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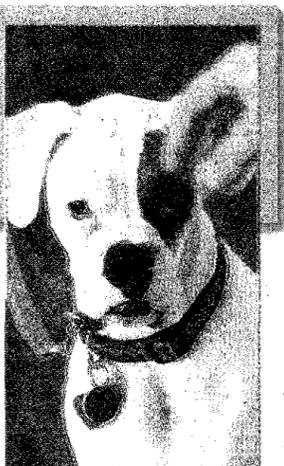
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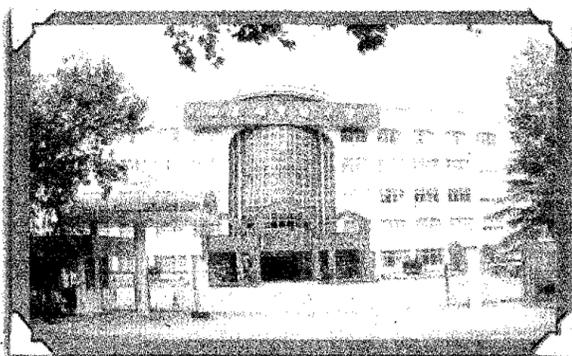
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Dr. Zhou Ji
Chinese Minister of Education

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time ever, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer students a Chinese language course through the online Virtual University.

For the first time, Wayne Memorial High School will have an international partner - Changzhou Tianjiabing Experimental Middle School in Jiangsu Province, China.

Both have come about as the result of a nine-day educational trade mission that included Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and school board Trustee Frederick Weaver.

"It was an amazing experience," said Weaver. "I found there's a big difference in what they do and what we do." "There's an educational revolution taking place in China and the government, it's supporting a huge transition from the old to the new China," said Baracy. "Along with that goes the belief of getting a quality education and through quality education attaining a better life similar to the American way."

Baracy and Weaver were recommended by former state Superintendent Tom Watkins, and selected for the educational

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Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Fred Weaver poses for a snapshot in the Forbidden City in Beijing, China.



Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and Yan Yulin, principal of the Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School, sign a memorandum of understanding making the middle school and Wayne Memorial High School international partners.

COPS grant puts digital cameras in W-W schools

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have heightened security by installing hundreds of new digital cameras in the district's 25 school buildings.

Security cameras, which provide high-resolution images, also will be placed on buses and in buildings, such as administration offices on Marquette.

"Every building in the district will have a number of cameras at entranceways, hallways and other areas of concern," Supt. Greg Baracy said.

In an era of increasing concerns about potential school violence, the new technology will be bought with grants from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of COPS, or Community-Oriented Policing Services.

COPS gave \$385,225 to the city of Westland and \$158,225 to the Wayne Police Department.

In Westland, Deputy Police Chief Alan Ramsden helped secure the funding with help from the school district, which will provide matching dollars.

"I couldn't be more happy that it came through," he said. "This is going to give us an

unprecedented level of security for public schools, in terms of solving crimes and finding out what's going on in the schools in a moment's notice. It's pretty amazing."

Baracy said the district's two high schools already have more than 100 security cameras, "but we're still going to put more in."

He credited city officials in Westland and Wayne for working with the district to enhance security in schools.

Said Westland Mayor William Wild: "It's our ultimate goal to make our schools as safe as possible, and I think this grant will go a long way toward achieving that goal."

Ramsden said that in Adams Middle School alone, 24 older security cameras will be switched over to digital technology, and 24 new cameras will be installed for a total of 48.

He also said that of the 11 elementary schools that are in the Westland portion of the district, a total of 143 cameras will be installed.

"This is state-of-the-art stuff," Ramsden said.

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Historic baseball comes to Westland

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Forget for a moment how the Detroit Tigers are struggling to make the playoffs. Westland is stepping up to the plate with a truly historic baseball game.

A vintage baseball match using game rules from 1867 will pit the decorated Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs against a Westland team that will mockingly call itself the Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dahs.

Teams will take the field at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in Jaycee Park, at Wildwood and Hunter, to raise money for restoration efforts at the Westland Historic Village Park.

Admission will be free. Money will be raised from concessions, face-painting, raffles and other donations.

In all its historic glory, the Greenfield Village team may have an edge on game rules set forth 140 years ago in the *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference*.

"They're very well-practiced," said Bethany Stawasz, 21, a Westland Historical Commission member. "But we're going to put up a good fight."

Sorry, women. Only men will take the field.

"They didn't have women playing back in 1867," Westland historian Jo Johnson said.

Pitchers will have to throw underhand, and costumed historians from Greenfield Village and the Westland Historical Commission will help interpret the game and its rules for the audience. Parkside Credit Union will sponsor the event.

Profanity and tobacco-chewing are out, according to the old rules, Stawasz said.

"That means no cussing and no spitting," she said.

Westland city officials and employees, including Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, already are signing on to play the Lah-De-Dahs.

"They're good," Kosowski said, "but we're going to try and beat them."

To be sure, the Lah-De-Dahs hold the title of champions of the 2007 World Tournament of Historic Baseball, Stawasz said.

But who knows? Maybe Westland's Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dahs will make history by defeating those Greenfield Village showoffs. Right.

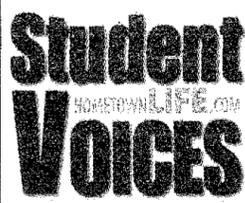
And maybe the Tigers will win the World Series.

Teen journalists - Observer wants you

The *Observer Newspapers* is looking for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

This marks the second year of the *Observer's Student Voices* project in which area teens write about issues important to them. Last year nearly 100 students participated in the school-year program.

Teens report, write, edit and take photographs for the hometownLIFE.com print



and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions throughout the school year.

Only sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to participate. In addition, students must commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-2008 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, and planning meetings as determined by the student group.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to appear in November.

"We want teens to take

ownership of the section in print and online," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about - what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the O&E."

To apply, go to www.hometownlife.com and click on the *Student Voices* logo for an application. Deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 24.

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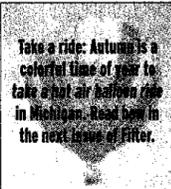
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Pasta dinners

The Wayne-Westland Corps of the Salvation Army is holding all-you-can-eat pasta dinners 5-8 p.m. Sundays, now through Oct. 28, at its facility at 2300 Venoy, between Palmer and Glenwood.

The meals includes pasta, bread and salad. There also will be a bake sale. The suggested donation is \$8 for those 12 years and older and \$5 for children ages 4-11 and seniors 60 years and older.

Proceeds will benefit the corps' outreach programs. For more information, call (734) 722-3669.

Junior Miss

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program will hold an orientation at 6 p.m. this evening, at the Westland senior Friendship Center on Marquette east of Newburgh.

Any high school senior-aged girl who has proof of residency in the cities of Wayne or Westland are eligible to participate. Girls interested in the program need to bring a parent to the orientation.

Contact Carol Baker at CBaker117@comcast.net.

Surplus food

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

The pickup for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call the church at (734) 729-1737 for information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at high-rise. Contact the building manager for the day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The September distribution includes spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and grapefruit juice. The program is admin-

istered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at 595-0366.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will host Harvest Thyme, a plant and seed exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill.

In addition to the exchange, participants will have an opportunity to make potpourri, tour the museum, have their questions answered by master gardeners and have plants identified at the mystery plant table. Organic produce also will be for sale.

For more information, call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Kim Peterson at (734) 591-6506.

Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall.

Registration for the tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the tournament starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The Vegas Room will open shortly after the tournament begins.

The Vegas room games will include Black Jack, Let it Ride, Texas Hold 'Em and Seven-Card Poker. Food, pop and beer will be available for purchase. Participants must be 18 years old to play. Tournament payouts and top prize for the tournament will depend on number of players; \$10 from each registration will go towards first-place payout.

The tournament cost is \$50 for those registered by Sept. 11. Late registrations will be accepted for an additional \$10. Pre-register for the event by sending your full name, address, date of birth and a check or money order, made payable to The Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland, MI 48185. Online registration is now available at www.westlandjaycees.org

Corps holds recruitment meeting

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is holding an informational recruitment meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, in the Choir Room of Canton High School.

Parents and students can learn more about PFDC. All aspects of becoming a member will be covered at this meeting, as well as a performance by the 2007 Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps.

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps members range in age from 12 to 18 years and come from such communities as Livonia, Redford, Farmington Hills and Novi, as well as the Plymouth-Canton area. The corps performs approximately 40-50 times per season at parades and festivals throughout the Michigan, New England and Canada.

Recruiting efforts will be for open positions in fifes, drums and color guard. No previous musical experience is necessary. Instructional information is provided by PFDC instructors. Uniforms also are provided by PFDC.

For additional information or to contact the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, visit the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps Web site at www.pfdc.us/.



Color Guard Commanders Jenine Rowe (left) and Stephanie Cogo (right) lead the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps during 2007 performance at Old North Bridge in Concord, Mass.

Ordinance would curb trucks parking on vacant parcels

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Responding to numerous complaints, Mayor William Wild has proposed a new ordinance adding penalties to drivers who park their semi-trucks and trailers on vacant properties.

Residents have long complained about trucks being parked at such places as the old Best Buy and Sam's Club on Central City Parkway, and on the southeast corner of Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

"This kind of parking is an eyesore — it's blight, and it is an invasion of the property owner's privacy," Wild said in a prepared statement. "This ordinance will offer immediate relief to residents' concerns, and this ordinance, if adopted, will be enforced (by police) and will offer a solution to this ongoing problem."

It's already unlawful to park or store a commercial vehicle more than an hour in a residential or business district, Wild said. But the new measure would force violators to incur costs for towing

and storage, in addition to tickets up to \$500, he said.

The ordinance is expected to be voted on Monday night by the Westland City Council. President Charles Pickering, a mayoral candidate challenging Wild in November, said he, too, has fielded complaints about semi-trucks and trailers.

"I certainly think there should be an ordinance that will allow us to issue violations," he said. "It is a form of blight in our community, and the ordinance will allow us to issue violations and address

them in a timely way." Pickering stressed that enforcement will be the key to making the ordinance work.

To that end, Wild said the new ordinance would require Westland police to impound semi-trucks or trailers that are left on vacant properties beyond the one-hour limit. He said some property owners already have offered to cooperate by discouraging illegal parking.

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Seniors to be honored at community gathering Oct. 3

Mayor William Wild will host a community gathering at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Holiday Park Townhouses clubhouse, on Wayne Road south of Joy.

The meeting will be the first in a series of gatherings aimed at bringing residents and city administration officials together in various

locales throughout the city.

The public meeting will offer a town hall-style format and begin with an update from city directors regarding recent happenings within their departments, followed by an old-fashioned barbecue outdoors by the pool.

"Our gathering is about the residents," Wild said in a

press release. "This will allow residents the opportunity to learn more about the departments that work for them in an open, informal environment."

All residents are welcome. The event also will include the giving of two awards — one for Pola O'Leary as the 2007 Senior of the Year

for Leadership, and one to John and Helen Kozleski as 2007 Seniors of the Year for Service.

"We are very much looking forward to recognizing these individuals who, due to their outstanding volunteer efforts and leadership, are most deserving of these awards," Wild said.

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trade mission by Dr. Yui Ming of Wayne State University and the Chinese Language Council International, or Hanban.

Thirty-eight Michigan educators from districts like Troy, Ann Arbor, the Grosse Pointes, Lansing and Rochester participated in the Chinese Bridge for American and Korean Schools that took place June 24-July 2. They visited several schools and spoke to students and educators in a carefully orchestrated visit that included brief stops at the Forbidden City and the Great Wall.

From the opening ceremonies at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to their visits to schools in Beijing, Changzhou and Suzhou, "it was a grueling trip," Baracy said.

"Hanban arranged the itinerary, 7 a.m. to 10 at night was a typical day," he said.

The Michigan educators talked to their Chinese counterparts about "teaching practices, curriculum, governance of the schools," and saw an educational process far different than the American system in which schools educate everyone who walks through the door.

DIFFERENT SYSTEM

In China, all students are educated through the ninth grade and then test to attend high school, Baracy said. The "cream of the crop" is selected for the schools which are more like mini college campuses, housing students from around the province. Those students who don't make the cut for high school go on to vocational school or into the labor force. Once students complete high school, they test again to attend college. The goal is to attend the University of Beijing or such Ivy League colleges as Yale and Harvard. "What we got most from talking to students was their professed and inherent appreciation and value of getting a solid education," said Baracy. "It's difficult to express how passionate and compelling that notion was in these young adults."

"The goal of many Chinese students is to study in the United States one year and the Chinese government encourages that."



School board Trustee Frederick Weaver and Superintendent Greg Baracy join in a discussion with Michigan and Chinese educators as part of the educational trade mission to China this summer.

CHINA'S COMMITMENT

According to Dr. Zhou Ji, Chinese minister of education, the Chinese government is committed to foreign language education. Studying the English language is compulsory for K-16 students, and there are more than 200 million Chinese students are now learning English. He told Michigan educators that the study of foreign language has helped "open up" China and has increased exchanges with the rest of the world. It also has intensified China's understanding of the world's cultural diversity and led to promoting exchanges and cooperation with the United States in education.

He added that education is fashionable and honorable among Chinese youth. To do poorly dishonors the student and his or her family.

"It's not whether they're going to college, it's which college they're going to attend," Baracy said. "Are they going to get in the most prestigious college and/or one of the Ivy League schools in the United States?"

"They're driven to succeed, I don't know any other way to say it."

"Students over there care about education, it's everything to them," added Weaver. "That's why we see so many Chinese in colleges here. Chinese colleges are full and have 100,000 waiting to get in."

Chinese educators were amazed that there is free public education in the United States. In China, once a student is

accepted in high school, their parents contribute to their child's education along with the government.

'WE TAKE EVERYBODY'

"We have No Child Left Behind, we take everybody who walks in the door; that's not true in China," Weaver said. "Their students have a reputation of doing better in math and science and the reason they do is because they pick and chose who goes to high school."

One thing that came out of the trip was the partnership between Wayne Memorial and Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School. According to Baracy, who signed the letter of understanding while at the school, it allows teachers and students to interact with the Chinese counterparts.

"It's the first time that one of our schools has had a sister school that lets students interact," he said. "It's becoming common in the workplace, and there's no question that we need to prepare our students for a global economy. People they work with will be from around the world."

Both men are glad to be back in the United States. While they learned and experienced a lot, they appreciate the freedoms afforded in the American educational system.

"I feel good about being back in the democracy of America where everybody has the opportunity to be successful without governmental influence," said Baracy. "Education isn't free there. Maybe that's the reason why they value it so much."

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Students to share cultures online

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For 17 days this summer, Autumn Askew was immersed in Chinese culture. As a People to People ambassador, she visited different Chinese cities and stayed with a Chinese family.

It was, she said, "the best experience." So it's no wonder the Wayne Memorial High School senior is serving as the student representative for an educational exchange program with students at Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School in China.

"I'm really excited about being a part of the program," Askew said. "It gives me a chance to lead the students in learning tolerance and acceptance of other cultures. I can take some of what I learned and share it with others."

Assistant Principal Sandra Morante is working with teacher Woo Xuyu and Principal Yan Yulin in setting up the online exchange between students in the two schools as well as developing an exchange between teachers.

The educators have been exchanging e-mails for about three weeks.

"What we thought we'd do is have the students e-mail each other back and forth with cultural questions," Morante said. "I think they'll see a lot of similarities in terms of pop culture, but I'll think there'll be a lot of differences, especially with the types of government and education. I don't think our youth can imagine having a 4.2 average and not advancing past eighth grade."

The exchange was the offshoot of an educational mission Supt. Greg Baracy and school board Trustee Frederick Weaver took to China in late June.



Autumn Askew

Its goal is to foster curriculum enrichment in language learning, expand use of electronic communication and share best practices among teachers.

Seven Wayne High students are participating in the group, with Askew serving as the student representative. The first thing she plans to tell other members of the group is the need to embrace other cultures.

"The main reason I went to China and the reason for foreign travel is to accept foreign cultures," she said. "The people in China are very friendly, they love our culture. Hong Kong reminded me of New York and the teenagers there want to be just like American teenagers."

While the exchange is starting out with e-mails, Morante would like to see it evolve into exchange trips with a teacher and several students visiting China and a Chinese teacher and students coming to Michigan.

"Even though people travel abroad, Asia is still consider the Far East," she said. "This will give students a good perspective of the area."

For now, Morante is waiting to hear back from Xuyu. She has sent her Chinese counterpart her blueprint of what she would like the program to be.

"This is an opportunity for the students to learn first hand about communism and about only the brightest of the bright going on in school," she said. "It'll give them a good idea of the difference between communism and democracy."

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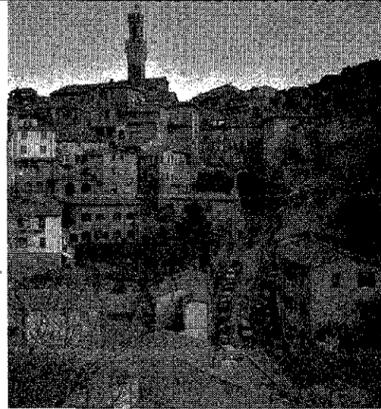
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Garden City Hospital sponsors wellness programs

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Monday, Sept. 17
Childbirth Education (second of six classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutri-

tion, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Smoke Free, Your Choice at 3:30 p.m. (third of four classes). The four week series will help the smoker identify the triggers and addictions associated with cigarettes/nicotine. The planning process then begins by setting a quit date and putting strategies in place that will help the smoker become

a non-smoker with the least amount of withdrawal. There is a \$45 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 458-4330.

Yoga (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more

information, please call (734) 458-4392. Wednesday, Sept. 19

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask

fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR -Adult at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, the class provides hands-on, training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims aged 8 and above. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to

attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 20
Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481.

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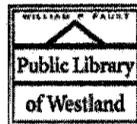
Have you always wanted to learn a new language? If so, the William P. Faust Public Library has a product in which you may be interested. As seen on television, the Rosetta Stone is one of the most popular language-learning products around and you can access it in the comfort of your own home by simply going to the library's Web site.

The library has recently subscribed to the online version of Rosetta Stone for five languages: English (for our English as a second language learners), French, German, Latin American Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

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If you are interested in more traditional ways of learning a new language, the library has plenty of materials in various formats, including Playaways, for many different languages.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Teen Advisory Board: 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

Help the library "be all it can be," join the Teen Advisory Board. The board helps in collection development, program planning, even decorating the teen department. AND there's pizza! Call (734) 326-6123 or stop at the Reference Desk for more details.

Adult Book Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 18.

Join us as we discuss "The Song of the Lark" by Willa Cather. You can check out the reading guide on our Web site. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

Blood Pressure and Glucose Tests: 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

The Westland Fire Department performs free blood pressure and glucose tests in the lobby of the library every Wednesday this month. It will take place Sept. 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19 and Sept. 26.

Information Central is compiled by librarian/cataloger Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

'Dining for Braille' benefits Seedlings

Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia and Max & Erma's at Laurel Park Place for the fifth annual "Dining for Braille Books" event Monday-Thursday, Sept. 17-20. Money raised will help provide the gift of literacy to blind children. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Diners who eat at Max & Erma's Laurel Park location only and present a special flier will be

able to know that 20 percent of their lunch or dinner check total will be donated to Seedlings to help make more children's books in braille. Download a PDF flier at www.seedlings.org (click on Special Events) or contact Julie Connoyer at seedlink7@aol.com or at (734) 427-8552, Ext. 301, to request a flier. A flier must be brought to the restaurant.

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On the inside of the elbow is a projection of bone that holds a group of muscles that help you bend your fingers. When injury irritates that muscle group, you experience pain in grasping a door handle or picking up an object from the floor. In addition you have pain in your elbow bringing food off a plate.

If injury occurs to the outer area of your elbow, you face a different set of problems. The muscles originating from that side control activity of the back of the fingers. Injury to the elbow at this outside site make it difficult to grasp. That problem becomes serious for tennis players and led to calling the pain "tennis elbow".

Treatment for elbow pain occurring in a muscle is steroid injection at the source of the pain. The injection does not heal the injury but removes the irritation that surrounds the bruised tendon. The body's natural powers of repair resolve the injury. Thus, following an injection you are not free to return to full activity of elbow, but need to gradually return to unrestricted movement.

Other causes of elbow pain and loss of the joint to bend and extend are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. In these instances, treating the underlying condition usually halts further deterioration of the elbow joint. Replacement elbows are available, but both the science and design are in an early phase of development.

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AG Cox, Evans target child support offenders

Attorney General Mike Cox this week announced a new child support sweep in metro Detroit, named Operation: Back to School '07.

The sweep, which lasted three days, is a cooperative effort between Cox's Child Support Division and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans's Felony Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit.

The operation is targeting more than 100 metro Detroit area residents who are charged with felonies for not

paying substantial amounts of child support.

"We have named this Operation: Back to School '07 because this is the time of year when parents provide their children the necessities to go to school," Cox said. "New clothes, backpacks, and calculators are just some of the expenses that parents incur this time of year."

"Let this be a reminder that child support is necessary for every child all year long," the attorney general added. "We

are grateful for the cooperation of Sheriff Evans and his commitment to this important work."

The defendants charged in these cases have legal obligations to provide support for almost 150 children. Their combined arrearage is more than \$4 million.

"The impact on a child whose parent can't afford to provide them with basic necessities can't be measured," Evans said. "It takes a toll on their self-esteem,

which also affects their education. This stepped-up enforcement period expands on the daily efforts of the attorney general and my office to hold deadbeat parents accountable."

Cox's Child Support Division, the first statewide child support enforcement unit in the country, has collected more than \$45 million owed in back child support, directly benefiting more than 4,200 children.

In addition to benefiting

children, the Child Support Division also benefits the state. The attorney general's Child Support Division is on track to recover twice as much money for the State of Michigan in 2007 as the actual cost for the division.

Among those arrested by sheriff's deputies during Operation: Back to School '07 were:

■ Nicholas Kohalisky, 48, of Southfield, owed more than \$67,000 in back child support,

■ Percy Ainsworth, 41, of Detroit, owed more than \$57,000 in back child support; and

■ Kyle J. Perry, 34, of Detroit, owed more than \$50,000 in back child support. A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty, Cox pointed out. To learn more about the Attorney General's Child Support Division, visit www.michigan.gov/ag

Schoolcraft College launches pharmacy tech course

COURSE ADDITION

Schoolcraft College has launched a program that aims to quell the recent shortage of pharmacy technicians, while giving future pharmacists a taste of the health profession.

The course, which takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 18 and Saturdays starting Sept. 22, costs \$1,259 which includes fee, text books and ICPT Certification exam fee.

The course is noncredit, and Workforce Investment funds may be available.

The Pharmacy Technician course is a 72-hour course designed to teach students the fundamentals and particulars of being a pharmacy technician. The program is geared toward students interested in being a pharmacy technician, pre-pharmacy students, or those looking to strengthen their skills in the health care field.

The class introduces students to various pharmacy practice settings and covers drug classes and interactions,

- What: Pharmacy technician course
- Where: Schoolcraft College Campus, Rooms MC 115 and MC 110
- Cost: \$1,259 per person includes textbooks, lab materials and ICPT certification exam fee
- Dates: Sept. 18 to Dec. 11 or Sept. 22 to Dec. 15

Times: 6-9:10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday or 9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Saturday

daily pharmacy operations and basic physiology. Upon completion of this course, students will be efficient in completing daily tasks performed in a pharmacy setting and be prepared for entry-level pharmacy positions.

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists, including filling, packaging and distributing medications, and maintaining patient records and inventory. The technicians start earning about \$10 to \$15 an hour but

certified technicians can earn 20 to 30 percent more. Chain retail pharmacies, hospitals, and home health care pharmacies typically employ them.

"This class is truly excellent," said Paula Ellis, a homemaker who completed the 72-hour course last fall. "You really feel prepared to take on a pharmacy technician's job by the time you finish it."

Ellis, a 45-year-old stay-at-home mom, was one of 32 students graduating from MRxI Corporation and one of several to pass the National Certification Examination.

"There's no way that I could've passed that test without this training," she said. "It's very thorough."

The certificate has value to employers who prefer to hire those with preparation in the field, even though on-the-job training is always required.

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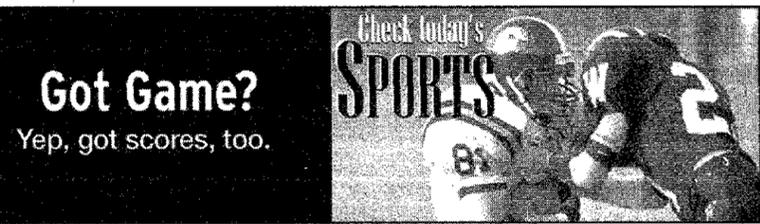
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Wish You Were Here

Nina Lindsay (from left), 5, of Westland, Joey Gala, 7, of Garden City, Jake Gala, 5, also of Garden City and Helen Lindsay, 9, of Westland sit on a Harley Davidson motorcycle in front of the Hard Rock Cafe in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for their Wish You Were Here photograph, submitted by their grandmother, Helen McKay of Westland. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Westland Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about where your photograph was taken.

Humane society reduces adoption costs for cats

The summer months represent the peak breeding time for cats, resulting in more cats, and especially kittens, still looking for loving homes throughout the fall.

The Michigan Humane Society is embarking on a program to help more kittens and cats find good homes by reducing the adoption fee for kittens, under six months of age, from \$80 to \$30, beginning today (Sept. 16).

"As we enter the fall months, we are still overwhelmed with a number of kittens needing good homes, a direct result of unsterilized cats breeding throughout the summer months," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communications for the Michigan Humane Society. "Cats and kittens make wonderful companions for many lifestyles, and we are hopeful this initiative will help these wonderful feline companions find the loving homes they deserve."

In conjunction with lowering kitten adoption fees, the Michigan Humane Society will continue its 'Cat Independence Days' program, which was initiated in late June. The 'Cat Independence Days' program

waives the adoption fee for cats age six months and older, giving more cats the opportunity to find the loving homes they deserve.

Over the course of the 'Cat Independence Days' program, MHS has increased cat adoptions 80 percent and kitten adoptions 25 percent when compared to the same time frame in 2006.

Adoptions will still include the same great adoption package: sterilization surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical checkup, the Michigan Humane Society 10-day health plan and much more. At the time of adoption, a sterilization deposit of \$25 may be required.

MHS adoption fees help cover a portion of the costs MHS incurs while caring for an animal, including shelter and food, medical treatment, sterilization surgery and vaccinations. Cat overpopulation continues to be a concern many animal care organizations throughout southeast Michigan face every spring and summer season, leading to more animals in need of homes throughout the fall months. Last year, almost 20,000 homeless cats and kit-

tens were sheltered and cared for by the Michigan Humane Society.

"We can't emphasize the importance of education and sterilization for all of our companion animals as these are critical elements of long-term success. Even with the success of this program, we cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem," Robbins said.

To help more kittens and cats find loving homes, people can visit the Three MHS three metro Detroit adoption centers, or go online to www.michiganhumane.org to "meet" their potential new furry family member. MHS adoption and veterinary centers are located in Detroit at 7401 Chrysler Dr., Rochester Hills at 3600 W. Auburn and Westland at 900 N. Newburgh. All three adoption centers are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

People who can't open their home to a new family member, can support MHS by making a donation. Call (866) MHUMANE, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit the MHS Web site.

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Cruise to benefit scholarship fund

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It will happen again. February will come to Michigan, and it will be cold. Bone-chillingly cold.

Sgt. Michael Muscat of the Westland Fire Department already has announced a way to escape winter and simultaneously help local firefighters raise money for student scholarships.

He has unveiled "The Cruise from the Heart," a five-day Caribbean getaway

booked through Garden City's Party Animal Travel, which will donate a portion of cruise revenues to the Westland Firefighters Charity Committee.

"We're raising money to provide scholarships for Wayne-Westland schoolkids," Muscat said.

The trip will cost \$689 for an interior room on the Carnival Cruise ship and \$739 for ocean-view lodging. The package also will include airfare.

Cruise-goers will leave

Detroit Metro Airport on Thursday, Feb. 21, and return the following Monday, Muscat said.

The ship will leave from and return to Miami with stops in Key West and Calica/Playa del Carmen, plus what is billed as "a fun day at sea."

Muscat encouraged anyone who wants to go to call Party Animal Travel at (734) 525-9777. A \$50-per-person, non-refundable deposit will be required by Oct. 1.

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Alcohol a threat to teens, panelists say

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Parents, do you know what's in your teenager's energy drink? It might not just be caffeine, guarana and herbal ingredients said to "give you wings."

Some malt beverages disguised as energy drinks contain up to 8 percent alcohol — more than beer.

"If you see one of those in your kid's back seat, you might not think anything of it," said Ken Dail, coordinator of the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, who calls the can design a "predatory marketing" technique.

He brought three 16-ounce cans — two caffeinated alcoholic beverages (sold as Sparks and Tilt) and one energy drink (SoBe No Fear), all purchased from a gas station — to a panel discussion on underage drinking Tuesday in Redford.

The 17th Judicial District Court and Commission on Children's Issues presented "Clergy, the Court and the Community: Preventing Underage and Binge Drinking."



The two cans on either end of this photo are alcoholic malt beverages and the containers are designed to look like the energy drink can in the middle, according to Ken Dail, coordinator of the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking.

"It's a problem that we at the courts see all too often," said Judge Charlotte Wirth, who recently adjudicated a case involving a boy with a 0.28 per-

cent blood alcohol level.

Panelists included emergency room doctors, a mother whose son died from alcohol poisoning on his 21st birthday, an assistant

Wayne County prosecutor and the director of a substance abuse treatment provider.

Teenager's still-developing brains and their tendency to

drink heavily when they do gain access to alcohol are a recipe for disaster, panelists said.

Car accidents, broken hands from fist fights and rape can be the outcome, said Jodi Galdes, an ER doctor at St. Mary's Hospital.

Surveys show that 90 percent of high school seniors have used alcohol; 14 percent of eighth-graders admitted binge drinking.

"A lot of kids are depressed. They're stressed out," said Galdes, who is a Thurston High School graduate. "They're self-medicating."

Teens can usually keep this hidden from their parents for six months to two years, a panelist said. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said alcohol, often overlooked because it is a legal drug, "drives people to the front steps of the court house." Assistant prosecutor C. Meghan Mathews said 85 percent of the cases she sees deal with alcohol or substance abuse.

Underage drinking has declined in the past 15 years, studies show.

"We are doing an OK job" combating the problem of underage drinking, Dail said.

The same kind of changes in policy and community norms that made tobacco smoking taboo are happening with underage drinking, Dail said.

The surgeon general recently put out a call to action. Federal money is available for prevention efforts. Drug courts and the like are helping troubled teens get help.

Locally, public service announcements made at Thurston's video production camp will air on the school district and local cable channels.

District Judge Karen Khalil said the 65 or so in attendance represented people who are "caring, concerned and capable" of taking the message back to churches, businesses and schools.

Before the talk, the group commemorated the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which killed some 2,800 people.

To put that in perspective, Dail said, "we're going to lose that many kids this year to underage drinking."

"Terrorism is not the threat that's going to kill them," he said. (Alcohol) is the biggest threat that they face."

Anderson sponsors town hall meeting

With a new school year beginning and college tuitions reaching an all-time high, State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson is hosting a town hall meeting to discuss planning for college and how to manage the burden of cost increases in the future.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, east of Middlebelt, in Livonia.

Officials from the Department of Treasury will present information on the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the state's pre-purchase tuition program, and answer questions regarding the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP), a 401K style college savings program.

The reserve a seat for the town hall meeting, call (866) 262-7306.

Gingrich tours innovative hospital

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

Newt Gingrich and Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield have something in common.

"It's about bringing health care into the 21st century," said Gingrich, former U.S. Speaker of the House. "It's about implementing cutting-edge technology to provide better health care at a lower cost."

Construction is currently under way at the state-of-the-art \$350 million, 300-bed hospital at Maple and Drake roads. Prototype rooms — including patients rooms, operating room, labor and delivery, special care nursery and emergency room treatment cubicles — were built at a warehouse in Commerce Township.

And Gingrich, founder of The Center for Health Transformation, recently toured the prototype during a brief stop-over in the area.

The hospital is slated to open in spring 2009.

Patient rooms feature warm colors, curved walls, decorative wall sconces, shelves for cards and flowers, hardwood floors and stained glass windows above the doors. The rooms also feature attached alcoves and nurses' stations between the units.

Officials — who used a feng shui expert to design the rooms — envision the hospital as a destination for not only health, but wellness, with everything from spa services to cooking classes and wooded walking trails. Fens shui is the ancient Chinese practice of placement and arrangement of space to achieve harmony with the environment. All inpatient rooms, which will overlook wetlands and woodlands on the hospital's 160-acre campus, are private and will have space for an overnight guest.

"The rooms constantly



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Newt Gingrich gave a brief press conference following his tour of the Henry Ford Hospital Prototype Center in Commerce Township Wednesday.

evolved," Gerard van Grinsven has said. Van Grinsven is the president and chief operating officer of the hospital. "Health care professionals, patients and residents visited and evaluated the rooms before they were complete. We asked them,

"What is it we can do to take health care to another level?"

Key programs at the hospital include cardiovascular medicine, neurosciences, cancer care and orthopedics. The facility will be staffed by 800 physicians and researchers.

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- 1154- Nicole Allen- bags, sofa, washer
- 1208- Chris Cuddy- mattress, dresser, sofa
- 1288- Martha Williams- boxes, bags, mirror
- 1308- Derrick Claybrooks- bed frame, boxes, exercise equipment
- 1362- Osman Almanza- bags, boxes, picture
- 2388- Jerry Taylor- mattress, bags, boxes
- 3016- Karl Kubinski- boxes
- 1410- Sparkalen Keith- dresser, sofa, chair
- 1484- Carla Hickman- boxes, loveseat, mattress
- 1541- Monika Foushee- boxes
- 1544- Be Da 1st inc- salon equipment
- 1550- Be Da 1st Inc.- boxes, bags, totes
- 2016- Ameera Jasim- washer, dryer, stove
- 2026- Montez Barr- totes, boxes, fish tank
- 2044- Lester Brown- mattress, sofa, stove
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- 2164- Holly Rundels- boxes
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- 5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
- 9056- India Hunter- couch
- 3032- Sarah Howard- boxes, couch, bags
- 4032- Frank Makdesion- TV, computer, mattress
- 5010- Matthew Smith- DVD's, video games, bed
- 6067- Joe Balavitch- dresser, microwave, stove
- 6123- Jean Koltuniak- fan, boxes, beach chair
- 9029- Benjamin Williams- couch, fish tank, loveseat
- 9059- Mark Bloom- boxes
- 9100- Aimee Shields- bags, box, TV
- 3013- Jennifer Stoneberg- TV, microwave, Washer
- 3020- Help U Flip 1- Totes, Tools, Boxes
- 3064- DeQuan Thomas- Mattress, Bags, TV
- 3097- Thomas Lippford- Bike, Sofa, TV
- 4008- Nicole Spisz- Boxes, Bags, Toys
- 4014- Samuel Cuffie- Bags, Washer, Stove
- 5033- Barbara Faremouth- Bag, Totes, Boxes
- 5108- Janet Davis- Boxes, Totes, Chair
- 6025- Phyllis Lange- Boxes, Bags, Fan
- 6046- Vince Stellini- Dresser, Toys, Boxes
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Women's center holds 'Take Back Night' rally

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Women's Resource Center will host "Take Back the Night," an international rally and march for awareness of violence against women, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, on the University Center stage.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Women's

Resource Center, First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence and UM-D's Women and Gender Studies Department along with Women in Learning and Leadership program, and YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Coffee and pastries will

be provided by Starbucks at Michigan Avenue and Oakman in Dearborn.

"Take Back the Night" will include a rally and march through the campus to symbolically reclaim the streets. The event will conclude with survivors of domestic and sexual violence telling their stories, often sharing the experiences in public for the first time.

"Take Back the Night" at UM-Dearborn serves to high-

light the important work that is done throughout the community to empower survivors

of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as a reminder of the work yet to be done to stop violence against women," said Shareita Carter of the Women's Resource Center.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (313) 583-6445 or by e-mail at WomensResourceCenter@umd.umich.edu.

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- 1134 - Gerald Ouellette- bed, mattress, couch
- 101 - Mathew Jordan Reiter- camera
- 617 - Nicole Rhodes- bags, boxes
- 1004 - Jessica Vernille- mattress, couch, totes
- 158 - Rachael Wesley- bed, mattress, chair
- 1116 - Jennifer Wheeler- mattress, chair, couch
- 1007 - Ladawna Harden- boxes, totes, bags
- 1013 - David Vassallo- boxes, toys, dresser
- 1022 - Faye Guerra- boxes, boxes
- 1029 - Brian Keith Jones II- boxes, toys, bags
- 104 - Hilliary Mesler- tools, box, bag
- 1121 - Joseph Swiney- refrigerator, dresser, mattress
- 1126 - Willie F. Hodge Jr.- sofa, dresser, bed
- 125 - Mark Deason- bike, boxes, dresser
- 126 - Stephanie Gestrich - snowblower, box, bag
- 135 - Nyla Bagwell- boxes
- 162 - Anthony E. Barton- tools
- 213 - Rolando J Garcia- bike, boxes, bags
- 226 - Scott Hayes- bike, washer, floorlamp
- 233 - Debra Hitts- boxes
- 238 - Kimberly Sidar- boxes
- 405 - Christine Lockhart- boxes, bags, totes
- 512 - Janet Pielak- bike, boxes, speakers
- 518 - Annmarie Swift- sofa, dresser, boxes
- 940 - Jeffrey Woodward- boxes
- 947 - Susan Dalimonte- tv, vacuum, cabinet
- 600 - Alicia Jackson- microwave and totes
- 617 - Nicole Rhodes- bags and boxes
- 621 - Steve Molnar- boxes, clothes, chair
- 654 - Raymond C Dennis- lawn equipment, golf clubs
- 657 - Kymane R Clark- totes, boxes, bags
- 715 - Barbara J. Sleeman- sofa, dresser, loveseat
- 719 - Ladawna Hardin- bags, boxes, totes
- 721 - Nicole Keno - bags, boxes, totes
- 835 - David Moore- bags, boxes, bike

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OUR VIEWS

Sunday letters add new forum

Residents have always wielded an important voice in the affairs of their community, and they frequently take advantage of the *Observer's* "Letters to the Editor" section to use that voice.

With the debut of the *Observer's* Sunday editorial page, which started last week, readers now have twice as many opportunities to shape local opinions as before.

In a recent survey and in focus groups conducted in our communities, readers told us time and again they like the editorial positions we take in our Thursday editions, but they'd like to see even more.

That's why we've added a Sunday opinion page. Each Sunday, we'll deliver our opinion on the issues facing the community, and we invite you to either agree or take us to task.

If we're wrong (in your opinion), tell us. If we're right, tell us that, too. If we're not hitting issues you care about, hit them for us.

That's why the letters section is so important. It gives you an open forum to not only get your opinion out there, but to help shape the issues of the day in your community.

There are a few rules (naturally). Try to keep the letters at 400 words or less. Keep them clean and on point, and stay away from personal attacks. Not sure what constitutes a personal attack? Here's an example: "Sen. Joe Blow's position on that issue makes absolutely no sense and shows how out of touch he is" is fine. "Sen. Joe Blow is the biggest windbag ever elected" is a personal attack.

Any issue is up for grabs. Don't like what your government is doing? Write us. Don't like something we wrote? Write us. Love the service at your favorite local restaurant? Write us.

Good or bad, happy or sad, glad or mad — we want to hear from you. A letter to the editor can be a powerful weapon.

Use it wisely.

Stop funding the war

We must end all funding for U.S. operations in Iraq except to get out! It is time to end the fraud on the American people called the war on terror in Iraq.

Why anyone is fooled into thinking General Petraeus has a legitimate report on how things are going in Iraq is beyond my comprehension. This is the same man who vouched for the lie that we had found the WMD biological labs back in 2003!

The current report from the GAO indicate only three of the 18 benchmarks set by Congress were met. The situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate, and we need Congress to find its backbone and do what the American public needs them to do. That is, to cut all funding that continues the occupation of Iraq.

We in Michigan's 11th District have a congressman who has supported the occupation every step of the way. He has voted against all legislation to set benchmarks, troop withdrawal and redeployment, and has supported troop increases. This, in spite of the letters and phone calls from his constituents to do exactly the opposite.

In August he even voted to extend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for six months. This FISA law allows for warrantless wire tapping of American citizens. Mr. McCotter stated in the *Observer* Aug. 23 edition: "No constitutional right is absolute." Our right to privacy is not a concern for him?

Next year is a congressional and presidential election year. We need to keep this in mind as we track the voting record of our congressional representative in the 11th District. For now, we need to voice our opposition to the continued funding for all operations in Iraq.

Patricia Linna
Westland

What about serving customers?

Companies trying to sustain themselves in today's economy are placing more emphasis on customer satisfaction, community service, and environmental friendliness. One industry that delivered well in those areas for years, but in more recent years has been

heading in the opposite direction is the newspaper home delivery service.

For many years newspapers were delivered by ambitious children/teens (community service) on route bikes or on foot with route bags (environmentally friendly). The paper was delivered within arms reach of the front door or within a designated holder, time of delivery was fairly consistent, and the newspaper company would occasionally call customers to check on service (customer satisfaction times three).

Today, newspapers are being delivered by adults (sorry ambitious children/teens). The delivery method is by whirling from driveway to driveway in automobiles (greenhouse gas emitters) to drop a newspaper in a plastic bag (biodegradable plastic?) at the bottom of the driveway (considerate for delivery drivers, but what about the subscribers?). The paper arrives inconsistently (adults have busier lives) and it is often not worth the effort tracking down someone to complain (customer satisfaction diminishes further).

Certainly, these changes in delivery method and level of service are an integral part of a newspaper company's business plan that accounts for current times and future forecasts. Did newspaper companies learn something counter intuitive regarding customer satisfaction, community service, and environmental friendliness from their past business practices?

Jerry Piasentin
Livonia

Elder care needs to grow

As the Governor and Legislator deliberate on the 2008 budget, the issues of cuts, revenue enhancements or both are being hotly debated. One issue that needs to be thoroughly evaluated is the issue of long-term care and elder care.

The issue of long-term care and elder care in the near future is one that politicians and the general public, tend to avoid at all costs. Politicians do not want to think about the cost to care for the burgeoning elderly population and the public do not want to deal with their own mortality.

The train is coming down the track and we must deal with the reality that the 85-plus population will increase 40 percent in the next seven years and the baby boomers will swell the 65-plus

population 26 percent by 2015. These numbers indicate that new tracks need to be laid in preparation for the train which will demand more services for the care of the elderly.

When the general public thinks of long-term care most think of nursing homes. What they don't realize is that most nursing homes have evolved to become places for short term rehabilitation. Most long term residents found in nursing homes (skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers) tend to be dementia and cognitively impaired. The shorter stays and the increase in the 65-plus population have resulted in an increase in alternatives for nursing homes.

The growth in non-nursing home settings is due in part to the displacement of traditional nursing home residents by the rehabilitation clients but also the desire of the growing elderly population wanting to stay at home as long as possible or live in a less medically intense environment (nursing homes) such as assisted living facilities.

Historically nursing homes have received the lion's share of the state and federal elder care budget. Now with more services and options available some advocates for the home and community based service model have suggested a rebalancing of state and federal budgets by reducing funds to nursing homes and allocating more dollars to home and community based services and assisted living facilities. The idea that more funds are needed to pay for these alternatives to nursing home care is correct, but the idea of rebalancing is flawed simply because of the huge growth in the 65-plus population. There will be a great demand and increased funding needed for all levels of elder care services in the future elder care continuum.

Suzanne Roper, NHA, administrator
Livonia Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation

Destructive web of lies

I loudly applaud all the young men and women of America, regardless of their races, who are boycotting the military services in their stand against President Bush's war in Iraq. Everything about the Iraq war is wrong!

President Bush outright lied to the American people and the world in

order to take our military forces out of Afghanistan, where they were doing some good, chasing down Bin Laden, who is the rebel leader who actually led the 9/11 attacks against America, in order to "take out" Saddam Hussein, who had tried to assassinate his father, the elder President Bush.

In order to do this, he got former CIA Director George Tenet to lie to former Secretary of State Colin Powell, convincing Powell that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, in Iraq awaiting a chance to use them against America. Bush had Powell pass on the lie in an address to the world at a United Nations meeting, which convinced the U.S. Congress to vote for the war.

The whole thing is based on Bush's lying. That lie mushroomed into more lies to cover up for Bush's original lie. George Bush is a walking disaster to the entire world!

Tens of thousands of innocent men, women and children have been slaughtered for no reason, other than lies. American lies! Is it any wonder the world hates America? We've got to get out of there, now!

Kenneth Kemp
Farmington Hills

Stop for the school bus

Attention, drivers: Go retest your driver license. When you see a school bus, it means precaution, slow down, or STOP. It could be your kid on that bus.

Going down Avondale, you take a risk every day — school bus or not — cars opening up their doors, toys, balls being thrown out to the street.

School buses mean to me this: Caution, stop, kid. You just don't know! When you don't know, STOP. It only takes a minute to be safe then to be sorry.

If you are in a hurry, then you should of gotten up 10 minutes earlier, but who fault is that? Yours, plan your life better next time.

Life means hurry up and wait. Next time you see a school bus, hurry up and wait for that school bus. A school bus = an ambulance = a caution! Remember that next time, please.

Bottom line is if you don't want to wait for a school bus then you have no right to drive!

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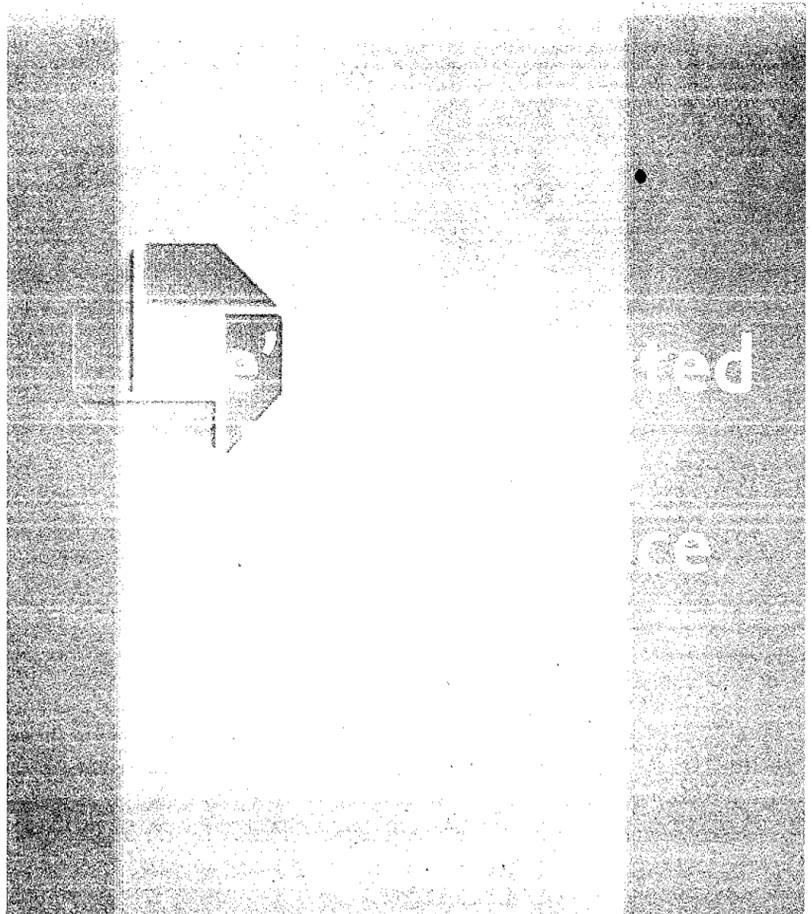
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Jeanette Gary-Lloyd of Detroit talks with a representative from Coca-Cola about her resumé during a career fair Thursday at the University of Phoenix in Livonia.



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Shawn Reynolds of Southfield talks to Donna Kutylowski, vice president of Ski-Squared Consulting, during a career fair held Thursday at the University of Phoenix in Livonia.

Area job fair brings hundreds of workers to dozen employers

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Selewski used to help people find jobs. On Thursday in Livonia, she was looking for one herself.

Selewski was let go last week from a staffing firm that provides workers for automotive and industrial companies.

As those jobs dried up, demand for Selewski's position did too.

The 24-year-old Baker College student donned a sharp suit and traveled from her home in Roseville to check out the prospects at a job fair at the University of Phoenix Livonia Learning Center.

Nearly 500 job seekers filed through. A dozen companies

had job openings, including, business-to-business sales roles with Aflac, entry-level management at Kroger and a range of jobs with Coca-Cola.

Kroger bought 20 Farmer Jack stores this summer after that grocer went out of business.

"We have to find store managers to meet the needs of our company," said Chad Jordan, Kroger's Michigan recruiter. The company is looking for those with an associates or bachelors degree and management experience, retail or otherwise.

Jessica Fehnel, 28, of Belleville doesn't know whether she'll go back to school for skilled trades training or land another job after taking a buy-

out from Ford Motor Co. in January.

Retiree Peggy Richardson, 65, of Novi has been looking for a job in the health care field off and on for about one year and remains hopeful.

Kevin Bono, 20, of Taylor said he has filled out 40 applications in the past five months. "You can't find jobs anywhere," he said.

Bono and friend Brad Kollar, 19, stopped at the Costco booth, where job-seekers were told about temporary help needed this holiday season and then directed to fill out an online questionnaire.

Howard Ambinder, who works in marketing at Costco's Eight Mile and Haggerty store, suggests they then bring

their resumes directly to the store where they want to work. Jobs start at \$11 an hour.

It was the first job fair the University of Phoenix hosted at its Livonia campus. Another is tentatively planned for December, said director of enrollment Jimmy Velu. "We'll have these consistently for the students and the community."

It serves the school's purposes as well. Velu said 30 to 40 of yesterday's job seekers enrolled at the school. The University of Phoenix is also looking to hire 95 enrollment counselors. Employees get free tuition.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves wind up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to

use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

"Mostly telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles William age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500.

"Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at 1-877-677-2020. Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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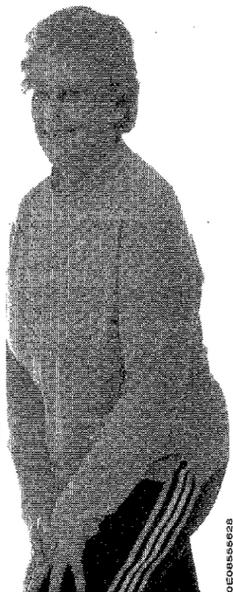
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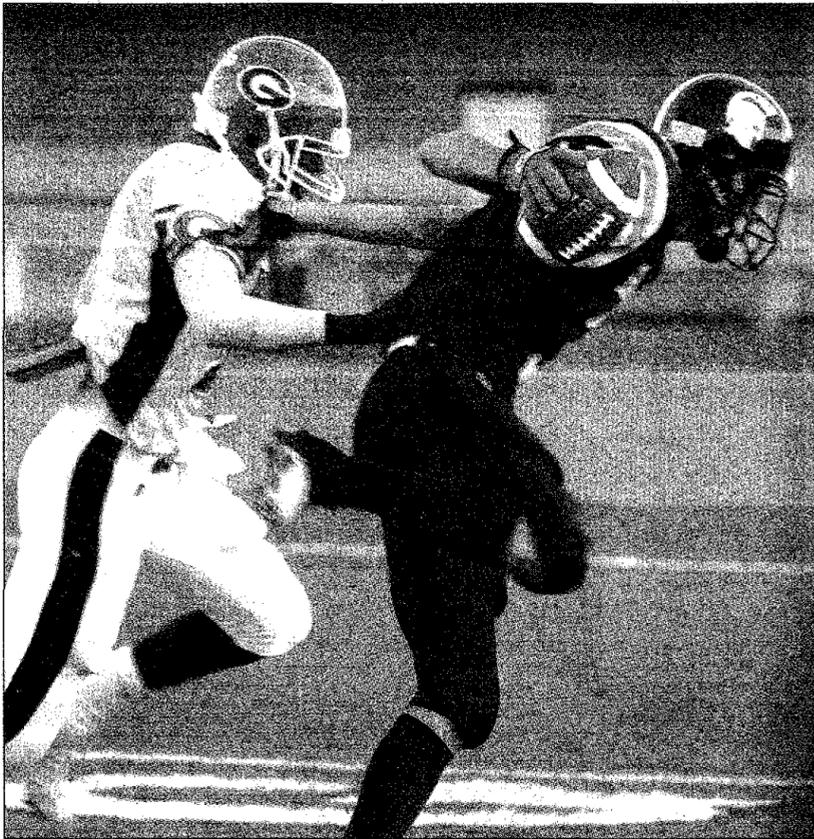
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Glenn's Keshawn Martin tries to tackle Stevenson wide receiver Myles White before he goes into the end zone for a touchdown in Friday's Lakes Division game.

Spartans go to 4-0 by mixing run, pass

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Just how efficient was Livonia Stevenson's high-powered offense Friday night?

The undefeated Spartans rolled up 448 total yards and didn't punt until late in the fourth quarter when the game was already well decided.

Actually it was pretty much decided in the opening half as Stevenson sprinted to a 31-7 lead and cruised home for a 45-15 triumph over Westland John Glenn in a WLAA-Lakes Division matchup.

Kudos also go out to the Stevenson defense, which limited Glenn's speedy tandem of quarterback Keshawn Martin (86 total yards) and tailback C.J. Woodford (42 yards rushing on 12 carries). The Rockets had only a 165 total yards.

Meanwhile, in four games, Stevenson is averaging 45.5 points per game.

"The first half we mixed it up really well and made some key plays," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "And then we were able to control the ball and keep them off the field the second half."

"(Defensive coordinator) Conrad (Newman's) plan was to try and bracket him (Martin)

and get as many people as possible to the ball. But the problem is that he (Martin) is not the only threat. You mix Woodford in there and he's hard to tackle. You can't simulate that in practice. But the kids understood the game plan and we did not break down catastrophically."

Glenn's only lead of the night ironically came on the first play of scrimmage.

Martin, playing in the secondary, jumped a Stevenson pass route and intercepted Mitchell White's pass, returning it 42 yards for a touchdown with the game only 17 seconds old.

But that didn't deter White, who finished the night completing 8-of-11 passes for 193 yards and three TDs. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior was 5-of-6 for 111 yards in the first quarter and 3-of-4 for 82 yards in the second period.

The Spartans evened the count quickly on Wade Stahl's 7-yard TD run with 7:27 left in the first period which capped a nine-play, 72-yard drive.

White then connected with twin brother Myles on a 42-yard TD pass later in the quarter. The two teamed up again for a 45-yard scoring pass with 10:03 left in the first half to make it 21-7.

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Singles

LJAL hoop signup

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will stage additional basketball registration for 2007-08 season from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road.

Registration is for the following levels: freshman (grades 3-4), junior varsity (grades 5-6), varsity (grades 7-8), senior varsity (grades 9-11).

For more information, e-mail Basketball@ljal.com.

Coaches wanted

■ Livonia Clarenceville High School has a coaching opening for a varsity assistant wrestling coach.

Interested applicants can call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217; or send a resume, cover letter and references to: Kevin Murphy, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

You can also contact him via e-mail at KMurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us. Resumes will be accepted through Nov. 1.

■ Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball program for age groups 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Sept. 19 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

The fee is \$125 (due at registration). Each registrant will receive 25 raffle tickets at \$5 each that can be sold and earn money, or fill out the tickets for yourself. The grand prize is a 2008 Pontiac G6 donated by Red Holman Pontiac.

For more information, call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 276-1979; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Chargers rip error-prone Rocks, 48-0

Off to a 4-0 football start, its best since the 1978 season, Livonia Churchill can start smelling a post-season playoff berth.

The Chargers made it look easy Friday night in their home opener, squashing winless Salem in a WLAA-Lakes Division matchup, 48-0.

Grant Morgan's 13-yard

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touchdown pass to Ryan Whittum - his only completion of the night - started the avalanche of points for the Chargers with 2:35 left in the first quarter. The six-play, 43-yard scoring drive was set up by Daran Carey's fumble recovery.

Carey then scored on an 11-yard TD run later in the quarter and Whittum's extra point made it 14-0.

Churchill added three more scores in the second period.

Tight end Billy Mayer recovered teammate Keshawn Robinson's fumble in the end zone with 10:08 remaining until halftime after Kevin Tabone set up the score when he returned a Rocks' fumble to the Salem 6.

With 5:44 left until intermission, Salem botched a punt deep in its own end and Churchill's Brian Ziemba

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Glenn boys regain bragging rights

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

CROSS COUNTRY

Jess Shough encountered plenty of smiling faces as he sat on his Gator ride taking place cards from his string of happy runners.

The longtime Westland John Glenn coach received a great deal of satisfaction Thursday afternoon as his host Rockets regained their Wayne-Westland Schools boys cross country title from rival Wayne Memorial in a double-dual meet which also included Northville.

Glenn snapped a two-year drought by outscoring both the Zebras (26-42) and the Mustangs (17-48).

Wayne's Jacob Schofield was the individual winner, covering the Glenn campus 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 50 seconds.

But Glenn placed five in the top eight led by newcomer Dan McCahill, a junior who clocked an 18:04.

Other Glenn finishers included junior Tim Boes, third (18:18); senior Mike

Gardner, sixth (18:05); junior Austin Anderson, seventh (19:22); and junior Eric Mlynar, eighth (19:24).

"It was a breakthrough for our number three, four and five runners - they all had PRs (personal records)," Shough said. "They ran as a pack and they've improved. Our top two (McCahill and Boes) also had PRs as well."

Shough convinced McCahill, a two-miler on the track team and wrestler, to give cross country a try.

So far, McCahill has been a quick study, taking individual honors in a dual meet with North Farmington and earning Glenn's only medal in the Dearborn Invitational in his first two varsity meets.

"I told them that if he wanted to improve his track time, he'd have to run cross country," Shough said. "It also helps his endurance for wrestling. He was our top two-miler and right now he doesn't know what he's doing. He's still

learning how to run and pace."

Anderson, meanwhile, is getting in shape for basketball where he was a part-time starter last year as a sophomore.

"Austin came out late last year and never got into shape," Shook said. "He's been battling Osgood-Schlatter disease (knee pain). He's training for basketball as well as helping us out."

Glenn girls split

In Thursday's girls double-dual, junior Megan Nikula and senior Stacey Richardson finished one-two, but the Rockets settled for a split, beating Wayne (19-42), but losing to Northville (28-31).

Nikula's time was 21:38, while Richardson was only three seconds behind in 21:41.

"Those two push each other in practice," Glenn coach Alan McGowan said. "Megan was our number four runner last

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Keen eye

Madonna University libero Jacqui Gatt, a Livonia Churchill grad, focuses in on the play during a recent match. The Crusaders are off to a 3-0 start in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. See story on page B5.



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Woolfork's clutch grab gives Patriots 21-18 win vs. Zebras

Livonia Franklin football still has a pulse. The Patriots, winless in their first three starts, needed some CPR Friday night, earning their first victory of the season with a heart-stopping 21-18 win at Wayne Memorial.

Lanky wide receiver Israel Woolfork, a 6-foot-4 senior, pulled in a jump-ball pass in the end zone over a Wayne defender from senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter with only 11 seconds remaining to give the Patriots (1-3, 1-1) the WLAA-Western Division triumph. The touchdown play covered 36 yards.

The game-winning TD came as a result of a nine-play, 35-yard drive where Carpenter completed 5-of-9 passes.

Wayne (2-2, 1-1) seemingly had the game in hand when Antwain Calloway took a bubble-screen pass from D.J. Freeman and raced into the

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end zone from 44 yards out with only 1:35 remaining to push the Zebras on top, 18-12.

"We finally played with some heart and overcame some adversity that we haven't been able to overcome before," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team won despite five turnovers (two interceptions and three fumbles lost).

Wayne got off to a roaring start, scoring on its first two possessions - D.J. Freeman on a 4-yard run followed by Anthony Baskin's 40-yard TD dash.

Carpenter, who was 14-of-25 for 225 yards, then tossed the first of his three TD passes, a 19-yarder to Mark McRobb in the second quarter. He later hit Brian Humenay on a 17-yard scoring strike just before the half to push the Patriots ahead,

14-12 (following Carpenter's two extra points).

The score remained that way until the final quarter.

"We played good team defense," Kelbert said. "Our defense played very well after we gave up 12 points in the first quarter. We shut them down until the fourth quarter. We also got a key interception in the end zone from Israel (Woolfork) to stop a (Wayne) drive before they scored."

Franklin, despite five turnovers, had 373 yards in total offense to Wayne's 291.

Woolfork had four catches for 114 yards, while Humenay added five catches for 92 yards.

McRobb rushed for 65 yards on 13 carries, while D.J. Freeman led Wayne with 110 yards on 11 attempts. Freeman was 6-of-15 from 119 yards and one interception. Calloway added three catches for 88 yards.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Stevenson defensive back Steve Eideh (left) tries to bring down Glenn running back Dazz Bragg during Friday's Lakes Division clash.

Lutheran Westland grinds out 26-0 win over Gabriel Richard

Old-fashioned football is back on vogue at Lutheran High Westland. The Warriors played air-tight defense and controlled the ball on the ground and the clock en route to a 26-0 non-conference win Friday night at winless Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"It's not pretty, but we'll take it," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse, whose team improved to 2-2 overall. "When you can move people up-front I guess it's four yards and a cloud of dust."

The Warriors led 8-0 after one quarter on Ryan Richter's 8-yard TD run followed by quarterback Billy Meier's keeper for the two-point conversion.

Lutheran Westland then mounted an 18-play drive down to the Pioneers' 22, but the drive stalled with three straight incompletions.

"We ran 14 straight times, then I tried to pass and we turn it over on downs," Guse said.

With less than two minutes remaining in the half, Eric Shoats returned a Gabriel Richard punt 55 yards to set up Billy Meier's 7-yard scoring run.

Meier then added a 45-yard

GRID ROUNDUP

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TD run in the third quarter to give the Warriors a 20-0 lead.

Ethan Haller's 1-yard touchdown run, capping a 13-play, 51-yard drive, completed the scoring in the final period.

Meier was the Warriors' leading rusher with 85 yards on 11 carries. He was only 2-of-12 passing for 34 yards, but played error-free football.

"Billy grew up tonight as a quarterback," Guse said. "He's looking more and more comfortable."

Richter (17-of-65) and Haller (11-of-47) helped add to the Warriors 227-yard rushing total.

On the defensive side, Gabriel Richard was limited to 84 total yards, including

just 43 on the ground in 27 attempts. Richard completed only 3-of-20 passes for 41 yards.

Sam Ahlersmayer once again paced the Warriors' defense with 10 tackles. Richters' added seven, while Nate Bachert and Mike Greening (including a sack) each had five stops.

Clarenceville falls, 45-6

Senior fullback Vincent Bright rushed for 200 yards on 20 carries and four touchdowns Friday as Metro Conference co-leader Harper Woods (4-0, 3-0) cruised to a 45-6 triumph at winless Livonia Clarenceville (0-4, 0-4).

It was 6-all after one quarter as Jeremy Gainer scored the Trojans' lone TD on a 3-yard run.

Levonte Brooks was Clarenceville's leading rusher with 104 yards on 20 carries.

"We made a couple of stops in the first half, got some momentum, but we couldn't stop them on third-and-long situations," said Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish, whose team trailed 22-6 at halftime. "They (Harper Woods) are bigger, faster and strong than us. They're simply a better football team."

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Jonny Myshock, who converted all six extra point attempts, followed with a 24-yard field goal with 1:33 to go in the first half to put the Spartans ahead 24-7.

Joey Doulette then recovered a Glenn fumble at the Glenn 40, and White alertly caught the Rockets off-guard when he found Jacob Gudeman wide open near the sideline. The receiver and back-up QB went in from 20 yards out, untouched and into the end zone late in the half.

"He (White) was supposed to kill the clock," Gabel said. "He was trying to spike the ball. I was horrified when he began to rise up and throw the ball. It wasn't meant to fool anybody. Fortunately we were able to make that play. We'll take it."

Glenn showed some life on its first series of the second half, marching 53 yards in seven plays with Martin running it in from 7 yards out. He also ran in for the two-point, cutting the deficit to 31-15.

Sophomore Austin White, who led all rushers with 140 yards on 14 carries, returned the ensuing kickoff back 42 yards to the Glenn 48 and scored his first TD of the night on a 32-yard run with 7:21 to play in the third quarter.

Stevenson put the game away for good with a 12-play, 63-yard drive culminating in Emanuel Onwuemene's 2-yard TD run.

"We gave them a short field with some of our kickoffs, but we were better able to handle the situation," Gabel said. "We gave up field position and

some plays, but we kept playing."

Glenn, which slipped to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Lakes Division, simply couldn't put a lid on Stevenson's explosive attack.

"As far as the bottom line - there's two things," Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. "Stevenson has a lot of skill guys that can hurt you and we couldn't stop them. You need sure who you can stop. They're a pretty good football team."

Glenn was without its leading tackler, starting senior linebacker Scott Brown, who was lost for the season with a broken leg in a 47-6 win last week over Walled Lake Northern.

"We had a lot of missed tackles," DeLuca said. "(Scott) Brown brings intensity and toughness. He's one of our defensive leaders. We missed him, but a lot of stuff happened over his head."

"Their size on the offensive and defensive lines overwhelmed us. They're that much bigger than any of the other three teams we've played."

Glenn now tries to regroup Friday against another undefeated Lakes Division team, 4-0 Livonia Churchill.

"We still have goals that we want to accomplish," DeLuca said. "If we're going to make the playoffs we've got to win the rest of our games. We have to fix what we can, get back to work and play a tough Churchill team."

Meanwhile, Stevenson will try and make 5-0 with a game Thursday night at home against Walled Lake Northern.

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recovered in the end zone to make it 27-0 (the kick failed).

Carey then scored his second TD of the night, a 12-yard run, with only 47 seconds left to cap an eight-play, 63-yard drive.

After leading 34-0 at halftime, Churchill started a running clock with 6:20

left in the third quarter on Max DiCiccio's 25-yard touchdown run. Shay Slatin's 1-yard scoring run with 4:55 remaining in the game completed the scoring after Robert Carter pounced on Salem's fourth fumbled punt return attempt of the night.

Churchill's defense, led by Devin Moynihan's 12 tackles and Darius Miller-Wells' two sacks, limited the Rocks to 147 yards total offense.

Salem (0-4, 0-2) had only

65 yards rushing on 23 attempts. The Rocks have now lost 19 consecutive games.

Heather Parling was 5-of-15 passing for 54 yards, while Justin Bashi was 1-of-1 for 27 yards.

Churchill racked up 311 of its 324 yards in total offense on the ground led by Jeff Ricketts (10-for-94) and DiCiccio (12-of-63).

The Chargers had 16 first downs to Salem's eight.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 20
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Sept. 17
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
 A.A. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
 New Haven at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Clawson Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
 Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Kalamazoo Central Tourney, TBA.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 17
 W.L. Central at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at A.P. Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19
 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Clawson at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Wayne at Ferndale, 4 p.m.
 Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 R.O. Shrine at Lutheran Westland, 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Ladywood vs. Marian at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
 Metro Conference Jamboree at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Jackson CC Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Novi-Detroit CC Inv. at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.
 Univ. of Toledo Invitational, TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Sept. 19
 Ypsilanti at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Harper Woods Regina at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 21
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 17
 Stevenson vs. Wayne at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Academy of the Sacred Heart at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Franklin vs. Wayne at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Salem at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.
 Wayne vs. W.L. Western at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19
 Franklin vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Oak Oaks, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
 Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood C.C., 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Stevenson vs. Plymouth at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Canton at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. W.L. Central at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 17
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19
 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Sept. 17
 B.H. Kingswood at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
 Ladywood at G.P.W. Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 CHSL Championship at Ladywood, 9 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20
 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Madonna at Palm Beach (Fla.) Atlantic Sailfish Classic, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Schoolcraft at Owens CC Quad, TBA.
 Madonna at Palm Beach (Fla.) Atlantic Sailfish Classic, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 18
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21
 Schoolcraft at Heartland (Ill.) CC, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Schoolcraft at Ancilla (Ind.), 1 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 19
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Sunday, Sept. 23
 Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, Sept. 21
 Ferris State Invitational, 4 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

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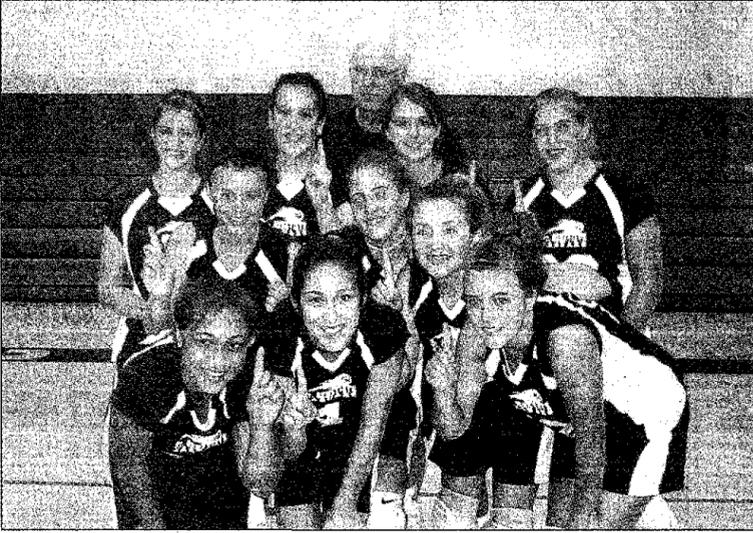
Leah Malm's first-half goal stood up and goalie Sara Burnosky made 13 saves to propel Livonia Ladywood to a 1-0 Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League win Friday over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Malm's goal came off an assist from Kristen Selasky. The win pushes the Blazers' overall record to 3-2-1.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS
Sept. 13 at Westland John Glenn
BOYS TEAM SCORES: Westland John Glenn 26, Wayne Memorial 42, John Glenn 17, Northville 48, Northville 24, Wayne 47.
Individual winner: Jacob Schofield (Wayne), 17 minutes, 50 seconds (5,000 meters).
Glenn finishers: 2. Dan McCahill, 18:04; 3. Tim Boes, 18:18; 6. Mike Gardner, 18:51; 7. Austin Anderson, 19:22; 8. Eric Mlynar, 19:24; Jeff Adkins, 19:40; 14. Ryan Lockhart, 19:55.
Wayne finishers: 1. Schofield, 17:50; 5. Abraham Mendez, 18:40; 25. Michael Gallagher, 21:26; Patrick McKinzie, 21:38; 31. Christian Mills, 23:37.
Northville finishers: 4. Cory Smetana, 18:30; 9. Kevin Redick, 19:29; 10. Teja Ravipati, 19:39; 12. Yong Lu Che, 19:52; 13. Mark Jackson, 19:53; 15. Brandon Gutowski, 20:20; 16. Andrew Kreichelt, 20:32.
GIRLS TEAM SCORES: John Glenn 19, Wayne 42, Northville 28, John Glenn, 31, Northville 15, Wayne 40.
Individual winner: Megan Nikula (John Glenn), 21:38.
Northville finishers: 3. Sara DeBona, 21:56; 4. Kathleen Keiffer, 21:59; 6. Allie Jezek, 22:59; 7. Helen Mulcahy, 22:59; 8. Maudie Smith, 23:00; 9. Annie Laurie Medonis, 23:12; 10. Katherine Coleman, 23:34.
Glenn finishers: 1. Nikula, 21:38; 2. Stacey Richardson, 21:41; 5. Ashley Bailey, 22:12; 20. Michelle Levy, 24:22; 22. Evi Cenolli, 25:57; 27.

Amy Salewski, 32:46; 30. Renequa Kelly-Boyd, 38:05.
Wayne finishers: 16. Melissa Smith, 23:46; 19. Claire Moro, 24:29; 24. Chelsea Gilbert, 26:17; 25. Esmerajada Rivera, 26:56; 28. Jessica McClue, 33:27; 29. Nicole Lau, 27:01.
CATHOLIC LEAGUE DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS
Sept. 11 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
GIRLS TEAM SCORES: Harper Woods Regina 26, Livonia Ladywood 29; Ladywood 19, Notre Dame Prep 39.
Ladywood finishers: 3. Megan Yanik, 22:43 (3.5 miles); 5. Julia Kenney, 23:11; 6. Jordan Collins, 23:17; 9. Cathy Wojtanowski, 23:27; 10. Amanda Field, 23:30; 14. Laura Bou-Maroun, 24:06; 16. Melissa Wickham, 24:10.
TOMMY TITAN INVITATIONAL
Sept. 8 at Cass Benton Park (no team scoring)
Ladywood finishers: 21. Megan Yanik, 21:46 (5,000 meters); 25. Julia Kenney, 21:54; 33. Amanda Field, 22:02; 52. Mallory Tomaszewski, 22:53; 63. Emily Bambach, 23:07; 67. Becky Babon, 23:11; 74. Laura Bou-Maroun, 23:28.
MICHIGAN CATHOLIC INVITATIONAL
Aug. 25 at DeWitt
Ladywood place: fourth (113 points).
Ladywood finishers: 9. Amanda Field, 21:48; Megan Yanik, 22:34; 26. Cathy Wojtanowski, 23:07; 31. Jordan Collins, 23:19; Emily Bambach, 23:28; 48. Laura Bou-Maroun, 24:23; 57. Kelsey Soronen, 24:53.



Lady Jags champs

On Aug. 25, the St. Genevieve Varsity 1 girls volleyball team captured a seventh- and eight-grade tournament title at Livonia Ladywood High School. Team members include: Christine Bonanno, Christina Briden, Racquel Garza, Katie Gubachy, Rachael Kapchus, Molly Knopf, Elizabeth McMillan, Kelli Pastor, Jennifer Smith, Jessica Smith and Jordan York. The Lady Jaguars are coached by Ken Duda and Karen Gubachy (not pictured).

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 199
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 207
Sept. 14 at Ivy Wyld
Stevenson scorers: Luara Sims, 47; Natalie Cicchelli, 49; Shelby Plichota, 50; Gabrielle Sabatini, 53; Elizabeth Grace, 55; Claire Massman, 65.
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 41 (medalist); Georgia Patrick, 54; Lauren Beahon, 55; Heather Bacon, 57; Sam McAfee, 58; Natalie Polakowski, 66.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Franklin, 1-4 WLAA.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 188
NORTHVILLE 192
Sept. 12 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 37 (medalist); Amanda Dobos, 48; Lexi McFarlane, 51; Danielle Lesniak, 52; Jessica Burdette, 55; Samantha Proben, 79.
Northville scorers: Alicia Weber, 43; Brianna Roberts, 45; Kirsten Freisen, 48; Kelley Hill and Joanne Weber, 55 each; Stephanie Sakorafis, 58.
Churchill's dual meet record: 3-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 186
LIVONIA STEVENSON 220
Sept. 12 at Fox Creek
Western scorers: Marni Weinstein and Melanie Wilkerson, 42 each (co-medalists); Michelle Cha, 48; Amanda Schmidt and Andrea Newcombe, 54 each; Leah Carlson, 60.
Stevenson scorers: Gabrielle Sabatini, 53; Elizabeth Grace and Claire Massman, 55 each; Luara Sims, 57; Shelby Plichota, 60; Natalie Cicchelli, 61.
WLAA dual meet records: Western, 4-1; Stevenson, 1-1.

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year, but she put in a lot of miles and it's showing. "Stacey every year has been consistent, and when it comes to race day, she steps up and provides senior leadership." Sophomore Ashley Bailey, despite a bothersome rib, added a fifth in 22:12. But the Rockets' next two runners, sophomores Michelle Levy and Evi Cenolli, took 20th and 22nd, respectively. Another injury also caused senior Danielle Levy to drop out at the 2-mile mark. Glenn was also without one

of McGowan's "main guns," junior Jaimie Medel (hockey commitments). "We're at the recuperating stage of the season," the Glenn coach said. "Once our front five are healthy and moving, we'll be strong. We'll have a week off before we race again." Northville, which ran its reserve team, got a third-place finish from Sara DeBona (21:56). Wayne's top two finishers included seniors Melissa Smith (16th) and Claire Moro (19th).
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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 120
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 66
Sept. 13 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Caitlyn O'Sullivan, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:04.3; 2. Ladywood, 2:06.2; 3. John Glenn, 2:17.7.
200 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:08.3; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:17.4; 3. Danielle Gunther (WJG), 2:21.8.
200 individual medley: 1. Sparks (WJG), 2:27.7; 2. Keri Santelii (LL), 2:34.0; 3. Brianna Wilson (LL), 2:34.8.
50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 26.7; 2. Shannon Kelly (LL), 27.5; 3. Mandy Nameth (LL), 27.8.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 178.20 points; 2. Allison Spitzley (LL), 168.80; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 133.7.
100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:00.4 (state cut);

2. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:10.5; 3. Hodges (LL), 1:13.55.
100 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 59.7; 2. Kelly (LL), 1:00.5; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:02.6.
500 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 5:42.0; 2. Wilson (LL), 6:09.6; 3. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 6:21.0.
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 1:51.5; 2. Ladywood, 1:54.8; 3. John Glenn, 2:00.9.
100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:04.2; 2. Santelii (LL), 1:13.1; 3. O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:16.2.
100 breaststroke: 1. Burgess (WJG), 1:15.0; 2. Nameth (LL), 1:16.8; 3. Harris (WJG), 1:22.5.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Kim Raley, Peterson, Sells, Burgess), 4:03.9; 2. Ladywood, 4:09.6; 3. John Glenn, 4:28.0.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-1 overall; Ladywood, 1-1 overall.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 6
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2
Sept. 14 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Nick Payne, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Aniket Patel, 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Dion Walker, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 4: David Benson (S) def. Alex Cios, 7-5, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S) def. Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Eric Susarski-Eric Neuman (LC) def. Tyler Jeleniewski-John Bills, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3: Yuvi Rajeev-Ryan Aubert (S) def. John Tabor-Ziwen Deng, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 4: John Kang-Josh Perrin (S) def. Pat Moroney-Michael Appel, 6-0, 6-2.
Dual meet records: Salem, 3-1 overall, 3-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Churchill, 4-2-1 overall, 2-2 WLAA.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Sept. 12 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Chris Martin (LS) def. Walter Woods, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 3: Erik Koch (LS) def. Tony Semonick, 6-0, 6-3.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6
PLYMOUTH 2
Sept. 12 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Nicky Payne (LC) defeated Dan Jeong, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 2: Aniket Patel (LC) def. Patrick Onora, 6-4, 7-5.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Steve Ostrowski, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 4: Alex Cios (LC) def. Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Anoop Gopal- Matt Dwan, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
No. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpalski (P) def. Eric Neuman-Eric Susarski, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 3: John Tabor-Mike Appel (LC) def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Pat Moroney-Kyle Stopa, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.

Churchill's dual meet record: 4-1-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA.
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 7
WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
Sept. 12 at W.L. Northern
No. 1 singles: David Criss (WLN) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
No. 2: Mike Hicks (WM) def. Nick Majje, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 3: Alex Gaucher (WLN) def. Tommy Pattenau, 6-7 (8-10), 6-3, 7-6 (10-8).
No. 4: Matt Ronloff (WLN) def. Nick Martin, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Bobby Bell-Steven Olsen (WLN) def. Andrew Morton-Kanav Mahotra, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranck (WLN) def. Eric Robertson-Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 3: John Andrews-Cole Davis (WLN) def. Austin Hassen-Josh Phillips, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Nate Paulson-Niraj Wagh (WLN) def. Jesse English-KeAndre Williams, 6-0, 6-1.
Wayne's dual meet record: Wayne, 3-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA.
NORTHVILLE 8
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 12 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Melvin Joseph (N) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Mike Hagan (N) def. Rob Fraser, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 3: Brian Lovett (N) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Lee Schechter (N) def. Gordie German, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Ian Jaye-Alex Shashio (N) def. Zach Ernat-JaCory Frowner, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 2: Matt Mehill-Mike Buczek (N) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Zach Edwards, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3: Andrew Gurrard-Mike Huang (N) def. Shahid Hussain-Nick Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: David Fleischer-Amol Kamot (N) def. Chris Tolentino-Khari Stargell, 6-0, 6-0.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-2 overall, 0-3 WLAA.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 11 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Mike Chou (WLW) defeated Steve Trapp, 7-5, 6-0.
No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Garek Ng, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 3: Brad Stone (WLW) def. Tony Semonick, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
No. 4: Arjan Mahajan (WLW) def. Dan Camilleri, 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Blair Globberman-Lenny Kugel (WLW) def. Ryan Hude-Chad Dorton, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Scott Goldstein-Dan Wong (WLW) def. Garrett Gumm-Erik Robertson, 6-2, 6-3.
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Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

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Warriors overcome stingy C'ville, 2-0

Lutheran High Westland ended its two-game losing skid Thursday with a 2-0 Metro Conference boys soccer victory over host Livonia Clarenceville.

Aaron Derminer's penalty kick in the 18th minute proved to be the game-winner for the Warriors, who improved to 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the Metro.

Ryan Baglow's goal from Josh Kruger in the 51st minute cemented the victory.

Warriors goalkeeper Micah Hausch made nine saves en route to his ninth shutout. "It was an evenly played, close game between two young teams," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said.

The loss drops the Trojans to 2-7 overall and 0-4 in the Metro.

"We're starting to put it together, but aren't quite there yet," Clarenceville Trevor Johnson said. "I expect big things from this team in the upcoming weeks."

Garrett Gregg made nine saves in goal for the Trojans, who also got a steady performance in the field from Garet Hintzman, according to Johnson.

JOHN GLENN 8, BELLEVILLE 0: Sergio Pavan and Nelson Kenne each tallied a pair of goals Friday as host Westland John Glenn (2-7-1) romped to a non-league win over the Tigers. Pavan's goal with 13 minutes left

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stopped the contest because of the eight-goal mercy rule.

Jacob Gates added a goal and three assists, while Khalid Suleiman contributed a goal and one assist for the Rockets, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Paul Estrada and Jeff Thompson notched the other Glenn goals. Will Jenkins also drew an assist, while Zach Redden got the shutout in goal.

WAYNE 0, GARDEN CITY 0: In a non-conference match Friday, host Wayne Memorial (0-6-2) and the Cougars (3-2-1) battled to a scoreless deadlock.

Wayne goalkeeper Aaron Nielson made seven saves, while Garden City counterpart Joseph Clor had four stops.

STEVENSON 3, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Wednesday, first-half goals by Brian Klemczak and David Simor, both assisted by Adrian Fylenenko, carried W.L.A. Lakes Division leader Livonia Stevenson (7-0, 5-0) past visiting Walled Lake Northern (7-3, 3-2).

Bob Smith contributed a second-half goal from Dylan Green to give the Spartans some breathing room.

Goalkeepers Justin Collins (first half) and Conner Burton (second half) combined on the shutout.

"We played a strong first half and scored a couple of quality goals to put us in a good position," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "They second half they (Northern) came out of their shell and put extra numbers forward. They controlled the play and controlled a lot of it in our end.

Fortunately we were able to get that third goal."

SALEM 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Westland John Glenn (1-7-1, 0-5) stayed close for 60 minutes Wednesday before the host Rocks (2-7-2, 2-1) pulled away with four goals to earn the W.L.A.-Lakes Division triumph.

Alex Tramel's hat trick paced the Rocks, who led 1-0 at halftime. Josh Pascarella added two goals, while Matt Wooster tallied the other Salem goals.

"Our goalie Zach Redden played exceptional the first half as did Khalid Suleiman and Jacob Gates in the field," Glenn coach Reavis Olive said.

CANTON 4, FRANKLIN 0: In a W.L.A.-Western Division match Wednesday, Sheriff Hassanien scored twice and Pat Nolan assisted on all four goals as the visiting Chiefs (8-0-2, 5-0) defeated Livonia Franklin (2-5, 1-3).

LIGGETT 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Goals by Jack Fisher and Dan Zukas in the 51st and 52 minutes broke a scoreless draw as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (4-1, 2-0) came away with the Metro Conference win Wednesday at Lutheran High Westland (6-2, 2-2).

Senior Aaron Derminer scored on the 70th minute from Ryan Baglow to cut the deficit to 2-1, but the Warriors could not score the equalizer against Liggett keeper Mark Ghafari.

"They (Liggett) are solid, real good with nine seniors," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said.

"With only three seniors we're still learning against the better teams." Micah Hausch was in goal for the Warriors.

Salem's Pascarella notches hat trick in win vs. Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys soccer team's victory over Walled Lake Northern Monday night must have lit the Rocks' fuse because they've been playing like dynamite ever since.

After failing to register a victory in its first nine games, Salem has gone 3-0 thanks to a 3-0 triumph Thursday over Livonia Churchill on Thursday and Wednesday's 6-0 drubbing of Westland John Glenn.

The Rocks now stand 3-2-7 (3-1 in the W.L.A.'s Lakes Division) heading into a critical series of games next week.

"We certainly had a very good week, led by our defense," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, in the wake of Thursday's triumph over the Chargers, who entered the match ranked No. 8 in Division 1. "We've only given up one goal in our last six games now so we're defi-

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nately playing better overall in the back. Hopefully, we can carry this momentum into next week."

Beginning Monday, the Rocks open a five-day stretch during which they play Churchill, Livonia Stevenson (Wednesday) and Canton (Friday). The showdown against the unbeaten Spartans will go a long way toward determining the Lakes Division champion.

Juniors Josh Pascarella and Jace Bearden were the heroes in Thursday's decisive win over the Chargers. Pascarella tallied all three goals, the first two of which were assisted by Bearden.

"On Josh's first goal, Jace dribbled through the box and drew a lot of defenders to him," said McCarthy. "If Josh wouldn't have tucked the ball in the goal, Jace's ball probably

would have gone in anyway.

"On the second won, Jace made a great cross, their goalie came out to get the ball but missed it and Josh put it in."

Pascarella's second net-finder gave the Rocks a 2-0 halftime advantage. His third, with just over three minutes left in the game, was assisted by Dan Radosevich.

McCarthy praised the play of defenders Kevin Cope and Scott Dreaver, and senior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic.

"Sasa's been very good lately," said McCarthy. "He's playing as well as any keeper in the state." The loss drops Churchill to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the Lakes Division.

"It was an uninspiring performance," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Probably the poorest performance I've seen since I've been here. It was sloppy and emotionless."

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Coaching carousel puts Allie with Stevenson varsity boys

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Brad Miller's stint as varsity boys basketball coach at Livonia Stevenson didn't last very long.

Miller, who resigned after one season for personal reasons, will be replaced by Mike Allie, who only four months ago accepted the varsity girls position at Stevenson to replace Tim Newman.

Miller, who formerly coached the JV boys at Novi, guided the Spartans to an 8-16 record in his only season, including the school's first Class A district championship in 18 years.

He turned in his resignation earlier this month.

"Brad is getting married and wants to start a family right away," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said. "He said he couldn't devote the time needed for coaching."

The 23-year-old Allie, a 2002 Stevenson grad who played four seasons for the Spartans under Bill Dyer (now the head coach at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), was among four candidates outside the Livonia district to interview for the varsity boys position. There were no applicants within the Livonia Public Schools.

"All four were strong candidates," Hyman said. "Mike always had a passion to coach varsity boys and did not want to pass up the opportunity. He's been here seven years and understands the personnel."

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Allie, who graduated last December from the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he majored in Business Management, guided the Stevenson freshman boys team to a 42-18 record in three seasons working under Dyer and Miller. He also served last season as the Stevenson JV girls coach, going 16-4.

That means the varsity girls basketball job will be re-posted according to Stevenson athletic

director Lori Hyman.

And with official girls basketball practice slated to start Monday, Nov. 5, finding a coach at this late stage may prove to be a difficult task.

"We're bound and determined to move forward and get the best girls basketball coach available," Hyman said.

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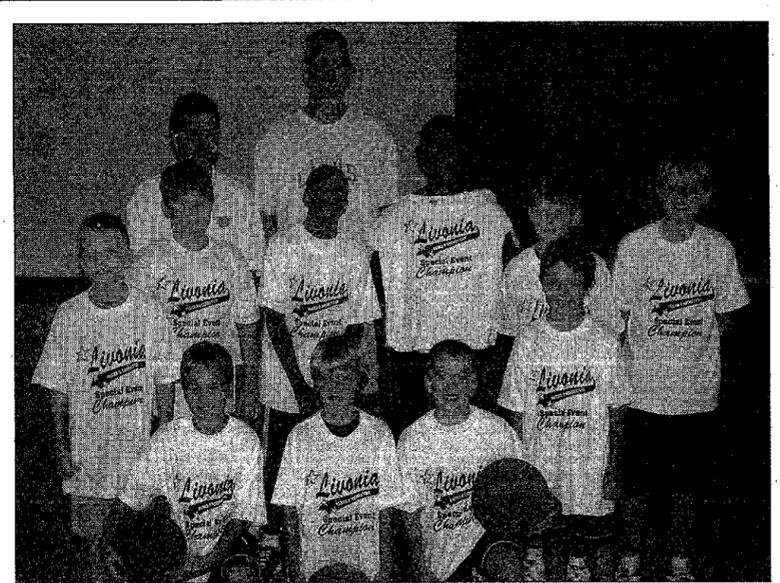
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Celtics champs

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MU honorees plentiful in WHAC

Madonna University athletes racked up various honors last week from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Senior Jono McMahon was named the WHAC Golfer of the Week after winning the Bay Pointe Invitational on Sept. 9 with a two-under-par 69.

In addition to winning the tourney, he also scored an ace on the par-3 seventh hole - the first hole-in-one by a Madonna golfer in the history of the college.

Jacqui Gatt, a senior libero and graduate of Livonia Churchill, was named WHAC Libero of

the Week for Sept. 3-9 after she led the Crusaders to a 3-1 record while earning All-Tournament honors at last weekend's Julie Martin Memorial Tournament.

Gatt posted 61 digs over 12 games, and collected 19 in MU's win over No. 24-ranked Cedarville (Ohio) University.

Also in volleyball, junior Whitney Fuelling and sophomore Inta Grinvalds were selected among the week's notable players and setters, respectively.

Fuelling totaled 40 kills, eight digs and 23 blocks in four matches while Grinvalds collected 175 assists, 11 kills,

19 digs and 10 blocks in the same four matches.

Meanwhile, MU senior Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) was listed as a notable in men's cross country for the week of Sept. 9 after taking 32nd at the Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass Benton Park. Hearn registered a time of 22 minutes, 43 seconds.

MU senior Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin/Schoolcraft) was listed as a notable in women's cross country for the week of Sept. 9 after finishing the Titan Invitational with a mark of 21:04, good for 18th place.

Grinvalds sets table for Madonna

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Hot on the heels of being honored by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Madonna University sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds tallied 39 assists Thursday to spark her team to a 3-0 conference triumph over host Siena Heights.

Madonna (10-5, 2-0 in the WHAC) had little trouble with the Saints, coming away with wins of 30-20, 30-18, 30-22. To indicate how dominant

the Crusaders were on offense, they virtually doubled the number of spike kills, with a total of 43 to Siena Heights' 22.

Leading the kills department for MU was junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova, with 14, while sophomore outside hitter Mary McGinnis helped the cause with 13. Grinvalds received honor-

able mention from the WHAC for her weeklong performance at setter, which helped the Crusaders compile a 3-1 record.

Meanwhile, senior libero Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill), who was honored as WHAC Libero of the Week, had another excellent showing against Siena Heights with 13 digs. Siena Heights dropped to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the conference with the defeat.

Crusaders get lift from Moore

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Kaila Moore's two-goal performance Wednesday enabled host Madonna University to register a 4-0 women's soccer victory over Concordia in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Moore started the scoring with a bullet shot that went in just under the cross bar, about 27 minutes into the match. Assisting was Ashley Stoychoff (Canton/Plymouth Salem), who made a long through pass into the 18-yard box.

The Crusaders added another marker just before halftime when Stoychoff chipped a short shot behind Cardinals goalkeeper Kelly Wurzell (nine saves).

MU really got some momentum going when Moore added her second of the contest just 57 seconds into the second half. Setting up the play with a nice lead pass was Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood).

During the final 10 minutes of play, all that really needed to be determined was whether goalkeeper and Livonia Clarenceville product Chelsea Gregg (one save) would record the shutout.

But, the padded their lead anyway. MU made it 4-0 on a rebound goal by Livonia Stevenson alum Dina Allie (from Hess).

With the victory, Madonna's record improved to 4-1-1 overall and 3-0-0 in the WHAC.

Concordia is 2-2-0, but winless (0-2-0) in the WHAC.

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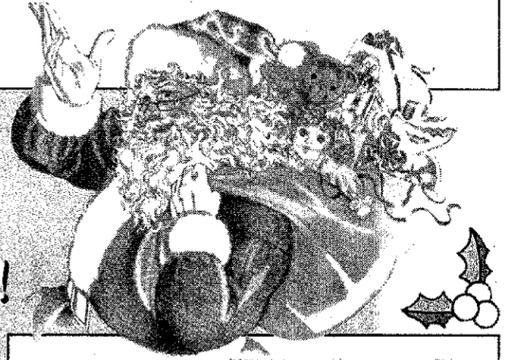
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Garden City

Moving away from your hometown can be one of the hardest things a teen has to do. At this stage of your life, fitting in tends to be the most important goal in your life. A new city with new people makes that very hard to do. But, you can make new friends and fit in to your new city with a little bit of courage.



Monica Fulton

You might want to get involved in after-school clubs that you're interested in or join a sport that you like.

That's the quickest way to meet new people. By being in a group with other people who like the same things you do, you're more likely to find a group of people you can eventually call friends. If you're not really the type that likes to join groups like that, make an effort to say "Hello" to at least one new person each day. Make eye contact, smile, and say "Hi!"

Or, if you've noticed that you and another person have two different classes together, try to talk to that person about assignments or due dates. Sometimes small talk can break the ice and make everyone feel more comfortable. Leaving everything you know and love behind is very hard. But, don't let your sadness get in the way of finding a new group of friends. A bend in the road is very exciting ... you never know what you'll find.

Ever since I started driving, my parents call me nonstop on my cell phone ... even when they know I'm driving! Why do my parents worry so much?
Smothered in Garden City

Have you seen the news lately? It seems that something awful is happening to kids your age everyday. Between fatal car accidents, kidnappings, assaults, drug overdoses and mysterious disappearances, I don't know how parents of teens get any sleep at all these days! Your parents worry because they love you and they don't want anything bad to happen to you. However, your parents might be worrying so much about you because they don't trust you. And a parent not trusting their kid usually happens because the kid did something to lose that trust. If that's the case here, you're going to need to earn your parents' trust.

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My boyfriend has a different second hour class than me and he has some close friends in that class that happen to be girls. I know them, but not too well. A good friend of mine is in my boyfriend's second hour class and she told me that one of the girls flirts with him and likes him a whole bunch. The very next day, I saw pictures of this girl and my boyfriend together! My boyfriend says there's nothing going on and I want to believe him, but now this girl wants to fight me because my boyfriend won't talk to her anymore. It's so confusing but I don't know what to do!
Desperately Confused in Garden City

Wow! I'm sensing that you're not sure if you're right to believe your boyfriend that nothing is going on with this girl ... it's hard to ignore pictures along with your good friend giving you some inside information. But, bits and pieces of a puzzle don't always give you the whole picture. You need to ignore this girl and her desire to fight you!

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Isabelle occupies herself with sticks from the yard as Mary Fischer talks about the training methods that she and her husband Mark have been using with Isabelle.

Without a word



Isabelle, a deaf Boxer, watches hand signals in sign language to get her commands.

Couple finds ways to communicate with special needs dog

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Isabelle lives with four feline friends, but that's not what makes the 9-month-old boxer and her owners Mary and Mark Fischer so special. The Livonia couple has raised the young dog since she was 10 weeks old without speaking a word.

Isabelle is deaf so it does no good to call her name as she chases Norman the cat through the house. Instead the Fischers taught Isabelle to respond to a laser beam since gaining her

visual focus is so the only way to correct her. Once they're within Isabelle's sight, the couple uses American Sign Language to give commands.

The Fischers have already spent endless hours training Isabelle, but don't seem to mind. The couple has only been married about one year and have no children so they can devote their time to Isabelle. Mary especially realizes that training and loving a dog or cat is a life-long commitment. Mary has been rescuing

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Theater professor captures excitement of Shakespeare in new book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jim Hartman hopes his new book is as well-received as the Shakespeare plays he edited then directed over the last decade. All five were a hit with audiences at Schoolcraft College.

Hartman began editing the plays 12 years ago so modern audiences could comprehend the dialogue. The new book, although written for actors and directors, brings the excitement of the plays to audiences of all ages.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Hartman signs copies of *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited* at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Hartman guest directed his first play on the campus in 1982. By 1987 he was teaching theater full-time and this past spring celebrated his 50th production

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in the Liberal Arts Theater.

"I started with *Macbeth*. Each book took 2 to 2½ years to edit," said Jim Hartman. "I edited word by word. I felt so many people were having trouble following Shakespeare. It's a shame because they're so exciting. After I received positive feedback I decided to

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Professor of theater at Schoolcraft College Jim Hartman talks about his new book, 'An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited,' (at right) on the stage of the Liberal Arts Theater on campus.



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do another one."
Next came *The Merchant of Venice* then *Titus Andronicus*, *Othello*, and *Measure for Measure*.
"It was the audience that kept me going, the response from the audience and students," said Hartman. *Measure for Measure* turned out to be the 50th production I directed and produced at Schoolcraft College. We closed the 2006-2007 season with a disco version which went over very well. But even when editing *Measure for Measure* I never thought of it as a book

until Dr. Jeffress asked me what I did with the plays after they were done."
Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft College's president, inspired Hartman to turn the edited versions of the plays into a book. Hartman had no problem finding a publisher last fall, but was unable to work on the book until the school year ended in May. During productions it's not unusual for Hartman to work 12-hour days between teaching and directing theater. From the first of May through June he was busy 7 days a week working on the book and writing the introduction.
"I love doing the theater,"

said Hartman. "I have seen so many students grow. Some of my students are doing professional work. One was in an episode of *House* (the television program). Others have performed at Meadow Brook and Purple Rose theaters."
Hartman edited the plays originally to introduce his students to Shakespeare. He plans to use the book in five different classes at Schoolcraft College including acting and introduction to theater. He says, smaller companies such as community theaters could use the book as well as he lists 2-3 roles that could be performed by one actor for plays with large casts.

"If an actor is trained to speak Shakespeare, an actor can take almost any play and have success with it," said Hartman. "I took the plays and broke them into beats. From bar to bar is a beat or unit. (Constantin) Stanislavski (the legendary theater director) refers to them as a unit of action. My definition is every time the topic of discussion changes. Actors and directors can work with that pretty well."
"Shakespeare uses a lot of pronouns. I replaced them with nouns. Lengthy sentences I broke into two to three sentences and replaced some of the words with words people would understand. There are

no foot notes or side notes. I incorporate the footnotes into the line of dialogue."
The theater professor assures Shakespeare purists that content remains the same. "I make the plays more accessible without making the language modern. It's still very Shakespeare," said Hartman of the book that came out the first week of August.
"Besides my students who should read the book? Just the average person who never had much success with understanding Shakespeare. They will enjoy the characters and plots which are so exciting," said Hartman. "The academic community, professors of the-

ater and English would find it useful. It's an academic work."
Hartman does depart from traditional Shakespeare this fall to kick off the 2007-2008 theater season on Oct. 19, with Shakespeare in Hollywood, Ken Ludwig's hilarious comedy about Puck and Oberon, two of the Bard's fairies. The production runs as dinner theater Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, and Oct. 26-27, and as performance only Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3. Tickets are \$24 (dinner theater), \$12 performance only. Call (734) 462-4596.
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DOG
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animals for sometime. It seems that once Mary learns an animal is having trouble finding a home, she takes them in. Mary works for the Dearborn Family Pet Care which frequently treats dogs and cats for the Dearborn Animal Shelter. She heard about Isabelle through one of her friends who works in another animal hospital. The couple had just lost Maci, a boxer they rescued only to discover she had cancer. Maci died in January.
"Isabelle came from a breeder who noticed she acted differently," said Mary Fischer. "She watched what her siblings would do. Being familiar with the breed they knew white boxers could be deaf. They took her to a neurologist who measured her brain waves in regard to sound. White is a recessed gene and not accepted in the show ring so breeders would destroy them at birth, but breeders started realizing people are interested in them just as pets."
"Isabelle's breeder struggled with what to do. She had three family dogs already. With a deaf dog you do have to be aware. In a pack situation she can't hear a warning growl. They decided to put the word out they were looking for the right home."
Mark's never raised a puppy so it took about two days of talking to make the decision to adopt Isabelle.
Mark first developed a

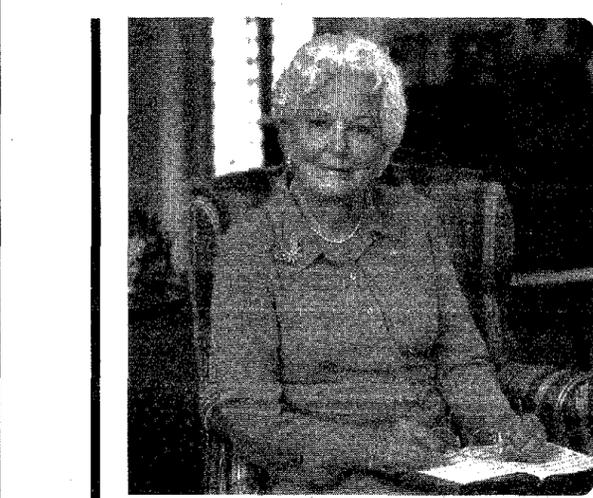


Mary and Mark Fischer of Livonia work on teaching their dog Isabelle, who is deaf, sign language as hand signals to help train her.

fondness for the breed while attending Cooley Law School in Lansing. A friend had a boxer who would make Mark laugh.
Twenty years had gone by since Mary had a puppy. She admits she forgot the training "it takes to have a wonderful mature dog." Mary's first dog went deaf at age 15 so she had two years to work out a system of communication. She says, "maybe she had a false sense of training a deaf dog."
"She's still a puppy and going to get excited," said Mary. "We've been working with American Sign Language and the basics of dog training like not allowing your four-legged friend to cross the threshold before you do. That would establish her as alpha or leader of the pack. In the beginning we were using food as reward, but after a point

that didn't work. We got her to acknowledge the laser pointer. She would touch it with her nose and we would give her a treat."
Mark started using the thumbs up sign as praise.
At the back door a motion sensor in the shape of a pig alerts them to when Isabelle wants to go out.
"Everything is training," said Mark Fischer who brags Isabelle already knows about 10 commands. "Every opportunity is a way to train her. From the beginning she proved to be a good student."
Isabelle does have moments that test their patience.
A behavioral specialist came into their home to give them some tips for establishing their dominance.
Mary and Mark work different shifts so Isabelle is never alone

for more than 4-5 hours a day, but already she knows how to unlock her crate.
They also worry that she could accidentally run out the front door and into the street so they're considering an Invisible Fence.
"We use the squirt bottle when she gets too rough with the cats," said Mary. "Language has a huge effect when training a dog, the inflection, but she does read your face so I give her the Mom look."
In spite of all her shenanigans, Mary and Mark never regret adopting the puppy with special needs.
Today, Isabelle goes with them everywhere.
"We go to the Farmers' Markets in Plymouth, Northville," said Mary. "We used to live in Plymouth and still take her to downtown Plymouth a lot. Mark's sister meets us with her dog and we go for ice cream."
"It's rewarding because I feel she's just as much a part of my family as any animal has ever been and when I think about what could have happened to her."
"The most rewarding aspect is we're able to take a dog that's a throwaway dog and give her a home," added Mark. "When we adopted her we brought home books and would like to train her for search and rescue. There's a lot of pride that goes with training this animal, something not a lot of folks would do."
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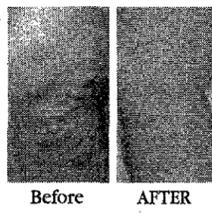
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New series spotlights college's music program

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Donald Morelock is excited about the new music series at Schoolcraft College for a number of reasons not the least of which is the first concert features James Tocco, a pianist who's performed chamber music, recitals and as a soloist with orchestras throughout the world. Annually Tocco is responsible for presenting internationally acclaimed artists at the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

On Friday, Sept. 28, local audiences will have the opportunity to hear Tocco as part of the outreach program of the college's music department. For the last 20 years, standing room only crowds filled the recital halls on campus for a noontime series under the artistic direction of Morelock. Then in 2003, the college opened the VisTaTech Center with a new 270-seat hall. In April of this year a community advisory committee, led by Morelock, decided to make use of the excellent acoustics. After filtering through hundreds of ideas, an evening series was developed. The concerts continue on Nov. 9, with the Avalon String Quartet. On April 18 violinist Yehonatan Berick performs, followed by Angela Cheng on May 9.

"We have done other recitals but never had anything in evenings for people," said Donald Morelock, chairman of the music department. "It's a chance to hear internationally acclaimed artists and to meet with the artist afterwards. Three out of the four performers on the series have appeared at Schoolcraft before and had said they're eager to come back.



Internationally known pianist James Tocco performs the first concert in a new music series at Schoolcraft College.

It's a big compliment."

Over the years, Schoolcraft College's music department has earned a reputation for providing quality instruction especially for piano. Morelock partners with conservatories from Paris to Russia and Juilliard Music School in New York City to prepare students as young as age 6 for careers as performers. Every summer an intense piano program allows piano students to play with a professional ensemble.

"The series is one more dimension of the music program," said Morelock who's taught at the college since 1967. "We've taken 10 trips to Russia with students (for piano studies). We started a professional piano teacher's certificate program. There's a need for us to get new ideas. It's actually a reasonable ticket price for outstanding performers."

RECITAL SERIES DEBUT

What: Pianist James Tocco performs in concert
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28
Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
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Morelock is well known in the music community so he is able to barter with the artists. Grants money from the Schoolcraft College Foundation and donations from private individuals together with Morelock's connections make it possible to bring pianists such as Tocco and Cheng to the series. Cheng's usual fee is \$8,000.

Gail and Ira Mondry made it possible to feature Tocco on Sept. 28. The couple supports the music program for a number of reasons including

the fact their son Nathan, 16 studies with Morelock so when the opportunity arose to bid on a performance by Tocco, they thought of Schoolcraft College as a recipient. Ira and Gail have served on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival about 10 years and developed a relationship with Tocco.

Proceeds from the auction item went to the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

"We really believe in the arts in bringing the community together," said Gail Mondry who teaches at Center for Yoga in West Bloomfield. "We saw a potential connection for Great Lakes because they can bring some of their concerts to Schoolcraft and broaden the whole suburban potential."

Marty Heator is just as excited about the partnerships that could form as a result of presenting the series.

"What's most exciting is it's people from the arts community coming to Schoolcraft with a desire to partner with us,"

said Marty Heator, the college's marketing director. "There are local groups who need performance space and Schoolcraft would be ideal for what they're trying to accomplish. With the VisTaTech center, you can do an educational program along with performances. They're starting to see what Schoolcraft can do for them and what they can do for us."

"The work Don does with his students during the year and at the summer piano academy, it's impossible to measure that impact. He's sending students out to universities. They're winning major competitions in Europe. He's known nationally and internationally. Another reason the series is good is to show we have teachers and students doing things on a national and international level. It's

a way of drawing attention to this right here in your own backyard."

John Walsh couldn't agree more about the importance of the series in spotlighting Schoolcraft College.

"Music is a very important program for us. Although small, it is a notable program," said John Walsh, executive director of development and government relations and the foundation board. "We have outstanding professors. Don is known as a professor and pianist himself. He has his own notoriety and using that to bring some notable performers to Schoolcraft. The series brings in 250 plus citizens from our community for a glimpse of something most people wouldn't expect from a community college."

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Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

Jam session features area jazz musicians

The Michigan Jazz Festival presents A Real Jam Session 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Enjoy five jazz greats who have never played together before. This performance will be totally unrehearsed. In between tunes, the audience will hear the musicians discuss the upcoming performance, who will take the lead and who'll play the solos.

Together for the first time will be Ron Kischuk, trombone; Marion Hayden, bass; Jim Ryan, drums; George "Sax" Benson; reeds, and Charles Boles, Piano.

Tickets are \$15 per person. The DiPonio Room at the college only accommodates 600 so tickets are expected to sell out fast. Send a check or money order payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, MI 48152-2022, along with a stamped, self addressed envelope. For more information, call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival held annually in July at Schoolcraft College.

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The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 6, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Livonia Churchill High School
Class of 1967

10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets, send e-mail to CHS97@CHSChargers.info or visit www.snowdenh.com/chs97.

Livonia Stevenson High School
Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Oak Park High School
Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Plymouth High School
Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 29, 2008. Only about 50 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Redford Thurston High School
Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia.

For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admira1741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Maria@comcast.net

Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first-served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

Redford Union High School
Class of 1977

The Redford Union Class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Inkster Roosevelt High School
Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or e-mail ymack@twm1.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

Roseville High School
Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@

scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Class of 1957

Seeking classmates for 50th reunion, Oct. 13, 2007. Contact Rich Crowe at (248)583-9784 OR e-mail: crowe_123@hotmail.com.

Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion Sept. 15, 2007. Visit www.roseville72.com for information or call Gail Williams-Straughen at (586) 247-8087 or Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com.

Royal Oak Kimball High School
Class of 1977

A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248)788-2109.

Southeastern (Detroit)
Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Falson at (313)220-4769 or tntfalson@aol.com

Southfield High School
Class of 1956

Reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Southfield Embassy Suites, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Contact Pat Sievert-Schmidt at (248)476-0102 or pat-ray2@hotmail.com

St. Anthony Elementary
All classes

A reunion for all alumni from all years will take place the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. On Oct. 6 the reunion will be at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 (\$50 at the door). Please e-mail mrk4@yaho.com or call 734-995-9243.

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For those looking to update their wardrobe with the essentials for fall fashion there is no better time than the Goodwill Sale at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

Parisian and Goodwill Industries are partnering again for their semi-annual sale. Until Sept. 24, customers who donate clean, gently-used clothing and home textiles at participating locations will receive coupons toward the purchase of new merchandise. Parisian customers can use this opportunity to clean out their closets and donate their gently used clothing, shoes and accessories while they save on the season's hottest trends like trapeze jackets, wide-leg pants, knit sweaters, boots and sheer cosmetics.

One coupon is given per item donated. To save on the hottest styles for fall, customers can drop off donations at all Parisian stores, or at participating Goodwill stores and donation centers and receive a 20-percent off apparel and cosmetics coupon, with minimal exclusions, for each donated item. The donated clothing and textiles will be sold in local Goodwill retail stores. Revenues will be used to fund job training and career services for people with disabilities, welfare recipients and other job seekers.

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The popular retail trade-in promotion is a successful collaboration between Parisian and Goodwill. In 2006 alone, the semi-annual event generated more than 7.5 million pounds of donated merchandise. With this donation, Goodwill earned an estimated \$10.5 million in revenues that were used to provide job training and career services to people in the community who are unemployed.

The following trends from Parisian are sure to become new fall favorites.

Trapeze, a-line and swing silhouettes are among the hottest trends this fall. Cropped jackets in these styles feature clean lines and angular shapes. This style is a great way to update a basic suit or dress pant with new proportions.

The knit sweater dress and the sweater coat are two essential items to have this fall. Chunky, sweater-knit jumpers, cardigans and coats are great pieces to have for layering and for wearing on the weekday and weekend alike. Yoke necklines are popular in sweater dresses.

Watch for metallic and lurex threads in clothing and lots of shine in accessories. You'll see handbags and shoes in glossy patent leather with a pearlized sheen. Jewelry will have a strong metallic feel; look for bold statements in both silver and gold.

Shades and layers of grey will be a popular choice this fall and shades of dark charcoal, muted dove and ashy slate will be found in a variety of styles and fabrics. Berry tones will be a popular accent color in tops and accessories. Pinks, purples and berry-toned shades of red will be prominent this fall.

The hottest choice in pants is the wide-leg silhouette. The skinny, narrow pant will still be popular, but the wide-leg pant and jean is the freshest look for fall. Dark, wide-leg denim would be a wise investment for any fashionista.

This year, bows, ruffles, pleats, puffed sleeves and ruching update the blouse with touches of femininity. Beautiful paisleys, jacquards and geometric prints in jewel tones work to create a softer, more feminine look.

Layering continues to be a key trend for the office and for the weekend. The duet silhouette, which combines a ribbed sweater vest and a charmeuse or cotton blouse, looks fresh for Fall 2007.

Fall styles always lend themselves to menswear-inspired fashion and this year is no exception. Houndstooth, herringbone, gien plaids, pinstripes, tweeds and ticking patterns will be prevalent in women's clothing and especially in jackets and outerwear this fall.

The must-have shoe of the season is the boot. The newest look is the short bootie. Mid-shaft and tall-shaft boots are still a great choice for fall.

ANNIVERSARIES

La Berge 50th anniversary

George Philip and Loretta Ann (Whitehead) La Berge plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Plymouth. The Westland couple was united in marriage on Sept. 28, 1957, at Presentation Catholic Church in Detroit.

The La Berges have four children; Catherine Broadbent of Westland; Mark La Berge, Livonia; David La Berge, Livonia; and Jerry La Berge, Livonia. They also have 8 grandchildren.

George retired from the U.S. Postal Service 18 years ago.



Loretta is a homemaker. The couple is involved with various volunteer activities including Habitat for Humanity, Greenfield Village, Outreach, and the American Cancer Society.

Grode 50th

Wayne and Joan Grode of Redford will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 2007. The couple was married 50 years ago at Covenant Lutheran Church in Detroit.

They have five sons; Wayne (Cheryl) of Frederic, Mich; Mike of Farmington Hills; Gary (Pam) of Grand Blanc; Paul (Katie) of Northville; Steven (Kathy) of Owosso; and one daughter, Lori (Chris)



Dewhirst of Livonia. They also have 10 grandchildren and are expecting twin granddaughters in December.

Marchio 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marchio of Honor, MI (formerly from Livonia) observed their golden wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2007.

Anthony Marchio and the former Mary Jane Donnelly were married on Aug. 31, 1957, at Saint Catherine Church in Detroit. The Rev. William T. Cunningham performed the ceremony.

To celebrate, a party attended by family and friends was held at the Italian-American Club of Livonia, the city in which the Marchio family resided for more than 40 years.

Anthony, a University of Michigan graduate, was employed by General Motors Corporation and Detroit Tooling Association for more than 40 years. He retired in July 1998 from his final position of General Director of Human Resources from the Service Parts Operations, a division of General Motors.

Mary Jane, a Madonna University graduate, volun-



teered for Angela Hospice of Livonia and Munson Hospice of Traverse City for many years.

The couple's children are Louis (Robin) Marchio of Livonia; Victoria (David) Mecklenburger, Highland Park, IL; Catherine (Anthony) Sterlitz, Whitmore Lake, and Annette (Yann) LeBaron, Birmingham. The Marchios have 10 grandchildren.

The couple has permanently resided in Honor since 2000 and spend their winters in Naples, Florida.

O'Neill 60th anniversary

James and Lilas O'Neill, of Detroit, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6. They were married on Sept. 6, 1947 in Carlinville, Ill. and have lived in the Detroit area for 53 years.

The couple has four children: Katherine Agner, of Honolulu, Hawaii; Connie O'Neill, of Olivette, Mich.; Dennis O'Neill (deceased) and Carolyn Nacy, of Farmington Hills. They also have three grandchildren.

James is retired from General Motors Gear and Axel



and is a member of VFW 3941 in Livonia and the American Legion.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with family.

Angela Hospice offers grief
support for children, teens

Losing a loved one is difficult at any age. When children and teens face the death of a significant person in their lives, they experience feelings of grief similar to adults, but their reactions are quite different depending on their developmental age. Young people often do not have the words or the understanding to express their feelings. Parents might also find it difficult to help their children understand the loss, especially if they are grieving as well.

That is why Angela Hospice provides its Children and Teen Grief Support Groups to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

These groups, presented free-of-charge for children ages 6-8, 9-12, and 13 and up, begin Thursday, Sept. 20. The groups will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 8.

"Children and teens hate to feel they are alone," said Sally Loughrin, an Angela Hospice social worker with years of experience in counseling grieving children. "Participating in a grief support group provides an avenue for them to be with others who have had similar losses as well as to have their uncomfortable feelings validated."

Using various play therapy

techniques such as games, puppets, books, and storytelling, the social workers at Angela Hospice help children and teens to understand and cope with the complicated feelings that accompany the death of a loved one.

"We will do a lot in the group to help children learn to express the uncomfortable feelings of grief in a healthy way," said Loughrin.

The 8-week program will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center on Newburgh, north of I-96 in Livonia. Each session begins with a light meal at 5 p.m.

While the children and teens are in their group sessions, parents and guardians will be invited to attend their own group on how to help their grieving children and teens.

Parents whose children have experienced a recent loss are encouraged to contact the bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice for more information about these support groups.

Space is limited, so parents are asked to register their children in advance for the fall session by calling Sally Loughrin at Angela Hospice (734) 464-2683. The winter session will begin Jan. 24.

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JAMES V. BEAMAN

September 13, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Gratton L. Dear father of Cheryl (Robert) Halter and Margaret (William) Perzanowski. Brother of Ola McDougall, Josephine (Jay) Chatham and Dorothy (Carl) Anderson. Grandfather of Robert (Megan) Halter, Karen (Kenneth) Dextrom, David (Sarah) Halter and Janie Perzanowski. Dear great-grandfather of Kenneth Logan. Visitation Sunday 1-4 and 6-9 pm at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and instate at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lasher, Southfield, Monday from 9 am until time of Funeral Service at 10 am. Please sign Jim's online guest-book at www.rgharris.com

NEAL F. BOWYER

Age 73 of Hurst, TX passed away Aug. 20, 2007. Mr. Bowyer grew up in Plymouth, MI and was a 1952 graduate of Plymouth High School and attended Michigan State University. An Air Force captain, he was a B-52 bomber pilot with the Strategic Air Command. Interment was in Colleyville, TX.

MELVIN R. ELLSWOOD

Of Westland, Age 99. Passed away Sept. 10, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Alma. Loving father of Ronald (Mary), Richard (Connie). Proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of ten. A funeral service was held on Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076 or the Epilepsy Foundation, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 250, Southfield, MI 48076. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER, MD

Age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine), and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physician in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in baseball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoying a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. On Friday, November 16th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, Bill's family welcomes visitors to join them for a period of reflection and to celebrate his memory. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Dialysis Unit, 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

LINDA ANN KUNZE

Age 45, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee formerly of Livonia, died September 11, 2007. Funeral Services will be 2 PM Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 3-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Linda was born September 28, 1961 in Livonia, the daughter of Donald and Geraldine (Good) Kunze. She graduated in 1979 from Franklin High School and was employed by Saturn in Tennessee. Linda enjoyed Las Vegas and "Texas Hold'em". She loved her family, friends and was very devoted to her two dogs, Gemini and Nicole. Surviving are her mother Geraldine Hover of West Branch; step-father, Donald Hover of Fenton; grandmother, Corrine Good of West Branch; brother, Donald Kunze II (Maria) of Fenton; two sisters, Connie Craig (Jerry) of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Sherrie Austin of Fenton; two step-brothers, Richard Hover (Donna) of Hartland, Brian Hover of Inkster; her two dogs, Gemini and Nicole; many nieces and nephews; and dear friends, Sherry Antonacci, Barbara Knowles, and Douglas Lacy. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Kunze Jr.; brother, Ronald Kunze and his wife Denise. Online condolences and tributes may be posted on the Obituaries page of: www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



BEULAH V. TROMBLEY (nee Fisher)

Age 98, September 11, 2007. Resident of Farmington since 1931. Beloved wife of the late Henry L. Loving mother of David H (Margaret J.) Trombley and Linda M. (Ralph) Peckham. Cherished grandmother of Erika and Krista Peckham. Dear sister of Merle E. Dray and Lillian L. Bakewell. Funeral Tuesday 11AM, (In-state 10AM) at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Visitation Sunday and Monday 2-8PM, Order of Eastern Star #239 Memorial Service 7:30PM Sunday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions to the Church Memorial Fund or United Methodist Women's Fund. www.thayer-rock.com



WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON Jr

W. Bloomfield, MI. Age 67, died Sept. 13, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



RUTH A. KRATHWOHL

Age 76 of Walled Lake, September 11, 2007. Loving mother of Susan (Rob) Naudi, Judith (Brian) Herndon and Lynn (Marc) Elliott. Proud grandmother of Kristen (Matthew) Firby, Matthew Naudi, Peyton and Samuel Elliott. Dear sister of Patricia Laramie and Georgie Kilrain. A memorial service will be held 9:30 AM Saturday September 22, 2007 at Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills MI 48336. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society or the American Cancer Society. To leave a message for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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SWF 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great gift for LTR. **211352**

BUSY GIRL
Very cute SWFF, 48, looks 35 on a bad day, 5', 115lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. **211652**

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2109127**

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+, **212790**

FRIENDS FIRST
WIMF 68, 5'8", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **2119719**

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'7", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2109230**

SEEKING FRIEND
DMCF 70, 5'2", 145lbs, looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. **2105244**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF 50s, 37, 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially secure, intelligent D/M, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth. **2122924**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call **2122478**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
46-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2106217**

IS IT YOU?
SF, 85, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. **2109217**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 6'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/M, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. **2107161**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SWF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking 5'7", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/D, clean, honest, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, cards, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **2114425**

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...
wanted, 40-year-old SBF 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old, I like shopping, movies, and cooking. **2118623**

YOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING
SBF 27, 5'4", chiseled complexion, pretty brown eyes, dimples, thick build, seeking for SBF, 28-60, for friendship and possibly more. **2126022**

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curly, seeking a SBF, 40-50, masculine, drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. **2117813**

HELLO GENTLEMEN
SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, likes walking, movies and having fun. No head games. **2118906**

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. **2111618**

HITHER
SBPF 35, 5'6", 135lbs, sexy, curly, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all offers. I enjoy water sports, travel, fine dining, art. **2118926**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking SM, 38-55, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2120303**

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBF, 27-37, N/S, who knows life and love. **2109891**

CALL ME SOMETIME
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, loving, respectful, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. **2109752**

MAYBE US
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-togethers, SM, 42-48, N/S, to share interests. **2114333**

DO-WO-TO CLASSICS
DMF, 68, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, shapely plump, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing. ISO Christian, N/S, gentleman, 50+, for dating, open to new activities. Rochester. **2125822**

LIFE IS TO SHORT
SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-55, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2118912**

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SBF, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **2109586**

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, boaterates, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. **2119975**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Employed, easygoing, SBF, 40s, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic car/career shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBF, intelligent, N/S, gentleman, 50+, for companionship, happiness. **2109092**

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U
Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, ND, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet time home. Seeking like-minded lady, 35-55, with similar interests, to share friendship and possibly more. **2109055**

SINCERE ONLY
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will be 7? Friendship first, possibly more. **2110970**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DMF, 63, 5'2", Italian, outgoing, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S W/M, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2105038**

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...
strangeness. Outfit, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. **2123516**

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, nice open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kind, ok. **2138031**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 69, 5'4", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. **2120957**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SBF, 67, thin, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. **2112528**

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys curling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 62+, with various interests and qualities. **2116414**

MAYBE US?
Sociable, employed SF, 59, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more. Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. **2112636**

ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SBF, 28, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBF, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. **2118807**

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **21201867**

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE
SBF, 56, semi-retired, very feminine, easy and cute, loves travel, cooking, movies, gardening, candlelight dinners, theater, good people. Seeking companionship with interesting, open-minded lady, who can intrigue me. **2116757**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2117234**

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **2126494**

LOOKING FOR ME?
Energetic SBF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's meet! **2113521**

POSSIBLE LTR
SWF, 68, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SW/M, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2109281**

DO YOU EXIST?
DMF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining, travel. Seeking well-educated W/M, 55-65, athletic, healthy, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2120296**

MAKE ME LAUGH
DMF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, social dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SD/W/M, likes sports, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **2106662**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WIMF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. **2111330**

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining, the pub and movies. For friendship, possible romance. **2115239**

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **2117226**

LET'S TALK
SBF, 63, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-59, honest, respectful, healthy, N/S, the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **2109372**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. **2119287**

SENT FROM HEAVEN
SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar interests, to share time with, go out to dinner or the movies. **2110388**

THE GOOD LIFE
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping, or to the park. **2119894**

HOW ARE YOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. **2103770**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2106379**

LET'S MEET
SBF, curly, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SM, 46-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2105267**

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together for a living. **2103077**

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING
SWF, 23, searching for a SBF, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **2108914**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, fun-loving, N/S, gentleman to share the good things in life. **2110247**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SM, 45-60, in a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **2106574**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for a SM, 40-50, who is interested in 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2104979**

TRY ME
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a SM, 30-45, who is fun, good times, shopping, dancing, laughter and simple times. **2113013**

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 38, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SW/M, to hang with, get to know me and just have some fun. Interested? **2121418**

ILL MAKE U SMILE
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/M, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a life romance and see what happens next. **2121284**

LET'S TALK
SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dining, movies, nice, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. **2113820**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for a SM, 35-55, who is intelligent, understanding to share all the good things life offers. **2116297**

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50, 170lbs. **2117035**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 38, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBF, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **2119050**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'9", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2109710**

HOW ARE YOU?
Attractive, caring SBF, 32, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-spoken, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2118919**

FUN AND SIMPLE
SBF, 19, dark complexion, arsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. **2122568**

KEEP ME HAPPY
Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2106809**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2120254**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DMF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/brunette, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, mainly gentlemen. **2109254**

WIDOW
Blonde hair, green eyes, 120lbs, 65-year-old SWF, N/S, I enjoy the theater, travel, music, musicals, dining and anything fun. Seeking SWM, 63-68, with similar interests. **2124393**

ASIAN PRINCESS
WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video-games, and concerts. Seeks 18-45 AF for LTR. **2120364**

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Attractive SWM, 58, 180lbs, muscular, looking for attractive, down-to-earth woman, fit and open-minded, to get to know and share good times. **21227318**

HI LADIES!
DMH, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a W/MF 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. **2118527**

GOOD LOOKING...
SBM, 36, 5'9", average, construction by trade, likes movies, night clubs and more, seeking a SF, 25-45, independent, caring, honest, to spend quality time with. **2119269**

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady 25-45, independent, caring, honest, to spend quality time with. **21200127**

NO DRAMA
SBM 49, N/D, very open-minded ISO easygoing, drama-free lady to hang out with for fun, travel, movies, more. **2110215**

A SPECIAL GUY
DMW, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/D/WF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2126946**

WORTH YOUR CALL
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the above. **2122419**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a lady, happy lady to share the special times in life. **21151943**

HANDSOMELY HUMBLE
SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportional, respectful gentleman, looking for proportionate SF, 39-45, N/S, for LTR. **2107318**

LOOKING FOR M2 RIGHT
WIMW, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **21265340**

ARE YOU MY LADY?
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys musical events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **2117487**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **21092418**

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. **21146012**

VERY MY LADY?
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. **2122274**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 26-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **21094501**

SEEKING A SPECIAL LADY
SBM, 6', caring, likes quiet evenings, romantic walks, movies and picnics, seeking a lady, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possible LTR. **21182108**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. **2122018**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **2110221**

WHAT'S UP LADIES?
Fun-loving genuine SBF, 30, 5'5", brown complexion, good-looking cool, fun, looking for a lovely, sexy lady to kick it with. I like cooking, board games, nite life, and all offers. **2102937**

ANOTHER STATE OF MIND
SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/punk/indie, etc. Seeking a lady, fun-loving, creative SF with interested in art, indie, exploring life and new adventures. **2123363**

HI LADIES
SBM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, braids, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. **2122781**

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, outdoor, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF to share life's little pleasures and adventures. **2127126**

FINANCIALLY SECURED
SBM, very young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, loves movies, dining, movies. Seeking a SF, 30-45, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. **2112121**

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 61, 5'11", 230lbs, looks like a movie, enjoys dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes long walks and good conversations, let's talk. **2116163**

HELLO SWEET LADIES
SM, 37, hard-working, intelligent, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, quiet times. ISO trustworthy, considerate SF to share happiness, laughter and possible LTR. **2120712**

MAYBE?
SWM, 47, 6', 165lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing, tall lady, slender and beautiful, who knows how to have a good time in life and knows what she wants. **2120980**

TAKE A LOOK
SM, 47, muscular, athletic, employed, outgoing, ISO outgoing, loving SWF, 50-62, fit, active and fun to share life and it's simple pleasures. **2121498**

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, likes quiet times, basketball, movies and sporting events, seeking a nice, honest, caring woman, 26-48, for friendship, possible LTR. **2120452**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/ethnicity. **2105190**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2116714**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2122939**

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
SM, 52, enjoys BBQs, time spent by the water, sunsets, jazz, cooking, travel, long walks and much more. Looking for a kind-hearted, affectionate woman to treat like a queen. **2124287**

A GOOD CATCH

Children's sleep issues require investigation

Emily from Troy says her teenage daughter is having trouble sleeping. When she took her to the doctor, he prescribed medication.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Should she be concerned?

Emily, this is a troubling issue and you are not alone. A new study found more than 80-percent of American children who visit a doctor for help with sleep problems

are given prescription medication. The big problem is no sleeping pills are currently approved for use in children. Experts are concerned that prescribing sleep medication is ignoring the bigger issue. They say children shouldn't have sleep problems. If they do there is an underlying issue such as stress, caffeine or a problem at home or school. They believe it is better to combat that issue first rather than turning to medication. Edward from Berkley e-mails saying he is having a hard time quitting smoking. He has tried everything. Do you have any suggestions?

Edward, when you feel that craving coming, get up and take a walk! According to 14 new studies, low intensity exercise like walking, bicycling, even stretching may be enough to curb a craving to smoke. Exercise may also reduce irritability, poor concentration and other withdrawal symptoms from quitting smoking. Researchers believe exercise curbs cravings because it reduces tension and increases the same mood-enhancing brain chemicals that nicotine boosts. Studies also found exercise may be as effective if not better than oral nicotine replacement therapy. Nicotine gum can take about 10 minutes to kick in while a walk is immediate. You will also be getting a great workout which will help your whole body feel better.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



Early warning Early symptoms help diagnose ovarian cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Once considered a silent killer, ovarian cancer can now be detected earlier if women heed the warning signs and take action, says Dr. Vinay Malviya, chief of gynecology oncology at the Providence Hospital Cancer Center in Southfield.

Women shouldn't wait more than a few weeks to see a physician, preferably a gynecologist, if they experience the early symptoms of abdominal bloating, pain in the pelvis or abdomen, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary urgency or frequency.



Malviya

The American Cancer Society, The Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and Society of Gynecologic Oncologists released the early warning signs in mid-June. Other warning signs such as indigestion, fatigue, back pain, constipation, pain with intercourse, and menstrual irregularities are not as helpful in diagnosing the deadly disease, according to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

"It's basically being aware if something is not right. If you have unexplained symptoms, you need to seek medical attention right away before it gets out of hand. Treat your physician as sort of a partner in this entire situation. Convey to them you are not feeling well. Your abdomen is hurting, you're feeling very bloated," said Malviya, of Bloomfield Hills. "I would say, why don't you come in. A lot of times you're just blown away. The phone call comes to a nurse or screening individual at a physician's office. The importance is not on it and the doctor often does not hear about it. If I have a patient telling me she does not feel well and has many symptoms, if she has not been for an annual exam, she will be seen."

LIFE AND DEATH

According to Malviya the average waiting period is 45 to 60 days for an annual gynecologic exam. The wait could mean the difference between life and death. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2007, there will be about 22,430 cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed, and approximately 15,280 deaths from the disease in the U.S.

"The magnitude of the problem needs to be stressed. Physicians are getting more tuned to it. Women get screened out by family practitioners and ob/gyn first. Family practitioners are not given enough credit because they are the people we have to recruit in the fight against this disease," said Malviya. "This is my biggest issue. The ob/gyns are catching on to it but family practitioners are not. I'm hoping they take it more seriously."

Progress has been made during the 25 years Malviya has treated patients. The Providence Hospital Cancer Center is involved with several clinical trials for ovarian cancer.

"I have more hope now than 10 years ago," said Malviya. "Survival rates have improved. Patients are living longer. For you that's a definition of survival, but for us five-year survival is not a cure but living with the disease. We used to think ovarian cancer means acuteness of the problem — they're either going to live or die. Patients are living longer with their disease. It's gone from acuteness to chronic. People are living longer with ovarian cancer but they may not be cured of their disease — 18 to 20 percent of women over the five-year survival have actually been cured of their disease. Many more are living with their disease."

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"Every person with cancer has an expectation of a cure. It's important for them not to lose hope if that expectation has not been attained."

HIGH RISK WOMEN

Malviya is discouraged because there is still not a diagnostic test for ovarian cancer. High risk women may receive screening that includes transvaginal ultrasound and the CA 125 blood test on a regular basis although the benefits of these diagnostics are unproven at this time. That's why it's important to know the early warning signs. Malviya recommends women memorize these symptoms, and if a family history exists to undergo genetic testing.

"Nothing is diagnostic of this disease," said Malviya. "We're having a whole bunch of people asking us to have a CA 125 that may be elevated in only about 60 percent of ovarian malignancies. The message should be CA 125 is definitely not a diagnostic test for ovarian cancer, but helps us follow the disease."

Elaine Greenberg never suspected ovarian cancer when she was experiencing fatigue, stomach problems and nausea. After discovering blood in her urine, the Farmington Hills woman sought medical attention.

She still isn't sure what caused the bleeding. It might have been a medication she was taking, but the subsequent tests led to a diagnosis of ovarian cancer after Malviya performed a laparoscopic procedure. Greenberg was diagnosed with stage 3B. The ovarian cancer had spread to her diaphragm.

It has been seven years and eight months since she underwent a complete hysterectomy and six chemotherapy treatments. Although she has had no recurrences, the fear of one never goes away. But Greenberg isn't dwelling on the disease. Instead, she's trying to raise awareness about ovarian cancer. In May, she held a jazz concert to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's education programs.

"I get phone calls from people in health profession who don't know about ovarian cancer symptoms," said Greenberg. "I had a call this week from a former nurse who is a survivor and knew nothing about symptoms."

Karmanos offers free sessions for cancer survivors

Survivorship University, a community-based education program of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, offers free lectures to help cancer survivors, their families and caretakers navigate the everyday challenges of living with, through and beyond cancer. The classes encourage and support the personal empowerment and advocacy of cancer survivorship.

To register for the free classes, call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266). For more information visit www.karmanos.org. The Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of 39 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the U.S.

Classes include Cancer and Nutrition: Fuel for Life with speaker LaDonna Hinch, registered dietitian, Karmanos Cancer Center 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline, Taylor, or 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, 1000

Harrington Blvd.

Cancer patients and survivors often have difficulty eating and may not be aware of what is nutritionally beneficial to help support treatment and good health after treatment. This lecture will answer questions about daily nourishment and nutrition.

Ordering Social Security's Alphabet Soup with speakers Rufus Gaston, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, and Marcia Shantz, Professional Relations Officer, Disability Determination Services talking about how and to file for social security disability.

Cancer may create financial challenges. Many people think that receiving disability dollars (SSI, SSD) is the answer. Sometimes that's true; sometimes it's not. Find out the information needed to make that decision 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus in Taylor; 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical

Center, or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

Navigating Your Way through Integrative Medicine

Integrative medicine combines conventional Western medicine with holistic or complementary practices. Traditional cancer treatments result in cancer risk falling and cancer cure rates rising. Yet more people are turning to complementary therapies.

Does research support these therapies? Do they work? At Gilda's Club and Mt. Clemens Regional Center learn why people are turning to complementary and alternative therapies even though most are not covered by health insurance plans 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, and 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at Gilda's Club, 517 Rochester Rd., Royal Oak. Speaker is Michael Henderson, M.D., a board certified medical oncologist at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center.

At Crittenton Hospital, learn about specific holistic approaches that are currently in practice, including a relaxation exercise called "Guided Imagery". Sessions take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 W. University Dr., Rochester with speakers Robert Jarski, PhD, founder and director Complementary Medicine and Wellness Program, Oakland University, and Teri Kolar, certified in Complementary Medicine and Wellness.

Humor and Healing features Steven Pearl, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Crittenton Hospital. This class aims to help the participant use and enjoy humor and laughter as a tool for healing. While cancer isn't funny, life is. This talk will not only inform it will entertain as well. Participants will have a few laughs, elevate their mood and gain new coping and communication skills during the session 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 W. University Dr., Rochester.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

AIDS Walk

The 17th annual Aids Walk Detroit fund-raiser is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market; on site registration begins at 8 a.m. There are no registration costs for walkers. Runners are asked to pay a \$20 fee. Since its inception in 1991, Steppin' Out has become the largest grass roots HIV/AIDS fund-raising organization in Michigan and has granted over \$2.6 million to more than 20 different agencies and helped thousands of individuals. In pursuit of its mission.

Town hall meeting

Legislators; advocates for parity; individuals who have experienced discrimination in health coverage; and representatives from the insurance industry will participate in the upcoming Uncovering The Truth on the Mental Health Parity Town Hall Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Commissioner's Auditorium in the Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Sponsored by Community Network Services' Anti-Stigma Team in collaboration with Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and County Commissioner Jim Nash, District 15, this important discussion forum presents a unique opportunity to hear all aspects of the impact of mental health parity on the residents of Michigan.

Attendees will be able to hear firsthand from elected officials, individuals who have experienced discrimination in coverage, advocates for parity as well as representatives from the insurance industry. For more information, call (248) 745-4900 ext. 1058.

Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute (MBI) at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers three laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgical weight loss options including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Learn more at one of the next free monthly Educational Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2693 or 1-877-Why-Weight to register for free Seminar.

Dyslexia support group

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, 3384 W. 12 Mile, between Greenfield and Coolidge Hwy., Berkley. Topic is Dyslexia - what it is, how it is treated and the importance of early intervention. Arrival time is 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP to (248) 658-0777, by fax to (248) 658-0779, or send e-mail to www.info@berkleydyslexia.net.

Breather's club

A support group for persons afflicted with lung disease meets at noon on the third Wednesday of each month at DMC Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, 1 William

Carls Drive, Commerce. Pre-registration not required for the free program. For details, call (248) 937-3314.

Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the late effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required for conference and hotel reservation. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

Salt and your health

Are you tired of depriving yourself of salt, learn why unrefined salt is a healthy diet 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at Zerbo's Health Food Store, 34164 Plymouth Road, east of Stark, Livonia. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

Breast cancer benefit

Celtic Connection Celli, an evening of Cape Breton and Irish traditional music and step dancing 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Gaelic League of Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave. Admission is by donation. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research. For more information, call (313) 537-3489, (313) 565-4833, or (519) 977-5492.

Fall classes

Take an exercise or self-management course from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter beginning in

September. Classes include a warm-water exercise program; a land-based exercise program; Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a 6-week self-help program that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Classes are available in numerous locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call 1-800-968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Koshel Gospel Singers. Cost is \$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

Fibromyalgia meeting

H.O.P.E., Helping Our Pain and Fatigue, support group for Fibromyalgia, meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending by sending e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. The cost of the lecture is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the room. Dr. Michael Hsu will present Recent Advances in the Genetics and Pathophysiology of Fibromyalgia. Hsu is on staff at the chronic pain clinic at the University of Michigan.

Penny roll skate

Bring your pennies to donate to the Red Cross Disaster Action Team and enjoy an evening of skating 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Skatin Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Admission is a donation of two or more rolls of pennies. Skate rental extra. The more pennies you provide, the more help to the Red Cross. Pennies go to provide emergency disaster relief to victims in the country and to stock the Emergency Response Vehicle. The ERV will be at the Skatin Station on the day of the event.

Nursing conference

Presented by Oakland University School of Nursing, Health Care Technology, Education and Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century takes place Oct. 17-19, at the Embassy Suites, Troy. Registration costs \$149 and ends Sept. 28. For details and to register, visit www2.oakland.edu/nursing/envisionconference, or call (248) 370-3799.

Lupus walk

13th annual walk to benefit the Lupus Alliance of America, Michigan Indiana Affiliate 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, begins at Freedom Hill, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse. Call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@milupus.org, or visit www.milupus.org.

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