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Two girls seriously injured in car-bike accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 43-year-old Canton woman drove through a red light Thursday evening and struck two girls crossing a Westland intersection on a bike, police confirmed Friday.

The driver could be ticketed or charged as early as this week for the rush-hour accident that left a fifth-grader and her 11th-grade cousin in stable but serious condition, authorities said.

The girls were crossing Cherry Hill at Carlson, just south of John Glenn High School property, when they were struck by a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am traveling west on Cherry Hill around 5:50 p.m., police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

The driver, whose vision was possibly impaired by bright sunlight, told police she didn't see the girls.

"There was a bright sun to the west, just above the horizon, and it could have been a contributing factor," McIntosh said. "She didn't see the girls. She assumed the light was green."

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

The younger girl, a fifth-grader at nearby Madison Elementary School, was flown to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The older girl was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

The 11th-grader was sitting on the bike seat and the fifth-grader was standing on the front-wheel foot pegs of a 20-inch, BMX-type bike, McIntosh said. Neither girl was wearing a helmet.

A large crowd of people gathered near the scene of the accident.

Sheldon Brown, who lives just south of the Cherry Hill-Carlson intersection, said drivers often speed along Cherry Hill, a major east-west thoroughfare in Westland. He suggested that a pedestrian bridge over the road might be a good idea.

"We have an elementary here and a high school here," he said. "Wouldn't it make sense to have a walkover? There's a lot of kids who live around here."

Tracy Hutson of Romulus travels the area most days to pick up children who go to Ms. Peggy's, a Livonia fitness and dance center.

"It all happened really fast," Hutson said. "I hope this is a wakeup call. They (drivers) just go too fast along here."

McIntosh confirmed that police have had complaints about drivers running red lights at Cherry Hill and Carlson. However, he said officers watching the area have found such incidents "rare" — much rarer than at some of Westland's busier intersections.

One resident commented that he has seen Westland police frequently writing speeding tickets in the area.

In other developments, school officials arranged for crisis intervention teams for any students who might need help at Madison and Glenn, according to Wayne-Westland school administration offices.

The accident scene on Thursday.

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
ALDI Foods store manager Greg Mulford unloads items for sale when the grocery chain opens its Westland store Thursday.

New store on the block

ALDI brings its more-for-less philosophy to Westland

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's been some 20 years since residents in the Wayne Road-Cherry Hill area have had a major grocery store in their neighborhood, but that's about to change Thursday when ALDI Foods opens its new store at Bayview and Wayne Road.

"We're excited, it's going to be a great development," said David Kapusansky, real estate director, about choosing Westland for its new store. "We've been looking for years to find a site where we could be the major anchor and we found it."

The new store sits on the north end of a new retail development on what had been the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA property. Joining the standalone grocery store is a strip mall that will have National Coney Island as one of its tenants.

ALDI has been on the grocery scene since 1976, offering a "low-cost, high-quality, conveniently sized grocery." It got its start in Iowa and now has 850 stores around the United States. The Westland store expands ALDI's presence in western Wayne County, joining stores in Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford.

The philosophy behind the grocery chain is more for less. Shoppers will find a limited assortment of the most popular items in the most popular size — roughly 1,000 of the most frequently purchased grocery and household items.

"We offer the highest quality product at the lowest price available," said J.T. Branneman, ALDI director of operations. "We have a few name brands which are special purchases, but most of our products are the private label only sold at ALDI."

ALDI also streamlines operations.

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History group makes last donation

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland historic-preservation group that disbanded in June has made its final donation — money that will be used to support a one-room school and an 1800s-era house.

The former group, Friends of the Westland Historical Museum, called it quits amid a deepening rift with the Westland Historical Commission.

City leaders have lauded both groups, saying the two sides shared a love for Westland's history but had differences over how to preserve it.

As part of its legacy, the Friends group has donated its last $8,097.32 to two projects.

Of that amount, $6,168.97 will be used to maintain the one-room Perrinsville Schoolhouse, a familiar building on Warren Road west of Merriman. The remaining $1,928.35 will be designated to replace the exterior dry-rot boards of the 1837 Rowe House, a Greek Revival-style house at the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Friends President Jim Franklin on Monday turned over the donations to Mayor William Wild, who, along with city leaders such as city council President Charles Pickering, commended the group for its 19 years of service to Westland.

Over the years, the Friends organization raised and donated money for numerous buildings, including the Perrinsville Schoolhouse, the Rowe House, the 1800s-era Octagon House and the Westland Historical Museum, said longtime member Ruth Dale.

The Friends formed in May 1988 and disbanded in June 2007. The group and the historical commission had most recently differed over the naming of the Westland Historic Village Park.

While most historical commissioners supported the name, some Friends members had said the site couldn't be considered a village because it lacked an on-site schoolhouse and a church, among other buildings.

Earlier, the two sides differed over the sale of two acres of land on museum property. A commission majority supported the sale, but Dale and others opposed it.

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Last month, the *Observer & Eccentric* put out a call for local mothers to step up as Supermoms and agree to post their expert advice to MichiganMoms.com on a regular basis. The response was overwhelming.

We got hundreds of phone calls and e-mails from potential Supermoms, all hungry for just the kind of community MichiganMoms.com provides.

It was difficult to choose, every applicant had unique talents and expertise all her own. In fact, there were so many great moms, we plan to rotate Supermoms throughout the year. For now, we settled on five Supermoms representing diverse cities and situations. They will start posting regularly today.

Here are the *O&E* Supermoms:

■ Judy Davids of Royal Oak is a working mom with two boys, ages 12 and 14. Davids is guitarist in the mom rock band The Mydols, plays in an over 40 soccer league and serves on the PTSA. Did we mention her memoir is being published in April? Look for her Web site posts on dealing with shy children, and decorating children's bedrooms.

■ Beth Hurley of Canton is rais-

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2 charged in robbery of armored car

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A robbery of an armored car driver in Westland led to criminal charges Friday against two men.

The incident happened around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday outside the Sav-a-Lot store at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, police Lt. Daniel Karrick said.

Two men attacked the driver as he came out of the store with a bag of money, and a struggle ensued as one of the men tried unsuccessfully to wrestle the employee's gun from him, Karrick said.

The victim managed to hold onto one assailant as the other fled with the money, only to be captured by police within minutes in a nearby residential neighborhood, the lieutenant said.

No shots were fired, and no one was seriously hurt, Karrick said, commending the armored car employee and police for quickly apprehending the two suspects.

On Friday, Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot arraigned Christian Hall, 18, of Sterling Heights on charges of unarmed robbery and attempted larceny of a firearm. He arraigned Jerrel Tittman, 19, on a charged of unarmed robbery.

Hall was accused of trying to wrestle the gun from the armored car worker and being held until authorities arrived, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said. Tittman is accused of fleeing only to be captured near the scene, Borisch said.

Vandersloot entered not-guilty pleas for the men and ordered them back in court Nov. 1 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Both men were jailed Friday in lieu of $100,000 cash bonds.

If convicted, they could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

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Federal grant will help fight underage drinking

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A new federal grant will help police in Westland, Garden City and Wayne combat underage drinking.

The $30,750 grant, funneled to local communities by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, will pay costs for special investigations aimed at party stores and other places that may sell alcohol to underage drinkers.

The money will pay overtime costs for plain-clothes police officers and supervisors who also will increase alcohol enforcement efforts at events such as football games, rowdy parties, proms and other places where youngsters may congregate and drink, said Westland Police Chief James Ridener.

At times, police officers may use underage decoys to help them bust retailers involved in illegal alcohol sales, Ridener said.

The $30,750 grant will be divided among Westland, Garden City and Wayne. The money will be used through next September.

It's the second year Westland has received federal dollars to enforce laws against underage drinking. It's part of a program called Safe Communities: Underage Drinking Enforcement.

Westland will administer the grant.

"We are serious about keeping alcohol out of the possession of minors," Westland Mayor William Wild said in a prepared statement. "This grant will further enable our police department to help prevent youth behavior that could lead to dire consequences."

According to the mayor's office, the last grant for Westland resulted in 75 enforcement efforts in which officers went into places that sell alcohol. Officers also handed out 14 citations for minors in possession of alcohol, and they ticketed 16 adults for furnishing alcohol to minors. Police also broke up 12 parties involving alcohol.

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Case delayed for 2 charged in forgery

The women charged with providing Secretary of State documentation to people with fake identification will wait until Oct. 23 for a preliminary hearing in Livonia's 16th District Court.

Janice Bess, 43, of Westland and Cheryl Simpson, 42, of Detroit, face charges of forgery, use of a computer to commit a crime, two counts of identity theft and two counts of false certification — the impermissible use of personal information.

Bess worked at the Secretary of State's branch office at Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, where investigators say the scam was centered.

"We believe that, for a price, Ms. Simpson would identify customers and Ms. Bess would produce these items, using the name and personal information of an unwitting person already in the Secretary of State computer system," Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said in a release.

Investigators and prosecutors say Bess was issuing valid state license plates, vehicle titles and registration — even Michigan drivers' licenses — to people using fake identities. She was arrested at her job on Oct. 1 after she issued a new license plate and vehicle registration to the undercover deputy, who was using an assumed name and produced no identification.

At the same time, officers executed a search warrant at Detroit home of Simpson, who had introduced the undercover officer to Bess.

According to investigators, Simpson also told an undercover deputy that Bess could provide the officer with a "whole new identity," complete with a state driver's license, with her photo and someone else's name, address and driver's license number taken from Secretary of State computer records.

"It is incredible in a post Sept. 11 world that a government employee would provide anyone with picture identification under a false name," Evans said. "The potential for homeland security issues here is significant."

"I never cease to be amazed that some people will risk a good job and their entire career to turn a fast illegal buck," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy. "As we know, people will do this when times are good and when they are bad; greed is the motivation. Now these defendants may go from dispensing licenses plates to making them in prison."

Evans and Worthy said the investigation began when a deputy noticed a fraudulent paper temporary license plate taped inside the back window of a vehicle the officer had pulled over. The driver of the vehicle provided investigators with the name of the person who had sold them the pink 15-day "temp tag."

"From that point the investigation continued to escalate, as each person our investigators contacted gave us information on someone else," Evans said. "The seller of the temporary tags gave us someone who was selling fake auto insurance policies, who then gave us someone else. Eventually, one of the suspects told us about Ms. Simpson, who claimed to 'have someone inside the Secretary of State's Office,' referring to Ms. Bess."

Warren added that the undercover deputy was able to make contact with Simpson and both went to the SOS Livonia branch, where Bess produced a license plate and vehicle registration with renewal tabs under an assumed name that Bess knew to be false.

Five individuals, including Bess and Simpson, have been arrested, and deputies and prosecutors are continuing their investigation.

Evans and Worthy said that once the Secretary of State's Office was notified of the investigation, it cooperated fully, assisting along the way.

"The Department of State operates with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "We take our mission — and the trust that comes with it — very seriously. We have no tolerance for any violation of that trust. While these types of allegations involving a department employee are few and far between, we're continually vigilant through our internal auditing and investigative procedures. I applaud the professionalism of the Sheriff Evans and his office in this matter."

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Southgate ALDI Foods manager Shawn Giltner (left) helps cashier Brandy Ahlijian of Westland with price labels that will be used at the Westland ALDI Foods store.

AROUND WESTLAND

Make a Difference

Seniors are celebrating Make a Difference Day by joining a national campaign to send postcards with well-wishes and other items to American troops. All week, the Westland Friendship Center will accept postcards, postage stamps, monetary gifts and care package items. For a list of products accepted, call (734) 722-7628.

Memory lane

W.O.W. will present Twist Down Memory Lane 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 27. Put on your grooviest '60s or '70s clothes and dance the night away at the Wayne-Ford Civic League for $20. Tickets for people 21 and older are available by calling Mary Deming's Cake Shoppe at (734) 261-3680 or Women of Westland at (734) 467-9113. Proceeds will benefit the Barb Douglas Scholarship Fund.

Ballroom dancing

The senior citizen Friendship Center is looking for people interested in starting a ballroom dancing class 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fridays. At least 10 people are needed. Cost is $3 per class. Anyone interested may sign up at the front desk.

Numerous events planned for Halloween in city

Never let it be said that Westland doesn't know how to celebrate Halloween.

Here's a look at what's coming:

- Westland 18th District Court will check candy for free 6:30-10 p.m. Halloween night. The court is located behind the police station on Ford Road, east of Newburgh.
- A guided, non-scary tour for younger children, who are encouraged to wear costumes, will happen 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday during a Halloween adventure in Tattan Park, on Carlson south of Ford. Tickets are $3. In the event of rain, the fun will move inside the nearby Bailey Recreation Center.
- An all-ages "Get Spooky" science and magic show with Count Eggbert and Countess Eggberta will be held 6:15-7:45 p.m. Friday at the Bailey Center. The show will include a melting wicked witch, bubbling potions, flying eyeballs, spider web cotton candy and more. Cost is $5.
- The Westland Jaycees haunted house will be open Oct. 24 through Oct. 10. Times are 7-10 p.m. except on Friday and Saturday, when hours will go until midnight. Cost is $8 per adult and $6 for children under 12. The house is located near the Bailey Center.
- A Bowling with the Monsters program will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Town 'n' Country Bowl, 1100 S. Wayne. For $7 a person, a child will get one game of bowling, shoes, a hot dog, a drink and a visit with monsters. The event is sponsored by Grange No. 389, Westland Parks & Recreation, and Town 'n' Country. Proceeds will benefit the third-grade dictionary program for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

ALDI

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While the new store will be a full-service grocery with fresh produce, meat, baked goods, frozen, canned and dry goods and dairy products, all of the products will be prepackaged at the warehouse. Items arrive at the store ready to be displayed. The system helps cut expenses and requires seven to nine employees, Branneman said.

Shoppers also participate in the savings. They're able to bring their own bags and boxes. Shopping carts are available for a 25-cent deposit, which is refunded when the cart is returned. The system cuts down on the labor of collecting carts left in the parking lot, a savings that's passed on to customers.

According to Branneman, the end result is savings that are better than national brand, store brand and even club prices. The chain offers a double guarantee that every item is produced to the highest standards.

"We did an advertisement a few months ago comparing ALDI to Farmer Jack; our cost was half that of Farmer Jack," he said.

"The ALDI experience is truly an alternative to the maze of aisles and long lines at other grocery stores," said Dan Sefton, vice president of the Webberville division. "We do everything possible to help customers with their bottom line while still maintaining top-of-the-line quality. Our prices are even lower than wholesale clubs, and our sizes are much more convenient."

The store also will offer a changing assortment of seasonal products — special purchases from furniture and clothing to electronics and appliances up to decorations and toys at Christmas.

Company officials see Westland as a good fit for ALDI.

"It's an all-American city, a fantastic community," Kapusansky said. "Westland is healthy, it's stable, it offers all kinds of things for families to do. We're glad to be there right among the roof tops."

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ing two boys, ages 5 and 8½. Technically a stay-at-home mom, the happily married Hurley is always busy volunteering at school, organizing mom-to-mom sales and serving on her homeowner's board. A self-proclaimed "news junkie" Hurley is the one friends call for recommendations on places to eat, shop or offer advice.

■ Sandi Martin of Plymouth is a working mom to four girls ranging from ages 2-10. Martin's sense of humor made her application rise to the top. Subjects she wants to tackle include "101 tasks we can accomplish while waiting for your daughter at dance class," and "Organization: Why is Polly Pocket in the freezer and Spider-man on top of the ceiling fan?"

■ Kimberly Mortson of Westland is mom to two children, ages 5 and 8, and works for the City of Ann Arbor. Mortson hopes to blog about issues facing working moms, raising creative kids and traveling with children.

■ Julie Rogalski of Rochester Hills is a stay-at-home mom with a 2½-year-old. She is interested in fashion, exercise, sports and music,

Kim Mortson of Westland with her children Grace, 8, and Jack, 5.

and hopes to discuss organic lifestyles, books, making the switch from working to stay-at-home-mom and early potty training.

If you'd like to learn more or chat with our Supermoms, log onto MichiganMoms.com and check out their posts. Or, start a thread of your own. You don't have to be a Supermom to join the online village at MichiganMoms.com.

The site is free and open to all super moms. We'll see you there!

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Redford clerk calls WCCC mailer illegal

BY MATT JACHMAN
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A Redford official is challenging Wayne County Community College over a mailer about the school's tax proposal, which Westland voters in the Wayne-Westland school district will help decide.

Township Clerk Garth Christie on Oct. 11 filed a state complaint against WCCC Chancellor Curtis Ivery and the WCCC Board of Trustees, alleging the school used public money to promote its 1.5-mill property tax renewal plan.

"I looked at it and I was shocked," Christie said Tuesday of the brochure. "It's using public money to campaign for a ballot proposal, and I believe that's illegal."

Christie's complaint, filed with the Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land's office, also questions recent television commercials about the college.

"You have to look at the timing of all this expenditure," Christie said.

A college spokeswoman said the mailer is informational in nature and doesn't tell people how to vote on the tax plan.

The ballot question asks voters to renew a tax of 1.5 mills ($1 for every $1,000 of a property's taxable value) for 10 years. The renewal wouldn't take effect until 2011, after the current tax expires.

The tax plan is the only thing on the ballot in Redford Township in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, election.

Christie said he's received calls of support from people who've heard about his complaint. Redford's Board of Trustees on Oct. 9 approved a resolution condemning the timing of the tax renewal proposal.

WCCC spokeswoman Tina Bassett said the mailer is legal.

"We do have a public obligation to provide information so that people can make up their own minds," said Bassett. "It does not tell people how to vote."

Bassett said about 50,000 brochures were mailed, targeted to areas in the WCCC district in which there are high proportions of WCCC students or people who may have attended events at the school.

The back of the brochure includes 12 tidbits of information about the school, and the millage, under the heading: "Top 12 Reasons Why We Should Support Wayne County Community College District."

"We check with our attorneys before we put anything out, and if this were a problem we would've known about it," said Bassett.

Bassett said about 50,000 brochures were mailed, targeted to areas in the WCCC district in which there are high proportions of WCCC students or people who may have attended events at the school. She said she could not pinpoint the cost of mailing the piece, as it was mailed with other WCCC literature.

The WCCC district includes Redford — except for the part of the township in the Clarenceville School District — and a portion of Westland and Canton Township.

Secretary of State spokeswoman Kelly Chesney said the department's Legal and Regulatory Services Administration will ultimately decide whether a violation of campaign finance law has been committed.

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District's security proposal on hold

A proposal to add security cameras and new locks to Livonia Public Schools elementary and central office buildings was removed from Monday's school board agenda due to "several questions that several board members still had," said board President Lynda Scheel.

The district received a $200,000 bid from a company to install cameras and electronic door locks with magnetic key cards.

The board's building and site committee will continue discussing security upgrades and bring the issue back to the board, said Trustee Greg Oke, who leads the committee.

Meeting topics set

The school board will hear a presentation of the district's audit at the Monday, Oct. 22, committee of the whole meeting at 6:30 p.m.

On Oct. 29, the fifth Monday of the month, the school board won't meet. However, residents can attend an informal community conversation about the district's budget, finances and audit. Twenty-five people can sign up to talk with three board members from 6:30- 8 p.m. This time, additional audience members are allowed to watch the interaction, which will take place in the board meeting room. The community conversation will not be televised or taped. To register, call (734) 744-2510.

The next regular board meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. Agendas are posted online at www.livonia.k12.mi.us.

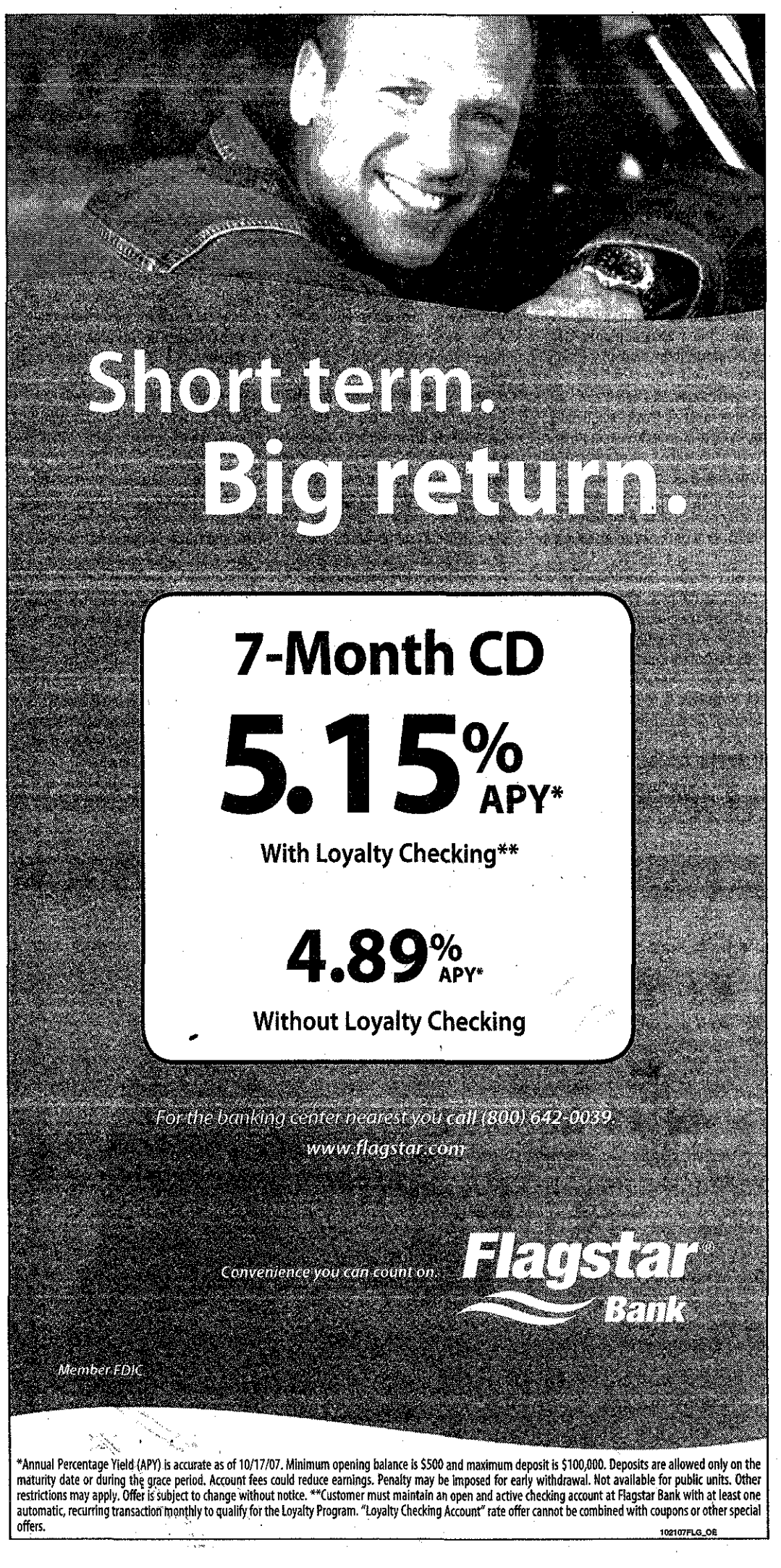
PTA gift improves recess

Let the slide races begin.

Two new freestanding, side-by-side slides on Hoover Elementary's playground are part of a $34,500 gift from the school's PTA.

The PTA also purchased a "recess pack" for each classroom that features 19 pieces of equipment including jump ropes and sidewalk chalk.

Hoover Principal Andrea Oquist said student council members helped shape the decision. "There were no free-standing slides on the playground. That was something that many of the boys and girls wanted to see."



IRA provision allows charity contributions with tax break

Dear Rick: I read something where you can give money from your IRA to a charity without having to pay taxes and at the same time deduct the amount as a charitable contribution. Is this possible?

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Last year under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 there was a provision that allows certain individuals to transfer money from their IRAs to a charity and avoid paying taxes on the distribution from the IRA. However, in those situations you cannot also claim the amount as a charitable deduction.

In order to qualify for this favorable treatment, you have to be age 70½ or older. In addition, the maximum amount you can transfer in any one year is $100,000. The law that authorizes these transfers only allowed this for 2006 and 2007. At this point in time, it is hard to say if the law will be extended. The key to this transaction is you have to make sure your money is transferred into the charity before Dec. 31.

A charitable IRA transfer offers a number of benefits. First, the contribution counts as part of your required minimum distribution and it is not included in your adjustable gross income. Since it is not included in your AGI it could help reduce the tax on Social Security benefits and may help with other income cutoffs that certain tax breaks require.

I believe a charitable IRA transfer makes sense for people who are charitable in nature and who do not deduct their contributions. Many people take standard deductions and are unable to deduct charitable contributions. Using the charitable IRA transfer allows you to still take the standard deduction and exclude the IRA distribution from your income.

Individuals in high tax brackets who cannot deduct their charitable contributions also benefit from this method.

Charitable IRA transfers must be completed before the end of the year and there are paperwork requirements. If you are interested make sure you do it as soon as possible.

Dear Rick: My mother recently passed away and I know that she had a life insurance policy. The problem is I can't locate the policy. Do you have any ideas?

My condolences on the loss of your mother. Unfortunately, there is no national registry of life insurance policies. However, there are some other things you can do.

Look through your mother's old financial records. Whether it is tax returns or canceled checks, there may be some clues as to the insurance company. For example, if your mother was still making premium payments, there should be a canceled check.

If your mother has used a CPA, attorney or a financial adviser, contact them. They may be able to provide you some information.

In addition, I would check who was your mother's homeowner and automobile insurance agent. That individual may also be able to help.

If you have no luck after doing all this, contact the State Insurance Commissioner in Lansing.

For as long as I have been in the financial world, there has always been one constant and that is that upon death, families have difficulties locating assets. Not only does this cost the family money but also causes frustration.

That's why I recommend completing a document locator, a listing of assets, where they are located and where legal documents are kept.

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

Yo Ho Ho, it's a pirate's world at the Westland library

Dec. 4 heralds the release on DVD of *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* – the final movie in a trilogy that has broken box office records. But the success of the franchise is only the latest proof that people are fascinated by piracy.

Recent books such as *Empire of Blue Water: Captain Morgan's Great Pirate Army*, the epic battle for the Americas, and the catastrophe that ended the bloody outlaw's reign, or *The Sack of Panama: Captain Morgan and the Battle of the Caribbean* (call numbers 972.904 Tal and 972.87 Ear, respectively) are only the most recent examples of corsairs in literature. In fiction, of course, there are boatloads of

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pirates – from the classic *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson (J FIC Ste), to the more recent *Peter and the Starcatchers* by Dave Barry (J FIC Bar). There are even books about pirates in the future, such as the *Planet Pirates* series by Anne McCaffrey and Jody Lynn Nye. We've even got pirate music, like *Rogue's Galley* (CD Vocal Rog) (watch it, though, the language on this one is pretty spicy ...)

In the wider world, there's national "Talk Like a Pirate Day" – celebrated on Sept. 19 this year (see the Web site at http://www.talklikeapirateday.com), there's bands that recreate sea songs and chanties and other piratey music (like The Seadogs – at http://www.seadogs.org/), there's entire groups who recreate pirate life professionally on the Renaissance Faire circuit (The Cardiff Rose, http://www.cardiffrose.com/) or just for fun (the Pirates of Rogues Cove, http://www.roguescove.org/). You can even tour the oldest warship still in commission in the U.S. Navy, which chased privateers (http://www.ussconstitution.navy.mil/index.htm).

So ... Avast ye! Weigh anchor and sail into your library afor we keelhaul ye .... errrrr. Please come into the library at your earliest convenience, and peruse our fine materials on pirates. And you can always visit us online: westland.lib.mi.us

- Jane Lowry

Highlighted Activities

Teen Anime/Manga Discussion, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Middle and high school teens! Join us as we view *Naruto – Mission: Protect the Waterfall Village!* No registration required. Snacks will be served.

Word for Beginners Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word – a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and print. No registration is required.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group Oct. 24, 7 p.m. It only seemed appropriate to read the *Father of Horror* for October. H. P. Lovecraft has inspired such authors as Stephen King, Robert Bloch, Cliver Barker, Neil Gaiman, artist H. R. Giger, directors John Carpenter and Stuart Gordon, and more. Dark reading for a dark season...check it out: Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos, then come talk with us. PLEASE NOTE: We've moved the meeting back a week from our regular Wednesday - everyone's going be busy on the 31st .... BOO!

Garden City Hospital hosts weekly wellness programs

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

Monday, Oct. 22

Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is $30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. 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. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. and 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.

Power Hour at 3 and 5 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is $30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

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

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

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

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.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.

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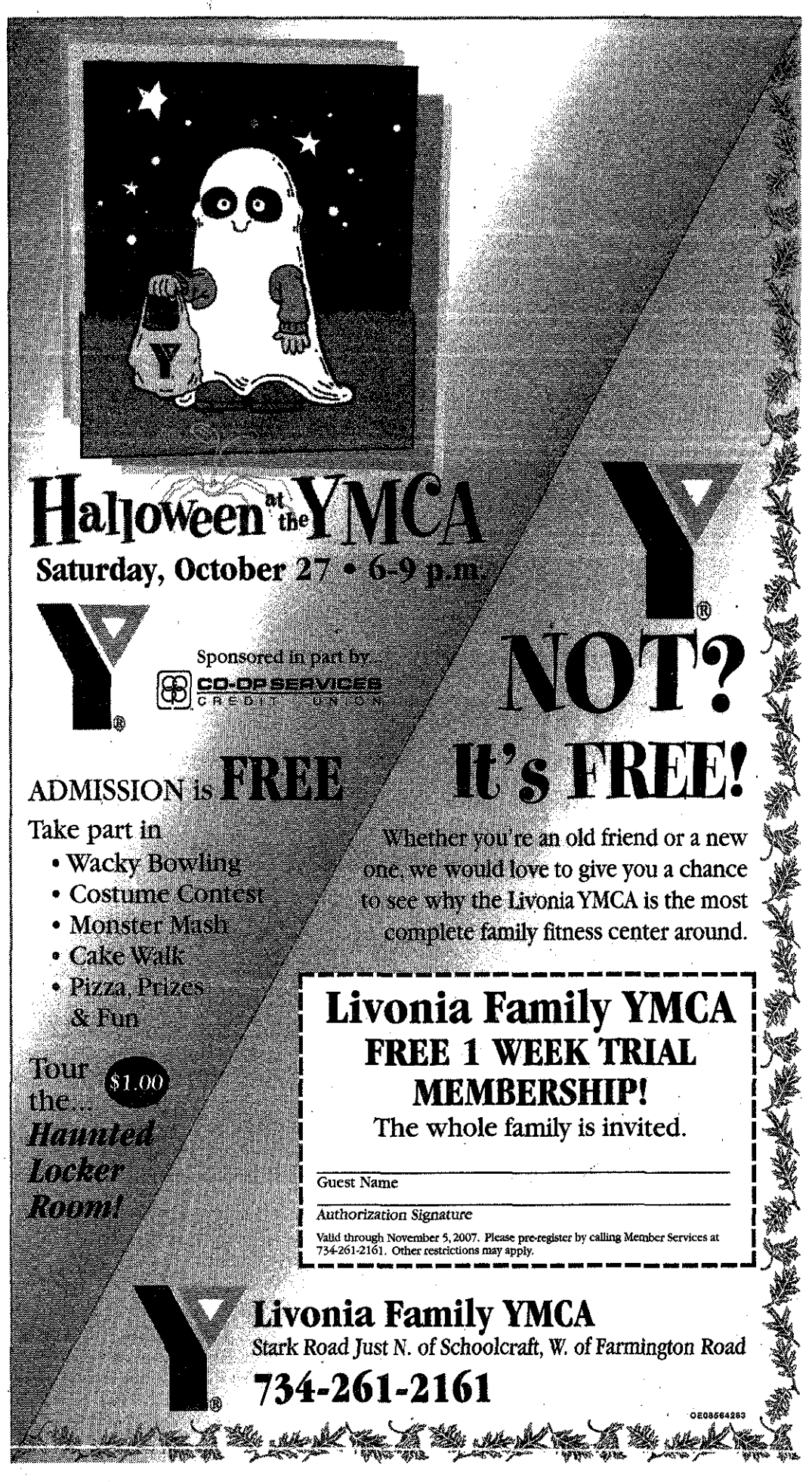


Church eyes parking expansion

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Temple Baptist Church moved to Plymouth Township and became NorthRidge Church, church and township officials signed a Property Usage/Consent Judgment that limited the church to a certain amount of growth.

Now, NorthRidge Church representatives are asking Federal Court Judge Denise Page Hood to throw it out. After hearing lawyers argue their cases at a hearing last week, Hood offered - and the parties accepted - a court-supported mediation session designed to resolve the issues. That meeting is set for Nov. 8.

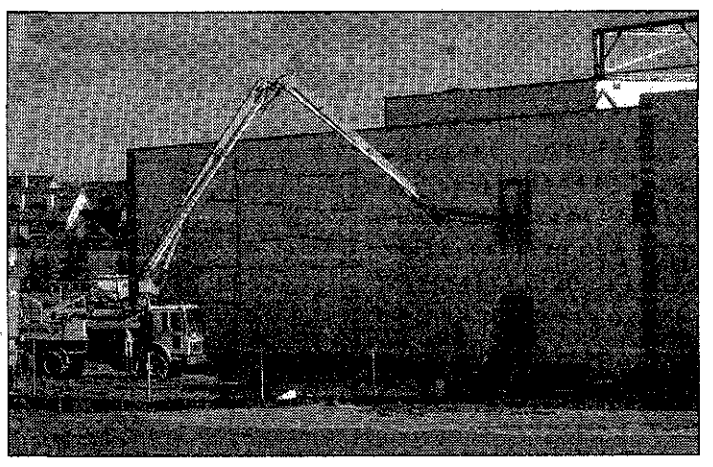
NorthRidge officials declined to comment on the hearing, but did release a statement.

"Representatives of NorthRidge Church and Plymouth Township appeared in Federal Court before the Honorable Denise Page Hood on October 10, 2007 to address issues arising out of a 1995 Property/Usage Consent Judgment," the statement read. "At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Hood offered a Court-supported mediation session between the parties as a method to resolve outstanding issues. NorthRidge Church warmly accepted the meeting. Out of respect for the judicial process, NorthRidge Church will report the outcome upon the conclusion of the meeting."

While NorthRidge officials declined to discuss the particulars of their request until after the hearing, township officials said the issue - aside from continued growth of the church itself - is parking.

While no official request has been made by the church, NorthRidge representatives have made it clear in informal discussions with the township what they'd like to do.

"If the consent judgment is thrown out, it is their full intent to expand the capacity of the church, to expand the parking on the existing developed site and to extend that parking to an adjacent parcel to the south which they have purchased," said James Anulewicz, Plymouth Township's Director of Municipal Services. "There's never been any formal submission for such expansion, but they've had informal meetings with me on two different occasions."



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NorthRidge Church officials just completed an expansion last year.

The consent judgement, signed by both parties in 1995 when the former Temple Baptist Church relocated to Plymouth Township, allows just over 1,100 parking spaces. The church, located on some 55 acres at North Territorial and Ridge, recently opened an 85,000-square-foot addition. The church, which has more than 14,000 members and averages some 9,000 worshippers for weekend services, currently shuttles attendees from the Johnson Controls Parking lot.

Another issue is whether the consent judgment covers the 25 acres the church has purchased to the south. In previous interviews, senior pastor Brad Powell has said he doesn't think so; township officials disagree.

"The consent agreement limits the number of parking spaces," township supervisor Richard Reaume said. "The (township) board's position is they would like NorthRidge to honor the consent agreement."

So would residents, who are concerned about traffic problems significantly increased parking would cause in the neighborhood.

"I think everyone's well aware of the growth at NorthRidge and the success (Powell) has had in rebuilding," said Paul Bortel, a Plymouth Township resident who lives in Plymouth Commons. "What we haven't heard specifically is his plan to accommodate the residents who are living in the immediate area and who would be greatly affected by the additional traffic burden in the area. We would certainly welcome an accommodation in that area, and we haven't heard any."

Leader praises Westland Rotary

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The guest of honor at the Thursday, Oct. 18, Westland Rotary meeting had words of encouragement.

"I am just so proud of everything that was shared with me," said Jennifer Jones, district governor for District 6400, during the annual governor's visit. "I hope that each one of you feels a real sense of pride."

Jones, a member of the Windsor Roseland Club who has a television production company, cited the Westland Rotary's backpack project. That effort provides backpacks and school supplies to students at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementaries in the Wayne-Westland district.

She talked about how giving is better than receiving. Jones was on a trip to Chicago and bought a "gratitude journal." The clerk wrapped it carefully and beautifully, so he'd be the first entry of what she had to be grateful for.

"It was a really wonderful moment," Jones said.

She and her husband traveled to Haiti to work at a medical clinic; her husband's a family doctor. Children ran to see who was arriving in their Haitian village.

Most children had distended stomachs from malnutrition but still played with joy. "They had no idea what they didn't have," she recalled.

The medical clinic was set up, and two young men who experienced pain were simply hungry. "It motivates us to action," Jones said of such moments. "How can you walk away from something like that?"

Eighteen months later, the village is about to get a school thanks to Rotary along with a food program.

She discussed the current Rotary theme of "Rotary Shares."

"I love those words," Jones said of projects focused on clean water, health/hunger and literacy efforts.

She mentioned the district conference next spring in Niagara Falls, Canada, along with a World Peace Summit planned for April 2008. The latter will feature well-known speakers and a peace concert.

"We're busy, busy people and there's so much on our plate," Jones said, pleased that district Rotary membership is up a bit.

She's welcomed 48 new members since July 1. "We are going in the right direction," Jones said.

She presented Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina, a Westland resident, with an inukshuk, a stone figure built to resemble a human. The word is Inuit for "in the image of man."

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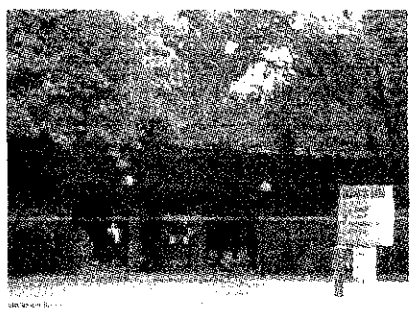

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Health programs
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, will present the class, "Is It Really Your Thyroid?," 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Noble Library. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Seating is limited to 30 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

■ Fischer will present the class, "Beat Stress – Be Happy!," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The class will teach you how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. Learn how the body deals with stress and when the body is heading toward stress burnout. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. Seating is limited to 15 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

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

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

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

CRAFT SHOWS

Westland Jaycees
Crafters are needed for the Westland Jaycees' community craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Booth space – 7 feet by 9 feet – costs $35 for one day, $65 for both days. There's a $5 discount on additional space and $5 charge for electricity. Deadline for applying is Oct. 31. Send signups to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call her at (517) 879-1803.

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

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

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

St. Michael's
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, will have its annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School.

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

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

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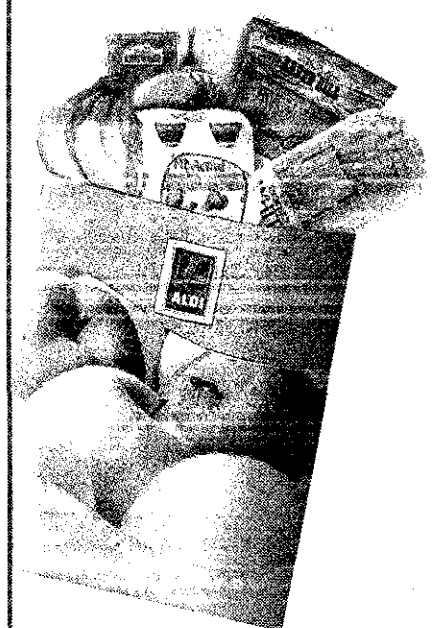

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OUR VIEWS

Get inspired to make a difference on simple new holiday

Who wouldn't want to feel the satisfaction of actually making a difference in someone else's life or in their community?

On the other hand, many of us need a little kick-start to get that altruistic spirit going sometimes.

That's the point of Make A Difference Day, which will be this coming Saturday, Oct. 27.

Started 17 years ago, this is one of those created holidays but with a great purpose. It's sponsored by *USA WEEKEND* Magazine and its carrier newspapers, in partnership with the Points of Light & Hands On Network and supported by Newman's Own Foundation, which provides donations to charities.

Make A Difference Day is a day set aside to help others. Simple as that. No special colors, fancy badges or funny hats required, just a desire to go out and, well, make a difference.

There are some groups planning organized events in recognition of the idea of making a difference. "Dear Soldier" is just one of those local efforts planned to send letters and care packages or gifts to military personnel overseas as hosted by Schoolcraft College at both its main Livonia campus's VisTaTech center on Oct. 22 and its Radcliff Campus in Garden City on Oct. 23. Packing days are Oct. 25-26. For details, e-mail lstantont@schoolcraft.edu.

Another way to make a difference is to use Oct. 27 as the day to pledge your support. For instance, Wayne County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh is looking for volunteers to help needy senior citizens in Redford Township, Garden City and Dearborn Heights rake their leaves or clean up their yards on Nov. 3. (It's a week later to let more of the leaves fall.) Call Celeste Lehman at (313) 224-0930 to sign up.

For more specific ideas, visit www.usaweekend.com and look for the Make A Difference Day icon at the top of the page. From that page, you can search for organized projects by ZIP code; get inspired by reading about what other difference-makers have done; or load in some details about how or whom you'd like to help and use a computerized "idea generator" to figure out what to do.

Making a positive impact on the world is something we should all aspire to — whether it's through some organized effort or something more subtle. Using this created holiday to get started seems like a great idea.

LETTERS

Using children as pawns

There has been much politicizing and misinformation of the SCHIP program that needs to be addressed.

First, the SCHIP program was created by the Republican Congress in 1997 to subsidize children's health insurance for families with an income of $41,000 a year for a family of four, too high to qualify for Medicaid.

President Bush has agreed to continue the program, and increase the budget for the program by 20 percent. However, for political reasons, the Democrats in Congress have pushed through a bill for the program with a $35 billion increase over the next five years instead of the $5 billion that the president requested.

The Democrat bill would raise the qualifying income from $41,000 to $82,000 for a family of four and covers children to 25 years of age.

Worse yet, in order to hide the true cost, their bill in 2011 would abruptly cut spending by 65 percent below current spending levels which means that the 2012 Congress would have to pass additional spending or kick kids off the rolls.

If you are a smoker, you are going to pay for this increase in spending for the program with another 61 cents a pack.

SCHIP is a good program, for it helps the truly needy, and to extend the program with President Bush's more modest 20 percent increase is not cold-hearted.

They are sending the president a bill to cover children of more financially able families long after they are in the workforce. They know he will have to veto it, and then attack him and everyone who votes against it with misinformation. That is cold hearted and plays politics using poor children as pawns for political gain.

In Michigan, almost 72 percent of the SCHIP money is going to childless adults according the state's own report to the center for Medicare and Medicaid services making Michigan number one in the country. Thank you Governor Granholm.

Needy families making $82,000 a year, children up to 25 years of age, smokers paying more, childless adults taking money's from "poor kids"? Yes the era of Big Government is back, and bigger than ever.

Jim McFerran
Redford Township

Praising Granholm

I'm one of the many Michigan citizens who is thankful for Gov. Granholm's effort and dedication that appears to be necessary for the "common good."

Since too many legislators have a different agenda, it has been a difficult struggle.

Her courage and perseverance is appreciated and the people who care feel that the world is a better place because she is in it.

Laura Perreault
Southfield

'Culture of life?'

President Bush's veto and 9th District Congressman Joe Knollenberg's vote against a bipartisan effort to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program show just how far hard-core Republicans will go to prove a point.

Those who oppose the $35 billion bill say it will lead parents to drop private insurance and belly up to the government trough for health care coverage. They say Democrats are using poor children to push an agenda for national health care. In his veto message, Bush said the bill would provide government-funded health insurance to families making $83,000 a year, and he doesn't think that's poor.

He's right — that's not poor. More's the pity. Because even at that income level, profit-driven insurance companies have put adequate health coverage out of reach for millions of American families. The rising cost of health insurance has led many employers to either require high employee premium contributions, or to offer no health insurance at all. According to a study by the nonpartisan Urban Institute, the total number of uninsured children has risen by 12 percent over the past two years, but the number of children in families living at 200 to 400 percent of the poverty rate has increased by double that rate.

More importantly, it appears Mr. Bush doesn't understand the requirements he added to SCHIP, which force new families to wait without insurance for a year before submitting an application and require states to enroll 95 percent of the lowest income children before anyone else.

The bipartisan compromise dropped childless adults from the program, freeing up funds for another two million children. The additional tax on cigarettes was expected to keep thousands of kids from smoking. But our congressman doesn't support it. According to Joe Knollenberg's blog, he wants to just continue the program "as is" — until after the 2008 elections.

Of course.

President Bush's proposal would result in an estimated $7 billion shortfall in SCHIP funding over the next five years. And now, all children covered under SCHIP are without health insurance — because SCHIP funding authorization ran out three days before he vetoed the bill.

But that's not a problem, according to our president. Here's what he told an audience in Cleveland this past July: "People have access to health care in America. After all, you just go to an emergency room."

And this is his "culture of life?"

Joni Hubred-Golden
Farmington

Sink SCHIP

The SCHIP program was created in 1997 by a Republican Congress in order to provide supplementary health insurance for poor children. The Democrats are now trying to push for a major expansion of this program purely for ideological reasons. They are attempting to achieve their goal of socialized medicine.

In a recent article by Robert Novak in the *Washington Post* of Sept. 27, he points out that under the Democrat proposal private health insurance would be replaced by government health insurance for most workers. The expansion of this program would cover families with income up to $82,000 a year. States could also extend the aid to childless adults. The term "children" under the bill would mean anyone under 21. The expanded SCHIP program would become a giant entitlement program for the middle class and, like other entitlement programs, you can bet the costs of it would rise dramatically.

In one of their weekly radio addresses the Democrats used a 12-year-old boy to talk about how he and his family had benefited from the SCHIP program. His name was Graeme Frost and he berated President Bush for not expanding SCHIP. Unfortunately for the Democrats, bloggers starting checking into the Frost family. What they found was quite interesting. The Frosts live in a 3,000-square-foot house in the Butchers Hill historic district of Baltimore. The children attend a private school that costs $20,000 a year for each child. The family purchased a building for $160,000 in 1999 and their house mortgage appears to be worth $200,000. Yet this family cannot find affordable health insurance?

Rep. Joe Knollenberg was right in voting against this expansion of SCHIP. He has done an outstanding job for his constituents and that is why he continues to get re-elected.

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PARTRIDGE CREEK

Glenn wins shootout against Wayne, 49-38

Wild, crazy, wacky.

That's the only way to describe Westland John Glenn's season-ending 49-38 football win Friday night at Wayne Memorial, a game which featured nearly 1,000 yards in total offense.

Glenn, which ended a three-game losing skid against the rival Zebras, finishes the year at 5-4 overall. The Rockets now lead the series, dating back to the 1972 season, 28-8.

"We stressed all week that this type of game will create memories that will last a lifetime," Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. "All week we talked about having guys step up and play the best games of their career.

"We stopped them a couple more times than they stopped us, and that was the difference I guess."

It was by far the highest scoring game of the 36-year series between the two Wayne-Westland public schools.

Glenn led 28-18 at halftime, but it didn't start out well for the Rockets, who fumbled the opening kickoff and Wayne responded with a 10-yard D.J. Freeman TD run.

The Wayne senior quarterback was 9-of-17 passing for 109 yards. He also rushed 21 times for another 121. Junior Anthony Baskin added 81 yards on 13 carries.

Glenn's leading rushers were two seniors – quarterback Keshawn Martin (17-for-191) and running back C.J. Woodford (27-for-187).

Martin scored on TD runs of 4, 1 and 45 yards. He also hit Woodford on a 19-yard scoring pass. Woodford also contributed a 50-yard TD run, while Pat Jensen had a 2-yard scoring run followed by Martin's two-point pass to Josh Jackson just before intermission.

Glenn's Dazz Bragg contributed on a 5-yard TD run to cap a 12-play, 54-yard drive with 7:04 remaining in the game after Wayne closed the gap to 35-32 on D.J. Freeman's 68-yard scoring pass to brother Alan with 1:26 to go in the

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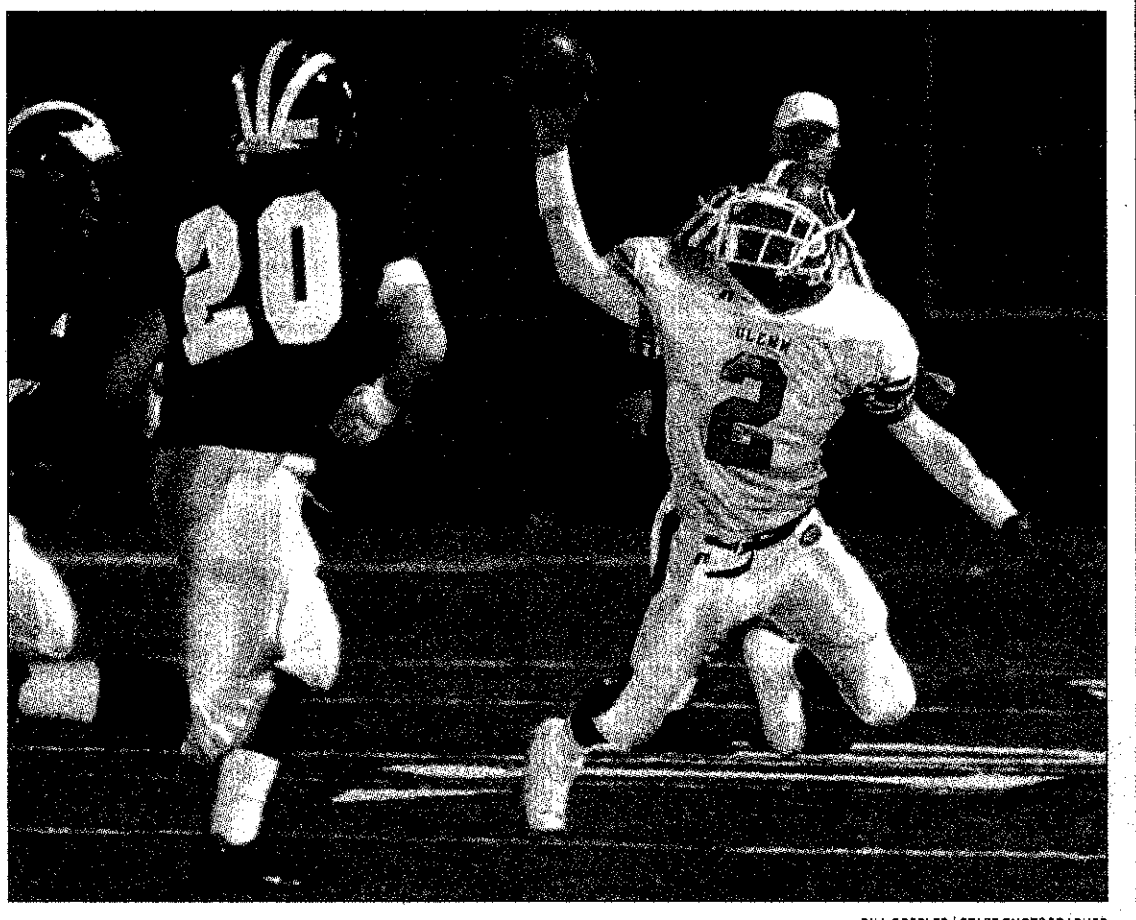

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Glenn's C.J. Woodford looks for a receiver in the end zone for a two-point conversion pursued by Wayne defender Alex Bledsoe (20).

Patriots blank Churchill, 7-0, harbor playoff hopes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Franklin's defense pitched a shutout Friday night at the expense of playoff-bound Livonia Churchill.

The Patriots, who earned a hard-fought 7-0 victory, yielded only 135 yards in total offense. They ended their football regular season at 5-4, winning five of its final six games after an 0-3 start.

And with the triumph, the Patriots kept their glimmering playoff hopes alive as an at-large team with a 66.930 point average, second to only Taylor Truman's 68.00 among the state's 5-4 Class A teams. A total of 256 teams make the postseason field divided into eight divisions of 32 teams each.

Churchill, which garnered its third playoff berth in school history a week earlier, finishes 7-2 overall and awaits a yet to be named opponent on the MHSAA's Selection Sunday Show (to be aired on FoxSportsNet Detroit at 6:30 p.m.).

After Churchill fumbled away a scoring opportunity on the Franklin 6-yard line with 5:12 left in the first quarter (recovered by linebacker Austin Mesler), the Patriots put the game's only score on the board with 2:20 left in the first half when senior wide receiver Israel Woolfork – using all of his 6-foot-4 frame – grabbed a 36-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jesse Carpenter.

Churchill committed an uncharacteristic four turnovers in the game as Franklin picked off three passes, two by Connor Leidal. The other pick-off was by Woolfork (tipped by Mesler) to stymie a Churchill drive at the Patriots' 13 with 2:59 to go in the third period.

The game was pretty much a defensive stalemate as the Chargers could must only two net yards in the final period. Churchill's top rusher was Matt Kowalis (13-for-50), while Carpenter had 119 of Franklin's 190 total offense.

"We've played pretty good

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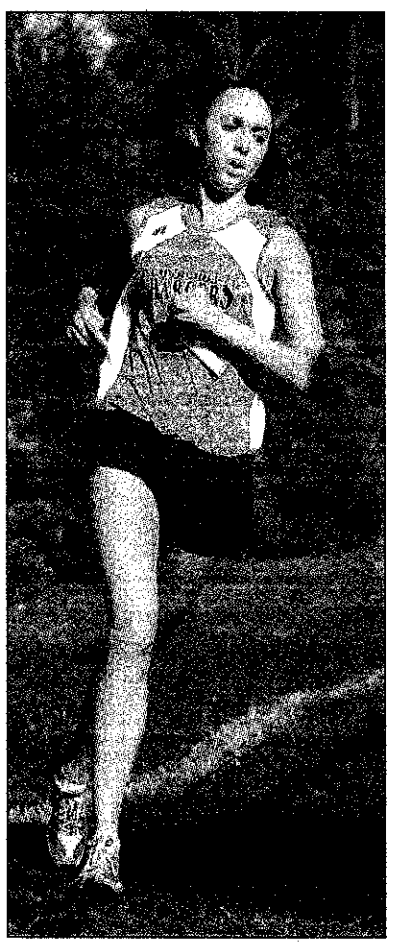

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Churchill's Rachel McFarlane, shown in a meet earlier this season, won the Western Lakes title Friday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Life in the McFar-lane

Senior 1st as Chargers repeat in Western Lakes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's Rachel McFarlane is hitting her stride at a critical part of the girls cross country season.

The senior All-Stater led the way Friday afternoon at wind-whipped Willow Metropark in New Boston as the Chargers repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association champion with a team total of 50 points.

McFarlane covered the challenging 5,000-meter course in a season-best 18 minutes, 38 seconds to finish ahead of Livonia Stevenson's Courtney Calka, who was the only other among 82 competitors to crack the 19-minute barrier in 18:48.

Plymouth, meanwhile, earned its best WLAA finish in its brief school history by edging Northville for second place, 80-82. It was the first time ever Plymouth had finished ahead of its WLAA-Western Division foe. Canton was also in the mix, scoring 94 to place fourth in the 12-school field.

McFarlane, who succeeds graduated teammate Megan Maceratini as WLAA champion, clocked a season best 18:42 in the second Lakes Division Jamboree eight days earlier, five seconds behind Calka.

"It was phenomenal to see Rachel win because she works hard in practice and she's been coming on," said Tatro, who guided Churchill to a runner-up finish in last year's Division 1 state meet. "I knew she pop a good one soon. "The weather conditions did not let it interfere with her race strategy. She knew what she wanted to do and her game plan worked to a 'T.' I'm very proud of her."

McFarlane had concerns prior to the race as wind gusts reached 35 MPH.

"During the warmup I was a little worried," McFarlane said. 'I just wanted to tuck in behind Courtney, see how the race goes and see how fast she was after the first mile. We were together going until the second hill. I knew had to keep pushing. Most of the time the wind was behind us, especially on the downhill. I could hear people saying I was 10 meters ahead, then 50, but I knew she always has a massive kick so I had to be in front of her. I didn't think I would be a season P.R. (personal best) for me in this weather, but I did."

Churchill, capturing its fifth WLAA crown under Tatro since 2000, also received strong finishes from sophomores Sara Kroll (sixth) and Amanda Southwell (eight); and juniors Alyssa Mira (13th) and Hannah Otto (22nd).

"I knew Amanda (Southwell) would pop a good one sooner or later," the Churchill coach said. "She's a gutsy little runner. The conditions were windy, but the girls were not concerned. With our junior and senior leadership, they came out and did not let it affect them. I thought Sara (Kroll), Alyssa (Mira), Hannah (Otto) all ran gutsy races today despite the weather conditions."

The Chargers, meanwhile, appear to be in good position to repeat this Saturday as regional champion at Schoolcraft College.

Plymouth also will be gunning for its first-ever state team berth.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore Kelly Hahn, who took fifth in 19:23. Juniors Molly Slavens and Beth Heldmeyer were 11th and 14th, respectively. Laura Ahearn added a 24th, while Julie Forster took 26th.

"We just have a bunch of fast girls who work hard," Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin said. "You can be the best coach of the world, but you have to have the horses. I'm proud of all of them. They put in a supreme effort today and we hope to keep it rolling into next week.

"Molly (Slavens) had a stress fracture and missed the first five week. We brought her back slowly and today she runs 19:42. We had three in the 19s and two others in the 20s, so you can't complain."

Canton's top finisher, meanwhile, was junior Sarah Thomas in ninth.

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Clasgens saluted

Olivet College running back Pat Clasgens (Livonia Stevenson) was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 204 yards on 23 carries in the Comets' 24-9 football win Oct. 13 over Albion College.

Clasgens averaged 8.9 yards per carry as Olivet improved to 3-3 overall and 3-0 in the MIAA.

Brooks inductee

Ferris State University three-time (1993-95) All-America football performer Mike Brooks (Livonia Churchill) was inducted recently into the Bulldog Hall of Fame.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound linebacker is FSU's all-time leading tackler with 351 solo stops and 316 assists. He helped the Bulldogs to a 42-6 overall record in his four seasons and an NCAA Division II national semifinal playoff berth in 1995.

He is currently a middle school teacher for the Walled Lake Schools along with his wife Shannon. They have two children (Gavin and Bailey) and reside in Livonia.

Hulett homers

Lake Superior State University's Erin Hulett (Canton/Livonia Ladywood) belted a go-ahead three-run homer and scored the winning run in the 10th inning for a 10-9 Soo Lakers victory in an exhibition women's softball game Oct. 13 at Oakland Community College.

Hole-in-one club

Stephen Garchar, 69, of Livonia, used a 5-iron to ace the 150-yard, No. 2 hole last month at Fox Hills' Strategic Golf Course in Plymouth.

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200 freestyle: 1. Ashley Gordson (LS), 2:00.75; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:07.57.
200 individual medley: 1. Marecki (LS), 2:08.78; 2. B. Holtz (LS), 2:30.12.
50 freestyle: *1. Timson (LS), 25.71.*
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 219.38 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:04.84; 3. Nadia El-Sabeh (LS), 1:11.51.
100 freestyle: 1. Lauren Cockels (WLN), 59.8; 3. Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:00.58.
500 freestyle: 1. Laura Holtz (LS), 5:43.51; 3. Sarah Scott (LS), 5:59.96.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Shanno Pawloski, Lauren Bell, Cockels), 1:49.1; 2. Stevenson (Marecki, Timson, Lauren Gribeck, Courtney Phelps), 1:49.51; 3. Stevenson, 2:00.63.
100 backstroke: 1. Charlotte Buckley (LS), 1:08.79; 2. Ashley Montini (LS), 1:09.84; 3. Sara Healy (LS), 1:12.57.
100 breaststroke: 1. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:17.36; 3. Paige McNamara (LS), 1:21.75.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Holycross, *Emily Cauzillo, Alexia Sarnowsky), 4:03.98; 3. Stevenson,* 4:14.72.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-2 overall, 4-0 WLAA-Lakes Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 102
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 84
Oct. 18 at W.L. Central

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 1:59.9.
200 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 2:03.9.
200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:16.6.
50 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 26.5.
1-meter diving: 1. Leah Dunville (WLC), 194.80 points; 2. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 177.1.
100 butterfly: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:07.9.
100 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 56.5; 3. Kim Raley (WJG), 1:02.5.
500 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 5:35.1.
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Jessica Fielhauer, Sells, Burgess, Sparks), 1:49.3; 3. John Glenn (Margaret Wright, Rachael Alholinna, Jacquelyn Hewitt, Raley), 1:56.3.
100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:04.6; 2. Caitlin O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:14.1.
100 breaststroke: 1. Madi Sewell (WLC), 1:10.5; 3. Peterson (WJG), 1:10.5
400 freestyle relay: 1. Central (Jordan Daykin, Becca Lee, Sewell, Jessica Varana), 4:00.2; 2. John Glenn (Humbach, O'Sullivan, Fielhauer, Peterson), 4:19.9; 3. John Glenn (Danielle Gunther, Wright, Alholinna, Raley), 4:20.1.
Glenn's dual meet record: 5-2 overall, 3-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

CANTON 126
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 60
Oct. 18 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Maddy McDuff, Maddy McLean, Maggie Carlson, Monica Blaesser), 2:09.82; 2. Franklin (Kayla Douglas, Catherine Studzinski, Dominique Jordan, Trisha Custer), 2:16.49; 3. Canton, 2:24.68.
200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:50.58; 2. Natalie Cote' (LF), 2:04.0; 3. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:11.65.
200 individual medley: 1. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:21.79; 2. Christine O'Keefe (C), 2:33.99; 3. Colleen Anthony (LF), 2:36.19.
50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 27.13; 2. Hannah Maxam (C), 29.16; 3. Paige Solo (C), 30.11.
1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 175.25 points; 2. Meghan Powers (LF), 171.30; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 170.95.
100 butterfly: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:05.6; 2. Blaesser (C), 1:05.98; 3. Eyster (C), 1:14.24.
100 freestyle: 1. O'Keefe (C), 1:01.2; 2. McLean (C), 1:03.8; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:04.89.
500 freestyle: 1. A. Schmitt (C), 5:00.86; 2. Katie Kubacki (C), 5:53.63; 3. McDuff (C), 5:54.82.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote', Katie Kent, Douglas, Anthony), 1:49.35; 2. Canton (O'Keefe, K. Schmitt, Sara Schmitt, Carlson), 1:50.44; 3. Canton, 1:57.44.
100 backstroke: 1. Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:06.94; 2. Cote' (LF), 1:07.45; 3. Irwin (C), 1:11.03.
100 breaststroke: 1. Blaesser (C), 1:17.62; 2. Sara Krebs (C), 1:18.28; 3. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:21.65.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (S. Schmitt, S. Schmidt, K. Schmitt, A. Schmitt), 4:03.43; 2. Franklin (Cote', Douglas, Haymour, Anthony), 4:04.55.
Franklin's dual meet record: 5-3 overall, 2-2 WLAA-Western Division.

SALEM 123.5
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 61.5
Oct. 18 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Sara Spala, Katie Gorman, Emily Bair), 2:03.85; 2. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Casey Chamberlain, Sandy Nahra, Arielle Pietron), 2:11.99; 3. Churchill, 2:12.28.
200 freestyle: 1. Allison Burke (S), 2:12.71; 2. Devin Bromley (S), 2:18.94; 3. Casey Zimmerman (S), 2:24.4.
200 individual medley: 1. Emily Nelson (S), 2:20.35; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:27.49; 3. Amanda Price (S), 2:41.9.
50 freestyle: 1. Hartwig (S), 27.64; 2. Ashley Cabadas (LC), 28.5; 3. Caitlin Heaney (S), 29.03.
1-meter diving: 1. Katrina Koetting (S), 300.0; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 275.0; 3. Kailea Stancer (LC), 250.0.
100 butterfly: 1. Heaney (S), 1:02.42; 2. Cabadas (LC), 1:03.4; 3. Jaclyn Hoover (S), 1:04.24.
500 freestyle: 1. Reid (LC), 5:46.96; 2. Burke (S), 5:51.72; 3. Bromley (S), 6:00.42.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Gorman, Bair, Nelson, *Aumiller), 1:46.09; 2. Salem (Hoover, Mary Schremser,* Zimmerman, Heaney), 1:55.18; 3. Churchill, 1:58.44.
100 backstroke: 1. Hartwig (S), 1:07.91; 2. Emily Hiser (LC), 1:10.95; 3. Lisa Cezat (LC), 1:15.77.
100 breaststroke: 1. Spala (S), 1:17.48; 2. Chamberlain (S), 1:26.39; 3. Ashley Micek (S), 1:26.5.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Aumiller, Gorman, Nelson, Bair), 3:52.62; 2. Salme (Heaney, Price, Burke, Pietron), 4:14.03; 3. Churchill, 4:16.2.
Churchill's dual meet record: 1-9 overall, 0-4 WLAA-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 116
REDFORD UNION 66
Oct. 16 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Jessica Gilbert, Colleen Anthony, Dominique Jordan, Rose Carpenter), 2:18.32; 2. RU (Arika Horst, Brigitte Keyandwy, Allison Schmidt, Julia Brenay), 2:22.81; 3. Franklin, 2:41.84.
200 freestyle: 1. Anthony (LF), 2:17.87; 2. Jordan (LF), 2:23.42; 3. Horst (RU), 2:34.35.
200 individual medley: 1. Natalie Cote' (LF), 2:22.68; 2. *Ashley Miracle (RU), 2:40.02; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF),* 2:58.24.
50 freestyle: 1. Jordan Haymour (LF), 28.33; 2. Grace Modes (LF), 32.96; 3. Schmidt (RU), 33.31.
1-meter diving: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 221.40 points; 2. Heather Willis (RU), 159.45; 3. Kim Landon (RU), 134.55.
100 butterfly: 1. Schmidt (RU), 1:25.15; 2. Modes (LF), 1:30.02; 3. Marissa Birrell (LF), 1:41.27.
100 freestyle: 1. Haymour (LF), 1:01.15; 2. Miracle (RU), 1:06.15; 3. Brenay (RU), 1:13.74.
500 freestyle: 1. Jordan (LF), 6:23.27; 2. Keyandwy (RU), 6:34.0; 3. Carpenter (LF), 6:38.37.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Carpenter, Haymour, Kayla Douglas, Anthony), 1:54.87; 2. Franklin (Rachel Gilley, Jordan, Gilbert, Studzinski), 2:10.19; 3. RU, 2:16.1.
100 backstroke: 1. Cote' (LF), 1:06.23; 2. Kathleen Riley (RU), 1:18.85; 3. Horst (RU), 1:29.21.
100 breaststroke: *1. Landon (RU), 1:25.13; 2. Anthony (LF),* 1:25.26; 3. Carpenter (LF), 1:31.92.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote', Haymour, Trisha Custer, Gilbert), 4:25.58; 2. RU (Miracle, Riley, Horst, Keyandwy), 4:44.61; 3. Franklin, 5:12.41.
Franklin's dual meet record: 5-2 overall.

ROCKET INVITATIONAL
Oct. 16 at Westland John Glenn

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 296 points; 2. Walled Lake Western, 237; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 226; 4. Livonia Churchill, 179; 5. Wayne Memorial, 97; 6. Dearborn, 61.

INDIVIDUAL HEAT WINNERS

200-yard medley relay (B): John Glenn (Ashley Solberg, Jacquelyn Hewitt, Danielle Gunther, Kate Moran), 2:14.92; (C) John Glenn (Caitlin O'Sullivan, Katy Harris, Ashley Britt, Jennie Humbach), 2:13.2; (D) Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Christine Johnson), 1:59.41.
200 freestyle (A): Emma Hansen (Dbn.), 2:13.37; (B) O'Sullivan (WJG), 2:26.9; (C) Christy Ostach (WLW), 2:15.21; (D) Gunther (WJG), 2:18.68.
200 individual medley (A): Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:29.52; (B) Chloe Reuter (WLN), 2:38.1; (C) Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:22.96; (D) Emily Hiser (LC), 2:39.77.
50 freestyle (A): Fielhauer (WJG), 28.38; (B) Hewitt (WJG), 29.90; (C) Fregonara (WLW), 26.25; (D) Lauren Bell (WLN), 27.93.
1-meter diving (A): Desiree Clenney (WJG), 177.21 points; (B) Kailea Stancer (LC), 163.50; (C) Katina St. Pierre (LC), 163.00; (D) Jessica Krueger (WLW), 160.95.
100 butterfly (A): Hansen (Dbn.), 1:07.95; (B) Casey Peterson (WJG), 1:11.31; (C) Ashley Sells (WJG), 1:01.29; (D) Bohr (WLW), 1:00.08.
100 freestyle (A): Solberg (WJG), 1:07.24; (B) Shannon Pawloski (WLN), 1:01.69; (C) Burgess (WJG), 57.42; (D) Bell (WLN), 1:01.71.
500 freestyle (A): Christine Johnson (WLW), 5:56.85; (B) Peterson (WJG), 5:40.96; (C) Ostach (WLW), 6:03.36; (D) Bohr (WLW), 5:38.73.
200 freestyle relay (B): Northern (Janelle Young, M. Roemmele, Kelsey Slayton, Meaghan Brown), 2:01.76); (C) Northern (Reuter, Michelle Carter, Hailey Mottershead, Claire Swainson), 1:56.19; (D) John Glenn (Fielhauer, Sparks, Peterson, Burgess), 1:47.41.
100 backstroke (A): Slayton (WLN), 1:15.38; (B) O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:12.68; (C) Sells (WJG), 1:03.81; (D); Lauren Cockels (WLN), 1:10.5.
100 breaststroke (A): Hewitt (WJG), 1:21.51; (B) Carter (WLN), 1:24.51; (C) Krueger (WLW), 1:14.39; (D) Holly Ferrari (WLW), 1:22.71.
400 freestyle relay (B): John Glenn (Britt, Chekodtah Bobee, Moran, Margaret Wright), 4:16.85; (C) John Glenn (Humbach, Gunther, Rachael Alholinna, Kim Raley), 4:16.85; (D) Western (Johnson, Krueger, Fregonara, Bohr), 3:58.51.

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION
GIRLS SWIM MEET
Oct. 13 at EMU's Jones Natatorium
AREA FINISHERS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Midland Dow, 1:50.86; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 1:54.93; 34. Westland John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 2:00.76; 44. Livonia Ladywood, 2:01.99.
200 freestyle: 1. Kristyne Cole (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 1:52.14; 13. Kaylee Dolinski (Stevenson), 2:00.99; 14. Savannah Hatt (Stevenson), 2:01.01; 31. Burgess (Glenn), 2:03.63.
200 individual medley: 1. Brynn Marecki (Stevenson), 2:09.15; 7. Ashley Gordon (Stevenson), 2:13.2; 16. Sells (Glenn), 1:16.81.
50 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (Canton), 24.34; 48. Blake Holtz (Stevenson), 26.76; 60. Sparks (Glenn), 28.09.
1-meter diving: 1. Cheyenne Cousineau (Temperance Bedford), 441.20 points (11 dives); 15. Carla McNamara (Stevenson), 329.60.
100 butterfly: 1. Linnea Johnson (Grand Haven), 59.66; 2. Sells (Glenn), 59.71; 41. Megan Holycross (Stevenson), 1:05.47.
100 freestyle: 1. Schmitt (Canton), 51.51; 30. Holtz (Stevenson), 57.4; 48, Sparks (Glenn), 58.31; 53. Peterson (Glenn), 58.89.
500 freestyle: 1. Cole (Pioneer), 4:56.33; 6. Hatt (Stevenson), 5:15.15; 18. Dolinski (Stevenson), 5:24.16; 25. Burgess (Glenn), 5:27.16.
200 freestyle relay: *1. Mercy (Taylor Steffl, Kaitlyn* Jefferson, Nikki Barczak, Megan Craig), 1:40.73; 38. Stevenson, 1:48.33; 53. John Glenn (Sells, Sparks, Peterson, Burgess), 1:50.15.
100 backstroke: 1. Ashley Cohagen (Pioneer), 59.06; 6 Gordon (Stevenson), 1:01.7.
100 breaststroke: 1. Marecki (Stevenson), 1:05.93; 54. Peterson (Glenn), 1:15.82.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Carleigh Schwartz, Cara Clites, Cohagen, Cole), 3:37.43; 4. Stevenson, 3:43.35; 41. Ladywood, 4:00.42.

CITY OF LIVONIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC SERVICE DIVISION

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan, as owner, until 2:00 p.m. on, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO NOBLE LIBRARY, 32901 PLYMOUTH ROAD, INCLUDING SELECTIVE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING READING ROOM INTERIORS, CONSTRUCTION OF INTERIOR NEW TOILET ROOM, CREATION OF NEW CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE, AND CORRESPONDING PLUMBING, HVAC, AND ELECTRICAL WORK.

A mandatory pre-bid inspection meeting to explain the project and answer any questions will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet in the West Conference Room of the Department of Public Works, 12973 Farmington Road.

Proposals, contract forms and specifications under which the work will be done may be obtained without charge at the office of the Department of Public Works, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150. Contract forms will also be available at the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A Bid Bond in the Michigan standard form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bids.

ADDRESS ALL BIDS TO THE CITY CLERK IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WHICH CLEARLY STATES THE NATURE OF THE BID.

Patrick A. Hogan
Director of Public Works

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Mayor

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Ahead of the curve

Northville 1st in WLAA meet; Churchill places 4th

"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."
—Satchel Paige

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem cross country runner Kevin deBear took Satchel's advice to heart Friday afternoon during the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The senior charged to an early lead and kept his eyes on the trail ahead on the way to capturing the individual title with a time of 16:18.

deBear broke the tape three seconds ahead of runner-up Kyle Roche of Walled Lake Central.

Northville won the team *championship with 55 points* after placing three runners in the top 10. Canton was second with 75 points, just ahead of the Rocks (90).

"I never look back when I'm running because it slows me down," said deBear, who placed 13th in last year's WLAA race. "There were a lot of leaves and dirt kicking off my shoes, so I thought some of the guys were closing in on me, but I just kept going."

deBear credited his and the Rocks' fine performance to the team's off-season work regimen.

"We trained harder than ever this summer," he said. "We'd have 20 guys show up for the workouts every weekday from Monday to Friday."

The Mustangs took the top spot thanks to the stel*lar efforts of Jonathan Zurek,* Erik Peterson and Nicholas Kolbow, who placed fourth, fifth and eighth, respectively.

All the runners were hampered at times by a strong, gusting wind that came out of the northwest at 25 to 35 miles per hour.

"When you're running into the wind like that, you just have to think positive thoughts and keep going," deBear said.

A pair of juniors – Duncan Spitz and Kyle Clinton – sparked Canton's runner-up finish. Spitz was third in 16:34 while Clinton wasn't far behind, crossing in seventh place in 16:42.

Senior Derek Hoerman provided some much-needed depth to the Chiefs' effort with a 16th place showing in 17 minutes flat.

The top five places were filled out by Livonia Churchill, which racked up 93 points and Walled Lake Western, which finished with 131.

"I figured going in we be somewhere between first and fourth," said Churchill coach John McGreevy. "It would have been difficult to finish first, but I thought we had a shot.

"I was a little disappointed because I felt we could have run better as a group. We had a couple nice individual performances, but as a team, we didn't step up like we needed to .

McGreevy said there were no major surprises at the top of the standings.

"Northville's been tough all year, so that wasn't unexpected," he said. "Canton seems to be peaking at the right time. Salem is probably a little disappointed like we are."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOC.
CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 19 at Willow Metropark (New Boston)

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 50 points; 2. Plymouth, 80; 3. Northville, 82; 4. Canton, 94; 5. Walled Lake Western, 110; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 155; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 158; 8. Salem, 204; 9. Westland John Glenn, 252; 10. Livonia Franklin, 266; 11. Walled Lake Central, 291; 12. Wayne Memorial, 383.
Individual winner: Rachel McFarlane (Churchill), 18 minutes, 38 seconds (5,000 meters).
Other Churchill finishers: 6. Sara Kroll, 19:23; 8. Amanda Southwell, 19:32; 13. Alyssa Mira, 19:48; 22. Hannah Otto, 20:24; 29. Michelle Verellen, 20:46; 41. Kim Verellen, 21:15.
Plymouth finishers: 5. Kelly Hahn, 19:23; 11. Molly Slavens, 19:43; 14. Beth Heidmeyer, 19:52; 24. Lauren Ahearn, 20:26; 26. Julie Forster, 20:43; 46. Paula Green, 21:30; 57. Brianna Hessler, 21:51.
Northville finishers: 7. Lindsay Hagan, 19:31; 17. Rebecca Reynolds, 20:06; 18. Jennifer Murphy, 20:10; 19. Anna Hardenbergh, 20:11; 21. Stephanie Hamel, 20:17; 25. Marit Stutrud, 20:36; 37. Emily Sklar, 21:12.
Canton finisher: 9. Sarah Thomas, 19:35; 12. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:47; 16. Bianca Kubicki, 20:02; 23. Chelsea Smith, 20:24; 34. Katherine Rymond, 20:59; 36. Katherine Galm, 21:11; 62. Melanie Kulczycki, 22:04.
Western finishers: 4. Lindsay Clark, 19:22; 10. Ana Trivax, 19:39; 15. Rachel Wessel, 19:55; 32. Lindsey Doherty, 20:53; 49. Kelsey Young, 21:35; 67. Annie Walton, 22:51; 74. Amanda Rudey, 24:17.
Stevenson finishers: 2. Courtney Calka, 18:48; 28. Denee Meier, 20:45; 35. Samantha Kay, 20:59; 43. Victoria Saferian, 21:23; 47. Kathryn Capeneka, 21:32; 54. Karli Kutchka, 21:43.
Northern finishers: 3. Rachel Quaintance, 19:15; 20. Ashton Williams, 20:12; 40. Kristen Olsen, 21:15; 44. Kelli Waters, 21:23; 51. Jourdon Kopec, 21:39; 60. Kaylee Maves, 21:56; 61. Riley Wood, 21:56.
Salem finishers: 31. Jordyn Moore, 20:48; 33. Kelley Determan, 20:54; 42. Linda Ling, 21:16; 48. Kara Booms, 21:33; 50. Shannon Griffiths, 21:37; 52. Sabrina Burcoff, 21:40; 59. Lauren Olson, 21:55.
Glenn finishers: 27. Stacey Richardson, 20:43; 30. Ashley Bailey, 20:47; 53. Megan Nikula, 21:42; 70. Danielle Levy, 23:39; 72. Evi Cenolli, 23:51; 75. Michelle Levy, 24:25; 80. Amy Selewski, 26:08.
Franklin finishers: 39. Mallory Church, 21:14; 45. Kelly Walblay, 21:25; 55. Megan Wickens, 21:43; 63. Breanna Minnick, 22:21; 64. Brittany Dilley, 22:24; 66. Tiffany VanOrden, 22:45.
Central finishers: 38. Katie Harma, 21:13; 56. Brigid Nash, 21:47; 58. Melissa Seymour, 21:52; 68. Kristina Liebe, 23:19; 71. Ashley Siemer, 23:44; 73. Amanda David, 23:58; 77. Cimone Safilian, 25:15.
Wayne finishers: 69. Melissa Smith, 23:30; 76. Claire Moro, 25:12; 78. Esmeralda Rivera, 25:34; 79. Chelsea Gilbert, 25:34; 81. Jessica McCune, 30:26; 82. Nicole Rau, 31:13.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 55; 2. Canton, 75; 3. Salem, 90; 4. Livonia Churchill, 93; 5. W.L. Western, 131; 6. W.L. Central, 141; 7. Livonia Franklin, 169; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 190; 9. Plymouth, 229; 10. W.L. Northern, 278; 11. Westland John Glenn, 316; 12. Wayne Memorial, 333.
Individual winner: Kevin deBear (Salem), 16:18 (5,000 meters).
Northville finishers: 5. Jonathan Zurek, 16:39; 6. Erik Peterson, 16:40; 7.8. Nicholas Kolbow, 16:45; 14. Jonathan Dalton, 16:53; 22. Frank Griffiths, 17:12; Jacob Nitin, 17:30; 33. Jacob Myers, 17:33;
Canton finishers: 3. Duncan Spitz, 16:34; 7. Kyle Clinton, 16:42; 16. Derek Hoerman, 17:00; 21. Zack Spreitzer, 17:08; 28. Gregory Reed, 17:25; 52. Joshua Osinski, 18:12; 60. Jonathan Peck, 18:36.
Other Salem finishers: 15. Rob Curtis, 16:53; 20. Craig Cowing, 17:04; 23. Mike Charara, 17:14; 31. Justin Kane, 5:39; 32. Jason Smith, 17:32; 35. Eric Volstromer, 17:38.
Churchill finishers: 10. Joe Varilone, 16:46; 13. Mark Waterbury, 16:51; 17. Brandon Grysko, 17:01; 26. Paul Folk, 17:21; 27. Michael Schmidt, 17:21:46. Mark Freyberg, 17:59; 70. Quinn Osgood, 18:57.
Western finishers: 4. Christian Schnaible, 16:37; 18. Kousei Yajima, 17:02; 30. Brian Cheadle, 17:31; 36. Jonathan Rhodes, 17:40; 43. Mark Mehringer, 17:55; 72. Joshua JAcobs, 19:03; 73. Jordan Lutren, 19:07.
Central finishers:: 2. Kyle Roche, 16:21; 12. Chad Norton, 16:50; 38. Ryan Rivamonte, 17:41; 41. Andrew Crimmins, 17:52; 48. Will Loomans, 18:04; 62. Shad Servo, 18:42; 68. Drew Prueter, 18:54.
Franklin finishers: 9. Evan Sirena, 16:46; 34. Michael Krcatovich, 17:36; 40. Peter Walblay, 17:47; 42. Douglas Cole, 17:55; 44. Dylan Taylor, 17:56; 45. Niklas Gherardini, 17:58; 47. Robert Freed, 18:01.
Stevenson finishers: 19. Kevin Reschke, 17:03; 24. Shawn Howse, 17:15; 39. Michael Gibbons, 17:42; 51. Alexander Hoelzel, 18:11; 57. Michael Green, 18:27; 59. Andrew Longhi, 18:33; 69. Scott Brewer, 18:56.
Plymouth finishers: 11. Justin Huey, 16:48; 49. Alexander Noble, 18:05; 55. Warren Buzzard, 18:18; 56. Matthew Neumann, 18:20; 58. Matthew Lewandowski, 18:29; 66. Lucas Seibel, 18:51; 74. James Eiben, 19:12.
Northern finishers: 25. Christopher Platt, 17:18; 50. Austin Nell, 18:07; 65. Brian Carter, 18:48; 67. Peter Woolcox, 18:54; 71. Blake Simpson, 19:00; 76. Patrick Keegan, 19:31; 77. Curtis Baugher, 19:47.
Glenn finishers: 53. Tim Boes, 18:13; 61. Michael Gardner, 18:40; 63. Daniel McCahill, 18:44; 64. Eric Mlynar, 18:45; 75. Jeffrey Adkins, 19:22; 78. Ryan Lockhart, 21:00; 80. Gary Lawrence, 21:49.
Wayne finishers: 37. Jacob Schofield, 17:40; 54. Abraham Mendez, 18:17; 79. Deon Williams, 21:44; 81. Joe Barton, 21:50; 82. Robert Woodson, 23:07; Zachary Tykoski, 23:09.

METRO CONFERENCE MEET
Oct. 19 at Spencer Park (Rochester Hills)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 27 ponts; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 62; 3. Lutheran High Westland, 72; 4. Clawson, 77; 5. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 141.
Individual winner: Daniel Suber (Cranbrook), 16 minutes, 16 seconds (5,000 meters).
Lutheran Westland finishers: 4. Spencer Lyle, 16:31; 10. Josh Rice, 17:43; 18. Alex Kemp, 19:27; 19. Ross Pursifull, 19:41; 21. Cameron Banks, 19:47; 24. Paul Bealafeld, 20:26; 28. Zachariah Robinson, 21:41.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran North, 21; 2. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 70; 3. Lutheran Westland, 80; 4. Clawson, 90; 5. Lutheran Northwest, 104.
Individual winner: Shannon Moreshouse (Clawson), 19:08.
Lutheran Westland finishers: 12. Hannah Mielke, 22:01; 15. Miriam Pranschke, 23:12; 20. Megan Fisher, 24:05; 21. Megan Kohtz, 24:10; 22. Danielle Voetberg, 24:19; 24. Amber Pniewski, 25:14; 26. Ashley Pniewski, 25:18.

Warriors secure Metro crown; Churchill sews up Lakes side

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lutheran High Westland clinched at least a share of the Metro Conference girls volleyball title Thursday with a 25-14, 25-18, 25-14 triumph at home over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors, ranked No. 4 in Division 4, improved to 24-2-5 overall and 7-0 in the Metro.

Second-place Northwest falls to 14-11-3 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

The Warriors' top attacker, 6-foot-2 junior Becca Refenes, was limited to front-row play because of a bruised shoulder. She still finished with 10 kills, two blocks and three digs.

Katey Ramthun added 10 kills, 13 digs and served 11 points, while Allyson Yankee finished with seven kills and nine digs.

Setters Julie Jongsma and Lauren Gieschen combined for 23 assist-to-kills, while Abi Gieschen and 15 digs.

"It was a good team effort, a big win and our girls rallied around her," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of Refenes.

CHURCHILL 3, JOHN GLENN 0: State-ranked Livonia Churchill (35-2-3, 8-0) clinched at least a share of the WLAA-Lakes Division title Wednesday with a three-game triumph – 25-22, 25-11, 25-14 – over visiting Westland John Glenn (8-17-4, 3-5).

Kyndra Abron led the way with 15 kills and three digs, while Kristen Nalecz added eight kills.

Lindsey Graciak paced the defense with 15 digs, while Jordan Kerr went 24-for-24 serving with 100 percent serve receive and 10 digs.

Kat Krupsky finished with three kills, two assists, six digs and serve-received at 100 percent.

Setter Kristy DeClercq and Kayla Johnston combined for 31 assists, five digs and two kills, while Jessica Stroud had three kills and three blocks.

Junior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook paced Glenn with 18 kills and 11 digs, while senior libero Kirstin Kirk had 23 digs. Defensive specialist Lauren Baker and Aranda Phare added 20 and 16 digs, respectively.

"Our goal was to touch every ball that Churchill put over the net," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "We were able to keep up with Churchill in the first match, but we were not able to match their size and speed. Our attacker could not get any open hits against Churchill's big blockers."

STEVENSON 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Senior Jordan Pilut finished with 33 digs and junior Meg Iafrate contributed 13 kills and two blocks Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson (18-16-3, 4-4) defeated WLAA-Lakes Division *foe in four games, 25-17, 26-28, 25-*17, 25-21.

Setter Katie Vellucci finished with 33 assists and 13 digs, while Brook Knochel added 12 kills and five blocks.

Other Stevenson leaders included Kaylee McGrath (six kills, two blocks), Natalie Fenech (12 digs) and Christine Armstrong (10 digs.

FRANKLIN 3, WAYNE 0: Livonia Franklin (7-21-7, 2-6) used a balanced attack Wednesday to beat Wayne Memorial (1-20, 0-8) in a WLAA-Western Division match, 25-23, 25-11, 25-12.

Briauna Taylor had seven kills and five aces, while Brittany Taylor added six kills and three aces for the victorious Patriots. Ashley Price also had six hills, while setter Liz Hollaway finished with 20 assists.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, HAMTRAMCK 0: Sophomore setter Katie Blacker was 20-for-20 serving with 32 assist to kills Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville (11-14-3, 3-4) downed the Cosmos in a Metro Conference match, *25-11, 25-13, 25-13.*

Senior Amber Mills added 10 kills and three ace serves. Amanda Moody and Angela Bell chipped in with eight and seven kills, respectively. Senior Amber Dermyre finished with 11 digs and six kills.

Spartans net 1 win in D-1 tourney

Livonia Stevenson's Erik Koch was the only Spartan to get through a first-round match in Friday's opening day of the Division 1 state boys tennis tournament held at the Midland Community Center.

Koch, the Spartans' No. 4 singles player, got past Jake Mills of Midland in a first-round encounter, 6-2, 7-5, before losing to top seed Matt Monich of Ann Arbor Pioneer in the round of 16 (6-1, 6-0).

Stevenson's No. 1 singles player, Gino McCathney, fell *to Western Lakes Activities* Association champ Lawrence Washington of Salem in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

At No. 2 singles, Stevenson's Ian Petty lost to No. 5 seed Bryan Hodges of Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-0, 6-1.

Stevenson's Chris Martin (No. 3) fell in his singles opener to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Kevin Hager, 6-3, 6-3.

Stevenson didn't have much luck in the doubles either.

At No. 1, Mike Greco and Pat *McHugh lost to No. 4 seeds* Stefan Larson and Daniel Yang of Ann Arbor Huron, 6-0, 6-2.

Chris Orlos and Clayton Northey (No. 2) also fell in straight sets to Demetrios Buck and Mike Simsa of Grandville, 6-3, 6-4, while Alex Cook and Ben Bagazinski (No. 3) lost to Novi's tandem of Tim Oh and Greg Richard, 6-2, 6-3.

Stevenson's No. 4 doubles team of Evan McWilliams and Grant Campbell fell 6-4, 6-1 to WLAA foes Evan Gatz and Nick Kalweit of Northville.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Oct. 22
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 23
Clarenceville at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24
W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 25
Inter-City Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
WLAA Tournament at Churchill, 8 a.m.
Temperance- Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Metro Conf. Tourney at Clarenceville, 2:30 p.m.
UM-Dearborn Tournament, TBA.

REGIONAL BOYS SOCCER PAIRINGS
DIVISION 1
at LIVONIA STEVENSON
Tuesday, Oct. 23: Saline district champion vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion, 5 p.m.; Northville district champion vs. Southgate Anderson district champion, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27: Championship final, 3 p.m. *(Winner advances to the state semifinals* Wednesday, Oct. 31 at a site to be determined vs. Holt regional champion.)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS
Saturday, Oct. 27
Division 2 & 4 at Springfield Oaks, 8 a.m.
Division 1 at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Oct. 23
Ladywood vs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at Rochester High School, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 25
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary CC *at Livonia Comm. Recreation Center, 7 p.m.*

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Oct. 23
G.P.W. Univ.-Liggett at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 23
Davenport Univ. at Madonna, 7 p.m.
St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26
(Crusaders Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Walsh (Ohio), 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. National American (S.D.), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Madonna vs. Biola (Calif.), 10 a.m.
Madonna vs. Lee (Tenn.), 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Schoolcraft at Owens Tech (Ohio), 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Schoolcraft at Rochester College, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 27
MCCAA-Region 12 meet at Lansing CC, noon.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26
Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Whalers at Niagara Ice Dogs, 7:05 p.m.

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PATRIOTS

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team defense the last few weeks outside of not stopping the guy (Keshawn Martin of Westland John Glenn) last week," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We knew we had to stop number eight (Kowalis). He's been their guy. If we could limit him, we thought we'd do pretty well and get them into (passing) situations that they're not normally comfortable with."

Churchill coach John Filiatraut credited the Patriots' defense as well.

"They had a nice game plan and they were up for every challenge," he said. "They have a good scheme and good players, which makes it tough. It seemed the whole game was in our end. Their punter (Carpenter) was a game changer. He buried us. Tonight was a field position game and he made the field longer for us."

Other than the Woolfork TD, the Chargers limited Franklin's offensive attack a majority of the night.

"Franklin also has great athletes offensively and I thought our defense played great," Filiatraut said. "I'm proud of them. The (first-quarter) fumble on the goal line was a killer. We fumbled the exchange. Last week against Canton (a 20-7 win) we had no turnovers and only one penalty. There were some huge field shifting because of the penalties, especially a couple of (pass) interference calls."

Churchill, however, is locked into a playoff spot, while the Patriots will have to wait-and-see once all the statewide scores are posted following Saturday's games.

"It's tough to lose, especially against Franklin, and because it's a rival game, too," Filiatraut said. "But I told our guys that next week it's one-and-out. We've got to be ready and there's a lot of season left."

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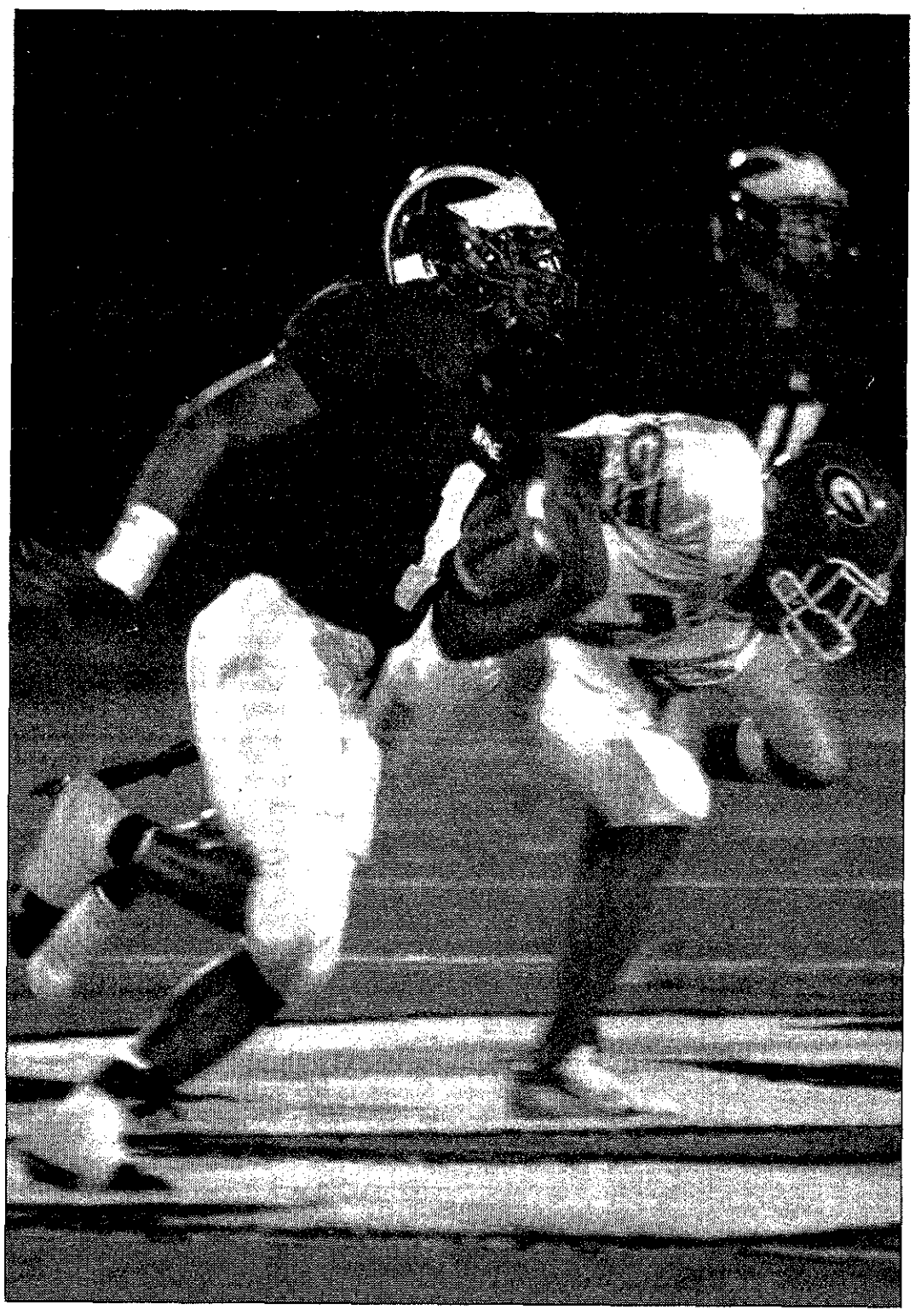

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Wayne quarterback D.J. Freeman eludes a John Glenn tackler during Friday's season-ending clash.

GLENN

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third period. Wayne's other scores came on a Baskin 2-yard run and D.J. Freeman's 22-yard pass to C.J. Johnson with 2:02 remaining in the game to complete the scoring.

Wayne (4-5) racked up 499 total yards to Glenn's 428. Glenn had the edge in first downs, 16-15.

"Every time we thought we had the game under control, D.J. Freeman would make a play," DeLuca said. "He and Keshawn going back-and-forth was fun to watch. Our offensive line did a tremendous job and I thought Zack Bozigian (a senior) on the defensive line played the game of his life."

Stevenson caps 1st undefeated season since '76 with 14-0 win

Playoff-bound Livonia Stevenson completed its first undefeated regular football season since 1976 with a 14-0 win Friday night at Brighton.

Sophomore Austin White, who rushed for a team-high 168 yards on 22 carries, scored on a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs, the first coming with 7:26 to go in the second quarter and the second with 4:50 to play in the third period. Jonny Myshock added both extra points.

Spartans senior quarterback Mitchell White, scrambling on a run in an attempt to make a first down, was injured during the first offensive series and did not return. He was replaced by junior Jacob Gudeman, who finished out the game hitting 3-of-7 passes for 47 yards.

Stevenson, which lost fumbles inside the Brighton 10 twice, had 347 total yards, including 297 on the ground as Junior Wade Stahl added 98 yards in 11 carries. The Spartans had a total of 19 first downs.

Brighton was limited to 87 total yards and five first downs. Senior quarterback Devin Hochberg was 10-of-19 for 71 yards. He was picked off once by Myles White in the final period.

Stevenson's defense was anchored by Pat York, John Saaman, Wyatt Stahl, Chris Golonka, Trent Judis and Matt Broome.

"We had some uncharacteristic penalties and turnovers," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "But overall I thought both lines played well."

C'ville game postponed

Livonia Clarenceville's Metro Conference season finale Friday night at home against Clawson was delayed until 1 p.m. Saturday because of a power outage in the area.

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BOYS SOCCER

Spartans pass another test

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In a set of brackets one coach jokingly referred to as "The District of Death" because of its abundance of state-ranked soccer teams, Livonia Stevenson is not only surviving, it's thriving.

The defending Division 1 state runner-up Spartans outlasted Salem in Wednesday night's District No. 7 semifinal game, 2-0, at Northville to advance to Saturday's final against the host Mustangs. The championship tilt is set to kick off at noon.

Stevenson (18-1) defeated the Rocks (7-6-10) for the third time this season — but just barely.

Following nearly 50 minutes of even-steven action, Stevenson's Adrian Fylonenko settled a pass from Nate Sergison just inside the 18-yard box and ripped home an ice-breaking goal with 30:24 left in the contest. Moments prior to Fylonenko's net-finder, the Rocks had applied some serious pressure at the other end, but were turned back by the Spartans' bend-but-don't-break defense.

Almost four minutes after Fylonenko's goal, Stevenson's David Simor turned a deep giveaway by a Salem defender into another goal to make it 2-0.

Stevenson coach Lars Richters credited his team's second-half revival to an attitude adjustment more than a strategic one.

"I felt Salem thoroughly outplayed us in the first half," said Richters. "At halftime, I felt we needed more of an energy jolt than we did strategic adjustments. Before the game, we spoke about the important of giving extra effort and being focused on each play, and we didn't do any of those in the first half."

A few moments after his team's disheartening season-ending loss, Salem coach Ed McCarthy was upbeat about his team's performance.

"I could not have been more happy with how we played the first 50 minutes," McCarthy said. "We knew to beat Stevenson we'd have to play our best game of the year, and for 50 minutes we did that.

"We made two mistakes on defense and Stevenson did a terrific job, a perfect job, a championship job of finishing them and making us pay for it. Up to that point, I thought we defended well, did a great job of creating chances and we probably deserved more than the 0-0 tie."

Both keepers – Stevenson's Conner Burton and Salem's Sasa Miskovic – turned in spectacular efforts.

Burton's finest moments came in the four-minute span before Fylonenko's goal when he turned away two Salem opportunities from the door step.

Miskovic's best save came with 9:53 left in the first half when he elevated to tip away a hard, bending rocket off the foot of Stevenson's Brian Klemczak.

Richters said his team still has its work cut out for it.

"This is certainly one of the toughest Districts in the state, if not the toughest. If you can survive going through Canton, Salem and Northville, you know you've done something well."

Crusaders takes care of Saints, get ready for postseason play

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Continuing to gain steady footing after a recent two-match skid, Madonna University's women's volleyball team played to near perfection in Tuesday's 3-0 triumph over visiting Siena Heights.

Madonna got better with each game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest, winning by scores of 30-23, 30-20 and 30-16 to improve to 22-7 overall and 10-2 in the conference — at least temporarily good for a share of first.

The Saints, meanwhile, dropped to 10-17 and 2-8.

"Everything we do is predicated on passing," Crusaders coach Jerry Abraham said. "Today we passed, and when we pass we play well, we can run our offense."

Abraham's team is 3-0 (and 9-0 in games) since the back-to-back defeats Oct. 5 against University of Michigan-Dearborn and Oct. 9 at Cornerstone.

"It's been a good little run here since we had that little slip-up, but teams go through that in a season," Abraham said. "What we do from this point is actually the most-important thing." MU will compete at this weekend's Indiana Wesleyan Tri-match, and the Crusaders then will host Davenport 7 p.m. Tuesday on Senior Night, when both Amy Szymanski and Jacqui Gatt will be honored.

"We have a tough tournament at Indiana Wesleyan. more challenges for us," Abraham said. "But we're preparing for playoffs and they're right around the corner."

Against Siena Heights, the clinching game featured contributions from both of the seniors, defensive specialist Szymanski (Redford/Livonia Ladywood) and libero Gatt (Livonia Churchill).

Szymanski rattled off four service points in a row, including an ace, to expand MU's lead to 18-8; Gatt got the game started with a three-point run from the stripe.

But according to Abraham, both of the seniors again were rock-solid defensively.

"They really are the nucleus of our team and we rely on them day-in and day-out," Abraham said.

"They are both four-year starters, they are both kids that are very experienced and when they play well we play well, it's as simple as that."

Gatt and Szymanski had 10 and eight defensive digs, respectively. But the leader in that category, with 11, was sophomore defensive specialist and Livonia Churchill product Brynn Kerr, also cited for strong play by the coach.

Sparking the offense with 18 kills was junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova while sophomore outside hitter Mary McGinnis had 17.

Setting up the offense with 41 assists was sophomore Inta Grinvalds. "What we try to tell her (Grinvalds) is to set it antenna-to-antenna and tonight she did."

Abraham said the way McGinnis and junior outside hitter Whitney Fuelling are now hitting the ball, it is freeing up room for Tihomirova.

"We had a lot of balance," he added. "And when we have that balance it frees hitters up. When you free Lubovj up, she's tough to stop."

For Siena Heights, top contributors included sophomore outside hitter Jessica Brown (nine kills), senior defensive specialist Betsy Schroeder (10 digs) and sophomore setter Melissa Hall (29 assists).

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Franklin bogs down Tractors to reach district soccer final

BY BRAD EMONS
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It's been over a decade – 1995 to be exact – the last time Livonia Franklin reached a district boys soccer final.

The Patriots, despite a 5-14-1 overall record, earned their shot Wednesday night with a 3-1 Division 1 semifinal win over 14-2-1 Dearborn Fordson, the Mega Conference's Blue Division champion.

In the other semifinal, host Grosse Pointe ousted Westland John Glenn, 7-0, ending the Rockets' season at 4-15-1.

On Friday, Franklin will take on the host Blue Devils (13-8-1) for the championship. Game time is 6 p.m.

The winner advances Tuesday to regional semifinals at Livonia Stevenson to take on the Saline district champion in the first game of a double-header. (Game time is 5:30 p.m.)

Franklin's season of hard knocks in the tough Western Lakes Activities Association has paid off so far during state tournament action. The Patriots opened district play Monday with a 4-2 win over Garden City, another Mega member.

"We're excited, just happy to be in the finals," Franklin sixth-year coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We know (Grosse Pointe) South has a strong forward with a quick-touch attack. It's going to be a good game."

Franklin took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Joel Boettcher (35:01 left) and Chad Dorton (27:56 left), both unassisted efforts off rebounds.

After Fordson cut the deficit to 2-1 with a penalty kick midway through the second half, Franklin's Zain Qureshi scored unassisted off another rebound with only 12:06 remaining to seal the victory.

"We crashed the net and were able to score goals off rebounds," Rodopoulos said. "That's something we haven't done all season."

Steve Trapp and Travis Matthey anchored Franklin's defense in the back, while goalkeepers Jordan McKindles (first half) and Brad Mangune (second half) combined for the victory.

Glenn, meanwhile, couldn't overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit against South.

"We just didn't have it tonight, we came up short," Glenn first-year coach Reavis Olive said. "South was fast, well-disciplined and well-coached. They're an excellent team."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Toys For Tots Skate

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage is 2007 Christmas Exhibition to benefit Toys For Tots from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each skater will provide their own music and choreographed program for 90 seconds.

Bring one unwrapped toy for a donation and admission.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Coaches wanted

■ Westland John Glenn is seeking a ninth-grade and JV girls basketball coach for the 2007-08 season. For more information, call Glenn athletic administrator Brian Swinehart at (734) 419-2311; or e-mail him at swinehartb@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

■ Livonia Clarenceville High School has a coaching opening for a varsity assistant wrestling coach. Interested applicants can call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217; or send a resume, cover letter and references to: Kevin Murphy, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. You can also contact him via e-mail at KMurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us. Resumes will be accepted through Nov. 1.

■ Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

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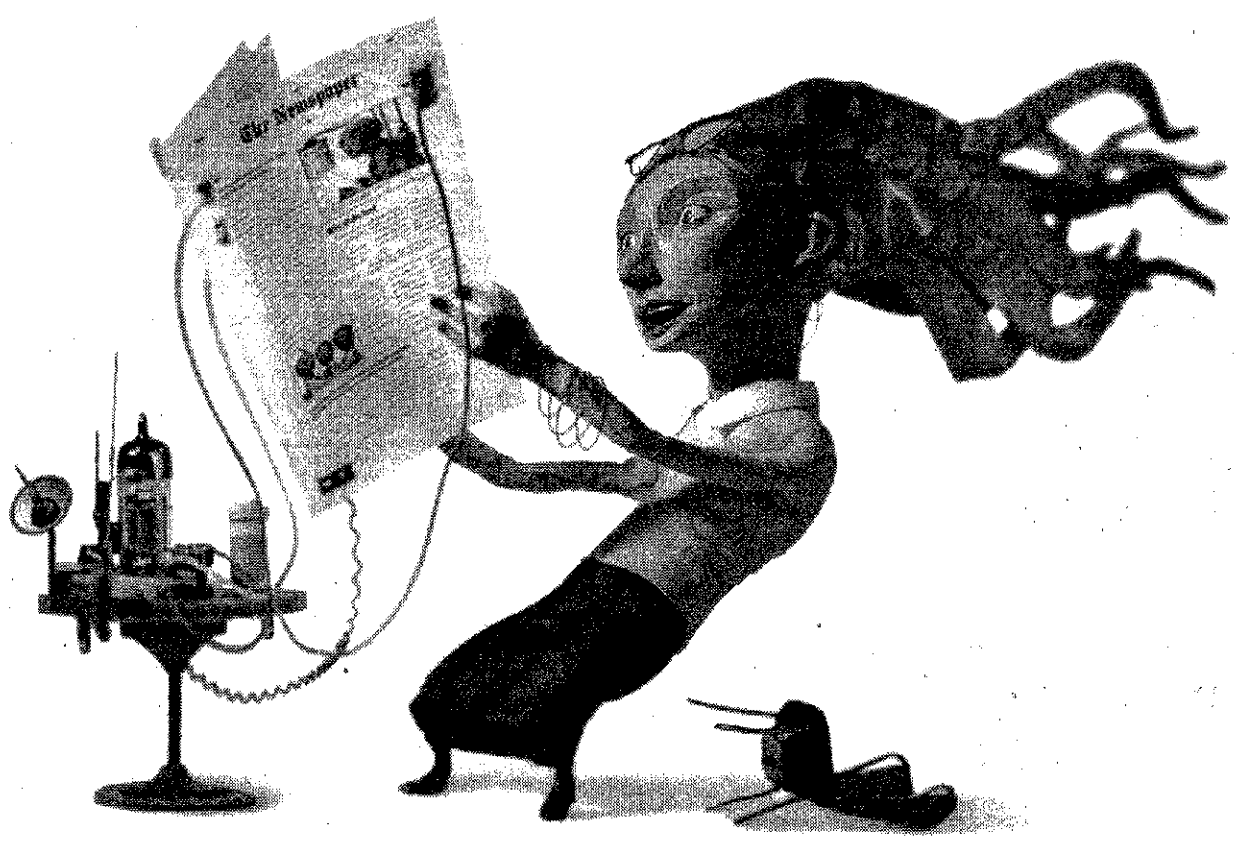

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Grandparenting requires grace

With all that I have written in these columns in the last several years I have never shared any thoughts on grandparenting. Until it began to take on a personal meaning.

Grandparenting is just around the corner. I will join an increasing number of adults who, ready or not, are entering this next phase of life. Grandparenting today is perhaps even more complex than in previous generations. Grandparents in the community will be right there for the child. Stepgrandparents create new numbers of older persons who have a bond with the new baby or young children. Many grandparents live at a distance from their grandchild or grandchildren; they have the challenge of being involved less frequently with their newest family members.

Paul Melrose

When one looks at family systems one can view the influences, traditions, behaviors, patterns, religious or spiritual values which are passed down through the family. And grandchildren will receive those realities. Grandchildren grow up as the next generation of the family. What part they play in that and how they receive their heritage has as much to do with their grandparents as their parents.

A recent Supreme Court decision affirmed the rights of parents over grandparents so that grandparents cannot interfere with the raising of the grandchildren so long as the child is adequately cared for. The saddest situation is when the grandchild or grandchildren somehow find themselves as pawns in a battle either between feuding parents, where the grandparents get dragged in, or in a dispute between parents and their parents over time and influence which the grandparents seek with their grandchildren. In all of this the wisdom of spiritual and religious teaching may be lost. Such teachings often provide, if nothing else, time tested and proven guidelines for this very special and wonderful relationship.

Anne Morse summarizes several religious traditions and their views toward grandparents for us. In Judaism respect for elders is taught. Jewish parents are expected to teach respect for the grandparents. But in cases of conflict it is their responsibility to raise the children in accordance with their faith. That responsibility supersedes the rights of grandparents.

Christianity understands that grandparents play an important part in the raising of grandchildren. Christian parents have a duty to have their children benefit from the experience and wisdom of the elders. Grace is to be mediated in relationship disputes such that as much as possible, in conflicts of all kinds — even faith differences, the relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren should continue.

In Islam it is assumed that grandchildren and their grandparents have a relationship independent from the parents. Only in cases of harm to the grandchildren would that be changed. In Buddhism a less direct idea is that grandparents can be considered teachers for their grandchildren.

The point to be raised is that grandparents, too, have an important role to play in the care of the next generation. It is affirmed by history. But it requires care, grace, and even creativity to adapt it for each generation. Enjoy this next stage in life. Some of us will see our grandchildren only occasionally. Others of us are involved day to day in many ways. All of us have much to give these special people, as well as much to learn from them.

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Reason for hope

New cancer center offers treatment close to home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The opening of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia has made the dream of centralized cancer care a reality — without driving long distances.

On Sept. 24, the community hospital opened the doors to the 16,000-square-foot facility which cost $14 million to build.

Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center brings physicians to the patients instead of vice versa in a model program for breast and lung cancers. But that's just the beginning. In addition to offering advanced diagnostics and treatments including the precision of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy and the Hearts of Livonia Infusion Center for chemotherapy and blood transfusion, the center is participating in clinical research trials for the first time. The accomplishment debunks the notion that a community hospital is unable to provide the newest therapies available at major cancer centers.

"Whatever we were hoping and desiring came true," said Dr. Harmesh Naik, medical director of the hospital's oncology program. "The first presentation was with a hand drawn version of the center. From the time in 2001 when we received approval from the (American College of Surgeons) Cancer Commission we had a very systematic approach. Ten years ago people in our own communities didn't recognize we had a cancer treatment program here. The new structure remains faithful to needs of patients and provides as many services as possible once they enter the south entrance."

A 2,700-square-foot cancer center originally opened in the hospital in 2002, but lacked space for services such as the Image Recovery Center which provides complementary therapies such as medical massage, counseling, wigs, corrective makeup, and prostheses.

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The infusion center in the new Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Cancer patient Sanford Schaap talks about the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital with Dr. Harmesh Naik.

WORKING TOGETHER

"We did not just transfer all of the old center to here," said Naik. "We've started new initiatives. There's a conference room where every Friday physicians in multiple disciplines meet for consultations. We've received calls from other hospitals to learn about what St. Mary's is doing with the new multidisciplinary programs for lung and breast cancers."

Joanne Kovie is the nurse navigator for the Multidisciplinary Lung Clinic. She coordinates the weekly case meetings uniting physicians of all disciplines.

"It's one stop for patients to have all these great minds in the room," said Kovie of Westland. Kovie is a registered nurse who is oncology- and chemotherapy-certified. "Ahead of time doctors give me cases to present or discuss. Afterwards I coordinate their care. I arrange for all treatments. My job is to take away the burden of setting up the appointments and ease their running around so patients can get their treatment quicker.

"They don't seem to get lost in the system. They have me to turn to. I've received a lot of positive feedback. We have a lot of elderly patients. Sometimes rides are issues. I coordinate anything from transportation to a clinical date."

Sanford Schaap is one of the patients celebrating the new cancer center and the innovative programming. The 60-year-old Northville man was president and CEO of Computer Troubleshooters in Livonia when diagnosed in January 2006 with kidney cancer which spread to his bones. Schaap comes to the center once a week for one hour for chemotherapy.

Previously Schaap participated in motorcycle rides for charity with the Farmington Hills Gold Wing Road Riders. He's no longer able to ride because of the risk of injuring his bones.

WORDS OF PRAISE

"The new cancer center is very beautiful, functional, much more kind to the patient," said Schaap. "As far as physical comfort (in the infusion center), you have a nice chair with a good view. You're not in a small room where you're a good distance from where you came in, and Dr. Naik is right next door rather than in another building."

Naik is fond of saying that the new center brings doctors to patients instead of patients to doctors.

"We have a procedure room for physicians with privileges at St. Mary so they can see patients on site. The whole concept is different in that everything is in one place, and because we are small we can move the patients through more quickly from diagnosis through treatment," said Naik. "For me as a physician

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Dogs, their owners wanted to spread cheer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Blue lifts his big black nose to greet the stranger. As a therapy dog, the golden retriever is as sweet as they come, but then it's his job to make patients smile when working with his handler, Terry Seraceno, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Seraceno founded the Dr. Paws' Pet Assisted Therapy Dogs program to brighten the days of patients not only at Botsford Hospital, but St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and about 60 different facilities in the area including nursing homes. Blue's visits to schools and day camps have cheered children of all ages.

DR. PAWS OPEN HOUSE

What: An informational session for those interested in participating in pet therapy with their dogs
When: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, includes an 11 a.m. testing demonstration to show what's required of dog and handler
Where: 3 West Conference Room on the third floor of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills
Details: For more information, visit www.drpaws.org or call the 24-hour Hot Line at (248) 888-7488.

Seraceno wishes she had more dogs like Blue in the program. She encourages anyone interested in participating in pet therapy with their dog to attend an open house Saturday, Nov. 3, at Botsford Hospital.

At 11 a.m., applicants can watch an actual testing session each dog and handler must past before being registered through Therapy Dogs Inc., an organization founded in 1990 by Jack and Ann Butrick in Wyoming. Staff from the organization recently flew in from Cheyenne to give a seminar for testers like Seraceno who regularly receives phone calls from dog owners curious about pet therapy. Seraceno has been contacted by West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills schools about students doing community service with their dogs.

"I've been getting calls from all over Michigan, from Cheboygan and Grand Rapids. You wouldn't believe how many people want to do this," said Seraceno of Farmington Hills. Seraceno began doing pet therapy work 13 years ago.

"When people call me and want to do pet therapy with their dog I refer them to the Web site www.drpaws.org for information but sometimes invite them to

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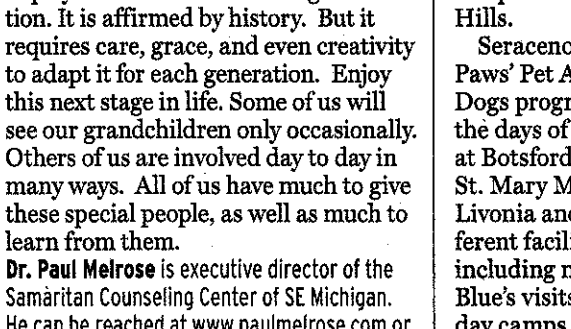
Terry Seraceno (left), Blue and Kevin Lapinski demonstrate the right way for a therapy dog to interact with patients as a Botsford Hospital social worker Marita Smith looks on.



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Learn to uncover your family history at upcoming seminars

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sue Cromwell never knew her great-great grandfather's brother invented the intubation tubes used on patients at the New York Foundling's Hospital until she began digging up the family tree. But it was no mystery to the medical community. The discovery was even mentioned in an episode of the television series *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman*.

Most people have no idea of the history they'll uncover when researching their relatives. Two upcoming genealogy seminars relay the latest methods of investigating ancestors – Become a Genealogy Detective Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, and Snooze You Looze 3 Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Farmington Community Library. Attend one or both sessions. The first seminar is presented by the Livonia Civic Center Library and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society, the second by the Farmington Genealogical Society in cooperation with the Farmington Community Library.

The Livonia seminar's guest speaker is Pamela Boyer Porter who'll cover topics ranging from computerizing your records to searching for clues.

GENEALOGY SEMINARS

Become a Genealogy Detective: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is $35 plus $7 for lunch. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 27. Call (248) 477-5846.

Snooze You Looze 3: 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Byron Bailey's 2-5 p.m. presentation is free. The following mostaccioli dinner and presentations cost $20 paid in advance. Deadline for payment is Nov. 3. Cost at the door is $25 and does not include dinner. Call (248) 477-5846.

Boyer Porter is co-author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage* with the Power of the Internet, and Research in Missouri.

"She'll have information for every level of genealogy experience," said Sue Cromwell, seminar chairman and a Farmington Hills resident. "One session is about maps. Families migrated from one place to another. The session Using a Personal Computer helps attendees with word programs to be able to create their family history with photos. Getting to Know You is about sending away for military records. There's a lot of information in those records, immigration record clues to where they were from. Also important are artifacts you have, antiques, the tatting my grandmother showed me how to do. You put stories to that. My grandfather's chest he made in Pennsylvania. You put flesh on bone to tell a story."

Cromwell first took an interest in genealogy in 1978 while leading a Girl Scout troop.

"A Civil War teacher from North Farmington High came and told the girls what to ask," said Cromwell. "I got hooked. It was for a Family Heritage Badge. They learned not just where and when but what it was like to grow up then, what conveniences they had. Probably 7 of 10 families had ancestors in the Civil War if they lived here at that time."

In addition to the sessions, attendees will be able to purchase genealogy T-shirts, books, and charts from vendors.

"The seminars give us a chance to bring in prominent or national speakers versus monthly meetings where we have local speakers," said Cromwell. "The Western Wayne County group meets the third evening of every month and begins with an early bird session at 6:30 p.m., the regular meeting at 7:30."

Snooze You Looze 3 earned its name from the first year it was held because of the late hours.

"We had to wait till after the library closed on Saturday and went from about 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.," said Cromwell. "We called it Snooze You Looze because if you're not going to stay awake and attend you're going to lose out on our information. Don't be afraid to come even if you're a beginner. People from both societies are willing to help you get started."

The seminar opens with a 2-5 p.m. presentation by Byron Bailey, a member of the Farmington Genealogical Society and is free. Bailey gives a hands-on demonstration of different databases including Genealogybank.com. The rest of evening, including dinner, costs $20. Ceil Jensen, a certified genealogical records specialist, offers information on search engines and books to find your family, and Stephen Morse's Ellis Island Search Engine.

"Ceil will talk about Castle Garden, an immigration port before Ellis Island was built. Then from 8:30 to 10 everybody can go downstairs to the computers to start to look for things we talked about. There will be people there to help them if needed.

"The rule of thumb is you start with yourself and work backwards, birth certificate, marriage certificate, then find parents birth and marriage certificates, death certificates if it applies. Sometimes information is on baptismal certificates that isn't on other certificates. You look at aunts and uncles of each generations, birth, marriage, death, cemetery records, land records, immigration, military and then look for previous generations. You always want to have a source as to where you found something not just Aunt Nellie told me. Verify all information with a document or some sort of a source."

The Farmington Genealogical Society meets the third Tuesday of every month at the downtown Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Pre-meeting starts at 5:45 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m. For information on either genealogical group, call Cromwell at (248) 477-5846.

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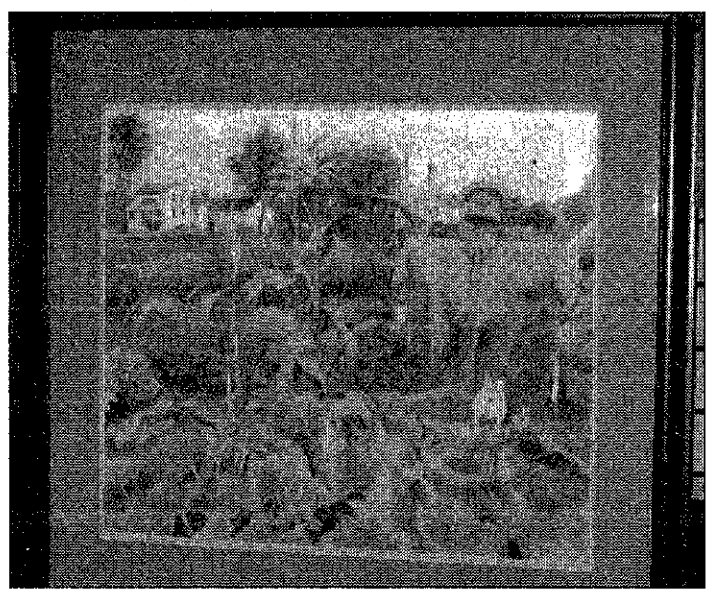
Visual Arts Association of Livonia hosts annual fall exhibit

Daria Fileta of Novi took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia exhibit for her watercolor, Tea Party.



Dawn Johnson of Livonia won second place for this mixed media work title A Good Harvest.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) continues its Fall Art Exhibit through Friday, Oct. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. Viewing hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday-Saturday.

This year's fall art show was not be juried, but judged by portrait artist Claudia Shepard of Wayne State University. All eligible members were invited to display their work. Artworks in all media are being shown.

Shepard presented awards at a reception on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the center. First place went to Daria Fileta of Novi for "Tea Party," second place to Dawn Johnson of Livonia for "A Good Harvest," and third place to Regina Dunne of Livonia for a "Big Catch."

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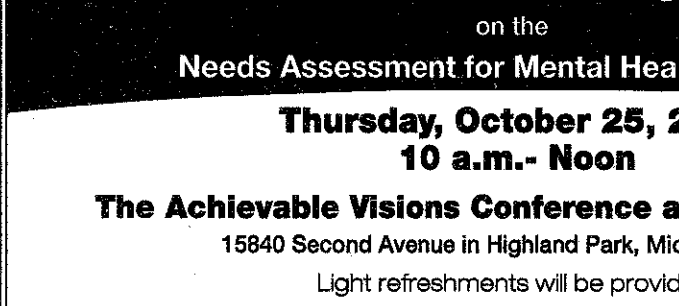
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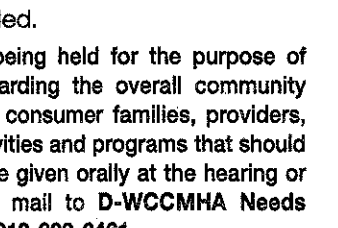
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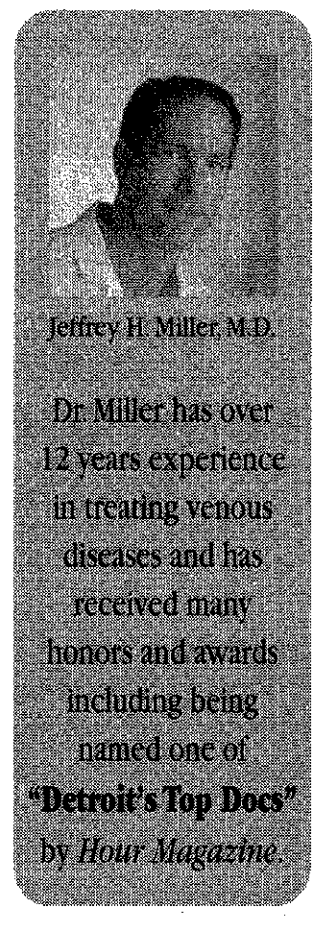
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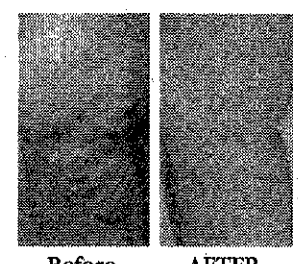
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Debate to raise awareness about ovarian cancer survivors' experiences

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Carolyn Benivegna never thought her bloated abdomen and severe constipation could be caused by ovarian cancer. Then in 1998 the former Southfield resident was diagnosed with the deadly disease.

"I had a hysterectomy and didn't have any ovaries," said Carolyn Benivegna. "I went to a gastroenterologist and was misdiagnosed repeatedly. They kept telling me I had irritable bowel syndrome. Eventually they did a CAT scan that showed fluid in my abdomen. They drained it and there were cancer cells in it. Every female is at risk for ovarian cancer. One year old babies are getting this. No matter your age or ethnic background you are at risk because you're female."

Benivegna went through surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and was in remission for five years until the cancer returned in 2005 and again in 2007.

"The chances are it will keep coming back until it kills me. I just finished chemo treatment number 10," said Benivegna whose worked continuously to raise awareness about the disease.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, she and another ovarian cancer survivor, Sandi Pniauskas, debate the points of early detection, survival rates, awareness, and access to care for ovarian cancer patients. While there is no charge to attend, participants are asked to pre-register.

"We're doing this to raise awareness, to stir the pot, create some controversy. We want to expedite the process for more and better research, more and better education," said Benivegna. "The second debate is in Canada a week later. We're trying to show this is not a disease that respects borders. This is an international problem. Two oncology nurses will be at the debate in case they have to answer a technological question. This is from a survivor standpoint. We've already been invited to other states to do this debate next year."

OVARIAN CANCER SURVIVORS

When: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Where: In the St. Clair Room at the Sheraton Detroit/Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty
Details: To register, send e-mail to sandipn@sympatico.ca. A second debate is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto. For information about either debate, visit http://ovariancancerdebate.blogspot.com.

Benivegna considers herself an ovarian cancer activist. She founded the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida-Gulf Coast to increase awareness of the disease. She road a bike 868 miles across Kansas in 8 days to raise money for ovarian cancer research, and at age 65 is currently involved with a survivors teaching students program initiated to educate medical students about their experiences. The program is in more than 50 medical schools nationwide including Wayne State and Michigan State.

"It's so when women come into their office they won't be told you're menopausal or have irritable bowel," said Benivegna. "If found in early stage it's 90-percent curable. Unfortunately over 80 percent are found at late stage. The survival rate goes down dramatically. For late stage at five years, 20 percent are still alive. You can go from stage one to stage three in a couple of months. If you don't like what you're hearing get a second opinion, see a gynecological oncologist. If you do have ovarian cancer or gynecologic cancer insist on a consultation with a gynecological oncologist before any surgery is done. Women need to take control of their health care."

For more information on ovarian cancer, visit www.ovariancancerflorida.org, www.ovariancancer.org, www.ovarian.org, or www.thegcf.org.

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DOGS

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an open house without their dog. There's a lot of paperwork involved. They can download forms off of the Web site and even fill them out before they come, but a veterinarian must sign it before they walk in with their dog to make sure the animals are up to date on their vaccinations and passed a fecal exam (for parasites)."

In order to become a registered therapy dog, the four-footed animal and their owner must pass an exam. Once the paperwork is completed, a Dr. Paws tester must record their observations of the pet therapy team as they make three visits to Botsford, St. Mary or Kingswood Hospital in Ferndale. Dogs must be on a 4-foot leash or shorter, and at least 1 year old. Although Seraceno has bred golden retrievers for many years, therapy dogs need not be pure bred and need not complete a course for pet therapy.

"We're watching how you and your dog do, if the dog obeys basic obedience commands. Dogs should not be pulling you into the hospital," said Seraceno. "A good therapy dog is not a timid dog and one that gets along with other dogs. I've been around dogs 30 years. If a dog is timid they shouldn't give up. Socialize them by walking around downtown Farmington if it doesn't work the first time. I had a beagle one time that I tested that howled anytime it set paw in the hospital, the owner and dog went through an obedience course and came back to pass the test."

Seraceno says she can tell from first meeting the dog whether or not the animal would do well at therapy work. For those dogs who go on to become registered, a $25 membership fee for Therapy Dogs Inc. provides the owner with liability insurance. Dr. Paws, an affiliate of Therapy Dogs Inc., then places the team.

"Last night I visited a 6-year-old in pediatrics at Botsford Hospital. The mom asked if he wanted a visit from a furry, four-footed person. He was so excited the mom said he forgot what he's here for," said Seraceno. "I can't explain the satisfaction you get from doing this. You know that you're helping that person."

Seraceno's sons, Kevin Lapinski, 14, and Christopher Lapinski, 12, have been accompanying Seraceno on visits since both were in strollers.

"Pet therapy opened the door up to volunteering for these kids," said Seraceno, whose husband Joe Lapinski is a volunteer for Make-a-Wish. Joe designed the Dr. Paws logo for the nonprofit's T-shirts for handlers and bandanas for dogs.

"Young people can do this but they have to be age 16 and over with their parents permission. We do different things, parades, a day camp for autistic children. For autistic kids it helps them focus. Dementia patients might not remember anything else but a dog they had in childhood. For the dog owners the benefits include lowering blood pressure and reducing stress. We don't get paid for it. It's a lot of work but it gives satisfaction."

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with the medical record system I have instant access to reports. I'm connected to CAT scans. My time to care for the patients is preserved. I just saw a patient on the fourth floor being discharged. I'll see them in one week. All I have to do is transfer the medical records to myself instead of going to pick them up. Medical records can be printed out immediately."

One of the online benefit for patients is the Cancer Resource Education area where patients and their families are able to access cancer literature including the latest clinical trials on the Internet.

"The cancer center is a major step forward," said Naik. "Clinical trials provide access to experimental drugs. We also started radio ablation treatment using radio waves to kill cancer cells instead of surgery. Surgery is harsh on certain patients. Radio ablation requires only an overnight stay or even as an outpatient.

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Dr. Harmesh Naik talks about the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

It's not radiation. A needle is inserted and blasted with radio waves to destroy the tumor."

For more information about Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, call (734) 655-8800.

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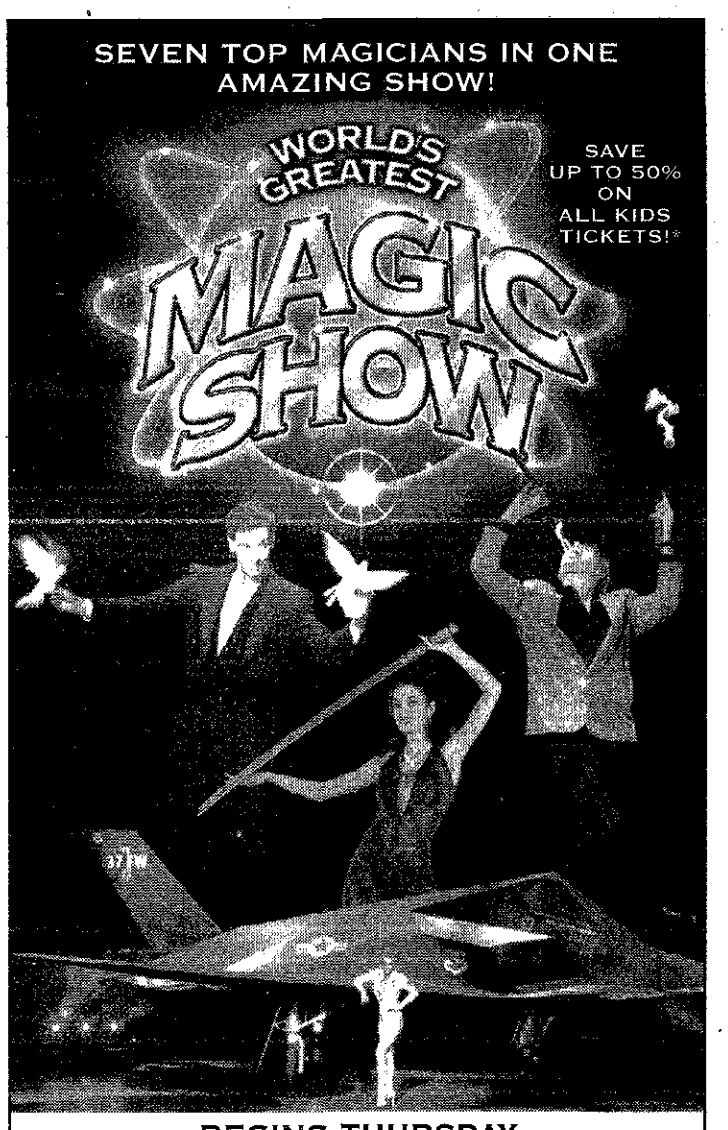
Looking for a good scare

Do you know of a home that scares the life out of passersby? The *Observer Newspapers* wants to hear about Halloween decorations of all kinds. Don't delay, send e-mail today with address and daytime phone number to lchomin@hometownlife.com. On Sunday, Oct. 28, we will feature Halloween decorations in our communities in the HometownLife section.



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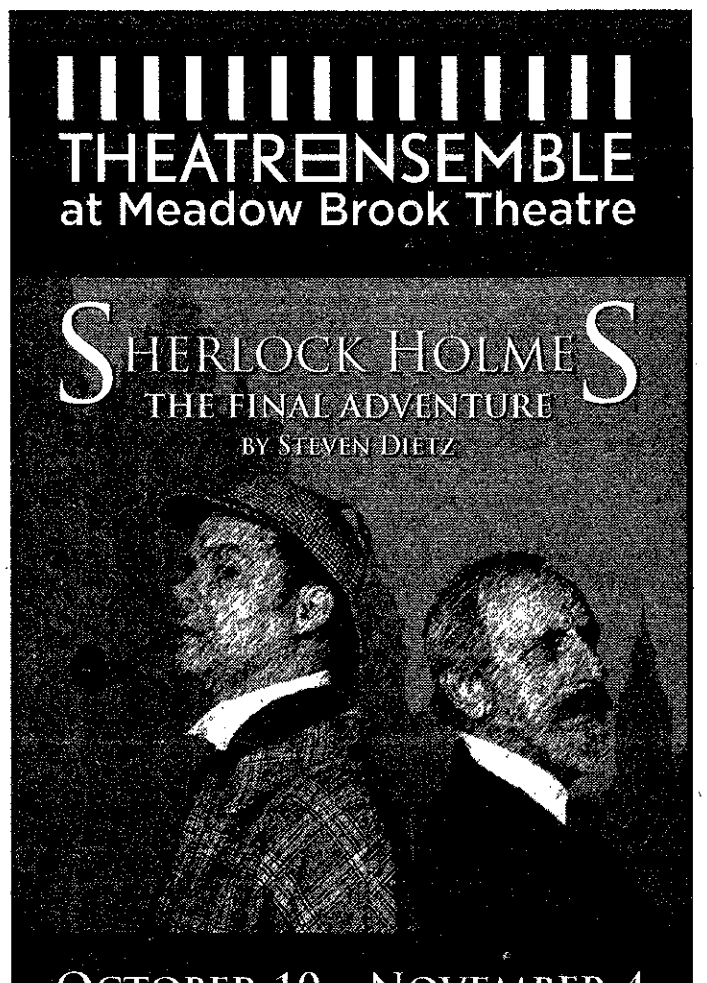

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Bloomfield Hills Andover
Class of 1997
A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

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Dearborn Heights Riverside
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A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Detroit Central High School
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A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248)541-7864.

Detroit Cooley
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A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248)380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248) 851-4682.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wlosinski -Wong

Brian Wlosinski and Angela Wong were married July 14, 2007, at the Community House in Birmingham, with the Rev. Paul Chateau officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gordon and Patricia M. Wong of Plymouth. She graduated from Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a first-grade teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The groom is the son of Robert and Kathy Wlosinski of Brooklyn, Mich. He graduated from Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed at the University of Michigan.

The bride was attended by Patricia Martin, her sister and matron of honor; her cousin, Lindsay Newman, sister-in-law Jill Wlosinski and close friends Elizabeth O'Keefe and Amy Hayes.

The groom was attended by best man Brian Grube and groomsmen Thomas Sicilia, Patrick Brady, Kenneth Wlosinski and Bryan Riffle and ushers Matthew Wong and Daniel Wong, brothers of the bride.

A reception was held at the Community House. The couple honeymooned in Italy. They will make their home in Dearborn.

Horn-Bland

Jacob Horn and Jamie Bland will be married in February 2008 at the Hilton Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Jacob is the son of Robert and Christine Horn of Canton. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed as a computer engineer with Chrysler LLC.

Jamie is the daughter of Vicki Richards of Monroe. She is a graduate of Florida Community College in Jacksonville, and is employed as a branch manager with Cornerstone Community Financial FCU.

The couple, along with Jamie's son Garrett, will make their home in Allen Park after honeymooning in Antigua.

Keith-Bruner

Laura Ellen Keith and Justin L. Bruner were wed Dec. 19, 2006, at Ardverikie Castle in Kinlochklaggen, Scotland with the Rev. Alan MacArthur officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert A. and Cindy Keith of Canton. She is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University in elementary education. She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan and is working as a teaching assistant.

The groom is the son of Leslie and Deborah Bruner of Plymouth. He is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School. He received business degree in 2004 from Michigan State University and an education degree from MSU in 2006. He is employed by Best Buy.

The bride was attended by her mother, Cindy Keith. The groom was attended by his sister, Meghan Bruner.

A reception was held at Gallovie House on Ardverikie Estate. The couple honeymooned in Scotland and London, England.

They are making their home in Ann Arbor.

Bennett-LeBlanc

John and Sandy Bennett of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leah Bennett, to Darryl Joseph LeBlanc, son of James and Carol LeBlanc of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University. She currently teaches at Plymouth High School.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is currently employed at H.D. Supply in Livonia.

A September 2008 wedding is planned.

Baj-Dailey

Ron and Kathy Baj of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Baj, to Ron Dailey, son of Gary and Lola Dailey of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2004 from Eastern Michigan University. She is second/third grade teacher at Trillium Academy in Taylor.

The future groom attended Ypsilanti High School and Washtenaw Community College. He is employed as a managing partner of Gabriels in Westland.

A September, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

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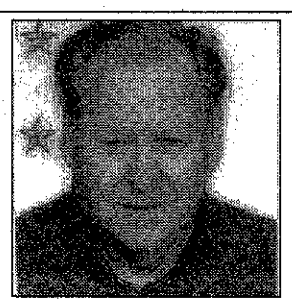
MARION R. BLAMY

Formerly of Troy, died October 17, 2007 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late John F. Blamy, Jr., Mother of John F. Blamy, III (Delinda) and the late Gail Blamy Lucas (Donald). Grandmother of Michael Lucas (Rita), Lisa Lucas May (David), Lori Lucas Smith (Christian), Matthew Blamy, Christopher Blamy (Tami), David Blamy (Jennifer). Great-grandmother of 14. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 4-8pm. Funeral Service Monday 10am First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes suggested to Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Life Care Center, 1406 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401 or Donor's Choice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOHN EARL COBB

Born December 18, 1924 in Well Springs, TN. He entered the Army in 1940 and served until 1948. He married Eva (nee Eschenweck) in Germany on March 11, 1948. They had two children, Heidi Ann (Dave) Kinsvater and Bruce Cobb. He is preceded in death by Heidi. While living in Westland for the last 18 years, he served on the Commission on Aging for several years. He is survived by his wife Eva Cobb, son Bruce Cobb, granddaughters Kirstin Eva (Sean) Eye and Piper Lee Kinsvater and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation was held at Zromck Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd., at Joy, Livonia, on Saturday, October 20, 2007.

KAREN L. DODDS

Washington, DC, age 52, died Friday, August 24, 2007. She was piloting a private plane, a Socata Trinidad, on a proposed flight from Mackinac Island to Bad Axe to visit relatives. Her finacé, H. Brooke Stauffer, 55, also died when the plane crashed into the Straits of Mackinac near Bois Blanc Island. Both Ms. Dodds and Mr. Stauffer were residents of Washington, DC. Karen was raised in the Plymouth-Westland area and graduated from Churchill High School in 1973. She attended Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and then moved to Washington DC to continue her career. She had her own company, Dodds Design, in Washington, a graphic web design and marketing company. She was a member of the Art Directors Club of Metropolitan Washington and, for many years, an active member of its Board. She was also a member of the Octopus Flying Club in the Washington area. Karen is survived by her mother, Kathleen Bloxsom Wagner, and step-father, Charles Wagner of Montague. She is also survived by her sister, Kelcey Dodds Seefeldt of Maryland, step-sisters Lynn Wagner Neighbors (Gary) of Virginia and Carol Dyer Small of Chicago; step-brothers Kurt J. Wagner (Marianna) of Chicago, and John Dyer of Sarasota; by her step-mother Gerry Dodds McNinch (Cy) of Virginia Beach; brother-in-law Paul D. Seefeldt of Maryland; uncles Willis Bloxsom (Doranne) of New Hudson, and Thomas Bloxsom (Doris) of Bellaire; neice Lakelyn Seefeldt and nephew Drew Seefeldt of Maryland; and many cousins. She was buried in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. There will be a Memorial Service for Karen and Brooke at Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at 12:00 PM, Noon. A second Memorial Service will be held at Reformation Lutheran Church in Washington DC in the near future. MEMORIAL DONATIONS: For Karen Dodds: Endowment Fund of Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, MI 49461 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. S, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016. For Brooke Stauffer: Boy Scouts of America, National Capitol Area Council, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3897 or Conservation International, 2001 Crystal Dr., Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202. CLOCK Funeral Home, Whitehall, MI, 888-507-8012

MARGARET ANNE FRIES "Maggie"

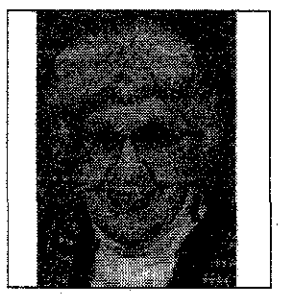
of Berkley, Oct. 19, 2007, Age 49. Beloved mother of Kathleen Marie "Kalyn" and Bryan Matthew Fries. Formerly married to Robert J. Fries. Dearest daughter of Thomas and Rose Marie Burke. Sister of James (Gina) Burke, Martha (Rob) Frank, Patricia (Dennis) Hall, Mary (John) VerKuilen, Kathryn Gregory and the late Kathleen Burke. Dear friend of Betty and Dale Drenning. Loving aunt of Christa, Bradley, Elizabeth, Shaun, Megan, Lisa, Shannon and Erica and also three great nieces. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple and Big Beaver), Sunday 3-8 pm. Prayer Service Sunday evening. Funeral Mass Monday, 10 am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 am. View obituary and share memories at: www. DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT R. KERWIN

Age 85. Beloved husband of the late Ruth. Loving father of Jan (Ed) Moore and James (JoEllen). Grandfather of Joe, Kristin, Dan and Brian. Visitation was Thursday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service was Friday, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburg Road, Livonia. Entombment St. Hedwig Cemetery.

SHIRLEY GAYLE KINE

Born August 11, 1925 , was welcomed into the arms of her savior on October 17, 2007. She was a faithful believer in God and like her parents before, raised her voice with song to herald his praises. She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Robert C. Kine. Her children Sheryl (Mark) Irving, Debra Kine, Dale (Carol) Kine, Jon (Wendy) Kine. Loving grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 5. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Monday October 22, 2007 at 10:00am. Visitation Saturday 2-4 and 6-8pm and Sunday 12-4 and 6-8pm. Shirley will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth alongside her parents ,Fern and Wilbert Thompson, her sister Seneth Baltes and in spirit her daughter Paula G. Kine. In lieu of flowers a donation in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100 Southfield, MI 48076.



CORA M. MARONTATE

Age 96, of Farmington, passed away the 17th of October, 2007 at Providence Hospital in Southfield, MI. She was a retired employee of General Motors and a member of St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington. Cora was born in Rome, Ohio, a daughter of the late Anthony and Louemma Hardin Miller. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William Pass; her second husband, Ralph Marontate; six sisters, Hattie Brown, Polly Newman, Savannah Weir, Pearl Kinney, Ella Hodge, and Louise Cooper; four brothers, Arthur, Rev. Ireland (Curly), Everett, and Darrell Miller; stepdaughter, Nancy Black; and a great-grandson, Rick Bowyer. Surviving are two stepdaughters, Lois Blake and Sharon (George) Bodin, and stepson, Joe (Carol) Marontate, many grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Friends may call Monday, October 22nd, from 11am until the 7pm Funeral Service at the Funeral Home Deacon Joe Lennon and Patricia Ernst, will officiate. Private interment will follow on Tuesday in East Tawas, MI. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions for Masses to be said for her at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48336.
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WALLY E. MASTERSON

Age 59, of Novi, passed away Oct. 18, 2007. Visitation Sun. 2-8pm. Funeral Mon. 11am, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., South Lyon 248-446-1171

WILLIAM R. MATSON

October 18, 2007. Age 91. Of Livonia. Beloved husband of Martha. Loving father of Lynn (Bill) Warren and Ralph (Barbara) Matson. Dearest grandfather of two. Mr. Matson is preceded in death by two brothers and a nephew. Funeral Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road (Dearborn Chapel). Visitation Tuesday 2-9 p.m. Interment Christian Memorial Gardens Cemetery.
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DORIS L. MOSHER

Age 83. October 17, 2007. Loving wife of George for 56 years. Dear mother of George (Joan) and Doyle (Cindi). Proud grandmother of Matt, Lindsay, Mike and Jodi. Great-grandmother of Julian, Aiden and Ash. Sister of Doyle (Joan). Lifetime member of American Association of University Women (AAUW). A founder of Birmingham Area Senior Citizens Council (BASCC) and the Birmingham Women's Club. Served on Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for over 25 years. Instrumental in the founding of Oakland Community College (OCC) and Chairman Emeritus of the OCC Foundation. A memorial celebration is planned for Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 11A.M. in F-Building, Auburn Hills Campus, Oakland Community College. Contributions for scholarships can be made to: Doris & George Mosher Endowment, Oakland Community College Foundation, 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

VIVIAN M. ROWE

October 16, 2007, age 75, Livonia, MI, Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, MI

RUTH MARGARET STEFANICK (nee Lessnau)

October 16, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Stan. Loving mother of Robert (Denise), June (William) Hanley, Sharon Stefanick, Gordon (Karin), Carol Stefanick, Mark, Diane Stefanick & Marjorie (Edwin) Laabs. Sister of Doris Stauber, Jean Gorris, Robert Lessnau, James Lessnau & the late Norma Sullivan. Loving grandmother of 16. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford, Thursday 1-9 PM and Friday 12-9 PM with a rosary at 7:30 PM. Requiem High Mass Saturday, 11 AM, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, 23310 Joy Rod, Redford. In state at 10 AM at the church. Donations for Memorial Masses may be made to: St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, 21077 Quarry Hill Road, Winona, MN 55987-9712.
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Craft show needs exhibitors

Just in time for the holiday season, Schoolcraft College's annual fall craft show takes place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, on the campus at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. This well-attended community event will be held in the Physical Education Building.

Last year approximately 150 crafters and artisans displayed handmade decorative and personal items.

"This year we hope to involve even more vendors," said Marjorie Lynch, special events coordinator for the college. "While our customers and guests appreciate the variety and quality of items they find at our craft show each year, we know they are also always looking for new and creative items as well."

Hours of the craft show are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Parking is free. Booth sizes range from 8-foot by 9-foot to 12-foot by 12-foot and fees from $55-$100. Electricity is available for an extra $15.

Admission is $2 for adults and children age 12 and older, 50 cents for children ages 5-12. Children under five are admitted free. Proceeds from the show benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation's scholarship fund. For more information or to reserve a booth call (734) 462-4518 or visit schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events and click on the Fall Craft Show event brochure.

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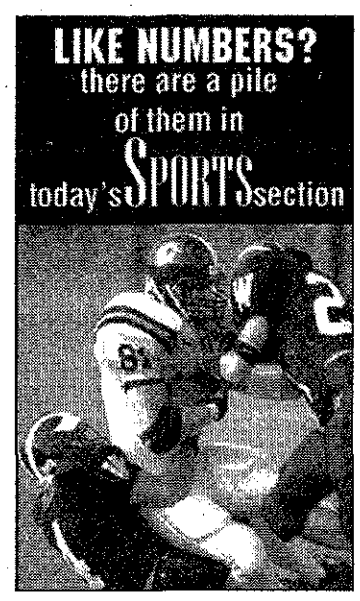

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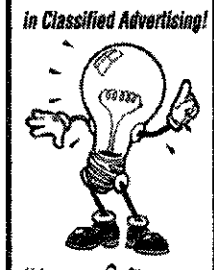

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Families fighting flu

Father encourages parents to vaccinate their children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Alana Yaksich had a slight fever but was running around playing with her brothers when their parents left for the evening. By the time they returned her fever had risen to 106 degrees. Within less than 24 hours of arriving at the emergency room, the 5-year-old West Bloomfield girl was dead from flu-related complications.

Influenza kills and the Yaksich family is doing everything they can to make sure another child doesn't die from the virus. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, they've asked the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan to vaccinate all ages at a clinic in the Bloomfield Schools' Doyle Center in Bloomfield Hills. The family received their shots at the VNA's Boo the Flu immunization clinic last Sunday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills. The Yaksichs started holding an annual clinic at the church after Alana died in February 2003. In the summer of 2005 they increased their efforts to raise awareness about the importance of vaccinations by helping to establish Families Fighting Flu (www.familiesfightingflu.org). The nonprofit organization is comprised of families and pediatricians whose children have died or suffered complications from the flu.

BETTER TO BE SAFE

"We're asking people to come out," said Zachary Yaksich Sr. who in the last couple of weeks has distributed fliers and posters with his daughter's photograph and story to Bloomfield schools to encourage vaccination. "One day we would like to see the children come to the schools and get their shots. People are so busy most don't take the time to go to the doctor. Everybody should get vaccinated from the flu, anybody 6 months or older. We encourage them to get vaccinated and eliminate anymore pediatric deaths. We had no idea that the flu could kill until it happened to our families.

"And don't be shy or apprehensive to take your child to the doctor. The flu is a very dangerous respiratory disease. If they're sick, have a fever. It's better to be safe than sorry."

The VNA of Southeast Michigan never vaccinated children under age 14 until Zachary Yaksich convinced them to offer flu shots to ages 6 months and up. The federal government's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has re-emphasized the recommendation that children ages 6 months to 8 years receive two doses if not vaccinated previously.

Zachary Yachsich, Sr. receives a flu shot as son Zachary, Jr. looks on. The Yachsich family took part in the Boo the Flu vaccination clinic at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Alana Yachsich was 5 years old when she died from flu-related complications in February 2003.

"Small children especially through three years have a high hospitalization rate leading to complications from the flu," said Kay Renny, manager of VNA community programs. "The No. 1 way to prevent the flu is to get your vaccination, but to prevent spread of viruses wash your hands adequately with soap, generate a lather, sing the happy birthday song twice, and cough or sneeze into your elbow not into your hand. Around the house disinfect hot spots like door handles, phones. You don't have to be a fanatic and sterilize the house but everybody's touching the door, the phone, remote, computer keyboard."

Renny, a registered nurse, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is predicting more than 35,000 people will die this year from the flu during the season that runs from October through February although sometimes into March. Symptoms can include a fever, headache (sudden onset that can be severe), muscle aches, extreme exhaustion, a dry cough, sore throat, and nasal congestion.

"It's the sudden onset that distinguishes the flu from some of the other viral diseases," said Renny of Rochester. "It affects your lungs. Stomach flu is not the same thing. The shot is to protect you from influenza, the lung disease."

GETTING MESSAGE OUT

Dr. Sandro Cinti always encourages his patients to get their flu shot but fears not as many of the general public will this year.

"I always worry with a flu season that was not bad last year they won't get vaccinated," said Cinti, an infectious disease expert and assistant professor at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala and the staff at the Livonia Urgent Care have already given about 600 flu shots during clinics that run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The vaccinations are available at all eight locations of Michigan Urgent Care including Canton. While Arsiwala, a health care worker in a high risk category, has received a flu shot, his 9- and 12-year old children have not.

"They have the ability to wash their hands (unlike younger children). Unvaccinated children get some kind of immunity with growth," said Arsiwala. "The target groups for vaccination include people at high risk, all persons more than age 50, all women who will be pregnant during the flu season, people with asthma, cardiovascular, hypertension, renal disease, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorder including diabetes, all those with immuno suppression caused by medication or HIV, cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorder or pulmonary disorder that can compromise respiratory function, also residents of nursing homes, and people who live with people at high risk."

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Weight training important as we age

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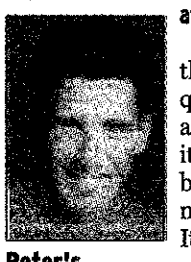

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Robert, that is a great question. The answer is that it is critical to build up your muscle mass. It will help you fight off disease and prevent falls. It is so important the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association is updating its physical activity guidelines. They recommend adults 65 and older strength train 2 to 3 times a week. When strength training they advise adults perform 8 to 12 reps for each part of the body. Unless you work your muscles, you lose about 5 to 7 pounds of muscle tissue each decade. Strength training can add to bone density and potentially prevent osteoporosis.

Melissa from Sylvan Lake e-mails concerned about her 6-year-old watching television. She keeps hearing all these stories about it being bad, just how bad is it?

A new study found young children who watch a lot of television face an increased risk of attention problems. Researchers studied more than 1,000 children from ages 5 to 15. They found those who watched more than two hours of television a day had a 40 percent increase in attention problems. Experts believe the rapid changes on television may over stimulate the developing brain of a young child, so slower paced mundane tasks such as school work seem boring. Your best bet still is to limit the amount of television.

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

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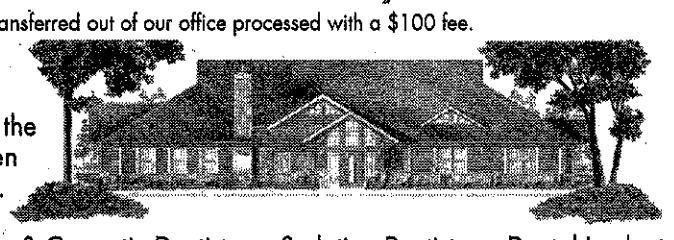
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MASS FLU CLINICS

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is $25, but it is covered for those with Medicare.

FIND A FLU CLINIC

The American Lung Association's Flu Clinic Locater Site, www.fluclinicslocator.org, allows visitors to plug in their zip code for a list of nearby locations.

FLU BUSTERS

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan Flu-Busters flu shot hotline (800) 296-8660. To schedule a clinic for your business, church or organization, call (248) 967-8755. For more information and a list of flu clinics, visit www.vna.org. Flu shots are also available at the Oak Park office, 25900 Greenfield Road, Ste. 600, Oak Park, MI 48237. The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday for individuals 9 years of age and older. If you are homebound, the VNA Flu-Busters can come to you. A service fee which is not covered by Medicare or insurance does apply. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 967-8752. Flu shots $25, pneumonia shots $40.

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Clinic times and dates will be announced in Kroger's weekly circulars and on www.kroger.com. Kroger pharmacists will screen each person to ensure there are no health-related factors or allergy-related reasons as to why the individual should not have a flu shot. Flu shots cost $24.99. Kroger invites individuals interested in scheduling flu clinics for their businesses or other groups to call 1-888-898-3542. Flu shots will be available at Kroger pharmacies through the holidays or until supply is depleted. For a nearby location, visit www.kroger.com.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

MAYBE US
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend getaways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS...
to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'6", 133lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking, tall SWM, 42-48, honest, professional, college-educated, romantic, affectionate, sensual, for friendship first possible LTR. ☎235306

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBCF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. for friendship, possible romance. ☎152399

DO-WOP TO CLASSICS
DWF, 56, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, shapely blond, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing. ISO christian a+, N/S, gentleman, 50+, for dating, open to new activities. Rochester. ☎225822

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WIWF, 61, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎976914

FRIENDS FIRST
WIWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

HELLO
DWF, 57, 5'4", 180lbs, size 16, attractive redhead, retired RN, homeowner, smoker, loves cooking, movies, good company, conversation and travel. Give me a call. All call returned ☎229066

HEY GUYS
SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hanging with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know. ☎234678

YOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING
SBF, 27, 5'4", chocolate complexion, pretty brown eyes, dimples, thick build, looking for SBM, 28-60, for friendship and possibly more. ☎226022

SINCERE ONLY
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210970

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WIWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. ☎656264

TAKE A CHANCE
SWF, 25, 5'2", medium build, athletic, enjoys sports, working on cars, bowling, pool, Italian food, music, my dogs, having fun. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving guy to get to know, share fun. ☎213228

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...
wanted. 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. ☎218623

HI THERE
SBPF, 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy, curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all it offers. I enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining, art. ☎218986

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

BF SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 38 mother, N/S, seeking WM ,40-60, N/S, for a friendship that could turn into something more. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fishing and trying new things. ☎232181

COULD YOU BE THE ONE
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

HI THERE
SWF, 46, blonde/blue, 5'5", slim, enjoys outdoor activities, sports, Nascar, cooking, reading and animals. Seeking compatible man to share talks, casual dates and then who knows? ☎228166

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call! ☎224748

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

HELLO GENTLEMEN
SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful heart, seeking compatible man to share my life. ☎218906

CREATIVE MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, outdoors, cooking, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. ☎230791

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

NEW BEGINNINGS
Attractive, 5'5", mid 50s, lady, with many interests, seeks mature man, with a SOH, and a warm smile, friend, companion, 60+, all serious replies answered. ☎233677

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/HM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207161

COULD U BE THE ONE 4 ME?
Active SWF, 5'2", blonde, fun-loving, nurse likes boating, traveling, sports, dancing and dining, seeking a SWM, 70-78, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. ☎231724

WILD AND SOPHISTICATD
Ebony-woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. ☎147056

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎216297

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. ☎230116

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. ☎220303

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. ☎231868

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎213418

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎892242

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

IS IT YOU?
SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. ☎226704

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF, 19, full-figured, 5'4", caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. ☎230300

FUN AND SIMPLE
SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. ☎222583

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 59, 5'4", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. ☎220957

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

MAYBE US?
Sociable, employed SF, 59, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. ☎219636

COULD IT BE YOU?
Employed SWF, 50, 5'3", blond/hazel enjoys day trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. ☎227075

HOW ARE YOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

LET'S TALK
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. ☎190972

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

LET'S MEET
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205287

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. ☎217234

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210247

TRY ME
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

I'LL MAKE U SMILE
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212804

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. ☎226494

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎692549

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE ...
strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. ☎235616

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, travelling, and home life. ☎409879

LET'S TALK
SF, 31, 5'9', brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎213820

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172726

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

SEEKING A TRUE HEART
SM, 44 , self-employed, honest and hard-working, modest and humble, loves music, long walks, parks, movies, dinners , plays. Seeking a kind,like-minded woman to share companionship, happiness, maybe love. ☎231534

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎684501

SELF-EMPLOYED
SHM, 6'2", 155lbs, enjoys the arts and more. Would like to meet someone with the same interests. ☎233914

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. ☎146279

MAYBE IT'S YOU
Affectionate DWM, 65, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

SOMEONE 2 TALK 2
SBM, 5'6", enjoys swimming, basketball, movies and hanging out with friends, seeking a woman, 18-30, attractive, to get to know, maybe LTR if compatible. ☎203356

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS
Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, HIV+ seeks special lady for dating and possible LTR. ☎235509

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

HANDSOMELY HUMBLE
SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. ☎578139

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
Secure, employed, independent SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. ☎232608

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests ☎200459

WANTS A LADY TO LOVE
SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, sincere, loyal, honest and warm-hearted, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weekend getaways. looking for LTR with sincere, sweet woman. ☎231715

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Outgoing, honest, spontaneous man, 43, father, looking for easygoing, fun-loving, affectionate woman, 25-49, for dating, fun times and see where it goes. ☎229056

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, N/S, N/D, d/d-free, attractive, honest, independent, open for activities. Seeking SBF, 20-35, for possible LTR. ☎232101

CARING AND COMPASSIONATE
Goo-looking SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more. offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. ☎233588

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

TRY ME
SWM, 200, likes playing sports, time with friends, movies and more. Seeking a cool, fun SF into the same. Hope it's you. ☎234425

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

COUGAR LOVER
Some things get better with age. Blue-eyed handsome man, mid-40s, physically/philosophically fit, laid-back, secure, good-humored, w/cougar loving side, seeks woman with like qualities and interests of travel, music, fitness etc. ☎230057

LATIN FEMALE DESIRED
Attractive WM, 38, 6'3", great SOH, enjoys concerts, sports, movies. Seeks latin or hispanic female from South America. Age open. ☎228720

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes long walks and good conversations, let's talk. ☎216163

A TERRIFIC GUY
SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. ☎224408

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBM, 20, 6', full-time student, enjoys singing and song writing. Seeking creative, lovely lady, beautiful inside/out, with a warm heart, big smile, and passion for music, to share life. ☎235228

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

HI LADIES!
DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a H/WF, 37-57, N/S, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎216527

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soulfood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. ☎189723

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. ☎200127

NO DRAMA
SBM 49, N/D, very open-minded ISO easygoing, drama-free lady to hang out with for fun, travel, movies, more. You name it ☎200215

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SM, seeking a SF, 25+, nice personality, down-to-earth, who likes to have fun. ☎203587

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, likes quiet times, basketball, movies and sporting events, seeking a nice, honest, caring woman, 26-48, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎204532

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, 35, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

NICE LOOKING
SWM, 45, 6'2", 240lbs, brown/green, seeking a SWF, 38-45, hwp, who want to get to know each other and go out on dates. Let's see what happens. ☎205718

HOW ABOUT ME?
Loving, sociable, employed SM, 48, 5'9", 210lbs, dark complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, smoker, independent, affectionate, looking for a special lady I can treat like a queen. ☎210000

I'M YOUR MAN
SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 18+, to spend time with. ☎214317

WHAT'S GOOD
Simple, cool, genuine SBM, 25, 6', athletic, seeks outgoing lady who knows how to have fun. ☎231020

TRY THIS ONE
SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, brown complexion, mustache/goatee, attractive and sweet, seeks sexy lady to share the good things in life. ☎231030

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

THE HANDSOME SCIENTIST
Exotic, sexy, kind female, 38, well-educated, enjoys camping, movies, dancing, opera, quiet evenings at home. Seeking tall, well-built, fit, educated, professional gentleman, 29-45, for LTR. ☎245650

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWM, 28, looking for sociable, fun-loving SBF, 22-30, no kids, smoker ok, active and open-minded, for sharing friendship, fun times and possibly more. ☎232910

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

LIFE DOESN'T END AT 60...
It starts! SWM, 62, enjoys meting new people, trying new things, laughter and living life to the fullest. Seeking active, happy lady who feels the same. Friendship, fun, LTR? ☎228516

NICE LOOKING JEWISH GUY
Very honest SJM, 6'2", 225lbs, 46, business owner, attractive, enjoys life, loves boating, open to LTR. Seeks attractive, slim, physically fit, emotionally open and intimate SJF, 25-46, who loves good communication, sharing thoughts, long walks, and days on the lake. ☎206878

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. ☎210024

COULD IT BE YOU?
Easygoing, nice SM, 56, simple and sweet, enjoys movies, dancing, travel, life and it's little pleasures. Looking for a loving, light-hearted lady to share a little love and happiness. ☎225277

LET'S TALK
SWM, 6'3", 240lbs, Italian, blue eyes, easygoing, blue-jean type of guy, looking for a petite woman, 50-60, easygoing, laidback, who likes dining, shows, gardening. ☎991273

WORTH IT
SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. ☎135531

READ THIS AD!
SBM, 20, 5'9", outgoing, likes swimming, seeking a woman, 18-21, to spend time with. ☎203620

WORTH A CALL
SBM, 28, 5'6", 150lbs, enjoys home-cooking, Italian food, time with friend, good company, movies, music and more. Seeking a nice, open-minded SF to share the good times. ☎213010

FILLED WITH CARE AND LOVE
SM, 22, fun-loving, caring, seeks SF, 18-30, to hang out, sports, for an old school relationship but in the new times. ☎242667

WORTH YOUR CALL
SM, 27, easygoing, fun, 6'2", dark brown complexion and eyes, clean-cut, well-groomed, likes occasional nights out, quiet times in life, simple fun. Seeking similar lady for friendship, dates and more? ☎229192

LET'S TALK
Simple, easygoing SBM, 18, looking for a pretty, sweet and sincere lady, open-minded and down-to-earth, who knows how to enjoy life. ☎229571

WORTH YOUR CALL
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the above. ☎224191

NICE GUY
SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 155lbs, 5'6", and an active professional. ☎708126

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

HOPE TO FIND U
Creative, loving DWM, 69, health-conscious and active, with passion for singing, church, swimming, ethnic dining, playing cards trying new things. Seeking loving lady with warm, heart who appreciates the same. ☎227880

UNUSUAL REQUEST
Nice-looking, extremely busy, Grosse Pt. SWPM, 6'3", 228lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, ISO over 45 also extremely busy SWPF, pretty lady, for great friendship and special times. I know how to treat a lady and practice the golden rule. ☎143494

CALL ME SOMETIME
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

ATTRACTIVE ROMANTIC
Attractive DWM, 60, N/S, 5' 11", 185lbs, seeks attractive woman, who enjoys wine and good conversation. Let's share our hearts and enjoy life. ☎141760

WHY NOT CALL?
Honest, fun, easygoing SM, 19, 6'4", brown/brown, seeks sexy, lady who knows how to have a good time. Is it you? ☎200202

BRUNETTES ARE BETTER
SWM, 5'8", blonde/blue, masculine build, seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, traveling and shopping, brunette a+, smokers ok. ☎203186

I'M YOUR MAN
SBM, 21, 6'1", independent, employed, honest, likes movies, chess/dominos and more. Seeking a SBF, 18-25, caring, slim, for casual dating and fun. ☎203609

CATCH OF THE DAY!
SWM, 34, blonde/blue, 270lbs, intelligent, likes sports, camping, fishing and hiking, seeking a W/HF, 21-40, for good conversations, friendship, maybe more. ☎204057

HI LADIES
SBM, 30, dark complexion, hard-working, student, looking for a loving, good-hearted woman, with a zest for life to share the special times, good talks and a lasting, loving relationship. ☎204961

NICE GUYS DO EXIST
SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring. ☎212428

WORTH IT
SM, 52, brown/brown, 225lbs, 5'9", working construction, student, enjoys driving, the outdoors, fitness, biking, good company, nice talks. Seekinbg honest, trustworthy, respectful woman to share all life offers. ☎212923

ATTRACTIVE
SBM, 34, 5'6", ISO SF, face open, 18-27, who wants to talk, share good times and juts have some fun. ☎215276

WILL IT BE YOU?
Sociable, happy, romantic SM, 61, 6'1", 205lbs, caramel complexion, passion for dancing, concerts, music, romance, good company and laughter. Looking for a kind, classy lady to share these. ☎215554

LET'S GET TOGETHER
DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎202143

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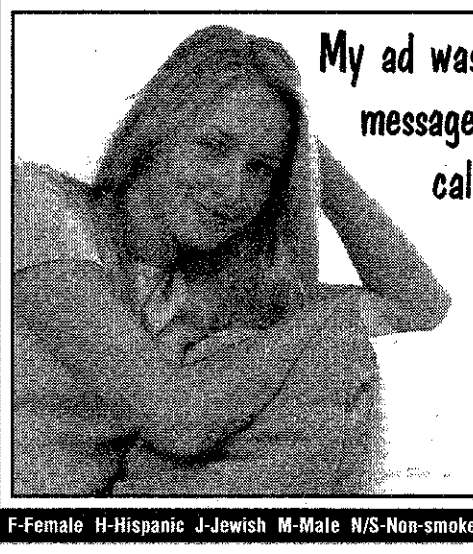

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Celebrity models light up runway of benefit fashion show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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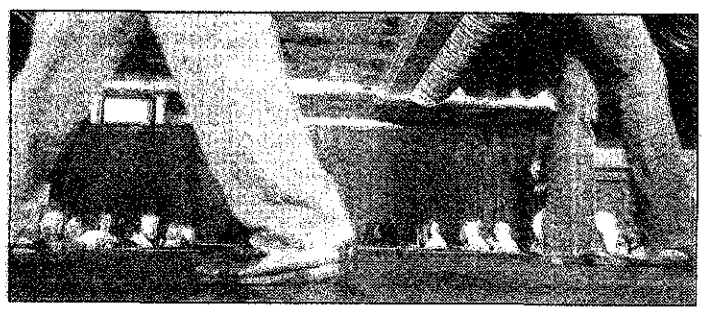
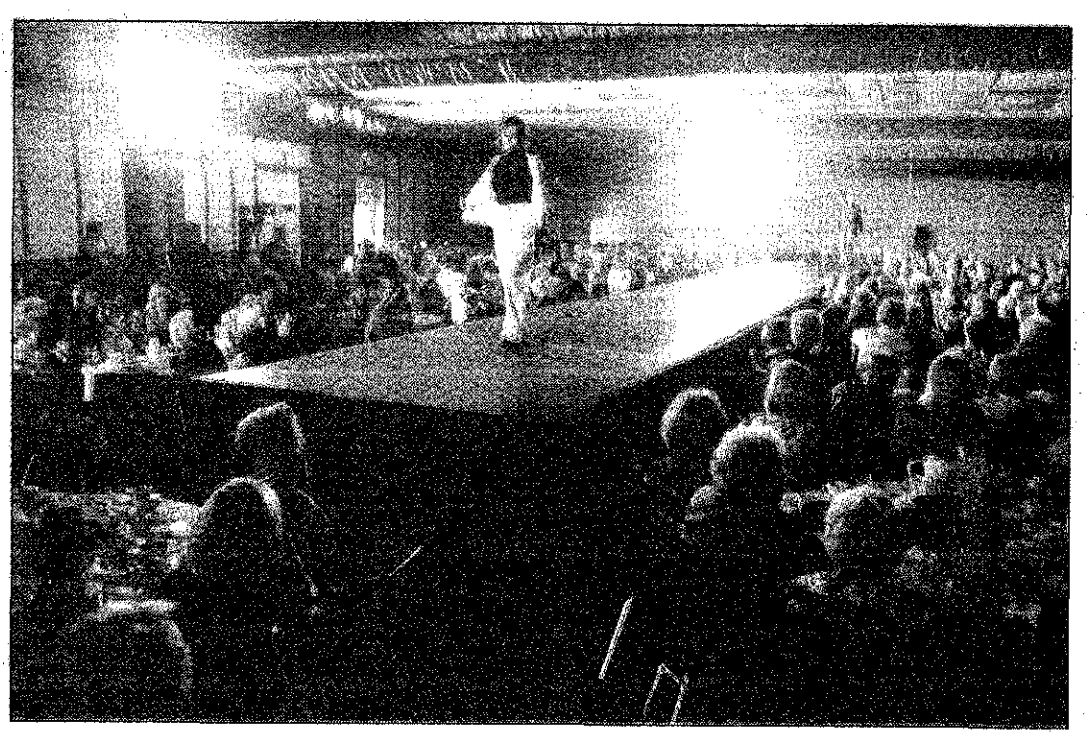


Participants watch as local celebrities walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.



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Participants filled Burton Manor in Livonia for the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion to benefit the Burger School for Students with Autism.

The celebrity models were having as much fun as the audience at the Redford Suburban League's 34th annual Fall Festival of Fashion Show on Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's proceeds went to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City so it was all for a good cause. About 450 tickets were sold, according to Cynthia Jamieson, a Redford resident who's served as show chairwoman for at least 17 years.

"I thought it was great," said Cynthia Jamieson who went home to collapse after the show. "All the feedback we had is that it was a wonderful show. The clothes from Dress Barn were awesome and the Men's Wearhouse did their usual amazing job. The way the models hammed it up on the runway, the audience just eats that up. Colleen Burcar and George Young, her dress looked like a flapper. They did a little Charleston."

Models included Ron Savage of WJBK Fox 2; Paul Gross, WDIV Channel 4; author Colleen Burcar; Chef Larry Janes; Erin Nicole, WXYZ TV-7; Tracy Gary, 100.3 WNIC radio; Nancy McCauley, Ford Motor Broadcast News; Audrey Sommers, Catholic Television Network, and entertainer George Young of Southfield in addition to several other celebrities. Burger School models strutting their stuff were Stan Bialach, Jim Boogren, Todd Sukuda, and Joe Valdivia. Representing the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* were Linda Ann Chomin, health and community life reporter, and Wensdy Von Buskirk, Pink fashion editor.

Bialach added a musical note to the show by playing his trumpet as he moved down the runway. Glenda Lewis of WXYZ TV-7 and Rich Fisher were co-hosts of the show.

"We meet a week from Monday to discuss the show and how to get the ball rolling for next year," said Jamieson. "The Redford Suburban League's Ways and Means Committee did a terrific job of putting the show on. There's over 20 women on the committee and everyone did their job wonderfully. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The models always tell us they like to come because our show is the only event that is a mixture of all the stations. They get to chat with people they wouldn't usually see because they're working."

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WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, left, pairs up with Tracy Gary of WNIC.

George Young of George Young and The Youngsters performs during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

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