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Crackdown: Police go after red light abusers

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Stop! Don't ever run a red light, but the risk of being ticketed in Westland is greater in July. Westland police will step up enforcement efforts this month for traffic-light violations at major city intersections.

"It's intended to help control the intersections and cut down on accidents," said police Sgt. Ron Kroll, who is in charge of the police department's traffic bureau. Extra police officers will be assigned to intersections with help from federal dollars funneled through the state Office of Highway Safety and Planning, Kroll said.

It's an effort similar to other safety measures, such as the Click It or Ticket seat-belt enforcement program. Officers will crack down on red-light violators 2-6 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Sunday, July 22, at Ford and Wayne.
- Monday, July 23, at Ford and Newburgh.
- Tuesday, July 24, at Middlebelt and Warren.

- Wednesday, July 25, at Wayne and Warren.
- Thursday, July 26, at Cherry Hill and Newburgh.
- Friday, July 27, at Ford and Wayne.
- Saturday, July 28, at Ford and Newburgh.

During those times and locations, six extra police officers will be assigned to watch the intersections, Kroll said.



Firefighters talk to the MEDFLIGHT medical and flight crews and look inside the helicopter that landed in the Bailey Recreation Center parking lot.

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Pickering stresses his experience as mayor, on council



Pickering

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three candidate profiles and questionnaires for the three mayoral candidates in the Aug. 7 primary. The top two vote-getters will advance to the Nov. 6 election.

Charles Pickering, 64, is a real estate associate broker. He is single with two adult children and five grandchildren. He received a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration and had two years of additional studies at Wayne State University. He worked as supervisor and assistant director of the city's parks and recreation department before serving as mayor in 1982-85. Pickering is a longtime Westland City Council member and is currently the president. He also has been involved in such orga-

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Mall gets magical for book release

Grab your pillows and sleeping bags and head to Westland Shopping Center where Harry Potter fans can while away the hours Friday evening with a magical mall movie premiere.

The event is in advance of the release of the final J.K. Rowling book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

The movie, the first Harry Potter film, will be shown at 9:30 p.m. and end in time for those with book reservations at Borders Express to get their copies. The movie is free of charge. Teens under age 18, however, must be accompanied by an adult.

"People can gather as early as they want, around 8-8:30," said Denise Mills, the mall's marketing manager. "Sears is providing the big screen TV and sound system and the mall is providing the free popcorn."

Mrs. Field's Cookies also will have cookie bags for sale at \$2 each and the Pretzel Peddler will be open in the East Court as well, she added.

Mills isn't certain how many people will show up for the movie. Borders Express has

been taken book reservations for five months, and Mills believes that the store has some 700 Harry Potter books on order.

"I'm hoping for a good turnout, but how many come, I'm not sure," Mills said. "The predictions are people will get their books, walk out the door and start reading it."

For those who can't get enough of Harry Potter, Rowling will make an Open Book Tour in the U.S. in October. She'll make stops in Los Angeles, New Orleans and New York City to meet with school children and will host a second event in New York City for 1,000 Harry Potter fans, who will be selected through a sweepstakes, sponsored by publisher Scholastic Books on its Web site at www.scholastic-books.com. The sweepstakes starts July 30. Until then, fans can enjoy the very special movie night at Westland Shopping Center, located at the corner of Warren and Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 421-0291.

By Sue Mason

In case of an emergency

MEDFLIGHT visit updates firefighters on services

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The sounds of summer around the Bailey Recreation Center were interrupted with the whoop, whoop, whoop of a medical helicopter landing in the east parking lot of the Bailey Recreation Center.

Watching and waiting outside the landing zone were Westland firefighters.

There was no accident scene, no patient in need of transport to a trauma center. The Midwest MEDFLIGHT helicopter was at the civic center complex to familiarize the firefighters with the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-based helicopter service.

"We were working with MEDFLIGHT to understand what it takes to get them here, if we need them, and quickly transport a patient," said Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal. "We're going over how to get a patient packaged for transport."

Neal decided to have a face-to-face with MEDFLIGHT personnel following an accident in Hines Park. The University Hospital survival flight wasn't available, so firefighters called in MEDFLIGHT. That contact led

fire officials to decide that the service should be the first called.

On average, Westland firefighters call for a medical helicopter two-three times a year, but MEDFLIGHT paramedic Andrew King told firefighters not to hesitate to call out the helicopter.

"Call us, get us rolling, we can be there six-seven minutes from time of activation," said King. "Just because you request us for the scene of an accident doesn't mean we have to land at the accident. We don't charge for stand by, but it gets us in the air."

MEDFLIGHT did three presentations earlier this week for the department's respective shifts. It included bringing in the helicopter for firefighters to look over and providing information on everything from the size of the landing zone and how to mark it to the medical supplies the helicopter carries.

While MEDFLIGHT flies out of St. Joseph Mercy, the helicopter can transport to the metropolitan area's four trauma centers — University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, St. Joe's in Ypsilanti, Henry Ford in Detroit and

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The MEDFLIGHT helicopter prepares to land in the Bailey Recreation Center parking lot.

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Convergence

Durante: Recycling, new programs on list

Goci: City services are his top priority

Sam Durante is making his second bid for elective office. He ran against Richard LeBlanc in the 18th District House race in 2006.

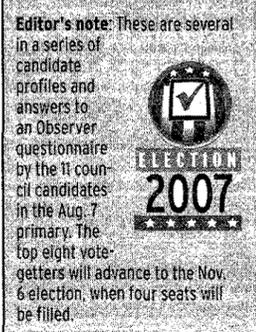
He is a graduate of Fordson High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He also graduated from a California business school and opened his own restaurant.

He has worked for ServiceMaster/Terminix since 1990 and currently is manager of Terminix's trapmaster department. Married, he has three children and six grandchildren. He has been involved with the Westland Summer Festival Committee and Save the Rouge. He also has been a hunter safety instructor, helped with the Jerry Lewis MDA telethon and played Santa Claus for the Head Start program.

Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?

A: (1) Any budget surplus should earn interest or dividends in a "safe" manner — nothing risky, but something more than the usual savings account interest. For the most part, these funds should be considered "rainy day" funds. (2) Management, of course, should always keep tight reign on workers' hours. (3) No credit. Don't spend money we don't have.

Q: What can be done to attract



Editor's note: These are several in a series of candidate profiles and answers to an Observer questionnaire by the 11 council candidates in the Aug. 7 primary. The top eight vote-getters will advance to the Nov. 6 election, when four seats will be filled.

more homebuyers and businesses to Westland considering Michigan's economic climate?
A: (1) Encourage developers to build more mid-sized housing which is more affordable to buy, maintain and pay the taxes. (2) Encourage the owners of vacant buildings to put more attractive new "faces" on the buildings, if needed. (3) Divide unusually large vacant buildings into smaller areas for smaller businesses.

Q: Cite three top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council:

A: (1) Programs for children. (2) Tax breaks for seniors. (3) Curbside recycling.

Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four seats at stake in this year's election?

A: I would be a full-time councilman as I am retiring quite soon. Once I'm involved in a project, I will stay on track until completion. I am always available at (800) 527-3817.

John Goci, 37, is a write-in candidate for Westland City Council. He is president of Barden Entertainment and owner of U.S. 12 American Bar & Grill in Wayne.

He is married and has four children. He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and attended some classes at Henry Ford Community College and Schoolcraft College.

Goci started a foundation in honor of his late brother, Skender Gocaj, a Westland police officer, by working with Kosovo police force to give out a yearly award.

Goci also organized and built a community computer lab at St. Paul Catholic Church. He has held fund-raisers at his bar to help local people in need.



Goci

Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?

A: My top priority is to protect, maintain and even improve city services by working with the City Council and the mayor's office. A balanced budget is the only way to insure no reduction in city services. If the city continues to surplus tax revenue, then we should consider tax relief for individuals and small business owners to ensure that Westland is an economic leader and provides a favorable business environment, which will in turn create more jobs in the city.

Q: What can be done to attract more homebuyers and businesses to Westland considering Michigan's economic climate?

A: Westland is a great city. A

great city to raise your family, educate your children, and Westland maintains some of the best recreational facilities in the state. I want to make sure that the people who are in the market for a new home are aware of the benefits to owning a home here.

I feel the best way to inform potential homebuyers is through real estate brokers and agents.

As far as attracting businesses, I would look into businesses that are not located in the city and try to offer tax breaks, if they locate here.

Q: Cite three top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council:

A: Central City Park is my top priority. We need to create a sense of urgency with Wayne County and the state to clean it up and even reach out to our federal government for assistance.

I would like to form a task force with the Westland Chamber of Commerce to see if we can set up tax breaks to attract business for the empty box stores located in our main shopping district.

Lastly, I would like to set up a recycling program for our community. I think we owe it to our children and the planet.

Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four seats at stake in this year's election?

A: First, I applaud anyone who wants to serve their community, including those I'm running against. I want the voters to know that I am in this to serve the citizens of Westland. The community that has clothed me, educated me and made me what I am. As your elected voice, I will work hard to serve you and address governmental issues important to the people of Westland.

Godbout: Promote city to business, families

James Godbout, 52, is an account manager for Rockwell Automation. He is a Westland City Council incumbent. He is married and has one son. Godbout received his bachelor's

degree in business administration from Lawrence Technological University. He has received education and leadership awards from the Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials

Academy. He has been involved in such organizations as Nankin Transit Commission (vice chair), Westland Recycling Committee, Westland Technology Committee, Westland Community Foundation board member, Westland Festival Committee, Westland Condominium Directors Organization (president), Westland Host Lions Club, Democratic precinct delegate, Cub Scout Park 786



Godbout

committee chairman, and Wayne-Westland Family YMCA board member.

Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?

A: I will continue to work with the administration and directors in looking for ways to lower departmental costs. Since serving on the council, this cooperation has taken the city's fund balance from \$200,000 to slightly more than \$2 million. Our investment in technology has resulted in improved services at lower costs.

Q: What can be done to attract more homebuyers and businesses to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?

A: Westland has great diversity in housing that

makes it attractive to a variety of homebuyers, everything from starter to \$300,000/\$400,000 homes, and condominiums that attract Gen-X and seniors.

Providing Realtors with information promoting Westland's great retail and dining options, good school districts, and our parks and recreational options would help them show their prospective buyers the advantages of living in Westland.

Q: Cite three of the top priorities that you believe should be addressed by the City Council.

A: Reopening of Central City Park. Implementing a curbside recycling program. Develop a plan for maintaining/updating our aging infrastructure and facilities.

Q: Why should voters choose you over other candidates to fill one of four council seats at stake in this year's election?

A: Since being elected to the Westland City Council in 2000, I have demonstrated my ability to work with my colleagues, three mayors, and their administrations to move Westland forward in a positive direction. Some accomplishments include:

- Increased fund surplus from \$200,000 to more than \$2 million despite cuts in state funding.
- Removed Westland from an overly expensive incinerator contract.
- Adopted a blight control ordinance to eliminate neglected and dangerous buildings.
- Implemented technology committee and drove improved efficiencies.

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Kreshnik Pjeshkazini watches as his 2-year-old son Mikel tries out the pilot's seat of the MEDFLIGHT helicopter.

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MEDFLIGHT

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Beaumont in Royal Oak.

"We're two-three times faster than ground transport, we travel at 150 miles per hour," said King. "We can bypass the orange barrels, we can bypass the traffic. Within five minutes we can have a patient to one of those trauma centers."

"The other day we made it from St. Mary's (in Livonia) to Beaumont in 4 1/2 minutes."

The MEDFLIGHT helicopter has a crew of three - the pilot, a paramedic and a nurse.

King is one of four full time. MEDFLIGHT also employs a part-time paramedic as well as four full-time and five part-time nurses.

King, who worked for the Huron

Valley Ambulance Service before joining MEDFLIGHT last year, stressed the knowledge of the area flight crews have.

"The good news is that most of us know the area," he said. "I grew up in Canton and I'm pretty familiar with the area."

The MEDFLIGHT helicopter also attracted the attention of Kreshnik Pjeshkazini and his 2-year-old son Mikel who came over from nearby Tattam Park to join the firefighters in peering inside the twin-engine helicopter.

"We saw it and had to come and look," Pjeshkazini said.

That interest is good news to Neal.

"The more comfortable we become in using the service, the better off our residents will be," said Neal. "Even though we're not close to a trauma hospital, with this we can bring that hospital to residents."

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PICKERING

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nizations as Westland Jaycees, Goodfellows and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Q: Why are you the best mayoral candidate to lead the city of Westland forward?

A: Experience is everything! On June 4, while adopting the city budget, I proposed to reduce taxes to our taxpayers by over \$800,000. The current interim mayor did not support reducing your taxes. During this time when the government is raising our taxes, our gasoline and utility costs are skyrocketing out of control, and our residents' incomes are stagnant, it is more important now than ever that the voters elect a mayor with proven experience and one who will work to decrease their taxes. My 35 years in Westland's government makes me the most qualified for mayor.

Q: Describe your style of leadership.

A: I am a strong believer in teamwork and consensus building. As a leader, I will want all my staff to feel that they can participate in high level decision-making. Each director and staff members have very specific

responsibilities within their department or division. I expect them to lead the same way with their employees. I also believe that all members of my administration must know and understand their jobs and take responsibility for their decisions. They must also work with and support each other. I will work with the council in the same way.

Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services?

A: When I took office as mayor in 1982, I inherited a deficit, yet I ended my term with a \$1,650,000 surplus. Over the 16 years that I have been on the City Council, we have always adopted and maintained a balanced budget. We currently have over a \$2 million fund balance. In spite of the hard economic times the state has faced these past few years, and with the loss of millions of dollars in state revenue sharing, we have been able to protect our city services and maintain our workforce. I have the experience to protect our city services.

Q: What can be done to attract more homebuyers and businesses to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?

A: I have been a Realtor for over 20 years and owned my own real estate business for many years. I have lived in Westland and have been in Westland's government for over 35 years. I have always promoted the positive attributes of the Westland community, its schools and Westland's government. In spite of Michigan's economic crisis, Westland homeowners are still able to sell their homes to new residents. Many of our sellers buy new homes in Westland. I will continue to market Westland as the place for new businesses by being directly involved with my economic development staff.

Q: Cite three issues that would be top priorities of your administration?

A: 1) Continue to look for ways to reduce the tax burden of our citizens. I will work to have our homeowners' assessments reflect the most current market value of their homes.

2) I will make sure that the county-owned Central City Park is made safe at the expense of the county, not the city. Whatever we lose in use of the park must be replaced by the county.

3) I am a supporter of recycling. The five cities of our sanitation authority need to work together to develop a program.

AROUND WESTLAND

3-on-3 hoops

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will hold its first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimination basketball tournament 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

The divisions are co-ed and include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14). The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

For more information, call Capt. Matt O'Neil at (734) 722-3660.

Bible school

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold its vacation Bible school, "Sonforce Kids," 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The program is for children ages 4-14 and is free of charge. Lunch will follow the program. For more information, or to regis-

ter, call (734) 721-5023.

50th Anniversary

In honor of its 50th anniversary, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital have an ice cream social and a series of free health and wellness screenings 4-6 p.m., Thursday, July 26.

The celebration will take place on the front lawn of OAH at 33155 Annapolis, west of Venoy in Wayne. Participants will have an opportunity to take part in such activities as face painting, a meet-and-greet with Boo Boo the Clown and a wheelchair decorating contest and race. Health and wellness screenings will include blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol checks.

More information on Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is available online at www.oakwood.org.

Road closing

Glenwood between Wayne and Newburgh will be closed beginning Sunday, July 22, due to CSX railroad repairs. The project is expected to be completed by the evening of Friday, July 27.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, offers classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Kindergarten readiness class will meet afternoons, Monday to Friday. Potty training not required. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Health class

Dr. Carol A. Fischer will present a free health class at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Take a natural approach to a healthier, new you. Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why eating the correct fat will not make you fat. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Real Estate Expo

Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show "Designed to Sell" will be featured at a the Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on the lower level of the Center Court at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Nayak will share information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents and many more, on everything there is to know about buying and selling a home to get the most for your money. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or visit the shopping center's Web site at www.shopfairlane.com.

Hospice help sought

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Volunteers needed

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit www.gsdfmd.org.

Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

Suburban GOP Women's Club

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

MOMS club

MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

Vietnam Vets

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Ann Arbor in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Veno in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

Hospital retirees

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Veno at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Radio Club

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

Garden City Lions

The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382.

Garden Club

The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della

Haydon at (734) 427-9410.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Purple Heart

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Veno. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness

Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Counterpoint

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.



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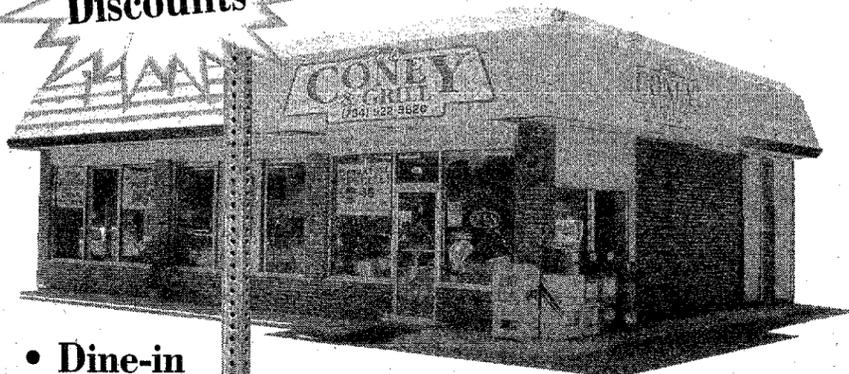
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Air Force speaker proud to serve country

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Tech. Sgt. Howard Watkins of the U.S. Air Force came to Westland Rotary last week to share his story of serving in Iraq. The 17-year military veteran was in Iraq as a convoy commander April-December 2006.

"I'm a member of the Why We Serve program," the Arkansas-born and southwest Missouri-raised Watkins said.

The U.S. defense secretary program includes recently deployed service personnel from all branches who speak at U.S. gatherings. Speakers discuss service in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa and "hopefully try to give them some of the information they're not getting from the regular media."

"I'm not here to persuade anybody," he said. Service personnel don't necessarily want to be overseas in danger zones, but want to do their jobs.

Watkins, 35, also spoke to a local American Legion gathering, and has found the reception positive.

"Everybody I've spoken with has been very supportive," he said. Another speaker arrived at a forum to learn for the first time he was to be the "pro-military" voice in a debate.

"I'm enjoying this quite a bit, getting to see parts of the United States," said Watkins, who's been married 16 years and has a son, 10, and daughter, 3. He was impressed with the Detroit area's natural beauty, which he didn't expect.

Watkins, now stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, talked about coming into the military as a truck driver, and within six months being in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

"I was able to get back home within a few months," he said of Operation Desert Storm.

On his recent deployment to Iraq, he was responsible for transporting equipment throughout Iraq.

"We had to transport everything from toilet paper to tanks," he said. The daytime temperatures were 135-140 degrees Fahrenheit, he added.

Watkins is grateful he didn't lose any of his people, four, however, were wounded by shrapnel. He noted Americans heard a lot about Abu Ghraib and other misconduct by U.S. troops, but less so about improvements to lives of Iraqis.

"We are making improvements and we're doing what we can," he said, citing providing clean water and power in Iraq.

Watkins recalled being at a medical clinic in Iraq where a local man was grateful his children were receiving care. The Iraqi man had lost his foot, Watkins recalled the man's pledge of support for the United States.

"I don't see it being fixed anytime soon," he said of the situation in Iraq, where he intends to serve again.

Watkins is buoyed by patriotism he sees at home.

"It'll make it that much easier when I do have to go

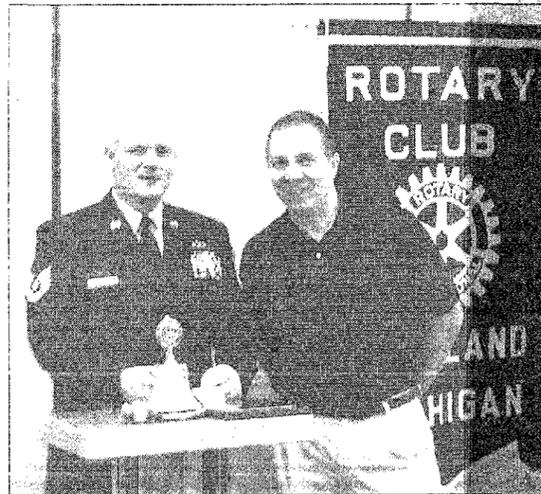
back," he said. "I love being in the military. I've had so many doors opened up to me."

He cited earning two associate's and a bachelor's degree, and worldwide travel.

"You know when you're home," Watkins said. "It strengthens you to go back and do what you have to do."

Rotarian Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor who arranged the visit, thanked Watkins and others for their military service.

"It's a very valuable and precious commodity," the Vietnam veteran said of freedom. "Sometimes we take it for granted."



Tech. Sgt. Howard Watkins of the U.S. Air Force is thanked for speaking by Lou Toarmina, Westland Rotary president.

National Honor Roll recognizes students

Recently named to the National Honor Roll, which recognizes high school and middle school students who have achieved exceptional academic success, were:

John Glenn High School - Victoria Awosika, Tim Boes, April Borda, Stephanie Brennan, Sarah Collins, James Compton, Kelly Dodson, Ian Eldred, Hina Gandhi, Santiago Garcia, Jake Gates, Sarah Judeh, Nikhil Kalothia, Jaguir Kaur, Monika Lubas, Areanna Lockett, Misha Martinez, September McCoy, Asra Najam, Jase Paciocco, Sergio Pavan, Danielle Peel, Carly Pitrigo, Antonia Reakoff, Tabatha-anne Roberts, Asif Sheikh, Laura Stark, Sarah Stark and Brisida Triepshi.

Wayne Memorial High School - Amirul Amirudin of Westland, Ryan Bird, Ashley Elliott, Joshua Riggs, Brandie Jones, April Kersey, Taylor Krohn, Cory Mullins, Leonard Mungo, Cecily Sparks and Lauren Weinhau.

William D. Ford Career Technical Center - Gabrielle Borden, Linette Cuevas and Michelle Stroyan.

Garden City High School - Destinee Bulla, Danielle Campbell, Jose Castillo IV, Colleen Crongeyer, Rebecca Childs, Kelly Collins, Moises Cruz, Kara Frizzell, Judy Hodges, Daniel Holmes, Kimberly Klieber, David Kogelman, Nicole Kogowski, Alyse Madej, Steve Mays, John McNairy, Brian Msniewski, Michael Nawrocki, Katie New, Jessica Pezzopane, Amanda Quartz, Nicole Renaud, Andrew Rembisz, Ashlie Rice, Hazen Ripple, Jamie Ryckman, Katie Sears, Alexandria Shingleton, Stefanie Shrum, Kyle Smith, James Sneed, Ashley Somerville, Chelsie Sparks and Christen Stradtner.

Livonia Franklin High School - Justin Adams, Leo Brown, Eric Cruickshank, Nicole Dennis, Issa Elkildani, Nick Fenner, T.J. Flores, Niklas Gherardini, Jessica Hinman, Jessica Jajko, Stephanie McGivray, Melissa Misiolek, Samantha Nesbitt, Chad Perkins, John Pisaneschi, Joseph Popek.

Livonia Churchill High School - Silvia Capra of Westland.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School - Marrison Stalker.

Divine Child High School - Andrew Rembisz of Garden City, Ashlie Rice of Garden City, Aislinne Strasser of Westland and Antoinette Tingzon-Liwag of Westland.

Dearborn High School - Arthur Danlin of Garden City.

Harry S. Truman High School - Amy Johnson of Westland.

Cass Technical High School - Jamila Secord of Westland.

Robichaud High School - Crystal Townsend of Westland.



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Literature's lessons: Club celebrates 75th year

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Ladies used to wear hats and high heels to a neighbor's home in Rosedale Gardens two evenings a month to discuss books, culture and world events over desserts and tea. Today, members of the Arts and Letters group are still active, contributing to charities and enjoying the company of other culturally minded women with Livonia roots.

Of course, things have changed since the club formed in January, 1932.

"We're not nearly as formal today. Most of us wear slacks and our New Balance shoes, and we're not afraid to sit on the floor," said Barbara Birmingham, a member of the group since 1968.

Arts and Letters celebrated its 75th anniversary with a picnic at Greenmead last month.

These days, the group meets monthly. Each member hosts the group or gives a program, usually a book review. Some members put on music programs. The group also attends plays.

For her next program, the group's president Betty Tripp will review a book she bought at a garage sale about women on the Great Lakes, who worked in lighthouses or on ships.

Other reviewed books include *Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan, *Pretty*

Birds by Scott Simon and *Not Without My Daughter* by Betty Mahmoody.

Although some are humorous and some are serious, the books provoke discussion.

"I would never miss a meeting because I like the exchange of ideas," said member George-Ann Golem, a former teacher in Livonia and Plymouth-Canton schools, who said she enjoys knowing women with such different backgrounds and hearing about their travels as well.

Members range in age from about 40 to 85.

When Arts and Letters formed, Livonia was rural and many women were stay-at-home moms watching children all day. For them, this was a night out to discuss literature and culture.

"During the Depression, they wanted to do something that would be uplifting and get them out of the house," Birmingham said.

The group formed in the Rosedale Gardens neighborhood, but has since expanded to include residents from all over Livonia. Some longtime members have moved to other communities.

Through the years, more than 100 women have been invited to be members. Fifty-year member Jean Champe of Canton and 48-year member Verna Lee Stewart of Northville were honored at the picnic. Ten have belonged for 25 or more years.



Arts and Letters members are (back row, from left) Barbara Zitzewitz, Emma Weyer, Cary Ormond, Dorothy McKinley, Alice McCloskey, Sue Daniel, Janet Taylor, Sarah Geiger; and (front row, left) Renetta Jacob, Betty Tripp, George-Ann Golem, Verna Lee Stewart, Barbara Birmingham, Norma Kumbier and Lydia Mayo.

Membership is limited to 20 so the group can continue its tradition of meeting in each other's homes.

Women must be invited to join. It's considered an honor.

"They send you a written invitation," Tripp said.

"In my heart of hearts, I wanted to be invited," Golem remembers.

Although they're a group of women of a certain age who

get a kick out of their time together, Livonia's Arts and Letters group can't be compared to the boisterous Red Hat Society, Birmingham said.

"What we do we enjoy doing, but it isn't just for fun," Birmingham said. "There's always the feeling that we learn something from the books."

In addition to stretching their minds, the women believe

in reaching out to others near and far. During the Depression, the group paid medical bills for a family in need. Soldiers in World War II received packages from home from Arts and Letters.

The women were the first to request in a 1953 letter to City Council that the library be established in Livonia.

In more recent years, money has been given to

support programs such as First Step, Seedlings, Heifer International, Angela Hospice, Livonia Symphony, Greenmead Historical Park and memorial books to Livonia's libraries.

Birmingham's sister, Sue Daniel, is also a member. So was their mother.

"For her, it was a very important meeting. That's a night that she never let anything get in the way," she said.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS CITY OF WESTLAND PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 7, 2007

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2007.

Eileen DeHart, Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, July 26, 2007, various items of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1038 - Karen Viers-Eshbaugh - 40 Boxes, Dryer, 4 Tires
3012 - Shannon Fields - 3 Bikes, 2 TV's, Drums
6068 - Jessica Thomas - Couch, TV, 10 Boxes
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Opening Day, Tuesday, Aug. 14, tickets are \$2. The price allows riders to ride all day!

The rest of the week fair-goers will pay \$12 per day.

There will be a lineup of entertainment every day at the fair. The Wayne County Fair offers free Parking; and with the Pay-One-Price-to-Ride wristband fair-goers have admission to the grandstand shows, rodeo, and the Figure 8 and Enduro Derbies, to name a few.

Fairgrounds are at the north I-94 Service Drive, Belleville Road Exit #190.

Claiming your elderly mom or dad as dependent

I recently met with a couple to discuss managing their portfolio. But before getting down to business the issue of an elderly parent was raised.

One parent's source of income is Social Security. They have very little in savings and no other retirement account. It's a situation that's happening more and more, where members of the baby-boom generation have to supplement their parents' income. People are living longer and the cost of living is going up.

In this particular situation, the three children decided they would each contribute a certain amount of money per month to help cover their mother's living expenses. My question was, 'Who's claiming mom as a dependent?' The answer was they were told that since no one person is pay-

ing half of mom's support, they did not qualify to claim her as a dependent.

Since more and more baby boomers have to financially assist their parents, it's important to review some of the rules with regard to claiming a parent as a dependent.

Two tests must be met in order to claim a parent as a dependent. The first is income. Typically, in order to claim someone as a dependent, they cannot have more than \$3,400 of income (not taking into consideration Social Security). Included, however, are distributions from a retirement account or a pension plan.

The second test is support. In order to claim someone as a dependent you must provide more than half of their support (includes housing, food and medical expenses). A parent does not have to live with you to claim them as a dependent. If the two tests are met, you are eligible to claim someone as a dependent on your tax return.

My clients believed that while mom met the income test, they did not provide half her support because her other children were contributing as well.

In order to claim someone as a dependent, you individually do not necessarily have to pay half the support. If multiple parties are involved, as long as those parties provide more than half the support, someone can claim the individual as a dependent.

In this situation, three adult children equally contributing were paying more than 10 percent of mom's support. In total they paid more than 50 percent so one of them is entitled to claim mom as a dependent.

In cases where multiple parties are supporting an individual and they are rotating who takes the dependency deduction, the IRS Form 2120 would be the form to be completed.

Is it worth filing an amended return? If you discover a mistake you made on your tax return which results in you

owing more money to the IRS, I recommend filing an amended return. The IRS is more forgiving on penalties when you voluntarily come forth.

On the other hand, if by filing an amended return the IRS is going to owe you money, my general rule is as long as you can document the change there should be no problem.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that when you file an amended return, it automatically means you will be audited. That's not the case. However, if you're only going to save \$100 to \$200, don't go through the hassle.

In the case of my clients, who would save more than \$1,000, it makes sense to file an amended return.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).



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Rick Bloom



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Camps are answer to 'there's nothing to do'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Parents, tired of hearing from their kids that there's nothing to do this summer, can find them something to do at summer camps being offered through the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Carrie Kelley will offer two weeks of her Kelley's Camp Monday-Friday, July 23-27 and July 30-Aug. 3. This is the second year for the camp that includes crafts, organized games, sports and afternoon swims in the outdoor pool.

"Kids are going to have a really good time," said program supervisor Margaret Martin. "Carrie did this last year and the kids had a blast."

A teacher by trade, Kelley used to do fun camp programs in several city parks. When the funding was eliminated, she took two years off and came back with Kelley's Camp.

"The kids stay active much of the day," the Canton resident said. "There's so much to do in and around the Bailey Center. There's so much to do."

Campers are divided into groups to work with an individual staff member. They include several teachers and "the best craft lady in all of Michigan," Kelley said.

"We're all fairly young and are full of energy," she added. "We still have the summer off, but take a few weeks to do the camp. It was very successful last year."

Staffers will take a group of kids and find out

what they want to do and do it, Kelley said, adding that "they stay active much of the day, we keep them busy."

The camp is for kids age 6-12 and costs \$100 per student per week, \$180 for both weeks. The cost includes the afternoon swim in the outdoor pool. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Campers should wear comfortable clothes, bring a bathing suit and towel as well as a sack lunch and snack Monday-Thursday. Friday will be a pizza party and field day.

Registration can be completed at the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

"We try to cater to the kids and they have fun because we do," Kelley added.

The recreation department also is offering a two-day Adventurer's Camp Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 6-7.

Each day, the campers will head out on a new adventure - the Detroit Science Center on Aug. 6, and Cranbrook's bat house and Cranbrook Museum on Aug. 7.

The Adventure Camp runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers can sign up for one or both of the adventures. Cost is \$35 per child per day or \$70 for both per child. Bring a sack lunch and a snack each day.

For more information or to sign up for the camps, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

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Businesses provide home care for seniors

In a recent story on home care for seniors we included a list of businesses offering that service. For those who missed it, here are those businesses.

Attendant Care Services of Michigan
16950 Nineteen Mile Road
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586-228-9991
www.attendantcareofmi.com

Home Health Outreach
1460 Walton

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Rochester Hills, Mi 48309
(248) 656-6870
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Livonia, Mi 48154
(734) 525-5300

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42690 Woodward
Suite 100
Bloomfield Hills, Mi 48304
(248) 655-9006

Tips help protect valuables, vehicles from theft

H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts) warns that warm weather in summer months can lead to carelessness among car owners, providing thieves with easy access to personal property and vehicles.

July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month and the Auto Theft Prevention Authority reports that August is the highest month for auto theft in Michigan.

"While the summer months mean vacations and cook-outs with family and friends, they also bring car thieves looking to steal exposed property and vehicles," said Terri Miller, director of H.E.A.T. "It is important that people keep their guard high by rolling up their windows, locking their doors and putting car tops up, even when running a quick errand."

"Michigan typically experiences the most auto thefts in

August, and nationally, the most auto thefts occur in July," added Col. Peter C. Munoz, director of the Michigan State Police. "It is important to practice auto theft prevention throughout the summer, whether at home or on vacation."

Tips on keeping your car and belongings safe during warm weather:

- Close windows tightly. Don't even leave them "cracked" and always lock your car when your vehicle is unattended.

- Keep all personal belongings, including iPods, cell phones and other valuables, out of sight.

- Close and lock convertible car tops.

- Protect your vehicle from being started by a thief by having a mechanic install a concealed kill-switch.

- Add a second layer of protection to your vehicle by using a

steering wheel locking device, a steering column protector or an alarm with a visible flasher.

- Consider etching your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) onto the glass surfaces of your vehicle.

VIN etching makes vehicles less attractive to thieves because all windows must be replaced before the car is tagged with a fake VIN for resale.

- Call H.E.A.T. If you know anything about auto theft, report it day or night to your local police department and H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip-reward line, (800) 242-HEAT or online at www.1800242HEAT.com.

Since its inception in 1985, H.E.A.T. tips have led to the recovery of more than \$43 million in stolen property and the arrests of nearly 3,000 suspects and paid more than \$2.9 million in tipster rewards.

Anyone with information on auto theft, carjacking, chop shops, auto theft-related identity theft and auto insurance fraud in Michigan is encouraged to call the H.E.A.T. which works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow up on tips.

Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000 if the tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud.

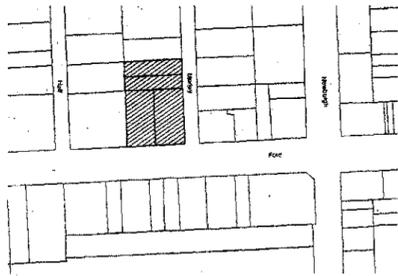
Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued, if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators. H.E.A.T. rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2143C - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Beaner's Gourmet Coffee Shop, Twin Oaks Plaza, 37644 Ford Road, Parcel #028-01-0023-001, -0024-001, -0025-001, and -0025-002, North Side of Ford Road, West of Morley Street, Rob Komyathy



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #2161 - Proposed Land Division, Parcels #058-05-0048-301 and -99-0010-003, West Side of Fischer, South Side of Cherry Hill Road, Judy Hammonds (Ronald Watkins)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday August 8, 2007.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 7, 2007

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Primary and Special Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: **Mayor - to fill an unexpired term, term ending January 1, 2010 (only the top two (2) vote getters will proceed to the General Election); Clerk - four (4) year term ending January 1, 2012 (only the top two vote getters will proceed to the General Election); Four (4) Candidates for Council (only the top eight (8) vote getters will proceed to the General Election); two (2) Councilmen to serve an unexpired term ending January 1, 2008 (only the top four (4) candidates will proceed to the General Election).** Any candidate running to fill an unexpired term of office will be considered running in the Special Election. Any candidate running to fill a regular term of office will be considered running in the Primary Election.

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on August 7, 2007, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1 & 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 & 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 & 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12 & 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
13 & 18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27	Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the August 7, 2007 Primary/Special Election on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2149C - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Tim Horton's Restaurant with Drive-Thru, Parcel #062-99-0008-703, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, John Hennessey (Joe Paluzzi)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

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KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

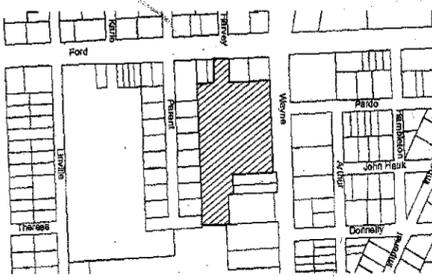
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2132F - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Gabriel's Cheesesteak Hoagies Restaurant, 1919 S. Wayne Road, Parcel #045-99-0004-001, South Side of Ford Road, West Side of Wayne Road, Westland Town Center, John Romano



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KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman
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ORDINANCE NO. 192-A-3-A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VI, SECTION, 22-132, BOCA INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE - AMENDMENTS

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-132, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 22-132. Same - Amendments

The BOCA International Property Maintenance Code, 1998 is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1. Insert: the City of Westland, Michigan

Section 203.6. Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in Section 46-1 of the Westland City Code.

Section 302.4. Insert: 8 inches.

Section 303.15. Insert: April 1 - December 1.

Section 602.3. Insert: October 1 - May 15.

Section 602.4. Insert: October 1 - May 15.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

Adopted: July 9, 2007
Effective: July 19, 2007
Published: July 19, 2007

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Nordstrom plans to hire 300 workers

Nordstrom Inc., one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, plans to hire 300 local employees for its Twelve Oaks store in Novi. Hiring sessions begin on Monday. The new store will open 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

"As we start the hiring process, we'll be looking for fun people who have a passion for fashion and who want to give great service to our customers," said Todd Buntin, Twelve Oaks store manager. "We're looking for employees who hopefully want to grow with our company. At Nordstrom, we have a strong promote-from-within philosophy, which means that as we grow there is a lot of opportunity for employees."

Positions are available in all areas of the store including sales in men's, women's, and children's apparel, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, as well as various support positions in alterations, housekeeping, Cafe Bistro and Ebar Coffee Bar. Visit careers.nordstrom.com.

Madonna, All-Saints receive Carter Award

Madonna University and the All Saints Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Centers Inc. - Partnership for Community Cohesion received the 2007 Carter Partnership Award.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration recognizes college/university and community groups that work together in exceptional ways to improve people's lives and help college students learn the value of community service in the process. The \$10,000 award will be divided equally by the partners to support their program.

In 1999, the All Saints Catholic Church assumed control of a recently-closed church building and turned it into a community center. Madonna University initially provided tables, chairs, desks, and soon followed with a host of service-learning activities such as literacy tutoring, health and wellness programming, summer program assistance, neighborhood surveys and asset-mapping, and a residential summer camp at Madonna for the Center's young people.

Partnership work outside of service-learning includes the provision of technical assistance by university representatives on the design of early



L-R: Sister Victoria Indyk, MU nursing assistant professor; Gov. Jennifer Granholm; Michael Turner, youth specialist, All Saints Neighborhood Center (ASNC); Dennis Nordmoe, ASNC executive director; Christine Bell, ASNC youth development director; Kevin West, MU director of service-learning; Amber Lee, MU student; Fonda Gnack, Michigan Campus Compact Americorps VISTA for MU; Don Tuski, Olivet College president; Mary Therese La Palm and Kristina Bilowus, MU students.

childhood and family-based programs which contributed in part to the renovation of the center to meet childcare codes, client tracking systems, and assistance in securing a grant for computer training.

"Each year Madonna has done more and more to support the children in one way

or another," said Dennis Nordmoe, executive director of All Saints Neighborhood Center. "The program gets better and better, thanks to all the students and the faculty who get involved." To prove his point, Nordmoe said there were two applicants for every opening for this year's Bridge Camp;

a residential summer camp at Madonna that provides children the experience of going to college, to help them see the possibilities for their futures.

"This award is recognition for nearly a decade of collaboration that has been mutually beneficial," said Kevin West, service learn-

ing director at Madonna University. "The All Saints Center has brought the neighborhood new life and hope, and our students and faculty have experienced the joy of helping others develop to their potential. It's that community service component of a Madonna education that sets our graduates apart."

The Partnership for Community Cohesion was among four finalists vying for this award. A selection panel, composed of representatives from community, higher education, business and government organizations selected the four finalists based on the combined merits of each program, giving careful consideration to how closely the program applicants matched the award criteria. This campus-community partnership was recognized June 20, 2007, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the annual Governor's Service Awards.

Madonna University's main campus is conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Classes also are offered at the Orchard Lake Center and the Downriver Center in Southgate.

For more information about Madonna University visit www.madonna.edu.

Celebrate the Mighty Mac!

This year, the Mackinac Bridge will turn 50 years old. Join *Michigan History* magazine in a tribute.

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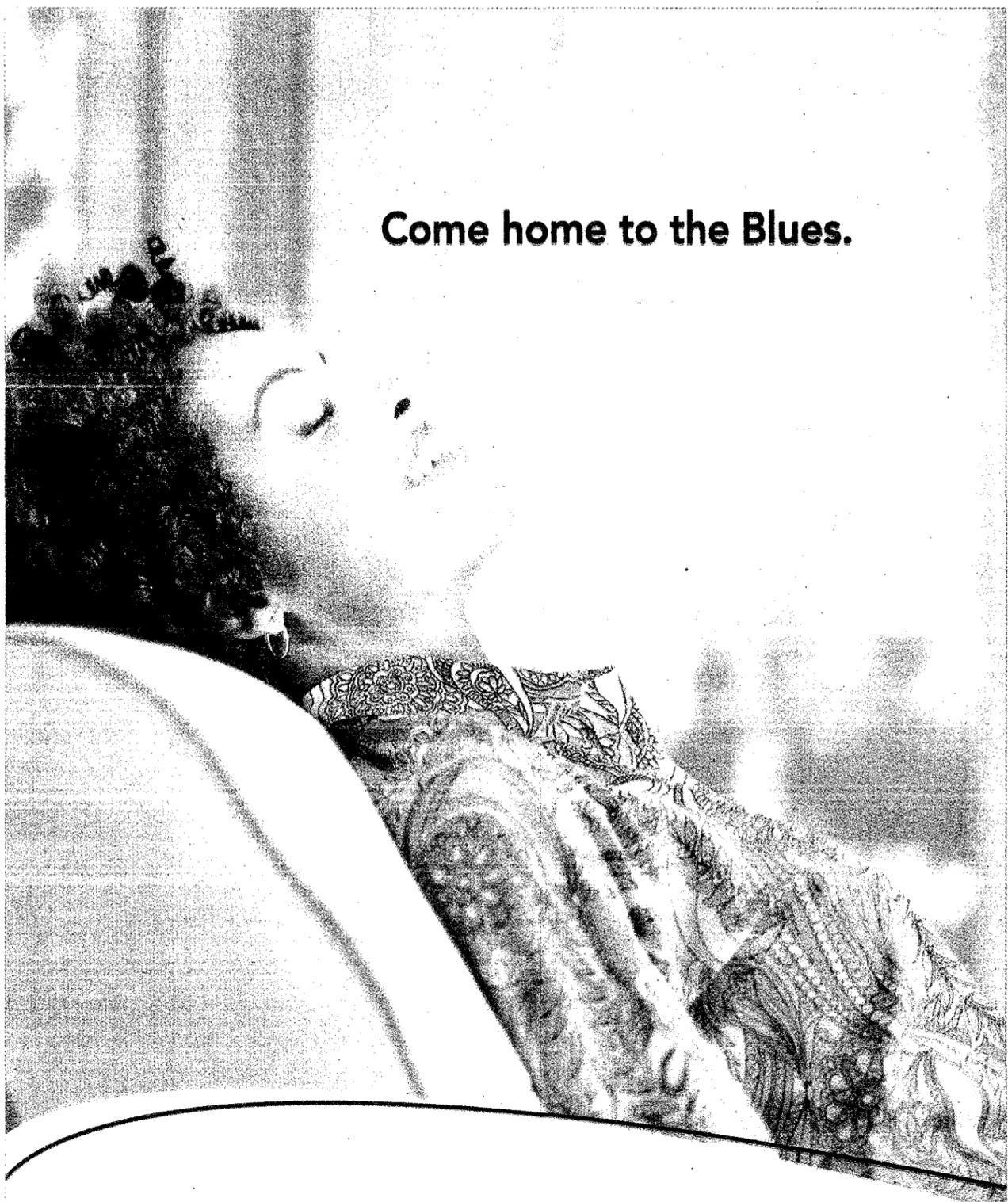
The Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place on July 27-28, 2007. Visit Bridge View Park in St. Ignace on July 28 to purchase your copy of the magazine in person. For more information, visit the Mackinac Bridge Authority's web site at www.mackinacbridge.org.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is selling commemorative posters of the Mighty Mac. Four unique designs showcase this symbol of our state. For more information on the posters visit www.michigan.gov/mdot or call (517) 322-1676.

You can register to win a trip to the top of the Mackinac Bridge. One person and a guest will win a certificate that allows them special access to one of the Mackinac Bridge towers, offering an experience and spectacular view from 552 feet above the Straits of Mackinac. The trip is being offered by the St. Ignace Area Visitors Bureau, the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Ignace Welcome Center.

Visitors are encouraged to cross the bridge and register to win the tower tour at: the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, 560 N. State Street; the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, 6 Spring Street; and the St. Ignace Welcome Center which is located off I-75 on the east side of the highway, just beyond the bridge toll booths. The last day to register is October 31, 2007. The drawing will be held Nov. 1, 2007, with the tower tour to be taken in 2008.

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OUR VIEWS

Satellite library is good for city

It's a ball that started rolling when, in an interview with the *Observer*, new Library Director Cheryl Napsha expressed a hope of starting outreach programs for residents of outlying neighborhoods.

Last month, Mayor William Wild quantified that hope, saying he is in support of a branch library at the Dorsey Community Center in the Norwayne subdivision. Now we have newly elected Library Board President Daniel Bourdeau listing a satellite branch there as one of his goals.

It's nice to see so many people speaking out in support of the idea. We say it's an idea whose day has come.

For 10 years, the library has been meeting the needs of residents who came to its facility, now it's time to meet the needs of those who can't make its Central City Parkway location.

Westland isn't a neat, compact community. The city's core services are concentrated in about a one-mile radius of the Ford-Wayne Road intersection. That's good for neighborhoods in the west and northern portions of the city, but not so good for residents in the southern area. A satellite office in Norwayne would bring the library closer to them.

In Norwayne, the closest thing to the library the past seven years has been the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Red Wagon Literacy Program. A library on wheels, the program has relied on volunteers and donations to provide books during the summer months to children living in the subdivision.

We're sure the program wouldn't be offended to have a branch library open up on its turf. Just imagine the delight of children being able to walk into the library and see shelves filled with books waiting to be read. Imagine the delight of being able to get a library card and check out books at the library branch.

We urge city and library officials to do more than just talk about a satellite library. We urge them to make it a reality. We know that it can't happen overnight, but we hope it happens sooner rather than later.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer

Summer is a time to kick back and take a break from school, work and other commitments.

Folks on fast-track schedules the rest of the year finally have time to travel and visit with far-flung family members and friends.

When at home, they make the most of summer's long days and warm weather by enjoying outdoor activities.

But summer takes a toll on charities. Not only are people busy with other interests, but the need for donations goes up.

Demand for blood peaks in the summer because travel and outdoor activity-related accidents increase. And food pantries scramble to provide peanut butter and jelly and other staples to families whose children get free or reduced-cost lunches during the school year.

This summer is no different. Blood donations at the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross have been critically low all summer. As of July 13, there were zero units of O negative and O positive blood types on the chapter's shelves when there should be a three-day supply of 369 units and 1,392 units respectively.

"For us to have none puts the whole community in jeopardy," said Bridget Tuohey, director of marketing, who added that all types of blood are needed.

At Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, donors are responding to pleas to raise \$250,000 this summer to help feed the 300,000 children in southeastern Michigan who are income-eligible for government-funded lunches. "But are we keeping pace? No way, the need is way bigger," said Gerry Brisson, vice president for development.

The state's ailing economy is adding to the client load of charities that provide emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities and prescriptions. In North Oakland County, Lighthouse of Clarkston and Oxford Orion FISH are seeing big jumps in their numbers from last spring and summer. At Oxford Orion FISH, an average of 72 more families a month are turning to the charity for assistance.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer. To schedule an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org. To donate to Gleaners, make a cash donation at www.gcfb.org or call Lisa Walker at (866) GLEANER, Ext 241. Or contact the local charity of your choice.



Undo health care mess

It is not too late to undo the mess we call health care here in the United States. We, the people must start a parade where others can join us in our efforts to do something proactive in making sweeping changes in what is one of the most important factors in our lives, our health care.

We must start by contacting our legislators and let them know in no uncertain terms if they wish to have our continued support in future elections they must pass legislation for reform.

We need to have a universal, single-payer health care system and we need it now. Too many people, young and old educated or not, employed and unemployed either have inadequate insurance coverage or no insurance at all.

I just watched the movie *Sicko*, and I can only state that it is a sad fact that I would be better off living in Cuba, not Canada, England or France where everyone is also covered by their government health system, but Cuba! I will not move in order to have the health care available, I advocate change to the "system" we have right here in the good old U.S.A.

Patricia Linna
Westland

Thanks, Michael Moore

Thanks for Michael Moore, a person who is willing to stand up to our so corrupt government and greedy big business. I am in my late 70s and part of my pensions has been eaten up by the exorbitant increase in insurances, along with the increases for Medicare taken from my wife's and my Social Security.

In my years I have never seen our government and politicians so unresponsive to the will of the people. It's about time we the people take back control of our country, even if we have to fire them all like in the private sector when you don't do your job you're fired. Don't let the door hit you in the a-- and you lose all your benefits.

Medicare for all.

Robert Arndt
Westland

Wrong about privatization

The woman who wrote the "Get less with Republicans" letter (July 5) needs to get her facts straight. Her letter implied that taxpayers don't get their money's worth when government services are privatized. She also suggested that it is Republicans alone trying to implement this turnover to private companies. Wrong!

Government leaders of both parties are recognizing the advantage in hiring private companies to perform city duties. Prime example, here in Redford trash pickup has been handled by a private company for years and everyone running the township is a Democrat! If privatization is more costly, why haven't they switched back to city employees picking up trash?

Also, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is having snow removal privatized after discovering the city was paying employees for snow removal year round! Did Mayor Kilpatrick become a

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Republican? I don't think so.

More governments are moving to privatization because of the bottom line. It saves taxpayers money! Government-run industries become bureaucratic, monopolistic and corrupt. A private firm is more accountable and their managers must be efficient. They must meet the needs of their customers "the public," if they are going to keep the contract. And since the contracts go out by competitive bid, companies are competing with each other. This results in lower prices and better service for the taxpayer.

The "Getting Less with Republicans" letter either shows a lack of knowledge or just raw partisanship. Either way, that hurts the citizens.

Jim McFerran
Redford

Who does he represent?

I just received my first letter from U.S. Rep. McCotter, R-Livonia, in which he attempts to explain his courageous vote against a budget bill because it will raise taxes.

"Attempts" is the key word, since McCotter makes no effort to explain what taxes the budget bill will impact. Will it primarily affect those making \$50,000 a year or those making \$250,000 a year? Those families struggling to put children through college, or those ultra-rich making thousands of dollars a year on stock transactions and capital gains? Will it be persons that benefited from the multi-trillion dollar tax cuts that were enacted in the early days of the Bush administration, or will it be recent college graduates struggling to pay off student loans?

I'm guessing McCotter's lack of detail means he doesn't want the average person in his district to know if and how the tax changes would affect them. I think McCotter underestimates the people in his district, we know taxes are a fact of life, we want them to be fairly assessed and tax dollars spent wisely. Unfortunately, that has not been the case in the last six years.

McCotter goes on to explain that the budget bill does not address the issue of Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). While that is true, and it does need to be addressed, he neglects to mention that the problem with the lack of inflation indexing in the AMT has been a known issue for the last five-six years, a time frame when our Congress was Republican controlled and neglected to act.

It is ironic that McCotter ends his letter saying, "I work for you." He must mean that we pay his salary and fringe benefits, since we do. He certainly can't mean that he votes our voice in Washington. We know McCotter has voted several times to deny federal funding for stem cell research, while opinion surveys consistently report 60-70 percent of the public supports federal funding.

It can't mean that he votes our voice in the Iraq war fiasco. He has voted against a bill that would set timetable to bring home our troops from the ill-conceived and ill-managed war in Iraq.

It appears that his record from most of his votes during his tenure in

Congress, he works for Mr. Bush and the Republican Party, not the voters of the 11th District of Michigan.

The 2008 Congressional elections are not far off, we will remember your votes, Mr. McCotter.

John Zajechowski
Garden City

McCotter is disingenuous

In your June 7 edition, you reported U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter spoke at the Wake Up Livonia breakfast at Schoolcraft College. In your story, you stated that McCotter reminded the crowd he did not vote to authorize the war. If McCotter spoke those words, he is being very disingenuous and sneaky (and politicizing the occupation by downplaying his war mongering).

There were 23 senators and 133 (126 Democrats and six Republicans) House members who opposed the start of the war in the Oct. 11, 2002, vote on Joint Resolution 114. During McCotter's campaign he applauded those who voted to go to war. He wholeheartedly has supported this war and Bush on every decision about it. Be careful of this man who states the occupation should not be politicized — that's exactly what he does by lying about his beliefs in 2002. That is the main platform he ran on — support for the war. Good thing he's not running for president — heaven help us. Throw him out of office, for as he states, he is unfit to hold public office.

P. Pondell
Canton

Ethical, not political

The issue of universal health care is not a political issue or an economic issue, it's an ethical issue. It is patently unethical to profit from the treatment of the sick. Period. And ethics should be a completely non-partisan issue. As a U.S. and Michigan taxpayer, I would gladly agree to a tax increase in order to fund universal health coverage. By the way, if we weren't paying for a war thousands of miles away, it might be a less taxing proposition. Let's really make this the greatest country in the world and take care of all of our citizens, not just those who can afford it. Please pass H.R. 676. Thank you.

Rachel Kain
Farmington

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Bipartisan votes will help state get out of this crisis

Three steps forward, seven to go. Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week signed into law the new Michigan Business Tax. Getting that done marked a big and essential step for a state with a struggling economy. But at best it represents only a 30 percent solution.

So now for the hard part: The far bigger and more difficult step will be adopting a state budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

What we all need is a lot more statesmanship on the part of everyone in Lansing than we have seen so far — or we, our children and grandchildren will all be in big, big trouble.

We have reason to worry. The nicest way to describe the way in which these same lawmakers finally "balanced" the current 2007 budget back in May is "fraudulent." The patchwork deal included accounting gimmicks, the scandalous sale of future proceeds from the tobacco fund and outright cuts and so-called "delays" in appropriation payments to state universities. (University officials fear they'll never see the deferred dough.)

That means the present budget is not merely a "let's sweep it under the rug budget." In fact, it makes the problem for 2008 worse.

Best estimate for the shortfall for the coming fiscal year is \$1.8 billion.

So far, the governor and legislative leaders have "negotiated" in public via warring nasty press releases, while trying to hammer out an agreement behind closed doors.

But time is running short, and public patience with our elected leaders is running out as Michigan staggers closer to either outright government shutdown (as Pennsylvania has been going through) or budget cuts so hideous that they would tear the guts out of what used to be a pretty good place to live and grow a business.

What our politicians sometimes conveniently forget (to our peril) is that we've had years of budget and tax cuts. State General Fund spending has been cut by \$4.3 billion since 2002, and business conditions are no better than when budget-whacking started.

So now it's time to get serious. The stage is set for what might be called a "Grand Budget Bargain" — and it's already been sketched out in private amongst our leaders. All that's needed is the guts to take the final steps. To stanch the \$1.8 billion of red ink, they need:

- \$300 million in expense cuts, mostly in spending for prisons. I understand most of these have been agreed to.

- \$200 million-\$300 million in non-tax revenue. Some might come from a fee on water that companies bottle and sell out of state.

- Reforms in the structure and cost of state and local government. Although the savings from most of these come over the long run, Republicans in the Senate are making structural changes a necessary quid pro quo in any budget deal.

- Around \$1.5 billion in higher taxes. Democrats

insist that any budget deal include increased tax revenue, partly because there simply isn't another way. Most of the negotiation going on involves an increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.1 percent, although there is some discussion about a sales tax on non-essential purchases like tickets to ball games.

All these things sound like a pretty obvious deal for adults to make. Trade big-time, much-needed government reforms for an equally necessary tax increase.

But it isn't going to be all that easy, not for anybody. The problem for the governor and the Democrats who control the state House of Representatives is their friends in organized labor. Labor is fiercely resisting government reforms and cuts in pay and benefits for public employees. Republicans, who control the Senate, are demanding reforms and cuts as part of the price for a vote on taxes.

Frustratingly, Granholm has up to now been relatively quiet about what she's willing to fight for. But I now have been told by high-placed sources in her administration that she's now prepared to recommend a long laundry list. Those include:

- Mandatory competitive bidding for health care services. Tightening up pension requirements for school employees, including eliminating the five-year vesting provision and ending the practice of retired employees returning to work for just a handful of days to get fully vested in health care coverage. End to pension double-dipping. Removing legal barriers to local government consolidation.

Perhaps the biggest reform of all: Switching public employee pensions to defined contribution plans (in effect, a 401K). This will save many, many millions over the long run, although it may actually cost a bit more over the next several years.

That's a long list. And it's one that should give Republicans plenty of good reasons to justify voting for a tax increase.

Sure, there are risks for all sides. Democrats who vote for public employee reforms risk the wrath of their union allies. They also need to accept government reforms that are real, not Band-Aids or outright fakes. Republicans who vote for new taxes risk being recalled by the noisy anti-tax crowd, whose leaders are not living in this century. Still, it's high time for those GOP members demanding government reforms as the price of tax increases to put up or shut up.

Everyone we've elected to state office needs to realize that we didn't put them there just to make the easy votes. Our state is in crisis. It will take bipartisan votes to get us out of this jam.

Failure — meaning either a shutdown of state government, ruining higher education or trying to cobble together one more set of budgetary Band-Aids — would be absolutely unacceptable. Most legislators want to do the right thing. Now is the time to do it.

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Phil Power

St. Mary Mercy welcomes you to our tobacco-free campus

According to the American Lung Association, tobacco is the No. 1 source of preventable deaths in the United States, and second-hand smoke causes at least 38,000 deaths in adult non-smokers each year. It is our responsibility as a hospital to help safeguard the health of every person we serve. Therefore, effective July 7, St. Mary Mercy Hospital has become a tobacco- and smoke-free environment, indoors and out.

This initiative prohibits the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and pipes within all of the St. Mary Mercy campus facilities, owned or leased property, and parking facilities.

Our new tobacco- and smoke-free policy is designed to promote good health among patients, visitors, neighbors and staff of St. Mary Mercy. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has issued an advisory for hospitals to ban smoking by Jan. 1, 2008, so we join many area hospitals and health facilities in this initiative.

Because our new policy prohibits tobacco use and smoking anywhere on the hospital property, we want to take this opportunity to inform the community of this change. Over the past year, a team of employees — smokers, non-smokers, former smokers, nurses and physicians — has been meeting to create awareness of this tobacco- and smoke-free policy, and offering our employees who smoke options to help them quit smoking.

We understand that nicotine is addictive. No employee, patient or visitor is required to stop using tobacco products. However, similar to the regulations in the restaurant and travel industries, employees who smoke will be responsible for managing their nicotine dependence during their work hours in ways that do not violate the tobacco- and smoke-free policy.

We will also make every effort to notify patients and families about our tobacco-free campus initiative before they arrive. Patients who are scheduled to be admitted to St. Mary Mercy, or who are having outpatient surgery, will receive information about the policy. During their stay at the hospital, patients who smoke will be directed to speak to their physician about nicotine replacement therapy. Vendors, contractors and delivery companies will also be notified.

We announced our plan internally to go tobacco-free more than six months in advance to prepare our employees for this change. We have distributed information on resources at St. Mary Mercy and in the community to help those who want to quit.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital provides support and smoking cessation for those who wish to utilize these services. Smoking cessation counselors are available and offer classes to help our

patients, staff and community members as we make this transition.

Educating others about our policy is the responsibility of all St. Mary Mercy employees, physicians and volunteers. The intent of this policy is to educate and create a healthier environment.

Did you know? Tobacco use is the:

- No. 1 cause of drug addiction in adults and children in the U.S.

- Major cause of hospital admissions and readmissions

- No. 1 cause of both cancer and emphysema

- Leading cause of heart disease and strokes

- Effects on patients that smoke include:

- Twice the rate of wound infections, slows wound healing

- Longer stays in the hospital

- Most common form of pulmonary morbidity during surgery and anesthesia

- Gastrointestinal, prenatal and orthopedic complications

- Effects of second-hand smoke include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified it as a "Group A" carcinogen, which are the most toxic substances known to cause cancer in humans, including benzene, radon and asbestos

- Increases non-smoker's risk for heart disease and worsens symptoms of adults already suffering from asthma, allergies or bronchitis

- Is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year in infants to 18 months of age

- Employer costs related to tobacco use include:

- Increased direct medical costs per smoking employee per year

- Increased indirect medical costs to employee's family

- Lost productivity costs per employee per year

- Smokers have 6.5 more absent days per year

- Smokers have six more visits to health care facilities for themselves

- Smokers make four more visits to health care facilities for their dependents

Cessation treatment is the most cost-effective form of medical intervention in the United States.

A list of resources for those who are thinking of quitting smoking can be found on our Web site at www.stmarymercy.org or call our Community Outreach Department for more information at (734) 655-8950.

You can be assured our policy will be implemented in as supportive a manner as possible and with sensitivity toward smokers, while also upholding our commitment to maintaining healthier communities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tobacco- and smoke-free policy, please contact our vice president, human resources, Ken Antezak at (734) 655-2931.

David A. Spivey is the president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



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These cute chicks pack a wallop

While you prepared for Fourth of July celebrations, three cute chicks, with awesome nails and feisty attitudes had their physicals. They passed. And then, with little fanfare and no paparazzi they were hustled off just over a week ago to a private air-conditioned "condominium" 20 feet above a lake nestled within the boundaries of Stony Creek Metropark.

They will summer there under the watchful eyes of volunteer guardians and park rangers. And they will learn to kill. For that is nature's way.

The chicks are osprey, the physical was at the Detroit Zoo and the proper name for their condominium is a hack box, a platformed shelter where they stay until they fledge. Air conditioning is supplied by Mother Nature. And those awesome nails are more properly called claws, long curved claws, at that. Ornithologists, biologists and volunteers working with the birds consider the claws the business end of the osprey. Rightfully so. Each four-toed foot has four sharp claws and a spiny pad on the feet between the toes helps secure dinner. Dinner for osprey is live fish. Bullhead and carp are favorites.

This fish-eating specialist is sometimes known as the fish hawk.

And why not? It has the ability to hover above water and when the moment is right plunge into the water to dramatically snag dinner. Osprey were once common through much of the Midwest and Michigan. Then came DDT and habitat destruction - a one-two punch that led to



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their demise. But now we are in the fifth summer of the osprey project, an interagency effort to restore osprey to southeast Michigan. And if you checked off a contribution on your tax return for the Non-Game Wildlife Fund you are a key player in their return: You funded it. The project is a cooperative venture among the Huron Clinton Metroparks, the DNR and the Detroit Zoological Institute, with additional support from DTE Energy.

I've been an osprey fan ever since I fell in love with them

as one of those early volunteers tending to their needs during the first of five summers osprey were "hacked" at Kensington Metropark. Sitting up high near my charges, watching them tear at chopped bullhead, and later take flight - that was the good life!

I'll never forget the next summer, when an osprey loitered for three weeks at the West Bloomfield Nature Preserve, drawing binocular-totting bird lovers from afar. And then it was gone to seek fishier, wilder pastures.

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Expect games and crafts for kids, media presentations and displays and several vendors with birding and osprey-specific items for sale.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the Howell Nature center staff will be on site with live birds

of prey. And a stunning documentary, An Osprey Homecoming will be on display in the nature center.

The special weekend event is co-hosted by Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan.

There is no charge except for the required vehicle permit and the birds of prey program and crafts are also free. Visitors are also welcome to follow the Osprey Discovery Trail and use the park's spotting scopes.

For more information contact Kensington at 1-800-477-3178 or visit. www.metroparks.com.

Check these Web site first to add to your experience: www.AnOspreyHomecoming.com.

And www.owsem.org (updates on the chicks). Here's a tip: If you have a bike, bring it, a great paved bike trail loops about Kensington.

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Hemingway's Nick Adams stories are selected for state reading program

The Michigan Humanities Council has selected Ernest Hemingway's *The Nick Adams Stories* for its new statewide literature and literacy initiative, The Great Michigan Read. For the next year, as hundreds of thousands of Michiganders open their copies of *The Nick Adams Stories* and attend hundreds of programs and events across the state, readers will be introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature.

The Nick Adams Stories chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.

The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to kick off its statewide program, The Great Michigan Read, by presenting Ernest Hemingway and *The Nick Adams Stories* to Michigan citizens," said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. "It is an outstanding opportunity for people to become engaged in reading and community programs through a classic piece of literature, made in Michigan, from an American icon."

The Humanities Council is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 100 communities across the state will participate in The Great Michigan Read. Reader's guides, bookmarks, posters and other opportunities are available to participating cultural institutions. Additional activities include traveling exhibits, radio and television features, a web site resource, www.greatmichiganread.org and grant programs to help

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JANICE FEDEWA, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council

engage communities in literature.

The Great Michigan Read promotes literary reading to help create an educated and engaged society. According to a report recently released by the National Endowment for the Arts, literary reading is fading as a meaningful activity, especially among younger people. Less than half of the adult American population now reads literature. From 1982 to 2002, the percentage of American adults reading literature declined from 56.9 percent to 49.7 percent.

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JULY

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

Fun days
Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout July and August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag

lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children

during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome!

Rummage sale
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 20; and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, one-half mile west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Rummage sale
Community Rummage Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Riverwood Redford. Call (313) 937-2424 or visit www.hosannatabor.org. Rummage sale will be outside in our parking lot if the weather is nice. Otherwise, it will be held indoors in the gym. A concession stand will be available. Cost is \$10 per space, \$5 per table. To register, call (313) 937-2424 to request a form.

Vacation Bible school
During the week of July 23-27, the Anglican Church of Livonia will have Vacation Bible School from 6:30-9 p.m. in the back yard of Dave and Shannon Pearce. The classes will be designed for ages 5-12, but those younger than 5 can attend if there is an adult with them. The theme is Strange, Gross, Little Known Stories of the Bible. Every night includes snacks, games, strange Bible stories, songs and a campfire. For more information, call the church office at (248) 442-0422.

Noah's Ark week
Continues to July 21, Pet Blessing on Saturday July 21. This should be a fun time for ages 1-100. Registration not necessary. Various presenters will show us their animals in action. Experts will speak and/or show and tell animals, facts and stories. Joining us will be Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, Garden City Canine Patrol, Certified Bee Keeper, Jill Andra Young Pet Photographer, 4-H club with sheep and rabbits, Dearborn Animal Shelter dog training expert, Regap rescued greyhounds, VCM Veterinary Centers, Wayne County Mounted Horse and Sheriff, Petco Pet Supply Company, and a Detroit Zoo docent. Handouts from various animal type organizations will be also available. Each evening will be different. This event will be both indoors and outdoors. Hours are 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Bring your pet on Saturday for the 10 a.m. Pet Blessing Ceremony, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman. For details, call (734) 421-8628 and leave a message.

The Donut Man
A Jesus Kids Concert starring The Donut Man will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, at Sacred Heart Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$6 per person and available at the door.

Anniversary celebration
Minister Mark McGilvrey and wife Jeannie celebrate 35 years of faithful service to Memorial Church of Christ on Saturday, July 21. The activities begin with a reception (4-5 p.m.) followed by a potluck dinner and program. To reserve a place call (734) 464-7156 or send e-mail to bonnie-andcarol@earthlink.net. Blank pages to write notes of appreciation to the McGilvreys are available Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The notes will be placed in a special book for the couple.

Soccer mini-camp
6:30-8 p.m. July 23-26, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

Avalanche ranch
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to lkloiber@ameritech.net.

Vacation Bible school
Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. Bring your friends ages 2-17 and join us each day. For more information, call (248) 646-2000, Ext. 16.

Messiah
Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sing's 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Media mania presentation
On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television,

music, magazines, and the Internet, often communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns Psychological Evaluation and Consulting Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with Q & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Vacation Bible school
July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass
50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 140 or Ext. 169.

Song ministry
The Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Women of the word
Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen. The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Carillon series
10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Summer Bible studies
Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsaviors.org for more information.

Summer camp
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Leverage, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for information.

Summer camp
The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday school classes
New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule
10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when the fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

UPCOMING

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail williams@vivonstmichael.org for information and registration details.

Choral concert
The Holman-Climax Male Voice Choir from Cornwall, England, as part of their second Michigan tour, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church located on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Members of the church and community will be hosting the 70 people touring with the choir. A committee

has been established to plan Detroit area activities as well as to house and feed the group. A Free Will offering will be taken that night. For more information contact either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or at Rallen7468@aol.com.

Special services
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school
Galilee-by-the-Sea, 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, in conjunction with Antioch Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. An authentic recreation of a Bible times village. Costumes, daily drama, old-world crafts, and games. Let your child experience what it was really like to live when Jesus lived. Cost is \$15.00 per child prior to Aug. 1, \$30 after, grades K-5. For more information, contact Susanna Muzzin at susannamuz@mac.com or (248) 626-7906.

Vacation Bible school
6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 (for ages 3-11 and an adult small group class, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. The theme is Dreams and Schemes, learning to deal with family issues and getting along with family members. Crafts, dinner, music, small groups, music, lots of fun and prayer. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

Vacation Bible school
Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us.

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Church Women United
Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Crafters needed
For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days. \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise
St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Space limited.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursdays of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted
Twens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of

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MARY E. MacDONALD

Age 86 of White Lake, MI, formerly of Birmingham, passed away Friday, July 13, 2007. She was born November 8, 1920 in Detroit, daughter of Louis J. and Elizabeth (Fairgrieve) Hardy. Beloved wife of John A. MacDonald, whom she married December 22, 1943 in Detroit; dear mother of Bruce (Linda) of West Bloomfield, Jack of Pennsylvania and Suzanne (Dennis) of New Hampshire; dear grandmother of Trina, Alexis and Robert; great-grandmother of Nolan. Mary was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Sarah Hunter Guild in Birmingham. Her passions were family, friends, reading and chocolate. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Association at the Church of Parkinson Foundation. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Friends may leave remembrances at online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

ANN C. WOLFF

Of Farmington Hills, a Berkeley School teacher for 33 years, died from cancer Monday, July 16th, 2007 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was 77. Mrs. Wolff taught in both the junior and senior high schools from 1958 until her retirement in 1991. She was a graduate of the University of Detroit in 1952, and received her Masters Degree from Oakland University in 1971. She was the high school's Junior class sponsor for several years and was secretary of the Berkeley Education Assn. from 1985 until her retirement. After retiring, she was instrumental in the formation of the Berkeley Retired Teachers Assn. Before joining the Berkeley school system, Mrs. Wolff taught at the St. Mary Academy, Monroe, MI and St. Mary of Redford High School in Detroit. She is survived by Joseph, her devoted husband of 53 years; her loving son, Stephen (Cindy) and many additional cherished family and friends. Memorial Mass Monday, July 23rd, 11:00 AM at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., (btwn 8-9 Mile Rds.) Farmington. The family will begin receiving guests at church at 10:30 AM. Those who wish to further honor Ann's memory may contribute to the American Cancer Society, cancer.org. heeney-sundquist.com

ROBERT M. BACON, JR.

Age 63. July 15, 2007. Long time Farmington Hills resident and member of Farmington Elks Lodge #1986. Mr. Bacon was a foreman in the excavating industry for over 30 years. He suffered a massive heart attack while participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Bicycle Ride, which he was an avid supporter of for many years. He is the beloved husband of Rebecca (nee Prueti). Dearest brother of Doug Bacon and step-son of Helen Bacon. Memorial Service Thursday 3 PM, July 19th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Thursday 1 PM until 3 PM. Memorial tributes may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

ROBERT M. MOORE JR.

July 17, 2007 Age 57 peacefully at home in Southfield. Longtime teacher for Rochester High School. Beloved husband of Renee (nee Serafini) for 24 years. Dear father of Erin, Kathryn and Daniel. Son of Robert and Kathleen. Brother of Susan and Joan. Son-in-law of Judy West (Terry) and Gerald Serafini. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connel Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial service Friday 12noon at National Shrine of the Little Flower. Visitation begins at church 11:30. Memorial tributes to the College Bound Fund benefiting his children, in care of their grandmother, Judy West, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JAMES ELTON BAMBOROUGH

Age 80, of Holland, died Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at Spectrum Health, Blodgett Campus. Mr. Bamborough was born in Oak Park, Illinois, October 10, 1926. A graduate of Royal Oak High School, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. He worked for Baker Furniture, American Seating, and other furniture companies in West Michigan as a wood technologist and industrial engineer. A member of St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church in Grand Rapids and the Century Club in Holland, he also volunteered for Holland Hospital among other charitable organizations. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Marilyn (Hopkins); children, David and Jennifer Bamborough, of Grand Rapids, Sara and Craig deFasselle, of Kirtland, OH, and Thomas and Mary Bamborough, of Ada; five grandchildren; one great grandson; a sister, Lois Furr, of Farmington Hills; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Hopkins, of Phoenix, Maryland. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids. A committal service will be held Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Arrangements are by the Mulder Chapel, Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes, Holland, MI.



JOHN W. MERGEL

of Lake Orion; July 14, 2007; Age 72. Beloved husband of Carolyn for 48 years. Loving father of J. Christopher (Beth) Mergel, Carol Ann (Bill) Passero, Richard (Kathleen) Mergel, Elizabeth (Joe) Mares, and Sarah Mergel. Dear grandfather of five grandsons and seven granddaughters. Also survived by his sister Janet (William) Radue, one niece and three nephews. Mr. Mergel was the President and CEO of C.J. Link Lumber in Warren. He was an active volunteer in many church, business, and community organizations throughout his life. Funeral Mass Friday, July 20, 2007, 11AM with an instate of 10:30AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church; 715 N. Lapeer Rd.; Lake Orion. The family will receive friends at the Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell, Orion Thursday 1-4:30PM and 6-9PM with a Scripture Service at 7PM. Suggested memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church Memorial Fund or Christ Child Society of Detroit; 15751 Joy Rd.; Detroit, MI 48228. Inurnment at Guardian Angel Cemetery. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

PAUL J. BRANCHEAU

July 15, 2007. He passed very peacefully at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear Father of Polly (Ed)Basile, Jim (Janey), Bill, Deni, Robert (Janice) and Jon (Anne). Dearest brother of Marie Leavey. Dear Grandfather of Nikki, Jason, Jon, Naomi, Josh, Jake, Andrea, Madison, Jack, Ben, Sam and Sarah. Paul served as an aviation cadet in the United States Navy before marrying Jean in 1948. Paul completed his degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Detroit. In 1949, Paul joined Cadillac Motor Car, division of General Motors, where he served as final assembly inspector, and general supervisor of cost estimation, master mechanic, plant engineer and finally superintendent of manufacturing for Cadillac's Clark Street assembly operation. Paul retired from Cadillac in 1984. Paul was an artist, painting wildlife and nature scenes throughout his life. In his early years Paul was an avid hunter of wild fowl which later inspired his wood carvings. Upon his retirement, he became an accomplished wood carver, later working in stone. Paul loved nature, which was reflected in the many beautiful pieces of artwork he left behind. Paul enjoyed tennis, golf and boating and throughout his life, Paul was an active volunteer for the Catholic Church. He was known by all as a "family man", providing love, support and life lessons to his family and friends. Memorial gathering Thursday evening 6pm followed by a Rosary at 8pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Gathering 10:30am Friday followed by Mass at 11am at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd. (north of Eight Mile Rd.). Gifts in Paul's name can be sent to Capuchin Ministries, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

MRS. RAYMOND (EMMA) GROENING

Age 92, of Holland, died Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at an area care center. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Raymond, her children, Judith Ann and Ronald Meyer of San Dimas, CA, Douglas and Barbara Groening of Holland; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Herb (Dorothy) Smith of Lansing; sister-in-law Mrs. Burns (Doris) McKinley of Holland and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 480 152nd Ave. with the Rev. Phillip Nguyen officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, at the Notier Ver Lee Langeland Funeral Chapel, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of one's choice. An online registry is available at: www.notierverleelangeland.com

PATRICIA YOUSOUFIAN

July 14, 2007, age 42, of Canton. Beloved wife of Keith; dear mother of Nicholas; daughter of William (Charlotte) Baker and Doris (William Lassi) Veldhuis; sister of Muriel (Scott) Tarnawsky and Kenneth (Dreanna) Baker; aunt of Gino and Sarah D'Amario, Clark, Corinne and Carl Baker. Memorial service Friday, 3 pm at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood Rd., with Rev. Phil DiLernia officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland. 734-721-8555. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

GIUSEPPE "JOE" MANCINI

Born April 2, 1939 in Atina, Italy. Joe came to this country in 1956 with his parents Antonio and Maria to start a new life in this country of opportunity and moved to Detroit. He took great pride in the time he spent serving his new country in the United States Army. Joe had two great loves when he arrived in this country, one was soccer and the other was working and building a life for his family. In 1960 he co-founded the Saturnia Soccer club of the Detroit Soccer League which he coached and managed for thirteen years. In 1963 he started Redford Cement Co. and worked his entire life to make that company grow. His proudest accomplishment is still in business today, almost forty-five years later. In 1966 he met his new great love, Caterina, on a visit back to Italy. They fell in love on the ship to the U.S. and he proposed. He was returning to his home in America and she was preparing to start her life here. Six months later, on August 27th, 1966 they were married in her town of Boston, Mass and then came to Redford to start their life together. In 1977 he became the president of the Detroit Soccer League. He co-founded and coached the Livonia Wolves Soccer team and enjoyed much success as they won many championships. He made many friends through his associations with soccer that he cherished deeply. He and Caterina lived a wonderful life together for almost 41 years. He had three sons who learned wonderful life lessons from their father. He taught them many things but most of all the importance of hard work, fairness, loyalty, and the importance of family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He recently took a trip to Greece, Turkey, and Egypt with his youngest son. He also spent some time back in Italy with Caterina to celebrate their forty years together. His work was his life and he took pride in seeing the company grow and his family be supported by something he created. He took a lot of pride in coaching his three sons in soccer, as well as recently being able to watch his grandchildren and nephew play. He was very proud to have had his father, brother and sons work side by side with him. Mr. Mancini is survived by his wife, and sons Michelangelo (Michele), Emanuele, Massimiliano (Nancy); Grandchildren, Angela, Thomas, Jessica, Mark and Alyssa; Brother, Claudio (Rosanna); Seven nieces and nephews.

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For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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Bible study The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

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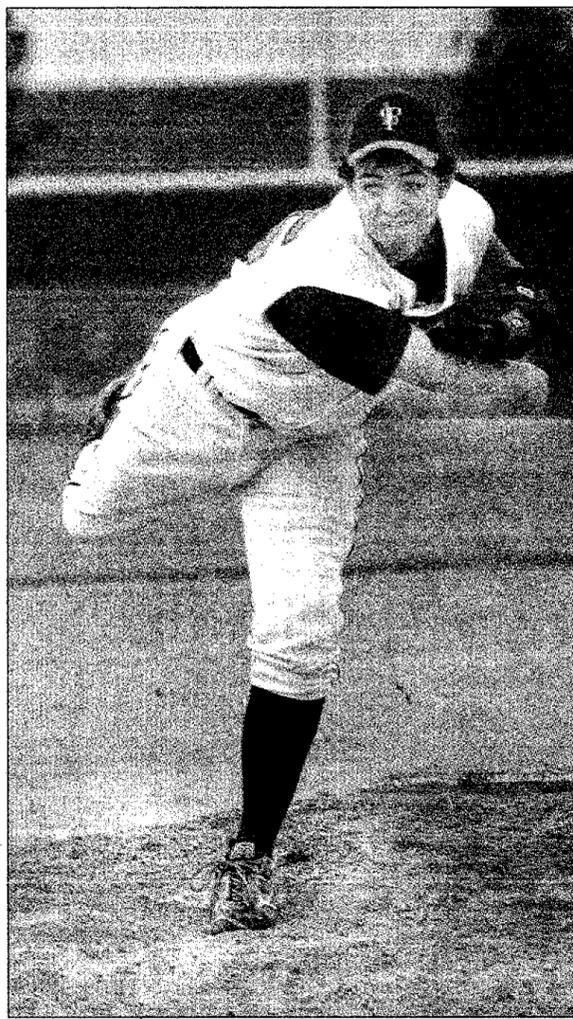
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2007 USSSA Boys World Series



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Canton Cardinals 10U baseball team gather for a pre-game pep talk prior to their opening contest in Monday's USSSA Double-A World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Like all 58 teams that are participating in this week's elite tournament, the Cardinals had to qualify by winning a previous tournament.



Livonia Travel's John Slater delivers a pitch during Monday's opener in the 14U USSSA World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Close to 60 teams from around the country are participating in the event in 10U, 12U and 14U divisions.

Sidelines

Hole-in-one club

Andrew Myers of Westland recently scored a hole-in-one on the 17th at Pine View Highlands Golf Course in Houghton, Mich. Using a pitching wedge, Andrew accomplished the feat, which helped him score a two-under-par round for 18 holes. Proudly watching the second ace of Andrew's young golf career were his father, Mark Myers, and two other members of their group, Rick Rowley and Ed Zielinski. Andrew, 16, was in Houghton visiting his grandparents. "I'm just a very proud grandpa," said Doug Seal, of Garden City.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 9U, 10U and 11U Canton Cardinals baseball team will be held July 25-Aug. 5.

For more information on the 9U and 11U teams, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446. For more information on the 10U team, contact Dan Hejka at (734) 776-3918.

Haeger recalled

Plymouth Township resident and Detroit Catholic Central graduate Charlie Haeger was recalled by the Chicago White Sox Major League Baseball squad late last week. Prior to his promotion, Haeger, 23, had compiled a 4-11 record and 4.81 earned run average in 17 starts for the White Sox' AAA team in Charlotte, N.C. He was especially effective as of late, having registered a 1.82 E.R.A. over his past five starts to lower his overall E.R.A. from 6.19.

Haeger was called up twice during the 2006 season and recorded his first MLB win last September.

Urbana inks

RU grads

Redford Union graduates Ian Iler and Desmond Latham will take their football skills to Urbana University in Ohio this season. Both former Panthers recently signed on to play for the Blue Knights.

Tennis class

A three-week introduction to tennis class for children between the ages of 6 and 10 is being offered by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation July 31, Aug. 2, 7, 9, 14 and 16. The classes will be held on the Shelden Park tennis courts, which are located on Plymouth Road, just east of Farmington Rd. (behind the Alfred Noble Library).

The fee for residents is \$75 per session; non-residents will be asked to pay \$85 per session.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

The best of the best

Elite youth baseball teams converge on Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One-day pass to the USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Double-A World Series this week at the Canton Sports Center: \$5.

Souvenir T-shirt: \$15.

Hot dog and pop: \$4.

An opportunity for the 870-plus players competing in the week-long event to claim a once-in-a-lifetime World Series title: priceless.

Fifty-eight teams from as far away as West Virginia and Ontario, Canada have converged on Canton this week in search of a national crown in their respective age divisions. The event kicked off on Sunday with an elaborate and fun-filled opening ceremony

and will conclude next Sunday with the championship games in each age group.

"The caliber of teams in this tournament is very high because they all had to qualify to make it this far," said Stephanie Pavlo, a sports recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We've had a lot of games go right down to the wire and one game (Monday) went 12 innings.

"We've received a lot of positive feedback so far. A couple of parents have approached me and told me this is the best facility their kids have ever played in."

Sunday's opening ceremonies featured a demonstration by the Canton Police Department's Honor Guard,

a parade of teams and the ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Canton native James Wisniewski, a member of the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I was very proud to be a Canton resident and trustee after attending the opening ceremonies Sunday," said Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo. "It was professionally done by our Leisure Services staff and drew people from all over the region and other states."

Two local teams — the 10U Canton Cardinals and Livonia Travel — are competing in the week-long tournament.

For results on the tournament, visit www.ussa.com.

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PLAY BALL!

What: USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Double-A World Series baseball tournament;
Where: Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., Canton;
When: Through Sunday; games begin each day at 8 a.m. and run through 6 p.m.
Who: 58 teams and over 870 players from across the United States and Canada;
How they qualified: Each team had to win a qualifying tournament in their respective state or region.

Junior Olympics: Their day to shine

See Junior Olympics results, Page B3.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Fun, sun and healthy competition summed up yet another Redford Junior Olympics, held July 11 at Hilbert Middle School.

The 49th annual event, despite a drop in numbers, proved successful yet again - giving kids from Redford and surrounding communities between ages 2-12 a day to shine.

"Everybody tried their hardest," said event coordinator Theresa Burgess of Redford Parks and Recreation. "I try not to focus as much on places as (on that) everybody participated. There's a lot of kids that have done things they've never done before. So, I'm just glad they came out and participated, whether or not they received first place or sixth place."

Although most Junior Olympians are from Redford, some live in Livonia, Farmington Hills and other nearby communities. Ages included Bantams (6-U), Squirts (7-8), Pee Wees (9-10) and Midgets (11-12) with the honor of youngest participant going to 2-year-old Cynthia Rothley, of Livonia.

Several youngsters nearly ran the table in their age divisions, demonstrating fledgling athletic versatility.

Redford's Michael Iacovacci, for example, won four of five events among 8-year-olds in the Squirt boys division.

Redford's Brayden Burgess and Carlos Welch placed first in nearly every Pee Wee boys event in their respective age brackets.

In age 11 of the Midget boys division, Livonia's Zack Bohn captured four events with the others being won by David Taylor of Redford. Redford resident Curtis Smith claimed all but one event in age 12 of the Midget boys division.

Similarly, Cynthia Rothley of Livonia, Daysha Williams and Nya Williams (both of Redford) won multiple events in the Bantam girls division; Mikaila Murphy (Livonia) took three Squirt girls division events with



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Iacovacci of Redford competes in the long jump at the Redford Jr. Olympics. The 8-year-old won four events in the Squirt boys division.

Diesels clip Cards, 28-25

Whoever said time heals all wounds doesn't know the Detroit Diesels.

After a two-week layoff — two weeks to stew about a 53-7 blasting at the hands of the West Michigan Force — the Diesels got cranking again with a 28-25 victory over the Cleveland Cardinals on July 14 at Livonia Franklin High School. It was the first league competition of the year for both teams.

The Diesels scored first with 28 seconds left in the first half, when Randy Sinnott connected with John Craven on a 20-yard scoring toss.

In the second half, the Diesels got rolling again, as Bob Curtis busted a 20-yard scoring run. Cleveland answered with a score of its own. Another Cardinal scoring opportunity was thwarted with an Absalom Goode interception return to the Cardinal red zone. Four plays later, Sinnott scampered in from six yards out. Then, a Cleveland fumble was converted into a 5-yard run by Lance Nichols to push the score to 28-10 in the fourth quarter. After a hard-fought battle, the Cardinals chipped the lead to 28-13 on a field goal, and then lofted a short scoring pass to close the gap to 28-19.

The Cards scored their final points with 33 seconds left, but it was too little, too late.

Sinnott went 7-of-15 for 160 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions, while also running for another. T.J. Dillard paced the ground attack with 71 yards, while Curtis contributed 63 yards.

Defensively, Ali Bazzi and Hassan Hazime paced the Diesel defense. Christian Young, Earl Blanchett, and Hazime had a sack a piece for the Diesels, while Absalom Goode had his interception.

Please see **OLYMPICS, B4**

Richters takes 2 Wolves clubs to US Youth Soccer Nationals

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Lars Richters doesn't get much of a break this summer and he's doing double duty, but he's not complaining one bit.

The Livonia Stevenson boys varsity soccer coach will be taking two teams, the Under-16 and Under-15 Michigan Wolves, to the US Youth Soccer Association Nationals, July 25-29, in Frisco, Texas.

The U-16 team can be considered Richters' pride and joy.

He has coached the group for four years since they were formed as a U-13 team.

After tying Javanon (Ky.) in the tourney opener 1-1, the U-16 Wolves reeled off four straight wins to earn the title last month in Des Moines, Iowa, capped by a 2-0 victory over three-time Region II champion Chicago Magic.

Goals by Tom Catalano (Utica Eisenhower) and Corey Majkowski (Rochester Adams) in the fifth and 67th minutes, respectively, gave the U-16 Wolves the victory.

Goalkeeper Rick Pflasterer (Ann Arbor

Huron) earned the shutout.

"It's a team we had never beaten," Richters said, "We started out very well and took the early lead, which was helpful and gave us confidence."

"We seemed to be the hungrier team and I think we had the edge in terms of effort."

The U-16 Wolves have lots of local flavor including two of Richters' players from Stevenson, midfielder Brian Klemczak and forward Adrian Fylonenko.

Other area players include Scott Zech, Canton; Mark Djokaj, North Farmington; Sean Hastings, Rochester Adams; Moses Suleiman, Birmingham Brother Rice; Garrett Gauruder, Novi; Josh Gonyea and James Leutzinger, Warren DeLaSalle; David Yang, Ann Arbor Pioneer; Matt Garza, Saline, Hamoody Saad, Dearborn, Eric Parks, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; Shane Lyons, Plainwell; and goalkeeper Kyle Huber, Grand Blanc.

Lyons, Gonyea and Suleiman were newcomers to this year's squad.

Klemczak, Gonyea and Yang area all members of the Region II team, while Zech, Lyons

and Saad are part of the Region II pool.

"We talked about all year about the chance to play the Magic with a chance to get to the Nationals," Richters said. "We wanted to win the first five minutes of the game and we did score a goal."

Richters' U-15 team, 23-2-3 since November of 2006, cruised in the Region II championship match with a 7-0 win over the Vardar Stars of Michigan after rallying from a 1-0 halftime deficit for a 2-1 semifinal victory over Scott-Gallagher of St. Louis.

Other wins came against Javanon (Ky.), 2-0; North Dakota, 7-0; and Ankney Fusion (Ia.), 12-0.

"I definitely have a talented group of players and I feel that's what sets them apart," said Richters, who is assisted by former Stevenson player and University of Michigan goalkeeper Joe Zawacki.

"They exhibit the leadership and desire to play for each other as a group."

Plymouth's Josh Gatt, who attends Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, and Soony Saad of Dearborn High, an U-15 National Team pool

player, each scored eight goals in the tournament. Rochester Stoney Creek's Jordan Tyler added six goals.

Other area players included Joey D'Agostino, Livonia Stevenson; Etienne Lussiez, Livonia Churchhill; Kevin Cope and goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic, Salem; Vinh Nguyen, Plymouth; Cody Henderson, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Nick Scabassi, Doug Beason and Nick Tacconelli, all of Northville; Rick McCarthy, Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day; Jad Al-Zein, Dearborn Fordson; Josh Baren, Holt; Ryan Barrett, East Grand Rapids; and goalkeeper Adam Grinwis, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

Grinwis, Tyler, Barrett and Baren are all members of the Region II pool.

Tyler, McCarthy and Al-Zein were newcomers to the team in Richters' second year with the group.

"We finished third last year (at the Nationals) and we're definitely thrilled and excited to have a second chance," Richters said.

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Rams drop Bulls, 6-3, in LCBL

On Monday, the Michigan Rams improved their record to 15-12-2 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League when they doubled up The Bulls, 6-3, in a game played at Ford Field in Livonia. The Bulls dropped to 17-8-3 with the setback.

The triumph was the red-hot Rams' fifth consecutive victory.

The Rams overcame a 1-0 deficit in the fourth with a pair of runs to grab a 2-1 advantage. They added a solo run with fifth and three more in the sixth.

Steve Karchefsky hurled a complete-game six-hitter for the winners. He struck out four and yielded four walks. Steve Teno suffered the mound loss for the Bulls after giving up five runs and seven hits in 2.2 innings of relief work.

The winners' potent plate attack was paced by Drew Churchward, who went 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and two runs scored. Other big sluggers for the Rams included Max Kelmigian (2-for-3, game-winning RBI), Mike Wiseman (2-for-2, RBI) and Kyle Gendron, who went 2-for-3. Andrew Powell was the lone Bull to notch two hits. He also chipped in with an RBI and a run scored.

Rams sweep Eagles

On Saturday, the Rams swept a double-header from the Eagles, 5-4 and 6-3. The double-dip setback dropped the hard-luck Eagles to

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A trio of pitchers — starter Justin Mazur, Ryan Gunderson and Steve Karchefsky — limited the Eagles to just seven hits. Mazur pitched the first 3.1 frames (no runs, two hits) to pick up the win. Karchefsky notched a save by retiring the final two batters on strikeouts.

Offensively, the winners were paced by Gunderson (2-for-3, run), Andrew Stafford (2-for-4, run) and Churchward, who ripped the game-winning RBI.

The Eagles were led by Don Carino, who went 2-for-3. Bobby Henderson went all the way on the mound for the Eagles, yielding eight hits and zero earned runs.

Rams starting pitcher Shane McCatty shined in the nightcap, tossing a complete-game 10-hitter. He K'ed three and walked just one.

The Rams pushed four runs across in the second inning and never trailed again.

Wielding big sticks for the winners were Mike Wiseman (2-for-3, run), Andrew Stafford (1-for-4, two RBI), Kyle Gendron (1-for-4, RBI triple), Eric Vojtkofsky (1-for-2, run) and Gunderson (1-for-2, double).



Spring champs

The under-9 Boys Red of the Western Suburban Soccer League finished 8-0 during the spring season. The Red, coached by Steve King (top) and managed by Diane Kornaga, outscored their opponents 65-14 during the season. Members of the Red include (front row, from left): Justin McChristian, Robert Ghareeb, Lucas Dorazio, Nicholas Joseph; (back row, from left) Brandon Gabrielson, Justin Barr, Josh Kornaga, Emilio Garza and Shawn Pastor.

Clarenceville School District Bid Proposal Computer Systems

The Clarenceville School District is accepting sealed bids for 128 computer systems. The sealed bid should be submitted to Dave Bergeron, Clarenceville School District, 20210 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48152, by 10:00 a.m., E.S.T., Monday, July 23, 2007. Late bids will not be considered. The bids will be publicly opened at this time. Proposals must contain the wording "Proposal: Computer Systems" on the envelope/package. A copy of the Request for Proposal can be found at: www.clarenceville.k12.mi.us or by contacting the Technology Director at (248) 919-0240. Clarenceville School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities and to accept a bid which, in the owner's opinion is in the district's best interest.

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter 1 and 3, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandon and discontinued that the following described alley right-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities and storm water conveyance purposes, situated in the Township of Redford, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2007-350 passed on June 21, 2007.

Vacating the remaining portion, Southerly of the vacated Northerly 1099.99 feet of Old Haggerty Road (66 feet wide) as recorded in Liber 39724, Page 102, Wayne County Records, formerly known as Haggerty Road to its centerline intersection with the Easterly Right of Way of relocated Haggerty Road (variable width), situated in Northville Township, and City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: That portion of Old Haggerty Road, formerly known as Haggerty Road, as used by the public in the N.W. 1/4 of Section 6, T.1S., R.9E., City of Livonia and in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 1, T.1S., R.8E., Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, centered on the line between the above mentioned Sections/Township and City extending from a Point of Beginning, Southerly 1099.99 feet from the North line thereof, Southerly 328.87 feet to a Point of Ending, the West right of way line of Old Haggerty Road being Southerly of said Point of Beginning, 257.71 feet and lengthening of the East right of way line Southerly 400.01 feet, accordingly with the intersection of the portion of relocated Haggerty Road in conjunction with the construction of Interstate 275. EXCEPTING: That portion of the aforementioned parcel of land described as: Commencing at the aforementioned Point of Beginning; thence along the aforementioned East line S01°46'19"E 212.82 feet to the Point of Beginning of said exception; thence continuing S01°46'19"E 59.30 feet; thence S88°13'41"W 26.32 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of Relocated Haggerty Road (variable width); thence N26°39'07"W 15.88 feet along said Right of Way; thence N01°46'19"W 44.98 feet; thence N88°13'41"E 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Engineering Division Real Estate, 3rd Floor 415 Clifford Street Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Region II champion Hawks soar to nationals

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Coaches Derek Williford and Doug Landefeld of the Michigan Hawks believe their girls soccer teams have similar traits.

"They're a bunch of good kids who play for each other and work hard to over-achieve," Williford said of his Under-17 squad.

"This is just a good team," Landefeld said of his U-16 squad, which has also qualified for the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Nationals, July 25-29, in Frisco, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. "Defensively we're good and strong through the midfield. And every game we have different scorers. We're kind of opportunistic."

In last month's Region II tournament held in Des Moines, Ia., the U-17 Hawks earned the trip to Texas with a 1-0 victory over the St. Louis (Mo.) Soccer Club as Jenna Carosio (Novi) scored the game-winning goal from Katie Chaklos (Novi).

Other wins came against Indiana (2-0), Minnesota (4-

2), F.C. Milwaukee (2-1) and Kansas (4-1).

"We have talented kids," Williford said. "Since they've been together in the U-12 they've won two Region championships. Last year we lost in the semifinals."

The U-17 Hawks also feature Kelsey Kassab (Brighton), a national team pool player; and Region II team members Clare Stachel (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central), goalkeeper Haley Kopmeyer (Birmingham Seaholm) and Kim Siebert (Auburn Hills Avondale). Meanwhile, both Chaklos and Carosio are Region pool players.

Rounding out the squad is Alisha Lussiez (Livonia Churchhill), Afton Delvecchio (Seaholm), Jordan Horvath (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Jessie Baxa (Lahser), Emily Kunkel (Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day), Courtney Whalen (Farmington Hills Mercy), Christy Naife (Walled Lake Northern), Anna Cunningham (Grosse Pointe South), Jamie Fratto (Novi), Marilyn Wargo (New Baltimore Anchor Bay),

Meghan Gorsuch (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) and Theresa Yankovich (Northville).

So what are the U-17 Hawks' chances at the Nationals?

"The team is talented enough that they think they can win it," Williford said. "California has 10 region players, but at this level, anybody can beat anybody. In youth sports you can win on any day."

Landefeld took over the U-16 Hawks this season for Tim Ernst, who had coached the group since they were U-9.

"To win a regional, everything had to go our way," Landefeld said. "We only allowed one goal."

The U-16 Hawks, who defeated F.C. Milwaukee in the final, 4-1, used a makeshift lineup because of injuries.

Goalkeeper Julie Blaszcak (Northville) played in the field and scored an overtime goal to beat F.C. Milwaukee in the prelims.

Victoria Slavin (Livonia Stevenson) and Sam Echols (Walled Lake Central) were

asked to play different positions and performed well.

"It was the first time in the back for both of them," Landefeld said.

Other area players for the U-16 Hawks include Taleen Mergian (Livonia Stevenson), Chelsea Hunter (Walled Lake Western), Jordan Mueller (Farmington Hills Mercy), Megan Swiderski (Troy Athens), Karen Piasechi (Farmington), Jacqi O'Shea (Walled Lake Northern), Olivia Ann Stander (Grosse Pointe North), goalkeeper Sarah Banks (Okemos), Mikalia Dennis (Ann Arbor Pioneer), Emily Jaffe (Pioneer), Kristen Goncalves (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Katie Howarth (Flint Powers Catholic), Caitlin Henderson (Dexter), Ashley Racette (Brighton), Helen Steinhauser (Ann Arbor Huron) and Stephanie Honeycutt (Brighton).

"They know the game very well, they commit to the game and they're all about winning as a team," Landefeld said. "They all get along and work hard together."



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B040 - Joseph A. DeSanto - 2 TV's, 20 Boxes, Dresser
B056 - Jeffrey Borin Construction - Stove, Refrigerator, Misc Items
C066 - Grae Gummerus - Futon, 2 Grills, Microwave
D040 - Deborah A. Robinson - Bike, 5 Totes, Table
D089 - Charles N. Miller - Rocking Chair, 5 Totes, 4 Boxes
D164 - Daniel Touchette - 15 boxes, 10 totes, sofa
E015 - Ermon Sims - Stove, Bag, Refrigerator
E016 - LaTisha Baylor - Bike, Clothing, Suitcase
E108 - Amy McGarrath - Washer, Dryer, 30 Boxes
F015 - Kimberly Smith - Refrigerator, Oven, Sofa
F018 - Michael Nation - Golf Clubs, Computer, Misc Items
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KNOW THE SCORE check out the numbers in today's SPORTS section

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3016 - Nadine Robinson - Dresser, 3 Tables, 10 Chairs
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3074 - Brian Mayhew - Dresser, TV, Dryer
3077 - Donna Garris - Cedar Chest, Mirror, TV
3088 - Willie Williams - Couch, Chair, 2 Bikes
4062 - Helene Mitchell - 30 Boxes, Microwave, Misc Items
4067 - Terry Kostiuik - 70 Boxes, TV Stand, Couch
4088 - Sal Trotter - 10 Boxes, 2 Chairs, Sofa
4152 - Pamela Sherrill - TV, Portable Stereo, Dresser
5064 - Cooper Matari - 3 Bikes, Washer, Couch

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REDFORD JUNIOR OLYMPICS RESULTS

49TH REDFORD TOWNSHIP JR OLYMPICS
(July 11 at Hilbert Junior High)

BOYS RESULTS

BANTAM DIVISION
Softball throw: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 5-feet, 6-inches; **(age 5)** 1. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 28-8; **(age 6)** 1. Hunter Septer (Rdf), 70-4; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 67-0; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 58-8; 4. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 36-0; 5. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 35-1; 6. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 24-6.
Long jump: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 9-8; **(age 5)** 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 5-11; 2. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 4-6; **(age 6)** 1. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 9-8; 2. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 9-2; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 9-0; 4. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 8-9; 5. Hunter Septer (Rdf), 8-1; 6. (tie) Stuart Didonato (Rdf), 6-0; 6. (tie) Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 6-0.
35-meter dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 9:13 seconds; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; **(age 6)** 1. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 6:53; 2. Hunter Septer (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 12.2; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; 3. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 6)** 1. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 8.25; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Septer (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.

SQUAD DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 71-4; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 49-9; **(age 8)** 1. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 92-0; 2. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 74-0; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 47-4.
Long jump: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7-9; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 5-0; **(age 8)** 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7-3; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 6-8; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 5-5.
35 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7:19; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)** 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7:29; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.
50 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 8:68; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)** 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 9:9; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 14:52; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)** 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 15:46; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 69-0; 2. (tie) Evan Hauver (Dbn), 68-0; 2. (tie) Jared Tate (Rdf), 68-0; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), 52-0; **(age 10)** 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 80-0; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 69-0; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 60-0.
Long jump: (age 9) 1. (tie) Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 7-0; 1. (tie) Jared Tate (Rdf), 7-0; 2. Justin Cates (Rdf), 6-1; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 5-4; **(age 10)** 1. (tie) Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8-7; 1. (tie) Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 8-7; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 6-5; 3. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 4-8.
High jump: (age 9) 1. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 3-4; 2. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), N/A.
35 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 6:73; 2. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 6:02; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 9:52; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8:23; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.
75 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 13:85; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; 4. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 13:17; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.

MIDDLE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 127-0; 2. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 89-0; 3. Zack Bohn (Liv), 85-0; **(age 12)** 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 170-0; 2. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 146-0; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 132-0; 4. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 126-0; 5. John



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Redford's Chris Skowronek, 10, reacts after clearing the high jump bar to take second place at the Redford Junior Olympics.

Macafee (Rdf), 123-0; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 87-0.
Long jump: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11-7; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), 8-7; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 8-3; **(age 12)** 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 14-0; 2. John Macafee (Rdf), 12-10; 3. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 11-7; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 11-1; 5. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 10-10; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 6-10.
High jump: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 3-11; 2. Zack Bohn (Liv), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 5-3; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3. (tie) John Macafee (Rdf), N/A; 3. (tie) Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 5. Steven Peeples (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 7:74; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. (tie) Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 7:53; 1. (tie) Curtis Smith (Rdf), 7:53; 2. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11:51; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 10:59; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.
100 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 15:67; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 14:39; 2. Curtis Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.

Rothley (Liv), 5-9.
35 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 9:7 seconds; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; **(ages 4-5)** 1. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), 11:97; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; **(age 6)** 1. Faith Rothley (Hghd), 6:7; 2. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 16:0; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; **(ages 4-5)** 1. Nya Williams (Rdf), 11:5; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), N/A; **(age 6)** 1. Faith Rothley (Hghd), 9:05; 2. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 3. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.

SUBJECT DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 33-0; 2. (tie) Asia Williams (Rdf), 24-7; 2. (tie) Alaria Holder (Rdf), 24-7; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 20-6; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 18-0; **(age 8)** 1. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 46-0; 2. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 44-0.
Long jump: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 7-3; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6-0; 3. Alaria Holder (Rdf), 4-0; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 3-7; 5. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-2; **(age 8)** 1. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), 6-10; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 5-2.
35 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6:86; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 20-6; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)** 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 6:87; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.
50 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 9:06; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)**

1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 9:04; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 15:2; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; **(age 8)** 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 13:96; 2. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 54-0; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 52-0; 3. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 42-0; 4. Erika Hiltton (Rdf), 33-0; **(age 10)** 1. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 63-0; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), 62-0; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 58-0.
Long jump: (age 9) 1. Erika Hiltton (Rdf), 6-7; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 6-4; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 6-3; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 6-2; 5. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 3-9; **(age 10)** 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 6-1; 2. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), 6-6; 3. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 5-4.
High jump: (age 9) 1. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-3; 2. (tie) Jessica Reich (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Erika Hiltton (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
35 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 6:17; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 6:30; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
50 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 9:20; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 8:77; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
75 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 13:45; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin

(Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 10)** 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 13:15; 2. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A.

MIDDLE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 117-0; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 61-0; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 51-0; **(age 12)** 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 101-0; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 97-0; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 65-0.
Long jump: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8-10; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 3-5; **(age 12)** 1. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 9-7; 2. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 9-3; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 5-9.
High jump: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 3-9; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8:9; 1. (tie) Lauren Tate (Rdf), 8:9; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 7:53; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 4. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), N/A.
75 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 11:96; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 11:09; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.
100 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 15:69; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; **(age 12)** 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 15:57; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.

COMBINED AGES

800-meter run (Combined): 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 3:39; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
N/A: Results not available

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OLYMPICS
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Redford's Asia Williams taking the other two; Jessica Reich topped the field in the Pee Wee girls division in three categories, while Redford's Raquel Urban (three firsts) and Lauren Tate (two firsts) took care of matters in age 11 of the Midget girls division.

And in age 12 events in the Midget girls division, Rachel Reynolds of Farmington Hills took the first-place ribbon in all but one event.



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Pee-Wee participant Madeline Piontek, 10, of Redford leaps over the bar to take first place in her age group.

SPREADING THE WORD

"I'm not sure why the numbers are down," Burgess said. "It's gone great the last several years. I think because it's the middle of summer, it's trying to get people out to the event, too."

"But many years back they used to send out mailers to everybody that participated and I think that's a great resource that we need to tap back into."

Another reason she cited for lower numbers is a drop in township playground programs. Because of budget cuts, there now are just two of those

sites, down from five several years ago.

Those programs were excellent stations to get the word out about the Junior Olympics.

Burgess, meanwhile, added that is likely that the mailed reminders will make a comeback next year, to help spur registration for the 50th annual event - tentatively set for July 8, 2008.

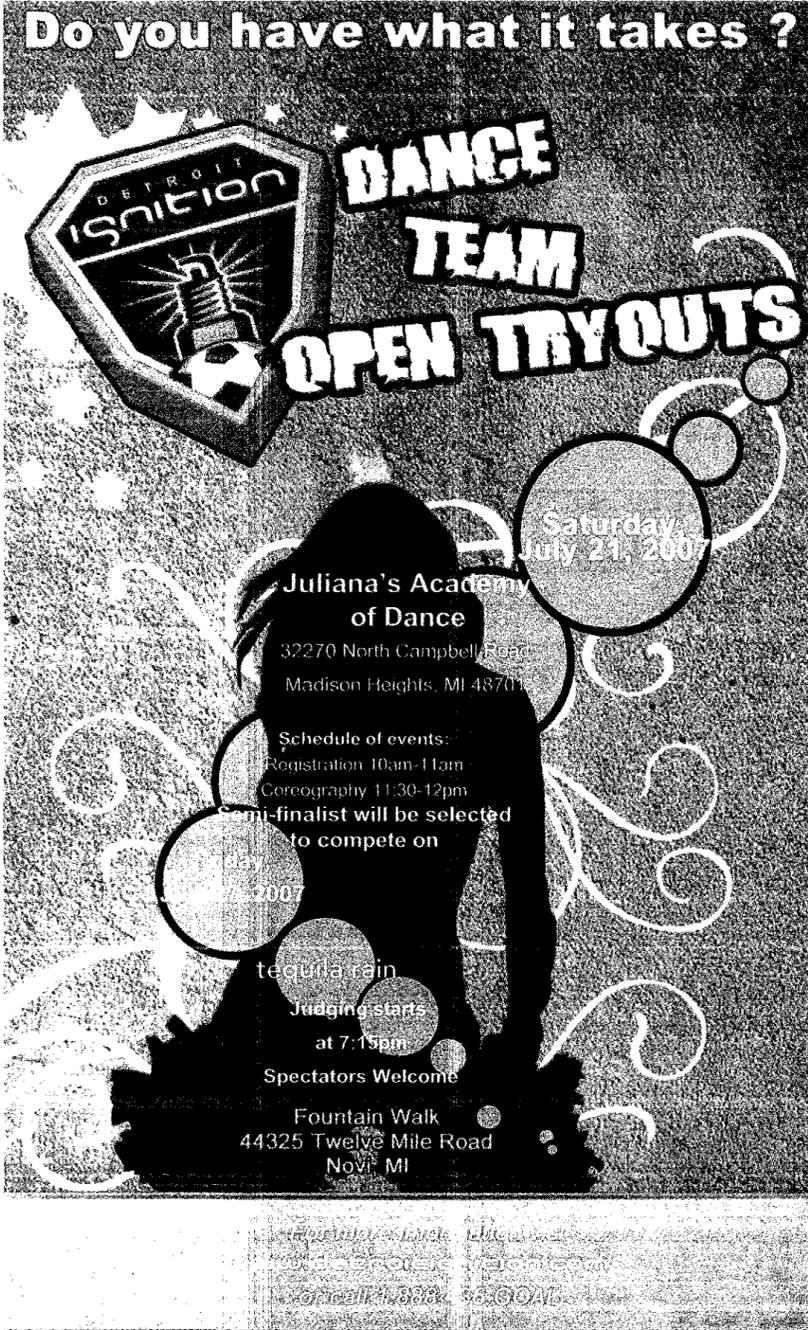
"Next year is our 50th year," Burgess said. "So there will be a bunch of new activities and

special stuff going on for that."

And the Redford Junior Olympics continues to be a special place and time for young athletes and their families.

"It keeps them active during the summer," she emphasized. "Obviously, parks and recreation promotes youth fitness year-around. So, this is a great way for people to come out and have fun. ... A lot of families come out, eat lunch and cheer on their family members, their brothers and sisters."

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No Love For The Ladies?

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

I was watching the Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo this past weekend. I also was wondering why ladies golf has not become a bigger draw than it is. It does not receive anywhere near the same media attention the PGA Tour does. As a result, the crowds are usually a lot smaller. But why is this?

I am not suggesting that people should watch the LPGA Tour over the PGA Tour. Everyone should make their own decision. For myself, nothing beats the PGA Tour. But the ladies offer a nice alternative.

The Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo did not receive anywhere near the same media attention that the Buick Open does. This is true despite the fact that both venues are about the same distance from Metro Detroit.

And the Jamie Farr Classic had Se Ri Pak, Natalie Gulbis and many more stars on hand. In fact, the field was stronger than this years Buick Open.

Now I am not suggesting that you should ditch the PGA Tour. Those guys always have been and will be the greatest golfers on earth. I am only suggesting that you consider broadening your horizons and give the ladies a chance. You may be surprised!

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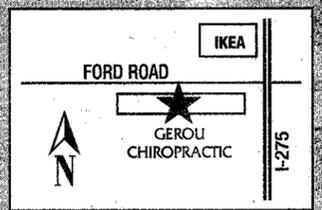


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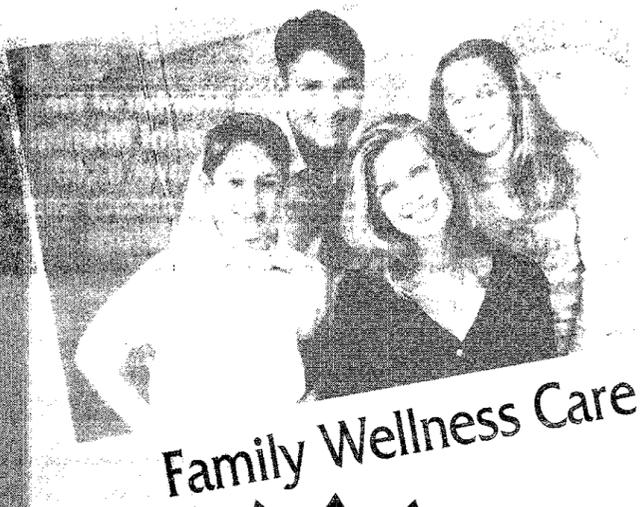


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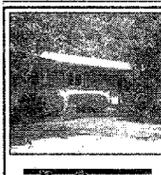
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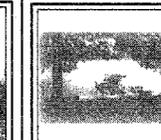
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ACROSS

- Wine category
- Croon
- Parroted
- Temper
- Black, in poetry
- Ad award
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- Cater bad guys
- Abolute
- Stash away
- Say please
- Reuben bread
- Meat substitute
- "Exodus" hero
- Decide, as a jury
- A Gershwin
- Pants problem
- Compost
- "Fernando" band
- Eland cousin
- More sore
- Implored
- Bacon feature
- Parent's order
- Depend

DOWN

- In — (as found)
- Latin I verb
- Bronze coin
- Grills a steak
- PC maker
- San Francisco hill
- 7 Eland cousin
- 8 More sore
- 9 Implored
- 10 Patrick's domain
- 11 Hairstyles
- 17 Bashful
- 19 Water, on the Seine
- 22 Gold measure
- 23 Turn color, maybe
- 24 Pedro's aunt
- 25 Moon or eye
- 26 Groovy
- 28 Unburdened
- 30 Coffee dispenser
- 31 MGM work-place
- 32 Hot time in Quebec
- 37 Buoyant
- 39 Astonish
- 41 Novelist — Rand
- 43 Gas made by lightning
- 44 Take a load off
- 45 Charles Lamb
- 47 Anacondas
- 48 Rajah's spouse
- 49 Long way off
- 50 — relief
- 51 Menacing sound
- 52 — Paulo, Brazil
- 53 Young Cratchit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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	9		2					1
		2	9					5
5	7	3			4			
2	5			1				6
9		7	4	2		1		3
	3	1		9	5	8		
			2	9		1	7	
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2		3		6				

Level: Beginner

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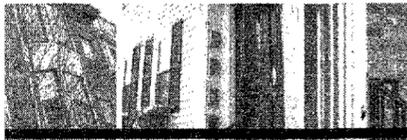
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L	W	W	R	E	N	C	H	L	D
I	F	V	C	L	B	N	A	T	M
E	L	Q	S	A	W	W	M	S	E
R	I	R	T	Y	U	I	M	V	W
S	A	N	D	P	A	P	E	R	H
A	N	E	R	T	Y	K	R	F	B

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

4	5	6	3	9	2	7
2	3	7	8	5	1	4
1	2	1	2	6	2	8
2	1	8	6	9	1	3
3	5	1	8	2	4	7
9	6	1	4	7	1	8
8	6	2	9	1	8	2
8	6	2	7	1	8	2
4	5	6	3	9	2	7

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A	N	E	R	T	Y	K	R	F	B
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AVOIDING TRAPS IN E-MAIL MARKETING



WORKWISE
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When e-mail marketing becomes almost second-nature, you might be caught up short by an

unexpected response. If you slid into marketing by e-mail, you might not remember how you resisted it in the beginning. Your guard was up, because you were communicating with someone you couldn't see or hear.

THE RISKS OF 'DATA-PUSH'
Marketers are in the business of helping others make decisions, according to Sharon Drew Morgen, president of Morgen Facilitations Inc., in Austin, Tex. Her trademarked Morgen Buying Facilitation Method advocates against "data-push to convince," where marketers "shove data onto the buyer's screen.

"People can't decide from data," she continues. "Even if I want them to have it and I'm right, they will reject it unless they're already actively seeking that data and actively seeking change, and it's already in alignment with their belief system." She maintains that there's no hope for a sale if the data contradicts a buyer's belief system or criteria.

JoAnn Laing, president and CEO of Information Strategies Inc., in Ridgefield, N.J., maintains that requests for lots of data should sound the alarm: "We have found that often times the more

people ask for information, the less likely the sale. They may need to sell internally or provide data and information to a competing bidder. The best way of judging this is by deciding how much you want to give and whether it is enough for a reasonable person to make a decision." Laing specializes in developing information relevant to the health care industry and small- to medium-sized businesses.

OTHER CULPRITS
Watch out for other potential problems, beginning with "not having a real relationship," says Tom Bianco, CEO of Centripetal Management Inc., in Atlanta. He's an online retailer and e-commerce consultant who believes that the lack of one keeps you from sending an e-mail. Instead, "you have to get them through interruption marketing, like direct mail," he states. "Spam is interruption marketing."

Mike Scher, president of Frontline Selling L.L.C., in Alpharetta, Ga., rightly maintains that "people consume information differently." He creates demand among prospects by integrating asynchronous communication vehicles, including e-mail, voice mail and referrals to enhance your ability to gain attention. In e-mails, he adds, a prospect may read only one or two sentences; so to persuade, "get to the point very quickly."

Marc Ohmann, President of Digital Solutions Inc., a web development and Internet marketing management company in Bloomington, Minn., alerts

you to other potential problems:

-- "poor subject lines, not personalized to your audience and lacking a benefit;

-- "wrong frequency of communication, which creates list fatigue, instead of sending when you have something relevant for your audience; and

-- "transparent bulk messages pretending to be personal, turning a reader off by making him feel tricked."

Hal Elrod, president of Global Empowerment Coaching L.L.C., in Sacramento, cautions against self-centeredness. "Align your intentions with your prospect's by answering this question: 'How can I serve and add value to this person's life?' Make this the core of your message.

"Of course," he adds, "the best way to avoid blowing sales altogether is by centering your entire sales/business philosophy around serving and adding value for your clients."

Scher advises not to generalize about a tactic that fails one time. "It doesn't mean it's not a good tactic," he says. Bianco motivates to keep selling: "It's really about reconnecting if you think



PHOTO: Sharon Drew Morgen, president of Morgen Facilitations Inc., in Austin, Tex., advises Lisa Cone, Marketing director, on how to maximize the use for e-mail in marketing.

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you've blown it." Morgen wants you to watch "the amount of detail, feelings conveyed and rambling sentences. Delete what is too personal" and any other excess verbiage.

The next time around, Ohmann points out, "Be very clear about what your relationship is if it exists at all. You do run the risk of offending some people when you're trying to make every message seem personalized. There is a line and people will take things differently."

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