

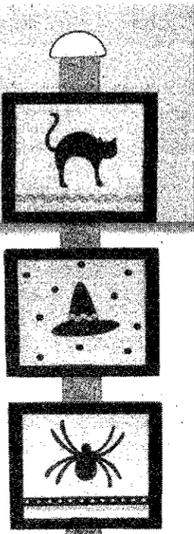


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'It was wonderful. We were like a city.' Betty Zimmerman, 80, about the Eloise complex



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Historian Jo Johnson pulls off the plastic to unveil a historic marker at the old Eloise site. Looking on is Kay Beard, the longest-serving Wayne County Commission member, and Kevin Kelley, a county official who works on behalf of senior citizen services and veterans affairs.

Memories of Eloise

Historical
marker
dedicated
at former
county
hospital

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Betty Zimmerman, 80, wiped tears from her eyes Tuesday when she returned home to Eloise, a once-sprawling, pioneering medical complex in Westland that served as a poorhouse, an infirmary, an asylum and a general hospital.

Zimmerman, a Redford Township woman, was born and raised at Eloise, where her father worked as a psychiatrist during peak years when the site had 10,000 patients, 2,000 workers and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, police and fire departments, train station and 16 kitchens that served 30,000 meals a day.

"It was wonderful," Zimmerman said. "We were like a city."

She attended school off-site, but otherwise Zimmerman lived at Eloise from 1926 until 1951, when she married her husband, Bob. The couple and their daughter, Ann Heinicke of Westland, joined scores of former Eloise residents, employees and patients, along with local and county officials, for Tuesday's unveiling of a state historical marker.

Wayne County bought the old Black Horse Tavern in 1839 for use as a poorhouse, but Eloise, on Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff, grew into a 902-acre, 75-build-

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Police chief: Fatal shooting 'unfortunate'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man was shot and killed by a city police officer Saturday night after he fired a 22-caliber pistol at officers who went to his house to investigate an earlier domestic dispute involving his wife, Chief James Ridener said.

Kenneth Sundman Jr., 41, died of a single gunshot wound to his upper left side, near his armpit, during a struggle that erupted when two police officers went inside his house in the 5900 block of Morley, near Ford and Newburgh, around 10 p.m. Saturday, Ridener said.

Sundman had earlier threatened his wife at gunpoint, and she had gone to the police station for help, Ridener said. The couple had been having marital problems, the chief and Sundman's father confirmed.

Ridener declined to name the veteran officers involved in the incident, but he said they have been placed on administrative leave pending completion of a criminal investigation and an internal probe of what hap-

pened.

Sundman let the officers into his house, police said, but Sundman's father said he believes his son would be alive if officers had stayed outside and let his anger subside.

"He was by himself," said 68-year-old Kenneth Sundman Sr. of Commerce Township, adding later, "They provoked it. If they hadn't gone into the house, this wouldn't have happened."

"He was my only son," Sundman Sr. said, describing his son as a friendly man and a mechanic who often helped his neighbors and who loved wild-life.

"He helped everybody," the father said. "He'd give you the shirt off his back. He cared about people like I do, and he was full of life. He drank a few beers like anybody else, and I guess he's gotten out of hand at times."

Sundman Sr. said his son had been served divorce papers Saturday. He said the couple has a 19-year-old daughter.

"He just went off the deep end,

Please see **SHOOTING, A2**

Man gets 25-60 years for molesting twin girls

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man was sentenced Wednesday to 25-60 years in prison for drugging two 12-year-old twin girls, molesting them while they slept and videotaping it.

Raymond Pniewski Jr., 52, learned his fate when he appeared in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Vera Massey Jones, after earlier pleading guilty to four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

"His crimes were some of the worst I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot," police Sgt. Debra Mathews said. "It was truly despicable. I think he's truly a predator, and the children of the community and the state will be much safer with him locked away."

Pniewski pleaded guilty earlier this month, averting trial in a case that surfaced in July when one of the victims awoke while he was putting prescription sleeping pills in her mouth, Mathews said. Pniewski molested the girls while they lived at his house in the 7300 block of Mohawk, near

Warren and Wayne.

The twins had moved there with their mother, a friend and former girlfriend of Pniewski's who needed a place to stay because she was having financial difficulties.

Pniewski was accused of molesting the girls numerous times between Dec. 1, 2005, and July of this year. Police searched his house and found videotapes, a camcorder and pictures he had taken.

The twins' mother took them to a hospital after one girl awoke while Pniewski was near her. In turn, the hospital contacted authorities to report the molestings.

Pniewski had faced at least 25 years in prison, but he could serve much more time under Jones' sentencing. Considering he is 52, he could spend the rest of his life locked up.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less has said that "everyone should be assured that children will be protected from this guy for a long time."

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Where's Georgie? Halloween Walk has answer

Westland Civitan Karen Gregory probably didn't have a clue that her idea for a child-friendly Halloween activity would turn into a holiday tradition.

Seventeen years after she made the suggestion, volunteers from the Civitans, Dads Athletic Club of Westland and the Westland Breakfast Lions Club and the Westland Parks and Recreation Department are once again dressing up as storybook characters for the annual Halloween Walk.

"It's a great opportunity for families to have Halloween fun together in a safe and friendly environment," said recreation supervisor Margaret Martin. "And it's designed for young children."

Youngsters are invited to wear their costumes as they make their way through the "friendly forest" and listen to a Halloween story about Georgie the Ghost who leaves home because he thinks



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Halloween adventure will come alive as volunteers Christine Davis as the Panda bear, Linda Rosa of Garden City as the friendly troll and Brianna Duka as Little Bo Peep will take part in the upcoming Halloween Walk at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center. Christine and Brianna are ninth-graders at Wayne Memorial High School.

his family doesn't love him.

The walk will take youngsters from the Bailey Center to Tattan Park. There will be 10 stops,

where they will meet such characters as the friendly Troll, Little Bo Peep and the woodsman and Raggedy Ann and Andy and

look for clues to Georgie's whereabouts.

That will come at the grand finale, once again staged by the Dads Club. From there, youngsters will visit with Fire Capt. John Adams at the fire safety house before going to the fire state for refreshments furnished and served by the Lions Club.

"Meeting Capt. Adams is a big feature for the youngsters," said Martin.

The walk takes place around the Bailey Recreation Center Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27. Tours start every 10 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and run through 9 p.m. If there is rain, tours will take place inside the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

There's room for 600 participants, but pre-registration is required. Tickets cost \$3 and are available at the Bailey Center. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

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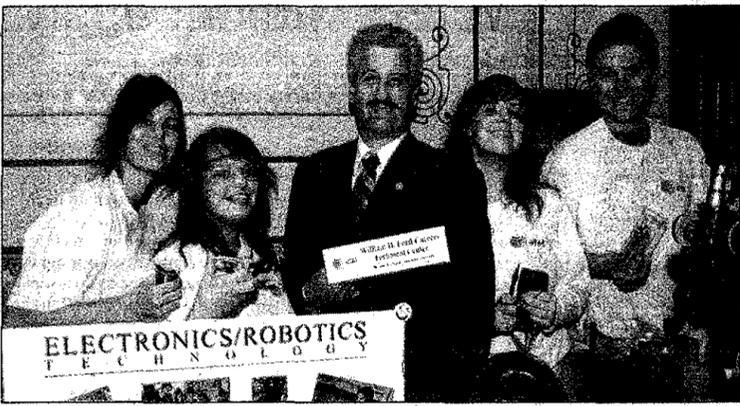
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Capital kids

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (center) greets students from William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland at the seventh annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase held Sept. 26 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. Students are Michelle Stroyan (from left), Alex Cupp, Brittany Kozlowski and Nick Cross. The school was one of more than 50 elementary, middle and high schools state-wide that participated in the event, which shows elected members of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement. Organized by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, the Showcase was underwritten by AT&T.

AROUND WESTLAND

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 include 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. Call (734) 722-3660.

Voter guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared nonpartisan voter guides for the November 6 election in Westland and other cities. The guide includes election information and can be accessed by visiting the League's Web site at www.lwv-nw.org. Print copies are expected to be available at the Westland library by this weekend.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, public service organization which never supports or opposes any candidate running for office. A league spokeswoman said the site contains only those responses received before a deadline set for candidates.

'Heart Quest'

The Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church at 33144 Chery Hill, Garden City, will host "Heart Quest" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Broadcast worldwide via satellite, "Heart Quest" is a series of seminars dealing with improving your life, finding hope in a shaky world, finding true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of the Bible. For more information, call (734) 427-3982.

Wild, Pickering make their pitch at forum

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland mayoral appointee William Wild has made a pitch for votes by saying he has skillfully led the city amid Michigan's economic crisis, while challenger Charles Pickering cited his experience and his understanding of residents' struggles as reasons he should be elected.

Pickering, a 16-year city council member, said Friday night during a candidates forum that he steered Westland through tough economic times when he served as mayor in 1982-85. He said he can do it again.

"The parallel is there," he said.

But Wild, a former council member, said his administration has maintained a healthy budget since his council colleagues appointed him to the city's top job in January, when former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli became a district judge.

"We've been managing in this economy for the last 10 months," Wild said, charging that Pickering's leadership as mayor in the early 1980s isn't relevant in today's economy.

Wild, Pickering, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and eight city council hopefuls shared their visions and responded to a flurry of questions Friday during a three-hour forum at the Dorsey Center. About 60 people attended the event, sponsored by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association and the Westland Democratic Club.

Pickering pledged to fight crime by adding two new police officers to city streets, address blight by hiring a new ordinance officer and reduce administrative costs. He also vowed to demand fair property assessments and to bring in mortgage and financial experts to help residents struggling to avoid foreclosure.

Wild said he already has made strides to deliver "clean, safe neighborhoods" — most recently with a massive clean-up of the Norwayne subdivision. He also said his administration has taken measures to fight blight, and he promised that pushing for the cleanup of the contaminated Central City Park will remain a top priority.

Pickering said he supports efforts to start a curbside recycling program, and he reminded residents that he also fought to reduce their trash-disposal tax burden. Wild said Pickering's attempt to cut the tax would likely have doomed

the curbside program while returning only a few dollars a year to households.

Wild and Pickering are competing in the Nov. 6 election to finish the remaining two years of Cicirelli's term.

DeHart's challenger, certified public accountant Bruce Paige, didn't attend the forum. He told organizers he had a prior commitment.

DeHart told residents she has kept promises she made in her first four-year term, such as becoming a certified municipal clerk, and she pledged to work with state legislators to try to streamline the voting process by making it easier for residents to vote, including "no-reason" absentee ballots.

In the council race, elected incumbents James Godbout and Michael Kehrer, along with appointed incumbents Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves, are facing challengers Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Harold Dunn and Mark Rodriguez. Each of them also made a pitch for votes Friday.

Bryant pledged to bring a young family's perspective to the council.

Bulson pointed to his 15 years of volunteerism and his 16 years owning a city business as proof he is ready for a council position.

Dunn said the city needs to prepare now for deepening budget problems that he said will come as declining property values affect tax revenues.

Godbout pointed to his seven years of council experience and said he hopes voters will consider his leadership and understanding of city government when they go to the polls.

Johnson said officials need to work hard to fill vacant buildings to boost tax revenues, and he said tax breaks will be necessary to compete for businesses.

Kehrer depicted himself as the common-sense candidate who will continue to do the research that is necessary to make informed votes on city issues.

Reeves underscored his 27 years of experience as a sheriff deputy for Washtenaw County and said he would support efforts to give local police to tools they need to fight crime.

Rodriguez said he would fight to reduce the police and fire retirement millage and ask voters to appropriate those savings to build a vast recreation complex, Frontier Park.

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SHOOTING

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and (his wife) ran down to the police station," the father said. "If the cops had stayed out of that house, that kid would have been alive today. They should not have gotten involved. They should have let him cool down."

Sundman Sr. said his son helped care for him after he had a heart attack and as he battled cancer, "and they're making him look like a bad person."

Ridener called the incident "unfortunate" but he said his officers had to investigate

reports of a domestic dispute involving a gun. He stressed that Sundman Jr. let police into his house.

When officers entered the house, Sundman Jr. initially wouldn't take his hands out of his pockets, Ridener said. He ultimately brandished a 22-caliber pistol, prompting a struggle that ended with a shot being fired in the direction of the officers, the chief said.

The bullet missed the officers and hit a wall, but officials believe the shot escalated the incident and resulted in one officer firing a single, fatal shot from a 40-caliber handgun.

Sundman Jr.'s wife told

police that her husband had a history of drinking, but Ridener said it wasn't yet known whether alcohol may have been a factor in Saturday's incident.

Ridener confirmed that it wasn't the first domestic dispute involving Sundman Jr. and his wife. In one prior incident several years ago, the chief said, Sundman Jr. threw a rump roast at her.

Meanwhile, Ridener confirmed that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will ultimately decide whether the officers acted appropriately.

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McCotter won't be swayed by Granholm on kids' health care bill

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, were singled out Monday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to urge them to override President George Bush's veto of a bill to reauthorize and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The House is expected to vote today on the bill.

McCotter is chair of the Republican House Policy Committee. He voted against the expansion of the SCHIP program and said he will vote to sustain the president's veto.

SCHIP is a federally financed program to provide health care for uninsured children who are ineligible for Medicaid. In Michigan the program is administered under MICHild. Michigan children who do not have insurance are eligible for SCHIP if their families make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$41,000 for a family of four.

The bill increases total funding for the program to \$60 billion over the next five years and provides health insurance for 9 million currently uninsured children. The bill represents a \$7 billion increase. The increase would be paid for by a 61 percent increase in the federal tobacco tax.

In his veto, Bush argued that the expansion would push children already covered by private insurance into publicly financed insurance.

In addition to voting for the expansion, Congress also voted to extend the current SCHIP authorization pending outcome of the vote on the veto.

On Monday McCotter sent a letter to Granholm asking her for clarification on several



Thaddeus McCotter

points. McCotter's letter asks whether a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services report is true that in 2008 71.6 percent of Michigan SCHIP funding will go to "childless adults." He also asks if 46 percent of Michigan SCHIP enrollees in 2006 were adults.

McCotter writes to Granholm that the

Congressional Budget Office projects that "at least 22 million new smokers" will be needed to fund the expansion.

The congressman also cites the CBO that SCHIP expansion will allow illegal immigrants to enroll in the program and "by 2012, cost federal and state taxpayers \$6.5 billion."

A PROMISE TO CHILDREN

In a press release last week, Granholm's office says that without MICHild 55,000 children in Michigan would have no way to pay for any type of medical service.

"This legislation represents a promise to every Michigan child who needs a vaccination, insulin and other medical services," Granholm said in the release. "It will ensure that more of our state's neediest kids can be seen by a doctor and have access to medications and medical care. Every member of Congress, especially those from Michigan, should do the right thing and support Michigan's children by voting to override the president's veto."

McCotter said last week he objects to the bill because of the raise in the tobacco tax, the number of adults who will be covered (the bill allows coverage for some adult family members and pregnant women) and that benefits will be available to illegal immigrants.

"I will never raise taxes to pay for people who are here illegally," he said.

McCotter said he supports the existing SCHIP program.

"It was a Republican program that was working," he said.

He said the problem isn't with SCHIP but that Democrats were trying to "plug holes in Medicaid."

"They (Democrats) refused to negotiate with the president, at least they agreed to the exten-

sion so that children weren't cut from program," he said.

McCotter said a better way to improve health care benefits for children was to increase "the supply of health care."

"Poor people have to have more control over access to health care, more focus on preventative care, extend tax credits and help them to set up their own medical accounts," he said.

Iuliana Dit of Livonia, a medical student and president of the American Medical Students Association chapter at Wayne State University, said as a future doctor it would be frustrating not to be able to provide care for sick children.

"I am a big advocate of this bill and I'm an advocate for my future patients," she said.

She said she has been to clinics where uninsured children who need care are denied.

She said the expanded program would not add more adults to the program.

"Adults are covered. If kids and adults get health care it's better for families," she said.

Rep. Knollenberg in a letter to the *Observer & Eccentric*, argues that increasing the tobacco tax encourages people to take up smoking to support the bill.

Dit laughed at that argument and said the likely effect of raising the tobacco tax is that 10 percent of current smokers would quit smoking which would be good for public health. She said the amount raised by the tobacco tax increase has been estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to cover the increase.

"They have calculated they will be able to pay for this. The amount of money to fund this bill will be reevaluated, but the \$7 billion increase is how much we spend on the war in Iraq in 13 days," she said.

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County collects hazardous waste

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All household hazardous waste items will be accepted from residents of Wayne County at no cost.

Examples of acceptable items include household paints, stains, and dyes as well as lawn and garden chemicals, anti-freeze, motor oil, gasoline, and more. Various electronic items

will be accepted as well including computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and TVs. The county will also accept a limit of 10 passenger vehicle tires per vehicle.

In addition, a mercury fever thermometer exchange will be offered. A safer digital thermometer will be given to individuals who bring in a mercury thermometer for disposal. There is a limit of one digital replacement per car.

More information is available by calling the Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division at (734) 326-3936.

ACHIEVERS

Kim Brown of Westland has been named as the Hotel category winner of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau's Annual Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) Awards. Brown is a concierge at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

Brown prepares the lounge area for the most valued elite guests' dinner reception, focusing on every detail of the lounge's appearance and ambiance. With approximately 150 guests per evening, 80 of whom are with the hotel 40-52 weeks a year, Brown remembers almost all of their preferences.

As a first-place category winner, she received a crystal award, two nights for two people at one of the country's top hotels in Miami, Atlanta, Chicago or Pittsburgh and

a \$100 gift certificate from Macy's.

Three students have been honored by the Kumon Center of Westland as winners of its "Back to School Essay Contest."

The first-place high school winner was **Navdeep Singh**, 13, a ninth-grader at Churchill High School, Livonia, while the first-place elementary winner was **Valeri Wallace**, 10, a fifth-grader at Cooper Elementary School, Livonia. Runner-up was **Rujuta Patil**, 12, a seventh-grader at Frost Middle School, Livonia.

The students spent their summer studying math and reading at the center. First-place winners received \$25 Borders gift cards and the runner-up received a reference book package.

Bills crack down on loan industry

State Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, joined fellow Senators from both sides of the aisle in sponsoring a legislative package to register mortgage loan officers and protect consumers from unfair lending practices.

The package is bipartisan set of bills that will regulate loan officers through licensing efforts and establish penalties for unscrupulous lenders.

"Predatory lending practices have no place in our challenging economy," said Anderson. "Ensuring that all mortgage loan officers are properly trained to recognize bad practices and registered will give consumers confidence in their home-buying ability."

The package of bills strengthens the state's over-

sight of the loan industry. Provisions include:

- Creating a professional advisory board to make recommendations on rules and enforcement.
- Defining the registration and renewal process for loan officers.
- Specifying prohibited loan officer conduct.
- Establishing penalties for violations.

In August, Michigan ranked sixth in the country in the number of foreclosures per household with an 11 percent increase over the previous month. Recently, Default Research reported that Wayne County had the fourth highest foreclosure rate among metro areas with one foreclosure for every 87 households.

Tell us your story and win copy of 'The Key'

In her new book, *The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life*, Bloomfield Hills-based author and award-winning photojournalist Linda Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is giving away 10 autographed copies of Solomon's book to readers who write about or show (in a photograph) their personal key to courage, strength, faith and hope.

To enter, submit a 500-word essay or short story, a poem or photograph which describes courage, strength, or faith in your battle with cancer.

One top entry will also receive theater tickets and have his/her work published in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. The names of all winners will be published.

Deadline to submit a story,

poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Winners will be announced in the Nov. 15 edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging. E-mail all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

Entries must include name, address (include zip code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible.

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard.

For more information or questions regarding the contest, contact Jordan at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.



Linda Solomon collected keys of all shapes and sizes for her new book 'The Key: Celebrated People Unlock Their Secrets to Life.'

'Leaf peepers' invited for nature walk Oct. 27

Walkers, nature lovers and "leaf peepers" are invited to a free, 90-minute autumn "color walk" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Holliday Nature Preserve.

The walk, sponsored by the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, will start at the Nankin Mills parking lot on Hines Drive east of Farmington in Westland. Afterwards, participants may visit the historic mill's interpretive center to learn more about the area's natural and cultural history.

"The 500-plus acre forest and wildlife preserve is part

of the Wayne County Parks system and is a pleasant place to visit anytime of year, but becomes especially beautiful when Mother Nature puts on her annual color show," association spokesman Marty Johnson said in a press release.

The preserve association seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique local natural resource by hosting walks and maintenance projects that are conducted in partnership with the parks department.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Collectibles show

A toy and collectible show will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy, Westland. Pop culture, TV/movie items, games, comics, action figures, die cast toys, Hallmark, NASCAR, Matchbox, Hot Wheels and more will be available buy, sell or trade. Gordon Castelnero, author of TV Land Detroit, also will be there. Admission is \$3, refundable with a \$15 purchase at any booth. Children age 12 and under are free. For more information, call Gary Swain at (734) 525-3712.

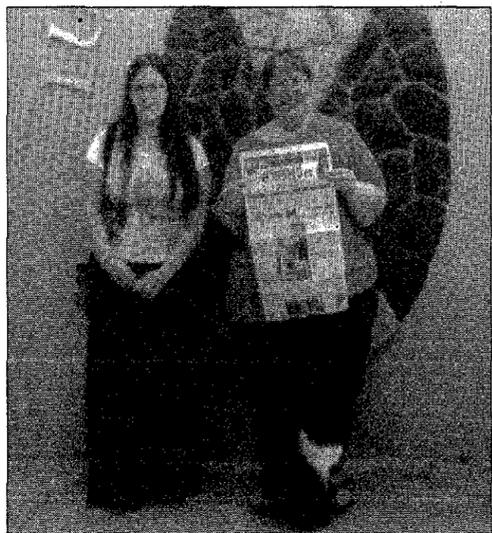
Health programs

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, will present the class, "Is It Really Your Thyroid?", 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Noble Library. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Seating is limited to 30 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation. Fischer will present the class, "Beat Stress - Be Happy!", 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The class will teach you how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. Learn how the body deals with stress and when the body is heading toward stress burnout. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. Seating is limited to 15 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance. The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 10. Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted. To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 812-4502.

Casino fund-raiser



Wish You Were Here

Lisa and Carol Garrett of Garden City pose with their Garden City Observer at Luray Caverns in Luray, Va. during a family vacation in July. Handling the photography were Mike and Joe Garrett. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer newspaper 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.

Enjoy an afternoon at the Greektown Casino on Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit St. Damian Youth Group. Tickets are \$25 and include charter bus transportation to and from the casino and a \$15 coin voucher to use at the casino. The bus departs from St. Damian, 30055 Joy in Westland, at 1 p.m. and will return back to the church at 7 p.m. Get tickets by calling (734) 421-6130.

Fund-raiser

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE REAd CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at candksdad@earthlink.net or on the Web at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

CRAFT SHOWS

Westland Jaycees

Crafters are needed for the Westland Jaycees' community craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Booth space

- 7 feet by 9 feet - costs \$35 for one day, \$65 for both days. There's a \$5 discount on additional space and \$5 charge for electricity. Deadline for applying is Oct. 31. Send signups to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call her at (517) 879-1803.

St. Damian

Annual arts and craft show at 30055 Joy in Westland 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Admission is \$1. Proceeds benefit the youth group.

Sts. Peter & Paul

Crafters are needed for the 19th annual arts and crafts show that will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia at (734) 522-9653.

Franklin High

Those who make handmade crafts or fine art are invited to participate in the juried Franklin High School Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Money raised goes to the athletic department at FHS. For information, contact Julie Culp, (734) 522-0039.

St. Michael's

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, will have its annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School.

St. Edith

Crafters are needed for the St. Edith Fall Craft Show, set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the St. Edith School. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To apply, call Dawn at (734) 420-6959 or Michelle at (734) 591-7773.

CC Mothers Club

The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craft people and businesses which sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

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

Dyer Center

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

Senior fitness

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

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

Substance abuse support

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

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition

of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia

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

Counterpoint

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

Toughlove

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

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide

respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

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

Literacy Council

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

Heartland Hospice

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

EDUCATION

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St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, is enrolling youngsters for its 3- and 4-year-old programs. Toilet training is not required. Call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information.

YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2+ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

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Families turn on to annual event against violence

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There was nothing superstitious about the turnout at the 13th annual Turn Off the Violence Night. According to Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, 1,500 parents and their children heeded the call to turn off the TV and shut down the video games for an evening of violence-free fun.

"They seem to be having a good time," said Kosowski, watching kids buy ice cream cones filled with oats to feed to the llama, buffalo, zebras, kangaroos and assorted goats in pens on the lawn in front of the Bailey Recreation Center Thursday evening. "We've even gotten some good ideas for next year."

Inside the center children were jumping up and down, climbing obstacle course and even doing "Twister" at the inflatable play area hosted by WMGC Magic 105.1-FM.

Members of the Clowns Around Redford also were there, doing face painting, balloon creations and passing out stickers.

"We enjoy being with the kids," said Dee Dee the Clown. "We (Clowns Around Redford) have been doing this almost every year."

According to L-Moe the Clown, animal faces like lions and tigers and clown faces were popular with children.

"We have five face painters doing it," he said. "Aliens were a big hit, so were dogs and monkeys climbing the tree," added Apples the Clown. "We had to be 300-400 kids come through for the balloon art."

Samantha Perva, 5, was on the receiving end of Apples' red butterfly, a good choice for the Wildwood Elementary students who was there with her mother, Vickie, and brother Joshua, 5. "We just love it," said Vickie Perva. "It's very exciting. This is our first time coming, the kids had a blast."

Youngsters also were treated to entertainment by a magician, musical acts like Drummunity, and the cheers of the Westland Stars Cheer and Dance Team, public safety demonstrations by the fire and police departments and arts and crafts.

The annual event is sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence. The sponsors were many of the city's civic groups, including Westland Rotary Club, Westland Jaycees, Westland Civitans and Dad's Club.

"I want to thank them all for their efforts," said Kosowski. "It's a great event that's free to the public. I want to thank the mayor and the council for keeping this in the budget."

"I'll definitely be back next year," said Perva.



Elizabeth Kolman, 5, of Westland feeds the goats and other animals from Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom that were at the annual Turn Off the Violence Night at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.

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Kiki Tauck, 3, and her brother Steve, 7, of Wayne decorate their pumpkins after visiting the Westland Fire Department display at Turn Off the Violence Night. The Grange 399 sponsored the pumpkin decorating, using some 700 pumpkins donated by Munsell Farmers of Fowlerville.



Megan Prough, 18, of Wayne (from left), Jennifer Bone, 18, of Westland and Kayla Parker, 14, of Westland join in the fun of Drummunity, a audience-participation music program.

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Heating up: Salsa biz moves to larger building in Westland Sheriff, TRIAD hold senior day

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ron Willis, creator and owner of Sweet Heat Salsa, is excited about moving his growing business to Westland.

He originally located on Five Mile between Beck and Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

"We've outgrown that space, so we're moving to Westland," the Canton resident said while selling salsa and chips at Saturday morning's farmers market in Plymouth.

He'll relocate to a site on Webb Court off Warren between Lotz and Hix.

"We shopped around," Willis said, noting it's a great time to find commercial property for lease. Most of his hourly employees live in Westland, so the move will be convenient for them.

The Plymouth Township site was about 3,000 square feet, the new Westland site 11,000 square feet.

He has six salaried people, three additional full-timers and up to 30 day laborers.

"It's made here in Plymouth," he said at the farmers market to encourage shoppers to try mild, medium, medium chunky or hot. Medium is his best seller.

Sweet Heat Salsa — which he filed as a business Jan. 18, 2006, his birthday — is test marketing 10 new varieties now, such as artichoke/garlic, extra cilantro, extra garlic, garden medley or fruit. Those 10 will be narrowed down to four for production.

After starting up in early 2006, Willis started selling his product at the Plymouth farmers market in May of that same year. He hooked up with the area Busch's grocery stores, where Sweet Heat Salsa is sold.

He's also selling the product under store labels at Holliday Market, Hiller's, Hollywood and VG's.

Willis sells some 150 containers on a Saturday at the Plymouth farmers market, and has begun to do the Canton



Ron Willis, Vivian Shoemaker and Dennis McCollom demonstrate the packaging process in the Plymouth Township facility on Five Mile west of Sheldon. Willis is moving the business to Westland.

Sweet Heat Salsa — which he filed as a business Jan. 18, 2006, his birthday — is test marketing 10 new varieties now, such as artichoke/garlic, extra cilantro, extra garlic, garden medley or fruit. Those 10 will be narrowed down to four for production.

farmers market as well. He's found business hasn't suffered too much in this tough economy.

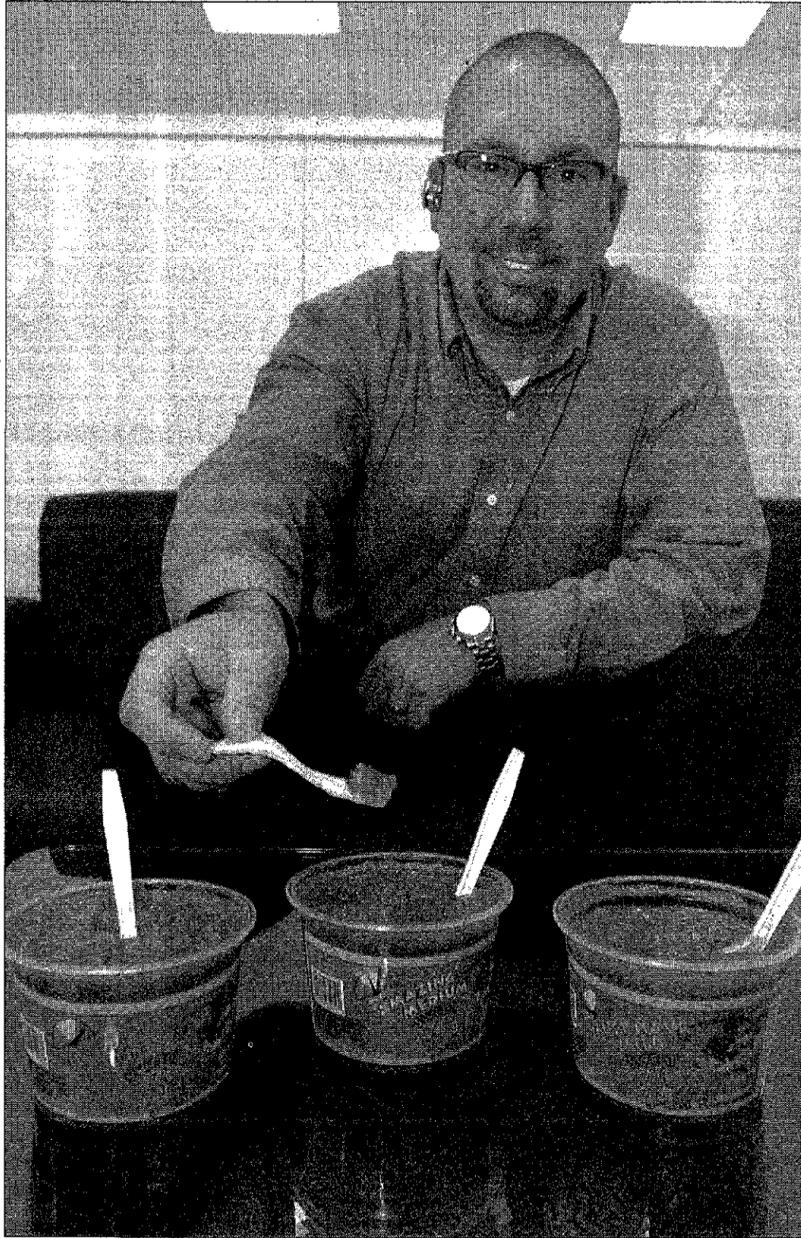
"People are scaling back on a lot of bigger items," he said. "The Michigan economy hasn't really affected my sales that much."

One happy customer Saturday in Plymouth was Michele Dottor of Westland, who tried Sweet Heat Salsa and bought some.

"It's very good, very fresh," Dottor said.

Willis is hoping to complete the move to Westland in the next week to two weeks, noting some work was needed to make the Webb Court site ready for producing the salsa.

"It's a big undertaking," he said.



Ron Willis shows three varieties of salsa, which will be available in his new Westland location.

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TRIAD hold senior day

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is once again teaming up with Wayne County TRIAD to help protect local senior citizens.

Safe Senior Day, an annual event designed to help provide Senior Citizens the information and tools they need to protect themselves, will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Northwest Activities Center, at 18100 Meyers Road in Detroit.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office will be on hand to present and provide information on personal safety, emergency preparedness and more.

Other vendors will be on hand to provide important information during the program.

The event is being sponsored by Wayne County TRIAD, a senior advocacy organization that partners with various law enforcement agencies.

Among the topics being covered at the event will be:

- Telephone scams and fraud
- Home, personal and travel safety
- Emergency 911 cell phone program
- Medical prevention and safety

In addition to information provided by each of the participating law enforcement agencies, there also will be numerous vendors providing consumer protection information and legal information regarding abuse and prevention.

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Daubing in business:

The Buzz grows from bingo supplies to unique collectibles, gifts

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Diane Rounisto was looking for a place to run a business and "bingo," an opportunity matched her needs.

She opened a bingo supply and tiny gift shop in the back of Shamrock Bingo Hall on Plymouth Road. Then 30 months ago she decided it was time to expand to her location, The Buzz, on Five Mile west of Beech Daly in Redford.

"It was kind of a whim," said Rounisto, a former Redford resident who currently lives in Livonia. "We looked at an empty space in back of the bingo hall. I'd seen the idea in another bingo hall and I approached the hall owner. I got it all fixed up and it's grown from there."

One corner is devoted to everything bingo, including daubers, card chips, bags to carry supplies, magnets and buttons, bingo signs for winners to wave, good luck charms, chair cushions, bears with T-shirts handmade by Rounisto that say: "Lucky Bingo Bear" and an assortment of other items.

The rest of The Buzz is packed with hard-to-find items ranging from clocks, to dolls, elaborately decorated wooden angels, garden décor from stepping stones to wind chimes and sun catchers, as well as inexpensive to fine jewelry, Lenox pieces and a lot more.

Elvis, John Wayne, Coke and Pepsi, Lucy, Betty Boop, John Deere, Wizard of Oz and other collectibles are on her shelves and hang from her walls. Another corner of the shop is devoted to religious items, from crosses in varied designs to First Holy Communion gifts.

CUSTOMERS COME FIRST

"I listen to my people when they come in and I try to get things if there's something I don't carry," she said. "One customer

THE BUZZ

Location: 26066 Five Mile, west of Beech Daly.

For sale: Bingo supplies and specialty gifts

Owner: Diane Rounisto

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Hours are extended during the holidays.

Contact: (313) 255-4133

was in for an hour and she said: "You know, I still don't think I've seen everything."

Even so, the aisles are clear to walk through or use a wheelchair and there's an open, airy feeling in the shop. If someone is in to pick up bingo supplies, they often start shopping for gift items.

The bingo game itself, however, remains a strong business. Today more than \$90 million is spent on bingo each week in North America alone, according to About.com.

If you feel like playing there's somewhere to go every day of the week from Catholic churches, to VFW Halls and Knights of Columbus halls, as well as buildings devoted solely to the game of matching numbers on a card, said Rounisto.

"They're everywhere — from the east side to the west side and downtown," Rounisto said.

"It's more popular now that it's more of a social gathering for people even though they hope to win money when they walk in," Rounisto said. "There's an increase in hard card bingo playing, which in the past only appealed to the older ladies. There's a lot of younger people getting involved."

Rounisto advertises in *BINGO Bugle*, which lists the days, times and locations of games.

"People are always calling me asking me where they can play," she added. "So, I look it up and

tell them."

And some of her customers spend some of their winnings at The Buzz.

"I had one customer who said, 'I had to come in and buy more lucky daubers.' The last time she was in she went to Canada and won \$4,000."

Another customer, who is on a fixed income, visits to buy herself a treat when she wins at bingo.

NOT JUST WOMEN

Rounisto says she has noticed a lot more men playing the game, too.

"Maybe they think it's a less expensive way to gamble than going to the casino," she said. "I've seen them in there with their girlfriends. One young man was there with his grandmother for his 18th birthday, because you have to be 18 to play."

In fact, Rounisto's son, Adam, 23, is becoming a partner in the business. "He wants to be a millionaire by the time he's 30, so I thought it would be a good opportunity for him to see how a business works from the inside out," she said.

Adam, a 2003 Livonia Churchill High School graduate, says the store has a lot of "potential for success."

"Once we get people in the doors there won't be a problem selling, because things are reasonably priced," he said. "Once people start coming in, the product will do the rest."

While his mother has advertised in bingo papers, church bulletins and on placemats, she says most of her business comes from word of mouth.

"We're hoping some of the players who come for bingo take the time to look at gift items," she said. "They can do one-stop shopping if they take a look to see what we have."

Providing uncommon items is the key, she said.

"The idea of the gift shop for me is to have unique items," Rounisto said. "I don't want them to go to store in the mall and find what I have. I want them to be



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The Buzz Shop owner Diane Rounisto and her son Adam Rounisto near "Lil Givers" she has in her shop in Redford.



Bingo products on display at The Buzz Shop.

unique, different and affordable. It's for someone who wants a quality gift at a reasonable price and someone who always wanted to give someone something that is nice, but they don't want to spend next week's paycheck."

Or, maybe they want to save a little something extra to play bingo. And yes, Rounisto sets aside a little extra bingo money to



"What a Concept" jars and mugs for sale at The Buzz Shop.

play a couple of times a week with her mother, Dorothy. Rounisto started playing 30 years ago.

"It's fun," she said. "I like it as a way to go out and basically it's a social thing. Of course, it's great when you walk out of there with more money in your pocket than you walked in."

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- 106- Deanna Harper- bed,sofa,tv
- 1101- Lashunda Miller- boxes,shelf,bags
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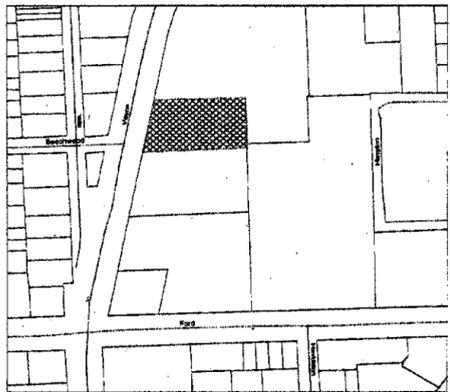
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1425B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Resale Clothing Store, 5842 N. Wayne Road, Parcel #035-99-0004-001, East Side of Wayne Road, North of Ford Road, Heather A. Boulton (Michael Capaldi).



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

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

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

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

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office up to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007.

Eileen DeHart, Westland City Clerk

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

Case #178A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Commercial Center, Parcel #047-99-0001-001, Northeast Corner of Cherry Hill Road and Newburgh Road, Marwan Taleb.

Case #2163, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Commercial Center, Parcels #042-01-0020-000 through -0023-000, South Side of Ford Road, East of Wayne Road, Marwan Taleb.

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- B121- Venessa Williams- boxes
- B182- Cecilia Anderson- boxes
- B239- Natale Beard- bed, washer,dryer
- B271- Stacey Amis- chair,table,boxes
- B274- Alicin Bell- trunk,boxes,fan
- B292- Sylena Nieves- refrigerator,toys,boxes
- B320- Rachelle Dillard- tv,bike,totes
- B367- Sharmanya Jamison- box,chair, couch
- B381- Romare Redden- tv,boxes,totes
- B384- Janie Clark- boxes
- B394- Elgena Rivera- mattress,table,boxes
- C012- Ashley Woodside- flooring,totes,bikes
- C015- Alaina Silagy- boxes,shelf,bags
- C022- Renee Esteen Ware- tv,totes,microwave
- D006- Celestine Henry- boxes
- D009- Cynthia Kari- stove,couch,chairs
- D020- Darren Ford- bed,hutch,box

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1288- Martha Williams- boxes,bags,mirror
- 1544- Be Da 1st inc- salon equipment
- 1550- Be Da 1st inc- boxes,bags,totes
- 2164- Holly Rundels- boxes
- 2304- Nina Costello- mattress,dresser,tv
- 1082- Mayer Sherman- boxes,bags,totes
- 1224- Sammy Williams Jr- boxes,bags,mattress
- 1322- Moussa Ghattas- luggage,crates,bags
- 1338- Kenisha Mabone- boxes,bags,totes
- 1348- Michael McClain- boxes,bags,table
- 1350- Bernice Garrett- boxes,bags,table
- 1418- Max Horvath Jr- boxes,bags,totes
- 1442- Michael Brown- boxes,bags,totes
- 1462- Jason Cherry- couch,table,dresser
- 1506- Michelle Jackson- totes,bags,mattress
- 1526- Marnie Montroy- boxes,table,mattress
- 2038- Jean Kirby- boxes
- 2226- Arlethea Hall- boxes,bags,bike
- 2262- Timothy Elliot- couch,boxes,mower
- 2283- Tammy Butler- boxes
- 3010- Samco Facilities Maintenance- boxes

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OUR VIEWS

Approve WCCCD's millage renewal

Seven years ago, when the Wayne County Community College received approval of a 10-year 1.5-mill tax levy, officials made a commitment to make a few changes. They called their future-shaping program "Pathways to the Future."

The plan included a lot of "re-inventing," like its urban and suburban education strategy and relationships — in the case of the suburbs, by revitalizing programs and services. It also included a new mission statement which has set a goal of the college being "recognized as an institution that has achieved national and international recognition for enduring excellence as a comprehensive multi-campus community college district" by 2011.

In the six years since the millage was approved, WCCCD has made improvements. It's retooled its curriculum to handle the educational needs of today's students. It has improved its facilities and now offers classes both in a traditional classroom and online. It has developed partnerships with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn to benefit students pursuing four-year degrees.

Even though the college has another four years until the millage expires, it is asking voters in the November general election for another 10-year renewal, effective when the current levy expires in 2011. The tax represents 40 percent of WCCCD's annual revenue, and in looking at what college officials said they would do in 2001 and what they have done, we believe voters should vote yes for the renewal.

It is not a new tax, it is not an increase. It is one resident in the college's 32 communities — including Redford and portions of Westland and Canton Township — are already paying. For owners of homes with a taxable value of \$70,000, the millage translates to \$105 a year.

But our endorsement comes with a call for the college to do even more. Yes, it has improved its buildings and programs and expanded its curriculum, but we believe it has yet to connect with much of its suburban areas. WCCCD isn't on the radar screen of college-bound students in Westland and Redford who are choosing Schoolcraft College, even if it means paying out-of-district rates.

Part of the problem may be the size of the district, another the location of its campuses. WCCCD has three campuses in the city of Detroit, the others are in Taylor and Van Buren Township. Schoolcraft's Livonia Campus and its satellite facility in Garden City and Henry Ford in Dearborn in most cases are closer than WCCCD's suburban campuses.

The college district needs to do more to market the district to the suburbs. It needs to blow its own horn and let people know what it's doing. It needs to focus its promotional efforts on those areas where it faces stiff competition from colleges like Schoolcraft and Henry Ford.

We urge residents to vote YES on the Wayne County Community College District's request for 1.5-mill renewal in the November general election, but we also urge college officials to look closely at how they can better serve its suburban population, even if it means redistricting. More needs to be done so it can achieve its visions by 2011.

Voters: Be ready to show photo ID

This November's election will be different.

In some communities, school elections will coincide with municipal elections under new election consolidation laws. In all communities, a new Voter ID law goes into effect.

On July 18, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a provision of the Michigan election law which requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them is constitutional and enforceable.

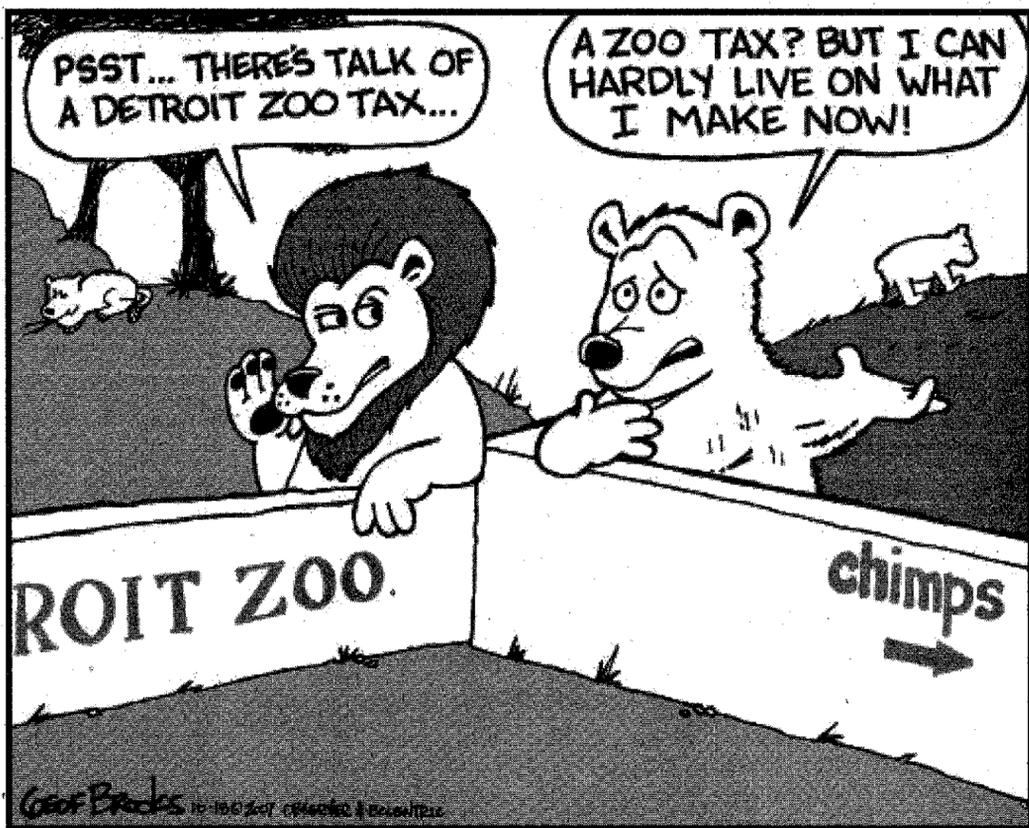
The new law takes effect with the Nov. 6 election.

The law has been criticized by some as raising an impediment to some prospective voters, especially minorities and the economically disadvantaged. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving a similar law in Indiana next spring.

Until a final decision is made in the federal court, Michigan will move forward with its Voter ID program. As of Nov. 6, every Michigan voter must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. Photo ID can be a driver's license, federal or state-issued photo identification, U.S. passport, military identification, student ID with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher education or a tribal identification card with photo. The identification does not have to show a voter's address.

An election inspector will examine the identification to determine if it is valid or ask for some alternative identification. If the identification is not acceptable, the prospective voter will be given a provisional ballot. Voters can not be challenged because they do not have a picture ID.

Be prepared with your photo ID and expect to take a little longer to get through the voting process.



LETTERS

Choices are disappointing

I haven't had much to say in the election this time around, but after watching WLND, I have to speak out.

First of all, let it be clear that the recall of 2000-01 wouldn't have happened at all, if a certain mayoral candidate had not stepped down from the city council. Therefore, he was the cause, not the cure. Not to mention the fact that this is ancient history and I along with many others am tired of hearing about this.

It's obvious that this was a waste of time in many ways as nothing has changed much. Different faces, different names, but the same thinking, in my opinion. The council has seven members, not each man for himself, so how can any one of them take credit alone for anything accomplished? If they can, then they should take credit for the failures. Like who voted for the incinerator to begin with? Most are still around, even if they are not visible.

This is a real disappointing ballot, with so many running and so little to choose from (again, in my opinion.) I hope every voter takes time to vote, but remember you don't have to vote for every position or for every number of positions up for election. They used to call it plunk voting. I intend to plunk since there is only one or two I feel qualified for the job.

Most importantly, vote.

Judy McKinney
Westland

Ron Paul: voice of sanity

I'm not sure how some of you got into my e-mail address book, so let me tell you what this is all about. I am a high school teacher at Garden City High School in Garden City, Mich. I am also a former Coast Guardsman and current member of Veterans for Peace. If you have been paying attention at all to what's going on in the world, you know that things are a mess and only getting worse.

I have a 13-year-old daughter. I worry about her future and the future of all the kids that I interact with daily. They are growing up in a very different world than at any other time in history. I have never been all that politically active because, like many, I believe that government is corrupt and it's hopeless to change it. It's time to get back to basics and revisit what our Founding Fathers stood for. I am neither Republican nor Democrat. I am a truth seeker and believer in freedom. I look for credibility.

After weeks of soul searching and following world, national and local events, I have come to the conclusion that there is only one voice on the political scene that is honest, clear and truly patriotic. That is the voice of medical doctor and Congressman Ron Paul from Texas.

He is running a grass-roots campaign that is picking up momentum as more and more people are beginning to listen to him and discover the truth in what he says. He is the voice of sanity, American principles and hope for the future.

Please take a few minutes to watch the video of a recent speech given before the House of Representatives concerning patriotism. It is time for us, as Americans, citizens, parents, taxpayers and freedom lovers, to wake up and

listen to the voice of reason spoken by a man who is truly decent and uncorrupt. Please, listen and then take action in whatever way you feel is best. The future of our country and of the world is at stake. Only good and reasonable people can save it.

John Byk
Garden City

Stand up for what is right

The RESTORE Act of 2007 will be introduced by the chairmen of the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees as a response to the awful but thankfully temporary FISA legislation (The Protect America Act) that was railroaded through Congress before the August break on what Congresswoman Jane Harmon, chairwoman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Terrorism Risk Assessment, subsequently described as bogus intelligence from the Bush administration about an imminent threat of an attack upon the Capitol.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has promised to fix the FISA legislation and RESTORE, which stands for Responsible Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed and Effective. That goes a long way toward restoring the confidence that security needs can be balanced against privacy rights. The bill provides the intelligence community with effective tools to conduct surveillance of foreign targets outside the United States while at the same time reaffirming constitutionally mandated checks and balances.

A front-page article in the *New York Times* by Eric Lichtblau and Carl Hulse suggests that Democrats remain nervous that they will be called soft on terrorism, if they insist on strict curbs on intelligence gathering and that they may cave to pressure from the administration on the bill.

The Democrats should realize that they will not lose elections, or the respect of the American people, if they stand up for what is right.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

Tired of excuses for governor

I am so sick and tired of hearing people say that this is not Granholm's fault about Michigan and the taxes she has put on us. Boy, when she said she was going to blow us away she sure is. I am also tired of people putting the blame of this on Engler. Granholm is in her second term — no thanks to me — and by now she should have done something worthwhile instead of putting up another casino which is \$800 million and wanting to put up a new police station which really nobody wants.

Why doesn't Granholm dig in her pocketbook and give back what she has taken from us. No. 1 our jobs, our health (we can't afford) because we all know that when her term is up she has nothing absolutely nothing to worry about because she will have security of a home, money, health insurances.

Need I go on? I have yet to see a politician that has made promises to get voted in keep one of them. Maybe she can ask Kilpatrick to dig in his pockets. I am sure his are lined quite well.

Jeanette Zezawa
Redford Township

Keep term limits

Short-term memory is tantamount to a nonlearning experience. Too many have forgotten that we had already allowed politicians embedded in the bowels of the hallowed halls to become careerists. They were unfathomable failures and it led to the public demand for term limits.

Term limits is not a failure. We have failed it. The failure lies in the fact that when its legislation was drawn and the wagons were circled, a gap was left open. This kept the space open for the pogo stick syndrome. Thus, the careerists could continue to jump from one political entity to another.

The hue and cry that we have too many beginners in the Legislature is a false premise. What we really have are too many who have jumped from one political body to another and know the ropes only too well. The pathetic part of this story is that they become soon elected again in another branch because an apathetic public doesn't judge them on their competence, but on their name recognition.

This is the other gap between wagons which was left in the Michigan law and which has tended to make it ineffective relative to its original intention. The concept that we need experience in the Legislature is an erroneous premise not backed by legislative history.

George M. Haddad
Franklin

Voice of reason

There's been a lot of talk lately about the need to cut the state budget. It's all we hear about anymore.

There are some officials who even want to cut police jobs. Are these people nuts? Since Sept. 11, 2001, the day that let us know how unsafe we are in America, there are 5,000 fewer police officers on the streets of Michigan, and people want to save a few bucks for the state by taking even more cops off the streets.

Thankfully, there is at least one voice of reason out there: State Rep. Marc Corriveau. This guy has a novel thought: Let's give our communities the funding they need to keep cops on the streets. We need more leaders like Corriveau to make sure our neighborhoods are safe and we can sleep soundly at night.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

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QUOTABLE

"I like to give back. I wouldn't be here, if not for the support of the community, especially being here 15 years."

— Mary Denning, about why she is involved in Cupcakes for a Cause this week at her cake shop in Westland

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LETTERS

Health plan bad policy

It looks like the Democrats in Lansing aren't the only ones dropping the ball on good public policy.

The Democrats in Congress and Democratic congressional candidate Gary Peters are at it, too.

They're pushing for a twisted version of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which would make it possible for illegal immigrants to get health insurance, all on the taxpayer's dime. What's more, they want to fund their plan by having 22 million new smokers in America shell out higher taxes.

The Democrats and Gary Peters want more people to start smoking so they can pay for health care for illegal immigrants? That's the last thing we need.

Cynthia Merritt
Royal Oak

McCotter wrong on SCHIP

As a current medical student, and president of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) chapter at Wayne State University School of Medicine, I am disappointed by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's opposition to the SCHIP reauthorization act. I do not understand the reasoning of those who voted against the bill.

This program has shown itself to be efficient and well-run over its 10-year history. Currently, 6.6 million children are insured by SCHIP and experts estimate another four million would be covered by 2012 at the proposed funding of \$60 billion over five years. These are children who cannot get health insurance any other way. Medicaid does not cover them because their families make too much, while at the same time, private health insurance premiums have skyrocketed over the past 10 years making a private plan unaffordable. They are falling through the cracks every day.

During my medical training, I have worked with underserved communities and understand how hard it is for these families to find insurance for their children. As a future physician, I also understand how fundamental it is for these children to have adequate health care, for the health of our community now and in the future. One of the most frustrating challenges as a

future doctor in America is the inability to provide optimal health care to all our patients, particularly children. These kids cannot be blamed for their economic circumstance and they should not be punished because of it. I hope that Rep. McCotter will come through and reconsider his position during next week's vote.

Iuliana Dit
M.D. student, Class of 2010
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McCotter right about SCHIP

In response to the letter from medical student Iuliana Dit and the inability to understand why Congressman Thaddeus McCotter would vote no on the SCHIP bill, perhaps the whole truth and not some half truth spun by the media would help to clear the air.

It amazes me that the media spin is that the bill is to cover poor children. The reality is that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) report says that under the new SCHIP bill, one out of every two newly eligible children who enroll will drop their current private insurance.

■ Studies show 61 percent of children who initially became eligible for SCHIP already had insurance.

■ The bill allows states (e.g., New York) to enroll children whose families make \$82,600 per year or more; neither poor nor near poor by any standard.

■ Wisconsin spends 75 percent of its SCHIP money on adults. Minnesota, 61 percent. Adults remain eligible.

■ While Arizona has now stopped doing so, it previously paid for 110,000 adults with SCHIP, 85,000 of whom were childless.

Thus, the SCHIP expansion is not limited to uninsured poor or even near poor children. In fact, it's not even limited to children. The proposed expansion would provide an additional \$34.7 billion for the program to include children in families with incomes twice the federal poverty level, which is a first step toward government-run health care.

Americans should be concerned about provisions that could open coverage to illegal immigrants by loosening standards for proving legal status. The bill mandates that "in lieu of requiring the individual to present satisfactory documentary evidence

of citizenship or nationality ... establish a program under which the state submits each month to the Commissioner of Social Security for verification the name and Social Security number of each individual enrolled in the State plan."

Because Social Security numbers do not denote citizenship — the cards can be issued to noncitizens, including immigrants in the United States temporarily — the new standard would open coverage to noncitizens and possibly illegal immigrants.

The bill makes children of families with household incomes up to \$85,000 eligible for SCHIP. That's right, folks. Yes, the same two-income families bashed as being "the rich" who got too much of a tax cut from Bush are now so destitute and poor that they deserve access to taxpayer financed health care.

The bill extends the definition of "children" to include persons up to the age of 25. That's right, a man or woman capable of holding a job with health insurance benefits in the eyes of the proponents of this bill are still children needing to suck the teats of government.

Sorry, but households with incomes of \$85,000 aren't so poor they need taxpayer-paid health care. If their kids aren't getting proper health care, it's because of selfish choices the parents are making. Maybe they could do without the 42-inch plasma screen HDTV and buy health insurance for their kids instead of expecting the taxpayers to pick up the tab.

The legislation embodies a bias against private health coverage and in favor of government coverage. For example, in addition to regular SCHIP payments, the bill would offer "bonus payments" to states for SCHIP and Medicaid enrollment over specified "baseline" levels. As enrollment above designated levels increases, the bonuses get exponentially larger. These bonus payments are conditioned upon the states' implementing several provisions, each designed to maximize and expedite enrollment above the baseline. The

inclusion of such conditions, of course, would encourage state officials to actively seek and enroll persons in the government-health programs, regardless of current insurance status.

SCHIP is no longer limited to low-income persons or to children. House sponsors achieve this expansion by simply redefining both "low-income" and "children." Under the bill, eligibility for government coverage would be extended to families with incomes up to 400 percent above the federal poverty level — \$82,600 for a family of four — hardly considered low-income by any reasonable standard. The House policy is transparently absurd: 89 percent of all children between 300 percent and 400 percent of the FPL are enrolled in private health insurance; 77 percent of all children between 200 percent and 300 percent of the FPL are enrolled in private health insurance; and 50 percent of all children between 100 percent and 200 percent of the FPL are enrolled in private health insurance.

As another attempt to expand welfare dependency, the House bill would allow persons up to age 21 to be recognized as "children" for purposes of the law. Under certain provisions, program funds may be used to cover nonpregnant, childless adults.

Isn't that the ultimate goal of the government-as-nanny advocates? To gradually expand taxpayer-paid health care to include everyone. Because, in their eyes, we are all children in need of care and feeding by Mommy and Daddy; i.e., the federal government.

On this one, I call BullSCHIP. It's a precursor to socialized medicine. I support Congressman McCotter. He doesn't bend to the misinformed pleas of those who have been cajoled into making calls for the political cowards who do know what a disaster SCHIP, as it is now written, will bring for years to come.

Lena Crouson
Westland

Playing blame games does nothing to help our state recover

Unbelievable. That's the best word I can come up with to characterize the continuing — and intensifying — partisan politics spewing from Lansing in the wake of the recent "compromise" on the 2008 budget.

Clearly, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and members of the state House and Senate on both sides of the aisle learned nothing from their unprofessional, childish bickering that dominated the nine-month budget battle. And you know what?

I am starting to believe they don't really care what the people who elected them think about their performance.

Most reasonable people agree that the "budget solution" represents no solution at all, and our leaders in Lansing fanned on a chance to bring real, meaningful reform to state government. But that hasn't stopped a steady stream of finger-pointing and rhetoric as Republicans and Democrats alike revved up their propaganda machines in an all-out effort to blame each other for failing the state's residents.

Democratic lawmakers, led by their governor, are strutting about the state bragging how they saved the poor and downtrodden from the program-slashing, cold-hearted Republicans at the same time their state party leaders are sending e-mail blasts begging their constituents for money to fend off threatened recall attempts.

Republicans, on the other hand, seem to be suffering from collective amnesia, telling anyone who will listen that it was the dastardly Democrats who thrust the economy-crushing income tax and service taxes on us, and they certainly can't be held responsible for any of the mess.

I guess they want us to forget the income tax hike had the

blessing of their boss, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, as part of his negotiations with Democratic Speaker of the House Andy Dillon.

So what have we learned from this unbelievable exercise in futility?

First, partisan politics and retaining your House or Senate seat are the top priorities when deciding how to vote, even on matters as important as taxes and "revolutionary" spending cuts. Just ask first-term Democratic state Sen. Glenn Anderson, who was given permission from his party bosses to vote against the tax increases because he represents a swing district that until his election had been held by Republicans.

Or ask any Republican lawmaker who voted against the taxes even though he or she knew the budget could not be balanced without new revenue and offered no real plan of their own.

Second, if your industry is represented by influential lobbyists who have lots of money to spread around to political campaigns, you can buy your way out of being included in the new service tax. This piece of the budget puzzle is so unfair in its application it almost certainly will be challenged and could fall apart before it even goes into effect.

Third, if you think the state's fiscal house is in order, think again. While it is true the estimated \$1.35 billion in new taxes will help offset a widening gap between state revenue and spending, it is not enough to balance the budget. And in case you missed it, the income tax increase starts to roll back in 2011 and expires completely in 2015.

Lastly, rest assured that many of the same folks who orchestrated this farce will brazenly ask for your vote come next November.

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Caregiver Expo offers resources under one roof

If you're caring for an elderly relative at home or a family member with a disability, you're not alone. According to the Area Agency on Aging, at least one in every four families in the United States cares for an older relative and more than one million caregivers statewide devote 10 million hours to caregiving every year.

Caregiving, often a round-the-clock job, can be overwhelming and exhausting, especially for those unsure where to get help and information. The Area Agency on Aging 1-B aims to ease the burden by bringing caregivers, professionals, vendors and more together under one roof.

Its 8th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at The Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi.

This year's free Expo includes 12 expert presentations and more than 100 exhibitors with information on products and services for caregivers.

"Caregivers often find themselves facing enormous responsibilities and are not aware of the services available to assist them or where to turn for help," said Tina Abbate Marzolf, chief executive officer of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. She said the expo will provide

access to experts, information, and resources. It also will bring caregivers together in a supportive atmosphere.

Parking and morning refreshments will be free. Snacks will be available for purchase in the afternoon.

The expo also offers on-site respite care for those who need to bring their adult loved one with them to the event. The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter and Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will provide free professional care, along with refreshments and interactive activities.

"Respite care at the expo means caregivers can check in on loved ones while they are learning about the resources available to them," Abbate Marzolf said.

Respite care by Monday, Oct. 15, by calling (800) 852-7795 or by visiting www.aaalb.com.

Expert presentations from 9:30-10:50 a.m., include:

- **Taking Care of You: Caring for the Caregiver:** Participants will learn coping strategies and other ways to take good care of themselves, and will review symptoms of caregiver stress and depression.
- **In-Home Safety Solutions - Minimize Accidents and Maximize Safety:** The session

will focus on safe home environments, the cognitive and physiological changes that often occur as people age, risk factors to look for in a loved one's home, and how to identify potential dangers.

- **When You Need Help, Where Do You Turn?:** A look at services that help older adults and adults with disabilities remain in their own home.

- **ElderLaw Answers: Medicare, Medicaid and How to Get the Long Term Care You Deserve:** A look at how eldercare and special needs legal planning can help assure maximum quality for loved ones while preserving and protecting financial resources.

Presentations from 11 a.m. to noon are:

- **Graceful Aging:** The session will focus on managing illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke, along with tips on encouraging loved ones to exercise and maintain good eating habits.

- **Watch Your Step! Avoiding Falls and Maintaining Independence:** The session will identify age-related changes to physical function, gait, and balance, and will identify risks for falls.

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selecting the best hospice program.

- **Choosing Home Health Care That's Right For You:** How to select a home care agency and where to find information about agencies, including their success rates in improving patient health.

Presentations from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.:

- **Alzheimer's Disease: What You Need To Know:** The session includes an overview of facts about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

- **Legal Tips for Caregivers:** The Q&A session will cover probate, guardian, and conservatorship, powers of attorney, wills, and trusts, among other topics.

- **Housing Options:** A panel of experts will explore senior housing choices, such as staying at home and making modifications, low-cost community housing, retirement residences, and assisted living.

- **Financial Planning for Caregivers and their Loved Ones:** A panel will provide expertise on preparing and managing financial and long-term care needs. Topics include organization, finding an advisory team, inherited IRAs and more.

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According to the Web site, Sarvodaya's purpose is to make a positive difference to the lives of rural Sri Lankans

and the world around them. This grassroots movement has participants in as many as 15,000 villages throughout Sri Lanka. It is based on Buddhist-Gandhian philosophy and is dedicated to non-violence and the sustainable empowerment of people through self-help and collective support.

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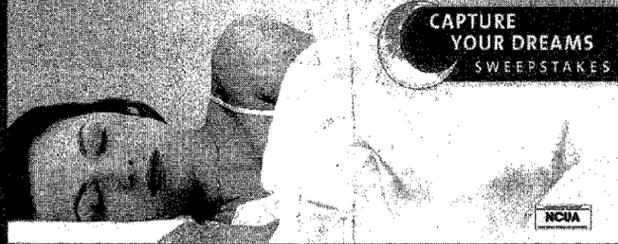
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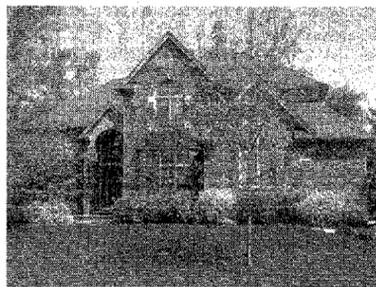
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Schoolcraft events celebrate Romanian food and music

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is co-hosting two cultural celebrations with the American Romanian Festival organization on the evening of Friday, Oct. 19, at the VisTaTech Center on the college's Livonia campus at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Guests can enjoy a meal featuring traditional Romanian dishes, dining in the intimate and elegant American

Harvest Restaurant under the direction of Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski at 6:30 p.m. A portion of the \$65 ticket price for dinner is tax deductible. Proceeds benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

At 8 p.m. a free and public performance of the La Follia Romanian Baroque Ensemble will be held in the Presentation Room. Members of La Follia include Codrin Emandi, vio-

lin; Diana Emandi, violin; Valentina Peetz, harpsichord; Adrian Ciuca, cello; and Matthew Ardizzone, classical guitar.

To order tickets for dinner, call (734) 462-4463. For information about the concert or other activities associated with American Romanian Festival, visit www.americanromanianfestival.org.

Marian Tanau, director of the American Romanian Festival organization, arranged for Romanian musicians and artists to visit the area giving lectures and concerts throughout the fall months at Wayne State University, Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan. The American Romanian

Festival is a nonprofit organization founded to promote cultural awareness of, and understanding between, the musicians and audiences of the United States and Romania. The festival supports cultural exchanges with Americans participating in events in Romania and Romanians participating in the events in the U.S.

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Frequently Asked Questions About Credit Unions

Q. WHAT IS A CREDIT UNION?

A. A credit union is a cooperative financial institution, owned and controlled by the people who use its services. These people are members.

Credit unions serve groups that share something in common, such as where they work, live, or go to church. Credit unions are not-for-profit, and exist to provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and to get loans at reasonable rates.

Credit unions, like other financial institutions, are closely regulated. And they operate in a very prudent manner. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an agency of the federal government, insures deposits of credit union members at more than 11,000 federal and state-chartered credit unions nationwide. Deposits are insured up to \$100,000.

What makes a credit union different from a bank or savings & loan? Like credit unions, these financial institutions accept deposits and make loans—but unlike credit unions, they are in business to make a profit. Banks and savings & loans are owned by groups of stockholders whose interests include earning a healthy return on their investments.

Q. WHY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions exist only to serve their member-owners. Consumer surveys repeatedly show members are more satisfied with the service they receive from their credit union than are customers of banks or savings and loans.

Credit unions are democratic organizations directed by their members. Members have the power to direct credit union policy and, if dissatisfied, can even replace the board of directors. Credit unions practice a one-member, one-vote philosophy for all elections, unlike for-profit financial institutions whose stockholders vote according to the number of shares of stock they own. Their nonprofit status enables credit unions to operate at a lower cost than many for-profit institutions and helps them to offer competitive loan and savings rates. For instance, credit unions usually charge lower interest on credit cards than most other providers, and many credit unions charge no annual card fee.

Q. HOW CAN I JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or community.

Anyone working for an employer that sponsors a credit union, for

example, is eligible to join that credit union.

If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Poll your family. Does your spouse's employer sponsor a credit union? Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join. Each credit union, however, may define "family" differently. At some credit unions, only members of your immediate family are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, such as cousins, uncles, and aunts.
2. Ask your boss. Your company may sponsor a credit union, or may be a select employee group (SEG) that has access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of payroll to your credit union.
3. Quiz the neighbors. Some credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may join.
4. Read the yellow pages. Some credit unions rarely advertise, so you might not know about them unless you look them up. A yellow pages display ad may state a credit union's field of membership. If not, at least you'll know what number to call to ask about membership eligibility.
5. Use the online Michigan credit union finder.

Call your state league. In Michigan, you can call (800) 262-6285 x225 and you will speak to someone who can help you. Or, call the Credit Union National Association to help you find a credit union at (800) 358-5710.

You'll hear an electronic message that includes the name and telephone number of a person at the credit union league in your state who can help you find a credit union to join.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CREDIT UNION?

A. The philosophy of the credit union movement is Not for Profit, Not for Charity, But for Service. Credit unions promote thrift and teach the wise use of credit. Credit unions encourage their members to develop a systematic savings program and they provide a source of low-cost credit. Because credit unions are not-for-profit and have low overhead costs, they are usually able to offer lower interest rates on loans and higher dividends on members' shares (savings). A credit union is also non-profit in the sense that its purpose is to serve the members, not to make money. It needs money to provide services and benefits. But money is the means, not the end itself.

Q. WHO MAY JOIN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Every credit union serves a specific field of membership as defined by

its charter. Anyone who falls within the common bond of the credit union may join and share in its ownership. A common bond can be defined as the employees of a company, members of a civic or church group, residents of a community or numerous groups together. Generally, persons within a member's family, by blood or marriage, may also join.

Q. HOW ARE CREDIT UNIONS OPERATED?

A. Credit unions are democratically controlled by their members. The members, themselves, elect a board of directors from among the membership, which is responsible for setting policy. Day-to-day operations are handled by paid professionals, or in the case of a small sized credit union, by volunteers.

Q. IS MY MONEY SAFE IN A CREDIT UNION?

A. Yes, your money is insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), a federal fund created by Congress in 1970 to insure member's deposits in credit unions up to the \$100,000 federal limit. Administered by the National Credit Union Administration, the NCUSIF is backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government.

Q. HOW THE FUND IS FINANCED?

A. The NCUSIF maintains at or near 1.30 percent of federally insured credit union deposits. By law, federally insured credit unions maintain 1 percent of their deposits in the NCUSIF and the NCUA Board can levy a premium if necessary. Credit unions voluntarily capitalized the Fund in 1985 by depositing 1 percent of their deposits into the Fund. Since then, the NCUA Board has charged only one premium, when three large New England credit unions failed in 1992 substantially increasing insurance losses. No federal tax dollars have ever been placed in the credit union financial Fund, and no member has ever lost money insured by the NCUSIF.

Q. WHO GOVERNS CREDIT UNIONS?

A. A credit union receives its authority to operate by obtaining a federal or state charter. Federally chartered credit unions follow the regulations set by the Federal Credit Union Act, and state chartered credit unions follow those under the State Credit Union Act. Annual examinations and oversight is conducted by the supervisory agencies—the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) for the federal credit unions and the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services for credit unions administered under Michigan laws.

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OCTOBER

Breast cancer awareness event
Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

Fall craft show
Get a start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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

Heart quest
A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, starting 8

p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Topics include how to improve your life, find hope in a shaky world that seems on the verge of collapse, find true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of Bible truths.

F.I.R.E. ministries
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Course in Miracles
Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

Entertainment tonight

Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artists), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freeze (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

Craft show
And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Anniversary services
On Sunday, Oct. 21, at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. joyful anniversary worship services with Holy Communion will be celebrated, thanking God for 50 years of faithful ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford.

The Rev. Dr. Victor Halboth has served Grace Church during his entire ministry. After 38 years as Senior Pastor of Grace Church, Halboth now serves full time as the assistant pastor. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus, speaker on the International Lutheran Hour will be the guest speakers. Following the worship services a celebration luncheon will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Everyone is invited and reservations for the luncheon can be made by contacting the Grace Church office at (313) 532-2266.

Sisterhood tea party
It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Piano concert
Three Centuries of Piano Classics Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Close your eyes and imagine an afternoon spent listening at the foot of some of the greatest piano masters: Beethoven, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Concert pianist Erin Anders takes us back in time through 300 years of piano classics. The concert will also be entwined with various contemporary pieces. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact music director Mark Loymeyer at (734) 522-6830.

Contemporary Christian music
The free concert takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Many voices/one song
The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Concert
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the chapel at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miguel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Child care provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention
The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m., followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call (734) 729-0306.

Rummage Sale
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Pentecostal revival
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at the Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area in Livonia. Times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. Sunday with Evangelist Don McKenzie. The revival includes prayer for the sick and laying on hands to receive the Holy Ghost. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Rummage/Bake sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

Women's health fair
Orchard United Methodist Church

(30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early. RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@yahoo.com.

Catholic women's conference
Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aod-womensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Tatry dancers
The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call For information, call (313) 274-0183.

Cantata Academy Chorale
This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

180th anniversary celebration
First Baptist Church of Detroit is celebrating their 180th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the 11 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join this festive occasion at the church, 21200 Southfield Road on the northbound service drive north of Eight Mile. Call (248) 569-2972 for more information.

Choir concert
The Contemporary Choir of Second Baptist Church celebrates its 21st anniversary with the theme: We've come this far by faith, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the church, 441 Monroe Ave., Detroit. For information, call (313) 961-0920.

Trunk or treat
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. A safe activity where kids go from car trunk to car trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy. Come dressed in costume and bring your friends and neighbors. Adults, if you haven't signed up for a trunk and are interested in helping call the church. Candy is also needed for the trunks.

Jazz vesper service
7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28th in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Childcare will be provided through age 4. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert. The service will feature the Brass Roots Trio and they will be presenting Reflections in Peace. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Pontifical visit
Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholicos of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrshapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Pumpkin patch
Continues to Oct. 31 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone

is welcome to join us for Storytime in The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

Pumpkin patch
The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Pumpkin fund-raiser
Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

UPCOMING

Church fair
The 61st annual Christmas Tree church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square at Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd. Coffee shop opens at 9 a.m., a la carte luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner served 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Children activities 6-7:30 p.m. Fair features aprons, attic treasures, books, candy booth, boutiques, Christmas gifts, Country Store, decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Angel baby service
A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Upper Room Ministries
Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4, in the school chapel at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. It is a non-denominational contemporary ministry. There will be prayer for the sick and hands laid on to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Music is contemporary in style. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

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Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25. 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

Alternative Christmas Fair
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information.

Sisterhood luncheon
Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

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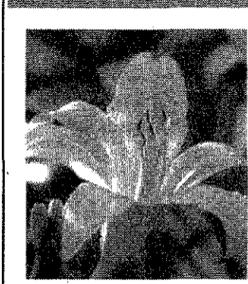
Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are

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ARTHUR STANLEY TOBIASSEN
March 23, 1926-October 10, 2007. Arthur died, surrounded by his family, at home in Falmouth, Maine, after a valiant 9-year battle with lung and bone cancer. Mr. Tobiassen was born and raised in Portland, Maine. Following his naval service during WW II, he attended the University of Maine, graduating with a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering. After more than 35 years of dedicated service to Ford Tractor operations, Arthur retired from his position as Safety-Environmental Manager, Worldwide and worked independently as a consultant serving the industry as a safety expert. While a resident of Rochester, Mr. Tobiassen was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Oakland University President's club, Society of Automotive Engineers, and The Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, U.S. Advisory Committee to International Standards Organization, Industrial Equipment Manufacturers Council. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cecelia, their children, Michael Tobiassen of Kingston, MI, Cathy Tobiassen-Dommenick and her husband Joseph of Washington, MI, Pat Naticz and her husband Lee of Auburn, Maine, grandson, Kris Tobiassen and his wife Angela of Auburn Hills, MI, and two great-granddaughters. He will be remembered as a kind, loving husband and father and dearly missed by his family.

CAROLYN JUNE (Potts) SHREVE
Born on Nov. 2, 1929 in Upsher County, WV, and entered into eternal rest on Oct. 9, 2007 in Mount Vernon, WA. She was an avid reader, knitter and loved to travel. She received her RN in Michigan and lived in Akron, OH, Troy, MI, Swanee, GA., and most recently Mt. Vernon, WA. At her request her ashes will be released by plane over Washington state. She was preceded in death by her parents LuVernia & Glenville Potts, her brother John Paul Sr. and sister Barbara Ann Medin. She is survived by sons John (Barb) Blake, Bruce (Janet) Blake, Paul (Rachel) Shreve, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Sisters Genene Katz, Jane(Manny) Ecker, Sheila Reighard, brothers Sonny (Becky) Potts, David (Shelly) Potts. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and Aunt Virginia Bolton. Also the family would like to extend their gratitude to her caregiver Laura Ashal. Memorials are to be made to your local hospice.

GLADYS IRENE RUSSELL
Of Leesburg, FL, age 103, died October 13, 2007 at Mayfield Retirement Center, Leesburg, FL. She was born in Southfield, MI. She is survived by her daughter Betty Jane (Kenneth) Shepard, Lady Lake, FL; sons Edward Halsey Russell II, Palantine, IL, Arthur Jack (Janis) Russell, Fowlerville, MI, Calvin Bruce (Marian) Russell, Lady Lake, FL, Dr. Ronald Kieth (Nancy), New Jersey; 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Halsey Russell (1969), daughter-in-law Patricia Russell (2002), grandson Timothy Russell (1952), twin sister Grace Stephens, sister Mattie Nixon, Brothers Clark Nixon, Harry Nixon and Lucius Nixon. Bayers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to Hospice of Lake & Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778-9972.

FLORENCE H. PARISI
Of Maumee, Ohio, formerly of Birmingham/Troy, Michigan passed away at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at Ridgewood Manor in Maumee. She was born on January 14 in Chicago to Arthur and Cornelia Tighe Hullcranz. Florence was the beloved wife of Clifford Parisi, who died on March 5, 1999 in Michigan. She was the loving mother of sons, Clifford M. Parisi of Maumee and Robert E. Redfern, Jr. of Ringwood, New Jersey and his wife, Wendy; grandmother of Ryan and Todd Redfern. Other survivors include her sister, Marie Moore of Columbia, Maryland and her brother, Stephen Hullcranz and his Carolyn of Washington, Illinois. Florence had been a bookkeeper for many years at Greenstones Jewelry in Michigan prior to her retirement. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 21 at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the master, 3333 Coolidge Highway in Troy, Michigan.



KATHRYN M. "KITTY" WEIR (nee. Heilman) WEIR
October 14, 2007 Age 84 of Bloomfield Hills and John's Island, FL. Beloved wife of Charles R. for 64 years. Dear mother of Richard M. Weir, Mary Weir McCann (Lynn) and Robin Weir Horner (Clay). Grandmother of Laurie, Steven, Brian, Britton, Kathryn, Phillip, Mark and Elizabeth. Great-grandmother of Matthew, Sarah and Grace. Sister of the late Ruth Berndt. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 4-7pm. Memorial service Friday 11am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801 or The Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48034 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

THOMAS C. PAWLOWSKI
Age 75, of Garden City, passed October 16, 2007. Beloved husband of 53 years to Blanche. Loving father of Dawn (Wayne) Robertson, Tom (Deb), Frank, Bob (Tracey), Teresa (Chris) Stevens and Ed (Tennille). "Papa" of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear brother of Joe (Karen), Eugene (Gail), Carol Jackson and Maryann (Dick) Pruitt. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass from St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City Friday 10am (in state 9:30am), Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Friends may visit John N. Santeu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster, Garden City, Thursday, 2pm to 9pm.

VIRGINIA WEED

October 12, 2007, Age 88 of Wayne. Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

WILLIAM "Bill" L. BAUER

Aged 91, of Byron Center, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, entered into the arms of Jesus and joined his beloved wife, Patricia; and daughters, Terry Pittenger and Sharon Bauer on Saturday, October 13, 2007. He was a warm and caring man with a delightful sense of humor who always had time for people, especially his girls. He had an uncanny ability to break anything mechanical. He is survived by his children, Laura (John) McDowell, Elizabeth (Rudy) Bahnsen, Constance (Dennis) Stachelek, and Faith (Chris) Koltz; son-in-law, Jerry Pittenger; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He served as a major in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for Champion Spark Plug Co. for 28 years, and owned and operated the Napa Store in Union Lake, MI. A special thank you to the staff and his many friends at Raiside Assisted Living Center in Byron Center who took excellent care of him; whom he cherished as family. A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Raiside Assisted Living Center, 7955 Byron Center Ave., SW. Burial will be at North Farmington Cemetery in Farmington Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Raiside Assisted Living Center. Arrangements by Stroo Funeral Home, 1095 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

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celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call

(734) 464-0990.

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship

services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presentation of the disciple's thoughts on salvation. Informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. MOPS recognizes the years from infancy through

kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and filled with unique need. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Worship change

Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at

Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurche.com/cbcwomen.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the study group focused on dignity of women of all ages and faiths. The group based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room.

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Tax on insurance cash surrender may be less than you think

Last weekend while broadcasting from the Fall Remodeling Show I was asked about life insurance. A man has a \$100,000 life insurance policy with approximately \$35,000 in cash surrender value. He doesn't need the insurance and wants to get back his cash but he doesn't want to pay tax.

I'm asked this question frequently and the answer surprises many individuals.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Many people believe when they cancel a life insurance policy and withdraw the cash surrender value they are taxed on the entire distribution. That's not the case.

In your insurance policy there's a cost basis which is an offset to any distribution. The cost basis in an insurance policy is the premium paid throughout the years. For example, if your premium was \$100 a month and you paid that premium for 10 years then your cost basis in your policy would be (100 x 12 x 10) \$12,000. If the cash surrender value is \$12,000 and you cash out, the amount subject to tax is \$100. The first \$12,000 is principal coming back to you.

Another issue is what happens if you paid into the policy more than the cash surrender value. Unfortunately, since life insurance is not an investment, the losses are not deductible.

Don't treat life insurance as an investment. Life insurance is risk management. The issues dealing with risk are different from those of an investment.

If no one is financially dependent upon you, you typically do not need life insurance. However, if your death would cause financial problems for loved ones and you do not have the resources to protect them, life insurance is something to consider. If you have an existing policy, you need to review it every so often

to determine whether you still need the insurance and/or whether you need additional coverage.

There are a number of ways to remove money from life insurance policies. One is to borrow from the cash surrender value. I am not a fan of this strategy. If you don't need the insurance, why continue to pay for it? After all, when you borrow from a policy there are costs involved.

Some say borrowing from the policy is better than paying the taxes. I say when most people determine their basis they realize the tax consequence of cashing out is minimal at best.

However, there are situations where cashing out a policy would have a tax consequence. So for individuals who want to defer the tax, there is an option. Under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 1035,

one can directly transfer the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy into an annuity. By directly transferring the money there is no tax consequence. I generally recommend an equity-index annuity.

Like mutual funds, there are many types of equity-index annuities and the key is to find one that fits your situation. Like other types of investments, be aware of costs. Beware of policies that

have spreads, another word for commissions.

In an equity-index annuity, also look closely at the surrender period. Every equity-index annuity requires the investor to commit money for a period of time. In most cases, I recommend a time period of five to seven years. Every investor needs flexibility and to lock money up for 15 years in today's environment doesn't make sense to me.

The bottom line with life insurance is the cash surrender value of a policy is your money and you need to understand that to make wise decisions.

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

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The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) has kicked off its fourth annual online volunteer drive for the nonprofit's Red Kettle bell ringers. The Salvation Army needs to fill over 1,500 two-hour shifts from Nov. 16 through Dec. 24 (Sundays excluded). The Salvation Army is looking for people who want a simple and easy way to give back to their communities by "ringing a bell" during its biggest annual fund-raising campaign.

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Survival test

Spartans boot nemesis Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's soccer team earned the unenviable distinction of "Best Team In the State to Lose in the First Round of the State Playoffs" Monday night.

The Chiefs, who were ranked as high as No. 2 this fall in the Division I rankings, saw their promising season cut short, 2-0, by defending D-1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson, which moved on to battle Salem in a semifinal match set for Wednesday at Northville.

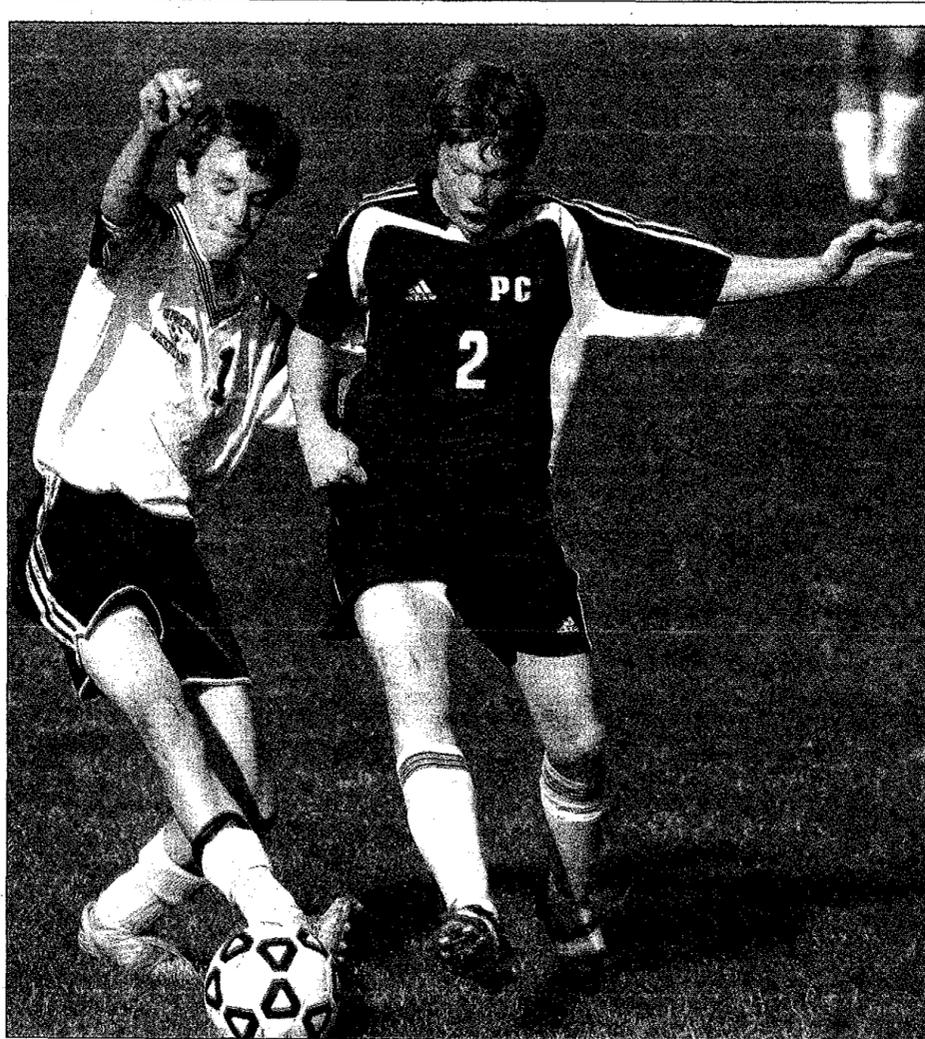
Canton, which knocked off the Spartans last week in the WLAA championship game, ended its season with a 12-4-4 mark. The No. 2-ranked Spartans improved to 17-1.

Canton threatened early and often during the game's first 15 minutes, but was stoned repeatedly by Spartans sophomore goalkeeper Conner Burton, who posted his seventh shut-out.

"We changed up our system on them to start the game and we were effective in the first 15 or 20 minutes," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "We had more good opportunities to score in the first 10 minutes than we did the rest of the game. I think it kind of demoralized us when we weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net early on."

"Stevenson is a fantastic team and they did a good job to keep the ball out of their net. When they got their scoring opportunities, they converted them. All in all, it hurts to lose in the first round of the districts, but Canton had a great season. We won the conference championship in a hard-fought game last week and overall it was a very good season."

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Tournament time

Lutheran Westland Gage Flanery (left) and Plymouth Christian Academy Andy Bartes try to control the ball in during first-half action of Monday's Division 4 district opener. Lutheran Westland fell to the Eagles, 2-0. See roundup of area state tournament games on page C3.

Sidelines

MSU's Austin hailed

Michigan State red-shirt senior goalkeeper Chris Austin (Livonia Franklin) shared Big Ten Player of the Week honors in men's soccer with team Spencer Thompson, a freshman midfielder, after the Spartans (9-1-2, 2-1-1) defeated two nationally-ranked opponents including No. 3 Notre Dame, 1-0, and No. 21 Michigan, 5-0.

Austin, who has received Big Ten accolades twice this season, made three saves against the Irish and seven against the Wolverines. He now has a 0.55 goals-against average, second best in the Big Ten, along with seven shut-outs. The goalkeeper has also recorded two assists.

"Chris has been very consistent," MSU coach Joe Baum said. "He's good in the air, saving shots and communicating. He has given our team a lift, and that's wonderful to see."

Blazers lose, 1-0

Kat Cassel's first-half goal carried Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day to a 1-0 girls field hockey win over host Livonia Ladywood.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sara Burnosky made four saves for the Blazers, who drop to 4-5-4 overall and 1-4-4 in Division II of the Michigan High School Field Hockey League.

DCD, getting eight saves from E. Fava, is 3-5-3 overall.

Selection Sunday

FoxSportsNet Detroit will air the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoff pairings Selection Sunday Show at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 21.

The 30-minute program, hosted by FSN's Mickey York and Cameron Wong, will provide a run-down of the 256 teams that have qualified for the MHSAA playoff, as well as their first-round matchups and game sites.

It's Wirth the wait for Lady Ocelot

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Mayer has grown up from her 1990s high school days, when her last name was Wirth. Her busy life includes a husband, two sons and a career path in nursing.

But something was missing. That void was the chance to compete again on the soccer field, which she had done superbly in high school at Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Churchill and at the University of Toledo.

"Soccer has been part of my life ever since I was 6 years old," she said recently.

By accident almost, the 30-year-old Westland resident is once again doing what she loves to do — playing with the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team for her former high school coach, of all people. Her teammates are a decade younger, but that doesn't seem to bother Margaret, who is married to Redford Union graduate Tim Mayer.

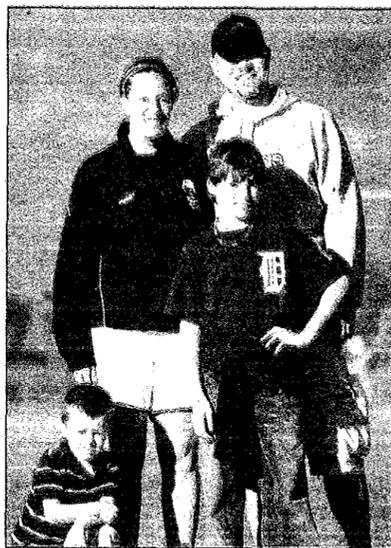
"At first I was very nervous about doing it, not sure if I'd be able to get into shape," she said. "I wasn't sure if I'd fit in with everybody and that they'd be welcoming of me."

Trust goalkeeper and Livonia Ladywood graduate Jessica Tuggle in saying that Margaret has.

"Her passion and her want for the game of soccer is as strong as ours, so she isn't on a different level," Tuggle said. "She receives the same treatment (given) a 19-year-old from the rest of her team and her coaches."

That Mayer has fit in seamlessly with the younger girls is something that offers further evidence of how much she is liked and respected by everybody.

Of course, the scenario never would have been played out had Margaret not had a chance meeting with Deepak Shivraman, her coach at



JOHN WIRTH

Margaret Mayer is finding family time after all during her return to college soccer after a number of years. Regular visitors to Schoolcraft games include husband Tim Mayer (a Redford Union alum) and the Westland couple's sons: Jackson, 4 (kneeling) and 10-year-old Christian. She is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill.

Mercy who last winter was hired as the Lady Ocelots head coach.

Shivraman needed players, and when he saw his one-time prep star, he couldn't resist at least throwing out an invitation.

"We've known each other over 14 years," she

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Week 9 has prognosticators just playing out the string

It's Week 9 of the high school football season.

That means teams are: A) Playing out the string; B) looking to finish with a winning record; C) giving seniors one last chance to shine; D) gearing up for the postseason frenzy.

Pigskin prognosticators also know they have just one more chance to spike their notebooks. Whether they do so in glee or utter disgust will have to wait a day or so.

This weekend features mostly non-conference or crossover matchups that will have little bearing on first-place finishes. But there are some teams that can't wait for it all to end (do you know of any excited 0-8 teams?), as well as more than a few with designs on ending the year with one more 'W' than 'L' in the books.

Getting invited to the MHSAA playoff dance with a 5-4 record, meanwhile, isn't a very big nail to hang that hat of hope on. Yet teams including Livonia Franklin (with the best chance), Canton, Redford Union, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran Westland and Westland John Glenn are just a few that are truly eyeballing that nail.

Also, Week 9 will be the



Grid picks

Tim Smith

the case, perhaps Grid Picks columnists ought to hold onto those notebooks after all and take down some names.)

Speaking of those columnists, a mid-season slump put yours truly in a precarious situation in the Observerland standings. Even with an 8-2 mark in Week 8, the best of the bunch, I could only shave a game off the lead of Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, who went 7-3 to stay in front with a 66-24 record.

But with my overall mark of 61-29, I jumped into a second-place tie with Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who had a tough 6-4 week.

Making up lost ground late in any season is difficult and that certainly applies to the

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Haller, Richter spur Warriors to Metro Conference grid win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Lutheran High Westland won't be going to the state football playoffs, but that doesn't mean the season has been a total loss.

The Warriors improved to 4-4 overall and 3-3 in the Metro Conference with a 28-12 triumph last Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Lutheran Westland can post a winning season and salvage some satisfaction with a win this Saturday at home against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (2-6, 2-4).

Also at stake is the coveted piece of hardware known as "Rusty," which the Warriors haven't had in their possession since the 2004 season. (Game time is 1 p.m.)

Clinging to a 14-12 half-time lead, Lutheran Westland fumbled the ball away on its own 18-yard line to start the third quarter. But Nate

Bachert's interception in the end zone helped spark a 15-play, 80-yard touchdown drive for the Warriors resulting in a 2-yard Ryan Richter TD run. Billy Meier's extra point made it 21-12.

The Warriors put the game away in the final period after Steve Kemp and Kevin Moody combined on a fourth-down stop as Meier capped a 16-play, 51-yard drive with a 3-yard scoring run. The Warriors' quarterback was injured on the play and Eric Shoats came on to convert the point-after to provide the final margin of victory.

Ethan Haller, who led all rushers with 184 yards in 22 carries, scored the Warriors' first two TDs on runs of 30 and 4 yards coming in the first and second quarter, respectively. The first TD drive went 78 yards in six plays, while the second was 74 yards on

12 plays. (Meier booted both extra points.)

Cranbrook's Kojo Appiah scored on a pair of second-quarter TD runs of 39 and 80 yards. He finished with 173 yards on 14 carries.

The Warriors ran 68 plays, posted 20 first downs and rushed for 368 of their 387 total yards as Richter added 128 yards on 17 carries.

The 5-foot-8, 150-pound strong safety also led the defense with 11 tackles.

"He made a big hit on a two-point try in the first quarter," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "He's a tough little kid. His legs have been bugging him all season, but he just keeps pounding."

Cranbrook (2-6, 2-4) was limited to 248 total yards, eight first downs and 42 plays. Moody, Troy Golze, Sam Ahlersmeyer and Haller all chipped in with six tackles apiece for the Warriors.

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Grid Picks circuit.

Oh well. Teams still have to play games in the final week, and we still have to figure out who wins 'em. Here goes:

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)
RED COVENANT (6-2, 4-1) AT ECORSE (1-7, 1-5), 4 P.M.: Redford Covenant is going to the state playoffs for the first time, and the Spartans look to maintain an edge entering the postseason. Going up against this struggling Mega Gold opponent shouldn't be an impediment.

PICKS: Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

WESTLAND GLENN (4-4, 3-2) AT WAYNE (4-4, 2-3): The Zebras enjoyed a 33-3 triumph last week against Walled Lake Central and should be able to rack up yardage against a Rockets squad that gave up 383 yards total offense to Livonia Franklin in Friday's 28-20 defeat.

PICKS: Smith (Wayne); Wright (John Glenn); Emons (Wayne).

3-2): Whenever these Livonia teams square up, players come with a little extra effort. But the Chargers have been outstanding in just about every category and look to wrap up the regular season in grand style.

PICKS: Smith (Churchill); Wright (Franklin); Emons (Churchill).

ROMULUS (0-8, 0-6) AT PLYMOUTH (5-3, 2-3): This non-conference contest is as close to a gimme for the host Wildcats, gunning for their second-ever playoff berth, as they're going to have.

PICKS: Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth).

CANTON (4-4, 3-2) AT SALEM (1-7, 1-4): Both teams will be playing for pride at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Chiefs, barring the unforeseen, will miss the postseason for the first time since 1999.

PICKS: Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton).

LIV. STEVENSON (8-0, 6-0) AT BRIGHTON (3-5, 3-3): The Spartans are riding high entering this non-conference matchup, but the Bulldogs have been a competitive bunch in the tough Kensington Valley Conference. This could be a closer game than the records might indicate.

PICKS: Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

REDFORD UNION (4-4, 3-3) AT RED. THURSTON (2-6, 2-4): The Redford rivals renew acquaintances in this Mega Conference crossover. RU, however, is looking to finish better than .500 and senior halfback Yourye Wilson and teammates will give the Eagles' defense all it can handle.

PICKS: Smith (RU); Wright (RU); Emons (RU).

CLAWSON (4-4, 4-2) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (1-7, 1-5): It has been a disappointing season for the Trojans, and this Metro Conference matchup probably won't help matters any.

PICKS: Smith (Clawson); Wright (Clawson); Emons (Clawson).

GARDEN CITY (2-6, 1-5) AT WOODHAVEN (6-2, 5-1): Both of these teams are going in opposite directions as the season ends, and the visiting Cougars play in a lower division than the Warriors as it is.

PICKS: Smith (Woodhaven); Wright (Woodhaven); Emons (Woodhaven).

SATURDAY'S GAME

LUTH. NORTHWEST (2-6, 2-4) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (4-4, 3-3), 1 P.M.: The host Warriors are playing well down the stretch, earning a 28-12 win last week against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood. They also will be playing for a winning record.

PICKS: Smith (Westland); Wright (Westland); Emons (Westland).

MAYER

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said. "We just ran into each other like December, January, right after he got the job. He was looking for some recruits and he asked me to play."

"At first I was a little nervous about it, because I hadn't really been playing all that much since I stopped in college."

Mayer went to work on her conditioning, at camps run by Shivraman in Brighton, and later on with the Schoolcraft summer soccer squad. She had one year of college eligibility remaining and intended to make good use of it.

Once she got into shape, everything else returned as if she'd not missed a beat over the past decade or so. Beginning with the Sept. 7 scrimmage against Madonna University, Mayer was back and able to play 90-minute games.

"You can tell, she's just a wall back there, she doesn't get rattled if we get down by a couple goals," Shivraman said about Mayer's performance this year. "She does her job and does it really well, and keeps the rest of our defenders composed. ... It's that security blanket" for the Lady Ocelots.

Shivraman noted that Mayer "might be older, yeah she might be a couple steps slower than she used to be. But her game intelligence and her smartness is untradeable."

That soccer acumen is something Shivraman isn't going to forget about after this season, either.

"I've already talked to her about joining the staff in the future," Shivraman said. "The

thing is I keep piling on, and she's already got two of those boys that she's got to raise and a husband that's kind of losing patience with me."

The coach chuckled with that last statement, but he is also happy that Mayer's family is on the same page when it comes to the soccer comeback.

Her husband, 1997 RU grad Tim Mayer, perhaps had some initial qualms. But he also knew playing soccer again was his wife's dream, and he wasn't about to let domestic duties get in the way.

"It's good for her, a little stressful on us as a whole, but good for her," Tim said. "She's finally making up for lost time, to finish something she started, you know?"

"She's happy, she's playing well and she's on a good team."

Another perk for Mayer is she gets to travel, one of her favorite pastimes. That means she isn't at home quite as much as Tim and the youngsters would want. "The biggest thing is not spending time with her," he said.

But Mayer's husband and their sons (Christian, 10; Jackson, 4) go as much as possible to Schoolcraft games, rooting her on.

"I'm sure they miss me at home since I have practices and games every day," Mayer said. "But I try to spend as much time with them as possible."

Also on the sidelines without fail are Mayer's parents, John and Antoinette Wirth. John is a professional photographer who also captures his daughter's soccer comeback for the scrapbook. "My dad has made it his goal to be at every game," Mayer said. "They've been very supportive."

HELPING OUT

Mayer's home life is on the back burner. But because this is her final season of eligibility, it is an experience she is milking to the max.

Every game she plays is a bonus, another chance to show her skills and perhaps help her teammates realize playing college soccer is a privilege to be treasured.

And bus trips give her time to offer tips about college and life.

"I'm probably more like a mother to some of the girls," she said with a big laugh following a recent Schoolcraft contest. "Or maybe like a big sister. I helped get them registered for classes, because I just finished the practical nursing program at Schoolcraft."

"And some of them are going into nursing, so I just kind of helped get them going in the right direction."

There's also life advice, for teammates and anybody else who might want to listen.

"It's been a great experience and I would tell any person of any age to just follow their dreams and go with their passions," Mayer said. "Don't let anything stop you."

But Mayer isn't the team mascot. She is out on the field almost every minute of every match, competing at the high level that made her an All-Observer pick with the Chargers in 1995.

That matters to Tuggle.

"Hearing her story and knowing that this is her very last chance to win a championship, where most of us still have two or three years of eligibility left," Tuggle said, "(that) gives our team that much more of a push to win nationals."

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MU celebrates WHAC crown

COLLEGE SOCCER

Madonna University locked up the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season men's soccer championship Saturday on Senior Day with a 4-0 win over visiting Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

On Tuesday, Emilio Giorgi scored from Doran Drai to give the Crusaders (12-2-2, 10-1-1) a 1-0 WHAC triumph over host Siena Heights University (7-9, 5-6). It was MU's eighth straight victory.

In the triumph over Indiana Tech (4-10, 2-8), goal scorers for the Crusaders,

included Jacob Rosiek (from Giorgi), Giorgi (from Darrel Quinn), Makes Lewis (from Daniel Amaya) and Livonia Stevenson's Keith Sied (from Chris Lafontaine).

Lewis, a freshman, notched his 11th goal of the season and was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week, while goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, who posted both shutouts, earned WHAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

During a pre-game ceremony, MU seniors T.J. Djokic and

Pat Kolodziejczak, both from Stevenson, were recognized along with Lyons and Quinn.

SCHOOLCRAFT 8, ANCILLA (IND.) 2: Salem product Ryan Rowe scored three goals on his birthday Saturday to lead Schoolcraft College (12-2-2, 6-0) to a rout over first-year program Ancilla (Ind.) Community College (6-9, 2-5).

Tallying two goals and an assist for the Ocelots was Michael Lyoha while Andy Huang (Canton) and Ali Youssef (Plymouth) each scored. Coming through with a goal and an assist in the conference match was Brandon Horvath.

Dividing goalkeeping duties were Chris Riley, Sean Simney and Plymouth alum Rob Lovelace, who gave up one goal in 18 minutes of play.

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Let's get physical: Pats eliminate GC

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 BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The yellow and red cards were being flashed so much Monday night, one might have thought Livonia Franklin and host Garden City were playing their district quarterfinal soccer match inside a casino.

But after all was said and done, it was the Patriots coming away with the upper hand, 4-2. The win advanced Franklin (4-14-1) into Wednesday's district semifinal at Grosse Pointe Farms against Dearborn Fordson (which defeated Dearborn Edsel Ford, 5-0).

"I'm not unhappy with the result," said Cougars head coach Bill Torni, whose team finished 9-8-1. "I'm just unhappy with the way the result came by."

With about 12 minutes to go in a scoreless first half, Garden City senior forward Brett Dewar - dribbling up the pitch - and Franklin senior forward

Ryan Matthey became entangled along the sidelines and wound up tackling each other.

But then, Pats junior midfielder Zain Qureshi came from several yards away to clobber Dewar with a straight-arm shot. The head referee tossed Qureshi with a red card, but also awarded a red to Dewar, one of Garden City's top offensive players. Matthey, meanwhile, was only given a yellow and was allowed to return for the second half.

"The explanation was he (Dewar) was the original foul," said an exasperated Torni afterward. "Why the original foul deserves a red, I don't know."

"But yeah, he fouled him. It was a normal foul, it wasn't a violent foul. And she (head referee) said it wasn't a violent foul."

From there, the Division I district match more resembled rugby than soccer.

"A game like this, if it gets out of hand, if it gets chippy, it's the last game of the sea-

son," Torni continued. "You have nine seniors on the field. Their last game. If it starts getting chippy, they have nothing to lose."

Torni claimed another Garden City player, senior midfielder Mike Biegalski, drew a bloody nose after being "cold-cocked" by another Patriot during the Dewar-Matthey-Qureshi scrum. But no other Franklin player was tossed out.

According to Franklin head coach Victor Rodopoulos, "That's what usually happens in districts, everyone wants to go forward. It's going to get physical. At times it did get out of hands on both sides."

Rodopoulos, though, said he thought officials "got control" of the game.

"There were mishaps on both sides," he said. "For the most part, most of the game, I thought our guys kept our composure."

That Matthey was allowed to stay in the match turned out to be like heaping a large dose

of salt on top of Garden City's collective wound.

Matthey delivered a crisp crossing pass to sophomore forward Travis Matthey for a tap-in goal with less than 26 minutes remaining in the contest, giving Franklin a 2-0 lead.

About three minutes later, Ryan Matthey did a nifty spin move away from Garden City defenders and fired a shot inside the right post to give his team a 3-0 advantage.

The first goal of the contest was scored late in the first half by junior midfielder Steve Trapp, who drilled a penalty shot over the left shoulder of Cougars senior goalkeeper Joseph Clor.

Only two penalty-kick goals in the final 20 minutes by Garden City senior midfielder Chad Hallam kept the Cougars in the match.

Both of Hallam's goals actually were scored on the second penalty kick each time. Officials ruled Franklin sophomore goalkeeper Jordan

McKindles moved off his line prematurely and waved off the original misses.

Wrapping up the scoring was Franklin senior midfielder Oliver Wendt, whose rising 10-yard kick from the left side beat Garden City junior goalkeeper Greg Shrader (who played the second half) to provide the knockout punch for the Pats.

Rodopoulos said keys to the win included standout play from his defenders "across the board," as well as senior forward Michael Dobson's contributions.

"Offensively he was making good runs," said the coach about Dobson. "He had lots of opportunities."

Although disappointed with how his team's season ended, Torni did give credit to Franklin.

"I think it was a just result," he said. "Franklin came with a more-aggressive team."

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Stevenson coach Lars Richters said his team advanced thanks to its ability to hold off the Chiefs during the game's outset.

"We knew we were in for a really big challenge tonight, especially after the way Canton played us in the conference championship game," Richters said. "We struggled early in the game. I think it was a small case of the playoff jitters. Fortunately, we overcame those and got stronger as the game went on."

"We knew we'd have to do a good job of defending because Canton has such a strong counterattack. They have a lot of speed, a lot of energy and one of the best center backs in the state in Scott Zech. We feel relieved and privileged to move on to the next round."

Stevenson lit up the scoreboard first at the 24:25 mark of the first half when Joëy D'Agostino scored off a set piece from Brian Klemczak.

"Klemczak did a great job of putting the ball to the front post, D'Agostino was in the right place and he put it in the corner," Richters said. "Obviously, it was nice to get a goal at that point because we were not playing our best early in the game."

The Chiefs nearly got the equalizer with 31:40 left in the game, but Logan McGraw's line-drive header was snared at the doorstep by Burton.

Canton goalie Kevin Krause made a pair of spectacular stops over the next five minutes before Dave Simor launched a laser from the right wing that eluded Krause's reach to give the Spartans a 2-0 advantage. The insurance goal was assisted by Klemczak.

"That second goal was nice because we were really in a battle at the time," Richters said. "Not that two goals is an insurmountable lead, but it was a special goal for us."

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Cover's hat trick fuels Rockets past Wayne

 BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

More than bragging rights were at stake Monday when host Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial met for the third time this season in boys soccer.

The two teams split a pair of regular season matches, but it was all Rockets opening round of Division I district action as Glenn broke away from a 1-0 halftime lead with four second-half goals to eliminate Wayne, 5-0. The Rockets also live to play another day in the state tournament with a district semifinal matchup set up for Wednesday at Grosse Pointe South.

Josh Cover's timing was impeccable. The senior

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notched a hat trick as Glenn improved to 4-14-1 overall.

Nelson Kenne's goal with 31:49 left in the first half off a crossing feed from Sergio Pavan proved to be the game-winner. Junior Khalid Sulieman also scored a goal for the Rockets and set up another goal. Kenne also had two assists, while Jeff Thompson collected another.

But it was Cover's second-half outburst that brought a smile to Olive's face.

"Josh had never scored before and this is his first time playing forward," Glenn first-year coach Reavis Olive said. "In the second half we wanted to

'Our defense played better than the last time, an almost penalty-free game. We wanted them to control their emotions on the field. And I thought we controlled the ball about 90 percent of the time.'

REAVIS OLIVE, Westland John Glenn boys soccer coach

get Khalid (Sulieman) more involved in the play. We changed his position a bit because when he's involved, good things happen."

Glenn's defense, led by senior David Kalvelage, kept Wayne's chances to a minimum. Goalkeeper Zach Redden made six saves and watched Stephen Maynor's penalty kick carom off the crossbar with only 15 seconds remaining to preserve the shutout.

"Our defense played better than the last time, an

almost penalty-free game," Olive said. "We wanted them to control their emotions on the field. And I thought we controlled the ball about 90 percent of the time."

Wayne coming off a modest two-game winning streak including a 4-3 victory over the Rockets just a week earlier in the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover, bows out at 2-14-2 overall.

"I don't feel like it was a 5-0 game," Wayne coach Evan Baker said. "We played

hard and gave a good effort, but then things just caved in. It's a bummer the seniors had to go out like this."

Baker, who just completed his first year as Wayne's varsity coach, is trying to change the team's losing culture.

"We couldn't put a full game together and they're still learning how to finish a game off," he said. "When I came in they expected to lose. This the first year they've won more than one game and that's difficult. It's mental thing and I hope that they can learn from that. They have to believe in themselves and learn how to win. I know it sounds cheesy, but it's true."

Lutheran Westland ousted by PCA in district opener

Lutheran High Westland's state boys soccer tournament run was short-lived.

Senior Ross Gerulis scored goals in each half Monday as Plymouth Christian Academy ousted the host Warriors, 2-0, in the Division 4 district opener.

Lutheran Westland, which defeated PCA on Aug. 28 by a 1-0 score, bows out with a 10-6-3 overall record. The Eagles (9-9-1) move on to Wednesday's semifinal at Southfield Christian to face Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Gerulis scored in the 12th and 58th minutes.

"We changed things up the second half with three attackers," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "We had some

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chances, but could not convert."

CHAVEZ 3, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Pablo Guerrero's goal with only 11 minutes remaining broke a 2-2 deadlock to give Detroit Cesar Chavez a Division 3 district soccer victory over host Livonia Clarenceville (5-13-1).

First-half goals by Noe Duran and German Jimenez staked the Aztec Eagles to a 2-0 lead. Jimenez's shot floated into the Clarenceville goal from midfield.

Clarenceville rallied with a pair of goals in the first 13 minutes of the second half - Matt Garant (from Matt Parent) and Daniel Pepaj (unassisted).

"They (Chavez) had four shots and scored three, it was heartbreaking," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "We had nine good shots

the second half - six breakaways, including one with 27 seconds left."

Chavez defeated Clarenceville in an earlier meeting on Sept. 5 by a 5-0 count.

"We dominated this time, it's puzzling," Johnson said.

SALEM 2, CHURCHILL 0: In a Division 1 district opener Monday, goals by Josh Pascarella and Alex Tramel carried the host Rocks (7-5-10) to a win over host Livonia Churchill (9-7-3).

Salem won the season series between the two Lakes Division rivals, 2-1.

"We did not play well and it looked like it was more important to them," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had some good individual play, but not overall as a team."

Christopher Adams got the start in goal for the Chargers.

"For a freshman, he played well, he did O.K. and I'm proud of him," Friedrichs said.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL
Oct. 13 at Hudson Mills Metropark

BOYS TEAM RESULTS

DIVISION 1 STANDINGS: 1. Pinckney, 48 points; 2. Saline (A), 59; 3. Dexter, 62; 4. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 136; 5. Canton, 143; 7. Livonia Churchill, 190; 14. Wayne Memorial, 408 (15 schools).

Individual winner: Bobby April (Dexter), 15 minutes, 24.4 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 17. Joe Varilone, 16:46; 37. Paul Folk, 17:20; 41. Nathan Wise, 17:29; 51. Mark Waterbury, 17:44; 53. Brandon Grysko, 17:45; 54. Michael Schmidt, 17:45; 72. Mark Freyberg, 18:14.

Wayne finishers: 39. Jacob Schofield, 17:27; 74. Abraham Mendez, 18:19; 101. Patrick McKinzie, 21:30; 104. Joe Barton, 23:16; 106. Robert Woodson, 23:51; 107. Mike Gallagher, 24:03; 108. Zac Tykowski, 24:05.

DIVISION 4 STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 46; 2. Lutheran Westland, 76; 3. Royal Oak Shrine, 105; 4. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 116; 5. Jackson Christian, 132 (eight schools).

Individual winner: Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland), 17:19.1.

Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 9. Josh Rice, 18:24; 21. Alex Kemp, 20:12; 23. Camerson Banks, 20:28; 30. Paul Bealafeld, 21:09; 32. Paul Rilett, 21:16; 51. Chris Kovacs, 24:10.

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS

DIVISION 1 STANDINGS: 1. Milford, 41; 2. Saline, 66; 3. Canton, 71; 4. Pinckney, 80; 5. Novi, 138; 7. Livonia Churchill, 189; 10. Wayne Memorial, 313 (10 schools).

Individual winner: Brittini Hutton (Milford), 19:20.

Churchill finishers: 26. Emily Clairmont, 21:08; 34. Lindsay McMullen, 21:27; 41. Lauren Dykja, 21:52; 42. Sarah Bauman, 21:52; 52. Jenny Szuba, 22:08; 53. Kelsey Rothermel, 22:22; 56. Katie Konkin, 22:57.

Wayne finishers: 61. Melissa Smith, 23:34; 62. Claire Moro, 23:44; 67. Chelsea Gilbert, 25:55; 70. Haley Hayes, 27:32; 71. Lalita Hayes, 20:13; 72. Nicole Rau, 33:25.

DIVISION 2 STANDINGS: 1. Marshall, 57; 2.

Dexter, 61; 3. Flint Powers Catholic, 62; 4.

Birmingham Groves, 123; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 142 (11 schools).

Individual winner: McKenzie Mora (Flint Powers), 19:21.1.

Ladywood finishers: 15. Megan Yanik, 20:45; 21. Julia Kenney, 21:04; 22. Amanda Field, 21:05; 44. Emily Bambach, 21:58; 45. Morgan Zuziek, 22:47; 60. Meredith Housak, 22:55.

DIVISION 4 STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 33; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 41; 4. Athens, 78; 4. Birmingham Roeper, 88; 5. Lutheran Westland, 99.

Individual winner: Emma Lisuli (Greenhills), 20:27.9.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 16. Danielle Voetberg, 24:08; 19. Miriam Pranschke, 24:21; 26. Amber Pniowski, 25:48; 29. Ashley Pniowski, 26:25; 34. Emily Meier, 27:22.

WILDCAT INVITATIONAL
Oct. 13 at Plymouth H.S.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice (A), 42; 2. Plymouth, 49; 3. Livonia Franklin, 52; 4. Berkley, 90; 5. Brother Rice (B), 102; 6. Westland John Glenn, 185; 7. Salem, 209; 7. Garden City, 233.

Individual winner: Mike Murphy (Brother Rice A), 16:46.

Franklin finishers: 3. Evan Sirena, 17:22; 6. Mike Kratochivich, 17:38; 10. Doug Cole, 17:55; 13. Dylan Taylor, 18:02; 20. Nick Gherardini, 18:38; 23. Pete Walblay, 18:45; 28. Jason Riffel, 18:52.

Glenn finishers: 25. Tim Boes, 18:49; 30. Mike Gardner, 18:59; 38. Eric Mlynar, 19:25; 43. Dan McCahill, 20:10; 49. Gary Lawrence, 22:30; 50. Justin Kollar, 22:30; 52. Ryan Vichinsky, 22:57.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Franklin, 73 (won sixth-runner tiebreaker); 2. Salem (B), 73; 3. Garden City, 100; 4. Northville (B), 102; 5. Westland John Glenn, 103; 6. Berkley, 105; 7. Farmington Hills Mercy, 115.

Individual winner: Courtney Plummer (Garden City), 20:59.

Franklin finishers: 6. Mallory Church, 21:43; 10. Kelly Walblay, 21:50; 17. Megan Wickens, 22:18; 19. Brittany Dilley, 22:42; 21. Breanna Minnick, 23:00; 24. Shannon Niznik, 23:23; 35. Victoria Church, 24:49.

Glenn finishers: 2. Ashley Bailey, 21:04; 3.

Stacey Richardson, 21:28; 31. Danielle Levy, 24:28; 33. Michelle Levy, 24:40; 34. Evi Cenilli, 24:49; 47. Amy Selewski, 29:02.

WLA-LAKES DIVISION JAMBOREE
Oct. 11 at Richardson Center

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 31; 2. Livonia Churchill, 32; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 75; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 119; 5. Westland John Glenn, 144; 6. Walled Lake Central, 146.

Individual winner: Kevin deBear (Salem), 16:16.4.

Churchill finishers: 3. Joe Varilone, 16:41.2; 5. Mark Waterbury, 17:00.5; 6. Brandon Grysko, 17:06.7; 8. Paul Folk, 17:09.2; 10. Nathan Wise, 17:15.2; 14. Mark Freyberg, 17:25.8; 17. Mike Schmidt, 17:57.2.

Stevenson finishers: 7. Mike Gibbons, 17:06.7; 9. Shawn Howse, 17:11.2; 12. Kevin Reschke, 17:22.6; 23. Alex Hoelzel, 18:19.7; 24. Jordan Burger, 18:23.9; 28. Scott Brewer, 18:50.5; 33. Joe Urso, 18:58.6.

Glenn finishers: 20. Tim Boes, 18:09.9; 25. Mike Gardner, 18:32.9; 30. Eric Mlynar, 18:52.3; 32. Jeff Adkins, 18:53.8; 37. Austin Anderson, 20:19.7; 38. Gary Lawrence, 21:04.2; 40. Ryan Vichinsky, 23:08.1.

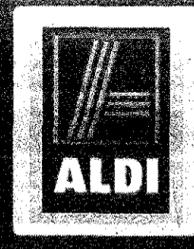
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 28; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 56; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 85; 4. Salem, 99; 5. Westland John Glenn, 129; 6. Walled Lake Central, 130.

Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18:38.9.

Churchill finishers: 2. Rachel McFarlane, 18:42.9; 4. Sara Kroll, 19:31.6; 5. Alyssa Mira, 19:39.5; 6. Amanda Southwell, 20:12.1; 11. Michele Verellen, 20:33.9; 19. Hannah Otto, 20:39.9; 18. Kim Verellen, 20:33.9.

Other Stevenson finishers: 7. Julia Schroeder, 20:19.2; 9. Denee Meier, 20:22.9; 19. Samantha Kay, 20:52.6; 20. Victoria Saferian, 20:59.3; 21. Katie Capeneka, 21:04.0; 34. Rebecca Golliey, 22:41.8.

Glenn finishers: 14. Stacey Richardson, 20:39.4; 16. Ashley Bailey, 20:43.2; 25. Megan Nikula, 21:18.8; 36. Evi Cenilli, 23:56.2; 38. Michelle Levy, 24:09.8; 40. Amy Selewski, 26:45.0.



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The GMC Envoy is big enough for those who need more than a compact SUV, but small enough for people who don't want a full-size. Although the Envoy has kept current with modern features, it hasn't been remodeled in seven years, and it shows.

The Envoy shares its mid-size truck-based SUV platform with the Chevrolet TrailBlazer, Buick Rainier and Saab 9-7X.

The 2008 Envoy comes in three trim levels: SLE, SLT and Denali. The \$27,750 priced SLE has 17-inch alloy wheels, dual-zone air-conditioning, a CD player, satellite radio, full power accessories, keyless entry and OnStar telematics.

The SLT adds a power driver seat with memory, a trip computer, automatic climate control, leather seating and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

The Denali comes with a unique honeycomb grille, 18-inch alloy wheels, a load-leveling rear suspension, power-adjustable pedals, heated seats, a power passenger seat and a Bose audio system.

The Denali's upscale interior features Nuance leather seats with French seam stitching, and wood-tone accents that enhance the luxury feeling.

A variety of options packages are available on the SLE, such as the SLE-2 package that includes an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a power driver seat, a roof rack, an overhead console and power-folding heated side mirrors.

Stand-alone options for all are a rear-seat DVD entertainment system and the sunroof. Only the SLT and Denali are available with a navigation system.

There are also three new exterior colors: Dark Cherry Metallic, Black Granite Metallic and Desert Brown Metallic.

SLE and SLT trims are powered by a 4.2-liter inline-6 engine that puts out a whopping 291 horsepower. The Denali comes with a 5.3-liter V8 that's good for 302 horsepower.

All Envoy trims can be had as either two-



The 2008 GMC Envoy has a powerful engine lineup and a roomy cabin. But the fact that it hasn't been redesigned in seven years makes it outdated in today's SUV market.

four-wheel-drive. Properly equipped, the 6-cylinder Envoy can tow up to 5,800 pounds, while the V8 can tow up to 6,600 pounds.

Fuel economy estimates for the two-wheel-drive Envoy are 14 miles per gallon in the city and 20 mpg on the highway. Surprisingly, the V6 and the V8 are rated the same, due to the V8's cylinder deactivation technology that shuts down four cylinders under light load conditions like freeway driving.

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But the suspension can be too soft, especially around corners when handling becomes diminished.

The Envoy's spacious cabin easily accommodates five adults, but there is no third-seat option like many of its competitors.

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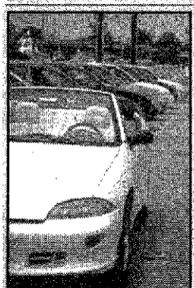
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