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New board president sets goals for library

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Newly chosen Westland Library Board President Daniel Bourdeau cited a Norwayne-based satellite facility, long-range planning and improved public relations as goals he hopes to achieve.

Bourdeau, a two-year board member, was chosen Wednesday to replace trustee Michael Rintz as president.

"Certainly I would like to see expansion, and one of the opportunities would be a possible

library branch at the Dorsey Center," Bourdeau said, one day after he rose to the board's top spot.

Mayor William Wild also has indicated support for a possible library center inside the Dorsey Community Center, located south of Palmer and east of Venoy. Officials have said the facility could bring books, computers and other materials closer to home for Norwayne residents, particularly children.

Among Bourdeau's other goals:

- Develop a written, multiyear plan for the library "so that we have a guiding document to move us forward."

- Improve public relations and advertising to let the public know about services, such as wireless Internet access, that the library offers.

Bourdeau was chosen by his library board colleagues to serve a one-year term as president. Other elected officers include Vice President/Secretary Jim Bloom and Treasurer Duane Moody.

Rintz has remained as a trustee, but another trustee, Mark Welch, has announced he will leave the board. The mayor said Thursday he will recommend that the city council approve new trustee Leslie Bell for a five-year term.

Said Bourdeau, "I personally thank Mr. Welch for his volunteerism by serving on the board and bringing to it an invaluable professional opinion and viewpoint."

Bourdeau, Welch, Rintz and Moody were involved in hiring the newest library director, Cheryl Napsha.

Bourdeau described himself as "absolutely pleased to be chosen as president."

"I think it's an opportunity to move forward in a positive manner," he said.

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Glenn mentors look to 'KO' freshman fears

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Aaron Jackson remembers very well his first day at a new school.

"I didn't have a seat at lunch, so, I found an empty table and sat down," said the John Glenn High School junior.

That memory was enough to make him be the first to jump up and commit himself to a new Wayne-Westland Community Schools program designed to help incoming freshman make the transition from middle school to high school.

Jackson is one of 89 juniors and seniors who went back in school just days after the end of the school year to learn how to help incoming ninth-graders navigate through the initial awkwardness of being in an unfamiliar building and the social challenges of high school life.

"When we open in the fall, we'll have 560 freshman who may or may not be comfortable with school, you can see how this will help," said ninth-grade coordinator

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Aaron Jackson's recollection of his first day at a new school led him to be a KO mentor.



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John Glenn students Ashley Glenn (front, from left), Karley Knoll, Sylvester Jennings, Jessica Randolph (back, from left), Lisa Randolph and Gordie German try play a game called 'High School' as part of the Kick-Off Program training.

Novack puts focus on youth, senior services and blight

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



Novack



Westland senior Friendship Center's pancake breakfast and Westland youth programs, including sports. He has owned and improved three properties in Westland.

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

A: The timing is right. After working for the same employer at Metro Airport for 30 years, I can freeze time I have vested and focus my attention and energy on the city. With my daughter graduating soon from Oakland University, it sets a good example to show her it is important to get involved in community. I will work hard to make this a safe and enjoyable place. I will work to develop new business and keep current business owners involved. I want to give back to the city that provided a welcoming neighborhood for my family for 47 years.

Q: Describe your style of leadership.

A: I am a very focused individual with the energy to handle heavy workloads. I am able to work with others in a positive way, to help motivate key players to work efficiently. I

can be comfortable in a suit and tie, communicating with other community and state leaders, or in jeans and T-shirt getting my hands dirty in, say, a cleanup project or a building project.

I believe a good leader is not afraid to do any job that needs to be done and will not pass the buck, but will get the job done to my high standards.

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

A: We need to focus on work provided by city workers and outside contractors. Work should be done in a timely manner and correctly the first time. We need to work closely with surrounding cities to eliminate contractors who do substandard work.

We need to maintain our equipment so that it can get work done more efficiently and last as long as possible. The cost of certain equipment can cost the taxpayers significant money. Safety issues are also of concern. We need to stay on top of safety to prevent injury to workers and citizens, which affects rising health care costs.

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

A: We need to address blight in our neighborhoods. Homebuyers and new businesses are not interested in moving into a community which has neglected this issue.

We must continue to support the schools to assure that the quality of education does not decline and to provide a safe environment.

These things are important in attracting new enrollees. If we can succeed in bringing new residents to the city, new business will follow. We can continue to showcase local business on the Westland cable channel and start a recognition program on cable by interviewing local business.

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Judge orders trial in Internet sex case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 54-year-old Westland man has been ordered to stand trial for charges he used the Internet to solicit sex with an underage girl and send sexually explicit images to her.

Craig William Randles could face prison if he's convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court of charges that arose in early June, when authorities arrested him and confiscated his home computer.

He faces trial after he gave up his right Wednesday to a preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, according to a court clerk. For now, Randles is free after posting a \$25,000 surety bond.

Randles was arrested June 5 by authorities from an Internet predator unit of the Michigan Attorney General's office. He was arraigned that same day on four counts of using the Internet to communicate with a minor for immoral purposes — a 10-year felony

— and on two counts of using the Internet to disseminate sexually explicit information to a minor, punishable by up to four years in prison. A not-guilty plea has been entered in Randles' court file. He has been ordered not to have any contact with a minor and not to use computers.

Matt Frendey of the Attorney General's office has accused Randles of chatting online for several months with an undercover officer posing as a 14-year-old girl.

"Over time, the discussion turned sexual in nature to where

he was using a Web camera to send sexually explicit images," Frendey said in June.

He also warned parents to be vigilant of where their children go on the Internet, saying "it's important to know what your kids are doing and to monitor them."

Randles' arrest brought to 136 the number of individuals arrested by the Internet predator unit.

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Cat Show

The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers and the Just Cat'n Around Cat Fanciers will hold a Cat Fanciers Associated-affiliated all breed cat show Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The show will feature all breeds (long hair and short hair) and household pets. Admission will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. More information is available by calling (248) 393-1986 or sending an e-mail to cihawley@earthlink.net.

Bible school

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold its vacation Bible school, "Sonforce Kids," 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The program is for children ages 4-14 and is free of charge. Lunch will follow the program. For more information, or to register, call (734) 721-5023.

50th Anniversary

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

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

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

Summer taxes

The city of Westland has extended the deadline for paying summer taxes without penalty until Friday, Aug. 31.

Road closing

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

Grand opening

The Evangelical Adult Day Care & Respite Corp. will have a grand

opening of its adult day care and 24-hour respite center at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 26. The center is located at 400 Veno Road, at Cherry Hill. call (734) 326-0058.

Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 22, at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

Blood drives

Art Van Furniture, on Wayne Road between Joy and Warren, will host a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, to help the American Red Cross. Call (734) 425-9600 to schedule an appointment.

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland.

Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

D.A.R.E. to golf

The Westland Police Department will host its D.A.R.E. golf outing on Tuesday, July 17, with registration starting at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The 17th annual outing will be at the Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne. It is sponsored by North Brothers Ford. Cost is \$125 per person and includes a hole-in-one contest. For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, call Officer Kline at (734) 722-3273.

AMVETS dinner

AMVETS Post 171 will host a buffet dinner and concert featuring country singer Sarah Wilson on Friday, July 20, at the post hall at 1217 Merriman Road in Westland. Tickets are \$20 and include a three-meat buffet dinner, entertainment and open bar. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for appetizers followed by dinner 7-8 p.m. Entertainment will be 8-11 p.m., with an open bar until midnight. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (723) 721-9440. Only 140 tickets will be sold.

Bryant: Promote city to attract newcomers

Christine Cicirelli Bryant, 34, is a Target store team leader and John Glenn High School graduate who is studying education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She has taught at places such as the Montessori Center of Farmington Hills. She is a married mother of two. She has been a parent volunteer and has volunteered for the Rouge River cleanup, Goodfellows, citywide cleanup day and church.



Bryant

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

and businesses. Westland has many neighborhood parks, plenty of shopping, a great library and good schools. I would highlight that Westland is a good place for new businesses as evidenced by the new successful businesses that have come to Westland recently.

I would encourage new businesses to look at the DDA corridor and seek what the DDA has to offer. I would work with administration to make sure it is easy for new home buyers and businesses to get the necessary permits.

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

A: Three top priorities of mine are the budget, the issue of recycling and the reopening of Central City Park. Continued cuts in state-shared revenues to the city and other decreases in city revenue will require fiscal responsibility and belt-tightening well into the future. Recycling will need to be addressed. The city needs to

determine what cost-effective types of recycling are available. Residents want Central City Park reopened as soon as possible. The areas of the park that need to be remediated must be remediated so that those areas are safe for our residents.

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

A: Voters should choose me because as an educator, I possess the characteristics that allow me to listen to the needs of our community. I will be accessible to Westland residents and will work diligently to address the issues raised seeking new and various ways of helping. I will always stand strong on issues regarding services for our citizens.

I intend to help Westland continue to move forward in a positive way by encouraging businesses to come to our community, creating jobs for our citizens.

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

A: Given Michigan's economic crisis, I would do several things to maintain a budget surplus in Westland and to protect city services. I would monitor the city's budget

and curtail all unnecessary spending. I would also encourage the city to seek all available grant money. Equally important, I would work with neighboring communities to share expenses and/or purchases where possible.

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

A: Attracting new homebuyers and businesses can be done by promoting what the city has to offer families

Bulson: Prioritizing maintains services

Gary L. Bulson II, 38, is the owner/manager for Men on the Move. He is married and has two children. He is a high school graduate. He is currently on boards for the Westland Chamber of Commerce (chair-elect for 2008), the S.P.A.R.K. Foundation (vice president), Jaycees and Salvation Army



Bulson

status of our city is very healthy. Whether Westland has stable budget or financial crises, it is the responsibility of community leadership to be frugal with taxpayer money. If a crisis is foreseen, it would be important to scrutinize and prioritize our existing programming and if need be, eliminate programs temporarily, if they are not a necessity. This will allow the city to maintain essential city services.

partners to promote our city to businesses and potential homebuyers. We need to highlight all of the programs that we have and our great community pride to entice homebuyers to search out Westland for our quality of life (public safety, schools, community programming).

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

A: Public safety — The safety of our children and families is the most important foundation of our community.

Adequate staffing in both police and fire departments will provide a strong, safe community today and for years to come.

Senior living — People are living longer and more active lives. We, as a community, need to provide services that our seniors want, and more importantly, need. Senior transportation is particularly important.

Parks and recreation — We

need programs to help our children become more active and off the streets and give families the opportunity to enjoy our great city.

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

A: I have been a successful businessperson and an active community volunteer for the last 15 years. The leadership skills that I have learned in these endeavors will help me find the best answers to our community issues and promote the great community of Westland.

My activity on many community boards and committees (chamber, Jaycees, S.P.A.R.K., to name a few) has taught me what it takes to make Westland better — partnerships and teamwork.

I will work diligently to bring people together to make Westland an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

Advisory Council. He has formerly been involved with groups such as the Westland Festival and Westland Business Owners Association. He served as Westland Jaycees president and on the Michigan Jaycees as government involvement program manager.

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

A: Fortunately, the financial

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

A: Finding unique businesses not represented in our city is a great place to start. Our demographics make us an ideal location for many businesses whether service or manufacturing. I would invite them to a chamber meeting to show how well we support and promote each other as business people.

The chamber and other nonprofits would be great

Dunn: Quantify costs to determine services

Harold Dunn, 75, is a retired automotive engineer who worked for Ford Motor Co. He is married and has seven children and 18 grandchildren. He has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Tech and a master's degree in automotive engineering from the Chrysler



Dunn

U.S. Taxpayers Party) and is a member of We the People and Lawmen organizations.

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

A: Quantify total city costs vs. the number of city citizens involved to find which city services qualify to continue. Add citizen voting to find their opinion of continuing some city services.

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

A: Lower taxes!

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

A: Review all unessential city services and establish the city cost and the number of citizens using the service.

If not reasonable, obtain a citizens vote to continue the service.

Review the city budget and establish items that may be cut, if it becomes necessary. As home values may fall reducing

city income. Look for and encourage cost-saving items in all areas. This includes an investigation of using contractors instead of city employees.

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

A: I wish to serve the Westland citizen which should be the goal of the city government. Student appears that had economic times are approaching, it definitely is not the time to raise taxes or even consider it.

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MENTORING

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Deanna Forester.

At times Lee Lonzo, the national director and founder of the Kick-Off Transition Program or KO Program for short, resembled a revival tent minister, urged students to shout with passion that "failure is not an option for my freshmen."

He had them come up with as many words as they could think of to describe a mentor in 90 seconds than gather in numbered groups that changed in size each time he hollered out a new number. He called it the game of high school.

"It makes me think of the cliques you see at every high school," he said. "It's called exclusion and at some point you're kicked out of the group. Everyone in high school is

excluded in some form."

The game also reminded Lonzo of the first day high school for freshmen — "very chaotic, confusing, you don't know who you should be with," he said.

Lonzo came up with the idea of mentoring freshmen while an administrator at Carmel High School in Carmel, Ind. He did it for nine years and it went so well, that he went national with it. The program has since been started in more than 170 school districts in 22 states.

Upperclassmen are trained to be mentors and to conduct interactive orientation days right before the first day of school. The goal is to "create positive yearlong connections between them and incoming ninth-graders" and to ease the transition for new students and their parents.

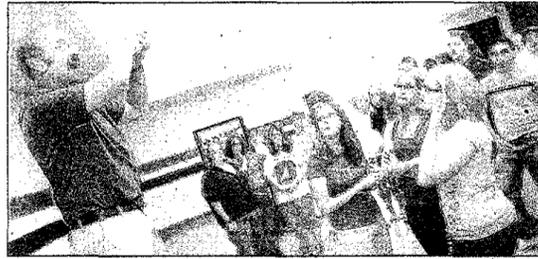
In all, 400 juniors and

seniors were recommended for the Glenn program by teachers. They were invited to an assembly and asked to fill out applications. From those applications, 96 students were selected to be KO mentors.

"We asked for referrals, not just students in the National Honor Society or sports, but maybe the quiet student who would be a good role model," said Forester.

Each student will be assigned five freshmen. They will meet them on Aug. 27 at the Kick-Off Orientation Day. Incoming students will have a chance to meet the principal and counselor, watch skits presented by the KO mentors and participate in three break-out sessions. They also will tour the building so they don't fear of what Lonzo calls the "three L's — lockers lunch and getting lost."

"The freshmen will be invit-



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Lee Lonzo, national director of the Kick-Off Program, explains the rules of a game he calls "High School" to students.

ed to come and will be paired off with a mentor, so when they come in the first day it won't feel like the first day of school for them," Forester said. "They'll know someone."

He added that by doing the

program, the students will "change their school forever." "I can guarantee there will be a change, but it depends on you," he said. "You're only going to take with you what you leave behind. Signing up as mentor tells me you want to leave something behind."

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owners and recognize their success.

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

A: A top priority would be to create more youth groups, a place and forum to allow our youngsters to enjoy themselves without the pressures of society. We can establish lower fees for sports programs or perhaps a no-fee program. I want to provide an arena for youth to express their talents and focus their energies on.

All work in the city has to be done in an efficient and cost-effective way.

The senior population is rising, and we need to do more to address this faction of our population, (such as) providing forums on prescription drugs and cost-saving ideas.

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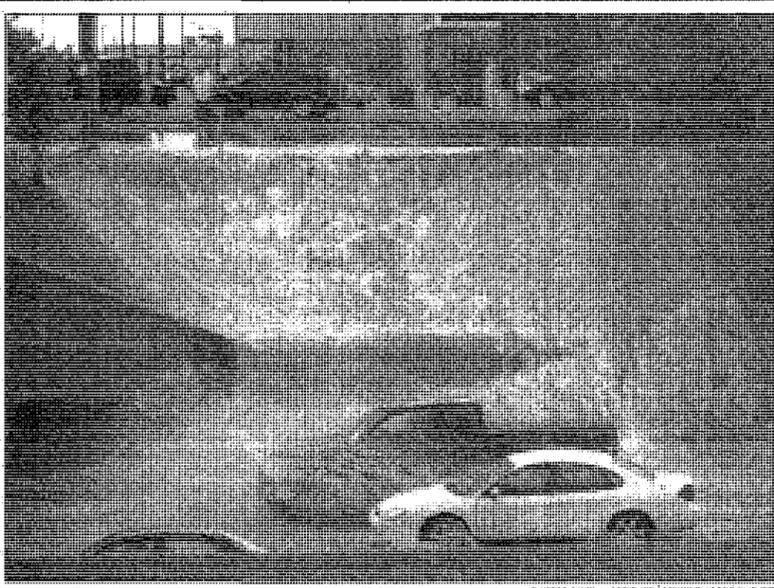
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Water spews from a broken 48-inch water main running along the eastbound Schoolcraft service drive, pouring down onto the freeway Thursday.

Drivers scramble to safety as flooding turns I-96 into a lake

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

The mess should be cleaned up by midweek, but for more than an hour Thursday a portion of I-96 in Livonia looked more like Niagara Falls than a freeway, the result of a water main break on Schoolcraft near Middlebelt.

Water cascaded down the embankment, flooding the freeway and stranding some drivers.

According to George Ellenwood, Detroit Water and Sewer Department assistant director for public affairs, the department was still investigating what caused the break.

The freeway reopened Thursday evening, but eastbound Schoolcraft remains closed between Merriman and Middlebelt. Livonia Fire and Rescue helped five people from their vehicles, some who had climbed on top of their cars to avoid the rising waters. Drivers like Maria Rakes of Livonia reported that the downpour came on suddenly.

Driving home east on I-96 when halfway between Merriman and Middlebelt, she saw the flooding.

"You didn't even see it before that," she said. "There was water everywhere."

Rakes got off the freeway at Middlebelt and headed toward the Wal-Mart parking lot, but said no one would let her over. Her 2007 Explorer Sport Trac was taking on water and stalled



Livonia Firefighters rescue a stranded motorist.

on the service drive.

David Pridmore was driving his Honda motorcycle when he saw a sheet of water flowing off two overpasses and cars stopped.

"I had to hold onto the side of the (dividing) wall to keep my bike up," he said.

Pridmore got off the freeway but was stuck on the service drive with three lanes of water 1 1/2-feet deep separating him from dry ground. Instead of leaving his bike and wading through, he decided to give it some gas.

"I ended up going as fast as I could," Pridmore said. He popped a wheelie over a curb he couldn't see because the water was too deep. "I've never done that before. It was wild."

He reported no mechanical damage, but the highway pegs of his motorcycle broke off.

Kenyatta Chambers, a Wal-Mart employee, watched as a man helped rescue a pregnant woman in a small pickup. "She didn't want to get out

of her car, so he pushed her car to the dry part," she said. The man was about 6 feet tall, and the water was over his waist, she said.

The broken 48-inch main serves eight communities, including Garden City and Westland. In the aftermath, residents do not have to boil water, but they were asked to refrain from outdoor watering to maintain better water pressure throughout the city.

Pat Hogan, Livonia's director of public works, said the water main pipe should be replaced this weekend; concrete for the roadway will be poured by the DWSD contractor and if all goes as planned Schoolcraft will be reopened by Thursday.

"We've been monitoring water pressure since yesterday and have not found that there's any significant change," he said Friday.

Staff writers Dave Varga, Matt Jachman, Tony Bruscatto and Kurt Kuban contributed to this report.

Fire damages 8 units at Capri Apartments

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Westland fire personnel have determined that careless smoking was the cause of a fire that damaged several units of the Westland Capri Apartments on Ann Arbor Trail west of Merriman Friday.

The fire broke out on a coach in a second-floor apartment and spread to a second apartment in the 16-unit building. Those two apartments as well as two below them on the first floor sustained fire damage while eight other units had smoke damage, Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

It took firefighters at least 25-35 minutes to get the fire under control and longer to handle small hot spots under the roof, Reddy said.

"The guys made a great stop, they confined it to the east end of the building," he added. "It was really a good stop, considering the conditions when we got there."

Under the automatic response agreement, firefighters from Garden City, Inkster and Wayne helped battle the blaze.

No one was injured in the fire.

"All of the tenants were outside when we arrived, smoke

detectors alerted them to the fire and we were glad to hear that," Reddy said.

The American Red Cross was on the scene Friday afternoon, providing items like blankets for the displaced tenants.

The apartment complex's management also was working to place tenants in vacant apartments in the complex while others planned to stay with relatives.

Residents of the eight units not damaged in the blaze were expected to be able return to their apartments Saturday, Reddy added.

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Retiree should avoid IRA transfer fee

Dear Rick: My husband is retired from GM. We are contemplating moving his GM retirement account to an IRA at a local bank. They told us there was a 5.7 percent one-time fee for this to take place. Is this reasonable or should we still be shopping?

You definitely should be shopping around. It appears that the 5.7 percent is a commission, also known as "load," that the bank is charging you and there is no reason to have to pay that fee. There are many places you can go to avoid having to pay high fees when you invest your money.

When you pay commissions, or loads, it means that money comes off the top of what you have invested. For example, if your husband's GM retirement plan was valued at \$100,000

and you were paying a 5.7 percent commission that means \$5,700 was coming off the top and what is actually being invested is less than \$95,000. There are ways to invest money so that the entire \$100,000 goes to work for you.

If you want to invest in a diversified portfolio of mutual funds, companies like Vanguard (www.vanguard.com or (800) 997-2798), Charles Schwab & Co., (www.schwab.com or (866) 232-9890) or Fidelity (www.fidelity.com or (800) FIDELITY) can assist you in investing money on a totally commission-free, also known as no-load, basis. Charles Schwab & Co. and Fidelity have branches in the Detroit/metropolitan area if you want to sit down with someone in person.

If you are a conservative investor and do not want principal fluctuation on your portfolio, you can even invest on a commission-free basis using equity-index annuities. I recommend Jim Hutton from Hutton Financial ((800) 870-4444). He represents annuity companies on a commission-free basis.

Not all financial advisers work on commissions. There are a growing number of financial advisers who are known as fee-only advisers who charge a fee for their advice and then recommend commission-free, no-load funds.

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I am not a fan of paying commissions. One of the main reasons I don't like paying commissions, particularly for things like mutual funds, is when you consider the performance of loaded funds (funds that charge a commission) vs. no-load funds (funds that do not charge a commission), you see the average no-load fund outperforms the average loaded fund.

advice a fee-only advisor can be a great way to invest. The benefits of using a fee-only adviser is he/she will help you set up a game plan designed for your situation and then help you monitor it. Also, there is no potential conflict of interest between what is right for you and which product will pay the advisor the most because the advisor is paid by you and not by the fund company.

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It makes no sense to pay a fee to buy a sub-par investment.

As I have mentioned many times in this column, fees and costs do matter and I congratulate the reader for asking about fees before she invests money.

Unfortunately, too many investors are either embarrassed to ask about fees or are unaware of the fees and, thus they end up over-paying for investment advice which eventually leads to under performance.

The bottom line is the bottom line and that is why before you invest in any investment, you must determine the fees to buy, maintain and sell an investment.

Always remember, the fees you save end up in the most important pocket — yours.

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

Garden City Public Schools

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 1333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; further, when feasible, the Board endeavors to designate the second regular board meeting of each month as a meeting to be held at a school building also starting at 7:00 p.m. It should be noted that all student expulsion, disciplinary or appeal hearings will be conducted at the Administrative Service Center.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 24920 Trowbridge St., Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 277-7940 on 7/25/07 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1164- Darryl Dunham-lamps, washer, dryer
1288- Martha Williams-dresser, 8 boxes, mirrors
2088- Sherese Thompson- 12 bags, exercise equipment
3012- Samco-Office furniture and equipment.

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction July 17, 2007 at 11:15 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1992	Chevrolet	1500	P/U	1GCEK14Z5NE120319
1994	Chrysler	Concorde	4-Dr	2C3HL56T1RH345138

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1001- Sylvia T Gonzalez- 10 totes, 15 boxes, 6 bags
1013- David Vassallo- mattress set, speakers, dresser
1019- Lisa Tarolli- mattress set, sofa, 7 totes
1030- Yasmen M Harris- love seat, 2 dressers, sofa
1108- Glen Allen Caudill-boxes, bags, misc. items
117- Oded Oron- mattress, box spring, television
124- Eric Rigley- sofa, 3 dresser, mattress
139- Randal J Robillard- vacuum, TV, mattress set
163- Anthony E. Barton- misc. items
214 Jason Wozniak - tool box, washer, dryer
233- Barbara Jones- sofa, love seat, boxes
236 Kimberly Sidar - toys, 30 boxes, clothing
322- Amy Mcomas- sofa, chair, entertainment center
325- Christopher Ellis- 2 totes, books, toys
332- Chaunte Roberts- 13 boxes, computer, 4 bags
405- Christine Lockhardt- 50 boxes, suitcases, clothing
417- Michael Rowell- washer, dryer, TV
422- Patrisha Reyna-bags, boxes, misc. items
512- Janet Pielak- bikes, speakers, 20 boxes
518- Annmarie Swift - sofa, 2 dressers, television
528- Erica Barton- misc. items
532- Heather L Hooker- washer, dryer, dresser
600- Alicia Jackson- microwave, 6 totes, mattress
620- Robin Baumann - misc. items
654- Dennis C. Raymond- refrigerator, lawn tools, golf clubs
657- Kymane R Clark- couch, bed frame, boxes
909- Tabitha Alsobrook- mattress, box springs, 10 boxes
912- Angela Dilaura- 2 end tables, 20 boxes, toys
947- Susan Dalimonte- China Cabinet, 3 televisions, 4 vacuum cleaners

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
B036- Pat Botts - television, couch, 30 boxes
B056- Antionette Stallworth- bags, boxes, 5 totes
B068- Perry T. Christy- boxes, desk, file cabinets
B072- Michael Kowalski- 15 totes, boxes, tools
B097- Margaret Mercing - 3 dresser, 6 totes, 30 boxes
B118- Robert Smith- dryer, entertainment center, 2 end tables
B126 - Michelle Curnan- dryer, mattress set, 30 boxes
B149- John Mason- 320 Boxes
B182- Cecilia Anderson- television, microwave, kitchen chair
B198- Rick Landrum - dresser, microwave, chair
B310- Melissa Henry- fan, bags, suitcases
B321- Tisha Delaney- Misc. items
B322- Jon Rhodes- microwave, bag, chairs
B327- Francisco J. Reyes- suitcase, 40 bags, tool box
B331- Robert Lewis- vacuum, totes, old LP records
B394- Elgena Rivera- 30 boxes, 15 bags
C002- Melissa Offord- bike, ac unit, couch
C013- Ted Konesky- train set, boxes, dresser
C024- Deloris Long - china cabinet, 2 television, mattress set
C030- Melissa Blevins- couch, television, tool box
C039- Ali Yassine- boxes, mattress set, coffee table
D006- Celestine Henry- television, bags, bikes
D007- Sharon Mitchell- clothing, toys, 30 boxes
D014- Rhonda Jackson- refrigerator, washer, couch
D044- Cortny Smith- stove, washer, dryer
E050- Ruthann Houpt - couch, 2 television, 2 dressers
F040- Barry Tucker- 20 totes, 5 bags, 10 chairs
F043- Denise Beard- couch, washer, dryer

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
3007- Kevin Wiacek - couch, washer, speakers
3014- Dixie Thomas- boxes, bags, misc. items
3028- Diane Perry-Misc. items
3032- Sarah Howard- sofa, boxes, kids toys
4005- Cynthia Grassa- 100 boxes, bikes, television
4008- Nicole Spisz- mattress set, entertainment center, boxes
4019- Dennis Cole - stove, stereo, Power washer
4032- Sarah Howard- bags, boxes, misc. items
4054- Judy Younce- 14 totes
4071- Nicole Monthei - refrigerator, tool boxes, 20 totes
4073- Stephanie Matthews- coffee table, sectional couch, boxes
5055- Robert Howell- 2 bags, boxes, sled
5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, boxes
5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
5089- Sandra Church- boxes, bikes, luggage
6014- Jacquelyn Rice- TV, dresser, beds
6025- Phyllis Lange- household items, bags, boxes
6028- Natalia Martinez- toys, desk, 4 kitchen chairs
6031- Timothy Gallagher- computer, boxes, cabinet
6034- Kevin Davanzo- stove, couch, stereo
6037- Dawn Lange-boxes, bags, misc. items
6043- Gerald Field- chair, boxes, bags
6049- Robert Hammond- freezer, tools, boxes
6066- Mark Hilliker- couch, stove, boxes
6071- Paul Emerson- desk, chairs, medical equipment
6088- Angela Demaggio- 4 boxes, exercise equipment, bags
7017- Vikki Hood - 20 boxes, mattress set, cabinet
9049- Natasha Vincent- vacuum, 4 chairs, toys
9056- India Hunter- couch

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INFORMATION CENTRAL

Fire up that barbecue

As of June 21, it's officially summer, and the smart money says if you haven't fired up the grill yet this year, it's only a matter of time.

Barbecue: It's a time honored American tradition, and not just in the South.

"A lot of confusion surrounds the terms grilling and barbecuing," writes Steven Raichlen in "The Barbecue Bible." "Grilling is a high-heat cooking method done directly over live flames, cooking food in a matter of minutes ... one of the greatest pleasures of grilling food is its immediacy. You literally watch it being cooked ..."

"Barbecuing lies at the opposite end of the spectrum ... It is a long, slow, indirect, low-heat method that uses smoldering logs or charcoal and wood chunks to smoke-cook the food, usually some sort of meat," he adds.

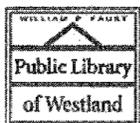
Barbecue, of course, also refers to the sauce used on the meats being cooked with this method. Cheryl and Bill Jamison give a few tips for creating your own competition-worthy barbecue sauce in their "Big Book of Outdoor Cooking and Entertaining."

"Start with a strong foundation - in the United States, typically vinegar, meat drippings or stock, mustard, or a tomato product - include an acid, such as vinegar, citrus juice, or pickling liquid," they write. "To balance the acid, you probably want some sweetness. Salt helps with the balancing act, either in granular form or as soy sauce [or] anchovies. Many people, including us, like some heat."

Whether barbecuing or grilling, it's really all about the food. Fire up some great recipes at the library.

In addition to numerous books by Raichlen and the Jamisons, we carry grilling titles by Bobby Flay, George Foreman and Karen Alter and Judith Fertig ("The BBQ Queens"). Page through Margaret Howard's "All Fired Up! Outdoor and Indoor Grilling," or Paul Kirk's "Championship Barbecue," which promises "575 lip-smackin' recipes from the baron of barbecue."

Check out Raichlen's Web site - www.barbecuebible.com - for recipes and tips. While you're online, read the USDA's recommendations for safe grilling at www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Barbecue_Food_Safety. Then stop by our site, www.westland.lib.mi.us, drop in or give us a call at (734) 326-6123. We'll have you smackin' your lips in no time.



Highlighted Activities Adult Book Club: 7 p.m. July 17.

Join us as we discuss *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. You can check out the reading guide on our Web site. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan: 7 p.m. July 18. (Teen program for grades 6-12)

Join the Ghost-Hunters of Southern Michigan for a presentation on the supernatural, including ghostly pictures and voices from some of their investigations of haunted buildings and graveyards.

Internet 201: 7 p.m. July 23. An inside look at internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Information Central is compiled by Joshua Neds-Fox. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Hospital sponsors 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, July 16
Childbirth Education (second of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, July 17
Diabetes Self-Management Education (second 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.

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

Wednesday, July 18
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 insurance 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.

CPAP - 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 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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

This meeting is held in the Garden City

Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, July 19
Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes.

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.

Yoga (second of four classes) at 7 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

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ROTATOR CUFF TEARS

The rotator cuff consists of three muscles that connect from the scapula (wingbone) to the top of the long bone of the shoulder (the humerus). The term rotator cuff tear refers to a disruption in one or more of these muscle tendons.

The rotator cuff allows the shoulder to move in front, back and swinging motions associated with normal shoulder function. In daily life, the supraspinatus is the tendon that receives the most use and is the most vulnerable to injury. Thus, most rotator cuff tears begin with a slight tear in the supraspinatus tendon fibers.

In most instances, but not always, the body repairs the break. Over time, the small tear can become wider and deeper. If still small, you develop supraspinatus tendinitis. If the tear becomes sufficiently large, you experience both pain and loss of motion that are the features of a rotator cuff tear.

Diagnosis comes out of the nature of your pain, the limits of shoulder movement on examination, and the findings from imaging studies such as shoulder x-ray, ultrasound, and MRI. Treatment includes physical therapy to strengthen surrounding muscles, and/or intra-articular injections to ease pain and remove joint fluid from further blocking shoulder motion.

The final choice is shoulder surgery. Advances in shoulder replacements are ongoing, however, outcomes are uncertain. Furthermore, rehabilitation can take months, and in the elderly may be stressful. Thus, physical therapy remains the mainstay of therapy.

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Westland man charged with purse snatching

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man accused of grabbing a woman's purse inside a local Kroger store is facing trial for unarmed robbery and being a second-time offender.

Hassan Alwaily, 20, faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he gave up his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

Alwaily, jailed with a \$25,000 cash bond, is accused of grabbing a woman's purse around 10:30 p.m. June 29 inside the Kroger store on the northwest corner of Ford Road and Central City Parkway. The store is located just east of the Westland police station.

According to police Sgt. Debra

Mathews, the victim had placed her purse in the top of her shopping cart when a man grabbed it and fled down an aisle. Another shopper and employees tried unsuccessfully to stop him, Mathews said.

Alwaily is accused of running across Ford Road and trying to hide among some trees near City Hall, but Mathews credited alert police officers with spotting him and capturing him. The victim's purse was recovered and nothing was missing. Penalties for unarmed robbery range up to 15 years in prison, but Alwaily could face a potentially longer term, if convicted, because he is charged as a second-degree habitual offender.

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Granholt: Budget must include new revenue

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is continuing to make her pitch for new revenue sources to balance the 2007-08 state budget.

Granholm met with the *Observer & Eccentric* editorial board Tuesday and said any budget agreement needs to include cuts in government spending, a replacement for the Single Business Tax (the new Michigan Business Tax signed Thursday by Granholm), reforms in state operations and new revenue in taxes and fees.

She says she's confident she'll reach agreement with the Republican-controlled Senate and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop unless they have another agenda.

"We thought we had broken the logjam," she said Tuesday. "We approved the (2006-2007) budget because we thought the reforms would be made. My fear is that there is a strategy to push this off until Oct. 1 (start of the new state fiscal year), to cause a government shutdown. I think that would be terrible for Michigan. It may be good for him (Bishop) personally, that he



Gov. Jennifer Granholm meets with *Observer & Eccentric* editors.

held out to the last minute, but it would be bad for Michigan."

Granholm arrived at the *O&E* office shortly after announcing plans for a trip Aug. 19-25 with the Michigan Economic

Development Corp. to Sweden and Germany to attract business investment. Granholm has made several trips to Germany; this would be her first trip to Sweden.

"On the Sweden side, they have a very aggressive policy in place to encourage alternative energy businesses and this is a sector we want to move into as a state, given both our history and geography," she said.

Granholm credited the just-approved Michigan Business Tax, to replace the Single Business Tax, and the 21st Century Job Fund as making it possible to successfully attract foreign investment.

"We want to market the heck out of Michigan and tell them to come here. We have the workforce that is willing and able," she said.

Granholm said alternative energy was a natural development for Michigan because of its unique location, surrounded by the Great Lakes, and its history as an auto manufacturing state.

"No other state has the combination of things that Michigan

has to help lead the U.S.' ability to be free of foreign oil and fossil fuels. This is such a natural for us to capitalize on the history of the automobile," she said.

The governor said all these trips were about bringing jobs to the state. She said it was also important to offer training so workers can fill the new positions that are available.

The No Worker Left Behind program will begin in August. This federally funded program will pay tuition for laid-off workers on unemployment to receive job training at a community college.

"I'm not interested in throwing money at retraining if that retraining doesn't lead to jobs," she said.

On the budget crisis, Granholm said term limits may be playing a part in the partisan squabbling that has stalled talks. She has criticized the Senate for taking a vacation over the last two weeks as schools are waiting on a budget agreement. The Republican Party issued a statement criticizing the governor for her planned trip to Europe.

Here is your chance to dine with stars of Motor City Middays

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

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July winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran



Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister.

Transportation, makeover from Ruby Blu Salon in Farmington Hills, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Writer remembered as 'sweetest person in world'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Dan Smith was frequently a target for some good-natured ribbing in newspaper columns written by his wife, Nancy Walls Smith, whose writings focused mostly on her life as a wife and mother.

There was the time she wrote he had chased her down the street in his underwear, trying feverishly to get something added to her shopping list. It never happened quite that way, he recalls now with a laugh, but he didn't mind her taking the poetic license.

In fact, he said, he'd give anything to see her take aim at him one more time. Unfortunately, his wife of 36 years died suddenly June 29, a pulmonary embolism claiming her life during a brief hospital stay for an unrelated minor illness.

"It's been very difficult ... it wasn't something I'd even thought about during this illness," said Smith, who met his future wife



Walls Smith

while both were attending Wayne State University. "It was just devastating."

Walls Smith, born Dec. 17, 1946, grew up in Highland Park and graduated from high school there. She went on to take some classes at Wayne State University, where she met Dan Smith.

The couple married June 1, 1971, and had two sons, Jason and Jim. They lived in Canton, the moved to Plymouth some 16-17 years ago. For several years, Walls Smith wrote her column for the *Observer* newspapers. It was, her husband said, what she loved to do.

"She was a hippie who grew up wanting to be a writer," Dan Smith recalled. "She had aspirations of doing great things as a writer and then she became a mom. She always thought she'd

write the next 'Great American Novel,' and then she'd say, 'Here I am changing my fifth poopy diaper of the day.'"

She used her love of motherhood as a vehicle for her columns, taking a satirical look at being a wife and mother, but leaving no doubt how much she loved both. According to her husband, Walls Smith tried to work out a syndication deal at one point, but the paperwork and the process became more than Walls Smith deemed it to be worth.

"There was too much to it, putting a portfolio together and everything," Dan Smith said. "She liked to do what she liked to do, but if it turned into 'work,' she just didn't do it."

Walls Smith was also an artist, and had many artist friends. Her watercolors adorn the Smith home today, and Dan Smith used to do the framing for not only her work, but the work of her friends, as well.

She got into art after her kids

had grown, and she was "looking for something to do," Dan Smith said. Her solution? She took some art classes.

"It just sort of migrated into water colors from there," he said. "She always could draw. She had that natural ability."

What Walls Smith did best, though, according to her husband, was to share herself, flaws and all, mostly through her writing. Her column, he said, was popular, and she drew attention from people when the couple went out in public.

"She was open and honest with everybody," Dan Smith said. "It made people comfortable, because they knew she was non-judgmental, and they could be themselves around her."

Nancy Walls Smith is survived by her husband, Dan, of Plymouth; son Jim Smith of Seattle, Wash.; her mother, Jessie Lindberg of Westland; and her brother, Richard Walls of Ferndale.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2007-2008

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 734-744-2500, on the first and third Mondays of each month with the following exceptions:

- a. A regular meeting will not be held on July 2 or 16, 2007
- b. A regular meeting will not be held on September 3, 2007
- c. A regular meeting will not be held on December 17, 2007
- d. A regular meeting will not be held on January 7 or 21, 2008
- e. A regular meeting will not be held on February 18, 2008
- f. A regular meeting will not be held on April 7 or 21, 2008
- g. A regular meeting will not be held on May 5, 2008

Therefore, regular Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

July 9	August 6, 20	September 17	October 1, 15
November 5, 19	December 3	January 15	February 4
March 3, 17	April 14, 28	May 19	June 2, 16

In general, the second and fourth Mondays of each month shall be reserved for Board committee meetings or special and/or study meetings as needed.

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, location and purpose of such meetings. Service of the notices shall be made in accordance with Board Policy BCAC and with the provisions of P.A. 267 and the General School Laws of the State of Michigan, and may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Proposed minutes of Board meetings will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of each meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board or administration in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document.

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Voice for community drowned out by the anti-tax rhetoric

In 2004, our neighbors to the north voted Tommy Douglas the greatest Canadian in history in a poll sponsored by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

He beat out Prime Ministers Pierre Trudeau and Lester Pearson, Alexander Graham Bell, Frederick Banting (the man who discovered insulin), Neil Young and even Wayne Gretzky.

He was the premier of Saskatchewan in the 1940s. More importantly, he was the father of Canada's Medicare universal health program.

Despite the deluge of propaganda that is generated south of Canada's border against their system, Canadians selected Douglas as their greatest citizen by a wide margin.

Douglas and his legacy come up in humorist and provocateur Michael Moore's hilarious and sad new documentary *Sicko*. A Canadian, a member of the now ruling Conservative Party, tells Moore that pretty much everyone in Canada supports universal health care, as do the citizens of most Western European countries. It's a non-issue and a great relief.

Contrast that with George W. Bush's strong denunciation of a proposal to extend a children's health insurance program to cover more lower middle-income families, who often struggle with health bills.

For the president, this was just one more skid on the slippery slope to — gasp — “socialized medicine,” warning of “rationing, inefficiency and long waiting lines.” Not to mention a possible decline in insurance company and drug company profits and the income of medical specialists.

This debate over health care, stirred by the often over-the-top Moore, is part of a larger debate that is being waged in states all across the country about the role of government and our willingness to pay for it through taxes.

The state Republicans are doing their best to demonize all government spending, well almost all. Craig DeRoche, the previous boy speaker of the House, is shocked that the state is spending taxpayers' money on “welfare, Medicaid” and decent wages for state employees. So many buzzwords, all of them meaningless.

The Michigan Democrats seem to be a fairly moderate group from the governor on down, though the Republicans can make even the most conservative Democrat look a little pink.

In a meeting Tuesday with *Observer & Eccentric* editors, Gov. Jennifer Granholm was optimistic that the two parties would reach an agreement on the 2007-08 budget

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before the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year. She is asking for new revenue sources; the opposition wants deeper cuts in state services.

“If they don't want to do the reforms or the revenue, then they need to pass a budget that reflects what we have and my guess is that will be impossible for them to do,” she said. “No one wants to slash public education as would be required because of the size of the deficit we are facing.”

But since the early days of Reagan, many Republicans have adopted a “starve the beast” philosophy. They figure the best way to kill programs that help people be successful is to take away the funding.

The anti-tax, anti-government people have had a long time on the forum and convinced a lot of people who are hurt by their philosophy that they are right. The case for government hasn't been made as forcefully, even by our media savvy current governor.

On Tuesday, she acknowledged that much and offered this view:

“I think since the '80s there has been a very effective voice that says it's your money and you should keep all of it and there has not been an effective voice which says we live in a community and that there are certain things that we have decided to pool our resources to fund.

“It's a tougher argument because it allegedly goes against self-interest, but it may be your money, but it's your schools, it's your roads and it's your public safety and it's your grandparents who are on Medicaid or Medicare and that voice, that collective voice that we've decided to pool, has not been as strong.

“So I don't think the case has been effectively made in a way that counters the other voice, until people see their schools get cut. At that point they say, enough is enough. The question is how far to the brink do people have to be taken before they agree that there are certain things that we pool our resources for.”

And is brinkmanship the best way to run a government?

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May the 'n' word rest in peace — or will it?

OK, the “n” word is dead and gone. Now what?

Unless you've been living under a rock in recent days, you're no doubt aware of the NAACP's (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) grand symbolic public funeral for the “n” word.

The procession was attended by a wide array of political dignitaries, business leaders and entertainment luminaries.

While the spirit behind the symbolic gesture was commendable in its efforts to educate the public about the disparaging origins associated with the word and subsequent bedding of it, the procession was misguided at best and unfocused at its worst for it killed and buried the wrong thing.

Racism still exists in both overt and covert guises, but is no longer the elephant in the room that it was in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, and the funeral merely scratched the surface.

The truth is African Americans as a community are facing much larger problems such as glaring socioeconomic disparities, health care issues, exorbitant insurance rates, high incarceration rates among African American males and a host of other issues that have contributed to a collective self-esteem problem.

Somewhere Martin (Luther King) and Malcolm (X) are turning over in their graves over this funeral for we have gone from promoting social change by marching on the government in Washington to putting words in caskets.

The irony of this newfound consciousness is that it was brought on by the ostracizing and firing of two white men — comedian Michael Richards and radio jock Don Imus.

Symbolism needs to die and real action must take its place. Hip hop culture catches a lot of the flak for the proliferation of the “n” word and rightfully so, but hip hop is not completely to blame.

The NAACP must employ the same veracity it did in addressing the Imus debacle and focus on the radio stations, record labels and

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media conglomerates who support music that embraces the “n” word and its mentality. If organized protests, pickets and public outcries affect their pocketbooks, then dramatic changes will occur. With that said, the “n” word will not entirely disappear until young African Americans stop using it in casual conversation. If youth can better understand the historical import of the word, then they may refrain from using it.

The funeral procession was not a total loss because it dealt with a term that is a “gateway” word — a word that can lead to other negative behavioral mindsets that influence people to equate themselves with things that the “n” word typically stands for and then trying to live up to it.

But while we're dealing with gateway terms, why not take a more universal approach and eliminate words such as “spic,” “honky,” “cracker” or “hymie”? They are all racist, inflammatory and derogatory terms.

Yes, we should have buried the “n” word a long time ago, but placed it on a grave atop all the behavior and equally offensive words that have found their way into the English lexicon.

What should have been buried were the mentalities behind those words with a renewed emphasis placed on fostering cultural dignity and respect.

That truly would have made a more sweeping and powerful statement.

Chris Campbell is president of the Detroit Association of Black Journalists (local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists). He also serves as communications chair of the Southern Oakland County Chapter of the NAACP. A former Southfield resident, he is moving to West Bloomfield in the fall.



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Dobbyn returns to old form as Hawks clip Cleveland

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Dobbyn played like the W-League MVP of 2005.

The Livonia Stevenson High grad who is entering her senior year at the University of Michigan, has been battling an offensive slump of sorts, but Friday night she broke loose for a goal and assist as the Michigan Hawks Women avenged their only loss of the season with a 2-1 soccer triumph over the Cleveland Internationals at Churchill High School.

The second-place Hawks, who travel Sunday to play the London Gryphons,

enhanced their playoff chances with the victory, improving to 7-1-1 in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference.

The Hawks will meet the first-place Minnesota Lightning (7-0-1) in a showdown for the division lead, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

Dobbyn came into the game with only one goal and five assists in seven games, but quickly established herself offensively, scoring the game's first goal just 7:16 into the first half off a feed from Northville's Lauren Hill, who plays for Michigan State.

Dobbyn had three good chances alone during the first half and continued to pressure Cleveland's back line throughout the second half.

After Cleveland's Rose Augustin scored from Danielle Hubka with just 13:41 left in the match to make it 1-1, Dobbyn set up the game-winner, taking lengthy feed down the right sideline from Hill and pushing a pass across to Sarah Bunco, who made no mistake in burying a shot past Internationals goalkeeper Carianne Betts with only 6:22 remaining.

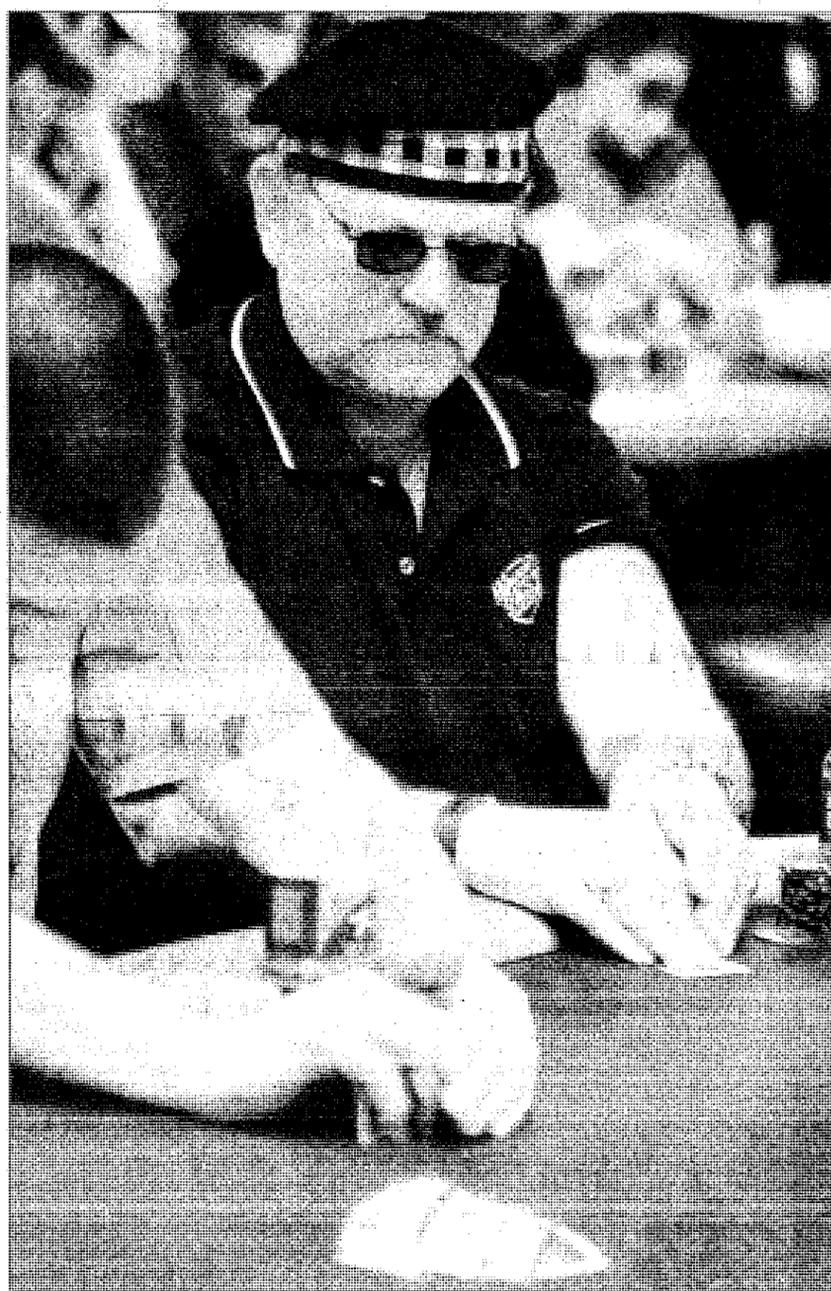
The Hawks then held on during extended time in the waning moments as

defender Stephanie Martin, backing up goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, stopped a point-blank attempt by a Cleveland shooter to preserve the win.

Dobbyn, meanwhile, showed some of the form that enabled her to be the W-League's top player.

"I've been struggling as far as finishing and scoring," Dobbyn admitted. "It's been a mental thing, the drought. It was good to put one away and I felt good to get off shots. I should have gotten a couple more (goals), but I was happy to get it (the first goal) in."

Please see **DOBBYN, B2**



Westland's Michael Massey lasted almost three days in the prestigious World Series of Poker held last week at Rio All Suites Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Counting his chips

Massey proves his worth in World Series of Poker

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Westland's Michael Massey acted like royalty and he wasn't bluffing.

That's because he was among 6,358 entrants competing this week in the World Series of Poker, the granddaddy of them all held at the Rio All Suites Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

And the 26-year civilian employee of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department acquitted himself quite well, lasting three days and accumulating as much as \$125,700 in chips.

Massey captured a seat at the Texas No-Limit Hold'em Main Event, which could have cost him \$10,000, by playing in free, weekly online poker tournament on www.milbestlight.com, which is Milwaukee's Best Light Web site. In addition to paying his entry fee, Miller Brewing Co. paid for his airfare, hotel and give him \$1,000 in spending money.

"I'd never been to Vegas, the whole experience was great even though I was just short of the money," Massey said. "It was a one-time shot. The next time I'd have to win another spot. But how could I lose? It was a free trip, a great experience and a met a lot of people. It was the experience of a lifetime and I came close."

And Massey outlasted some of the biggest names in the poker world including 2003 champ Chris MoneyMaker (eliminated on day two) and 2004 champ Greg "Fossilman" Raymer (eliminated on day one). He was also just a table away from Chris "Jesus" Ferguson, another former Series champ.

The total purse for the 12-day tourney, which started

Please see **MASSEY, B2**

KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM

What: 2007 World Series of Poker
When: July 6-17
Where: Las Vegas, NV
Number of entries: 6,358
Entry fee: \$10,000
Total prize money: \$59,784,954
Competing celebrities: Montel Williams, Brad Garrett, Jose Canseco and Jason Alexander.

Local golfers notch pair of aces

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It took 69-year-old Dick Kleibir over four decades to experience every golfer's ultimate thrill.

It took 10-year-old Kyle Bauer less than three years.

But while the two area golfers' waits may have varied, the level of excitement they felt were equally off the charts when they each registered a hole-in-one three weeks apart earlier this year.

Kleibir's first-ever ace unfolded on May 31 when he found the cup with his tee shot on the 139-yard third hole of the Fox Hills Golf Course's Golden Fox layout in Plymouth Township.

GOLDEN EFFORT

The retired Ford employee and longtime Plymouth resident has played several legendary courses since getting bitten by the golf bug in 1966, including Oakmont Country Club, the site of this

year's U.S. Open.

"But nothing compared to the excitement of getting that hole-in-one," admitted Kleibir, who used a Cobra Hybrid on his unforgettable shot. "I've come close before — probably within three or four inches — but this was my first hole-in-one in all the years I've been playing."

"I heard that the odds are about 10,000-to-1 to get one, so it's pretty unbelievable."

With his three playing companions looking on, Kleibir launched a high tee shot that landed on the front part of the green. The ball then rolled toward its date with destiny.

"The hole was in the back right part of the green and the ball rolled right toward the pin," he said. "I heard a 'clang', but I thought the ball probably hit the pin and bounced away. But when we got up there and looked in the cup, there it was. We all jumped around and my playing partners gave me a high five."

Please see **ACES, B2**



Ten-year-old Canton resident Kyle Bauer registered a hole-in-one June 20 on the seventh hole of the Fox Hills Golf Course Strategic Fox layout.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lefty launch

Rachael Reynolds, 12, of Farmington Hills unleashes a throw during the softball toss during the Redford Junior Olympics. Complete results from the event and more photos will appear in Thursday's Observer.

Sidelines

GCYBSA news

■ The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is currently accepting registrations online at www.gcybsa.com for its fall baseball program (T-ball through 14U).

Programming will begin in mid-to late-August and run through mid-October.

Players and volunteer coaches should visit the Web site for further information or call Coralee Ott at (734) 483-5600.

■ There will be an informational session for GCYBSA travel baseball and softball teams on July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park in Canton. All — from 9U through 14U — teams will have a representative on site to answer questions about travel baseball and have information on dates and locations of tryouts. For more information, visit www.gcybsa.com.

Grizzly tryouts

The 13U Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking players for the 2008 season. For more information, contact Rob Sudz at sudz190@aol.com.

Glenn football

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp stressing fundamentals, which is open to anyone in grades 10-12 from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at the high school.

The cost is \$50. For more information, call Todd DeLuca at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 751-0015.

O&E Golf Open

The men's and women's Observer & Eccentric Open will be Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses.

The men's 36-hole medal play is 18 holes Saturday at Whispering Willows and 18 holes Sunday at Fox Creek.

Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current USGA index to participate. The women's 18-hole medal play is Saturday, Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows. The fee is \$50.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event at Country Lanes set Aug. 11

Sometimes a certain sort of bowler might be described as an animal. But that's not what Animal Rescue is all about.

This is regarding the second annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Country Lanes, located on Nine Mile Road in Farmington Hills.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

This is a very special event to benefit the homeless dogs, cats and other pets for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network and the friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter. "The mission is to provide loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions, and promote respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals," said Michelle Mullen, co-host and pro champ. The \$25 registration fee includes three games, food, shoe rental, door prizes, Chinese Auction, 50-50 draw-

ing, raffles and ticket for lucky strike pot.

Bowling format is 9-pin no-tap. A cash bar is also available.

You can have fun with PWBA champions Aleta Sill, the first lady ever to achieve \$1 million in prize money, hall of famer and legendary Detroit Dream Team athlete along with Mullen, a four-time champion, USDA Gold Level coach and author of Bowling Fundamentals.

(Let one of these pros throw a strike for you.)

Each person turning in \$125 or more in pledges will get their registration fee back when they come in. Corporate and business sponsorships are available at different levels.

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During the qualifying rounds, Livonia's Mike Norris set a new MMBA record with 1,625 for six games. Averaging 270 with games of 250-289-300-258-238-290. The previous record of 1,599 was held by Nick Wissinger in 2002.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. Harrison recently was awarded \$225 from the U.S. Bowling Congress after taking the second-place prize in the 2006 USBC's Writing Competition. He can be e-mailed at: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.



Winning Wilde

The Michigan Sports Academy 16U girls softball team, which consists of several Observerland-area players, captured first place at the Jim Wilde Memorial Tournament in Toledo earlier this month. The team went 7-0 and allowed just three runs. They defeated the Ohio Peppers, 3-0, in the title game. Pictured (bottom row from left) are Ashley Beal, Jill Brennan (Plymouth), Heather Weidenhamer (Walled Lake Central), Beth Heldemeyer (Plymouth), (second row from left) Alyssa Abramowski (Livonia Ladywood), Katie Martin, Megan Mosher, Jackie Pyles, (third row from left) head coach Marlo Mobley, Stacy Cook, Randy Martin, Kaitlyn Kenyon, Lani Ernst, Caleigh Shaw, Jim Beal and Dave Demy. Not pictured are Nikki Hughes, Chelsea Gonzalez and Vivien Reece.

DOBBYN

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The loss dropped third-place Cleveland to 6-3 in the Midwest Division. Only the top two teams in the division make the W-League's post-season playoffs.

"We felt it was a must win because had they (Cleveland) had won, we'd each have two losses," Dobbyn said. "We feel it's a lot of weight off our shoulders and there's less pressure now (to make the playoffs)."

Cleveland, which thumped the Hawks 6-1 at home on July 5, was missing three key performers including UCLA's Danesha Adams, who had four goals in the victory, and Notre Dame's Amanda Cinalli

— both of whom are representing the U-21 National Team at the Nordic Cup in Finland. Also gone was another U-21 National Team pool player Jessica Rostedt (University of Virginia).

"We didn't want them to score so early like they did the last time," Dobbyn said. "That put us down right away and it was a bad feeling. Those Under-21 players work very good together."

Last year's W-League MVP, Kristi Swaving (Oakland University), exited the game after just 14 minutes.

She has been suffering from chronic fatigue symptoms, according to Hawks coach Doug Landefeld.

The Hawks were also without another starter, Erin Doan,

who had a toenail removed. "Some days she (Swaving) can go longer, but today she was sick again," the Hawks coach said. "She ran as long as she could, but was spent after 15 minutes."

"Melissa (Dobbyn) has struggled, but she plays well off other people. (Lauren) Hill has been great. She's been leading our team in scoring (eight goals, two assists). Dobbyn has been thinking a little bit too much, but she knows she can score. With a goal and assist, we'll take that. Finishing comes natural to her and maybe she feels the pressure. But she's been great as far as every other aspect. And if Kristi is healthy, all three would be in the top ten in scoring (in the W-League)."

MASSEY

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July 6 and ends this Tuesday, is \$59,784,954. (Last year's winner Jamie Gold took home \$12 million.)

"I started out well, then I went up and down," Massey said. "I was just short of the money (payouts started at \$20,320 with the top prize \$8.25 million), so that was the only thing that was a little disappointing."

Among the celebrities going out day one include singer and four-time Grammy Award winner Nelly, who Massey played against; former Major League slugger Jose Canseco, actress Jennifer Tilly, actor Ray Romano, former NHL player Rick Tocchet.

Massey also beat out talk

show host Montel Williams and actor Jason Alexander, both day two casualties. (Actor Tobey Maguire was still alive on day three.)

"I had a great time," Massey said. "I outlasted 5,800 people and got beat by a pro. He had aces and fives, and I had aces and fours."

Massey began playing Texas No-Limit Hold'em five years ago at Greektown Casino, where he is a fixture once or twice a week. He is also an avid watcher of the year-long World Series of Poker, which is aired each Wednesday night on ESPN.

"I always played, but not on a consistent basis," Massey said. "What's the secret? It's a lot of skills and a lot of luck. You have to know when to bet and how much to bet because you

can't control the cards." Massey said he gained some valuable insight while playing against the best in the world.

"You've got to get a read on other people," he said. "It's not managing cards, it's managing people. You have to be intensely aware of everything going on at the table. They study every person intensely."

Massey, who was accompanied on the trip by his girlfriend Sue Tkachuka, spent nearly 15 hours at the table during the opening day. And you'd think that he'd be up for a break after three demanding days.

"I'm here until Saturday," Massey said. "Actually, I'm waiting to get into a game as we speak."

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ACES

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Kleabir said the experience was both exhilarating and a little unnerving.

"I was on 'Cloud 9' for a while," he said. "It also got to my nerves a little, too, because I ended up shooting a 100 when I usually shoot around 90."

An article in a 1999 issue of Golf Digest reported that one insurance company estimated that the odds of a PGA Tour pro recording a hole-in-one were 1-in-3,756. An amateur's

chances were 1-in-12,750, the story said, making Kleabir and Bauer's achievements even more remarkable.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Bauer, a sixth-grader-to-be at Discovery Middle school, defeated the lofty odds three weeks after Kleabir when his tee shot found the bottom of the cup on the 90-yard seventh hole of the Fox Hills Strategic Fox layout. He used his trusty seven iron to register his first ace.

"I hit it high, it bounced about three times, then rolled

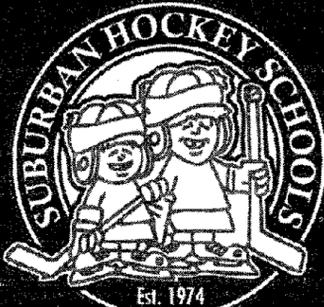
in," he said. "The guys I was playing with told me, 'Nice job.'"

The incredible shot was not enough to move golf past hockey on Bauer's list of favorite sports.

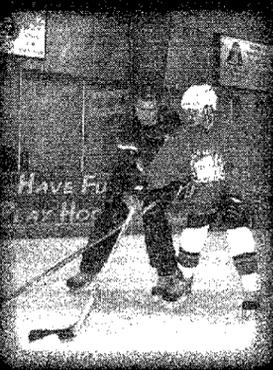
"Hockey is first; golf is tied for second with baseball," he said.

"Kyle called me from the course right after it happened and I could tell he was pretty excited," said his mom, Michelle Bauer. "He has two older brothers and they didn't believe it at first. But one of his friends' mom was with

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Ignition add 15 in Supplemental Draft

The Detroit Ignition selected 15 players during the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Supplemental Draft, Ignition President Greg Bibb announced on Thursday.

The Ignition held the ninth and final selection in each of the 15 rounds based on the team's MISL-best 18-12 record during the 2006-07 regular season.

Draft order was determined by a team's winning percentage from the 2006-07 regular season with the league's three expansion teams — the Orlando Sharks, New Jersey Ironmen and MISL Monterrey — selecting first, second and third, respectively.

Detroit tabbed goalkeeper Nicolas Platter with the club's first pick. Platter, 26, is currently playing outdoor soccer for the Minnesota Thunder of the United States Soccer League's First Division.

The University of California-Davis product has allowed just three goals while appearing in five games for the Thunder this season.

The Ignition then selected midfielder Sebastien Le Toux of the USL First Division Seattle Sounders with the club's second pick (18th overall). The Rennes, France native currently leads the Sounders and is tied for 10th in the USL First Division in scoring with 10 points (four

goals and two assists).
"We are very pleased with the talent we are able to add during this draft process," Bibb stated. "We are hopeful that several of the players will be wearing an Ignition uniform during the upcoming season. I look forward to watching them compete for a roster spot with our current signed players and amateur draft picks."

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625); by visiting the team's official Web site — www.detroitignition.com; or by calling TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

Rams keep Eagles winless as Collop hurls 2-hit gem

Justin Collop yielded just two hits to pick up the victory Friday at Ford Field as the Michigan Rams earned a 5-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over the winless Detroit Eagles.

Collop, who played high school baseball at Wayne Memorial, struck out six and walked only three in going the distance. Both runs were unearned for the University of Toledo right-hander.

The 20-and-under Rams,

who got two hits, including a homer and three RBI from Drew Chuchward, evened their LCBL record at 12-12-2.

Mike Wiseman went 3-for-3 and knocked in a run, while Nick Plinka contributed an RBI and scored twice.

The 22-and-under Eagles, who dropped to 0-24-1, got a double from Ryan Sharp and a single from Otis Young. John Carrier and Tim Cross scored runs for the Eagles in the opening inning.

Losing pitcher Matt Middleton gave up five runs on eight hits over six innings. He struck out six, walked two and hit a batter.

It was the same story Wednesday as the Eagles lost 3-2 to the Rams in an LCBL encounter Wednesday at Ford Field.

Winning pitcher Joe Kennedy, who allowed just two runs on four hits for the Rams. He struck out six and allowed just one walk in seven innings.

Kennedy outdueled Alex Harvey, who gave up only four hits, a pair of walks and two hit batters in six innings.

Offensively, Nick Urban went 1-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Kyle Gendron also hit a hit in two at-bats with an RBI. Mike Wiseman, Collop and Andrew Stafford scored runs for the Rams, who tallied on in the first and two in the second.

Cross had an RBI triple and scored a run for the Eagles. Ali Sarafa also had a hit and RBI.

SPORTS SHORTS

City Golf Challenge

The 2007 City Championship men's and women's golf tournament will be Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township.

The event pits golfers from Canton, Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Romulus and Plymouth, along with an Open Division.

Tee times are noon both days. The \$60 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf and awards (carts not included).

Golfers must reside in the city they represent. Each city must have six golfers or will be put into the Open Division. The tournament is based on actual scores over both days. Golfers will be placed in flights based on first day scores. The top three finishers in each flight from each city will receive trophies. Senior flights available from all cities.

For more information, call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at the Wayne Community Center at (734) 721-7400.

WWSL Family Picnic

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League's family picnic will be

from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15 at the Wayne Recreation soccer fields.

Food, which includes hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks, will be served from noon to 2 p.m. with awards at 3 p.m. Families are urged to bring a picnic dish to pass. There will also be a raffle and prizes.

Rock wall climbing and bungee jumping will be available from noon to 4 p.m. for all ages at a minimal fee. An inflatable moonwalk is also available for free.

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage the annual Elks Soccer Shoot at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

Boys and girls age divisions include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 (determined as of Aug. 1, 2007).

The competition is free. First-place finishers advance to the state finals in October. For more information, call

(734) 466-2410.

Run Like Wind 5K

The ninth annual Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer run and 5K run-walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park in Westland.

All proceeds will go back to the sport of running through support of youth track clubs and the Michigan Running Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Pre-registration fee (before Aug. 25) for the 10- and 5K events is \$15 (with shirt) or \$10 (no shirt). Race day fees are \$20 (with shirt) and \$15 (no shirt).

Awards and a special prize will go to the overall and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

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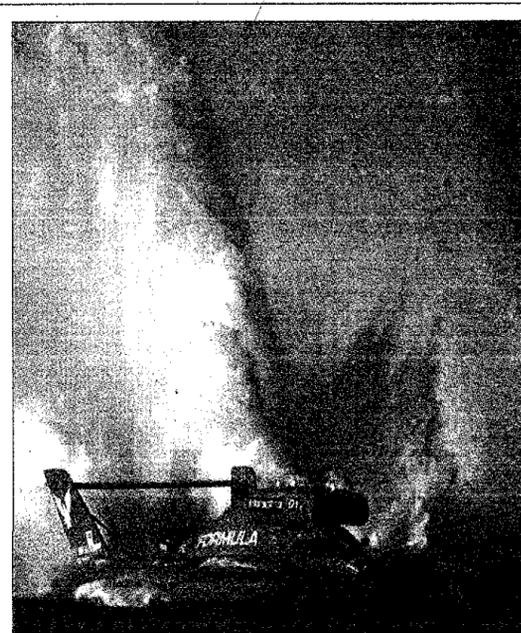
The Motor City Junior Golf Championship for ages 12-17 is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

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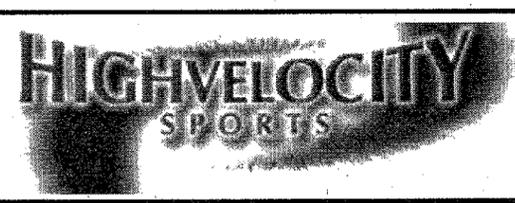
Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22. For more information, call (248) 476-4493.



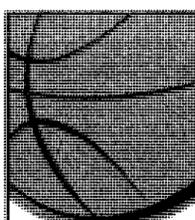
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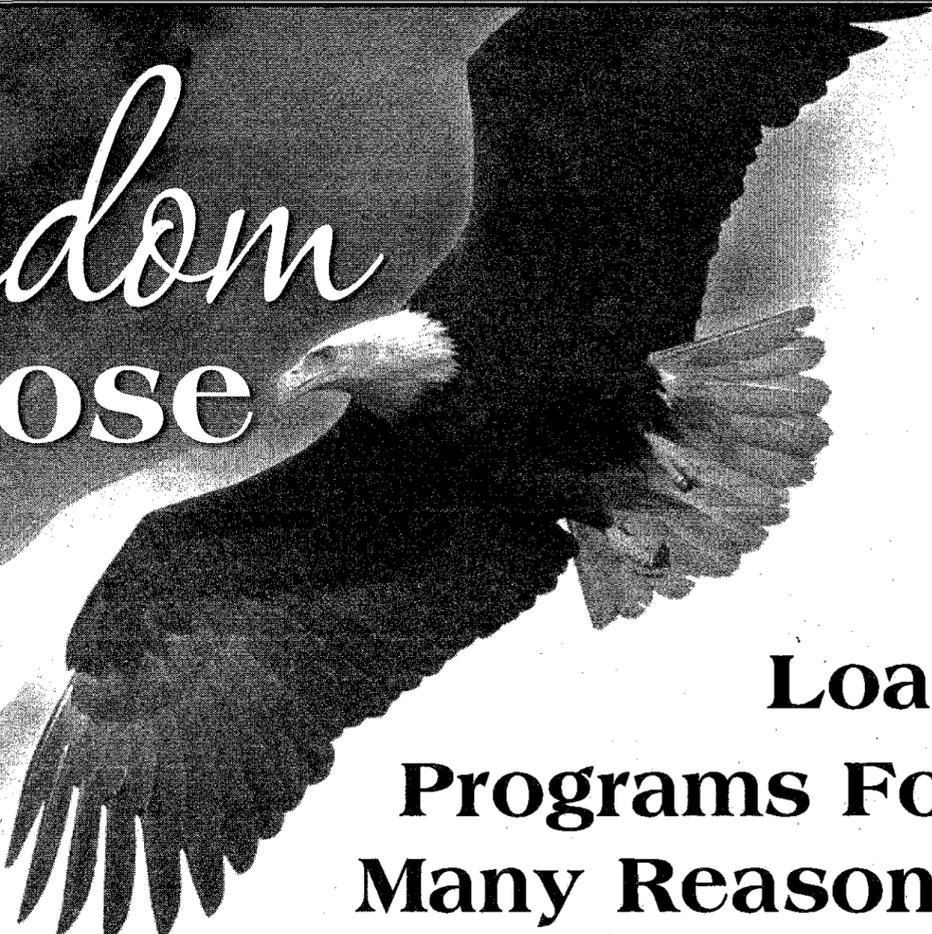
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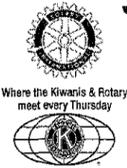


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How to control your anxiety

Anxiety in its worst form is worry. Max Lucado, a noted Christian writer and pastor, tells us that worry, understood in an earlier biblical meaning translates as to divide. Worry divides the mind from itself; it splits us between today and tomorrow. Further, we are anxious about what happened the day before. So living becomes more burdensome because our mind, our energy is divided and not united. We know that this kind of living, this living based on a split mind and focus, called worry, can cause diseases of many kinds.



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

Lucado also reminds us that Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, says, "You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it." (Matthew 6:27)

Yet, at the same time worry is just one kind of anxiety. Anxiety also serves a useful purpose for us. Anxiety is a signal of something to be paid attention to, often of something dangerous. In that sense it is essential for survival. As one writer shares it, "Without it (anxiety) you would cross the street without concern about being hit by a car. Anxiety becomes a problem when it interferes with your life and dictates your decisions. It's the smoke detector when there's no smoke."

So the worry that we are talking about occurs when our anxiety is based on fears. And fears that become out of control lead to the anxiety that is burdensome, or worry. Some simple things we can do to address this kind of anxiety or worry would not be limited to but would include:

See a doctor. Is some kind of anti-anxiety medication needed?

Listen to your body. Author Dr. Michael Bloomfield notes that anxiety can stir up excessive adrenaline which can get out of control and affect many body organs and functions. Pay attention to how you feel physically, not just mentally and emotionally

When you worry too much, avoid caffeine, alcohol and nicotine.

- Laugh.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Avoid excessive worrying.
- Exercise.
- Pace yourself

Find ways to release your anxiety, in writing, relaxing, listening to music. If necessary, find a good therapist.

When your life is so full of worry we might feel like Thomas Merton, noted religious writer. He wrote in prayer-like form, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me ... Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death."

There is a quality of trust necessary to handle worry. The techniques described are ways to reduce the anxiety, and to make it manageable. But the thoughts, fears, emotions that can stir up worry also need care. A sense of spiritual or religious calm, easier to describe than to achieve, helps one to settle into one's life, face the fears that scare us and give us a chance to overcome that split in ourselves so we can move from yesterday, through today, and into tomorrow. Talk, sometimes medication, good self-care, paying attention to your inner self through your faith, your participation in your religious life, all help to calm the nerves of anxiety.

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through www.paulmelrose.com or (248) 474-4701. The staff of Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to take your eyes off the whirling object attached to the string in Jake Maloney's hand. There's a mesmerizing quality about the yo-yo. While some consider the spinning sphere nothing more than a toy, Maloney uses yo-yos to compete and entertain crowds. In fact, he's become so good at Walking the Dog and other tricks, the 18-year-old Canton teen has been ranked the No. 10 player in the world since 2002.

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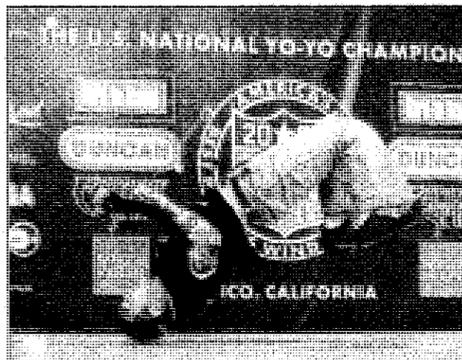
Maloney travels frequently to perform at a variety of venues and compete in National Yo-yo League contests throughout the country. This week, Maloney was in Ohio to do 13 shows at libraries, but local residents can watch him strut his stuff during the Midwest Regional Yo-yo Contest, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Maloney is organizing the event to promote yo-yoing. It is being sponsored by the city of Plymouth, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Duncan Toys and other yo-yo manufacturers. The top three winners receive prizes. First place in the 1A division earns a seed (definite spot) at the national contest in October. The Midwest region encompasses Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee.

"It's fun to watch, especially two-handed. You'll see a bunch of people with the ability to be in the nationals. It's rare to see that caliber of yo-yoers," said Maloney, who began competing seven years ago. "There will be yo-yos for sale and people around to help out if you want to learn. Like anything else, you have to practice. I've been yo-yoing nine years and still don't know every trick. It depends on how much you're willing to put into it. Eventually, it comes to a point where it's like breathing."

Maloney picked up his first yo-yo, a \$3 Duncan, as a third-grade student at Bird Elementary. He is basically self-taught and recommends visiting www.yoyo.com (which has videos) to learn. Yo-yos are sold locally at stores such as Meijer and on the Internet at www.yoyo.com, yoyoguy.com and yoyonation.com. For begin-

Please see **YO-YOS, C2**



Rob Kitts of Perrysburg, Ohio, is a favorite with crowds.



Jake Maloney of Canton shows off his skills as the number 10 yo-yoer in the world since 2002.

New Madonna science building will be certified green

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University is looking to take the LEED in green construction practices for its new \$20 million Science and Media Center, set to break ground this fall and open in 2009.

A growing enrollment and changing demand for technical education convinced the university that now was the time.

"Our enrollment in the last five years has gone up 15 percent and our facilities are being used all the time from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president. "The building has had 40 years of use and we've



Please see **MADONNA, C3**

This artist's rendering shows the east elevation for Madonna University's Science and Media Center.



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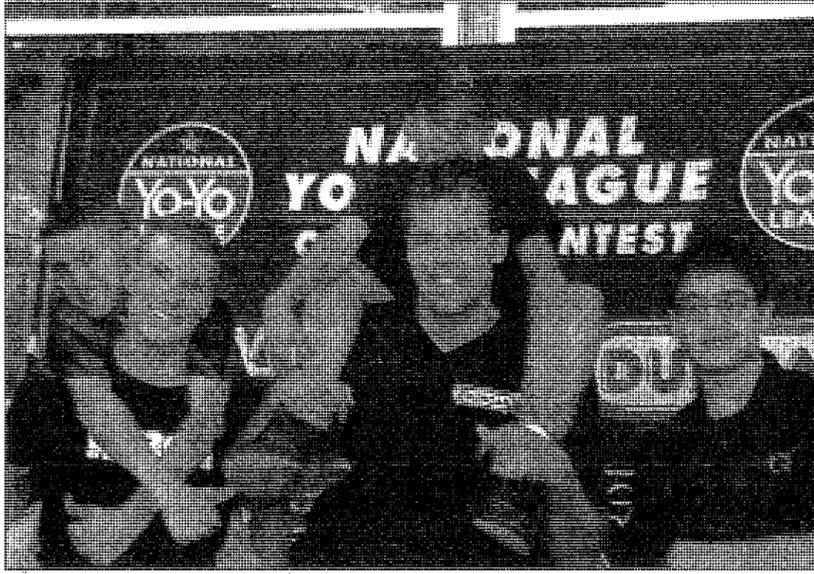
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Rob Kitts (left) Dennis Shatter, John Narum, Jake Maloney (center), and Alex Berenguel demonstrate the camaraderie among yo-yoers.

YO-YOS

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ners, he suggests the Duncan Reflex. He says you can find a really good yo-yo for \$10-\$15. "It was national turn off TV week. I was a real TV junkie. A yo-yo craze came around to my school and I was hooked," said Maloney, who's sponsored by Duncan Toys as part of a crew featuring the country's top players. "I started getting good and thought this could be a big thing for me and it's been a blast. I've met people from England, Japan. We e-mail each other, send videos of tricks over the Internet. Yo-yoing is popular with a lot of people in Japan, Brazil, Singapore and Germany. I like it just because it's fun. Everybody's really supportive of each other. It's been a great experience for me and I want other people to have a great experience."

Two \$400 Freehand Duncans will be inside the case of yo-yos Maloney carries to the world competition in August in Orlando. Last year, he placed 10th. Maloney admits he doesn't

practice as much as he did when he was younger.

"Yo-yoing is more popular among the younger kids, ages 7-13. You hit middle school and yo-yoing doesn't pick up girls," said Maloney, who graduated in May from Catholic Central High School, where he was a member of the football and track teams, and band. He enters Central Michigan University this fall. "There are only about three girls I know who yo-yo. It's a male-dominated thing, unfortunately."

Maloney is hoping the regional contest attracts males as well as females. Divisions vary from one-handed yo-yoing to two-handed looping tricks and off-string, where the yo-yo actually separates then returns to the string.

Dennis Shatter, 20, of Livonia shares the judging duties with Maloney. Shatter's been yo-yoing since fifth grade, when a player entertained his class at Hoover Elementary. He gave up competitions in 2005 to "give younger kids more of a chance." A graduate of Stevenson High School, Shatter will earn two business degrees from Schoolcraft College next year.

"I always look at precision,

accuracy," Shatter said. "The really big thing that head judges have told me is for the kids to have fun. If they have fun, you know they'll practice. It shows confidence on their part."

Debra Madonna is especially looking forward to watching Maloney demonstrate his skills. He's one of the reasons Madonna and the Rotary Club decided to sponsor the event spotlighting yo-yos, which have been traced back to 500 B.C. According to yo-yo.com, a Greek vase from this period is painted with the image of a boy playing yo-yo.

"Jake and my son Mark are good friends. His mom Gail taught my children. They used to take Mark with them to yo-yo events," said Madonna, who annually organizes the Plymouth Community Art's Council's Music in the Park series at noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park. "It's fun and something a little different and the park is the place to do it. On Saturdays, it's packed down there. Last year I had Jake as part of Music in the Park. He entertained six minutes and was a hit. All the kids loved him."

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Women's Resource Center spotlights college employees

The Women's Resource Center opens its fall Luncheon Series with Dancing with the Stars Friday, Sept. 28, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Bill Peterson, a Schoolcraft College dance instructor, shares his many adventures as a dance enthusiast from getting started in dance to teaching on cruise lines, and the benefits of dance as exercise. Peterson will give a short demonstration so bring your dancing shoes and plan to join in the fun.

Luncheon lectures are \$15 each. The afternoon begins at 11:45 a.m. with lunch followed by a speaker, and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. Seating is limited. Prepaid registration required, no tickets issued. Call (734) 462-4443.

The series continues Oct. 26, with Michael Swope speaking about the history of television. Swope, an adjunct professor of history at Schoolcraft College, has worked as an on-air news analyst, historian, contributor and commentator in radio and television in addition to serving as senior editor for one of

the country's foremost marketing evaluation publications. Swope will share stories about the early years of radio and television.

On Dec. 14, Rodney Johnson talks about the art of welding. If you have ever wondered how a metal sculpture is created the Schoolcraft College welding instructor is the person to ask. Johnson has taught welding at the college since the mid-1980s. He will share insights about welding as an art form and explain how anybody, at any age, can learn to produce metal art for personal satisfaction and extra income as well.

Sports camps come to Michigan

Adidas Jr. Phenom and Phenom 150 Camps are among the top national invitation only junior level exposure camps in the country for highly competitive male and female basketball players.

The camps are held in San Diego, California.

For nearly 20 years the name adidas has been associated with the top High School All-Star Camps in the country. Now, this great tradition is available at the grass roots level through the Phenom Camps.

Jr. Phenom Camp is for the top 100 middle school players entering the 6th to 8th grade in September of the new school year. Phenom 150 Camp is for the top 150 rising freshmen and sophomores players

nationwide entering the 9th and 10th grades in September of the new school year.

This year Michigan will host the first Regional Camp at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. The regional camp is a qualifier to receive an invitation to the prestigious adidas Phenom Camps. Players must attend the regional camp to be considered. There are no exceptions.

The Regional Camp will offer players three games with equal playing time; teams are coached by experienced AAU and high school coaches with daily drills, instruction and written player evaluations. A Regional All-star team will be selected for each grade division to compete on the final day.

The regional camp is a springboard to national exposure for Michigan players. Additionally, it provides a benchmark for player improvement and offers highly competitive games.

The registration deadline is Friday, July 20. The cost is \$165 per player.

Boys camps take place Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, the girls Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 18-19, at University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus, 4901 Evergreen.

For more information or to register, call Lima Pereira, regional director at (248) 601-4503, send e-mail to lpereira@bballuniversity.com or visit the Web site at www.miadidasjr-camp.com.

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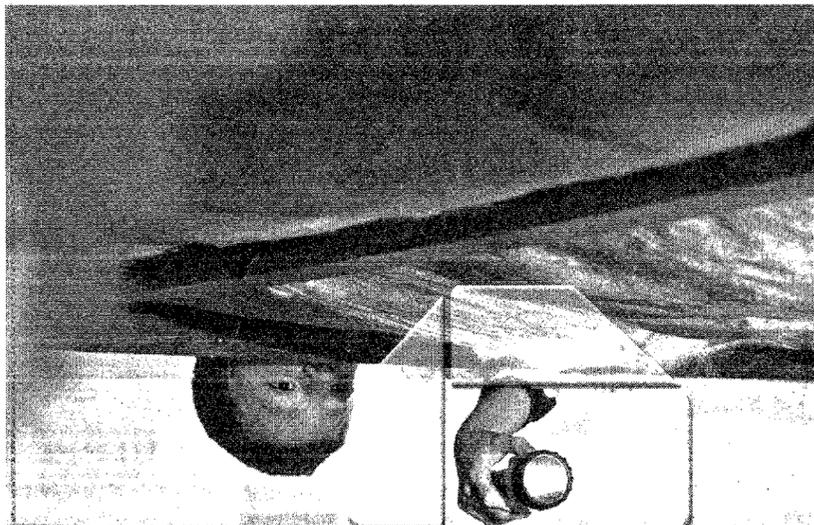
A to Z Grant Writing and Writing Effective Grant

Proposals both will be offered from Tuesday, July 18 to Wednesday, Sept. 7 online. The cost is \$81 for Dearborn School District residents, \$90 for non-residents per class. Both classes are worth 2.4 CEUs (Continuing Education Units).

The A to Z Grant Writing course teaches how to research and develop relationships with

potential funding sources, organize grant writing campaigns and complete proposal packages.

Writing Effective Grant Proposals teaches participants to prepare grant proposals that get solid results and how to avoid common mistakes. Call 1-877-855-5252, (313) 317-1500 or visit www.hfcc.edu/cl2. Visit www.hfcc.edu.



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Dr. Daniel Laframboise

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WEDDING



Uryga-Pumphrey

Rebecca Lynn Uryga and Cary Michael Pumphrey were married Sept. 16, 2006 at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck with the Rev. Tomasz Sielicki officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Elaine Uryga of Canton. She is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a 2004 graduate of Depaul Law School. She is a patent attorney in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Janice Rihn of Grand Island, Neb., and Dr. Harold Pumphrey of Lincoln, Neb. He is a 1995 graduate of Hebron High School, a 2000 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and a 2003 graduate of the University of Denver Law School. He received his Masters of Law from Depaul University in 2004. He also works as an attorney in Chicago.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Michelle Elleby, a friend of the bride; Nancy Noonan, Jennifer Barnes and Kathryn Deignan, friends of the bride, and Kylie Ferguson, friend of the groom. Flower girl was Jaclyn Uryga, cousin of the bride.

The groom was attended by Best Man John Messe, Jr., friend of the groom; Anthony Perea, Phillip Romberg and Trent Maly, friends of the groom; Drew Pumphrey, brother of the groom and Steven Bokovitz, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Eric Uryga, godson of the bride.

A reception was held at the Laurel Park Marriott in Livonia. The couple honeymooned on a Mediterranean Cruise. The couple makes their home in Chicago.

ANNIVERSARY



Todds celebrate 50th

Jim and Linda (Davenport) Todd of Garden City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2007.

The Todds were married in 1957 at Garden City Presbyterian Church. The couple have lived in Garden City since August 1963.

Jim retired from the Ford Motor Co. in 1987 after 23 years. Linda retired from the Garden City Public Schools in 1993 after 30 years. They enjoy spending their winters in Florida, playing shuffleboard, cards and bowling, as well as spending time with their family and friends. Traveling to Pennsylvania every July for a family reunion with Linda's family is also a favorite tradition.

Linda and Jim have two children Mike (Cheryl) Todd and arol (Frank) Roberts and four grandchildren, Sara, Ian, Chad and Christa.

To celebrate their anniversary their children are planning a family portrait and dinner.



Jim and Linda Todd

ENGAGEMENTS

Del Col-Howey

Frank and Kim Del Col of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Del Col, to Stephen Howey of Canton, son of Michael Howey and Roxanne Codog.

Tracey is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School and is working and attending Schoolcraft College.

Stephen is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School. He is also working and attending Schoolcraft College.



The wedding will take place July 27, 2007, at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will move into their new home in Redford.

Harding-Duncan

Robert and Elizabeth Harding of Garden City announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth Harding, to Christopher Ryan Duncan.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is currently attending cosmetology school and will finish her training this summer. She is employed at Haircut House of Westland.

Chris is the son of Kimberly Duncan of Westland and Donald Duncan of Miramar, Fla. He is currently attending Eastern Michigan University, majoring in computer information systems. He is scheduled to graduate in April of 2008. The wedding will be held at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton in August 2007.



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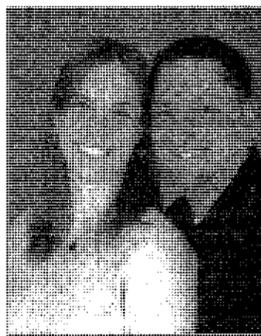
Guyot-Kotzian

Paul and Lynn Guyot of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Guyot, to Kevin Keith Kotzian, son of Ralph and Kay Kotzian of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and works at Westwood Community Schools and Livonia Little Tots.

The prospective groom works for the state of Michigan Department of Corrections.

A July 28, 2007, wedding is planned for Hosanna Tabor in



Redford, followed by a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

DeWitt-Rosinski

Tim and Alice DeWitt of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey DeWitt, to Kevin Rosinski, son of Henry and Cynthia Rosinski of Livonia.

Tracey is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 2003 and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2005. She is a speech-language pathologist in the Waterford School District.

Kevin is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Central Michigan University. He is working on his master of business administration degree at Wayne State



University. He is employed as an information technology specialist at US Farathane Corp. in Sterling Heights.

The couple are planning a 2007 wedding at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Andover High School

Class of 1987 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Please register at Classmates.com for more details!

Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School

Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimslasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1977 A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962 A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cfolli@mybluelight.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977 A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email haningk@yahoo.com.

REUNIONS

com. Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

Class of 1967 For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgraden2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net

Clarenceville High School

All classes Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info. contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.com

Clawson High School

Class of 1962 A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1952 A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1957 A 50th reunion picnic, 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 2007, at a party barn. Contact Betty (Minnelli) Reynolds at (248)553-7618.

Class of 1958

A luncheon at Park Place on Aug. 3, 2007, to celebrate 49 years. Reservations only. For information, call (313)562-3941 (Fran) or (313)278-4488 (Joyce or John).

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @klivingston@nu-core.com. Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1967 A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efnhs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Cass Technical High School

Class of 1967 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn. Cost \$67 per person in advance, \$75 after June 1. No tickets sold at the door. Phone, Nedra (Custer) Friday, (313)272-6649, email Casstechreunion1967@yahoo.com or mail inquiry to P.O. Box 43912, Detroit, Mich. 48243-0912.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957 A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1957 A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email lore@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1957 A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007, Sheraton Novi Hotel. Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med.wayne.edu.

Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131. Website www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.

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DELINE LYDIA RAKOZY Age 89, died July 10, 2007, in Elk River, MN, formerly of Milford, MI. She was born October 24, 1917. Her husband of 66 years, William Rakozy died January 6, 2005 in Yuba City, Adeline & William Rakozy were previous owners of the Yuba City Baskin Robbins 31 Flavor Ice Cream Store for close to 15 years before retirement. Adeline and family were founding members of the Christ Lutheran Church, Milford. For over 20 years she was involved in playing the organ and worked with the church choir. She is survived by three children, Renee W. Stein, Bradenton, FL; William E. Rakozy, Elk River, MN; Kurt A. Rakozy, Dubuque, IA. Adeline will be cremated and interred next to her husband William during a family memorial service to be conducted at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. The date and time of this memorial service have not been set. Arrangements by: Dare Funeral Home, 805 Main St., Elk River, MN 553330, 763-441-1212.

Mr. DARRELL IBACH, SR. Passed away July 10, 2007 at Lee Memorial Health Systems, Cape Coral, FL. He was born August 21, 1935 in Watertown, SD, son of the late Newton & Aria (Manska) Ibach. He attended Belleville High School and later lived in Plymouth and Canton. Darrell opened his 1st business in 1959, D & R Leonard, a Gas Station/Repair Shop in Romulus. He opened his 2nd business in 1976, D & R Auto Parts in Belleville, which he sold in 1999. He was the owner of Pro Tech Auction which opened in July 1995, which he ran with his son Butch. He also owned D & R Rental Properties. He loved to travel in his motorhome, especially to Florida, where he spent many winters in Cape Coral. He loved racing cars and sponsoring them as well. He sponsored the Rick Memorial Match, a Police Pistol Match, Taylor. Darrell was a member of the First Baptist Church, Canton. He was a former member of the Belleville Lion's Club. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Norma (Eldridge) Ibach, two daughters Michelle (David) Schulze and Barbara Ibach, a son Darrell "Butch" (Arlita) Ibach, Jr., all of Plymouth, eight grandchildren, Matthew (Amy) and Eric Immerfall, Nicole, Rebecca, Daniel and Phillip Buzenberg, Chad & Drew Ibach, a brother Roger (Marion) Ibach, Sr. of Gaylord, and numerous nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday 6-8 PM and Friday 1-4 PM & 6-8 PM at DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville. Funeral Service 10 AM Saturday, July 14, 2007 at First Baptist Church, Canton. Entombment Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial to the Bethel Youth Camp, c/o First Baptist Church. Please sign his on-line guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com

MAXINE OLSON Age 81, died July 4, 2007, after a courageous battle with leukemia. Beloved wife of Paul. Loving mother of Brad (Marcia) Olson and Tim (Karen) Olson. Grandmother of Amy Olson. Sister of Robert (Martha) Glass, Margaret Gall, DeWayne (Shirley) Glass, Shirley (Verie) Lima. Also many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Memorial service at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday 10am. Memorials appreciated to Board of Deacons at Kirk in the Hills or William Beaumont Hospice. Obituary at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

ROBERT M. PRZYBYLSKI Age 75, of Livonia, MI, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Anna Marie Murphy. Dear father of Mark A. (Nancy) of Lake In The Hills, IL, Matthew G. (Beth) of Grand Blanc, Robert M., Jr. (Sue) of Brighton, Ronald R. (Michelle) of Howell, and Catherine A. "Kitty" (Scott) McLaren of Brighton. Also survived by 12 grandchildren. Born May 18, 1932 in Detroit, he is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Sophie (Krolezyk) Przybylski, brother Fr. Wallace F. Przybylski OPM, brother Richard J. Przybylski, sister Geraldine T. Norris, and brother Ronald R. Przybylski. Retired tool and die tradesman who worked for Burroughs Corp. and Chrysler Motors. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in Guam during the Korean Conflict. Was a coach in the Livonia Junior Football League and also of Connie Mack League baseball in Livonia. Family will receive friends at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia on Tuesday, 4-9 p.m., Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial is Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Colette Church, Newburgh Rd. north of Six Mile, Livonia. Interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield. Family suggests memorials to American Red Cross.

MARY ANN WELCHER (nee Popovich) Age 70. July 10, 2007. Beloved wife of Bud. Loving mother of Ann-Marie, James, and Dan. Dear sister of Millie Karr, Helen Generalovich, Sophie Racic (deceased), George Popovich (deceased), Donna Tichow, and Dan Popovich. Loving "Mee-Maw" of five grandchildren; Jack, Gavin, Kaila, and Aeryn & Logan. A Memorial service was held on Saturday, July 14th, at the L.A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt Rd; www.neely-turowski.com

BRUCE ARTHUR ZIKMUND Age 55, Wayne, MI, passed July 10, 2007. Uht Funeral Home

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Outdoor fire hazards

Keep your family burn-free this summer



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Too often in the emergency rooms at University of Michigan hospitals, Dr. Edward Walton sees children and adults burned by outdoor fires that were meant to be enjoyed. The sad part is that in most cases the pain and scarring could have been avoided.

Campfires, backyard fire pits and beach bonfires create dangerous situations with the potential of injuring all ages, especially children. Walton cautions adults to set up No Zones where kids aren't allowed. He recommends drawing a line around the campfire or setting up a circle of chairs to keep children away from flames.

For the next four weeks, Walton doesn't expect to treat any children with burns at Bellknop YMCA Camp in New Hampshire where he serves as camp doctor. There, children are constantly supervised.

"Any time you have an open fire and children in the area, you have risk. Think about a child with a marshmallow. A 3-year-old puts it in the fire and it's a flaming torch so parents need to be very careful about supervising kids when they're cooking anything," said Walton, an assistant professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at University of Michigan Medical School. Walton is a physician in the pediatric and adult emergency departments at U-M Health System.

"Children don't understand the danger. People go Up North and love their fire pits. We have kids transferred down all summer with burns. We see a lot of fire pit burns at the university. Unfortunately a lot of times it's younger children who ran through the fire or walked through a fire that's been put out on the beach with sand and it looks like a sandbox. We see burns from superficial to so severe they can require skin grafting."

One of the biggest mistakes is not totally extinguishing a fire afterward.

"People just don't know when a fire is out," said Walton. "They'll cover the coals with sand. That hasn't put the fire out that's created an oven which can smolder for up to 24 hours."

DOUSE THOSE FLAMES

Walton recommends dousing the flames with at

least two buckets of water then removing embers from the pit. He says most campgrounds and beaches have a receptacle to deposit coals safely so they're not a hazard to people and animals.

While children primarily suffer burns on the feet and hands, Walton sees adults with face and hand injuries caused by accelerants.

"A mistake all adults make is the fire's not going great and they'll use an accelerant, gasoline and lighter fluid. Once a fire's started you should never do anything like that. I recently saw an injury to someone who had been using alcohol to start a fire," said Walton. "He was severely burned trying to make the fire."

Consuming alcohol, whether around a hibachi or campfire, makes the situation even more dangerous. Holly Bair, a registered nurse, warns adults to take precautions so they don't end up in the emergency rooms at Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy. Every summer, Beaumont Hospitals' emergency centers experience an increase in burns related to people being around fires. As trauma program manager (Royal Oak), Bair oversees the care of patients from the time they arrive in the ER. She says trauma is preventable, especially when it comes to backyard fire pits.

KEEP IT SAFE

"The new fire pits they use on decks are very popular. The problem is they sit close to the ground and decks are made of wood and very flammable. You don't want them on wooden decks," said Bair. "You have embers that pop and squirt. A wooden deck can go up in a matter of minutes but they can be used safely if kept away from wooden structures and anything flammable, and they need to be attended to. Children can put their hands on it and don't realize it's hot. The openings are right at kids level and the wood can spark and cause eye injuries as well as burns to the skin. You have to worry about their clothing catching on fire or accidentally knocking them over."

Bair is always trying to prevent injuries before they happen. As manager of Safety City U.S.A., she oversees an education program to teach kids, teens, parents, and senior citizens about fire as well as other safety issues around the home. Safety City U.S.A., a collaboration between Beaumont Hospitals and the Royal Oak Police and Fire departments, opened in January and offers field trips to schools from Livonia to Richmond.

"During our summer camp, kids (ages 5-12) spend one day doing fire safety," said Bair. "We're set up like a house. Kids learn fire safety in the kitchen. Kids get to practice what to do in case of fire."

For more information about the weeklong camps held in July and August, call (248) 551-0103.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Treating allergies naturally

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Camp Oasis

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) host its sixth annual Camp Oasis July 15-21 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton for children ages 7-17 who have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. For information or to have application information mailed, send e-mail to michigan@ccfa.org or call (248) 737-0900.

Diabetes Review

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, beginning Tuesday, July 17, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Rd. Diabetes Review is designed to educate people with the disease about proper diabetes self-care. A certified diabetes educator will speak to participants about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and the importance of A1C testing.

To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6697. Other locations and dates include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

Diabetes presentation

Your Game Plan for Preventing Diabetes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration required. Call (734) 655-8961.

Raising health kids

Nutrition seminar on Raising Healthy, Drug-Free Children presented by Dr. Joe Andris of the Chiropractic & Nutrition Wellness Center 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester. For reservations and information, call (586) 731-8840.

Sea salt and your health

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 23, at Zerbo's Health Food Store, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness

Professionals, a nonprofit organization. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for reservations.

Free health class

Eat Your Way Thin presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C., N.D., 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 756-6904 for a reservation.

Sharing & Caring

Meditation for Wellness with guest speaker Melissa Privett of Pathworks Center for Life 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in the first floor classroom in the Beaumont Cancer Center, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Sharing & Caring is an educational support group for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

Breast cancer benefit

5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at FIGO Salon, 265 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-7990. The staff and FIGO Salon are donating their services for one night only to raise money for team MALISTA's 3 day Breast Cancer Walk. The salon will offer a haircut and blow-dry package for \$30. Walk-ins only. The \$30 donation is completely tax deductible. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the walk, visit <http://www.the3day.org/michigan07/malista>.

Fibromyalgia book signings

Sharon Ostalecki signs copies of the book, *Fibromyalgia - The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients*, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, Borders Book Store, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Ostalecki edited and contributed to the book featuring fibromyalgia experts. For more information, call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to Smo23915@aol.com.

Thyroid cancer support group

Our free support group meets monthly and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. For summer meeting dates or more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Treating thyroid disorders naturally

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice.

AA support group

Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon (for family and friends) groups meet 10 a.m. every Sunday, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 706-1020. No pre-registration required.

Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. We are located in Southfield and serve the Tri-county area. Evening and daytime classes available. Office support is also needed. To register, call (800) 770-9859.

Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with cancer 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-5163.

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Newly Diagnosed Support Group (diagnosed within past year) with William Beaumont Hospital R.N. Ruth Dein 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, in the first floor classroom in the Beaumont Cancer Center, Royal Oak. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Sharing & Caring is an educational support group for breast cancer survivors, their family, and friends.

Golf outing

August 11, 2007, The Huron Valley Regional Council of Parents without Partners is hosting a Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Golf Outing at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne, from 1:30-7:30 p.m., includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and more. All proceeds go to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Research Center. For more information, call Pat Tokar at (248) 478-8977 or Harriet West at (734) 449-2236.

Health camps

Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Center in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518. Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demonstrations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades.

Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5).

Sharing & Caring event

Brassiere Bazaar with bra fittings, information on prosthesis options, complimentary skin analysis by Advanced Skin Care, make-up tips for maintaining a healthy glow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Nordstroms Lingerie Department, 3rd floor, the Somerset Collection. Reservations required. Call (248) 551-8585.

Post-polio conference

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

ONGOING

Our Body exhibit

Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitssciencecenter.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3, at Detroit Science Center. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

MS support group

Family and friends of those with MS (multiple sclerosis) are invited to attend a new support group held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital's A & E building in Farmington. For directions call (248) 231-1136.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles grief support program for children and teens needs volunteers for Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. Sandcastles also offers a weekend bereavement camp in August which is in need of volunteers. For more information or to register for training, call (313) 874-6881.

Hatha Yoga classes

Beginning and Intermediate continue 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Includes meditation and breathing techniques. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Running 101

Classes for beginning runner 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Ann Arbor and Northville, Mondays in Novi, Wednesdays in West Bloomfield, five week course of five sessions presented by Running Fit. Cost is \$39. To register, visit www.runningfit.com.

Gardasil vaccine

Gardasil is the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer, precancerous genital lesions and genital warts due to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend HPV vaccination of girls ages 11-12, girls as young as 9 years old may be vaccinated. The vaccine is also recommended for girls ages 13-18 to catch up on missed shots or to complete the shot series. Gardasil is available at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, in Oak Park at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. For information, appointment or pricing, call (800) 882-5720. Ext. 8755.

Eating disorders support

Weekly support groups take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Meetings open to all persons with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, compulsive eating, etc. No registration required. Support groups for family and friends meet 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month, and for parents only on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Beaumont Hospital. For information, call (734) 324-3089.

Grief support group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support group for adults who are facing the impending death of a loved one. It meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call (248) 348-0115. No registration required.

Hospice volunteer training

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. Training sessions are held at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. For information, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361, or visit www.vna.org.

Hospice volunteers sought

Hospices of Henry Ford is seeking volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to people in need. Volunteers are needed to offer companionship and family support for loved ones who are terminally ill in the patient's home, nursing home facilities or in the hospital. For information, contact 1-800-492-9909 or visit www.henryford.com/hospice.

Check on senior citizens during extreme heat

During the hot summer weather, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) would like to remind residents to check on their senior citizen neighbors.

Older adults are less efficient at regulating body temperature, which can lead to dangerous health problems. People at a higher risk include those with cardiovascular disease, kidney or lung problems, unhealthy body weight, or those who take certain medications.

Tips for keeping safe and comfortable during higher heat

days include drinking plenty of fluids; avoiding alcohol and caffeine; keeping your home cool by letting cool morning and evening air in; taking a break during the hottest part of the day by going somewhere air conditioned like the movies, mall or library; wearing short sleeved, loose-fitting, natural fiber and light colored clothing; pace your activities; wear sunblock even when the sky is overcast, and check for air-conditioned emergency shelters in the area which may open during periods of extreme heat.

"If you have an opportunity to do so, I suggest peeking in on elderly neighbors. Just say hello and make sure they're all right. Some seniors must rely on their community to look after them and this is a perfect chance to be a part of that," said Ron Borgmesser, OLHSA CEO.

For assistance call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2600. If emergency assistance is needed, call 911 immediately.

Information for this news release comes from caringnews.com and the Right at Home Newsletter.

Gum packages relay anti-drug message

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and its substance abuse service providers, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance and the Detroit Bureau of Substance Abuse are distributing chewing gum packages with an anti-drug use message, statement about the recent fentanyl over-

doses, and help line numbers. Part of the ongoing public education and outreach efforts by the Agency and the Fentanyl Substance Abuse Workgroup, which has distributed flyers, run public service announcements, made presentations at community meetings, and participated in educational and academic forums to address

an increase in drugs deaths in 2006 related to fentanyl-laced cocaine and heroin.

The statewide 24-hour toll free help line can be reached at (888) 736-0253, the 24-hour Crisis and Mental Health Help Line at (800) 241-4949, or the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance at (800) 686-6543.

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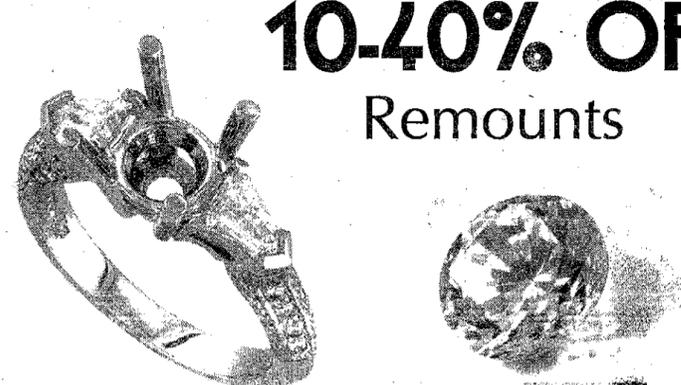
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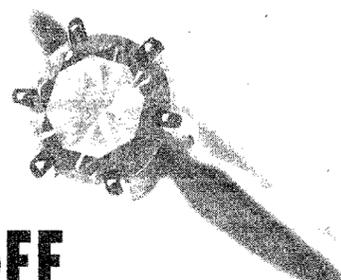
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