



Cash for Candy: Farmington Hills orthodontist Thomas Jusino will offer his patients \$2 per pound of Halloween candy. He'll match the cash contribution and donate the proceeds to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The candy itself will go to the Goodfellows for distribution to kids.

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Brace yourself

Hallowe'en swap saves teeth

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Halloween candy can be scary for teeth, if you wear braces. So a Farmington Hills orthodontist is offering to buy back the candy his trick-or-treating patients collect.

Dr. Thomas Jusino will then match the amount he pays out for candy as a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"When we pay our patients for their Halloween candy, we help them avoid the potential for harming their braces or teeth," he said. "It's a fun way to reward the kids for their efforts on Halloween."

The donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be in memory of client Shannon Rice, 22, who died in September. Rice's younger sister Tania, 16, also died from muscular dystrophy. The sisters were from Royal

Oak. The collected candy will be donated to the Goodfellows. Jusino plans to pay patients \$2 for each pound of Halloween candy.

Melanie Stalker, who handles marketing for the office, said Jusino has more than 600 patients. Will kids really surrender their collected candy?

"I think a lot of them are going to be willing," Stalker said. Office staff plan to mail clients fliers about the buy-back.

The candy buy-back is restricted to Jusino's patients. "We don't want this to explode too big," Stalker said.

Some Halloween candy and treats are OK to have while wearing braces, Stalker said - plain milk chocolate, thin potato chips, and cheese puffs.

"What is bad is caramel or nuts, or any real hard candy, or anything really chewy," she said.

Jusino urges parents of kids who wear braces to check out their Halloween candy and remove potential braces-busters.

Jusino said he hopes his candy buy-back program will cut down on orthodontic emergencies and help his patients enjoy the holiday.

The office will accept patients' Halloween candy at a weigh-in from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 3 at the practice at 30330 W. 12 Mile Road.

"We'll also have a prize for the best costume, and cider and donuts for everyone," Stalker said.

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thing full circle.

Horvath's worked at archaeological sites both in Michigan and in the western United States. She earned her bachelor's degree in archaeology and sociology from Oakland University and a master's degree in museum study from the University of Oklahoma.

As director, she will lead the acquisition of collections, set up informative exhibits and preserve collections with emphasis on the time period of 1867-1911, a Victorian period.

She's considering inviting the professionals she's worked with to lecture at the mansion. Those lectures could be held in the barn, which is located west of the house on Grand River.

Horvath's not sure when the barn was built, but said sometimes people built their barns first to protect their animals. In

a farming community those animals represented their livelihood, she said.

There's evidence that the Warriors kept at least a cow, she said.

Horvath doesn't want to leave any stone unturned and won't overlook another area if it can be located - the outhouse. It was called a "privy hole" years ago.

Because people typically threw things they didn't want into that pit, that may yield yet additional information, she said.

"If you think about your ancestors, they had to be pretty tough to survive," Horvath said.

A visit to the mansion reveals a past depicted in even the smallest practices of the time, like calling cards left on a tray in the front hallway when visitors arrived. A different message was relayed depending on which corner of the card was turned up

and down.

"They had a whole message system through cardboard cards," Horvath said.

Though Horvath will reduce the number of hours she spends as a professional, unpaid volunteer at the Cranbrook Institute of Science where she volunteered for 16 years, she hopes to bring both her professional contacts and acquaintances to potential programs and lecture series at the mansion.

Horvath hopes to initiate classes and programs for school children, which will be held in the basement of the mansion after the first of the year. The basement once held a coal bin and possibly a root cellar and was used for storage, she said.

A native of west Detroit, Horvath and her husband, Jack, live in Farmington Hills.

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and enthusiasm to state government," she said.

An investment consultant and financial planner with LPL Financial Services, Barnett earned her MBA from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She wasted no time addressing issues that face those communities.

"Declining state revenue sharing and educational foundation grants are putting tremendous pressure on their ability to continue to encourage redevelopment, provide quality public safety and other services and maintain excellent schools," Barnett said.

Two years ago, she helped mobilize local officials across the state to step a bill that would greatly limit the rights of local municipalities to govern. "This was the most far-reaching attempt to eliminate local authority I had ever seen," Bar-

nett said, adding efforts to defeat the legislation were successful.

Late last week, State Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, threw her support behind Barnett.

"Vicki's guidance on key issues and her ability to listen set her apart from the pack," Quarles said. "Her depth of knowledge on so many issues, including education, senior health care, redevelopment, public transportation, infrastructure repair and telecommunications, as well as her ability to reach across political party lines will give the new 14th District the strong leadership it deserves."

Barnett serves as vice-chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Community and Economic Development Advisory Council. She is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the

Michigan Municipal League and a member of the National League of Cities' Information, Technology and Communications Steering Committee.

Barnett said she has lived her entire life in the communities that make up the 14th District - having been born in Oak Park, moved to Franklin in 1969 and graduated from Birmingham Groves High School in 1972.

She and her husband, Mark Steckloff, live in Farmington Hills with their children Samantha, 17, and Jordan, 16.

Farmington Hills is the largest city in the new 14th, which includes Farmington, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Southfield Township, Franklin, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms.

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