking relationship and determine how you can put a few extra dollars in your pocket. Good luck!

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Rick Bloom gave a financial seminar for seniors at the O&E sponsored Senior Fall Health & Living Expo held Tuesday.

Many enjoy O&E's health 'expo'-rience

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

You might say seniors Shirley Friedman, Pearl Stephenson and Harley Wood enjoy expo-hopping.

The Oak Park residents were spotted at Tuesday's third annual Senior Fall Health & Living Expo, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers*, at the Wayne State University Oakland Center in Farmington Hills.

"We love the expos," Friedman said. "They're so entertaining and you can look around and get a lot of little things you need."

The trio had been to a senior expo Monday in Royal Oak and they have their eyes out for others happening in the area.

"I think there's a big market for things for senior citizens — and this gives seniors the opportunity to talk to the vendors," Stephenson said.

The expo included more than 40 vendors, representing everything from health service providers to senior retirement communities and more. Health screenings, including spinal checks and oral health checks, were also available.

This year's expo included free seminars on estate planning, identity theft protection, insurance planning and investment strategies.

Baby Boomers learned how to maximize their retirement income in a seminar led by O&E financial columnist Rick Bloom, of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills.

Katie D'Avanzo and Samantha Moery were on hand from the Farmington Family YMCA, to let seniors know about the many exercise classes and water aerobics programs that are offered, as well as the SilverSneakers program at the Y.

SilverSneakers fitness program is designed especially for older adults, and is included as a covered benefit

by many health insurance plans. More information is available at www.silver-sneakers.com or at (888) 423-4632.

Moery said they're grateful to have been a part of Tuesday's expo, so they could share the information with a lot of people.

"We have something to offer the senior community that maybe they weren't aware of before," she said.

Kristine Anderson, community outreach coordinator for Fox Run retirement community in Novi, was among the vendors at the expo.

"We had a very nice turnout," she said. "People who come to these types of events are good planners."

She noted that this is a good thing for Fox Run, since planning is part of the decision to move into a retirement community.

Geraldine Hall, of Clawson, enjoyed taking a break with friends at the expo.

"I love it," she said. "I like the different vendors and I like picking up all of the free information. I'll take it all home with me and read it later."

Sheldon Lubin, of Oak Park, was happy to say he was a big winner at the expo.

"I won movie tickets," he said, smiling.

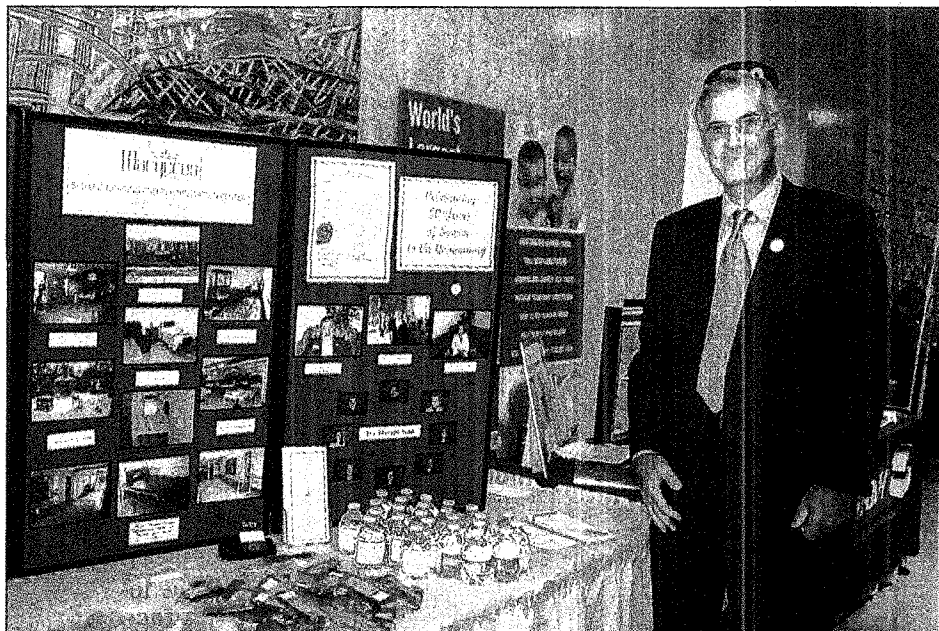
Choya Jordan, expo organizer and marketing manager for the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers*, said this year's event was a success, drawing about 500 visitors.

"The success was, in part, due to the Wayne State University Oakland Center, the wonderful vendors and the informative guest speakers," Jordan said. "Many of the attendees that I spoke with after the event indicated that they enjoyed many of the speakers and found the information very helpful. This is exactly the type of response that I hoped to hear."

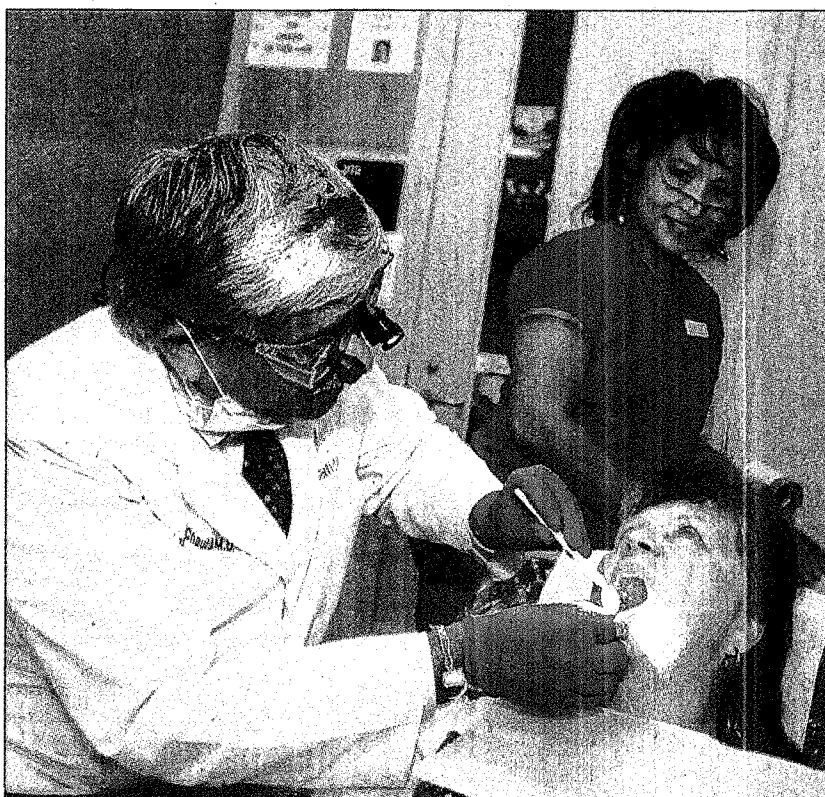
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Sandra Johnson was a raffle winner at the expo.

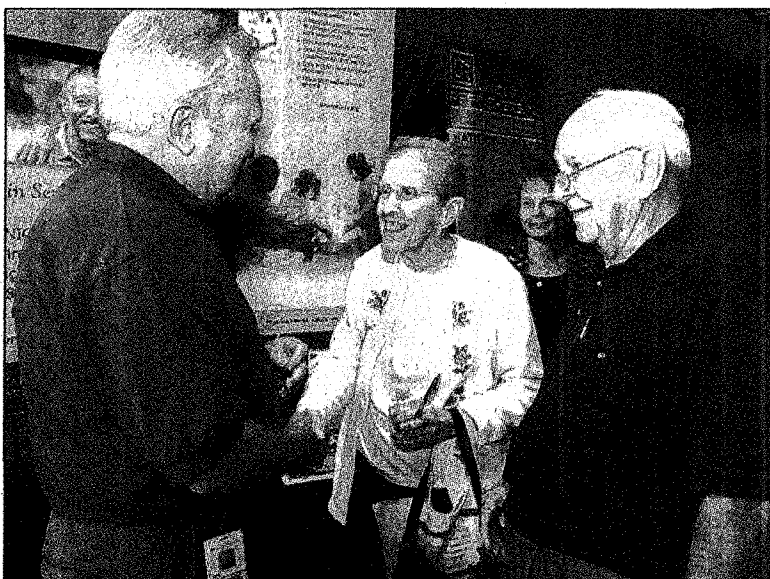


Jim Reuschein, of Livonia, marketing consultant for Marycrest Heights Luxury Retirement Community, was one of more than 40 vendors at the expo.



Dr. Bharat Chauhan of Dental Works along with assistant Martha Grew and expo visitor Regina Iwata of Livonia. Oral health screenings were offered at the expo.

John Elkins of St. Mary Mercy Livonia Senior Services (at left) along with Dorothy and Bill Parmentie of Plymouth.





Janet Wallace and Lisa Laing pose for a photo on opening day in the new retail outlet for My Hobby Place & Toys.

Hobby/toy shop brings families together

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

We are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year. We have always been an Internet business until now. We offer more than 4,000 products online. We started in 2001 out of our garage in Westland with about 20 products. We have grown every year. We offer products consumers know and trust. Our slogan is: "Bringing families together through the magic of toys and hobbies." I believe that traditional educational toys are what bring families together and teach children basic skills. We try to stay away from electronic toys and games so children's creative minds can blossom.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

We are unique because we have a lot of toys that are hard to find in traditional "big box" stores. We have more than 1,000 products in our retail location. It's important to remember that if consumers shop on our website, that these products must be shipped because we don't stock our online inventory at our store. Those products are stored at different warehouses throughout the United States. We offer hobby items also — remote control cars, boats, helicopters, slot car sets, kites, science kits, and many more! We offer something for everyone from age 1 month to 99 years! Even if there's a hobby item you don't see in our store, i.e., parts or a specific product, we can usually order that product from our distribution center and have it here at the store for pickup within three



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business days. We have a table for kids to try some of our products. We will also have a monthly drawing for a free item, and we will also have a "product of the month" with special incentives. **Observer:** How did you first decide to open your own business?

When my son, Michael, was 4 years old, I was purchasing wooden trains on eBay for him to play with. I could tell that the sellers on eBay were people working out of their house so I asked myself a question: "If they are selling these items on eBay, why can't I?" So I did research on how to open an online

business. There were a lot of requirements I had to meet with the various manufacturers. But we overcame those obstacles and the rest is history! We are pleased to have served tens of thousands of happy customers.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Owning a business has always been a part of my life, even though I didn't realize it when I was a kid. When I was growing up in Mount Clemens, there was an alley behind my house. When I was about 8 years old, I would dig up larger rocks from the packed mud and line them up by the street in front of my house. I made a big sign and sat by the curb trying to sell my "Pet Rocks." Unfortunately I didn't get any business. I will never forget this first attempt at running a business. But now, the most gratifying experience I have as a business owner is to see the look on children's faces when they come into our location. Children are in awe when they see all the products. Their faces light up and they gasp with amazement. I can't imagine having any other job!

How to survive the new Facebook changes

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

The social media giant has done it again. This fall, Facebook began rolling out news feed and profile changes that are drastically changing the user experience. At first the new features and profile redesigns may seem overwhelming — here's what you need to know.

Facebook's first change among this redesign was the addition of the "ticker," which appears directly to the right of the news feed. When I first saw the ticker, I thought it was clunky and unnecessary, but paired with the other changes, the ticker makes great sense.

The ticker provides a more detailed list of activity than your newsfeed. It updates more quickly and includes mundane facts denoting every time a friend of yours listens to a song, comments on a status or watches a show through the Netflix app.

By putting these updates in the ticker, newsfeeds are still the default destination for important information, but even the newsfeeds have been tweaked a bit. Instead of having links to most recent stories, or top stories at the top of the screen, Facebook automatically updates both lists for you.

Most popular updates

show up at the top of the screen, while the most recent updates are located directly below those. The most popular updates are also identified with a grey triangle at the top left of each post. If you look at your newsfeed now, you will easily be able to spot them.

The most dynamic update Facebook made this time around is the complete redesign of the Facebook profile page, which is now being called "Timeline."

If you have already started using Timeline, you may know its unique capabilities. If you haven't started using Timeline yet, be prepared to be blown away.

As I write this tech column, I have been using Timeline for a week and I love it. The new configuration has allowed me to create a new cover photo, which is basically a giant profile picture. The space was big enough for me to customize my cover photo to include information about myself such as my Twitter handle and URL. Not to mention, it makes the profile look great.

With Timeline, users are encouraged to upload their own cover photo (in addition to a profile photo) and start populating major events in their life and placing them on their Timeline. Since I have been on Facebook since 2004, my last seven years of Timeline were filled out.

Of course, I still had to filter through those seven years of posts, photos and videos to denote which ones I wanted to show on my Timeline.

Each person has complete control over their Timeline and can choose which items to show and which items to hide. All items are automatically applied to the Timeline just as they would to your profile.

The only privacy settings that have now changed are the settings that involve ticker. Facebook ticker privacy settings default to let everyone see your friend activity. You can customize those privacy settings by only allowing friends or friends of friends to view your activity (to do so, click on the account settings tab).

You may have already heard rumors about how the new Facebook means less privacy for users, but users still have complete control over their privacy settings.

Facebook is not making your data public, it isn't selling information to third parties and it has no plans to charge users.

Now that you know the truth about the Facebook rumors and what the new profile and newsfeed changes mean to you, it's time to go edit your own Timeline.

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Think first, then read or write

By Clarity Patton Newhouse
Guest Columnist

In today's busy world most of us are continually seeking ways to be more productive. The Harvard Business Review had an interesting article that offers six principals to help us achieve "extreme productivity," including this advice: "Think First, Read or Write Second." Making time to think



Clarity Patton Newhouse

is a highly essential and often neglected key to productivity. As the article's author Robert C. Pozen points out, "many people feel overwhelmed by the huge volume of reading and writing they have to do for their business. They don't realize that the key to faster and more effective reading and writing is more rigorous thinking in advance." For example, when writing an article, compose an outline first with just the key points and a few sub-points under each. "After writing an outline, write the concluding paragraph," suggests Pozen. "That will tell you whether you really know where your article or memo is going."

Let's think first - and have a sunny day!
Clarity

P.S. "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."
Benjamin Franklin

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OUR VIEWS

Prevention

Use week to make your fire safety plans

Since 1922, the United States and Canada have set aside the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls as Fire Prevention Week. It was the Fire Marshals Association of North America that sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day in 1911, deciding to observe the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

One hundred years later, fire services around the country including here in Westland, are reaching out to families with a message: Protect your family from fire. It's an important message. Just this past weekend three people died as the result of a house fire in Oak Park.

The statistics tell it all. According to NFPA, on average, seven people died in home fires every day. Adults age 65 and over face the highest risk of fire death. Records for 2009 show that one home structure fire was reported every 87 seconds, and in the U.S. fire departments responded to 362,500 home structure fires which caused 12,650 civilian injuries, 2,565 civilian deaths, \$7.6 billion in direct damage.

While the focus of this year's Fire Prevention Week will be on safe cooking, the importance of smoke alarms and home fire escape planning, the underlying message is for residents to take responsibility for fire safety in their own homes. Statistics show why that's so important:

- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and was tied for the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires.

- Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. About one in five smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

- Less than one-fourth of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half actually practiced it.

One-third of Americans households who made an escape plan estimate they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Recent studies have shown that fires are growing bigger and moving faster because of the amount of man-made products we are putting in our homes. Common items, such as upholstered furniture, carpeting, plastic audio/video media and toys, all contribute to intense fires. It can take less than three minutes for a room to flashover, which is when all of the exposed surfaces of all combustible materials within the room are ignited.

Winston Churchill once said that "he who fails to plan is planning to fail." No truer words have been spoken when it comes to home fire escape planning. Determining who will be responsible for young children, older adults and others who may need assistance is part of creating a home fire escape plan that works best for your household. Practice it regularly so that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.

Taking responsibility for your family's safety is important every day of the year.

Last December, it took 32 firefighters from six departments to battle a fire at the Waynewood Apartments in Westland. It wasn't quite the magnitude of the Great Chicago Fire which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures. In the Waynewood blaze, 39 units were damaged or destroyed and there was no loss of life.

Fire Prevention Week begins on Sunday. We urge you to take some extra time to ensure smoke alarms are working and practice a home fire escape plan. Do it for yourself, do it for family. Fire safety is everybody's job.

COMMUNITY VOICE

So how about those Detroit Lions? Are they for real or are they going to break our hearts?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



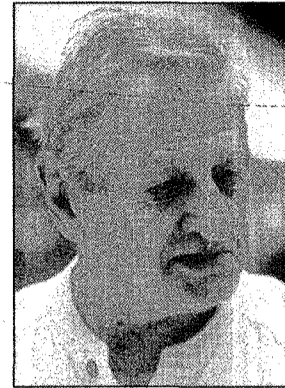
"I think they're just waking up. I hope they're going to do well. I think they're doing great. It's been a long time coming."

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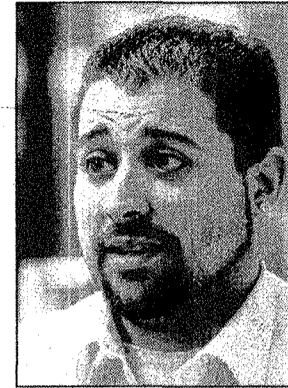
"They're very good this year and as long as the quarterback stays healthy, they should make it to the playoffs."

Collis Williams
Detroit



"Finally I can get a Lions hat instead of a Detroit Tigers hat. Finally, they've got it right."

William Hutsko
Livonia



"It's amazing, I'm impressed ... night and day from 10 years of disappointment."

Chris Nicastro
Dearborn

LETTERS

Government's role

As Americans (mired in a stagnant economy, with an aging population carrying a tremendous national debt burden), we are facing many tough and long-term economic and financial challenges.

By necessity, discretionary expenditures at all levels of government that were once unquestioned are being eliminated or drastically reduced. The urge is to just stop all discretionary spending, rather than prioritize our needs. One benefit of this crisis has been to spark a debate as to what the appropriate role of government (federal, state and local) should be.

It is this writer's belief that it is neither in our nation nor in our state's best interest to allow our border crossings to be privately owned. If border security and the facilitation of international commerce is not a governmental function, what is?

Mike Gerou
Canton

Democratic machine

I have written several letters in the past critical of the way Republicans treat the common guy. It seems that they would rather take it to the middle class rather than offend the rich. Well, now we see that the Republicans don't own the rights on

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they were rewarded while parks were neglected and programs were underfunded. The commissioners did nothing then and they will do nothing now.

And to top it off, Mr. Ficano is in China spending our money while all the story breaks. Of course, that doesn't matter either. Like his predecessor before him, this is the norm for that powerful Democratic machine in Wayne County. Take it or leave it.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Way to go Schuette

To Republican Mr. Schuette, the horror of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act is that it was written and passed by a Democrat-led House and Senate and signed into law by a Democrat governor. But the biggest horror to Mr. Schuette and his Republican cohorts in Oakland County is that the act created jobs and economic activity without one penny of tax incentives.

And, Mr. Schuette's actions now have put the brakes on job creation and any economic investments started previously. Way to go, Mr. Schuette!

KC Bauer
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

We can reduce deficit, protect middle class

By Sen. Carl Levin
Guest Columnist

Over the next several months, Congress faces a complex and difficult duty. We must agree to legislation that will reduce the deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion over the next decade. Under the budget agreement we passed in July, if we fail to hit that goal, huge automatic budget cuts in vital national programs will take effect, cuts I believe are unacceptable. I and every other member of Congress must do our best to avoid that outcome, beginning with the 12 members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction who have been assigned the job of crafting a plan.



Carl Levin

Despite the difficulty, this task is achievable. We can reduce the deficit, avoid devastating cuts to important programs, and avoid greater harm to middle-class families that have seen their incomes stagnate or even fall over the last decade. In hopes of moving that process forward, I have sent the Joint Select Committee a letter outlining a seven-point plan for deficit reduction that will require sacrifice not just from middle-class families, but from all Americans.

Central to my proposals is a belief that we cannot achieve real deficit reduction with spending cuts alone. We must restore revenue as well. A little historical perspective might be helpful. Federal revenues today are the lowest share of gross domestic product in generations, just 14.9 percent. And past efforts to reduce high deficits

have made new revenue a significant part of the equation. President Reagan, for example, presided over three deficit reduction plans that achieved more than three-quarters of their deficit reduction through revenue increases.

Apart from history, the simple mathematical reality is that we must generate additional revenues. Don't just take my word for it. Listen to the nonpartisan Concord Coalition, a budget reform group, which recently said, "For a 'grand bargain' on deficit reduction, finding a way to bring in some revenue is a crucial piece of the puzzle."

So revenue needs to be part of the Joint Select Committee's agenda. My letter identifies seven possible steps to eliminate wasteful tax loopholes and special breaks so as to share the burden of deficit reduction more broadly.

The first two proposals would close two kinds of unjustified loopholes that benefit corporations and wealthy individuals at the expense of working families: offshore tax shelter abuses that cost American taxpayers billions of dollars a year, and a loophole that forces American taxpayers to subsidize the stock options that corporations grant to their executives.

The third and fourth proposals would close two Wall Street tax loopholes: the "carried interest" loophole that leaves American taxpayers subsidizing the paychecks of hedge fund managers, and a tax loophole for financial derivatives that promotes speculation over long-term investments that boost economic growth.

The fifth and six proposals would promote tax fairness and ensure shared sacrifice in

reducing the deficit by restoring upper-bracket income tax rates to pre-Bush levels and capital gains tax rates to rates closer to those in place under President Reagan.

The seventh would eliminate the use of paper tax liens and create an electronic database of those liens.

Combined, these common-sense changes could reduce our deficits by \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, a sum that would make the committee's difficult goal, one the Congress and the entire government share, much more achievable.

To those who would automatically reject revenue increases for deficit reduction, I would say that the spending cuts that will be necessary for significant deficit reduction will be difficult as well. They will have a real impact on important programs, and probably I won't like many of them. But just as I will have to compromise on some spending cuts, others will have to compromise and accept the reality that revenue must be part of the equation.

The ideas I have proposed outline a path toward such a compromise. It is a fair path. If Congress is willing to embrace compromise, we can reduce our deficit while helping to protect middle-class families from further economic harm. If some are not willing to compromise, the automatic cuts that would take effect as a consequence of our failure to agree will make our country less safe and the livelihoods of our families less secure. I hope my proposals will help us work together to avoid that unacceptable outcome.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Social Media seminar

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Hosted by the 5 Star Business Group, the seminar will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff, Garden City. The featured speaker will be Jay Johnson of Partner WorldLink Communications. Registration and continental breakfast is at 7:30 a.m., with the seminar taking place 8:15-10 a.m.

Limited seating is available. 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.

At the market

The Garden City Farmers Market is opens 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 26. Currently available are root vegetables, pumpkins, mums, apple cider, caramel apples, pies and much more.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, The market will hold its Corn and Pumpkin Festival. There will be roast-

ed corn, face painting and music for market goers to enjoy.

The market is at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Kroger shopping center in Downtown Garden City. Call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448 or visit the website at www.gardencity.org for more information.

Metro Fibro Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Group will have Dr. Daniel Clauw of the University of Michigan as its guest speaker when it meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just south of Ford, Garden City.

Clauw will conduct a free two-hour workshop on fibromyalgia and chronic pain at the meeting.

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group has no dues but donations accepted. For more information, check out the group's website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Community Chat

Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area.

Listeners can call-in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or they can join in a live chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757> where they can just listen to the show or also type their questions and comments.

Haunted Scrapyard

Time/Date: 6:30-11 p.m. Thursday and Sunday and 6:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday through Oct. 30

Location: Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial Dr., north of Ford, Garden City

Details: Maxwell's Art and Treasures is offering a Haunted Scrapyard, with a special Autumn Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Get \$1 off your ticket by printing off a flier on Maxwell's website at www.maxwellsart-sandtreasures.com.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 427-5300.

Haunted Forest

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. weekdays and 7 p.m. to midnight weekends Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and Thursday through Monday, Oct. 27-31

Location: Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland

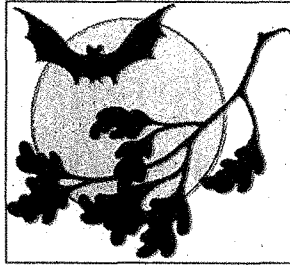
Details: Death's quiet whisper will accompany you down a Haunted Path. The trees beckon you, the night air welcomes you, darkness reaches into your soul and brings you onto this lonesome path. Unsuspecting visitors will greet you along the way and only their sympathetic guidance will lead you out The Haunted Forest of Skateland West. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under age 12.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

Haunted Golf

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Thursday, 7-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-10 p.m. through Oct. 12, open every night beginning

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



If you have a Halloween event you'd like listed in the Observer, e-mail it to Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Oct. 13.

Location: Ford Road Miniature Golf, 29060 Ford, east of Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: Come on in and enjoy a haunting experience and a fun round of mini golf with glow in the dark balls. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens. Lowest score of a foursome wins a free game.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 425-9816.

Haunted House

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

Location: Behind the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford, Westland

Details: The Westland Jaycees present the "Crypt of Carnage" that ensures each victim that enters a terrifying experience. Don't miss out on our frightening scares, ghostly monsters, and movie quality props. Come pay your respects to the Witches, Warlocks and Ghouls of the Westland Jaycees, who will have you screaming with fright. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. The Crypt of Carnage will be hosting a Friendly Monster event with no scares and the lights on for children age 12 and under 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Admission to the friendly monster event will be one canned food item, which will be

donated to the Salvation Army. Free Pumpkin to the first 100 children at the Friendly Monster event.

Contact: For more information call (734) 837-8320.

Haunted Hallows

Time/Date: Dusk to midnight Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8, 14-14, 21-22, 28-29, and dusk to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 16, 23, 30, and Monday, Oct. 31

Location: Bova VFW Post, 6440 Hix, south of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Beware of the Hallows. Enter on a bone-chilling, fear for your life hayride, and if you make it through that, continue on foot, if you dare. Tickets are \$15 per son, all ages. Group rates available, but call in advance.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 772-2443 or haunted_house@bovavfw9885.org.

Haunted Theater

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22

Location: O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

Details: Come prepared to be scared when the ghosts of O'Leary make their appearance known. Tickets are \$7 each and available the high school

Contact: For more information, call (734) 762-8350.

Halloween Walk

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest at Westland's annual

Halloween Walk. This is a non-scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Meet the Friendly Troll, Little Bo Peep and other story book characters. These guided tours lead youngsters through the forest until the Mystery in the Forest is solved. At the end of the tour, cookies and beverages are provided. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and bring a trick-or-treat bag. Flashlights are encouraged, and wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. Event will be outside unless it rains. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$3 per person, with children under 18 months free and are available at the Bailey Center. Program runs rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, tours will be held inside the Bailey Center. The walk is sponsored by the Shoe String Theatre Company, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland, Westland Breakfast Lions Club.

Contact: For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Spooktacular

Time/Date: 6:45-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21

Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Ghosts and Goblins beware, the Amazing Clark will present a Halloween magic and puppet show especially for families. Treat all of your friendly monsters to a frightfully fun experience, all while playing it safe. The performance includes both puppetry and magic, and it is appropriate for all ages. Children may wear their Halloween costumes. The cost is \$5 per person, children under 2 1/2 years are free.

Contact: For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

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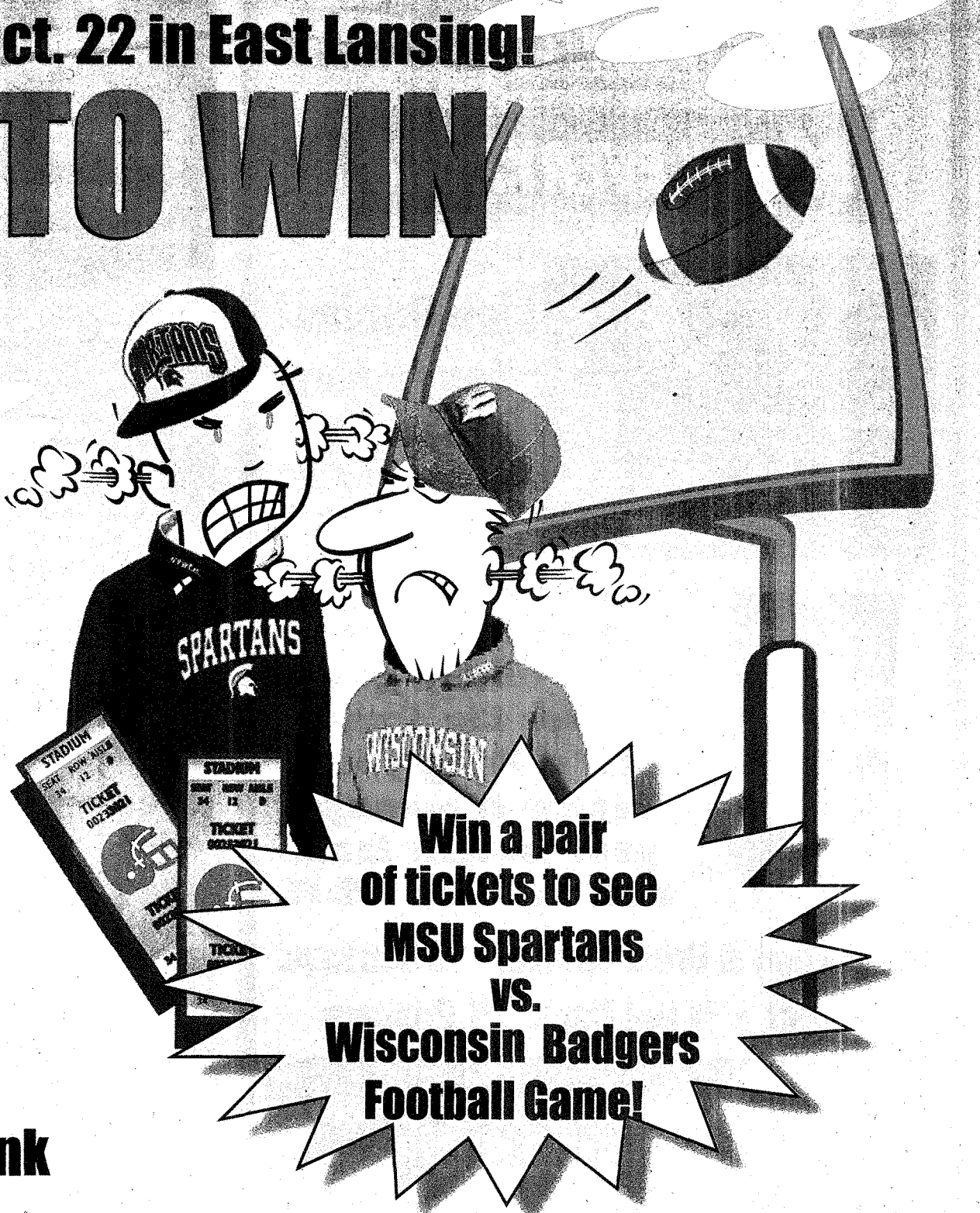
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Cancer survivor embarks on 1,300-mile bike ride

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A 1982 Livonia Stevenson graduate is riding his bicycle 1,300 miles from Brighton, Mich., to Cape Coral, Fla., to show there's life after cancer.

Dennis Cuffe, who had surgery for kidney cancer three months ago, left Saturday.

He is soliciting donations for the trip, pledging to give anything in excess of the estimated \$3,500 to \$4,000 cost for a support vehicle to accompany him, to the St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center in Brighton, where he received treatment.

Cuffe, 47, a carpenter who now lives in Howell, said cancer is no longer the death sentence it used to be.

"My life began after cancer," he said. "I want to show everyone it's not

over (after cancer); it's so much better after."

Cuffe said he's more active, eats healthier and has more energy now that his body is no longer fighting cancer.

He also loves life like never before, after having thought he would lose it.

Other cancer survivors he talked with have had a similar experience, he said.

"During my battle, I was surprised to hear all the stories from people I met along the way," he wrote on his website, mi2fl.com. "Stories of how while scary at first and a battle like no other, cancer was actually one of the best things that could have happened to them. Now living cancer free, they are able to live the life they never thought they could, in health they never knew they had."



Dennis Cuffe's bike ride is a fund-raiser for the St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center in Brighton, where he received treatment.

He said he wants to show the world how great life can be after cancer and "that there is a light at the end of that long dark tunnel."

Cuffe said he sought treatment for a kid-

ney stone and wound up being diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma. He underwent surgery, where 40 percent of his kidney was removed. Doctors believe they got all of the cancer; he did

not require chemotherapy or radiation.

After surgery, he started walking through Kensington Metropark with his daughter in an effort to heal emotionally. That led to jogging and then bicycling as his body responded positively to the exercise.

He hopes to ride up to 100 miles a day, finishing the bicycle trip in two weeks to a month. The support vehicle will ride ahead, securing food and lodging.

His girlfriend, Susan Parrish of Hartland, will organize fund-raisers during his absence to augment the giving. She will be at Sands Lounge, 28001 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 and 9, collecting donations of bottles and cans, selling raffle tickets for an end-of-month drawing and accepting donations for

St. Joseph Cancer Center.

Matthew Holland, annual giving and special events manager for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, said sometimes people will contact him wanting to organize bake sales, bowl-athons and golf outings for the hospital, but Cuffe's fundraising idea is unique.

"I think it's pretty neat," he said. "You hear about things like this," he said, but he's never known anyone personally to undertake such an accomplishment.

To donate, go to mi2fl.com or mail a check payable to St. Joseph Cancer Center or Dennis Cuffe to Remerica Integrity, 41000 Seven Mile, Suite 105, Northville, 48167. That is Cuffe's brother Robert's business address.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Veterans program

Seniors are invited to an informational meeting on veterans benefits which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at American House, 39201 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Rick Lemanski will provide information on veteran's benefits for seniors. Refreshments will be served.

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.

'Chocolate Affair'

First Step will hold its seventh annual "A Chocolate Affair" and garden luncheon noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth, to benefit the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence.

Sample chocolate delights from southeastern Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers and help support the fight against domestic violence. The event is hosted by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division. The lunch will be noon-2

p.m., and the 'Chocolate Affair' 2-5 p.m.

Luncheon advance sale only tickets are \$25, 'Chocolate Affair' tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at First Step in Plymouth or through the Elizabeth Fagan Division LAOH. For more information, call Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Kittie at (248) 449-6570.

Arts and Crafts show

St. Damian Parish is hosting its annual fall arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Westland. Table space is \$25. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information.



Emeril's guests

Joining Chef Emeril Lagasse (center) as guest on his new show, "Emeril's Table," on the Hallmark Channel on Wednesday were Erik Holzkamp (from left) and Bill Sweeney of Garden City, Brian Davidson, Eric Ross and Mike Brodsky. Lagasse had invited some area dads who love to grill to his table to share his best grilling tips and recipes. On the menu, Grilled Rack of Lamb with a Mixed Herb Pesto and a side of Grilled Potatoes with Feta. The episode was filmed in New York City.

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'Chemo' at 13, C'ville's Smith beats odds

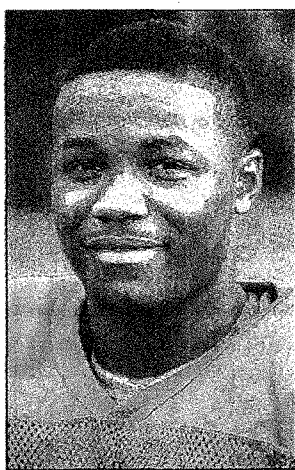
By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

DeJuan Smith literally knows what the football terms "fourth-and-inches" and "fourth-and-long" mean.

The 5-foot-6, 176-pound senior linebacker from Livonia Clarenceville got his first dose in the game of hard knocks when he went through rounds of chemotherapy after it was discovered he had tumors in his neck.

Three trips a week to Children's Hospital in Detroit were the norm for six months in 2006. The first diagnosis was something between leukemia and lymphoma. Later, he was told he had Stage IV cancer.

"I had my first dose of chemo on my 13th birthday," said Smith, who also missed Clarenceville's first four games this season with a hair-line fracture of his foot, but has since returned to the starting lineup. "I



Healthy again, DeJuan Smith is glad to be back in the lineup for the Clarenceville football team.

couldn't go to school for a whole year. I would go at seven in the morning and be there until eight at night, then go and rest and do it all over again. It drained my body. It was the worst six months of my life."

Searching for a definitive diagnosis, Smith had been checked out at four different hospitals, seeing pediatricians, specialists and oncologists. Countless trips were made to Children's, Beaumont and Henry Ford hospitals before land-

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Senior linebacker DeJuan Smith hopes to make an impact for the Trojans final three games after returning to the lineup from a foot injury.

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Warner lifts EMU to title

Senior Shannon Warner (Livonia Churchill) helped the Eastern Michigan University women's golf team capture the weather-shortened Nittany Lion Invitational held Sept. 30-Oct. 2, on the par 72, 6,229-yard Penn State Blue Course.

The tournament's final round was cancelled due to snow on the course.



EMU Warner shot a two-day total of 300-297-597 to finish ahead of the 15-team field with host Penn State and Longwood (Va.) tied for second at 599 each.

Warner, a transfer from Michigan State, tied for third individually with a 74-74-148. The former Michigan Miss Golf recorded her lowest career 36-hole score, bettering a 166 while playing for MSU in 2008-09.

MU's Hall is medalist

Led once again by junior Michelle Hall and her third straight first-place finish, the Madonna University women's golf team extended its lead on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title race with a second place finish at Jamboree No. 3 on Saturday at Hawthorne Hills Country Club in Lima, Ohio.

Aquinas College won the two-day event with a 703 total on rounds of 366 and 337 followed by MU (358-346-704); Indiana Tech (366-353-719); Davenport (388-350-738); Lourdes of Ohio, 369-370-739; Siena Heights (382-375-757); Northwestern Ohio (417-351-768); Concordia (484-404-888); and Cornerstone (463-445-908).

Hall and Kristina Raiz of Aquinas tied for individual medalist honors with 89-81-170 each.

Other MU finishers included Chelsea Collura, tied for fourth (88-86-174); Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), eighth (91-87-178); Megan Fleischer, tied for 11th (90-92-182); Becca Porter, tied for 14th (92-92-184); and Kaitlyn Brasher, 35th (107-97-204).

The Crusaders now set their focus on the final jamboree of the fall season with the WHAC's regular season title within reach.

MU hosts the final event of the fall Saturday at Walnut Creek Country Club.

Pom clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon team will stage its annual clinic for girls ages 6-14 from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Oct. 22 at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$35 per person (includes T-shirt, music CD and snack). Registration is through Thursday, Oct. 6.

To register, or for more information, call Sherri Carpenter at (734) 425-5416 or Gina Barden at (734) 891-5401.

Marian wears links crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Bloomfield Hills Marian was looking for its missing link in Tuesday's Catholic League girls golf championship to complement its steady senior trio of Macy Hudson, Kelly Lunghamer and Ellen Manson.

And the Mustangs got a boost from junior Bridget O'Hara, who placed 14th and shot an 18-hole round 93 as Marian repeated its team title with a four-player total of 341 on a picture perfect day at St. John's Golf Center in Plymouth.

Farmington Hills Mercy was runner-up with 353, followed by Warren Regina (367), host Livonia Ladywood (372), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (389), Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (397), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (417) and Dearborn Divine Child (432).

Hudson garnered individual medalist honors with 77 and not far behind was Lunghamer in third with 82 and Manson in eighth with 89.

"We've had three seniors who have basically carried the team for the entire year and once again they came through, and did a fantastic job," Mari-

an third-year coach Tom Brecht said. "I've always searched for a fourth scorer and we did get one today with three good scores. Match-in and tournament-in, it's unbelievable. The seniors are really, really good."

Mercy's second-place finish was spearheaded by individual runner-up Brenna Hammond, a junior who shot 79.

Other scorers for the Marlins included freshman Erica Heath, eighth (89); junior Sarah Montone, 10th (90); and senior Francesca Sovis, 19th (95).

"It's been a few years since we won," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I was hoping this would be the year, but I'm ready for next year. We want to take that championship. ... His (Brecht's) top three are outstanding, and he knows that, so it just depends where his fourth scorer is going to come from."

Mercy, meanwhile, duplicated its season low total of 353 posted Sept. 21 at the Oakland County Championship held at Pontiac Country Club.

"Some of the girls know they can go a little lower," Kowalski said. "Sarah Montone had 90 today, and she's been as low as 84 this season."

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13-0 Ocelots capture Cuyahoga Invitational

The second-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team continued to roll by winning the 17th annual Cuyahoga (Ohio) Invitational.

The Ocelots, now 13-0 overall and 10-0 in NJCAA Region XII, completed their two-game sweep Sunday with a 6-0 win over host Cuyahoga.

A pair of goals by Ryan Lemasters staked Schoolcraft to a 2-0 halftime lead.

Just seven minutes into the second half, Brent McIntosh made it 3-0 with a long-range blast, followed by three consecutive goals from Marco Lobo.

Tom Nevill, Mario Teixeira, Lobo and Lemasters were all named to the all-tournament team.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft bolted to a 4-0 halftime lead en route to a 5-0 win over Lakeland (Ohio).

Nevill extended his goal streak to six straight games, followed by goals from Pat Smith (Livonia Stevenson), Lemasters, Doug Beason and McIntosh (second half).

Lakeland could muster only

five shots on goal that were easily handled by keepers Scott Shewfelt and Tyler Koontz, who split duties.

DAVENPORT 4, MADONNA 2: Richard Visser's first two goals of the season broke a 2-2 deadlock Saturday and catapulted Davenport University (2-6-3, 1-0) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Madonna University (4-5-1, 0-1).

The Panthers took a 2-1 halftime lead on goals by Donal Lynch (9:54) and Jesse Asanin-Miroux (44:19), with Gerard John-Williams getting both assists.

Mustapha Olorunnimbe's fourth goal of the season at 28:31 from Daniel Amaya tied it at 1-1.

An unassisted goal by Dane Laird (Farmington Hills Harrison) tied it at 2-2 at 57:10, but Visser answered at 69:00 on a penalty kick and put it away at 84:14 on an unassisted goal.

Davenport goalkeeper Jordan Bandstra made two saves, while MU's Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) had seven stops.

Pats' Payne nets 100th victory

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association decided it needed a change in format for its boys tennis tournaments this fall.

The top three dual-match team finishers in each of the KLAA's four divisions — South, Central, North and West — squared off Saturday and Tuesday at Novi High.

Meanwhile, the remaining schools (places four through six) staged a 'B' bracket tourney at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with host Salem capturing the team title with 23 points to edge Pinckney (22), Brighton (20) and South Lyon East (19).

Rounding out the 11-school field were Livonia Franklin, 10; Milford and Walled Lake Western, eight each; Westland John Glenn, seven; Wayne Memorial, five; Waterford Kettering, one;

and Waterford Mott, zero.

Franklin garnered titles at No. 1 singles (Stephen Payne) and No. 2 doubles (Connor Benson and Nick Munro).

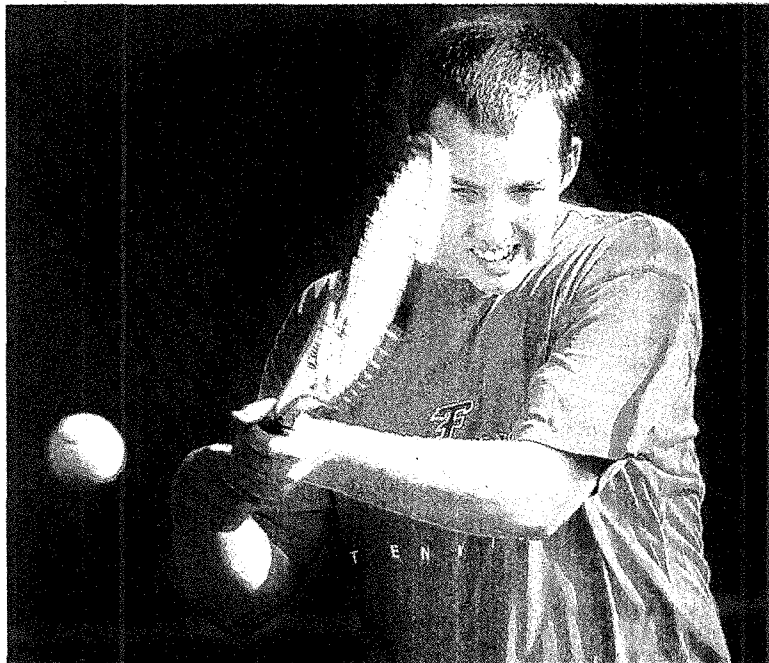
Payne, a senior, was seeded second and defeated top seed Kevin Renehan of South Lyon East for the first time in his prep career, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

It was the 100th career victory at Franklin for the two-time Division 1 state qualifier.

Payne reached the finals without dropping a single game, defeating Jacob Scott of Salem and Tommy Ruark of John Glenn by identical 6-0, 6-0 scores.

Benson, a junior, and Munro, a freshman, went 4-0 on the day to win their flight despite not being seeded.

MHSAA rules allow only three matches in one day except when three of those matches are straight-set wins, which Benson and Munro were able to accomplish.



Franklin's No. 1 singles player Stephen Payne captured the KLAA Association No. 1 singles title for fourth-through-sixth-place teams with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) win in the finals over South Lyon East's Kevin Renehan.

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After a 6-0, 6-0 win over a tandem from Kettering in the first round, Benson and Munro knocked off the second-seeded duo of Jesse Malinowski and Nick Skarrit of Milford, 6-4, 6-2, followed by a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over third-seeded Jordan

Viaches and Harrison Kelbert of Brighton.

The Franklin duo then knocked off unseeded Mike Schmidt and Max Rose of Western in the finals, 6-4, 6-2.

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GREEN, DAVID

75, entered the presence of the Lord Whom he loved and served, October 3, 2011, after a nine year battle with cancer. His devoted wife and loving family were at his side. David was born in Detroit, MI to Daniel and Leona Green. Surviving is his wife Ruth, daughter, Sandra (William) Dear, son Ronald (Barbara) Green, daughter Cathryn (Donald) Schlamb, son Daniel (Beth) Green, Son Landon (Breanne) Green, 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, three brothers: Donald, Howard, Merrill and their spouses and one sister, Joyce and her husband. David was a long time volunteer for Meals on Wheels, P.E.T.S. (hand propelled carts for crippled people) and Nursing Home Ministries. He taught Bible classes for many years and was currently a devoted member of Clinton Assembly of God Church. He was a Ford Motor Company retiree. He enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, mentoring, camping, biking, Scrabble, crosswords, and playing clarinet and saxophone in the New Horizons Band. Visitation will be Wednesday 2PM to 8PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, and Thursday 9:30 AM to 11 AM, prior to the 11AM service at Clinton Assembly of God Church, 13080 Clinton Rd, Clinton MI 49236. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to United Methodist Church Saline - P.E.T.S. Project or Gideons International for the distribution of Bibles. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



MCALISTER, MICHELLE RENEE

Age 44, of Plymouth, passed away Monday, October 3. Surviving is her husband, James P. McAlister of Plymouth; daughter, Madison R. McAlister also of Plymouth; mother and stepfather, Peggy (James) Coolman of Montpelier; sister, Kimberly Mosier of Bryan; brother, Richard Pollick II of Hicksville; two step-brothers, Jimmy (Lisa) Coolman of Montpelier, Greg (Sonja) Coolman of Fort Wayne, Indiana and step-sister, Christine (Billy) Summers of Fort Wayne, Indiana; four nephews, Dustin, Brock and Brandon Mosier and Aidan Pollick. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Pollick. Funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. October 6, 2011 in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 North Lynn Street, Bryan. Interment will follow in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan. Visitation held in the funeral home, October 5, 2011 from 2:00-8:00p.m. Please consider contributions to Community Health Professionals House of Williams and Fulton Counties or to the family. Online condolences: www.oberlinturnbull.com

POWERS, DONALD R.

Age 87. October 3, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Sally. Loving father of Sherry (the late Richard), Bonnie Jean (Mahlon) Gregersen, Sally Kay (Nolan) Finley, Alan Roy (Lynn) and the late Patrick Roy. Grandfather of 8. Great grandfather of 4. He will be dearly missed by his many family & friends. Visitation was Wednesday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City. In state Thursday 10am until 11am Funeral service at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill. (Between Inkster Rd. & Middlebelt.) www.santeiufuneralhome.com

THOMAS, STANLEY WARD

Age 83 of McCormick, South Carolina died September 29, 2011 in Royal Oak, MI. Formerly of Farmington and Cheboygan, Michigan. Stanley is the beloved husband of Nancy Greiner Thomas, married for 53 years. Dear father of Gayle (Dano) Love, Patricia Thomas and Suzanne (Keith) Shiven. Loving grandfather of Christopher and Suzanne Harris, Kristin Tonkovich, Jennifer and Steven Shiven. Brother of Emily Thomas Bayer. He was preceded in death by his parents Owen and Ethel and his brother Llewellyn Thomas. Stanley was a proud Korean war veteran and a University of Michigan graduate who never stopped learning. He was a cost analyst for E.I. Dupont for over 30 years, a life long Mason and a charter member of the Lutheran Church by the Lake in McCormick. His family selected a simple cremation with a memorial service to be held at a later date in South Carolina. Memorials may be directed to the Lutheran Church by the Lake Church Choir, attn Jim Klausman 100 12 Oaks, McCormick, SC 29835 www.thayer-rock.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

MCFARLAND, TED A.

Age 44 September 30, 2011 of Wayne. Loving Son of Nancy Chambers and Raymond McFarland. Dearest Brother of Troy McFarland and Teri Phillips. Dear Grandson of Charlotte Stockmaster. Visitation Friday 1-9PM. Service Saturday, 11AM, John Molnar Funeral Home, 14032 Northline Rd, Southgate. www.molnarfuneralhome.com

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Classes aimed at updated missal

A series of four classes, beginning Oct. 10 at St. Aidan in Livonia, are designed to prepare worshippers for an updated English translation of the Roman Missal that parishes will begin using Nov. 27.

The Missal is the collection of prayers, chants, and instructions used to celebrate Mass.

The classes will be offered from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Mondays in October and November. Morning sessions will be held in Bixman Hall and evening sessions are set for the Activity Center Hall at the church, located at 17500 Farmington Road.

The first class will focus on what the words in the missal mean, issues of translation and changes in text. Other topics are "Capacitated for Liturgy," which will explain how to be "better able to engage in worship," Oct. 17; "The Historical Development of the Mass," with a focus on scriptural foundation and evolution of Mass, Oct. 24; and "Gestures and Postures, Soul and Body United in Worship," Nov. 7.

David J. Conrad will lead the sessions. Refreshments will be provided. The classes are free. Call (734) 425-5950 to RSVP.

Catholic women hold annual conference

The Archdiocese of Detroit will present its 9th annual Catholic Women's Conference, "Embraced by Mercy, Transformed by Love," Oct. 28-29 at the Best Western Sterling Inn, Banquet and Conference Center in Sterling Heights.

The program on Friday runs from 5:30-8:45 p.m. and will feature Sr. Mary Finn, HVM, from Sacred Hearth Seminary in Detroit. The Saturday session, from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. will include speakers Catherine Lanni of Divine Mercy Center, the Rev. Joseph Horn

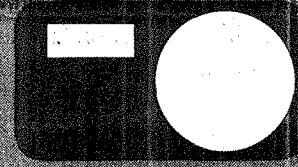
of Holy Family Catholic Church in Memphis; and Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow of Metro Catholic Gospel Choir, Detroit.

Saturday's keynote speaker and Mass celebrant will be Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

Adult admission is \$35 for Friday only, \$50 for Saturday only or \$70 for both days. Students pay \$30 for Friday only, \$45 for Saturday only or \$60 for both days. Register online at www.aodwomenministry.org or call (313) 237-4683.

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Sports bars gear up for Monday night football

by Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Laurie Correll expects a big crowd Monday night at her Garden City business.

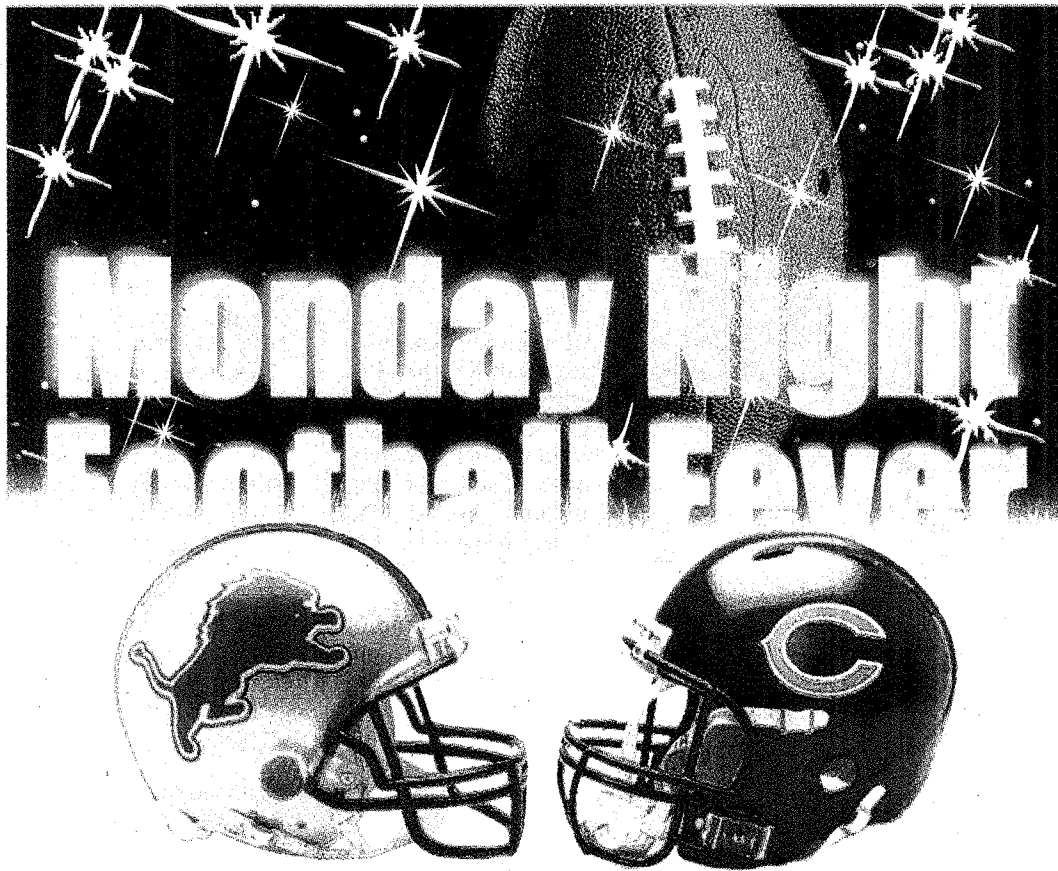
"For regular Monday nights we're not that busy. But I've had every one and their brother call about the Lions," said Correll, who owns Sports Venue Bar and Grill, at 6327 Middlebelt. "I've had people call to make reservations. We've taken reservations. I think we'll be packed."

Reservations at a sports bar? Correll usually doesn't accept them — and no one needs them — this early in the season, but with the Detroit Lions' 4-0 record and its first Monday Night Football appearance in 10 years scheduled for Oct. 10, football fans want to guarantee a great seat for the ESPN broadcast.

Two lucky customers won tickets to the game during a drawing Sunday at the bar. Other regulars will watch the action Monday on the bar's 20 television screens.

"This Monday we'll have a bunch of food and drink specials — \$5 for pitchers and \$2 for shots. There will be a ton of football food including pizza on special and calzones. And then we'll give away T-shirts and fun prizes during the night," Correll said, admitting she has jumped on the Lion's fan bandwagon "now that they're doing phenomenal."

She's not alone. Here's a sampling of other Monday Night Football specials planned around town:



Complimentary buffet

"To start the night, we'll put every one of our TVs on the game," said Anthony Crowley, night manager of Malarkey's Irish Pub, 35750 Warren Road in Westland. That includes 24 42-inch televisions and a projection screen.

"At the end of the third quarter we'll raffle off an authentic football jersey. We hand out raffle tickets. For every drink you buy you get a raffle ticket."

The winner will receive a jersey sporting Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh's name and number, 90.

Wings, mini tacos and other fare will help quell munchies as fans take a

half-time break for the bar's complimentary buffet. Look for specials on domestic pitchers (\$6) and domestic buckets (\$10).

"It's a great time to come out, have a few beers, watch football and relax."

Michigan Monday

It's all about Michigan beer on Monday nights at Bailey's Pub and Grille, 1777 North Canton Center Road, in Canton.

"We've turned our Monday night football into Michigan Mondays," said Susie Capozzoli, service manager. Customers pay \$4 for any small Michigan draft beer. Look for deals on pizza with Bud Light and pizza with Stella Artois, a Belgian lager.

Capozzoli said the size of the crowd varies on Monday nights, depending on which teams are playing. Two large parties have already booked reservations for Oct. 10 and Capozzoli also expects a big crowd in the venue's main dining room.

"We're planning on being very busy."

Charity raffle

Jonny Abro offers 50-cent wings every Monday

night at Thee Sportz Zone, at Inkster and Five Mile in Redford. But he'll add \$5 gourmet burgers to the menu on Oct. 10.

"Our signature is our burger and wings," he said. "We're going to be doing \$2 domestic beer all night long and \$3 cherry or grape bombs. We'll try to get a full house in here."

Appetizer special

Michelle Cowley expects a bigger-than-usual

crowd Monday at Cowley's Pub at Grand River Ave., and Farmington Road in downtown Farmington.

"Whenever there are big games, it does bring people out," said Cowley, manager. The first floor area brings in diners, but the upstairs bar area will be packed with football fans glued to the bar's five big-screen televisions and projector screen.

Look for a half-off special on appetizers after 9

p.m. and deals on Killian's, Labatt's and other brews.

From hockey to football

No doubt about it, with Compuware Arena just a puck's throw from CJ's Brewing Company in Plymouth, the restaurant-bar draws a lot of hockey fans. But Amy Taffinder, manager, suspects the Detroit Lion's home game will make it a football night at the tavern on Monday.

"Wings by the pound will be \$5 a pound and we tailgate sub sandwiches are \$5 for 8 inches and \$8 for 14 inches," she said. "We have 14 flat-screen TVs. All the essentials." Selected beers also will be on special.

100 television screens Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, in Livonia, boasts more than 100 television screens and 30 tap beers.

"We usually get pretty busy for big games, especially for their (the Lions') record," said hostess Alex Lenhart. Fans will find specials on Miller beer products Monday.

Not interested in watching the Lions and Bears? There's always beer pong.

"We hold it on the patio so it's out of the way. Anyone can play and there are prizes weekly," Lenhart noted. The pong tournament begins at 9 p.m. There's no cost to enter.

Orchestra opens season with film scores

The Michigan Philharmonic will open its 66th season Saturday, Oct. 8 with "The Red Violin," a program that will feature former concertmaster violinist Anicka Skalova as soloist.

A pre-concert reception will run from 6-7 p.m. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Skalova, a native of the Czech Republic and a junior majoring in vio-



Skalova

lin performance at the University of Michigan,

will perform a solo on John Corigliano's Oscar-winning music from the movie, *The Red Violin*. The orchestra also will perform *An American Symphony* from the movie, *Mr. Holland's Opus*, and Tchaikovsky's *Little Russian Symphony No. 2*.

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Halloween fun kicks off at mansion, zoo, park

Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan (GHOSM) will talk about ghostly findings from locations they've investigated around the state at a presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at Longacre House, in Farmington Hills.

The program will include a tour and search for paranormal activity at the Longacre House, a Georgian mansion that is owned by the City of Farmington Hills, at 24705 Farmington Road. Coffee and doughnuts also will be served.

Members of Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan share an interest in searching out spirits and abnormal occurrences. The group has conducted tours of The Whitney in Detroit, as well as cemeteries and houses in Flat Rock, Rockwood, Westland, Plymouth, West Bloomfield, Wayne, Redford, Monroe, and Freeland. They record and document ghostly sounds and other evidence as well as "true ghost stories" told by their patrons.

Admission to the tour and presentation is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Participants must be age 18 or older.

Reservations are required. Visit <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or register in person at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856.

Zoo Boo
The Detroit Zoo's



annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the Zoo, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30.

Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to children along the route. A trail of eerie fog will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, vampires and other monsters will take up residence for the Halloween season.

The live mini-musical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed in the Events Pavilion. The Ghoully Games Tent will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze and The Zombie Zone will offer games, spooky activities and pumpkin-carving demonstrations.

Also returning for Zoo Boo is the limited-release pirate adventure "The Curse of Skull Rock" at the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater in the Ford Education Center. Tickets are an additional \$4 per person; children under 2 are free.

Advance tickets for Zoo Boo are available at

Booth One at the front of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org/zooboo. Tickets are \$7 per person ages 2 and up. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.

The Detroit Zoo is located at Woodward Ave., and the I-696 service drive, in Royal Oak.

At Hines Park
Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2011 will run 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Nankin Mills Picnic Area, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland and offer free games, hayrides, inflatables, trick-or-treating, and entertainment. Youngsters may dress in "spook-free" costumes and participate in a costume parade.

Check out the first annual Howl-O-Ween from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Wayne County Dog Park, located at Hawthorne Ridge Park, located on Hines Drive east of Merriman, in Westland. There will be costume contests, pet related vendors, games and give-aways at this free event.

A spook-free Halloween Hike, with starting times of 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., will include a walk and nature-inspired costumed characters on Friday, Oct. 21 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required. Call (734) 261-1990.

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Beer Tracker

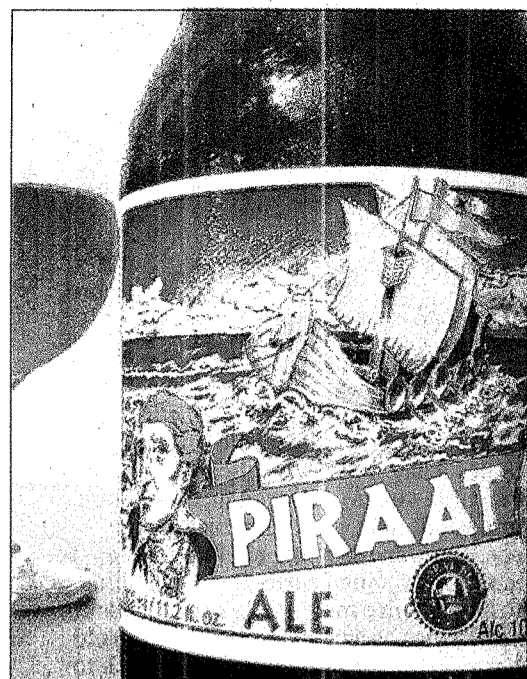
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century, the European beer culture remained largely static while American craft brewers marched forward blazing new trails. Their experimental mindset led to the creation of the American pale ale, American IPA, and American barley wine, more intense than their English counterparts. Further innovation had American brewers adding unusual ingredients like coffee, fruits, and grains never used in Europe. After 20 or so years of watching American craft brewing from afar, perhaps shaking their heads

in dismay, Europeans finally started taking inspiration from the U.S. around the turn of the 21st century. One of the first American-inspired styles to hit the shores from Europe was the Belgian IPA. Tawny and opaque in appearance, this style comes with a billowy white head and often a staggering dose of alcohol. Various malts are used for the Belgian IPA, but the style usually will be infused with American hops and finished with Belgian yeast. This mud-blood approach delivers a complex sipper with a pronounced dry edge bal-

anced with a clean, toned down finish. The Belgian IPA is not common fare in the States but worth seeking out by the beer enthusiast. Once committed to the experience, I highly recommend Piraat by Van Steenberghe. This light amber ale with a full white head has the perfect interplay of malty, sweet flavors and hop bitterness. It's a well-balanced affair but with a 10.5 percent ABV not for the faint of heart.

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Power up your plate with vegetables

With only 6 percent of Americans getting the recommended amount of vegetables a day, access to delicious, easy and versatile veggie-powered meals is more important than ever. Marcus Samuelsson, an award-winning chef and cookbook author, has joined Birds Eye vegetables to help inspire individuals to think about vegetables as a pleasure, to shake up old habits and help bring vegetables back to the center of the plate — especially for the next generation.

• **Don't Hide, Highlight Veggies**
Vegetables deserve center stage because they're amazing. They are delicious, colorful, good for you and taste great, too. Inspiring people — especially kids — to discover the wonder of vegetables starts with highlighting vegetables as the center of the plate, not as an understudy. "Vegetables are great for any meal, so put them forward as a gift to your family every day," Samuelsson says. "It's extremely important that we start making nutritious, veggie-powered meals for ourselves and the next generation."

• **Follow the 60/40 Rule**
Instead of thinking about dishes as 60 percent pasta and 40 percent vegetables, turn it around, serving veggies as 60 percent and pasta as 40 percent of the meal. "Flipping the proportions of your favorite meals is a quick, easy way to incorporate more veggies into meals your family already loves."

• **Mix and Match Colors, Textures and Flavors**

Enjoy a variety of veggies at the same time to truly showcase the wonder of a veggie-powered plate. Incorporating many different veggies brings flavor, crunch and a nutritious punch to almost any dish. "My ideal veggie-powered plate is a Vegetable and Quinoa Pilaf."

Build a customized veggie-powered plate at www.facebook.com/BirdsEyeVegetables. For every veggie-powered plate created on Facebook, Birds Eye will donate vegetables for 10 meals as part of its Feed Kids Better initiative with Share Our Strength (up to 1 million meals through September 2012).



Vegetables add color and texture to a meal.

Vegetable Quinoa Pilaf

Makes 6 servings

1 bag of Birds Eye Steamfresh Broccoli, Carrot and Cauliflower Medley
1 cup quinoa
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
4 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon peeled and minced fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
½ tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1 teaspoon smoked sweet paprika
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Cook vegetable medley according to package directions; drain and set aside.
Meanwhile, rinse quinoa well under cold water in a fine wire sieve; drain.
Bring to a boil with 2 cups

water and ½ teaspoon salt in medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low and cover. Cook until the quinoa has absorbed the water, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Melt butter in large skillet. Add celery, scallions, ginger and garlic and cook, stirring often, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add cooked vegetable medley and mix well. Stir in parsley, mint and paprika. Transfer quinoa to serving bowl. Fluff quinoa with fork. Add vegetable mixture and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

— Family Features

VegMichigan marks vegetarian awareness month

October is national Vegetarian Awareness Month, and VegMichigan, the state's largest vegetarian organization, is offering several local events designed to support those trying to eat less meat and include more plant-based foods in their diets.

More than 12 million Americans follow a vegetarian diet, which excludes meat, poultry and fish, or a vegan diet, which excludes those animal products as well as dairy.

Eating fewer animal products has been strongly correlated with a reduced risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, many types of cancer and other chronic illnesses. A plant-based diet is easier on the environment, too. According to a 2009 United Nations report, animal agriculture is the leading cause of global warming — more than all transportation sources combined.

If you're thinking about following a vegetarian diet, check out VegMichigan's lectures, classes, social outings, and other membership activities at www.vegmichigan.org.

Here's a sampling of special events marking Vegetarian Awareness Month:

• **Animal Activism Art Project**, 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Art & Ideas Gallery, 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth Township. Shaq Kalaj, the artist-in-residence at the gallery, will talk about her EAT ME art project, which connects animal activism and visual art. She'll talk about her life as a vegetarian and as an artist, and how she merged them together, focusing on themes related to animal rights, human health, over-consumption, and the environment. The event will start with vegan hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by calling (734) 420-0775 or by e-mailing imshacha@me.com.

• **Simple Changes for A Healthier Lifestyle**, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. VegMichigan board member, Jamie Qualls, will present an informative talk and some tasty vegan refreshments. Call (248) 848-4312 for details.

For information about all VegMichigan events, visit vegmichigan.org or call (toll free) 877-778-3464.

CITY BITES

Pizza Palooza

FARMINGTON HILLS — Pizza is the star of Farmington Hills' new event Sunday, Oct. 9, but there will be plenty of other activities for families at Pizza Palooza. In addition to eating all the pizza and salad they want, ticket holders will get a chance to vote on their favorite pizza, enter a pizza eating contest, play games, make crafts and watch Sunday night football on television. The event will run from 6-8 p.m. with pizza served from 6-7:15 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person or \$10 at the door. Children three and under are free. Register online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> by Friday, Oct. 7 or call (248) 473-1800 for more information. The Costick Center is located at 28600 11 Mile.

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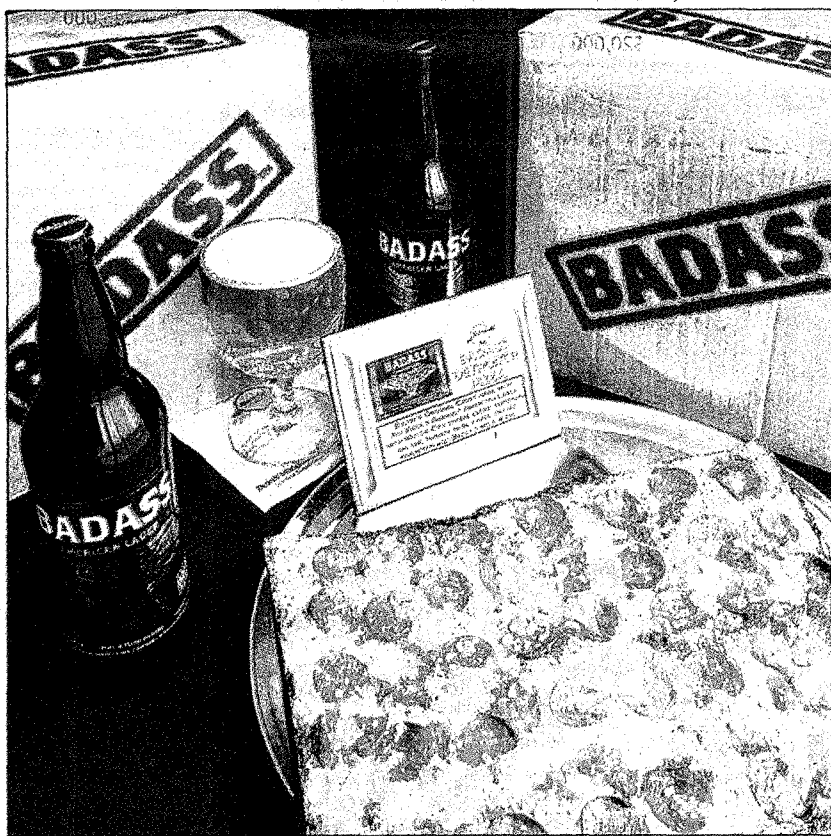
TRI-COUNTY — *Pizza Today* magazine in its October issue named Buddy's Pizza the top independent pizzeria in the country. The magazine's Hot 100 list was compiled from mailed surveys that ranked the 100 largest independent pizzerias from across the nation, based on sales. Earlier this year, Buddy's unveiled the Motor City Pizza Collection, four pizzas that benefit a nonprofit cultural institution in the metro Detroit area. When customers purchase The Detroit Institute of Arts; The Henry Ford; The Parade Company or The Detroit Zoo pizza, Buddy's donates \$1 to the nonprofit institution throughout 2011. The pizza also experimented with its first square beer crust this year by incorporating Kid Rock's Badass Beer into their Kid Rock's Badass Detroit pizza. It is only available at the original 6 Mile and Conant location in Detroit. Buddy's also has locations in eight other communities, including Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Spinach pie

FARMINGTON HILLS — Holy Cross Philoptochos, a philanthropic group at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, is taking orders for spinach pie. Cost is \$35 per tray and pick-up will be in December. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos and drop off or mail request and check to the church at 25225 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

African wines

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP — An evening of wine tasting and food pairing starting at 6:30 p.m.



Buddy's pizza with a square beer crust utilizing Kid Rock's Badass Beer is available at the original 6 Mile and Conant location in Detroit.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Uptown Grille, will benefit Farmington Hills-based charity, Helping Hands Touching Hearts. A percentage of the proceeds from the event will go toward mosquito nets, shoes, clothing and water conveyance for a village in Mozambique. The organization works with villagers in Mozambique. Tickets purchased by Friday, Oct. 7 are \$39.99 per person, with gratuity included. After that date they will cost \$45. The menu will feature South African wines and foods such as Sugar Bean and Fresh Sweet Corn Soup, Roasted Eggplant and Green Bean Salad and South African Curried Meat Casserole. RSVP at (248) 514-3022.

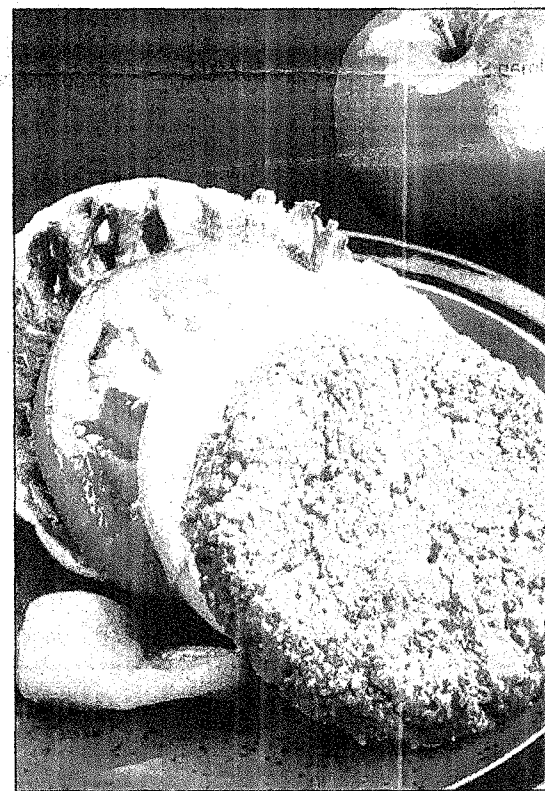
Death and tea

PLYMOUTH — Kim Parr, director of the Crocker House Museum and Macomb County Historical Society will dress in mourning clothes while explaining funeral and mourning culture at a Victorian-style tea, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Mourning and funeral artifacts also will be on display. The tea will include scones, tea sandwiches and other fare. The Museum's own signature blend, "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of

Mary Todd Lincoln, will be served. The tea also is available for purchase in the Museum's store. Ticket holders who come early that day may tour the Museum. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Call (734) 455-8940.

Chocolate for charity

PLYMOUTH — The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, will present the 7th annual "A Chocolate Affair" to benefit First Step, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at The Inn at St. John's 44045 Five Mile. First Step provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including temporary emergency housing, counseling, a 24-hour help line, children's programs and more. The chocolate event will feature tastes of chocolate specialties from area bakeries, restaurants, caterers, and chocolate makers, along with entertainment and prizes. A garden luncheon also will be held from noon-2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the chocolate event, \$25 for the luncheon or \$45 for a combined ticket. For tickets or more information on the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, call Barbara Weir at (734) 453-1459. Tickets are also available at the offices of First Step. Call (734) 416-1111.



Apple Pecan Burger

Eat your veggies and fruit in a burger

There's still plenty of mild weather left for grilling this tailgate season. The Michigan Apple Committee offers this healthful vegetarian twist on traditional football day fare:

Apple-Pecan Burger

1 cup shredded Michigan Apples
½ cup shredded carrots
¼ cup finely chopped onion
½ teaspoon finely chopped garlic
1 cup cold, cooked brown rice
¾ cup toasted pecan pieces
1 cup dry bread crumbs
2 egg whites
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon coarse black pepper
5 hamburger buns, optional
5 tomato slices, optional
Lettuce, optional
Vegetable cooking spray

Place apples and remaining ingredients in food processor bowl. Using metal blade, process about 30 seconds or until evenly chopped and thoroughly combined. Using ½ cup measure, portion and shape mixture into 5 patties. Place these patties on the grill and cook until deep golden brown. Serve hot on bun with tomato and lettuce or with sweet and sour sauce, if desired.

Protect electronics from clever thieves

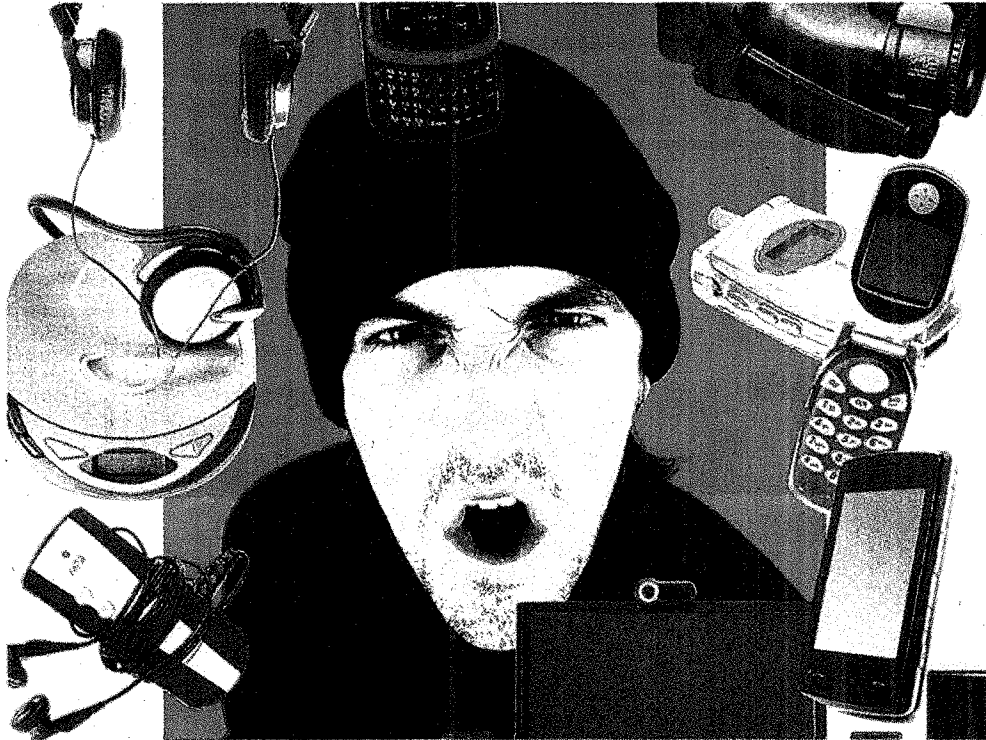
As students across the nation make their way back to school, many will carry cell phones, iPads, iPods, laptops and other electronic devices everywhere from the classroom to the car. Your Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds students and their parents to talk about ways to keep electronics out of the wrong hands.

College campuses, cafeterias, local hangouts and even classrooms can be an easy target for those looking to snatch expensive electronic devices. Theft is common on any campus, alerts the Wayne State University Police Department. They advise students to never leave property unattended in any campus building or in your car. Not only can thieves steal your personal property, they could gain access to sensitive information such as e-mails, text messages, calendars, photos and even social media network logins.

"Students need to be on-guard when it comes to securing their electronics," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations. "Electronics are a huge investment and they shouldn't be treated any differently than carrying around a wad of cash."

BBB offers the following advice to students and parents on how to keep personal property safe at school:

- **Keep it off the floor.** No matter where you are in public — a large study hall in school, a conference, a coffee shop, or a registration desk — avoid putting your electronics on the floor. If you must put it down, place it between your feet or at least up against your leg, so that you're aware of it.
- **Leave it at home.** In some cases, school districts may have strict policies about students bringing electronic devices to campus. Be sure to find out what is allowed



while on campus and in the classroom. Also, determine if you really need your electronics during school hours or if they can wait until you get home.

- **Get it out of the car.** Don't leave your electronics in the car — not on the seat, not in the trunk. Parked cars are a favorite target of thieves; don't help them by leaving your property unattended.
- **Don't leave it "for just a minute."** Your classmates seem trustworthy, so you're comfortable leaving your electronics on the table while you go outside for a break. The people at the coffee shop seem nice, so you ask them to keep an eye out while you use

the restroom. Don't leave your laptop, iPad or other tablets unguarded — even for a minute.

- **Use bells and whistles.** Depending on your security needs, an alarm can be a useful tool. Some laptop alarms sound when there's unexpected motion, or when the computer moves outside a specified range around you. Or consider a kind of "lo-jack" for your laptop: a program that reports the location of your stolen laptop once it's connected to the Internet.

For more consumer tips and news, visit BBB's news center at <http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/bbb-news/>.

Utilities regulate solar panels

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am interested in what, if anything, you know about photovoltaic policies for townhouses?

A: What I think you are really talking about, with regard to the installation of photovoltaic systems for townhouses, is solar panels or things of that sort that can be installed on a limited roof space. Does the association have control over the side



Robert Meisner

of the roof that can be utilized and, what if the optimum roof side faces the street? Can the manual shutoffs be located at each unit or altogether on a separate panel, and, can the association require the use of micro-inverters? Generally speaking, these issues are regulated by utility company tariffs or rules. In some states, there are statutory limits on the association's power to regulate placement of renewable energy facilities including PV panels. You are advised to do your own investigation and then confront the association with your request to the extent that you would need authority from the association to embark on this type of program or, for that matter, the association may wish to consider doing so itself.

Q: I have often desired to live around a mountainous National Park particularly, in Utah, and I am wondering what the economic situation is.

A: If you are thinking about moving around Arches National Park near Moab, there is a great deal of raw land available and you can buy a land cabin package for a base price of \$99,000.00. Another example is a 2000-square-foot three-bedroom, two-bath home, plus a guest apartment and a four car garage on 6.7 acres of land for \$425,000.00. Again, that gives you an indication of the price of property in this area which has not adversely affected by the downturn as has other resort locations in the country. If you are thinking about getting a central location near or between Bryce and/or Capital Reef National Park, there is lots of land available in Torrey, Utah, for construction and/or development. Also, commercial development has not been as great in the Capital Reef area because of the relatively lesser known familiarity with Capital Reef National Park, but I am sure, based upon my observations, that that will soon change and the economic potential for development, both commercial and residential in that area, is great.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 27 to July 1, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Address	Price
CANTON	
50548 Amberley Blvd	\$550,000
45608 Baywood Blvd	\$270,000
49651 Garfield Ln	\$65,000
4191 Lonebridge Cir	\$216,000
1625 Manton Blvd	\$150,000
4758 Sherwood Cir	\$184,000
47903 Stratford Ct	\$317,000
42282 Trotwood Ct	\$140,000
6134 Willow Creek Dr	\$160,000
40353 Winfield Rd	\$165,000
GARDEN CITY	
5741 Gilman St	\$67,000

30641 Pardo St	\$83,000
6507 Sharon St	\$78,000
LIVONIA	
11303 Cranston St	\$139,000
11325 Flamingo St	\$117,000
14135 Houghton St	\$130,000
29721 Hoy St	\$140,000
27855 Perth St	\$110,000
16450 Rougeway St	\$135,000
18310 University Park Dr	\$46,000
20211 Weyher St	\$50,000
NORTHVILLE	
42147 Brampton Ct	\$293,000
44617 Broadmoor Cir N	\$360,000
17047 Brooklane Blvd	\$450,000
44302 Deep Hollow Cir	\$425,000
17407 Deer Path Dr	\$475,000
46425 Pickford St	\$86,000
16123 Portis Rd	\$214,000
PLYMOUTH	
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$20,000

278 Blunk St	\$214,000
466 Blunk St	\$110,000
11985 Leighwood Dr	\$285,000
15094 Thornridge Dr	\$155,000
REDFORD	
19635 Brady	\$34,000
20421 Dalby	\$29,000
18272 Gaylord	\$37,000
18697 Gaylord	\$25,000
11739 Grayfield	\$22,000
19354 Kinloch	\$20,000
18642 Lexington	\$41,000
19992 Norborne	\$14,000
11302 Sioux	\$46,000
20477 Sumner	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
8275 Melvin Ave	\$70,000
27595 Powers St	\$43,000
830 Summerfield Dr	\$52,000
850 Superior Pkwy	\$45,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 20-24, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
19481 Beverly Rd	\$272,000
17193 Buckingham Ave	\$216,000
16007 Elizabeth St	\$62,000
17005 Elizabeth St	\$180,000
32060 Waltham Dr	\$371,000
BIRMINGHAM	
267 Abbey St	\$425,000
1247 Bird Ave	\$197,000
375 Catalpa Dr	\$550,000
400 Hamilton Row	\$379,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$270,000
955 Suffield Ave	\$506,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4906 Charing Cross Rd	\$633,000
340 Chesterfield Rd	\$450,000
149 Marblehead Dr	\$1,006,000
3 The Oaks	\$320,000
1560 Trailwood Path	\$90,000
718 Westview Rd	\$300,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1777 Alexander Dr	\$315,000
422 Fox Hills Dr N # 3	\$26,000

1287 Greenglen Ct	\$195,000
560 N Giengarry Rd	\$863,000
5595 Raven Rd	\$330,000
1214 S Timberview Trl	\$215,000
COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP	
1836 Alsop Ave	\$326,000
138 Demarist St	\$88,000
3749 Gulfwood Dr	\$256,000
9030 Marilyn Ter	\$384,000
1445 Woodcrest Ln	\$194,000
FARMINGTON	
33247 Cloverdale Ave	\$124,000
23194 Floral St	\$60,000
23036 Frederick Ave	\$87,000
34036 Glenview Dr	\$120,000
32000 Grand River Ave	\$22,000
25911 Power Rd	\$81,000
22511 Violet St	\$62,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22734 Ashley St	\$91,000
36083 Castlemeadow Dr	\$255,000
32240 Craftsbury Rd	\$155,000
31710 Dohany Dr	\$157,000
32383 Farmersville Rd	\$100,000
38074 Halsted Road	\$464,000
29316 Laurel Rd	\$64,000
32000 Rocky Crst	\$182,000
32475 Scottsdale	\$420,000
30752 Tanglewood Trl	\$194,000
29482 Valley Bnd	\$200,000
30515 W 14 Mile Rd # 29	\$21,000
22159 W Brandon St	\$58,000

27231 Winterset Cir	\$250,000
FRANKLIN	
17023 Marguerite St	\$189,000
MILFORD	
400 Burns Rd	\$180,000
1488 Hunters Lake Dr	\$500,000
734 S Millford Rd	\$65,000
2601 W Buno Rd	\$330,000
NOVI	
24252 Bashian Dr	\$60,000
22646 Bertram Dr	\$335,000
22843 Brookforest	\$155,000
42038 Cherry Hill Rd	\$216,000
22619 Chestnut Tree	\$180,000
39450 Country Ln	\$70,000
22626 Deerfield Rd	\$180,000
1259 E Lake Dr	\$30,000
41588 Hamlet Ln	\$120,000
26000 Island Lake Dr	\$425,000
42878 Ledgeway Dr	\$261,000
26285 Mandalay Cir	\$115,000
27891 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27893 Middleton Dr	\$154,000
27895 Middleton Dr	\$148,000
27897 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
27991 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
23503 N Rockledge	\$25,000
25584 Portico Ln	\$97,000
30971 Tanglewood Dr	\$149,000
23409 Whitehall Dr	\$450,000
42599 Whitman Way	\$234,000
28255 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

28334 Wolcott Dr	\$160,000
SOUTH LYON	
777 Heights Ct	\$158,000
59894 Mulberry Ln	\$38,000
912 Oak Creek Dr	\$190,000
23676 Prescott Ln W	\$410,000
23422 Sawgrass Ct S # 6	\$300,000
358 Stanford Ave	\$135,000
52690 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
52690 Trailwood Dr	\$83,000
388 Winchester St	\$124,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18660 Autumn Ln	\$129,000
27705 Berkshire Dr	\$70,000
15977 George Washington Dr	\$103,000
30515 Old Stream	\$125,000
30265 Spring River Dr	\$135,000
19305 Starlane St	\$82,000
29131 Stellamar Dr	\$110,000
15649 Stone Crossing Dr	\$33,000
16905 W 12 Mile Rd	\$30,000
16145 W 13 Mile Rd	\$55,000
WHITE LAKE	
8821 Arlington St	\$50,000
130 Huronview Ct	\$150,000
2228 Kingston St	\$242,000
11409 Lakehaven Dr	\$164,000
8112 Springdale Dr	\$75,000
411 Woodledge Ln	\$220,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New face

Carlina (Carol) Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, has announced that top-producing Realtor Delilah Milne has moved her business to the Farmington Hills office. Milne, who was previously affiliated with a local real estate brokerage, made the transition to a RE/MAX brokerage to access the educational programs, and for the benefits of working with the largest RE/MAX brokerage in Southeastern Michigan — RE/MAX Classic.



Delilah Milne

"RE/MAX is not only synonymous with real estate, but at RE/MAX Classic we are provided marketing assistance to grow our business and resources for technology," said Milne. With over 10 years of experience in the real estate

industry, she specializes in residential and condominium sales, luxury homes and buyer representation. "Delilah came to RE/MAX Classic this year and from the moment I met her she has been professional, educated, ethical, and caring about the clients she works for. Delilah is a full-time Realtor and makes sure she knows the real estate market for her clients," said Boji. "We are happy to have her

join our elite group of Realtors at RE/MAX Classic. Her knowledge and integrity are a perfect fit."

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Investors

Learn from Jerry Norton "How To Rehab and Flip Properties for Profit." Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

Real Estate Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA

• Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present the Real Estate Continuing Education Course on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present an update on real estate law and practices as required for six hours of state-mandated Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration is \$80 per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

AAM

• Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor Leasing 101, a seminar for apartment leasing professionals, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. The entire leasing process will be covered with emphasis on these topics: outsmarting the competition; closing starts at the beginning; being the best people and product; building trust; know your non-verbal communication.

Registration fees are \$75 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$95 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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- 5 Amorous murmur
- 8 Sports channel
- 12 Himalayan sighting
- 13 Time div.
- 14 Franc successor
- 15 Indigo plant
- 16 Creamy pastry
- 18 Questioned
- 20 Hwys.
- 21 Tended a squeaky hinge
- 23 Alphabet ender
- 26 NE state
- 29 Half-shell items
- 31 Quote from
- 32 Home-heating fuel
- 33 Dinghy's need
- 34 Mended
- 36 Torment and Blanc
- 37 Pooh's pal
- 38 Follow

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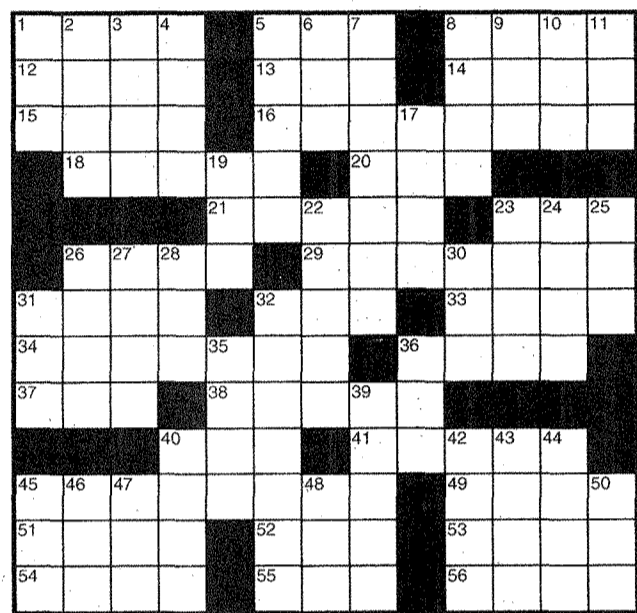
- 40 At the stern
- 41 Picasso's first name
- 45 Chamber music ensembles
- 49 Warn loudly
- 51 Part of BTU
- 52 Vane dir.
- 53 Unlikely story
- 54 Whirlpool
- 55 Tolerate
- 56 Epochs
- 1 Win — nose
- 2 Al Capp's "Hyena"
- 3 Elevator pioneer
- 4 Defraud
- 5 Ms. Lauper
- 6 A feast — famine
- 7 Fish hawks
- 8 Underwater shockers
- 9 "Croc" Dundee's girl

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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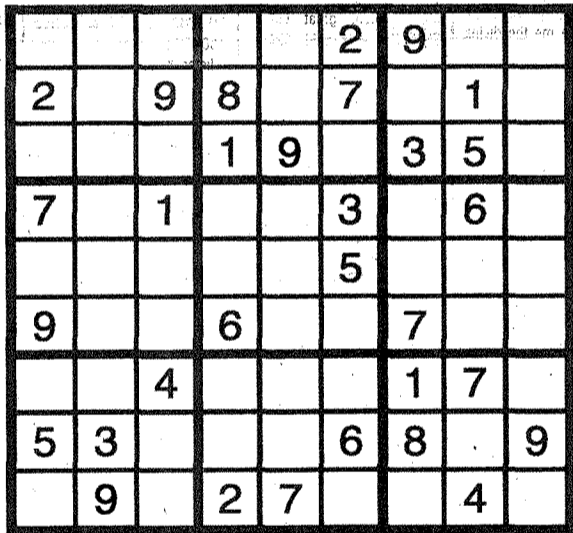
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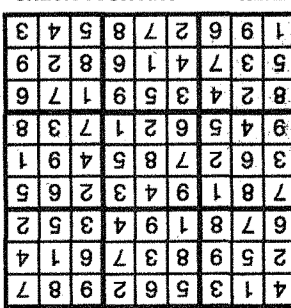
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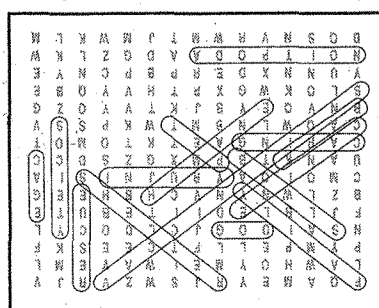
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