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Mayor takes his 'gathering' to Tattan Park

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nearly 1,000 people showed up the last time Westland Mayor William Wild invited residents to a local park for an old-fashioned barbecue, children's activities and a chance to learn about important city issues.

The late-August gathering in Corrado Park exceeded

expectations and forced city leaders to scramble to try and buy enough hot dogs to feed an enthusiastic crowd.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming presence of nearby residents who came out to take part in our first gathering," Wild said.

With residents clearly embracing the concept, Wild has announced that the second in a series of outdoor gather-

ings has been scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 — this time at Tattan Park on Carlson south of Ford, not far from Westland City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover has issued a statement indicating that Tattan Park "will be transformed into a bustling landscape with plenty of games and activities for children, including safety demonstrations by the Westland

police and fire departments, inflatable bouncers and much more."

The gathering, which is free, is intended to draw together residents and city leaders in a relaxed, informal setting.

The Tattan Park site will allow officials to reveal the area where a new, 25,000-square-foot play structure — dubbed Play Planet because of its outer-space theme — is

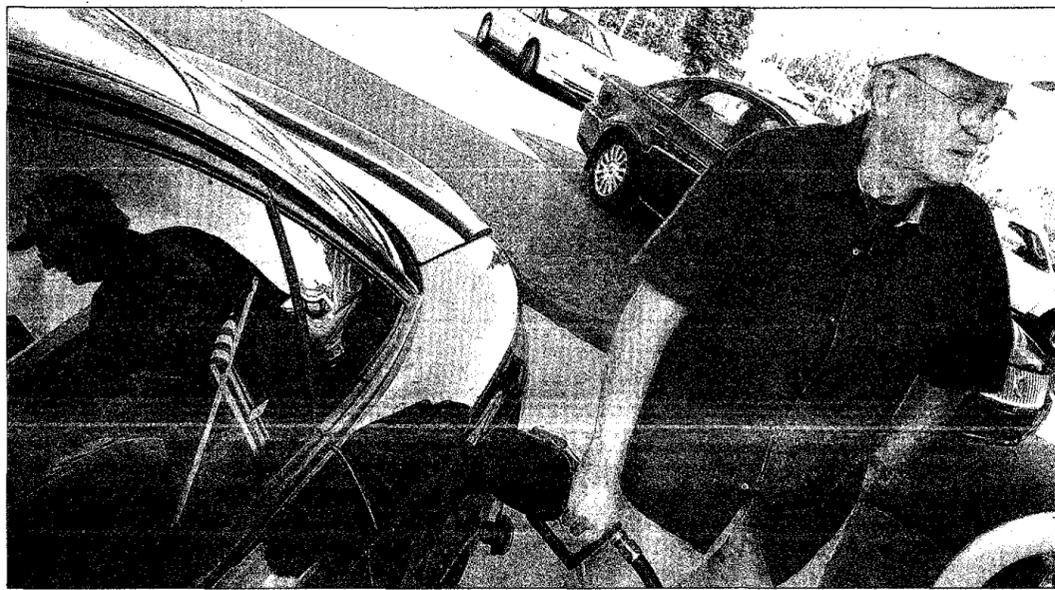
expected to be built in late October with help from community volunteers. In fact, those who want to help may sign up during the gathering.

The get-together also will give residents a chance to hear more about the city's hopes for starting to remediate the east end of nearby Central City Park with soccer fields and other amenities.

Moreover, residents also may

sign up for the Wild administration's Mission Green effort, aimed at making the city more environmentally friendly through a wide array of initiatives. With the earlier Corrado Park gathering in mind, Wild said, "we aim to create the same inviting atmosphere at Tattan Park — an evening the entire family will enjoy."

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Richard Ward of Westland fills his Saturn with gas at the Mobil station at the corner of Ford and Wayne Road where gas sold for \$3.54 per gallon as part of a Co-Op Services Credit Union gas giveaway.

Drivers line up for gas 'giveaway'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Retired toolmaker Richard Ward, 83, was first in line at one gas pump when the Mobil station at Ford and Wayne dropped its prices by 25 cents Thursday morning, selling a gallon of regular for \$3.549.

"I appreciate it," Ward, a World War II veteran and Westland resident, said just before he put \$31.01 in the tank of his 2002 Saturn.

"Five dollars seemed like a lot of money when I was saving for my retirement. Now I can't hardly buy a gallon of gas with it."

Ward conceded he has had to cut back on his spending as prices have shot up for everything from gas to groceries, and he said he has "election dilemma" about whether Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama or Republican John McCain would be best suited to fix the

nation's economic problems.

For now, Ward settled for saving a little money on his latest fillup.

"It gives me some hope," he said.

Ward and other motorists quickly lined up Thursday morning at the Mobil station, starting at 11 a.m., teamed up with the Livonia-based Co-op Services Credit Union to slash gas prices for the first 4,000 gallons sold. Customers could buy up to 30

gallons.

The credit union shelled out \$1,000 to cover Thursday's gas discounts — one of six "gas giveaway" events in southeast Michigan communities the financial institution serves.

"We just want to give something back to the community," Co-op Services Credit Union marketing coordinator Bryan Feldpausch said

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Doo-Dahs get ready for baseball rematch

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's time for revenge with baseball bats.

Relax. It's not nearly as threatening as it sounds. Nobody's gonna get hurt. Well, maybe someone's pride.

A fledgling Westland baseball team called the Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dahs will have a rematch this year against Greenfield Village's historic Lah-de-Dahs.

Forget Westland's crushing 24-8 loss last year during a baseball game using 1867 rules outlined by Henry Chadwick in *Haney's Baseball Book of Reference*.

For the record, that means no spitting, no gloves, only underhand pitching and courteous players who "abstain from profanity and its twin and vile brother, obscenity."

Dang it! It's all in fun, though, as the two teams face off at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in Jaycee Park at Hunter and Wildwood for a game that's free to the public.

"We're going to try and win this year," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

Then, suddenly, he seemed a little cockier. "We're going to even the series this year."

Late in the week, the Lah-de-Dahs couldn't be reached for comment. A woman who answered the telephone at Greenfield Village said no one from the team would be in until Monday.

Likely story. Were they hiding from the Westland media? Or even worse, spending their time wisely practicing for another old-fashioned whipping against the hometown team?

Other than Kosowski, the local team is expected to include Mayor William Wild, Police Chief James Ridener and Fire Chief Michael Reddy, among others.

Ultimately, the winner of the game will be the Westland Historic Village Park. All money raised from the game, including a \$50-per-player fee and concessions, will benefit the historic village on Wayne Road south of Marquette. It's open for public tours 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call (734) 326-1110.

After Westland's team lost last year, Mayor Wild had declared that a rematch this year would "give us a chance to practice a little bit."

With last year's 24-8 score, let's hope they practiced a lot.

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Woman charged in late-night home invasions



Malmsten

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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Becky Sue Malmsten, 49, of Westland has been charged in connection with approximately 10 late-night home invasions in Canton.

Police believe that a person has been driving through township neighborhoods after dark looking

for homes with open garage doors. Once such a home was discovered, Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the thief would pull into the residence's driveway, enter the garage and then enter the home.

Pomorski said there has been no indication that the thief was ever confronted by a homeowner.

Members of the Western Wayne Community Response

Team arrested Malmsten early Wednesday morning in the Westland area and she was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court on charges of home invasion, a 20-year felony and larceny from a building, a 4-year felony. Malmsten is also facing a charge of being a habitual fourth offender, which is punishable by up to life in prison.

In 1992, Malmsten was released from prison after she pleaded guilty to possessing more than 25 grams of cocaine and receiving stolen property. In January 2007, Malmsten's probation from a larceny charge ended. In February 2008, the Westland woman wrapped up another probation period stemming from a larceny charge.

In the latest string of robberies, Malmsten was identified after a vehicle she was driving was captured on gas station surveillance films.

Malmsten's bond was set at \$25,000 cash and her preliminary examination is scheduled for Friday in 35th District Court.

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Garden City band aims to win FOX Rocks contest

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Bob Couch, being the opening act for Lynyrd Skynyrd at the DTE Energy Music Theater Sept. 21 would be a dream come true.

And it could happen if his band, AYNTTELYN (pronounced Ain't Tellin'), gets the votes to win the FOX Rocks contest.

"It would mean the world to me," said the Westland resident. "My pop would be looking down on me, he'd be given me two thumbs up."

"We'd love to play DTE," added bandmate Gary Modlinski of Garden City, better known as Mod. "Bill has inspired us, he's made us go the extra mile."

The band includes Couch, the lead guitarist, Modlinski, who plays bass, rhythm and lead guitarist Ara Kach of Wyandotte, drummer Gary Ball of Garden City and lead singer Dino Johnson of Dearborn. The band is one of four finalists in the contest being sponsored by FOX 2, DTE Energy Music Theater

PICK THE WINNER

You can see portions of today's live performances by AYNTTELYN, GBMI, The Pony Express and Helicon - online at www.myFOXDetroit.com beginning Monday, Sept. 15.

The online voting starts Monday and runs through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Voting will be limited to one vote per e-mail address per hour. Voting must be manual. No bots or other automated voting is allowed.

The grand prize winner will share the stage with Lynyrd Skynyrd on Sunday, Sept. 21 at the DTE Energy Music Theater. That band also will perform live on FOX 2 News Weekend and receive 20 tickets to the concert.

You can also get more information about AYNTTELYN on their Web site at www.myspace.com

and the Metro Music Expo. The grand prize winner will

be the opening act for Lynyrd Skynyrd at the DTE theater.

Some 80 bands submitted a photo and original song for the contest and an online vote narrowed the field to the four finalists - AYNTTELYN, GBMI, The Pony Express and Helicon. Those four bands are performing live 15-20-minute sets, beginning at noon today (Sept. 14), at the Metro Music Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. AYNTTELYN will take to the stage at 1:15 p.m.

One song by each band will be videotaped and put on the FOX 2 Web site where people will have from Monday, Sept. 15, through Thursday, Sept. 18, to vote for their favorite band.

The band is leaving nothing to chance and is sticking with its signature song, AYNTTELYN, with words by Modlinski with music by Couch, for the video.

"If it ain't broke, no reason to fix it," said Modlinski about sticking with the song. "It's the one we used for the CD and it worked."

This is the first time the band has entered a FOX Rocks

contest. Modlinski submit the photograph of the band and CD just two days before the Aug. 14 deadline.

"It was like what the heck, let's enter, and if it works out, we'll be playing for Lynyrd Skynyrd," said Modlinski. "That's what we started with. We love to play that stuff."

In fact, Couch and Modlinski describe the band's music as rock'n'roll with a southern rock influence, a sort of "Aerosmith meets Lynyrd Skynyrd."

"I was learning Lynyrd Skynyrd's music when their plane went down in 1977," said Couch. "It broke my heart."

The band wants to win the contest for Couch who has been diagnosed with level 4 glioblastoma. He is now undergoing radiation and chemotherapy after doctors removed a cancerous tumor the size of a tennis ball from his brain last month.

"I'm writing better than ever and playing better than ever and I've only been out of the hospital a month," Couch said with a laugh. "The doctor thinks I'm a miracle because



Members of AYNTTELYN include lead guitarist Bill Couch of Westland, bass player Gary Modlinski of Garden City, rhythm and lead guitarist Ara Kach of Wyandotte, drummer Gary Ball of Garden City and lead singer Dino Johnson of Dearborn.

I wanted to leave the hospital the day after surgery, but I couldn't because I had these tubes hanging out of my head."

Even though he is battling cancer, Couch says he and his band mates are ready to "walk out on the stage, do the job and walk off." He's hoping it's good enough to make his dream come true.

"I saw a shooting star the other night and when you see one, you're suppose to make a

wish," he said. "I did."

Modlinski believes the contest and the chance to open up for Lynyrd Skynyrd has helped his friend, it has given him something to look forward to.

"I don't know how long he has to live, but this has helped," he said.

"And winning would be absolutely huge."

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GAS

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Thursday, standing in the Mobil parking lot with business development officer Kathy Hurt.

Postal clerk Sherri Neal, a 40-year-old Belleville resident, stopped at the Westland station on her way home from a Detroit hair salon. She had heard news reports about the gas discounts, and she spent \$40.25 filling up her 2008 Ford Fusion.

"I think it's beautiful," she

said. "I wish the stations would do this more often. The last time I filled up, it cost me \$52."

The credit union earlier offered similar programs at the Mobil station at Five Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia and at the BP station at Michigan Avenue and Mason Street in Dearborn. Next up, fuel discounts, all starting at 11 a.m., will be offered Sept. 18 at the Marathon station at 1101 Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, Sept. 24 at the Marathon at 18060 Allen Road in Melvindale, and Sept. 27 at the Mobil at

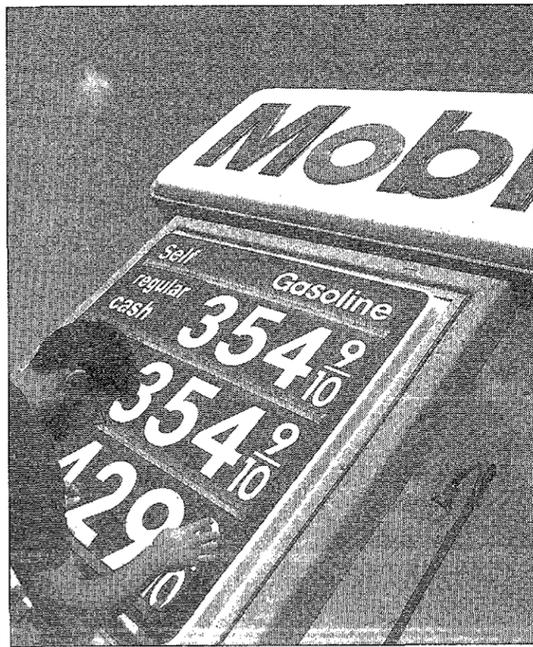
Fort Street and Pennsylvania Road in Riverview.

For more information, visit the credit union's Web site at www.cscu.org, stop by a local branch or call (800) 321-8570.

In Westland, meanwhile, Mobil employee Fakhar Murshid worked quickly as customers came in to pay for their discounted fuel.

"I'm just excited," he said. "It's never happened here before, but it's good. It helps out the customers and the community."

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Mobil station employee Fakhar Murshid reduces the price of gas at the Westland station.

Police catch robbery suspect in Dearborn

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A man suspected of robbing a bank branch on Westland's southeast side was in custody Friday in Dearborn following a similar incident in that city, police said.

The suspect was captured after a white male wearing a hoodie and sunglasses robbed the Best Bank branch inside the Kroger store near the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road, police Lt. Dan Karrick said.

The incident happened shortly before 3:30 p.m. Thursday, and the man was captured several hours later following a similar incident inside a Kroger store in Dearborn, Karrick said.

A man went inside the Westland store, handed a note to a bank teller and ordered her to "put all the money in a bag," Karrick said.

"He insinuated he had a weapon," the lieutenant said. "The teller gave him the money, and he ran out the door."

No shots were fired and no one was injured. The man escaped with an undisclosed amount of money, but Karrick said it was believed most of the cash was retrieved.

The suspect fled the Westland scene on foot and was sought for several hours before authorities captured him in Dearborn.

The suspect was likely facing charges of bank robbery in Westland.

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For more information, call Carol Baker, president/director of the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program at (734) 673-7923.

Play audition
Inspire Theatre will hold auditions for Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians* 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 15-16, at 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

For an expanded version of Around Westland, visit our online edition at hometownlife.com and click on the Westland home page.

Cafe brings Mideast flavor to mall

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Feras Ghader, 33, has owned the Mrs. Fields cookie franchise in Westland Shopping Center for four years.

"Everybody asks for new food," said Ghader, who has opened his Mid East Cafe in the mall at Wayne and Warren roads late last year. "I know everybody loves Middle Eastern food."

The Dearborn Heights resident was enjoying some tasty fare on a recent Friday night at his Mid East Cafe, which is in a short hallway near Subway, in the mall area by Macy's.

In the Muslim observance of Ramadan, it is customary to fast until sundown, so Ghader was having his evening meal.

"I'm Lebanese," he said. "We have great food."

He pointed to the menu's hommous, tabbouli salad, shish kebab, chicken shawarma and other favorites. The current slow economy has affected business at the eatery, but he gets a lot of repeat business



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mid East Cafe cook Eddie Assia stands below the eatery's menu. Located in Westland Shopping Center, the restaurant offers a variety of Middle Eastern food.

and shoppers from the mall. Enjoying her chicken shawarma salad was Anita Mance of Garden City, who was dining

with her aunt Leti Myftiu, also of Garden City. Mance, a first-time diner, said "It's good" of her dinner and "Oh, yeah, for

sure" she'll be back. Her family also owns a local restaurant.

Ghader has been getting the word out through promotions like free kids' dining days Sundays and coupons distributed around Westland.

"Everybody knows about the Middle Eastern food. It's health food, it's good for you," he said. He's added to the menu since opening around last Christmas.

"We have a big menu," said Ghader, whose family includes his wife and a son, 5, and daughter, almost 2.

The food comes "mostly from Dearborn," the owner said. He's fortunate to have the services of cook Eddie Assia, 62, of Dearborn. Assia owned a restaurant for 15 years and has some 34 years of experience in the business.

"When somebody comes in and tries it they love it," Assia said. He cited the chicken shawarma, fattoush (garden vegetables, herbs and toasted pita), hommous and fried kibbie (meat, onions and pine nuts

filled in a shell of ground meat mixed with cracked wheat).

"It's very healthy food," said Assia, also citing the grape leaves with lamb or veggies, along with meat and spinach pies.

The restaurant also serves burgers and some other American fare.

"Doesn't matter who they are

they come back for it," Assia said of the burgers.

The eatery uses all halal meat, including chicken, suitable for Muslims.

"We have the falafel also," Assia said of the patties of garbanzo and fava beans blended with parsley, onions, garlic and cilantro. "People like vegetarian food."

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Lindsey Grudnicki of Westland recently attended the 2008 Congressional Academy for American History and Civic, held in Washington, D.C., during June and July.

Offered free of charge through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the program included day trips to Philadelphia and Gettysburg, visits to the National Archives, a meeting with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a tour of the Library of Congress and visit to Arlington National Cemetery.

The students also participat-

ed in a debate on liberty, security and presidential power as part of the program.

Rebecca Lobb, a student at St. Dunstan School in Garden City, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum.

The daughter of Cindy and Daniel Lobb, she will join a group of students in Washington, D.C., Sept. 15-21 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent memorials and institutions.

Lobb was nominated and accepted the honor based on

her outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

Adam Hein of Westland has been named to the Dean's list for spring semester at Central Michigan University. Hein, who completed all his classes at CMU this spring, is finishing a summer internship. He will graduate in December with a bachelor of applied arts degree with a major in sports studies and a minor in business administration/athletic coaching.

Named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the spring-summer 2008 term at Madonna University were Westland residents Gena Aird, Hadi Albarchini, Anthony Borowski, Marie Bowles, Jaclyn Brandt, Kevin Buchan, Kristin Campanella, Lindsay

Caswell, JoAnn Conner, Emily Coombs, Phillip Dougher, Kimberly Hagelthorn, Latrice Henry, Joseph Horka, Jacqueline Hubert, Jacquelynn Jones, Amy Lipan, Kathleen McGowan, Charles Meyers, Jennifer O'Brien, Emil Pando, Christopher Peplinski, Eligio Reyes, Catherine Rivera, Nicole Schefsky, Katherine Scott-Marti, Jody White, Melissa Wilson and Pamela Wood.

Garden City residents named to Madonna's Dean's List included Sara Bourgojn, Samantha Domingue, Natalie Makulski, Cara Skiver, Carrie Spears, Leanne Sula and Tara Trey.

Keely Mog a sophomore at Northwood University received the Zehnder Hotel and Restaurant Management Award during the annual Honors Convocation in

April. The award is named in honor of Eddie Zehnder of Frankenmuth who is contributor in energy and money to the hotel and restaurant management program at the university.

The award is presented to a two-year graduate of the management program with academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and potential success in the field.

Mog is the daughter of David and Lillian Mog of Westland.

Shannon Krushlin is serving as an interior design intern at Kingscott Associates during her senior year at Western Michigan University. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland.

Kingscott is an architectural/engineering firm that specializes in design of educational facilities. Krushlin is one of five interns working

at Kingscott. During her time with the company, she has learned that real projects have real budgets and that actual field work is more exciting than studying and planning.

Samantha Evans of Hamilton Elementary School in Westland was among 250 middle school students from around the country to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Nomination to attend the six-day program based on scholastic merit, maturity and strength of character. She sold candy bars, raffled off tickets for a Wii and Wii Fit to help pay the more than \$1,850 cost to attend the conference which included visits to museums and monuments, a sleepover in the interactive Maryland Science Center and a visit to the White House.

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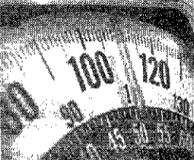
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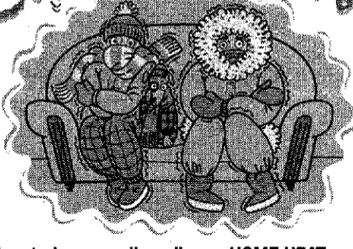
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Cox issues warning on auction rate securities

Attorney General Mike Cox recently issued a warning for Michigan investors who have purchased an investment product known as Auction Rate Securities (ARS) and are unable to fully access their funds. Cox began investigating ARS investments in May 2008 after receiving complaints from consumers.

"Investors need to have confidence in our financial system, and that includes providing promised liquidity to consumers who purchased Auction Rate Securities," said Cox. "I am committed to protecting Michigan citizens from losing their hard-earned money. Today's announcement serves as an alert to Michigan citizens who may have invested in Auction Rate Securities to contact the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation if they believe their investment was misrepresented to them."

The sales practices related to ARS securities are currently

the focus of a multi-state task force that includes Michigan. The investigation into ARS practices is continuing and has already yielded numerous nationwide settlements with broker-dealers, including: Merrill Lynch; Morgan Stanley; UBS; JP Morgan Chase; Citigroup; and Wachovia Securities.

Cox urges any investors who have purchased ARS securities from any source to contact the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) to register their complaint. OFIR, by statute, is the securities regulator for the State of Michigan, and is working in conjunction with the Attorney General's office on resolving this issue.

OFIR will share all complaints with the Attorney General's office, and forward complaints to the North American Securities Administration Association (NASAA). OFIR may be contacted by calling (877) 999-6442 or visiting www.

michigan.gov/ofir.

Earlier this year, the ARS market experienced numerous failures and collapsed. The market failure prevented investors who had purchased ARS securities from accessing their funds. Since the ARS failures, the Attorney General's office has received numerous complaints from investors. In many cases, investors have complained that they were misled about the nature of ARS securities, and not provided with relevant information. In particular, many investors report that they were informed that ARS securities were a liquid "money market" type investment that was suitable for such things as short-term cash reserves. These investors often purchased ARS securities with short-term cash funds, which then could not be accessed.

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BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At one time or another most drivers have gotten into a little fender bender, backed into a fence post or had something else occur that did body damage to their automobile. Getting the ding, dent or scratch repaired can sometimes be an inconvenience, because the car must be dropped off at a body shop and can sometimes take days to get back.

There is an alternative. Collision on Wheels brings the body shop to you. The company can fix dents, scratches and make minor collision repairs right in your own driveway.

"Instead of having your car in a body shop for four or five days, we'll come out and be done in 3-4 hours," said Jeff Olle, a former Canton resident, who is a regional operations director with the company. "We do football-size dents or smaller, and we can fix 2-3 panels of a car at one time."

The company also replaces mirrors, fenders, and headlights, but they don't do any repairs on hoods or roofs.

Louis Mancina and John Maio founded the Warren-based company in 1987. Since then it has grown dramatically and there are now 45 franchise locations spread throughout 29 states, including one that services western Wayne County, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, and is managed by Rob White. He can be contacted at (866) 402-DENT.

According to Olle, another advantage of using Collision on Wheels is that they can also come to your business, and do the repair work while you work.

"That's so they don't have



Jeff Olle, a 1988 Salem High graduate and former Canton resident, is regional operations director for Collision on Wheels.



Lennie Rutkowski, who grew up in Garden City, works on the bumper of a Saturn under one of the inflatable garages that Collision on Wheels takes on the road.

to take a day off work - the boss appreciates that," said Olle, who is a 1988 Salem High graduate. "We're not necessarily cheaper than a

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Olle says poor weather or

paint over spray are never problems because the company brings out an inflatable garage and does all the work under its protective surroundings.

According to Lenny Rutkowski, a technical manager, the company also specializes in doing work on lease vehicles that need to be turned in, and might have the kind of blemishes that the car companies will charge for.

"We know what the lease companies are looking for - what you can get away with, what you can't get away with," said Rutkowski, who grew up in Garden City and formerly owned Lenny's Body Shop in Redford for 23 years.

All work performed by Collision on Wheels has a lifetime warranty. For more information about the company, visit www.collisiononwheels.com or call (866) 402-DENT.

Greenpeace: Where green living started

On Sept. 15, 1971, 12 Canadian members of the newly formed organization Greenpeace set sail in an effort to stop the U.S. from setting off a nuclear bomb on a small island in the Pacific Ocean near the Arctic Circle by anchoring their boat in the testing zone.

The bitter cold and dwindling food supplies forced them to turn back, but thanks to the daily reports sent to newspapers and radio stations, by the time they returned home (unsuccessfully, they thought) public sympathy had enabled money to be collected for a better boat and 400 people had volunteered to be crew members.

The new boat was still 700 miles away from the test site when the U.S. detonated the bomb, but the public outcry was so huge that within three months the island was abandoned as a testing site and turned into a bird sanctuary. Now, more than 30 years later, Greenpeace has offices in more than 30 countries.

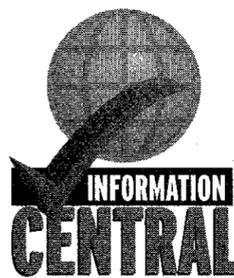
To find out more about one of the leading environmental protection agencies, read "The Greenpeace Story" by Michael Brown and John May. Younger readers may want to look at "Greenpeace" by Paul Brown. More information can also be found online at www.greenpeace.org.

For people looking to do more than read about Greenpeace and the environment, there are tons of books that can be found at the library. Among the newest additions are "Living like Ed" by Ed Begley Jr., "Endangered Earth" published by Scientific American, "True Green @ Work: 100 Ways you Can Make the Environment Your Business" and "Green Chic: Saving the Earth in Style."

Please come by the library for any of the books listed above or to see some of the other ones we have to offer. You might be surprised how easy it is to make a difference.

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Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Sept. 16.

Join us as we discuss "Abundance" by Sena Jeter Naslund. Marie Antoinette was a child of 14 when her mother arranged for her to leave her family and her country to become the wife of the 15-year-old future King of France. Please read the book before the meeting. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

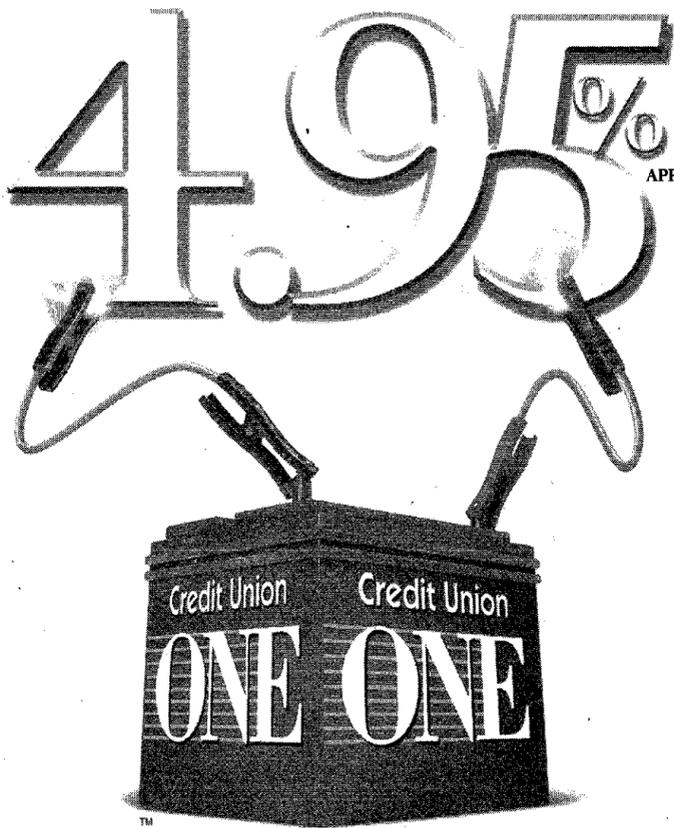
All are welcome.
20s/30s Book Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

Join us as we talk about "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer. Oskar Schell is nine-years-old when his father is killed at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

"Welcome to the Sixties": 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

An overview of 1960's history and culture with Dr. Heidi Arizzone, an assistant professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame and a visiting assistant professor of history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Information Central was compiled by Bridget Sturdy, young adult librarian at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



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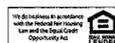
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OCC conference focuses on AD/HD

The ninth annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) is scheduled for Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

The conference is again sponsored by Michigan Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD), Oakland Community College and the Michael Golds Memorial Fund.

"We are pleased to be recognized as Metro Detroit's premier conference on AD/HD," said OCC Counselor Mary Jo

Schuster, one of the conference coordinators. "This year we have expanded our presentations to 20 different sections by national and area experts on every aspect of the impact of AD/HD on individuals and their families."

Keynote speaker will be Yvonne Pennington, Ph.D., speaking on "Raising Amazing Kids to Adulthood Even if One Has AD/HD". Her son Ty Pennington is the star of ABC's hit show "Extreme Makeover Home Edition".

The conference is designed for physicians, therapists, educators, social workers, students, adults with AD/HD and their family members.

Topics will include Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Adults with AD/HD; Ten Steps to Better Career Decisions; Accessing AD/HD in Minority Groups; Knowing the Facts of Your Life with AD/HD in Planning for College and Success in the Real World; Survival Tips for Women with AD/HD; Neurobiology of AD/HD; Your Defiant Teen; and School District Responsibilities Regarding Students with AD/HD.

Pennington will conduct a session entitled Unveiling the Underlying Issues of AD/HD and What to Do About Them.

The annual OCC event honors the memory of the late

Michael Golds who struggled with AD/HD. He was academically successful for the first time upon enrolling at age 30 at Oakland Community College. Golds graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University and was in his second year of graduate school in Florida when he died in a tragic accident.

His parents, Barbara and the late Jack Golds of West

Bloomfield, established a memorial fund at OCC for an annual symposium to help others understand and better cope with the impact of AD/HD on their lives. Dr. Jack Golds, 74, passed away July 30.

General admission for the conference includes lunch. It is \$59 before Sept. 15 or \$75 at the door.

Early registration guarantees a luncheon spot. Students

presenting ID will be admitted for \$30.

For a detailed conference description see the CHADD Web site: www.chaddmi.com. For registration information call Marie Faulkner at (248) 522-3645.

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Unicycle builder stands 'em tall

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sem Abrahams was in his native Suriname reading a comic strip in which the main character couldn't afford a whole bicycle and bought a unicycle.

Abrahams never forgot that comic strip.

One day a few years later, he purchased one on a family trip to the Netherlands and taught himself how to ride.

"Afterward, my father decided to try building a taller one from a bicycle," Abrahams said. "A friend of ours noticed and said the record in the Guinness Book of World Records was 20 feet."

That was 1975 and Abrahams and his father agreed they could beat that record, so they started building one 25 feet tall. They were set to call the people at Guinness when they got a newer copy of the book and

found out they were off the mark by more than 10 feet. It was back to the drawing board to create a 45-foot tall unicycle in 1976. In 2004, they decided to go for a record that would be extremely hard to beat.

That year, they rented the Pontiac Silverdome and Abrahams rode his 114.8-foot tall unicycle far enough Jan. 29, 2004, to prove he had it under control — 28 feet. The aluminum cycle was lashed together with steel wires for structural strength.

It's hard to say how much the cycle cost; the raw materials were somewhere in the \$20,000 range, but the engineering work was done for free. The entire cost was underwritten by the crane company that made the guide-wire system they used for safety.

Since that Silverdome appearance, the cycle sits in pieces in the Abrahamses' garage.



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Although it sits dismantled, Sem Abrahams of Livonia holds the wheel that was used in the 114.8-foot unicycle he rode in 2004, setting the world record for tallest unicycle ever ridden.



Sem Abrahams of Livonia rides one of his designs.

"There's talk in Suriname about bringing it there for a public event," Abrahams said. "There's also some talk about recreating the stunt in the Netherlands."

Dozens of bikes of all kinds also are inside the garage, including 1800s-era boneshakers to a motorcycle — a one-wheeled motorcycle where the driver sits *within* the wheel.

Sem, along with his wife, Teresa, started Semicycle out of their home. The business was started 25 years ago when it became easier to build unicycles to Sem's exacting specifications rather than try to purchase them from retailers. They're stronger, and rugged enough to use for mountain biking, Abrahams said.

But while tall unicycles thrill the people who compile world records, the big project at the Abrahams household is Cirque Amongus, the couple's

educational enrichment business.

"We teach circus arts to people," Teresa said. "We do everything from birthday parties to corporate functions."

The couple will go to a school (or corporate retreat) for a whole day to teach circus skills like unicycle, juggling, magic, tight wire, stilts, etc. Participants learn a skill, practice it, and then participate in a circus at the end of the day complete with face painting and carnival music.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween haunting
Come, if you dare, to "A Victorian Haunting Experience" at Wyandotte's Ford MacNichol Home/Wyandotte Museum at 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 25-26. Experience a Halloween Party with a Victorian feel at, hear local ghost stories and learn ghost hunting how to's. There also will be a paranormal investigation and a séance at the event 6-10 p.m. Oct. 25, and 4-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Afterwards, Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett and Paranormal Investigator Amy Williamson, the hosts, will take guests to a local cemetery for "Tombstone Tales." "A Victorian Haunting Experience" will be held tickets are \$40 per person through Oct. 1 and \$50 per person thereafter. Tickets for "Tombstone Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online at www.kristyrobinett.com.

Enrollment
Registration is now being accepted for the fall for preschool 3-year-olds and kindergarten through eighth-grade at St. Damian School, 29891 Joy, Westland. Call parish office at (734) 421-6130 for more information. Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into our Parent/Tot, Young 3's, three-year and 4-year programs. Willow Creek is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 326-0078.

Amateur radio training
Interested in amateur radio? The Garden City Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an 11-week beginner's class for the technician license. Classes will meet 7-9 p.m. Oct. 6 through Dec. 8 at the Cambridge Center, on Cambridge east of Middlebelt in Garden City. The final week of class will be the FCC license exam. No prior knowledge or experience is required, but a personal computer with Windows 98 or Windows XP is strongly recommended. Morse code is no longer required for any amateur license, but an optional code class also will be offered and will run concurrently with the technician class. For further information contact Fred Comps, K8KUZ, at (734) 261-6441 or k8kuz@aol.com.

Charity casino opens
If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the hottest game in town, the Canton Charity Casino, Western Wayne County's only charity poker room is coming to the Shark Club on Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday. The Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Custom tables and equipment, trained dealers, and a professional staff all lend itself to the gaming experience. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.). The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to spokertb@gmail.com.

YMCA Mom to Mom
The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom to Mom sale from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Schoolcraft and Lyndon. Proceeds to benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids program. Admission is \$1; strollers allowed after 4 p.m. Bake sale, hot dogs and nachos for purchase.

Free seminars
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Take a natural approach to a healthier, new you. The presentation will teach the audience about natural means of improving or even correcting these problems. This no charge workshop, however, seating is limited to the first 15 callers. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Dr. William H. Karl, a certified Brimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about "Harvest Time In Michigan: Time For You To Go Organic?" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. Karl will explain why it is important to your health to begin switching to organic foods. Find out which foods are the most important



Wish You Were Here

Adam the horse was very obliging to let Don and Edna Venturino pose with him and their Westland Observer in Frankenmuth for Wish You Were Here. The couple was in Frankenmuth to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Westland Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

to buy organic, what the experts are saying about the differences between organic and non-organic, among other things. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization serving the community since 1985 promoting natural and preventative health care. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve a seat.

Class reunion
Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and open bar (casual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempien) at (734) 729-6783, '83- Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-1303 or '84- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A non-profit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS

Sts. Peter & Paul
Crafters are wanted for the 20th annual arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 22, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia (734) 522-9653.

St. Theodore
The St. Theodore's CCW will hold its annual Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the parish social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free, and table rental is available for \$25. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) for rental information.

St. Sebastian
Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call

Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendor for its craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 20700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.

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.

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) 458-5005.

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.

EDUCATION

St. Raphael
St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extracurricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers religion class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and bussing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the Web site at www.straphael-gc.org.

St. Damian
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.

Wellness programs focus on health

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Sept. 15
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Childbirth Education (second of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Learn coping techniques like breathing, relaxation and massage, pain management options and stages of labor. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Sept. 16
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week ses-

ion is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

Wednesday, Sept. 17
Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

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

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

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

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Yoga (third of four classes) at 7 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital.

Friday, Sept. 19
Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Garden City Hospital Presents Men's Health: Prostate Cancer Screening Day 8-11 a.m. Garden City Hospital will offer prostate exams by specialty physicians and laboratory screening. The physician examination is free of charge. There is a fee of \$8 for lab testing, which includes PSA, cholesterol and testosterone. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4330.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction September 16, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: Have you ever heard of a fund called the Quaker Growth Fund? What do you think about it?
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of company. In addition, the portfolio manager can invest as much or as little as he/she wants in any sector of the economy, thus the funds management team tends to invest heavily in a few sectors. This fund is not as diversified as other funds because it is invested in fewer sectors than the typical fund and it holds a very limited number of stocks within its portfolio. The portfolio manager

team can also keep a substantial amount of money in cash. At the end of June, the portfolio had more than 20 percent cash in the portfolio. The fund has had a very solid track record for the last 10 years. Because the fund has substantial turnover in its portfolio, I recommend purchasing it within an IRA portfolio. The reason is when a fund has substantial turnover

there tends to be greater tax consequences. I should also note that the fund does have a 5.5 percent commission and has high management fees. However, even taking the fees into consideration, the fund has had very solid performance. Because of the way the fund is managed and the fact that it is not diversified, I recommend it for someone

who wants to be moderately aggressive to aggressive and for a small portion of a portfolio.

Q: Dear Rick: I have a revocable trust which names my three children as beneficiaries. All my assets are in my trust except for checking and savings accounts which are co-owned with my children. If one of my children gets divorced, can the ex-spouse sue for any of these assets?

A: The money in your revocable trust — at this point — is not at risk. Your children are the beneficiaries of the trust and have no ownership interest. Therefore, if one of your children gets divorced, their spouse would have no claim on the assets in your trust.

It is a different issue when it comes to the money in your checking and savings account. The money in your checking and saving account is in your name and in the name of your children. Therefore, if one of your children does get divorced, it is possible a portion of the money would be at risk.

Although your argument would be you reported all the tax consequences on the money and your children's names were on the account for convenience purposes only, it is possible they could go after some of the money. It would be unusual, but not beyond the realm of possibility.

I recommend if you keep a substantial amount of money in your savings account, re-title the account into the name of your trust. By doing this, you would eliminate any possibility the money would be subject to any sort of divorce proceedings.

In addition, give your children the right, pursuant to a power of attorney, to access the checking account, but not as co-owners. There is a difference between being a co-owner and being an additional signatory.

Q: Dear Rick: I read with interest your article in the Aug. 31 Observer & Eccentric regarding inheriting an IRA. If my IRA is all "tax-deferred," will my heirs have to pay the deferred taxes when inheriting this money?

A: Yes, unless the money is a Roth IRA. When anyone inherits a traditional IRA, the money is subject to income taxes. You do not necessarily have to pay the taxes in one lump sum, as there are different methods a beneficiary could use to spread the tax out over a number of years. However, that money is subject to income taxes.

The one exception is a Roth IRA. When you inherit a Roth IRA, there is no income tax.

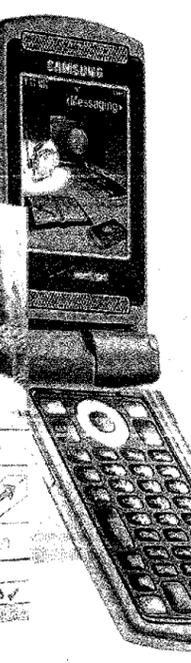
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OUR VIEWS

Have take-charge approach to numbers in local economy

The numbers should be of no surprise to anyone. Office and commercial vacancy rates in southeast Michigan are high and, in some cases, are expected to grow.

Even in Troy, where local officials dispute figures released by companies that track such things, the numbers are substantial. The office vacancy rate is 18.76 percent.

"That's huge," said Brian Murphy, Troy's assistant manager for economic development.

Also facing the impact of a tough economy is Livonia, where office vacancy rates are slated at 20-22 percent.

The impact of problems in the auto industry is hitting hard in both towns. Industrial vacancies are at a rate of 11.81 percent in Troy and 10 percent in Livonia.

They aren't alone. Southfield is reporting an overall vacancy rate of 18 percent and Farmington Hills a rate of 14.32 percent.

But if you think it's just bigger cities made up of offices and industrial complexes that are having problems, you'd be wrong.

The Rochester Downtown Development Authority is reporting an office vacancy rate of 11 percent and a retail rate of 8 percent.

Even in Birmingham, the impact of the economy is being felt. The vacancy rate is reported currently at 5 percent, and expected to grow to 7-8 percent.

While that news, culled from different sources, appears to be a lot of doom and gloom, there is a hopeful story that goes beyond what the numbers seem to imply.

"A lot of vacancies are going up in key communities," said Dennis Toffolo, a deputy Oakland County executive. "But at the same time, we're finding a lot of investors are coming into the county and buying buildings."

Toffolo has some numbers of his own. He heads the county's Emerging Sectors program, which targets business in such areas as information technology, health care and alternative energy.

"We've had more activity in the last three months than in the past two years," he said.

But his numbers also show that the highest vacancy rates are found in the small office building market.

There are some lessons to be learned in all of this. First, numbers are important, but they don't tell the whole story.

Second, if you build it, they — investors and industries — will come. That means some small office buildings and small industrial shops may have to be redeveloped.

Perhaps the most important lesson of all is that, if we want to improve the economy in Michigan, we'll have to do more than just look at numbers.

Culinary Extravaganza features area's best foods

Since I've switched from editing Feature sections to the news sections of the Livonia and Redford Observer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, it's been an adjustment for me in getting used to new deadlines and new staff. It isn't a drastic one, because I worked in news for almost 15 years before going to Features.



Ken Abramczyk

One of the perks of working in the Features sections was covering the Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

And now that I'm editing the news section for that community, I'd like to take the liberty to expand on that event. Now in its 17th year, it proceeds help support scholarships for Schoolcraft students. This year it is, scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the VisTaTech Center.

The event represents a

Who's Who of the school's culinary graduates, some of the best chefs in metro Detroit.

Year after year Schoolcraft's culinary graduates return to "give something back" to the college to support scholarships. The graduates range from Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's of Novi to Randy Emert of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Chef Brian Polcyn, chef/owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and the recently opened Forest Grill in Birmingham and co-author of *Charcuterie, The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*, a James Beard-nominated book, often presents some of that charcuterie namely his chicken sausage, also highlighted in the book. Then there's The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin, owned by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, who along with Polcyn teaches at Schoolcraft.

Kelli Lewton, owner and chef at Pure Food 2 U in Royal Oak and food instructor, is another graduate of the

program. Holiday Catering & Cooking School in Royal Oak is led by Stacy Sloan, another graduate. Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events, an expanded operation at Joe's Produce in Livonia, has hired several Schoolcraft graduates in producing upscale carryout dinners, desserts and other foods.

All of these restaurants, bakeries, catering services and carryouts will be presenting food at the extravaganza.

There are other fine restaurants at the event, too. Bacco Ristorante in Southfield will feature its fine Italian cooking, and LaBistecca Italian Grille in Livonia often serves its tremendous Piedmontese beef tenderloin (one of my favorites) with its rich peppery flavor at this event. Matt Prentice's No. VI Chop House in Novi and Zingerman's Bakehouse in Ann Arbor also are part of the star-studded lineup.

Of course, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, the restaurant where culinary students sharpen their knives and skills, will

feature its usual lineup of fine pastries and entrees under the guidance of instructors like Shawn Loving, Marcus Haight, Joe Decker and Dan Hugelier.

Schoolcraft is a culinary cornerstone of the community and it is reflected in this star-studded lineup of food samplings. Where else can you go to sample these great culinary delicacies from restaurants and pastry shops? Beverages, including wines and beer, will be served (you must be 21 to attend.)

It's a great event to taste great foods, and the money goes to a wonderful cause.

The 17th annual Culinary Extravaganza is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the VisTaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

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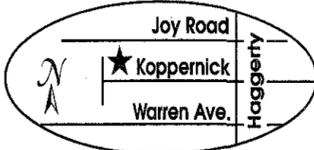
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Trojans whack Harper Woods in Metro showdown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Clarenceville passed its first real litmus test in the Metro Conference football race Friday, breaking away from a 14-all first-quarter deadlock to beat host Harper Woods in a battle of unbeaten, 30-14.

Clarenceville, led by Levonte Brooks' 164 yards rushing and three touchdowns, improves to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Metro. "It was a huge win for us," said Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish,

whose team had 305 total yards. "The big thing coming off of last season is that we'd play a great half, but couldn't finish off the game. Tonight we kept coming and reacting, and did not flinch. We've come a long way in that category."

Brooks scored on a 6-yard TD run in the opening quarter, but Harper Woods' Terrance Hartfield counter with a 47-yard scoring run.

Quarterback Darryl Whitaker put the Trojans up 14-7 with a 1-yard TD run, but Hartfield returned the ensuing kick-off 60 yards for a score to make it 14-all.

"I was holding my breath every time he (Hartfield) touched the ball," Irish said.

In the second quarter, Clarenceville took control as Brooks scored on a 40-yard run and added a 43-yard TD with 36 seconds left in the half after Harper Woods was called for roughing the passer.

Clarenceville also made a key stop on fourth-and-4 at their own 15 during the second quarter.

After a scoreless third period, Clarenceville fumbled at the Harper Woods 1, but came up with a two-point safety thanks to Anthony Page's sack.

Senior linebacker Jeremy Gainer led the Clarenceville defense with nine tackles, while Ben Watts added five, along with an interception in the final quarter.

Branson Williams had a game-high 18 tackles for Harper Woods, now 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Metro.

Clarenceville goes for four in a row Friday at home in a Metro Conference clash against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. Game time is 7 p.m.

"The next three weeks are going to be crucial," said Irish, whose team is coming off a 1-8 season.

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Signings

Cieslak honored

Northwood University junior Kylen Cieslak (Livonia Churchill) was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's cross country runner of the week as announced by the conference office.

Cieslak ran a personal-best time of 18:07 in a 5,000-meter race at the Northwood Open. In her first race of the season, Cieslak won the event by more than two minutes and set a personal best by more than 20 seconds.

She became Northwood's first track and field All-America 1987 during the 2008 outdoor season in the 3,000-meter run.

MU spikers rally

Lubovj Tihomirova had 21 kills and Whitney Fuelling added 15 to lead the Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 21-25, 21-25, 25-18, 25-21, 15-12 win Friday night at the University of Findlay (Ohio).

Amanda Koszela and Bryn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) added 14 and 10 digs, respectively, while setter Inta Grinvalds had 39 assists for the Blazers, now 14-1 overall.

Findlay (7-4) got 14 kills from Erin Thomasson.

On Thursday, St. Clair Community College dropped visiting Schoolcraft College in three games, 25-15, 25-15, 25-22, to improve to 10-4 overall and 5-0 in the MCCA-Eastern Conference.

The Lady Ocelots fall 9-4 and 6-1.

Blazers win, 1-0

Senior Leah Malm scored the game-winning goal during the first half off an assist from Jamie Benaglio as Livonia Ladywood gained a 1-0 Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League cross-over triumph Thursday over visiting Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Junior goalie Marissa Ellwood made four saves to earn the shut-out for the Blazers, a Division III team now 2-1-1 overall.

The loss drops the Yellow Jackets to 1-1-2 overall.

Rockets orbit past Churchill

Langford leads 26-0 win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

After two weeks of frustration, Westland John Glenn got its offense untracked and gave new coach Tim Hardin his first win Friday night with a convincing 26-0 triumph over host Livonia Churchill.

The Rockets dominated from start-to-finish in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division opener by rolling up 411 yards rushing - led by Jeremy Langford's 183 yards on 26 carries.

The performance was a far cry from Glenn's season-opening losses to Waterford Mott and Pinckney where the Rockets could muster only a mere six points.

"It was not only the blocking, we did a lot of things better," Hardin said. "We're still a very, very young team, but things are starting to click. It's a brand new coach and it's taken awhile to where we need to go."

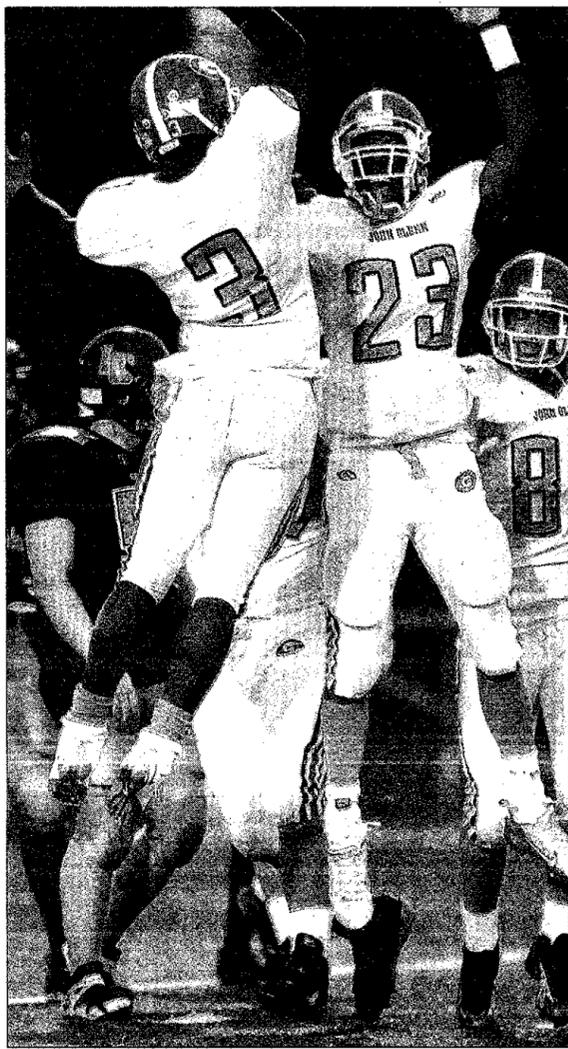
There were only a total of five series in the opening half - three by Glenn and two by Churchill.

The Rockets took the ball from their own 20 and march to the Glenn 24, only to be stopped by a pair of costly penalties.

Glenn's Kyle Merritt thwarted Churchill's first drive with an interception at his own 25 with 1:47 left in the first quarter.

The Rockets then drove 75 yards in nine plays on their next series capped by Langford's 26-yard touchdown run with 9:26 remaining in the first half.

Churchill stalled out at the Glenn 39 at its next series. And to add insult to injury, starting quarterback Grant Morgan, trying a run up the



John Glenn quarterback Jerome Scales (3) and running back Jeremy Langford (23) celebrate their second-quarter touchdown in a 26-0 win Friday at Livonia Churchill.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patriot 'picks' sparks 44-24 rout of Zebras

Livonia Franklin's high-powered offense continued its early-season assault with a 44-24 football win Friday night at Wayne Memorial in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division opener for both teams.

The Patriots, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA-South, bolted to a 35-3 halftime lead and took advantage of four Wayne turnovers to keep the Zebras winless.

Franklin led 28-0 after one quarter with Chris Van'luyt scoring on a 13-yard run; Connor Leidal's 98-yard interception return; quarterback Mark McRobb's 22-yard run (followed by Mike Baumgardner's two-point run); and McRobb's 80-yard pass to Baumgardner (followed by Mike Gadsby two-point run).

In the second quarter, Robert Ring's 65-yard interception return and subsequent extra point made it 35-0 before Wayne's Jesse Dorow booted a 27-yard field goal. (He was also 3-for-3 on extra points.)

"Defensively those were two interception returns were big for us," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team is averaging 41 points per game. "We did what we wanted to do, which was shuffle guys and keep guys fresh."

In the third quarter, Baumgardner scored on a 5-yard touchdown run and the Patriots got a two-point safety after a snap from center on Wayne punt attempt sailed out of the end zone.

Wayne scored three times to close out the game - quarterback Nick Mills on a 3-yard run; Richard Haley on a 36-yard option pitch; and Ashton Smith on a 2-yard run (following his own 79-yard run).

Wayne actually outgained the Patriots in total offense, 354-325. Haley had 101 yards on 17 carries. The Zebras connected on 7-of-19 passes for 118 yards. McRobb was 4-of-6 passing for 124 yards. Baumgardner had all four catches and rushed for 104 yards to lead Franklin.

Zeroed in



Wayne Memorial's No. 2 singles player Brandon Harnos gets ready to bang a forehand shot in a 7-2 victory Wednesday over rival Westland John Glenn. Harnos won in three sets over Nik Hubbard. See complete boys tennis results on Page B6.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spartans romp Rocks crushed by Stevenson, 40-7

PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Stevenson bounced back from last week's loss to Howell with a convincing 40-7 football win Friday night at home over Salem.

It was the South Division opener for both teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson, which led 27-0 at halftime, rushed for 308 of its 404 total yards led by junior Austin White, who finished with 174 on 13 carries. The 6-foot, 187-pound White scored on touchdown runs of 11, 46 and 5 yards - all coming in the first half.

Wade Stahl, also a senior, added 62 yards on eight carries including a 4-yard TD run with 8:51 left in the first quarter and a 10-yard TD run with 3:40 remaining in the third period after Salem scored its lone TD when Heath Parling

hit senior wide receiver Shawn Lyons on a 38-yard scoring pass.

Junior Johnny Pauley, who added 63 yards on five attempts, ended the scoring with 2:50 left in the game on a 2-yard TD run.

Stevenson quarterback Jacob Gudeman was 7-of-8 passing for 96 yards, while Salem's duo of Parling and Jake Peterson were a combined 8-of-14 for 79.

The Rocks, now 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA-South, had 214 total yards with Enrique Pardo rushing nine times for a team-high 81 yards.

Defensively, Stevenson (2-1, 1-0) was led by senior safety Wyatt Stahl.

Neither team committed a turnover.

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middle, had to leave the game with an ankle injury. The Chargers then downed a punt at the Glenn 1 and the Rockets marched 98 yards in 15 plays, only to be denied on fourth down when quarterback Jerome Scales spiked the ball intentionally with only one second left.

"It was not the quarterback's fault, it was my fault," Hardin said. "We were out of timeouts and we needed to call two plays in the huddle after our last timeout."

Glenn's 6-0 halftime lead mushroomed to 26-0 as the Rockets took total command. Scales, the 5-foot-11, 201-pound senior transfer, scooted 61 yards for a TD with 7:35 to go in the third quarter and Langford opened the fourth quarter with an 8-yard TD run to cap a 10-play, 64-yard drive.

A 1-yard plunge by fullback Harry Bello with only 2:46 remaining in the game completed the Glenn scoring as Anthony Reakoff converted his second straight extra point.

"Our goal going in was to use a double-tight (end) formation," Hardin said. "We felt that if we could control the ball and keep the ball out of their hands - especially No. 8 (Matt Kowalis), No. 4 (Jeff Ricketts) and No. 7 (Grant Morgan) - that we had a chance. And it was apparent on our first drive that we were able to do it, and we stuck with it the rest of the game."

In addition to Langford's big night, Scales added 115 yards on nine carries and hit 5-of-6 passes for 31 yards. Kamal Ayler contributed 90 yards on 10 carries before leaving the game in the third quarter an injury.

"It was his ankle, but he said his calf cramped up, too," Hardin said of Ayler. "He's steadily getting better and Langford ran the best he's run. They're getting better with each week. Both ran well and we'll stick with both."

"And Scales has really done a good job the last two games keeping his poise, staying calm and not cracking under pressure. The rest of the offense feeds off of him."

Not only did Glenn have a wide margin in time of possession, but also won the battle of the chains with 21 first downs to Churchill's 12.

The Rockets' defense held Churchill to 209 total yards, but only 34 coming on the ground in 28 attempts.

Morgan was 3-of-4 for 72 yards before going



John Glenn's Kamal Ayler runs into a swarm of Churchill defenders including Grant Morgan (7), Eric Perowski (74) and Ara Markarian (31) during Friday's KLAA-South Division clash.

out, while sophomore back-up Jordan Grohoski was 9-of-12 for 72.

"It was the old adage that it comes down to blocking and tackling," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "We couldn't get them off the field. We could not get guys blocked when we needed it and we couldn't tackle when we needed it."

"I thought No. 23 (Langford) ran pretty hard, right through our tackles. The story of the game is that we had guys in the right spots, but did not make the tackle. It's disappointing."

Filiatraut, whose team slipped to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA-South, credited Glenn. "After being 0-2, I thought Tim (Hardin) did a terrific job getting his team prepared," the Churchill coach said. "That was not the Glenn team we saw (on film) the first two weeks."

This Friday, 1-2 Churchill travels to 2-1 Livonia Franklin, while Glenn hosts unbeaten Canton.

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Kemp's last-second TD lifts Lutheran Westland

Lutheran High Westland had to dig deep into the well to earn its first football win of the season.

Steve Kemp scored at touch-down on third down-and-goal from three yards out with only 4.4 seconds remaining - following a Hamtramck timeout - to give the Warriors a 12-8 Metro Conference victory over the host Cosmos at Keyworth Stadium.

Lutheran Westland (1-2, 1-1) took the ball with 5:12 remaining and drove the ball 52 yards on 15 plays to pull out the victory.

Kemp rushed for 101 yards on 21 carries, while lead blocker Ethan Haller added 103

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yards on 21 attempts.

Hamtramck scored on its second drive of the opening quarter, going 63 yards capped by quarterback Arron Caudill's 2-yard TD run followed by Andrew Caudill's two-point conversion run for an 8-0 Cosmos lead.

Lutheran Westland ironically scored on the last play of the half after Kemp recovered a fumble. He scored on a 4-yard TD. Hamtramck, winless since Oct. 14, 2005, falls to 0-3 and 0-2.

"We played well after that first drive," said Lutheran

Westland coach Paul Guse, whose Warriors held Hamtramck to minus-6 yards in the second half and only 102 total for the game. "Hamtramck came in well-prepared and they hit. It was a bit of a wake-up call because it's a team you expect to beat and it was hard to get going."

The Warriors led in total offense (247-102) and first downs (12-5). Each team lost a fumble.

Defensively, Sam Ahlersmeyer led the Warriors with five tackles. Freshman Collin McBride and Sean Rowe added four each, while tackle Craig Kowalski had three sacks.

Stevenson gets key KLAA-South win vs. Novi; Churchill 5 in a row

Livonia Stevenson passed another stiff test Thursday night in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's tough Central Division.

The Spartans, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, improved to 6-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA-Central with a 2-1 boys soccer win at Novi.

"It was a good, physical contest, two hard-working teams," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

Nate Sergison's goal off a throw-in from Kendall Snow staked Stevenson to a 1-0 halftime lead.

Klemczak scored unassisted midway through the second half to make it 2-0 before Novi's Jon Bauer answered with a goal late in the match.

Conner Burton made four saves in goal for the Spartans during the first half before Justin Collins took over for the second half.

Novi (5-2-2, 1-2-1) also used two goalkeepers on the night - Craig Demshuk and Tom Duquette.

CHURCHILL 5, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Matt Regan tallied a pair of goals as Livonia Churchill (5-2) won its fifth straight with a KLAA crossover win over host Walled Lake Central (6-4-3).

The Chargers, who led 3-0 at halftime, also got goals from Etienne Lussiez, Chris DeNapoli and Tyler Varney.

KLAA SOCCER

Drew Sieber had two assists, while Ben Merritt, Jacob Herout and DeNapoli contributed one each.

Adrian Motta, who played the first 60 minutes, combined with Christian Adams for the shutout in goal.

JOHN GLENN 4, FRANKLIN 3: In a KLAA-South Division match Thursday, Jacob Gates tallied a pair of goals as host Westland John Glenn (3-6-1, 2-2) held off a late rally to beat Livonia Franklin (1-7-1, 1-2-1).

"Our guys played a beautiful game, we took control from the start and we learned a big lesson from the (Livonia) Churchill game (an 8-0 loss on Tuesday)," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said. "Offensively and defensively we communicated very well."

Glenn took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Khalid Suleiman (from Nelson Kenne) and Gates (from Steve Thompson).

The Rockets added two more second-half goals - Gates (from Kenne) and Kenne (from Suleiman) before Franklin scored three times in the final 10 minutes.

Travis Matthey had two goals and one assist for the Patriots, while Joe Michniewicz also scored. Steve Trapp drew an assist.

"We had no movement offensively, we started out slowly," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said.

Zach Redden went all the way in goal for the Rockets, while Brad Mangune started for the Patriots before being relieved in the second half by Josh Shepard.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 108 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 78
Sept. 11 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:01.6; 2. Ladywood, 2:03.5; 3. John Glenn, 2:15.1.
200 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:06.6; 2. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:12.2; 3. Maddy Pelon (LL), 2:13.6.
200 individual medley: 1. Peterson (WJG), 2:24.6; 2. Brianna Wilson (LL), 2:34.0; 3. Kalli Aloisi (WJG), 2:37.4.

50 freestyle: 1. Shannon Kelly (LL), 25.8 (state cut); 2. Burgess (WJG), 26.0; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 27.55.
1-meter diving: 1. DesiFree Clenney (WJG), 195.60 points; 2. Allison Spitzley (LL), 169.10; 3. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 147.6.
100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:01.6 (state cut); 2. Pelon (LL), 1:08.8; 3. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:11.3.
100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 57.8; 2. Sparks (WJG), 58.3; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:01.0.
500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:36.0; 2. Pijor (LL), 5:54.2; 3. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 6:07.4.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Aloisi, Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks), 1:51.0; 2. Ladywood, 1:53.4; 3. John Glenn, 1:59.1.
100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:06.4 (state cut); 2. Jessica Arabi (LL), 1:16.3; 3. Ashley Solberg (WJG), 1:19.4.
100 breaststroke: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 1:21.0; 2. Katy Harris (WJG), 1:22.0; 3. Caleigh Griffin (LL), 1:22.2.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Kelly, Pelon, Wilson, Pijor), 4:04.3; 2. John Glenn, 4:25.8; 3. John Glenn, 4:49.5.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-0 overall; Ladywood, 0-1 overall.

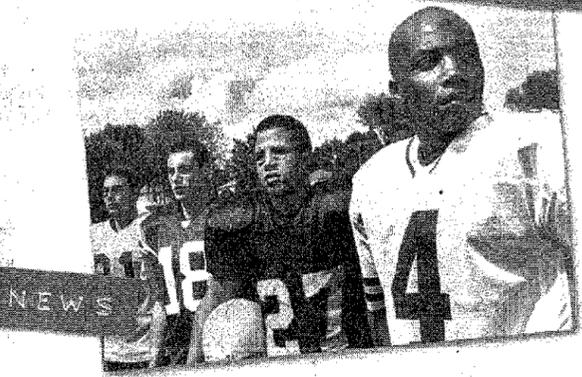
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Warriors boot No. 7 Liggett, 2-1

After being listed as an honorable mention last week, it's a good bet Lutheran High Westland may be able to crack the top ten when the Division 4 state boys soccer poll comes out this week.

On Thursday, the Warriors ventured to Grosse Pointe Woods and knocked off No. 7-ranked University-Liggett on its home turf, 2-1.

"I'm real pleased with the effort," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team is 5-2-1 overall and 2-1 in the Metro Conference. "Liggett is a big, strong and tall team, but our little guys were dominant in the air."

"We also did a good job keeping our shape in the middle. I thought our center midfielder Mitchell Boehm and Kent Krzyske were solid in the middle. We played most of our balls through them."

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Laith Francis scored for the Warriors at the 26-minute mark off an assist from Josh Kruger and Gage Flanery made it 2-0 on a header off a cross from Austin Baglow in the 35th minute.

Liggett's Jack Fisher spoiled goalkeeper Micah Hausch's shutout bid in the 67th minute. The Knights fall to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the Metro.

LUTH. WESTLAND 3, INTER-CITY 2: Austin Baglow scored twice Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (6-2-1) held off Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (2-5-1) in a non-conference encounter.

Baglow scored on a header off a cross from Josh Kruger in the second minute and Kruger scored off a free kick just a minute later.

Baglow made it 3-0 off an assist from Gage Flanery, but the Chargers stormed back on a pair of goals by Billy Kirkland in the 71st and 79

MU's Austin scores 2 in 4-0 WHAC win

Schoolcraft College transfer Jessica Austin had two goals and one assist Friday as the Madonna University women's soccer team opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play with a 4-0 triumph over host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Canton's Andrea Johnson scored what proved to be the game-winner in the eight minute off an assist from Ashley Stoychoff.

Stoychoff added a goal in the

COLLEGE SOCCER

34th minute from Austin, who in turn scored the final two in the 42nd minute (unassisted) and the 70th minute (from goalkeeper Brittany Warner of Plymouth).

Warner had to make just one save as the Crusaders improved to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

The loss drops the Sains to 1-3 and 0-1.

Ocelot men take pair

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer earned a pair of road victories last week including a 2-1 triumph Friday over Ancilla College after a 6-0 whitewash Wednesday of host Jackson Community College.

Schoolcraft is 4-1-2 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association.

Jackson is winless and four starts and 0-3 in the MCCA, while Ancilla is 2-2-3 and 1-1.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 19
 Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Plymouth at P-CEP, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Lutheran North at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Liv. Public Schools Inv. at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 6:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
 Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 K'zoo Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 15
 Stevenson vs. Salem at P-CEP, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Clarenceville at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Luth. Westland at S'Field Christian, 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Churchill vs. Canton
 at Cass Benton Park, 3:50 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Salem
 at Cass Benton Park, 4:30 p.m.
 Metro Jamboree at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Petoskey Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Shamrock Inv. at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Redford Union at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 15
 Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17
 Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 15
 Ladywood vs. Birm. Marian,
 Stevenson vs. Salem,
 at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Plymouth
 at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Wayne
 at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17
 Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary CC
 at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
 Churchill vs. John Glenn
 at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Wayne

at idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. South Lyon East
 at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Ladywood vs. Warren Regina
 at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
 Churchill vs. Plymouth
 at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. John Glenn,
 Wayne vs. Canton
 at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Novi at Cattails, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Grosse Ile Inv. at West Shore C.C., 1:30 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Sept. 15
 A.A. Skyline at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17
 Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:45 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Ladywood at E. Grand Rapids, 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.
 Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
 Concordia JV at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 17
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Concordia
 at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Parkland (Ill.), 11 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 21
 Schoolcraft at Heartland (Ill.), noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 16
 Davenport JV at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Concordia
 at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
 Oakton CC (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
 Madonna at Davenport, noon.
Sunday, Sept. 21
 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.

Ladywood spikers block Irish

Livonia Ladywood's Rachael Fuller gave Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard the brush Thursday, recording 11 kills as the Blazers opened Catholic League action with a 19-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-22 girls volleyball triumph over the Irish.

Fuller, a 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter got help from 6-1 sophomore middle hitter Katy Rooney (eight kills) and 5-8 junior outside hitter Ashley Hines (five ace serves) as the Blazers improved to 7-4-5 overall.

Refenes bolsters Warriors

Becca Refenes, committed to the University of Cincinnati, finished with 26 kills and 24 digs to propel Lutheran High Westland to a 25-15, 25-17, 18-25, 26-24 non-conference win Thursday

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night at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Warriors, now 10-3-2 overall, also got seven kills from Katy Ramthun.

Abi Gieschen paced the defense with 21 digs, while Lauren Gieschen had 20 assist-to-kills and seven aces. Cathy Haller also collected 19 assists. The loss drops Greenhills to 4-2-1 overall.

Huron Valley rolls in 3

Sophomore Leah Miller recorded seven kills and senior setter Kayla Stockdale added 15 assist-to-kills Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran turned back Novi Franklin Road Christian in three games, 25-19,

25-23, 25-19. With the win, the Hawks improve to 3-4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Clarenceville triumphs

Junior outside hitter Kat Hall had seven kills and three ace serves as Livonia Clarenceville overcame a slow start to post a 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 25-15 non-conference victory Thursday at Ferndale.

Laisha Patterson added four kills and four aces for the Trojans, who improved to 3-1 overall. Marlene Azar also finished with four kills, while Morgan Tressler had 10 digs.

Setter Katie Blacker added 12 assist-to-kills.

Redford bowler proves adept

Julie Halstead of Redford is the daughter of Farmington Hills bowler Ed Wright - and Ed has taught her well.

During her years of competitive bowling action, both the youth ranks and adult leagues, Julie has honed her skills well enough to win the "Forty Frame Game" recently in Toledo, Ohio.

This is not traditional bowling as we know it because each frame has a different method of scoring.

Some are set up for a 9-pin no-tap, while others can allow for a mulligan, but usually those who make more strikes are victorious. Julie recorded 35 of a possible 40 strikes to take home the title and over \$6,000 in prize money.

She also earned an automatic entry for the November finals in Las Vegas, Nev. with a fully-paid entry including airfare and lodging.

For information on this event, visit www.fortyframegame.com.

Lisa Bishop of Belleville has been elected to the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Bishop is well known around these parts for her many years of helping others become better bowlers with her expertise in ball fitting at Aleta Sill's Bowling World pro shop at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

She didn't get elected for drilling holes - she made it on her great record out on the lanes.

Bishop has been an outstanding bowler ever since her youth league days when she earned the Star of Tomorrow award from the Michigan Women's Bowling Association.

In adult competition she carried a high average of 228, captured four team titles, two singles titles and three all-events titles.

In 1995 she earned a silver and bronze medal with Team USA. And as a professional she garnered four titles and was named Rookie of the Year in 1997. Bishop also had recorded 16 career 300 games and four 800 series with a high of 834.

In addition to Bishop, other inductees include: Jeffrey Austreng, Waterford Township; Kenneth Wyatt, Sterling Heights, Robert Stempien, Wyandotte; and Margaret (Libbi) Fletcher, Warren.

Special awards will also go to Matt Fiorito, Grosse Ile, Roger Philipi, Ypsilanti; and Mark Voight, Farmington Hills.

Austreng has two Detroit Masters titles and one Michigan Masters to his credit. He was selected to the All-City first-team twice and second-team twice, along

with being named Rookie of the Year in the Detroit All-Star Traveling Classic.

Austreng also rolled a 300 game in the ABC Championships at Syracuse, N.Y., while averaging 243 during the 2005-06 season. He also has 48 300s and 23 800, including a 879 which ties him for the highest ever three games in Detroit.

Wyatt has been an outstanding performer over 20 years in the Detroit scene, recording his first 300 in 1985. He averaged 236 in the 2007-08 season and has 37 career 300 games and 28 800 series including a high 874 in 1990.

Stempien, meanwhile, enters in the Veteran's Category. He 18 300's and three 800 series. Stempien also took seven Michigan Majors titles between 1985 and 1988 and was named Bowler of the Year in 1985.

Fletcher earned election by virtue of her service to the sport on a local and national level.

Once the United States Bowling Congress was formed she was instrumental in the formation of the Metro Detroit USBC and served as the first president on 2006 and was re-elected in 2008 for another two year term.

Something new is happening at Country Lanes, and that something has the nice aroma of bacon and eggs on the grill.

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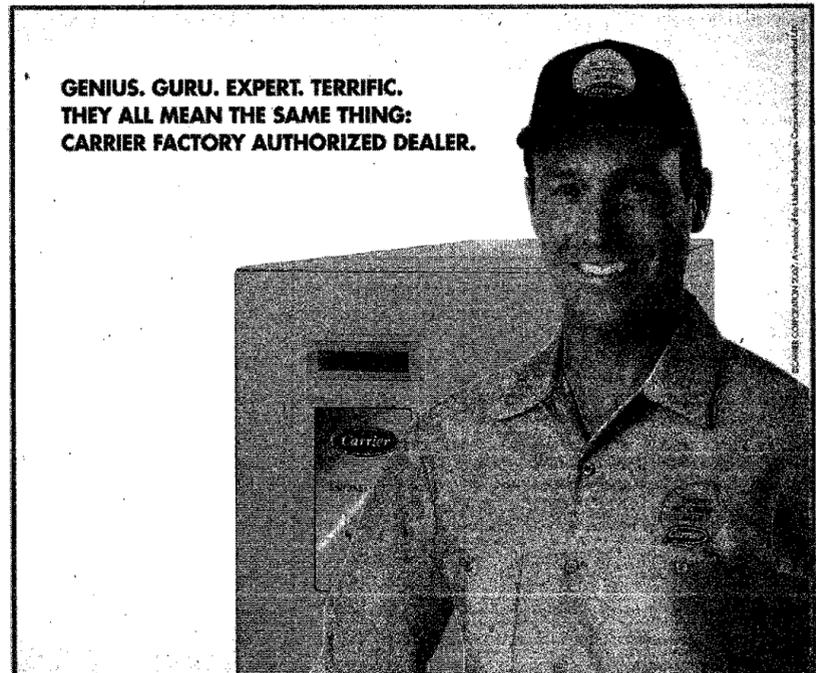
For more information or to obtain an entry form, call John Chmelko at (586) 756-3240. Entries must be received no later than Nov. 22.

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Angela Hospice offers grief support for youth

Grief is complicated at any age, but for children and teens it can be especially difficult. That is why Angela Hospice developed its Children & Teen Grief Support Groups which begin Thursday, Sept. 25.

Sally Loughrin and her fellow social work staff will facilitate 8-week sessions for children and teens who have recently lost a loved one. Groups for grades 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will meet 5:30-7 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 13.

"Children and teens experience feelings of grief similar to those of adults after a loved one dies, but their reactions are quite different depending on their developmental ages," said Loughrin, an Angela Hospice social worker with over 25 years of experience in counseling grieving children.

Loughrin said that young people may not have the words or the understanding to express their feelings. They may show their grief behaviorally if they lack adequate coping skills.

"Children and teens often feel alone in their grief," said Loughrin, "so participating in grief support groups provides an

avenue for them to be with others who have had similar losses."

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

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

While the children and teens are in their group sessions, parents and guardians are invited to attend their own group that will focus on developing strategies to help their grieving children and teens.

All meetings take place at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Dinner will be served each week at 5:30 p.m., prior to the group sessions. All groups are free, but registration is required due to limited space. To sign up, call Loughrin at (734) 464-2683.

For more information about Angela Hospice and a complete list of support groups, visit www.angelahospice.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

Asthma presentation

From 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Jason Paris, MD, Allergy and Asthma Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Paris will provide an overview of asthma, what works and what you can do to live a healthy life with asthma. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-8950.

Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 18, and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, (734) 432-5804 or www.madonna.edu. For information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Alzheimer's and intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a workshop "Intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950.

Health fair/open house

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. On Sunday bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen under the main tent. On Saturday receive screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose, and body fat along with height and weight measurements (no charge). Doctors will be on hand to speak about stroke awareness and heart health, and answer your health related questions. A healthy cook-off also planned. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Plus-size clothing sale

The Michigan Bariatric Institute and St. Mary Mercy Hospital host the sale for the community 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Reasonably priced, gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL). For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (734) 655-2692.

Diabetes expo

Learn more about preventing and managing diabetes at the American Diabetes Association's Diabetes Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. The event features speakers discussing the latest diabetes treatments, healthy cooking demonstrations and exercise sessions. Free health screenings. A special Youth Zone provides interactive games for children. No charge. Pre-register at www.diabetes.org/detroitexpo. For information, call 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6697.

Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Cost \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

Da Vinci awards

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter 2008 da Vinci Awards at a gala event (black tie optional) featuring a cocktail reception and displays of award winners followed by a gourmet dinner and awards program Saturday, Sept. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities and information visit: <http://www.daviniciawards.org>.

Detroit walk for PKD

Saturday, Sept. 20, at Boulan Park, Troy. Registration begins 9 a.m.; walk at 10 a.m. For information contact Henry Allemen at (248) 892-9020 or hallemon@aol.com. The nonprofit PKD Foundation leads the fight against polycystic kidney disease through research funding and patient education. For information visit www.pkdcure.org or call 1-800-PKD-CURE.

Stomp out stigma

On Sept. 20 the Community Network Services Anti Stigma Program holds its 1st Annual Stomp Out

Stigma 5K Run/Walk at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. The goal of the Run/Walk is to raise funds to support the continuation of the award-winning Anti Stigma Program and to promote mental health awareness. Since its inception in 2005, the program has conducted over 150 presentations and reached over 6500 people. Registration 8-8:45 a.m. Race starts 9 a.m. To register, go to www.cnsantistigmagram.org/event.html. Call Amy Yashinsky at (248) 871-1403 or ayashinsky@cnsmi.org for more information.

Crohn's fund-raiser

In memory of Jessica Rowe who died from complications of Crohn's disease a little over a year ago at age 25. The Mini-Golf Outing takes place 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at PUTTERZ miniature golf and games, 2675 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. All proceeds will be donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Still looking for prize donations. Call Pat at (734) 434-283, Roger (313) 608-4903, or Sharon (734) 788-6391 for information.

Ovarian cancer walk

Janis Warren Walk for Ovarian Cancer 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Drake Sports Park, 6801 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds go to cancer research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. For more information, visit janiswalk.org.

Charity ride

Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21, includes a raffle drawing for a custom designed and soon-to-be built Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and a fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration \$30 for driver, \$25 passenger, includes lawn seat concert ticket, VIP parking, lunch at the start and official ride pin. Since concert tickets are limited, pre-registration encouraged. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

AIDS Walk Michigan

Presented by the HIV/AIDS Resource Center and Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan Sunday, Sept. 21, a 5K walk through downtown Ann Arbor. Event kicks off with free registration beginning at noon and ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m. Walkers who raise \$25 or more in donations receive an AIDS Walk Michigan T-shirt. This is a fun-filled, heart-warming day for kids, adults and pets. To register individually, as a team or to volunteer, visit www.aidswalkmichigan.org.

Mothers, daughters, sisters luncheon

Gerilyn Lucas, a 13-year breast cancer survivor and author of "Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy," will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the future Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, opening spring 2009. Tickets \$100; boutique shopping and valet parking included. For tickets or more information, call (248) 853-3636.

Free foot screenings

Some 82,000 Americans lose feet or limbs to diabetes each year. That's because the disease can cause you to lose feeling in your feet - and little injuries can turn into big infections without you knowing it. The American Diabetes Association offers free foot screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 23 locations in Michigan. Local podiatrists will volunteer their time to conduct the exams and answer your questions. To find a foot screening site near you or for more information, call 1-888-DIABETES or visit diabetes.org/detroit.

Heart to heart du Vintage

Gala fund-raiser with strolling dinner, live auction, music by Simon Vitale band, and a chance to view a number of limited edition classic cars from Peter Ministrelli's private collection 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Franklin Hills Country Club in Franklin. The evening helps uninsured and underinsured women receive care at the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as well as contribute to the development of women's heart services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. Tickets \$275 per person. Patron-pair tickets \$1,000. Sponsorships available. For information, call (248) 551-9951.

Celebrating survivorship



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Anne Thompson spent two weeks reporting from the Amazon in July after receiving an all clear from her oncologist. Thompson, who is chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News, was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2007.

Symposium offers inspiration for breast cancer patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

When Anne Thompson learned she had breast cancer in March 2006, she decided to keep the devastating diagnosis secret so as not to distract from the news she was reporting. Later, she realized her experiences could help others fighting the disease. On Sept. 20, she returns to the Detroit area to speak at the Celebrating Survivorship symposium presented by the education and support group at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Thompson is one of three women sharing their stories at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester Hills. The former Farmington Hills resident was an award-winning reporter for WDIV-TV in Detroit from 1986 until leaving to become a national correspondent for NBC News in 1997. Today she is chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, Today on MSNBC, and online at www.msnbc.com.

The diagnosis came as a surprise to the then 48-year-old Thompson as she has no history of breast cancer in her family, never smoked and leads a fairly healthy lifestyle. Her ob/gyn discovered the Stage III cancer during a routine annual exam. Thompson went through 16 weeks of chemotherapy to reduce the size of the tumor then underwent a lumpectomy followed by six weeks of radiation. In July she returned to the oncologist for an all clear to spend two weeks in the Amazon as part of her job. She believes strongly if stories on cancer lead the news every day, more would be done to find a cure.

"It helped reading and hearing survivor stories because I needed a lot of strength. You go through some very dark times. Every time somebody told me a story I learned something," said Thompson. "We have made so many advances in cancer treatment it's easy to think our work is done, but 1,500 people die a day from cancer. The fight isn't over. We can't declare victory. There's nothing more frightening, at least for me, than having an illness that you can't do anything about. We need to keep funding research so my niece doesn't have to go through what I went through."

Thompson kept working during her treatment. Every two weeks she received chemotherapy on Thursday then went back to reporting the following Tuesday.

"I needed to feel normal," said Thompson. "I tried to turn my job into a cancer-free zone. My bosses at NBC were wonderful when I said I'd like to keep working through this. The only time it became difficult was when I lost my eyelashes. It used to take me an hour to put them on."

Thompson hasn't lost her sense of humor. In fact it was laughter that kept her going thanks to friend and former co-worker Bernie Smilovitz, WDIV-TV sportscaster. During the Celebrating Survivorship symposium, Smilovitz will introduce Thompson to the audience. Thompson comes back to Michigan every year to participate in Smilovitz's celebrity golf tournament for Gleaners Community Food Bank.

"I've been friends with his family for 20 years," said Thompson, who now lives in Manhattan. "It was Bernie's job to make sure he would make me laugh. He called me every day."

Christine Clifford Beckwith believes in the power of humor so much she travels around the country as a motivational speaker. Beckwith is a 14-year survivor of breast cancer. She has written six award-winning books including "Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day." Beckwith was senior vice president of an international marketing firm when diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer at age 40.

She underwent surgery, then 10 months of chemotherapy and 33 days of radiation. She'll be sharing the humorous side of her experience. Her Cancer Club (cancerclub.com) is designed to provide humorous and helpful products for people with cancer including a prayer list and suggestions for brightening the day of a friend or loved one with cancer.

"Six weeks after diagnosis I woke up in the middle of the night, went down to the family room

CELEBRATING SURVIVORSHIP

What: 10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium with speakers Anne Thompson, NBC News correspondent; Beverly Kirkhart, author of *Turning Setbacks into Comebacks*; and Christine Clifford Beckwith, author of *Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day*.
When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20
Where: Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills
Cost: \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, (248) 551-8585



Christine Clifford Beckwith used humor to make it through the dark days after her diagnosis of breast cancer.

and sketched out 50 cartoons of things that had been said or done to me about cancer that were off-beat in a whimsical way. I had never drawn before, went back to bed and thought what was that. I had truly entered the Twilight Zone," said Beckwith, who searched for books humorously dealing with cancer

but found only one by Erma Bombeck. "I thought maybe I was on to something. I started journaling my cancer experience through cartoons. Six months later I had enough to make a book. Since that day I focused my entire life on helping other cancer patients see the forest through the trees."

Dawn Kramer hopes to attract everyone — not just breast cancer survivors — to the symposium. In addition to the speakers who include Beverly Kirkhart, author of "Turning Setbacks into Comebacks," Kramer planned the luncheon and wellness activities such as a walk along Paint Creek Trail, tai chi, Reiki, and meditation. Kramer is program coordinator of Sharing & Caring, which provides monthly speakers and a support group for breast cancer survivors.

"It's inspirational and messages of hope," said Kramer, whose mother died of breast cancer. Kramer, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, is vigilant about receiving clinical breast exams twice a year. "This year's symposium is not focusing on breast cancer as a disease but on leading a long and fulfilling life after a breast cancer diagnosis. It's not just for breast cancer survivors. Their message of hope and inspiration is for all."

Beckwith's cancer was so aggressive she was basically told to get her affairs in order. Instead she made a bargain with God to live to see her 8- and 10-year-old sons graduate from high school. The youngest earns his college degree in May.

Today she's working on two more books and hoping to see her four step children graduate from high school. The youngest is 10.

"My cancer has been a true gift to me. I've been doing some creative things that I never knew I had inside of me," said Beckwith, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn. "My advice to cancer patients is to look at the long term, not short term. Their treatments are probably going to take between six months and a year, some indefinitely. Because of that you should try to look at the things that make you laugh and search them out. If it's watching funny movies, rent some funny movies. Let family and friends know it's okay to bring laughter into your life. But my main message is research all possibilities, new drugs, methods of surgery. Take control of your own health. Don't ever be afraid to ask people for help."

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MSU SPARTAN INVITATIONAL
Sept. 12 at East Lansing

GIRLS NIKE ELITE TEAM STANDINGS (19 schools): 1. Saline, 134 points; 2. Rockford, 138; 3. Traverse City Central, 164; 4. Rochester Adams, 178; 5. Troy, 191; 13. Livonia Churchill, 307; 17. Livonia Stevenson, 372.

Individual winner: Megan Goethals (Rochester), 17 minutes, 39 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. Sara Kroil, 18:16; 42. Amanda Southwell, 20:05; 83 Emily Clairmont, 20:59; 87. Bethany Pilot, 21:04; 92. Kayla Szado, 21:13; 100. Jenna Szuba, 21:29; 109. Lindsay McMullen, 21:57.

Stevenson finishers: 4. Courtney Calka, 18:23; 81. Kari Kuchka, 20:58; 82. Victoria Saferian, 20:59; 85. Julia Capenka, 21:01; 120. Rebecca Gidley, 22:38; 123. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:43.

BOYS GREEN TEAM STANDINGS (36 schools): 1. Novi, 100 points; 2. Williamston, 134; 3. Troy, 159; 4. East Kentwood, 160; 5. Northville, 160; 8. Livonia Churchill, 299; 16. Livonia Stevenson, 445.

Individual winner: Mike Actchoo (Troy), 16:12 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 27. Mark Waterbury, 17:21; 45. Matt Szado, 17:48; 47. Tom Windle, 17:49; 71. Quinn Osgood, 18:08; 109. Mark Freyberg, 18:38; 113. Ryan Keeling, 18:42; 119. Kyle Mireles, 18:45.

Stevenson finishers: 43. Joe Urso, 17:47; 93. John Lynch, 18:24; 94. Jordan Burger, 18:24; 97. Travis Gosselin, 18:27; 118. Tom Kaman, 18:44; 144. Brian Fenech, 19:05.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 19
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 44
Sept. 9 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Adrienne White (Plymouth), 21:38 (5,000 meters).

Other Plymouth finishers: 3. Elise Chagas, 22:11; 4. Britta Swanson, 22:14; 5. Elise Griencwicz, 22:37; 5. Sarah Brown, 22:57; 7. Kelsey Beineri, 23:22; 8. Trica Rniewski, 23:48.

Glenn finishers: 2. Ashley Bailey, 21:41; 9. Megan Nikula, 23:57; 10. Evi Cenolfi, 24:19; 11. Michelle Levy, 24:54; 12. Jaimie Medel, 25:25; 13. Molly Robinett, 28:44; 14. Audre Flores, 28:46.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAASouth Division.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9
WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Sept. 12 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (LF) defeated David McCown, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Stephen Payne (LF) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Steve Trapp (LF) def. Jesse English, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Chad Dorton (LF) def. Kevin Sample, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Peter Lee-Mike Geraci (LF) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Nate Warrick-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer (LF) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Joe Trudell-Aaron York (LF) def. Michael Battaglia-Josh Higs, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 5:** Joe Kosinski-Alex Wood (LF) def. C.J. Kulas-Stephen McNamara, 6-2, 6-0.

Dual match records: Franklin, 1-4 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 2-4 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth Division.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
Sept. 10 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: David McCown (WM) defeated Zach Ernst, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Brandon Harnos (WM) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4; **No. 3:** Jesse English (WM) def. Khari Stargell, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kevin Sample (WM) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Hui Li-Dan Wilson (WM) def. Zach Edwards-Mitch Dean, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; **No. 2:** Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton (WM) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tajeda, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 3:** Jacob Toarmino-Shar Welch (LF) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** David Wilton-Wayne Woodard (WJG) def. Justin Iler-Jacob Bean, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 5:** Michael Battaglia-Josh Higs (WM) def. Karl Lawrence-Nick Stone, 7-5, 6-1.

Dual match records: Wayne, 2-3 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 0-6 overall, 0-2 KLAASouth Division.

PLYMOUTH 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 10 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Pat Onoro, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 2:** Aaron Zhang (P) def. Peter Lee, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Matt Dunnio (P) def. Joe Kosinski, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Mike Geraci, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Andy Mitchell (P) def. Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp, 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4; **No. 2:** Wen Ning-Alex Berk (P) def. Nate Warrick-Walt Alfonso, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Tom Eggleston-John Lons (P) def. Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Drew Leist-Cheng Chen (P) def.

Joe Trudell-Aaron York, 6-3, 7-6; **No. 5:** Don Henry-Grant Senkbel (P) def. Chase Semonick-Alex Wood, 6-0, 6-0.

Franklin's dual match record: 0-4 overall, 0-2 KLAASouth Division.

SALEM 6, LIVONIA STEVENSON 3
Sept. 10 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (Salem) defeated Chris Martin, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Erik Koch (LS) def. Brock Foster, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Dion Walker (Salem) def. Clayton Northey, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** David Benson (Salem) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Josh Perrin-John Kang (Salem) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jose Parra-Andy Steinman (Salem) def. Josh Rochette-Simjee Holman-Rayos, 6-1, 0-6, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 3:** Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Surya Nagaraja-Alex Porambo, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Tyler Foley-Zenik Pelek (Salem) def. Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-2; **No. 5:** Josh York-Lukas Rudis (LS) def. Bodan Pelek-Andy Reyes, 6-3, 6-2.

Stevenson's dual match record: 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth Division.

CANTON 9, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0
Sept. 8 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (Canton) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Justin Liedel (Canton) def. Alex Clos, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Ryan Hanz (Canton) def. Ziwin Deng, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Riley Hoernschmeyer (Canton) def. Erik Newman, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindlbauer (Canton) def. Dan Landstrom-Mike Appel, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** David Ding-Adam Payne (Canton) def. Eric Slusarski-Vishal Joshi, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; **No. 3:** Satosh Shannmuga-Abhi Katti (Canton) def. Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** John Mosley-Jim LaFontaine (Canton) def. Cam Norscia-Matt Cezat, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-1; **No. 5:** Steve Lee-Rob Milus (Canton) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-2, 6-4.

Churchill's dual match record: 3-2 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth Division.

ANN ARBOR INVITATIONAL
Sept. 11 at U-M Stadium G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (21 schools): 1. Rochester, 320 strokes; 2. Northville, 353; 3. Holt, 356; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 366; 5. Grand Blanc, 373; 18. Livonia Churchill, 423.

Individual medalist: Amy Meier (Rochester), 74.

Churchill scorers: Jessica Burdette, 96; Lexi McFarlane, 100; Stephanie Panaretos, 113; Sarah Linder, 114; Jordyn Shepler, 119; Samantha Proben, 126.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 198
WAYNE MEMORIAL 264
Sept. 12 at Whispering Willows G.C.

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 43 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, 46; Jessica Burdette, 49; Shelby Longworth, 60; Alex Harakas, 73; Margo McClain, 75.

Wayne scorers: Berlynn Beaver, 52; Taylor

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

Tuttle, 64; Avalon Felan, 65; Jane Taylor, 83; Ariel Smith, 85.

Dual match records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAASouth Division.

CANTON 188, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 197
Sept. 12 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Canton scorers: Chelsea Osburn, 44 (medalist); Kara Gregory, 46; Mary Winther and Erin Lixie, 49 each; Alexandra Wee, 56; Megan Baumgart, 59.

Franklin scorers: Sam McAtee, 46; Natalie Polakowski, 47; Georgia Patrick and Lauren Beahon, 52 each; Manah Barous, 53; Alexis Smith, 54.

Dual match records: Canton, 1-0 KLAASouth; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 0-2 KLAASouth.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 210
SOUTH LYON 211
Sept. 10 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Franklin scorers: Georgia Patrick and

Samantha McAtee, 51 each; Lauren Beahon and Alexis Smith, 54 each; Natalie Polakowski, 57; Becki Keeler, 62.

South Lyon scorers: Danielle Godain, 46; Amy Comuth, 53; Brittany Snively, 55; Alex Drew, 57; Emily Groth and Allie Russell, 58 each.

Franklin's dual match record: 1-1 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 186
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 206
Sept. 10 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)

Churchill scorers: Jessica Burdette, 44; Jordyn Shepler, 47; Lexi McFarlane, 48; Sarah Linder, 50; Stephanie Panaretos, 52; Samantha Proben, 59.

John Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 42 (medalist); Justine Woodard and Michelle Bishop, 53 each; Danielle Kulewksi, 58; Courtney McKinney, 72.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAASouth Division.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU golf divots

The Madonna University women's golf team, getting 89s each from Sarah Simmitch and Caitlin Steele, took runner-up honors last Tuesday in the Indiana Tech Jamboree held at Noble Hawk Golf Links in Kendallville, Ind.

Host Indiana Tech, led by medalist Jordan Essman's 76, captured the team title with a four-player total of 358 followed by

MU (362), Aquinas College (370), Cornerstone (385), Siena Heights (387) and Davenport (394).

Jacqueline McCormick, Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) and Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin) each carded 93s to round out the Crusaders' scoring.

The MU men, led by medalist Steve South (Franklin), who carded a 2-under 70, also tied

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Cyprien Ngizehayo survived the Rwandan genocide and made his way to Freedom House. His wife, Claudette, remains in their native country until he can save enough money to bring her here. Ngizehayo now lives in Chicago where he works for a nonprofit that sends relief to Rwanda and helps reunite families.

Freedom House

Dinner draws light to those fleeing persecution

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Jodee Fishman Raines won't soon forget the feeling that came over her when she visited Freedom House. The nonprofit organization temporarily houses men, women and children seeking asylum in the United States or Canada. Founded in 1983 as the Detroit/Windsor Refugee Coalition to help people escape from El Salvador, Freedom House was originally based at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown and later moved to its present location in an unused Convent of St. Anne's Church in southwest Detroit. Today, Raines is one of the supporters of the mission to assist increasing numbers of people fleeing persecution. On Thursday, Sept. 18, they'll gather for a fund-raising dinner at Bentley's Restaurant in West Bloomfield. Among the guest speakers is Jack Gun, a Holocaust survivor and Cyprien Ngizehayo, who survived the genocide in Rwanda.

"I was at Freedom House at dinner time. There were people sitting at the dinner table from different

Please see **FREEDOM, C7**

ANNUAL FREEDOM HOUSE DINNER: NEVER AGAIN

What: A fund-raising dinner to benefit Freedom House
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
Where: Bentley's Restaurant, 5586 Drake Road, West Bloomfield
Tickets: \$100 for dinner, \$125 for champagne pre-glow with guest speakers, and available by calling (313) 964-4320. For information about Freedom House, visit www.freedomhouse.org

Telling tales

2-day festival celebrates storytelling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Antonio Sacre likes to joke about growing up in a Cuban and Irish-American household. He'll tell audiences about the experience during the Detroit Story League's Festival Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Sacre and Lynette Ford, an African-American storyteller headline the event that includes day-long workshops and performances for children and adults.

Sacre travels from Los Angeles for the storytelling festival, Ford from Ohio. Sacre's father originally emigrated from Cuba in 1960. He's looking forward to introducing "his lovely and quirky family."

"Food is important," said Sacre, 39. "Cubans have a really big meal that happens at 1 in the afternoon and as kids we're not allowed to leave the table until the oldest person leaves. My great aunt in her late 80s chewed her food 50 times and we'd watch her for hours, but it was good because we would hear things about what it was like in Cuba."

Tales would be told as well. One of his grandmother's favorites was the story of the barking mouse which Sacre turned into a children's book. Sacre spoke Spanish fluently as a kid but quit after he was teased. He went back to being bilingual in his teens.

"The story, *The Barking Mouse*, is about a cat who comes to eat the mice and mother mouse barks and scares the cat away. The moral is it pays to speak another language," said Sacre who went to graduate school for theater performance at Northwestern University in Chicago where he learned about storytelling.

Today Sacre writes one-man plays and performs them around the country when he isn't storytelling. He's told stories in 45 of the 50 states.

"I found out storytelling encompassed a lot of what I was, my two cultures, and I like to be silly for kids," said Sacre. "I'm excited about Detroit Story League. I know Lyn very well. She's an incredible teller. We're so different and I can't wait to see what she will tell. I'm going to take the workshop."

Ford is doing the 90-minute session on fables that have crossed cultures and can be used as teaching tales to develop character in young listeners. She is a fourth-generation storyteller. Her *Home-Fried Tales* can be traced back to her father who was a terrible cook but a wonderful storyteller. Ford began storytelling as a preschool teacher.

"My grandfather on my mother's side told a lot of tall tales. His father, my great grandfather and great aunts in the family told so I just kind of absorbed it. Dad could tell wonderful scary stories and kind of twist folk tales such as *The Three Bears*, *Red Riding Hood*," said Ford who by the end of the year will travel to 25 states to tell stories. "They'll have a good time. It will encourage them to remember the stories of their childhood and share more stories in their family. I'm the oldest and would tell scary stories to my younger sister to get her out of my hair. She wouldn't let me get my homework done."

With tellers like Sacre and Ford, Louise Lieberman is guaranteeing everyone will have a good time at the Detroit Story League Storytelling Festival. The Farmington Hills

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Lynette Ford brings her "Home-Fried Tales" to the Detroit Story League Festival at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

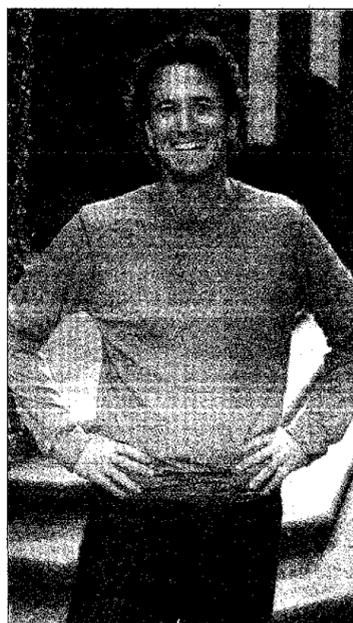


PHOTO BY KRISTIN BURNS

Antonio Sacre tells stories about growing up in a Cuban and Irish-American household.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What: Detroit Story League's annual two day festival of telling and workshops
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 (adult story night with reception); 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, storytelling workshops begin, 4 p.m. Family Performance (all ages) follows
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile at Farmington Rd.
Cost: \$50 for two days, \$45 Saturday, \$15 Friday evening (\$12 age 60 and up), and \$2 Saturday Family Performance. Call Winifred Madsen at (313) 824-6368, or Louise Lieberman (313) 522-4735 or send e-mail to louisielieberman@yahoo.com

Pet sitters hit 10 years of going to the dogs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Roberta Chapman (she was Cubbin, then) was working as a veterinary technician, an animal lover who got this crazy idea when some of her clients couldn't find a place for their pets to stay when they had to leave town.

Ten years later, Chapman and her husband, John (they married last year at the Michigan Renaissance Festival) preside over a pet sitting business, Comfy Creatures, that has expanded to more than 200 clients, six "sitters" and a half-dozen communities.

"We went from doing everything ourselves to six sitters pretty quick," Roberta said. "It just sort of exploded."

Operating Comfy Creatures out of their Livonia home (they just moved from Wayne), the Chapmans offer a variety of services to their clients, ranging from taking them for a walk and a "potty" break during the day to repeated daily visits if a client is out of town on vacation or for work.

There are also some ancillary services; for instance, sitters will water plants, bring in the mail and take out the trash. The company will stay overnight if a client wishes, and the



John and Roberta Chapman have two dogs of their own at home, Gypsy and Mouse.

Chapmans just started offering to board pets at their Livonia home.

Comfy Creatures offers its services in Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Farmington (the latter two are fairly new additions).

And the whole thing stems from Roberta's love of animals.

"Growing up, I wasn't allowed to have dogs or cats ... between my sister and I we had pretty much every caged animal imaginable," Roberta said. "When I was a kid, I'd go to neighbors and ask, 'Can I walk your dog?' When I got my own

SITTING SERVICE

- What: Comfy Creatures pet sitting
- Where: Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Northville, Farmington
- Owners: Roberta and John Chapman
- Service: Pet walking and sitting
- Contact: For all the information, visit www.comfycreatures.com

place, I could finally have animals."

Now she and John have a houseful of their own, including a chihuahua (Mouse), a shepherd-husky mix (Gypsy) and three cats: Cerie, Symphony and Mystic. That doesn't count the hundreds of pets they call "extended family."

"They're always happy," John said of the pets. "They give you unconditional love. You really have to be pet-crazy and passionate about it."

While it may seem like a small-town service, pet sitting is actually pretty big business. According to Pet Sitters International, it's a \$72 million industry. PSI has some 8,000 member businesses. The vast majority of pet sitters (98 percent) work for independently owned compa-

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John and Roberta Chapman, at home with Gypsy and Mouse, are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their pet-sitting business, Comfy Creatures.

STORIES

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woman is just beginning to tell stories so she's excited about the workshop with Corinne Stavish of Southfield on Getting Started.

"We try to get new tellers every year so people in the area can see a variety," said Lieberman, festival co-chair with Winifred Madsen. "Both are well-thought of and acknowledged tellers."

A group of people from the Detroit Story League usually goes to the national conference in Jonesboro, Tenn. every year to scout out the best of up and coming storytellers, said Madsen who joined the league in 1990. She grew up listening to stories of her mother, grandmother and father. Madsen did a lot of reading and telling stories to children during her 30 years as a librarian for Detroit

Public Schools.

"We often get the big stars before they get expensive. We do have wonderful tellers every year," said Madsen, 80. "I believe in storytelling. It's live, spontaneous, the opposite of our plastic world. There's a kind of current that goes between audience and teller, as a teller you get to enjoy the response. People learn a lot through narrative."

Madsen tells stories in schools, nursing homes, private residences, and churches. On Saturday, she shares an old Chinese folk tale during the brown bag lunch between workshops. "I enjoy a good story and enjoy choosing stories for an audience," said Madsen. "There are just certain stories that speak to you when you read them."

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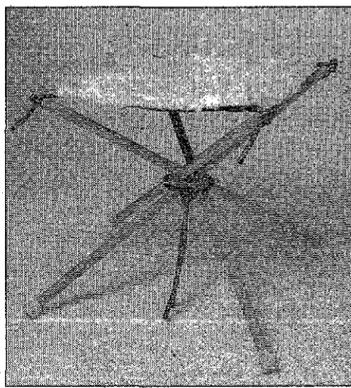


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Got a pet-centric pick to share or suggest? Send us a tip or jpg photo of your pet and its favorite accessory or toy at scasola@hometownlife.com.

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola

Polish National Alliance to hold Meet & Greet

The Polish National Alliance, District X, Council 54, presents A Meet & Greet Social Event 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Orchard Lake Banquet & Conference Center on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

Donation is \$20 per person. Call Francine Nizienski at (734) 591-4249, Christine Kryszko (313) 581-3181 or Kristal Greniuk-Wionck (734) 266-9995.

All PNA Lodge members are invited to meet national, district and the new Council 54 officers as well as the directors and choreographers of Polish dance ensembles. Talk with the youth who have just returned from dance performances in Poland and learn about upcoming events. The Polish National Alliance strives to promote and share their Polish Culture and heritage with the communities. PNA Council 54 sponsors two children's dance groups, one adult group, one young adult group, and a Polish Language school.

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nies (like Comfy Creatures), many (84 percent) owned by women. Pet sitters make an estimated 17.4 million visits per year to clients' homes.

And they all take it seriously. "We're taking care of people's biggest investment, and something most precious to them, after their children — their pets," John said. "They should have someone who's serious about doing that." The Chapmans are certified in pet first aid, they and their sitters

are bonded and insured, and they also work with pets on behaviors such as jumping, biting and house training. Full-fledged dog training is on the horizon, and that's where it's going to stay for now. "It's just not the time," John said.

Roberta is in her Xanadu as

a sort of combination pet sitter/grandmother, and doesn't see anything but good things ahead. "You can only have so many pets of your own," she said with a laugh. "It's nice to have our clients' pets as, like, surrogate grandchildren. I can't imagine ever working for anyone else again."

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GARDEN CALENDAR

All about roses
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■ Success with climbing roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, includes slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

NEW GARDEN CALENDAR CONTACT
If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.
■ Seven steps to success with roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21 and 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 22 includes a fast-paced slide talk, perfect for novice rose growers.

■ Winter preparation for roses 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival.
All events, except the propagation workshop, are free. (734) 461-1230
Gardening presentations
Learn about fall planting during a series of free presentations at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in September at English Gardens stores:
■ Planting spring-flowering bulbs on Sept. 17

ENGAGEMENTS

Vance-Vesey
Bob and Cherie Vance of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Vance, to Sean Vesey of Farmington Hills. He is the son of Mike and Kathleen Vesey of Livonia. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Stevenson High School in Livonia.
Jill graduated in 1999 and earned her bachelor's degree in Japanese from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2003. She is working toward her master's degree at Wayne State University and has worked for the past four years at DENSO International, a Japanese auto supplier in Southfield, where she is senior specialist in the Heavy Duty Logistics group. Sean graduated high school in 1998 and gained his certification as a

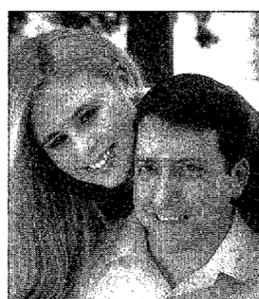


firefighter from Schoolcraft College before continuing on to earn his EMT license in 2005. For the past five years he has worked with the Farmington Hills Fire Department.
The couple is planning a September wedding at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. They will make their home in Novi.

Citizens for Peace opens third film series

The Citizens for Peace Film Series begins 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Madonna University with "Blood and Oil." The thought provoking film series is now in its third year in Kresge Auditorium on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Discussions will be led by a local facilitator after each movie. A \$5 donation per event is appreciated.
"Blood and Oil" shows how concerns about oil have fueled war for at least 60 years and calls for radical rethinking of U.S. energy policy. According to one reviewer, the hour-long documentary is a clear, dispassionate, riveting history of American and Middle Eastern oil. Informative, not polemic or political, the film gives a historical perspective as to why the U.S. is in Iraq.
On Oct. 3 "Election Day" takes viewers on a journey around the country as the drama of election day 2004 unfolds. Shown are the good and the bad of voting in America. Dearborn is one of the featured locations.
"On the Line" on Oct. 10 gives an inside look at the people behind one of the largest non-violent movements in America today: the movement to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC, a U.S. Army school that trains Latin-American soldiers. The 55-minute documentary features Martin Sheen and Susan Sarandon.
On Oct. 17, "Tim Wise: On White Privilege" tackles whether there really is a level playing field for blacks and whites. Concepts that white people don't think of that confront blacks throughout their lives are discussed in this fast paced video of author/lecturer Tim Wise. He is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the U.S., and author of two books: "White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Soul," and "Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White."
Madonna University is located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. For more information about the film series or Citizens for Peace, call Bob Frank at (734) 522-1721.

Thibault-Waineo
Dr. and Mrs. Roger Thibault of Bowling Green, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie-Ange, to Marcus Glenn Waineo, son of Glenn and Jane Waineo of Canton, Mich.
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bowling Green High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University. She works as an admissions advisor for the online campus at ECPI College of Technology in Virginia Beach, Va.
Marcus graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and from the University of Michigan, where he earned dual degrees in computer sci-



ence and mathematics. He currently works for the U.S. Department of Navy as a computer scientist in Norfolk, Va.
A September wedding is planned at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Wurth-Parkila
Lawrence and Colleen Wurth of Allen Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Kylee Wurth, to Eric Parkila of Las Vegas. Eric is the son of Arvo and Sharon Parkila of Garden City.
The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Allen Park High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned a degree in education. She works as a teacher for Las Vegas schools. Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he earned a



degree in electrical engineering. He works for JT3 in Las Vegas.
The couple is planning an October 2008 wedding in Michigan.

Flek-Noreen
Lawrence and Wanda Flek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Flek of Westland, to Frederick Noreen III, son of Rick Noreen and Marie Frizzell. The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works as a medical biller. Her fiancé is a graduate of Taylor High School and works as a carpenter. The couple is planning a Sept. 20 wedding at Dearborn Hills Golf Club.



Actors sought for murder mystery

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for "Ten Little Indians" by Agatha Christie 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 15-16, at 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Rehearsals run 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Performances take place Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 13-15.
Come prepared to do cold readings. The theater company is looking for actors of all ages. The story revolves around 10 people invited for a weekend at an island mansion by a Mr. U. N. Owen, but he isn't on the island. At dinner a record is played accusing each of the guests of murder. Suddenly the first of them is dead then the next. Who is the murderer? Will guests be able to unravel the mystery before they become the next victim? Send e-mail to lenfisher@sbcglobal.net.

Crafters wanted for boutique

Crafters are still needed for the boutique which is part of the Redford Suburban League's celebrity fashion show and luncheon on Oct. 15, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the Fall Festival of Fashion go to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.
Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe once again host the event, which features the latest designs from Lord & Taylor and the Men's Wearhouse. The boutique opens at 9 a.m. Tables are \$45 each, lunch \$15. Crafters can come in at 7 a.m. to set up. Call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853. Tickets for the fashion show and luncheon are \$45 per person. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003.

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RICK CHAVEY
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We miss your love, patience and generosity of spirit to all. My life is so empty without you.
Eva Chavey

SUE ANN HOLLAND
(nee Anderson)
Age 37. August 3, 2008. Beloved daughter of the late Ivar and Estelle Anderson. Loving sister of Ivar G. (Lee Ann) Anderson. Cherished niece of Nancy and Robert Viverito, Jean and Sandy Branzter, and George Wickstrom. Dear aunt of Stephen and Brian. Sue loved animals, especially her pet dogs, Tonka and Ernie, and was deeply committed to the conservation and preservation of wildlife, particularly wolves. She was active in all forms of outdoor recreation, including camping, snowmobiling, skiing, ATV and horseback riding. She enjoyed pop culture in all forms and loved to watch movies. Her varied musical tastes ran from classical to rock to country-western. She embraced New Age Spiritualism, including the Wicca teachings, crystal healing and consulted horoscopes and tarot cards for guidance. She loved her work as office manager of Aberdeen Van Lines in Commerce Township, Michigan, which she joined in 1994. She is survived by her family and many friends, who she loved dearly. Memorial services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Defenders of Wildlife.
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MARIE C. RIX
90, formerly of Plymouth died on September 12, 2008 at Tecumseh Place, Tecumseh MI. She is survived by her children Patricia (Terry) Patton of Ann Arbor, Carolyn (Tom) Rougeaux of Mt Juliet TN, Kathy (Randy) Tripp of Adrian, and Doug (Jane) Rix of Rockford IL; grandchildren Heather Patton (Mark Hilgers), Justin (Leah) Tripp, Sara (Jeff) Johnson, and Holly Tripp; great grandchildren Taylor and Emily Patton, Makenna and Mason Johnson, and Drew Hilgers and one sister Dorothy Dixon of Berkley MI as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert in 1998, her parents, grandson Bradley Patton and his wife Kristin, great grandson Nathan Patton, a sister Della Brinkman and a brother Edgar Armbruster. Funeral service 11 AM Monday September 15th at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI. Visitation 2 pm to 8 pm Sunday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to Tecumseh Place, 1309 Southwestern Drive, Tecumseh MI 49286 or Hospice of Lenawee County, 415 Mill Street, Adrian MI 49221.
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MARILYN LORRAINE CLANCY
Of Farmington. August 30, 2008 at 75 years of age. Marilyn was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan by her parents, Adolph and Siana Larson. She graduated from Cooley High School in 1951, married her beloved husband, James Donald Clancy in 1952 and continued her studies at Wayne State University, earning a degree in Library Science. Marilyn went on to work for the Farmington Public School System, first at East Middle School and then at O.E. Dunckel Middle School where she retired in 1991. Marilyn was an avid reader and an aspiring quilter. She enjoyed camping, square dancing, and traveling. Marilyn surrounded herself with a great love of nature, where her gardens and feeders attracted many birds, butterflies, swans, and squirrels. They brought her endless enjoyment as she would quietly observe life over a cup of tea from her kitchen table. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband James. She is survived by her daughters Colleen Davison and Debra Clancy, her granddaughter Meagan Giolitti and husband Chris, and her beloved great-grandchildren Johnny, Rosie, Joey, and Emma. Her life will be celebrated in a private memorial service where her ashes will be released to join her husband. Rest in peace knowing that your memory will live on in our hearts forever. To send a private condolence to the family go to: www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook

ARTHUR L. SPEASE, JR.
Age 66, of the Rarity Bay Community, Vonore, TN. Passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at his home with his wife at his side. Art was a graduate of Elizabethtown College and Penn State University. He was a retired mechanical engineer holding many patents related to the automotive industry. Art was an avid golfer and participated in many activities in Rarity Bay including the Rare Notes. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur L. Spease, Sr. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Jackie Spease; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Kathy Spease, David and Jenny Rose Spease, Mary and Amy Spease, Matthew and Tricia Spease; grandchildren, Jake, Alex, Andrew, Hannah, Nathan, and Garrett; mother, Ruth Spease; brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Rachel Spease; sister, Arlene Starr along with nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 pm Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial Services will follow at 7 pm with Rev. A.J. Crawford officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Caris Hospice. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements: www.clickfuneralhome.com

TONI M. KNEIDING
Age 34. Died suddenly September 7, 2008. Beloved daughter of Rickard and Patricia. Loving sister of the late Kristina. Dearest granddaughter of Maxine Kneiding and Linda Achille. Will be missed by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Toni Kneiding, M.A. was the Associate Dean of the Education and Human Service program at Baker College of Owosso. She taught in the early childhood education program and models passion and enthusiasm of the development of young children's minds. She was an advisor for the T.A.L.L. (Teachers as Lifelong Learners) student club. Toni has also presented several early childhood seminars for the Bentley campus. Toni has been with Baker College of Owosso for almost 2 years and has played an integral part in continuous improvement of the early childhood program on our campus. Toni was a former consultant for the Office for Young Children in Lansing and has many years experience in the early childhood field. She had professional affiliations with Central Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (CMAEUC), Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society (KON), Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MIIMH), National and Michigan Association for the Development of Young Children (NAEYC) (MiAEYC), National Family Literacy Association (NFLA), and National Parents As Teachers Association (PAT). Toni also was certified in many areas of special training for the early age and has used these certifications and experience in advancing our program as well as serving as a facilitator for other childcare providers in the area. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm and Friday 1-8pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, with a Prayer Service at 7:00pm Friday. Funeral Service Saturday 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research.

LEONARD "SONNY" FERGUSON
September 9, 2008. Age 72 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Sandra Ferguson and Kimberly (Paul) Conner. Son of Sarah Baker and the late Benjamin Ferguson. Brother of Betsy Davis. Loving grandfather of Gerald Cantrell, Shania Fernandez, Cody Ferguson and Eric and Katelyn Conner. Great-grandfather of the late Ava Cantrell. Services were held Friday, September 12th at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was made at Parkview Memorial, Livonia. Please send tributes and view memorials @: www.uhtfh.com

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BIRTH

Steger
Jeff and Jennifer Steger of Livonia announce the arrival of their son, Elliot Lee Steger. He was born July 27, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. His grandparents are Jack and Beverly Lee of Ray Township, Mich. and Jerry and Bernadette Steger of Midland, Mich. His great-grandparents are Dolores and Ed Cieslinski of Auburn, Mich.; Annie P. Lee of Royal Oak, Mich. and Lois Steger of Bay City, Mich.



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Lumber yard marks 108 years with sale, prizes

Customers who buy from Mans Lumber and Millwork during its 108th anniversary weekend, Sept. 26-27, will get a gift and the opportunity to enter a contest for Detroit Red Wings tickets.

The family-owned lumberyard will discount in-stock deck material from Trek and AZEK, in-stock hardware, paint, special supplies, tools, doors and special order items during the celebration.

Doug Mans, company president, said "customers have come first" for more than a century.

The Mans family began selling coal and peat in Trenton during the early 1900s, later expanding the business to include four lumberyards, two kitchen and bath design showrooms, floor coverings, a finished carpentry and millwork shop, an installed products division, equipment rental and more.

Look for the anniversary celebration and sale at the company's Trenton and Canton locations.

Canton store hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, at 47255 Michigan Avenue, Canton. (734) 714-5800. The Trenton store is open 7:30-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, at 3300 West Jefferson, Trenton. (734) 676-3000.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers will host an Eco-Friendly Open House featuring green remodeling and home construction, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Representatives will be on hand to answer green building and remodeling questions, and to offer tips on selecting the right cabinetry and appliances for anywhere in the home. Featured lines include KraftMaid, Wellborn Cabinetry, Formica and EnergyStar. Kurtis employs Habitat for Humanity's

Detroit ReStore's Deconstruction Services to hand dismantle customers' old kitchens and baths. Salvaged building materials are then sold to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers include locations in Livonia, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak. Call 1-888-KURTIS-1 or visit www.KurtisKitchen.com.

CHARDONNAY AND CHAIRS

Take a seat and sip some wine at DWR Birmingham Studio's Wine + Design event, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8.

Customers may sample wine as they shop and save 15 percent when mixing or matching six or more chairs, stools and tables from the store's dining assortment, including Bottega, Allegro and Presto collections.

DWR (Design Within Reach) is located at 168 West Maple in downtown Birmingham. (248) 593-9640

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Odor in new Bosch dishwashers testament to poor quality

In the year 1907, Mr. Frederick Louis Maytag invented the first wooden tub washer called the Pastime. The tub was made of the best cypress Maytag could find and this washer became a boon to housewives who historically used backbreaking washboards to clean clothes.

Back then, Frederick Maytag was quoted as saying, "In all business, there is a factor which cannot be compensated for in dollars and cents or computed by any measure. It has no relation or connection with the mer-

cenary and is represented only by the spirit of love which the true craftsman holds for his job and the things he is trying to accomplish."

Mr. Maytag was not the only corporate head that thought this way back in 1907 and the following years. There were many, and this country enjoyed the quality products they deserved for their hard earned dollars.

In today's world we have seemed to have done a flip-flop.

This lack of quality that many consumers experience is filling up all sorts of Web sites, and the manufacturers don't like seeing their names under any form of unsatisfactory complaint. It doesn't take a genius to figure out how to stop these complaints. Simply stop the problems.

Here is an e-mail sent to me from

Nancy: "I have a Bosch, stainless steel interior dishwasher purchased in 2004. We are empty nesters, so it takes a few days to fill up the dishwasher to run a full load. We run it more often because the odor the dishwasher emits is awful! We have had this problem since we purchased it. I have had the company out three times to check it and no one seems to find a problem. I have called the manufacturer with no results. I have run products through a cycle, which helps the smell for just a few days more. The food catcher never has anything in it because we rinse all dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. HELP! I can't stand the smell any longer."

After reading this e-mail I asked my darling wife Valerie what she

thinks of our 2-year-old Bosch stainless steel tub dishwasher. She said, "I love how quiet it is when it operates but I can't stand the smell in it. I have to make sure I turn it on each day — sometimes just a rinse cycle — or else there is an odor that is putrid. I also think it takes too long for a regular cycle and I can't put in as many dishes as I could in my old Kitchen Aid."

So you see folks, we have basically the same complaint as Nancy does. And then I went to the computer and found that we are not alone with this odor problem. What is going on here? Maybe someone can tell me how he or she solved this problem. They have tablets for sale now that you can put into your washing machine to take care of odor problems.

This means that they now produce

washing machines which have a built-in odor problem with no cure except to give it a pill. This quality story becomes more amazing every year doesn't it?

Mr. Fred Maytag would be astonished that I spent \$1,000 for a dishwasher — and that wasn't even the most expensive model. I might have been better off finding an old wooden tub wringer washer, and never having a complaint about the quality of manufactured products made today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Wendy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Benedictine High School

Class of 1973
35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or bennyhigh73@twm.rr.com.

Berkley High School

Class of 1958
50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1958
Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50-year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road &

Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner. Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneidt (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register, visit www.birmingham58.com.

Bishop Borgess High School

Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74
A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbsfirstfive.com

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989 for more information.

Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in

Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Cherry Hill High School

Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School

Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent.com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in

REUNIONS

Dearborn. Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

January Class of 1958

A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3, 2008 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy McGregor Ketko at (248) 851-5257 or Pat Keoshian Holmes at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact

Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Eastern High School

Classes up to 1958

All classes invited to reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren. Doors at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m., open bar. \$30 per person, must be paid before Sept. 29. Call Bob Butler, (586) 412-9998; or Terry Des Rivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562 or (313) 300-6385.

Class of 1958

50th reunion weekend, "Mix and Mingle" 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 10, 2008, Simbad's, Detroit; "Gala Banquet," 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 11, Western Golf & Country Club, Redford; "Back to Mack Church Service," 10 a.m. Oct. 12, Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit. \$125 package pricing, individual pricing available. Call Delores Sykes Cotton, (248) 353-7452 or Patricia Anderson Solomon, (248) 538-5205; e-mail EHS1958reunion@aol.com; or visit www.classmates.com "Eastern High School."

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School

Class of 1958

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmay@aol.com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce

Class of 1958 January, June and August

A 50-year reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

Detroit Western High School

Classes of 1930s, 40s and 50s

Annual reunion, all classes welcome, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Call (313) 565-4997 or (248) 427-0673 to reserve your spot by Sept. 5.

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School

Class of 1956

Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Edwin Denby High School

Class of 1953

Seeking classmates for Dinner Reunion, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at Capital Banquet Center, 123 31 Mile Road, Washington, Mich. Contact Doris Burrows Firestone at (586) 268-2319, Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954 or Bob Plinder, (248) 332-8028, for details.

Farmington Harrison High School

Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

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HOMEREOY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 160lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **29284368**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **29282115**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 52, 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WM, 47-55, NS, clean-shaven, HWV proportionate, for friendship first. **29281229**

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SNF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **29284371**

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SNF, 42, 5'5", blonde, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **29284915**

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Good looking SBF, two, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **29147056**

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SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, travel. **2927056**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2927385**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, NS, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **2927187**

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Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **29273003**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2928064**

EARTH BABY
DWF, 52, 5'10", 300-lbs, NS, N/D, nags, many interests, family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygoing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with SDW. **29281618**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'3", seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **29289125**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2927598**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54', blonde, party, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **29285007**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SNF, 36, long hair, NS, athletic build, pretty, animals love, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing WM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2928654**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2925988**

HELLO OUT THERE
SNF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. Enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **29241298**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 38, 5'10", NS, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys activities, travel, spending time together. **2928580**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **29281372**

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SBF, 54, 5'2", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, NS, for friendship or more. **2928444**

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SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, looks walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2927906**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2927324**

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Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SNF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HWV-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, NS, N/D, nags, for serious relationship, if you love motorcycles call me. **2927994**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SNF, 50, looks young, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, god lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good range in life. Livestrong. **2912047**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2913198**

NURSE
Attractive SBF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for NS, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2909879**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 50, 140lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS. Possible LTR. **2963760**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2963068**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde hair, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventures, many gentlemen. **2962548**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 52, 160lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **29113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SNF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-68, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **29271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the up and down of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2927171**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SNF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **29282578**

LET'S GET GOING!

SNF, 40s, attractive, good looks, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2928302**

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 51, 180lbs, short dark hair, likes roller-biding, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2927274**

GIVE ME A CALL
BM, 35, 5'5", blonde, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, NS, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. **2927120**

BROTHER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SNM, NS, good-looking, financially employed, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **2926046**

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SNM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **2928516**

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, NS, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-35, who shares some time together and get to know. **2928551**

LET'S CONNECT
SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SAHF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what develops. **2928628**

SINGLE DAD
WM, 57, 150lbs, brown/medium, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working out, cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WFF, 23-33, for dating. **29284933**

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, cars, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF for conversation and connection. **29174678**

LET'S MEET UP
SNM, 53, brown/blonde, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to tight up. **2926717**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SNM, 32, NS, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. **2929056**

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, for friendship first, possibly more. **29291487**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gnt SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antique shopping, etc. Seeking SWF, for friendship and companionship. **29174497**

YOU NEED ME
SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **2918112**

GIVE ME A CALL!
SNM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **2928948**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 63, 250lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-60. **2928482**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH for companionship, possible LTR. **29281147**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SNF, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 22-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2928505**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easygoing, smart, affectionate female. **2927088**

WARM AND FRIENDLY
Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, HWV proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **2927908**

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs,

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countries in Africa, people with their families. It's kind of hard to imagine what they went through. Their world is so different from what any of us experience," said Raines, vice president of programs for the Erb Family Foundation in Birmingham and former executive director of The Jewish Fund.

Raines believes there is a connection between the Jewish community and Freedom House and that's why she became personally involved.

"The theme never again for the dinner parallels similarities of what the Jewish people suffered under the Holocaust and what people are currently suffering today in different parts of the world. As a Jewish person the plight of these people appeals to my sense of justice," said Raines who serves on the honorary dinner committee. "The distant relatives on my father's side there's almost nobody left. That's what happened to Jewish families, whole families that were gone. Out of 8 million Jews 6 million died. There were people who came who were turned away by our country and that's unacceptable."

Pegg Roberts is working on behalf of the residents of Freedom House to provide opportunities for a new life. The stories she hears nearly every day send chills through

Americans used to the freedoms of this country. People from Rwanda, Uganda, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo have left their families behind in search of asylum. Others like the two nuns from Uganda fled religious persecution, Freedom House is the only organization in the country that provides housing, legal aid, education, language training, and job placement for people seeking asylum.

"One family we had was a mother with two sons, 7 and 11, She was from Congo where they're taking the male children and forcing them in the army so she fled, She left behind her husband and her daughters. She got asylum and is in the process of sending for them," said Roberts, Freedom House executive director. "Another woman from Uganda whose husband has been politically active in opposition of the current government they broke into her home, beat her husband beyond recognition and raped her and took her to jail for three days and raped and beat her, A friend helped smuggle her out of the country and she landed in New York. A cab driver gave her \$150 and told her to get to Freedom House. Each story is more incredible."

Roberts could go on and on about the refugee from Uganda whose father was from one tribe, his mother from another so he was safe

from neither. Originally there were 21 in his family, Now he and his son are the only ones left, Annually Freedom House provides services for over 300 people with similar stories. Last year three doctors from Uganda and Congo were accepted into medical schools and have gotten scholarships so they can begin to practice medicine here. Another man is in divinity school to become a minister and wants to share his story with people on a different level.

"You cannot even walk by Freedom House without it grabbing you and changing you forever, their courage, intelligence, compassion, They just touch your life in ways you've never been touched before," said Roberts of Royal Oak. "Many have a number of children left behind. Applying for asylum is extremely difficult and can take anywhere from six months to two years, In the meantime your family is in danger or in hiding in their home country, You have to take blood testing and DNA to prove your children are your children, Often that impacts our residents, I'm so moved by this African culture, If you see a child whose parents were murdered you pick this child up and that child is yours from that day forward. We're hoping people will become sensitized to what we do to these families, I always believe in America doing the right things, We're founded on the freedom of religion, political,

racial/tribal, sexual orientation. In Africa gay people are murdered. The theme, never again, draws light to the fact it happens every single day. We're going to be seeing more Iraqis as time goes on."

Michael George is already seeing an influx of refugees from the war-torn country of Iraq. As chairman of the Chaldean Federation of America in Farmington Hills, he is leading the resettlement effort. George is expecting more than 10,000 Iraqis to settle throughout the U.S., this year.

"Freedom House is working with us to help the refugees from Iraq for resettlement purposes in the metro area," said George. "Freedom House handles detainees and asylees, We assist in resettlement of refugees. We work together because we have a common cause. These people that are here originally came as students or came on vacation and didn't want to go back, They don't have any rights here, Freedom House feeds people, clothes them like we do. Refugees come ignorant of their rights, making a living and have no problem finding a home. Asylees try to find a permanent residence because they're illegal aliens. There's no one else to do that work. What would these people do without Freedom House?"

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 Fax: 313-852-1339
 Mail: Human Resources
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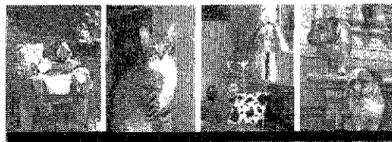
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Announcements & Notices **6200**
NOTICE This is a notice that the Redford Township Cooperative Preschool has closed as of July 23, 2008. If you are owed any debt you have 30 days from this notice to contact the RTPC. Please send all request in writing to 12895 Barwyn, Redford, MI 48239. 313-538-0668

The proposed FY 2009 budget for Oakland Conservation District
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Legal & Accepting Bids **6220**

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES NOVI CLINIC
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Antiques/Collectibles **7020**

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Arts & Crafts **7040**
SCRAPBOOKING & STAMP SUPPLY SALE Sept. 20, 10-4. St. Matthew's Church, 5885 Venoy in Westland.

Rummage Sale/ Flea Market **7080**
Redford Aldersgate Church Annual Fall Rummage Sale. Sept. 20th, 9-2pm. 10000 Beech Day, Plymouth & W. Chicago.

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LIVONIA 8819 Cardwell, corner of Inlster & Joy, Sept. 17-20, 10a-5p. Household goods, furniture, collectibles.

LIVONIA Large Estate Sale - Wed., Sept. 17th-Sun., Sept. 21st. 9am-6pm. Antiques, furniture, tools, Christmas Decor, collections, Pewter, hammered aluminum, pottery, depression glass, nut choppers, jars, crocks, Avon, lunch boxes, receipt boxes, lots more! 30560 Minton, btwn W. Chicago & Joy, off Merriman.

REDFORD - Estate Sale Sept. 18-21, 9am-4pm. 18266 MacArthur, S. of 7 Mile, E. of Inlster.

SOUTHFIELD Sept. 16-20, 9am-5pm. 28604 Spring Arbor Dr. btwn Southfield & Greenfield off 12 Mile. Antiques, dishes, tools & more.

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BEVERLY HILLS - Thurs. & Fri Sept 18th & 19th 9am-4pm Tennis sample sale, toys, household items and oak entertainment center. 31736 Crossbow

BIRMINGHAM Furniture, household items, kid's stuff. Sept. 18-20, 9am-3pm. 1790 Birmingham Blvd., 14 Mile & Southfield.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Subdivision Sale! Fri & Sat. Sept 19 & 20, 9-4. Van Ness Dr. N off Quanton (16 Mile) b/w Franklin & Inlster. Something for everyone! 510' Grand Piano-Like New, 2 Elect Guitars.

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CANTON Multi-Subs, Cherry Hill Orchard, Stonegate, Oak Vale, S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Palmer, E. & W. of Lilley. Sept. 18-21, 9-5pm.

CANTON - Multi-family! Sept. 18-20, 4732 Larchmont, Sunflower Sub., N/Ford, E/Beck. Crafts, Department 56 Dickens Village, Christmas, etc. Hallmark classic cars.

CANTON-SUNFLOWER SUB Thurs. Sept. 18-Sat. Sept. 20, 9am-? W. of Canton Center and N. & S. of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

ESTATE SALE SEPT 19-20 28947 WESTFIELD, LIVONIA. 734-622-1560

GARDEN CITY 32260 Rosslyn, E. of Venoy. Sept. 18-20, 9am-5pm. Furniture & antiques.

LAKE ORION - INTERIOR DESIGNER INVENTORY SALE Fri Sept 12-Sun Sept 14, 9-6pm. Includes furniture, lots of accessories, antiques, fabrics, rugs & tile. 2021 Nakomis Trail, North off Indianwood, West of Lapeer Rd.

LIVONIA 14582 Park, off Lindon, E. of Levan. Wed-Sat, Sept. 17-20. Come storm this multi family kingdom of clutter & see what treasures await. Kid's stuff, cook books, holiday decor, crib, Bowflex, & other gems. Open 9am.

LIVONIA 37491 Myrna, N. of 5 Mile, W. of Newburgh. Sept. 18-19, 9am-3pm. Clothes, Christmas, golf, etc.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE Oak Dining Room Set, Family Room Furniture, Glass Table & Chairs, Appliances, VINTAGE TOYS, Power Tools incl. 6" Jointer, 6" Mitre Saw stand, Outdoor Power Tools, Commercial Shelves, Stained Glass Tools, Classic Ford parts, TEACHING SUPPLIES, much more! 28635 Puritan St., Livonia, off Middlebelt, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, Sept. 17-20. 863-660-1740

LIVONIA MOVING SALE - 17429 Brookview Dr., 1 blk W of Middlebelt, 2 blks N of 6 Mile. Sept. 18-20, 9am-4pm. Furniture, children's toys, decorative items & household.

LIVONIA Nottingham Woods- 31900 Balmoral Dr., 6 miles W. of Merriman. Sept. 18-20, 9am-5pm. Antiques, glassware, primitive.

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PLYMOUTH 48017 Green Valley Dr., in Trillwood Sub-twn. Ann Arbor Rd. & Ann Arbor Trail, Sept. 18-19, 9-3p. Multi Family. Lots of toys, bikes, strollers, baby items, some Longaberger baskets.

PLYMOUTH 4741 Napier Ct., off Napier btwn Warren & Ann Arbor Rd., Sept. 18-20, 9-4. Multi-Family. Lots of good stuff at reasonable prices.

PLYMOUTH 5 Family Sale. 46522 Southview Lane, btwn Sheldon & Beck, off of Ann Arbor Trl. Sept 18-20.

PLYMOUTH 9405 N. Ridge Rd. N. off Ann Arbor Rd. Sept 18-20, 9am-5pm. Lots of like new kids clothes, toys, household, furniture & misc.

CLASSIFIEDS WORK! 1-800-579-7355

PLYMOUTH Estate Sale, Sat. Sept. 20-21, 9am-5pm. 13000 N. Ridge Rd., just S. of N. Territorial. FURNITURE - Little girl's born set, Barrister bookcases, 20+ books, & much more!

Household Goods **7160**
BEDS Craftmatic Adjustable Beds - 2 twin size, extra long; together create king size. Adjusts at head/feet, also vibrates. Original, \$5000. Asking \$3000/both. 734-495-1486

BOOTH - SOLID OAK Ceramic top, under seat storage, excel shape. \$500. Call: (734) 459-4712

BUNK BED Includes desk, drawers & extra shelving. \$250 248-477-0377.

CHANDELIER & CURIO Crystal, teardrop, from Ukraine. \$200. Light oak curio cabinet, \$200. 734-286-6229 or 734-718-1017.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Scanlink Beach Contemporary w/ system, 6'x5'10" TV. Toshiba w/ remote, \$425/best offer. Call: (248) 446-1004

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