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## Animal Control removes 18 dogs from home

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Westland building officials are determining what can be done with a home in the 33000 block of Fernwood where two women had housed 18 dogs until the animals were removed from the premises Thursday afternoon by Westland police and animal control officers.

According to Building Director Sue Dodson, the city is waiting to see what the occupants can afford, but will "move very quickly" to clean up the premises. The two women, who are sisters and are both in their 40s, were hospitalized fol-

lowing the raid.

"It's one of the worst cases I've seen, I don't know how they lived in there," said Dodson.

According to Westland Police Lt. Daniel Karrick, Animal Control became aware of the home after receiving information from another city department. The officer was denied admittance by the two women on Wednesday, so police officers, city building officials and animal control officers returned Thursday, armed with a search warrant.

Karrick said the animals appeared to be in fairly good shape, but weren't very clean due to the living conditions.

"But they were fed," he said. "All of the dogs were really nice, a couple were afraid of us."

According to Dodson, the dogs — 15 Chihuahua, a pug-beagle mix, a Shar-pei and an English setter — were never let outside. Animal feces was throughout the house on floors, beds and furniture.

"Obviously, this has been going on for a long time," Dodson said.

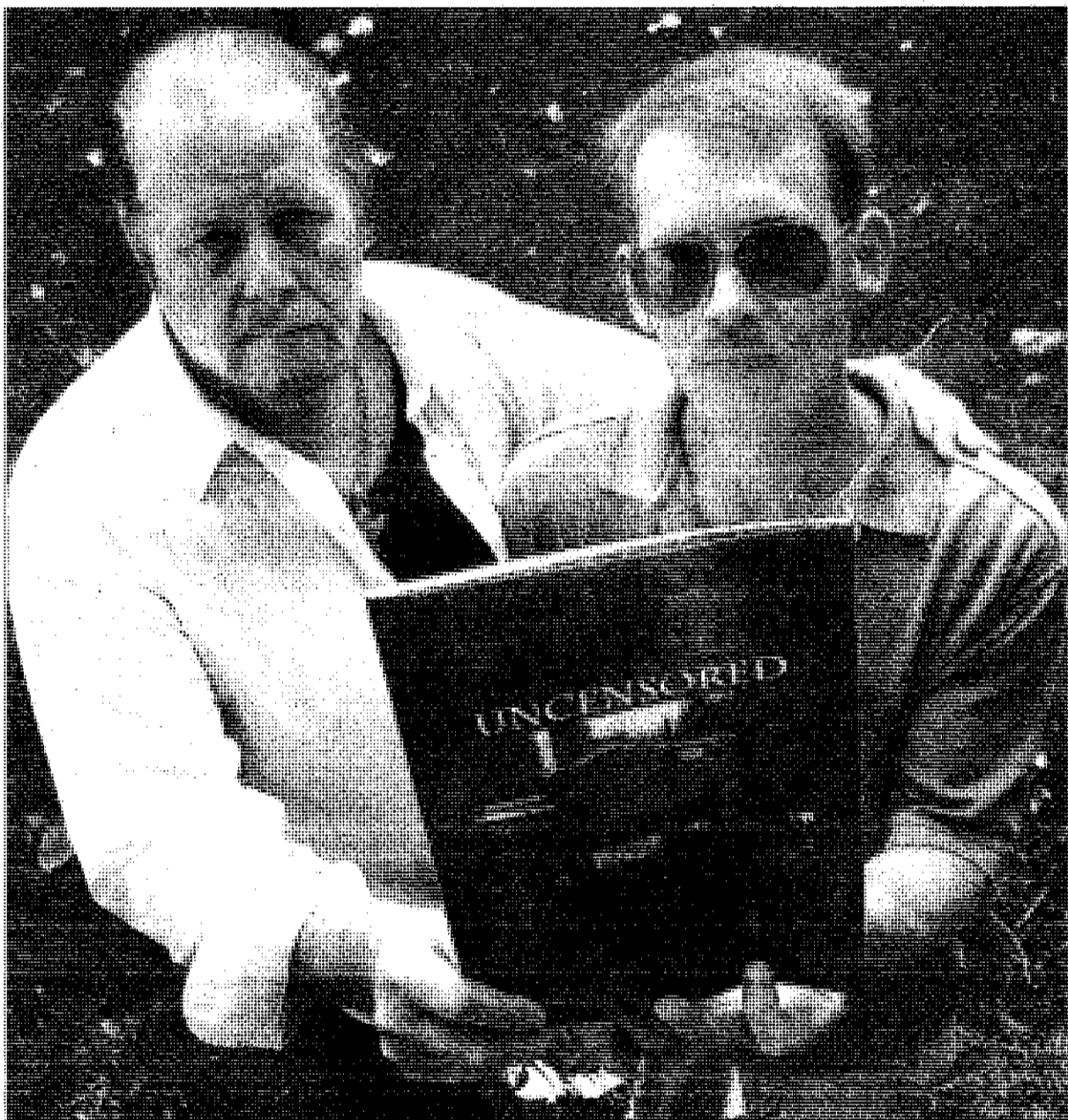
The dogs were taken to Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland where they are receiving health and behavioral evaluations, MHS spokeswoman Stephanie Baron said.

"There are no signs of life-threatening injuries, and that's a good sign," Baron said. "So far it looks like they're in pretty good shape."

The case is still under investigation. The women could face charges of animal cruelty, based on the condition of the home, as well as having too many unlicensed pets, Karrick said. The city limits residents to a maximum of three pets — cats or dogs.

The house is secured, and according to Dodson, "No one can go in unless they're wearing a hazmat suit."

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Rusty Oswald (left) of Wayne and Eric Longnecker of Westland spent four years researching and writing their first book, 'The Chi-town Slaughter Uncensored: The Story the Government Didn't Want Told.'

## Authors say book reveals truth about '29 massacre

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood has its version of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, so does the U.S. government.

But first-time authors Rusty Oswald and Eric Longnecker say their new book is the definitive story about who did it and who was involved.

"The movies that were made are an absolute joke," said Oswald. "The one with

Jason Robards has a disclaimer that it's based on fact, when more than half of it is wrong. They said Al Capone was born in Italy when he was born in Brooklyn, N.Y."

Oswald's interest stemmed from his childhood, filled with his great-uncle's stories about Detroit's Purple Gang and watching *The Untouchables* on TV.

When he met a man known as Irving "The

Bulldog" Gold, an enforcer for the Purple Gang, he discovered his uncle's stories were based on fact.

"I asked him if he knew my uncle and he said he knew him very well, he said he was a tough little guy," the Wayne resident said.

That acknowledgment led him to co-author *The Chi-town Slaughter Uncensored: The Story the Government Didn't Want Told* with Longnecker, a Westland resident.

Oswald, a retired tool and die maker as well as an artist and sculptor, spent more than three years researching the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, and Longnecker took another 12 months to write the book. It is self-published through Outskirts Press in Parker, Colo.

The 117-page tome includes 576 photographs of the people and places tied to the Feb. 14, 1929, gangland slayings of six members of George "Bugs" Moran's gang and a mechanic who were lined up against the rear inside wall of a garage in the Lincoln Park neighborhood

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## Wild: I'm committed to city, residents



Wild

Editor's note: This is the last 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.

William Wild, 39, was appointed as Westland mayor in January by his then-city council colleagues. He also is owner of Scrap Busters U-Pull-It Auto & Truck Parts in Wayne. He is married and has three children.

He graduated from John Glenn High School with honors and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Wild served on the city council from 2001-06

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## Dispute over rent ends in shooting

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

A hearing will be held Thursday to determine if a 21-year-old Detroit man should stand trial on charges that he assaulted a former roommate with a handgun over \$750 in unpaid rent.

Ryan Romero has been charged with false imprisonment, felonious assault, discharge of a firearm in an occupied dwelling, resisting and obstructing police and felony firearm stemming from the July 12 altercation at the Warren Park Apartments of Warren Road east of Newburgh.

According to Westland Police Sgt. Ed Price, the suspect and a 22-year-old Plymouth Township man had roomed together a year ago when the victim had moved out without paying his share of the rent.

The victim said he had been able to avoid the suspect until they both ended up at the Wilderness Park apartment, where the suspect demand the money plus \$500 in interest.

"The suspect stated that he wanted his money and challenged the victim to a fight," Price said. "He punched the victim in the face, then pulled out a

gun and pistol whipped him."

A 23-year-old resident of the apartment tried to break up the fight and forced the suspect out of the apartment and into a hallway where the gun was fired, striking the door frame. Fearing he would shot, the man ran off, Price said.

The suspect was able to get back into the apartment with the help of the man's roommate. Once inside, he again showed the victim the gun and demanded his money, Price said.

According to the police report, the victim was forced to kneel and beg for his life. At one point, he was told to look into the suspect's "eyes before he goes to heaven."

Romero was arraigned on the charges before a magistrate in weekend court Saturday, July 14. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf and bond was set at \$50,000 cash or surety. He remains in jail awaiting Thursday's preliminary hearing.

If convicted, he could face a 15-year sentence for false imprisonment. The felonious assault and discharge of a firearm are both four-year felonies, while resisting police is a two-year felony. The last charge — felony firearm — carries a mandatory two years in prison.

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## Oakwood Annapolis marks anniversary

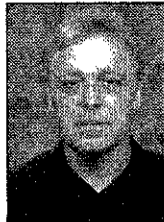
In honor of its 50th anniversary, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital have an ice cream social and a series of free health and wellness screenings 4-6 p.m., Thursday, July 26.

The celebration will take place on the front lawn of OAH at 33155 Annapolis, west of Venoy 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](http://www.oakwood.org).

## Johnson: Clean up park, safety musts

Bill Johnson, 57, is a Ford Motor Co. employee and union plant chairman for the Wayne Assembly Plant. He is married and has four children.



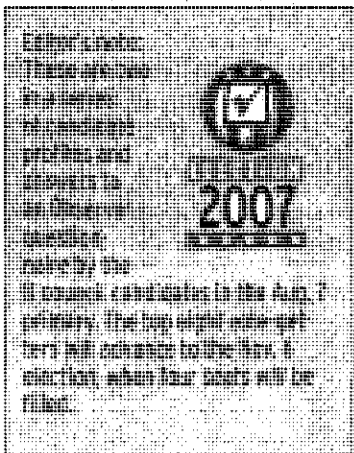
Johnson

He has a high school education and a variety of labor, negotiating and management certificates, including labor management and collective bargaining, through the Walter & May Reuther Educational Facility.

Johnson has been involved in Westland Goodfellows, Relay for Life, as a patron of the Westland Historic Village Park, in patrol for the Wayne-Ford Civic League youth baseball, Muscular Dystrophy drive, Cystic Fibrosis drive and Toys for Tots.

He was appointed to the Westland City Council in January.

**Q: Given Michigan's economic crisis, what would you do to maintain a budget surplus in**



**Westland and to protect city services?**

A: In order to maintain a budget surplus and to protect city services we must make sure the state legislature does not tamper with revenue sharing. We have lost millions of dollars over the last several years.

Also, we must continue to be aware and scrutinize the spending done by every department. Just like our personal family budgets, if it is not necessary to serve the citizens — don't buy it. I believe as a council member, we carefully examined the

budget this year and made cuts where necessary.

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

A: In order to attract more home buyers and businesses to Westland, we must first make sure Central City Park is mitigated. We can't be known as the city that has the toxic dump site. We must work with DEQ and the county to reclaim our park.

Also, we need to make sure slum landlords clean up their rental properties so people want to rent in Westland, and we need to make sure our strip malls are clean and in repair so businesses will know their retail space is a safe and pleasant environment in which to work and do business.

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

A: Three of the top priorities to be addressed by the city council are:

- 1) The cleanup of Central

City Park.

2) Make sure our police and fire departments are at full force so our city continues to be a safe place to live and raise a family.

3) Attract businesses and new home buyers so our tax base continues to grow so city services and employees can continue to serve our citizens.

**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 to continue my service on the council because I am not a "yes" man to the administration or other council members.

I think independently and study all the issues before me. If it is right for the citizens of Westland, then it is what should be done. I answer to all of Westland's 87,000 residents. I am not a politician — I am a public servant.

I am no more important than someone sitting at home and watching the council meeting on television — I am their voice.

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## Kangas: City needs 21st century plan

Todd W. Kangas, 44, is a chief investigator for the Unemployment Insurance Agency for the state of Michigan. He is married and has three children.



Kangas

He is a graduate of Newberry High School and Northern Michigan University, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing.

Kangas is past president and a current board member for the Westland Youth Athletic Association and has coached baseball, basketball and football for WYAA since 1986. He is a member of Citizens for Frontier Park, which is a plan

for a new recreational complex.

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

A: Michigan's economic woes are expected to continue for at least another year. A balanced budget should be the goal.

Westland needs to explore new and innovative ways to operate in a 21st century environment. A 21st century plan for future police and fire needs as the city grows is an absolute necessity.

Continued exploration into shared services between cities which can relieve cost burdens and can actually enhance the quality and sometimes the speed of which services occur.

**Q: What can be done to attract more home buyers and businesses**

to Westland, considering Michigan's economic climate?

A: 21st century parks and recreation facilities attract young home buyers and families. Attracting home buyers and businesses should be our number one priority. I strongly believe the time is now to invest in our future. Parks and recreation are pieces of the puzzle that can make or break a community. As past president and current board member of WYAA, I can attest to the lack of these 21st century resources in this city. Our city is losing home buyers to surrounding cities where these opportunities are present. The time is now for "Frontier Park."

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

A: The top three priorities for this city in my mind are:

a) Clean up Central City Park and invest in a 21st Century "Frontier Park."

b) Continued investment into building 21st Century police and fire departments.

c) A workable recycling program.

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

A: As past president and a former coach with the Westland Youth Athletic Association, I was trusted with your most precious commodity, your children. I am asking now for the residents of Westland to give me that same trust and faith in turning the direction of this city.

I envision a 21st century city surrounding a 21st century "Frontier Park." Let me be the light down this path.

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**BOOK**

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of Chicago's north side and killed. Oswald calls it "a surgical assassination."

"The book tells who did it, who was involved and how it happened," he said. "The story they tell isn't even close."

Oswald's originally idea was to write about the massacre, but once they saw all the information he had gathered, the two men decided they needed to write about the events leading up to the massacre in order to understand what happened and why.

Longnecker wanted to tell the story in chronological order as much as possible, but some events had their place in a certain chapter.

"We had no idea we were going to thoroughly write about the massacre itself until near the end when all the pieces fell in place," said Longnecker who installed flooring and started his own lawn care and vending services before taking on the writing responsibilities.

Oswald uses words like "a pack of lies and a cover-up" in referring to the government's version of the events. While its focus was on Al Capone, Oswald believes the culprits were out-of-town-ers, members of the Purple Gang, who did the killing. The proof, he added, is that Capone went to prison for tax evasion, not murder.

In researching the massacre, Oswald talked to the 90-year-old *Chicago Times* photographer who had photographed the scene only to have the film confiscated by police.

He also had a pathologist look at sanitized photos. The doctor told him it was

obvious the crime scene had been altered.

"There were guys shot nine times with white shirts on and no blood," he said. "One guy was still wearing his hat. The photographer said they looked like jigsaw puzzles when he first saw them. The doctor said they should have cut in half, but were the best looking victims he'd seen."

Oswald added that he talked to a lot of people in researching the book.

Many wanted the story to come out, but a few weeks later were talking differently.

"One guy told me he got pressured from the government to not talk," Oswald said. "No one wanted to admit to what was going on. These are not just our theories, they're proven facts."

Even when the book was done, the two men had difficulty finding a publisher. One that turned them down hinted that they could win the Pulitzer Prize "because we're changing history," Oswald said.

"There's so much history in this book," he added. "It's wonderful how this got done, it's awesome."

Oswald is already thinking about their next project, another book about organized crime. For now, they're busy hawking *The Chi-town Slaughter*. The book sells for \$19.95 and is available online through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

It also can be found on the Outskirts Press Web site — [www.outskirtspress.com/webpage.php/ISBN=9781432700553](http://www.outskirtspress.com/webpage.php/ISBN=9781432700553).

"Everything is true," Oswald said. "We back up what we say. People come up with theories, we come up with the facts."

**AROUND WESTLAND**

**It's a luau**

Peachy barbecued pork chops, sweet and sour meatballs, and mai tai punch are on the menu for a taste of Hawaii at the Friendship Center noon-3 p.m. Friday, July 27. Guests will also enjoy the entertainment of Michael Vegas & Friends amid Hawaiian décor. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, call (734) 722-7628. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh south of Ford.

**3-on-3 hoops**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will hold its first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimination basketball tournament 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

The divisions are co-ed and include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14). The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

For more information, call Capt. Matt O'Neil at (734) 722-3660.

**Cat Show**

The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers and the Just Cat's 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](mailto:cihawley@earthlink.net).

**Patriotic contest**

VFW Post 3323 and its auxiliaries are sponsoring the annual Voice of Democracy program for students in grades 9-12 and Patriot's Pen Essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Patriotic Art Scholarship for students in grades 9-12.

The topic is "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans" for the VOD contest, will the essay contest theme is "Why I Am an American Patriot." Applications are available by calling Sandy Borioe at (734) 728-5791. The deadline for the writing contests is Nov. 1.

Also contact Borioe for the rules for the art scholarship program. It's deadline is March 31.

**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.

**WILD**

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and as president in 2006. He also has been involved with the Westland Planning Commission, the Westland Community Foundation's board of directors, the Westland Lions Club, Westland Rotary and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

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

A: I believe my time as being mayor and the time that I served on the Westland City Council has proven that I am strongly committed to taking care of the residents of Westland.

I believe that it takes more than one person to move our city forward, so I have worked hard to build strong working relationships with the council, our state legislators, leaders of our surrounding communities, our Wayne County officials, and in particular our business community. These relationships are proving to be beneficial as we work together to move our city forward.

**Q: Describe your style of leadership.**

A: As mayor I try to lead by example. I believe that the mayor should be the city's hardest working employee.

The mayor should be both accessible and visible. I have worked hard to set a tone of professionalism and will continue to make the residents' concerns the priority of my administration.

My background is one of business and I learned that customer service is the key to any successful business. I will continue to strive to bring that commitment to the city as it relates to working with the residents — our customers.

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

A: My 2007-2008 budget is a \$60 million balanced budget that

protects a budget surplus of more than \$2 million. I have begun to compile and analyze five- and 10-year projections on city revenues and expenses as well as health care costs so that we will be able to budget accordingly as financial decisions are being made.

I'm currently seeking alternative natural gas and telephone service providers to save taxpayers dollars. I look to craft a city-wide recycling effort that takes advantage of new revenue streams and ultimately lowers our solid waste disposal costs.

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

A: Westland has begun to market itself as an "all-American city" and we are starting to stand out in this tough economic climate. New business growth has resulted in more than 250 new jobs in Westland since January alone, and we are still opening new businesses every month.

I believe clean, safe neighborhoods go a long way towards attracting new homeowners and convincing residents to stay. I have made the cleanliness of our parks and our streets one of my top priorities as mayor.

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

A: Westland Central City Park: One of my top priorities has been and will continue to be informing the residents of the situation concerning Central City Park. I'm committed to protecting the city's investment in this park and will work with state and county officials to ensure its safe reopening as swiftly as possible.

Addressing citizens' concerns: Every job funded by Westland taxpayers was created out of a need by the residents, and we will not lose sight of that.

Fiscal responsibility: I will work hard to maintain a budget surplus while not affecting city services that residents expect and deserve.

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## 2 men face trial on charges of robbing 2 7-Eleven stores

Two men have been bound over on charges related to several holdups and an attempted robbery at two 7-Eleven stores in Westland.

Richard Martinelli, 20, of Inkster and Mark Boyce, 20, of Westland have been ordered to stand trial following appearances before District Judge C. Charles Bokus on Thursday.

Martinelli is charged with two counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted robbery. He waived his right to hearings related to a June 22 holdup at the Wayne Road-Avondale 7-Eleven

store and an attempted robbery that same day at the 7-Eleven at Merriman and Palmer.

A hearing was held on a second armed robbery charge stemming from a holdup at the Wayne Road-Avondale store May 24. Sgt. David Heater has said that Martinelli acted alone in that holdup.

Boyce also has been bound over for trial following hearings on one count each of armed robbery and attempted robbery in the June 22 incidents.

The two men were arrested

June 22 after an officer spotted two suspects outside an apartment complex near the site of the aborted robbery at the Merriman-Palmer store.

The two men remain jailed en lieu of cash bonds of \$750,000 for Martinelli and \$500,000 for Boyce. Bokus gave the defendants a \$250,000 cash bond for each incident in which they're charged.

The two men will be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Aug. 2. If convicted, they could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

### INFORMATION CENTRAL

You may have heard about the Live Earth concerts that took place earlier this month, but may not know what they were about. Every continent on the planet participated in a series of performances designed to raise awareness of global warming.

Yes, there was even a broadcast from the British Antarctic Research Station! While some have criticized the event for actually creating carbon emissions, most people believe that getting the message out is more important. As one musician said in "Entertainment Weekly," "If we all agree to switch off our air-conditioning and open a window instead, [then] Live Earth will have offset itself hundreds of thousands of times."

Despite the political divide over global warming, the fact is that it is really everyone's problem. Protecting the environment is not just about making sure that squirrels have trees to climb, it is about protecting ourselves and our children.

Many experts believe that rising temperatures contributed to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and that hurricanes will continue to get worse. Also, experts say that heat waves, like the one that killed 20,000 people in Europe in 2003 will happen more often and last longer, if the trend continues.

Additionally, droughts will make it harder to grow food, while other extreme weather can destroy crops. While studies are ongoing, it is believed

that the same pollutants that contribute to global warming can also cause asthma, autism and even cancer.

Luckily, what's good for the planet is good for us, and you can help make a difference while spending less, too. Replace your regular light bulbs with compact fluorescents. While they are more expensive, they use 75 percent less electricity and last much, much longer which adds up to long-term savings.

You can also unplug cell phone and MP3 chargers when they are not in use.

When it is time to get a new car, consider something that gets better gas mileage than one you have now. With gas rising above \$3 a gallon, just getting 5 mpg more will add up to big savings for you and less CO2 for the planet.

Finally, you can stay informed. The William P. Faust Public Library has plenty of resources for you to learn from. Most of the information in this story was taken from articles found on the General Reference Center Gold database which you can also access from home.

We also have copies of "An Inconvenient Truth," the Oscar-winning documentary about the climate crisis, as well as some new books, including



"Hell and High Water: Global Warming - the Solution and the Politics - and What We Should Do."

Or if you prefer to research on the Internet, try sites like [stoglobalwarming.org/](http://stoglobalwarming.org/) and [www.ecogeek.org/](http://www.ecogeek.org/).

As always, call us at (734)326-6123 for more information.

### Highlighted Activities

**Introduction to Belly Dancing:** 7 p.m. July 24.

Come and learn this ancient art-form from belly dancing instructor, Cynthia Schankin. This mini dance class teaches the basic techniques for fun and exercise. Plus, a live performance by the Dance For Fun Belly Dance Company. Open to all ages. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. July 25.

Join us for a discussion about "Finders Keepers" by Linnea Sinclair, one of those new breed of SF - a cross-over - or log on to our blog.

**James Bond Movie:** 6:30 p.m. July 25. Join us for a screening of the James Bond movie, "The Spy Who Loved Me," starring Roger Moore. This film will be shown as part of the Summer Reading Program.

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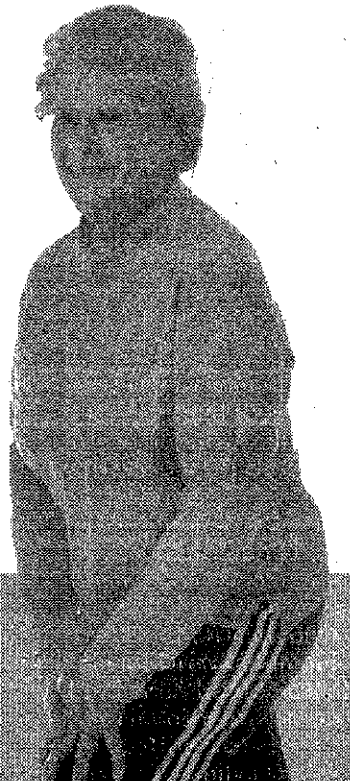
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# DFCU employee named customer service hero

A member education financial counselor at DFCU Financial was recently honored as a Customer Service Hero by *Corp!* magazine.

Charles Hoff was nominated for the honor by Kathy L. Jackson, human resource manager at Livonia-based Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, a civil engineering firm, and one of his clients. Earlier this year, *Corp!* asked its readers to identify customer service heroes — those people who go above and beyond to help others through their “competence, commitment, communication ... all qualities that set them apart.” To be selected as a Customer Service Hero, the nominator was interviewed along with the potential “hero” and

their supervisor.

According to Jackson, “He comes to our office and provides outstanding lunch and learning seminars as well as budget and financial counseling for our employees. His positive attitude and exemplary customer service deserve to be celebrated.”

Hoff has been with DFCU Financial for more than 14 years. Over this time, he saw a growing need he was determined to fill — simple, everyday financial education for people who were becoming straddled with debt.

“Things were good in the 1990s, but the faucet has been turned off and consumers have to anticipate future expenses in their budget and not lean on

credit,” he said. “My mission is to help people avoid financial problems or work their way out of them.”

Since DFCU Financial began its financial education mission in 1999, Hoff has presented more than 250 seminars and has helped more than 7,000 people.

All seminars are free and open to the public, not just DFCU Financial members. In addition, Hoff meets individually with people to review their finances and set up what usually is a much-needed budget.

Hoff is an accredited financial counselor through the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education.

Coming up are:

■ **Personal Money Management Seminar, Part 1 of Series, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, Wednesday, Sept. 12 and Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Fairlane Branch, Tuesday, Aug. 7, Monday, Sept. 17, and Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Livonia Branch, Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Canton Branch, and Monday, Aug. 13, at the Riverview Branch.**

■ **Credit Management Seminar, Part 2 of Series, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, Monday, Sept. 24, and Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Fairlane Branch,**

**Wednesday, Aug. 15, Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Livonia Branch, Monday Aug. 20, at the Canton Branch**

and Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Riverview Branch.

The seminars are free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 322-8480. For more information about what is covered in each seminar, visit the DFCU Web site at [www.dfcufinancial.com/learn/education/](http://www.dfcufinancial.com/learn/education/).

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# Peace network marks bombing of Nagasaki

An area peace group of hopes Nagasaki never happens again.

In hopes of eliminating all nuclear weapons, the Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network, which includes the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, will present their annual Nagasaki Program at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Fatima's Bradley Hall in Oak Park.

Featured will be a showing

of the film, “The Last Atomic Bomb,” depicting the horror of the 1945 nuclear blast through the experiences of a survivor.

The 92-minute film by veteran documentarian Robert Richter is a plea for nuclear disarmament that contrasts images with the recollections of survivor Sakue Shimohira, who was a 10-year-old during the bombing of Nagasaki.

Afterward, presentations

on peace will feature noted Michigan attorney and nuclear policy expert, Anabel Dwyer, and the Rev. Harry Cook, former religion editor of the Detroit Free Press. In addition, Motoko and friends, a choral group, will perform in traditional Japanese summer kimonos.

Afterwards, there will be a social period for meeting the activists and dissemination of informational literature, and

refreshments.

The band “Rabble” will also present their original songs “Ruins” and “Time for Peace.”

Our Lady of Fatima is on Coolidge at Oak Park Boulevard, between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads. The movie and program are free, however, donations are appreciated.

Colleen Mills of Livonia chairs the planning committee for the event.

# Delinquent tax notices are at record high in June

Delinquent property taxes hit a record high in June in Wayne County.

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz said his office mailed out mailed out 148,856 notices June 1 to Wayne County property owners for 2006 property taxes that were returned to Wayne County as delinquent from the County's 43 municipalities.

The total amount due to be collected from these delinquent accounts also amounted to an all-time high of more than \$290 million, which represents an increase of nearly \$90 million over last year.

For the month of June, a

surprisingly high \$25,096,038 had been collected, representing an increase of 25 percent over this same time period last year when \$20,154,923 was collected. Surprisingly, the increased amount of collections was received from nearly 350 fewer respondents.

A total of 22,365 delinquent taxpayers had responded to the notice by the end of June this year, compared to the 22,709 who responded in June 2006, Wojtowicz said.

Wojtowicz is concerned about the increased number of property tax delinquencies in Wayne County, but is pleased with the increased response to

the June mailing.

“I realize that these are tough economic times for Wayne County taxpayers, and sometimes it can be a struggle to pay your bills on time,” he said. “With that in

mind, I find it encouraging that we were able to elicit such a strong response. I'd like to think that this is at least in part a result of our ongoing extensive community education and outreach efforts.”

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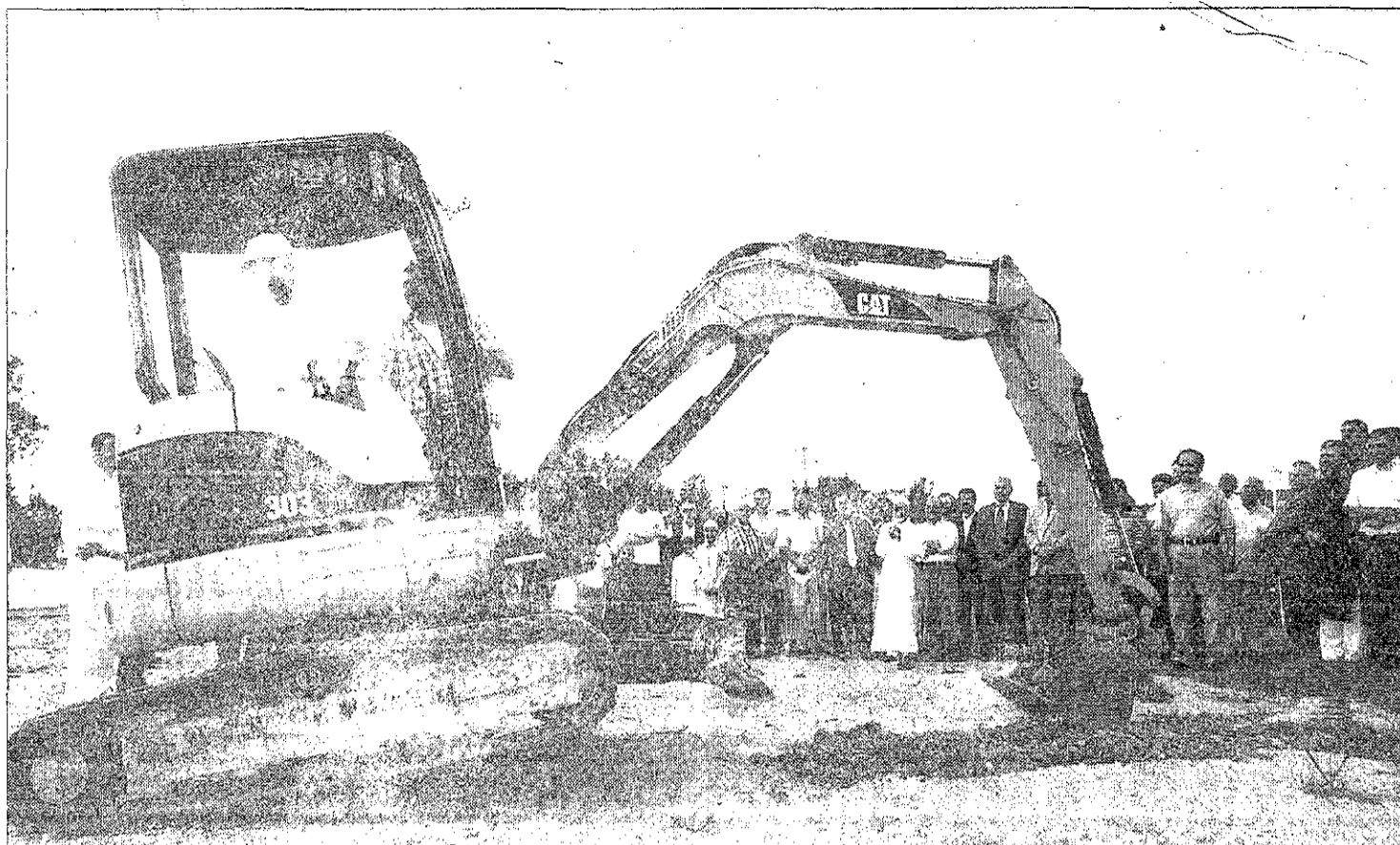
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Imam Sheikh Musa of the Muslim Unity Center handles the ceremonial first dig for the expansion project at the Tawheed Center in Farmington Hills.

## Tawheed Center ready for major expansion

The Tawheed Center broke ground Friday for an estimated \$1.2-million expansion of the main prayer hall in the mosque at 29707 W. 10 Mile in Farmington Hills.

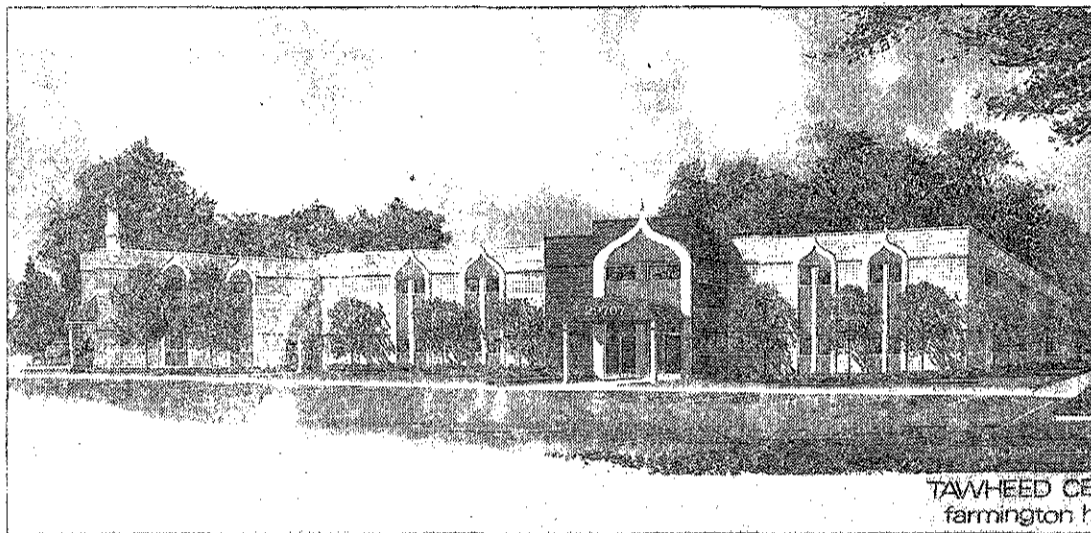
Asim Khan, chairman of the board of trustees, said the prayer hall is the latest in several phases of developing the center. The first phase was a new parking lot and a house for the Imam.

The prayer hall will be expanded from 1,700 square feet to about 24,000 square feet.

Khan said the expansion was necessary because of the growth of the Muslim community. The center was opened in 1993 with 25 families and now serves about 250 families.

Khan said that there are about 200 active members but that anyone can come in to pray and many Muslims who work in the area come in to pray during weekdays and Friday prayer services with the Imam.

The new hall will expand the men's prayer area and include a



Architect's rendering of the expanded Tawheed Center in Farmington Hills.

mezzanine for classes, a library, a conference room and new dining facilities. The Sunni mosque has separate prayer areas for men and women.

Khan said future plans include a gymnasium, department store and more.

Khan said the center has raised about \$300,000 toward the total cost of the expansion.

He said they hope to raise about \$500,000 during September and October, which is holy month of Ramadan in the Islamic calendar.

"We will complete the building as soon as funds become available, but not until sometime next year," he said.

The mosque has one full-time Imam, Sheikh Musa and vol-

unteer teacher for a religious school.

The recent brief groundbreaking included a reading from the Koran, remarks by Khan and the groundbreaking ceremony lead by Imam Sheikh Musa.

A word of thanks was made by Khalid Zafar, president of the board of directors.

## 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 23

**Childbirth Education** (third 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 24

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (third 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.

### Wednesday, July 25

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

### Diabetes "Summer School" at 6 p.m.

During the summer months, Garden City Hospital will be offering its annual Diabetes Summer School as an alternative to the Diabetes Support Group. This group meets at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classrooms, 6-8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month during the summer months. There is no fee. For more information or to register please call our Community Education Department at (734) 458-4330 or our Diabetes

Educator at 734-458-4334.

**Breastfeeding Class** at 6 p.m. This three-hour class offers expectant mothers information on the benefits of breast milk, breastfeeding techniques, getting a good start in the hospital, and how to continue breastfeeding at home and at work. There is a \$20 fee for the one-time session. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**First Aid** at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Content includes bandage and splinting, bleeding, burns, poison, shock, wounds, seizures, fractures, diabetes, stroke, heart attack and heat/cold emergencies. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

### Wednesday, July 25

#### 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 26

#### 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. 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.

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

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## Penalty doesn't fit the crime in wrestling coach's suspension

Dave Chiola looks at Casey Randolph and one thought almost certainly runs through his head:

"There but for the grace of God go I." Chiola, the varsity wrestling coach who has built a powerhouse program at Franklin High School in Livonia, calls the one-year suspension of Randolph, who has built an equally powerful program at Canton High School, "unfair," but said he was almost in the same boat.

Randolph was suspended by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for one year after he coached one of his seniors, the undefeated Corey Phillips, in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., last month.

Ironically, Chiola had considered taking his own senior standout, Josh Billiau, who had finished second in the state tournament, to the seniors meet in Virginia. Turns out the meet took place on a bad weekend for both coach and wrestler, or Chiola likely would be facing the same predicament in which Randolph now finds himself.

The whole situation is absurdly ridiculous, because there's only one group of people who get harmed here: The kids.

The MHSAA not only frowns on, but prohibits, participation by its student-athletes in national tournaments, such as the McDonald's All-Star basketball games. The penalty, as Casey Randolph found out last month, is severe.

The idea is the MHSAA doesn't want its state championship tournaments to be seen as "qualifying" events for national tournaments. Some believe — as ludicrous as it sounds — that demeans the state meets.

That's silly; still, a rule's a rule, and Randolph should have known better than to coach his wrestler in the tournament. Even he admits that. It's hard to believe a coach of Randolph's caliber didn't know the rule, but we take him at his word.

"Would I have stepped on the mat down there if I had known I was going to be suspended for one year? Absolutely not," Randolph told us. "This suspension is just short of ripping my heart out."

Coaches at other schools, most notably Highland Park, where administrators have threatened to sue to stop the suspensions, were handed the same penalty. Randolph, a physical education teacher at Canton, will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAA's Representative Council on Aug. 13 in East Lansing, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman.

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The 19-member council is made up of athletic directors, coaches and school administrators from across the state. Heinzman said she is hopeful the punishment will be lessened due to Randolph's impeccable history leading up to last month's tournament.

"It was Casey's first violation of any kind and he did not know all the rules about coaching student-athletes at national tournaments," said Heinzman. "Rules were broken and there will be consequences. We just weren't expecting the maximum penalty."

It's reasonable to expect both Randolph and Heinzman would have known the rule and followed it, regardless how ridiculous and unfair it is. These tournaments are a casting call for college-hopeful athletes.

Coaches from colleges around the country attend them, and athletes who might not otherwise have gotten a look get a chance to get a scholarship. In some cases, it's the only look these coaches get; according to Chiola, many of them don't attend the Michigan state meets because they occur smack in the middle of the college wrestling season.

"I think there are so few colleges that have wrestling (programs) now, sometimes the only chance these kids have of getting a scholarship is to go to senior nationals," Chiola said. "Once they're there, it's unfair to be there without a coach."

Randolph is a two-time Regional Coach of the Year and his teams have earned Academic All-State honors twice. He's a coach trying to do it the right way.

That doesn't give him the right to break the rules, even one that clearly needs changing as badly as this one. It's perfectly reasonable to expect him to face a consequence for his actions.

It just shouldn't hurt the kids.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by calling (734) 459-2700.

## Intermediate school districts: innovations past their prime

To hear policymakers and school officials talk, you might think that intermediate school districts are creatures of a recent innovation, offering the promise of cost savings through shared services and improvement through collaborative effort. ISDs are, in fact, an education governance innovation of the early 1960s, a model that should be replaced with pioneering reforms being implemented in other states.

Evolving from county superintendents instituted in the 1860s and countywide school districts created in the late 1940s, ISDs were intended to assist local schools with auditing, provide access to specialized equipment, settle boundary disputes, liaise with the state education department and provide some specialized services, such as vocational-technical centers and special education support.

Last year — some 45 years after their establishment — ISDs had combined total budgets of about \$2.3 billion. They employed more than 20,000 people statewide and maintained a fleet of more than 700 motor vehicles — not including leases or buses. Revenues from the six possible local property taxes that the 57 ISDs can levy have increased every year, as have federal monies in most years and — in some years — state subsidies.

A far more substantive reform would be for Michigan to join a cadre of states that provide specialized services by giving parents greater options.

Despite significant enhancements to their more humble beginnings, ISDs appear to serve the same general purposes as they did in the 1960s. Since then, however, technological advances have improved accounting, reporting and communication between a once-distant state education department and school districts from Marquette to Monroe. Such advances have led to Web-based training and resource sharing. Cutting-edge schools run effective school-based — rather than regionally based — research-driven professional development programs that have contributed to some of the best student achievement results in the country.

These innovations have not reduced ISDs' roles in Michigan. Rather, in the face of such technological innovations, many politicians want to expand ISDs, ironically with tasks that ISDs were apparently intended to perform in the first place, such as facilitating the sharing of resources and services.

Some argue that ISDs fill a niche in the areas of special and vocational education services. However, many of these services are offered by other entities — such as local districts and com-

munity colleges — and other services could be offered in inventive and more efficient ways.

Still others argue that ISDs should be helping local districts collaborate. But ISDs appear to be woefully behind in helping local districts, for example, implement data systems to improve student performance, a practice that has been employed for years by high-performing schools around the country. Of the 30 ISDs that said in a Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators survey that they were developing a "data warehouse," about 46 percent had "partially" or "fully" implemented this. Of those, only three ISDs reported that data is "integral" to improving schools in their districts. Tellingly, a survey conducted in 1966 found that 46 percent of ISDs were providing "data processing" services — exactly the same percentage as 2007.

If Michiganians are satisfied with incremental improvements, we could start reforming ISDs by adjusting current policies. For instance, ISD board members would face greater accountability if they were directly elected by voters rather than appointed by local school boards. Another reform would be to require ISDs to disclose more detailed financial data in their annual reports, including information on how ISDs are spending property tax revenues for operations and capital projects.

A far more substantive reform would be for Michigan to join a cadre of states that provide specialized services by giving parents greater options. Doing so would improve the quality of services, save money and increase parental satisfaction.

The McKay scholarship program in Florida, for instance, offers the opportunity for a special education student to attend an independent school on a scholarship that's worth significantly less than what public schools would spend for the student. Nearly 18,000 special education students voluntarily participate in the program, and, according to a 2003 survey, 93 percent of parents whose children received scholarships were satisfied with the services their children received. That number is more impressive when compared to the 33 percent of special education parents in Florida who were satisfied with special education services in public schools.

If policymakers and residents are truly interested in improving public schools, we could bring our education system into the 21st century by moving beyond psychedelic-era "innovations" and instituting policies that would save money and allow all parents — including those who currently receive services from ISDs — to choose a school based on their children's unique needs.

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Three types of reactions to

a fire situation were found in studies. In rank order, people were concerned about: evacuation of the building (a good choice!), fighting the fire (or some attempt to confine the fire), and warning or alerting others.

While some of these behaviors are proper in many circumstances, the study also found that many people feel they should reenter the burning building, delaying fire department notification. Untrained people reentering burning buildings without the gear that firefighters have is almost certain to be a poor choice.

Females were found much more likely to warn others about the fire situation, followed by leaving the building, requesting assistance and evacuating their families. Males were inclined to stay and fight the fire, followed by taking actions to minimize the risk, such as closing doors. The males then ranked leaving the building and evacuating oth-


ers next on the list, followed by calling for assistance as their last choice.

The part of the study that I (as a firefighter) find encouraging is that the more frequently people received fire training or instruction on what to do in a fire, the more likely those folks were to raise the alarm or organize evacuation as a first action.

Make no mistake about it ... when a fire or fire alarm sounds, the proper action is to take your family and exit the building. Once outside, call the fire department to inform them of the emergency. Plan ahead and quiz your family on fire reaction while out to dinner, at a theatre before the movie starts or at a sporting event. This study is living proof that the more training you have on fire safety, the more likely you are to take appropriate action. Stop by your local fire station if you have any questions or concerns.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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Former Canton football players Brian Rider (left) and Jake Powers are the brains behind Digital Wingman, a two-year-old company that provides colleges and universities with a variety of marketing tools for their Web sites.

## 'Chief' operating officers

Former Canton football players score in the world of business

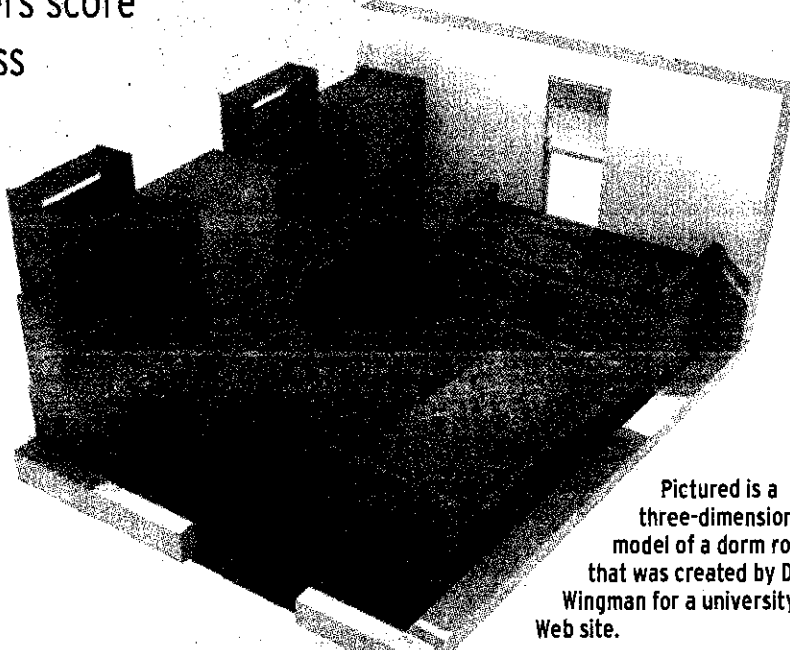
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Almost every successful entrepreneur's path to riches can be traced back to a single site of inspiration.

For Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, it was the middle school classroom that stored the first computer he ever set his eyes on.

For Nike CEO Phil Knight, it was the quarter-mile oval track at the University of Oregon, where he tested his soon-to-be-popular running shoes.

For Jake Powers and Brian Rider, it's the practice football field located



Pictured is a three-dimensional model of a dorm room that was created by Digital Wingman for a university's Web site.

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## Rebels making strides despite tough defeat

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

When the Redford Rebels' debut season began in early June, team manager Bruce Corner wondered whether a collection of players from schools such as Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Livonia Franklin and others could mesh into a competitive unit.

With time running out on the 16-Under travel squad's first year, games such as Wednesday's 11-5 loss to the Beverly Hills-based Michigan Red Sox might indicate Corner hasn't gotten the answer he wanted.

But he insisted that there has been plenty of progress, in spite of a 6-14 record that begs for improved consistency in all phases of the game.

"We've become a team," said Corner following the Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League game at Capitol Park in Redford Township. "When we started out we had guys from different schools and the coaches had to figure out where to put the pieces to the puzzle. It took some time, but this team has jelled."

Leading the way are several varsity players from Thurston - Ryan Smith, Brian Corner, Jeremy Wafer - and RU varsity player Bobby Ray. Franklin players on the team include Tyler Barnes, Mark McRobb and Travis Docusen. Meanwhile, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Dearborn Divine Child each have two players on the active roster. The Rebels haven't been able to deal with the loss of several opening-day players, but have come out and competed to the coaching staff's liking. This weekend comes yet another test when the team participates at the CABA World Series in St. Clair Shores.

Against the Red Sox (3-3), a five-run top of the first put the home team in an inescapable hole. Starting pitcher Eric Ely

(Catholic Central) struck out the first batter, but fired a wild pitch on strike three enabling Jamey Sackett to reach base.

That set the ugly tone, with Ely walking four batters and giving up three hits in the inning. Aaron Ball knocked in the first two with a single and James Englehart (2-for-4) followed with a two-run triple to the gap in right-center.

"The Red Sox play aggressive baseball," said Corner afterward. "We had some sloppy play and got behind early."

But Redford showed some mettle with a three-run bottom of the first, quickly putting a dent into the deficit.

Ely (1-for-3, two runs, two RBI) helped his cause with a two-run single and Smith (1-for-2, one run, one RBI) followed with a sacrifice fly to left to make it 5-3.

A bases-loaded walk issued to Ball tacked on a run for the Red Sox in the second and another came in an inning later on a single by Sackett (2-for-3, two runs).

It was an 8-3 game in the bottom of the third when a two-out error kept the Rebels' inning alive. Smith singled and A. J. Ewart (Catholic Central) plated both with a double to center.

Two errors cost Redford an unearned run in the fourth, however, making it 9-5, and Daniel DuComb (2-for-4, two RBI) keyed Michigan's two-run sixth with a run-scoring triple that sailed over the left-fielder's head.

"We shut them down a couple times, but we couldn't get our bats going," said Corner, about how his squad couldn't mount much of an attack in the later innings against Red Sox relievers Donald Clark, Ball and Englehart.

The only Redford hits over the final four frames were a triple in the fourth by Joe McCulloch (Divine Child) and a fifth-inning single by Ray.

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Youngsters complete a dribbling drill during Wednesday's portion of the Detroit Ignition summer soccer camp at Independence Park in Canton Township.

## Kids get a kick out of Ignition camp

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How often do young soccer players get an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game while rubbing shoulders (and shin guards) with some of the most talented professional players in the world?

More frequently than you might think thanks to a series of clinics orchestrated by the Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League franchise.

The latest - and largest - clinic unfolded last week at Independence Park in Canton Township, where close to 200 ready-to-learn youngsters exchanged passes, conversations and high fives with several Ignition stars, including Ryan Mack, Droo Callahan and Worth Sampson.

Before the waning days of summer approach, the Ignition will have staged close to 20 camps and clinics throughout the state.

"Our ultimate goal with these camps

is to improve the young players' skills and to expand the sport of soccer in the community," said Ignition General Manager Greg Bibb, whose team advanced all the way to the MISL's championship game in its inaugural season. "We had close to 200 kids here this week, so it was definitely a good week. The facilities in Canton are first rate and we had a good turnout from our players and coaches."

MARK PULISIC, Ignition head coach

Members of the Ignition staff keep the camp hopping by mixing in a

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## UDM hires former SC hoop coach

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

For nearly a decade, coach Carlos Briggs hoisted Schoolcraft College's men's basketball program to the heights.

Now, the Livonia resident will have a chance to help do the same as part of the "Titan family" at University of Detroit-Mercy. Briggs last week was named an assistant coach to UDM head coach Perry Watson.

"I feel privileged and honored to be in the Titan family," said Briggs, whose Ocelot teams compiled a record of 249-39 during a nine-year run that ended in 2006. "I'll still be in the Detroit area working under coach Watson, and that can do nothing but better myself as a coach. He (Watson) has always been a teacher and I thank God I'll have the opportunity to work for him."

At the same time, Watson is looking forward to getting to work with Briggs, who takes over the assistant's role from Bacari Alexander.

"I am very excited to add Carlos to our staff," said Watson in a press release. "He is experienced at the college level and is a proven winner."

One area where Briggs is certain to help the Titans is in recruiting metro-Detroit high school and junior college players.

"I recruited guys from Detroit to go to Schoolcraft," said Briggs, who had 45 of his Schoolcraft players move up to Division 1 colleges since the late-1990s, including former Titans Torvoris Baker and Rulon Harris. "I'll help him (Watson) with recruiting."

### PLENTY OF PASSION

The next cycle of recruiting - which begins this week - will give Briggs a

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## Sidelines

### Pitch, Hit & Run

Garden City's Zach Vera-Burgos finished third out of four national finalists in the 13-14 age division at the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest, held July 9 at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

Vera-Burgos, 14, also got to shag fly balls that evening during the Home Run Derby portion of Major League Baseball's All-Star Game festivities.

He qualified for the trip to Frisco when he captured the Michigan competition at Comerica Park on June 9.

### Pass, Punt & Kick

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting an NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Livonia soccer fields, which are located on Hubbard Rd. between Farmington and Merriman roads. Registration will begin at 4 p.m.; the actual event will commence at 4:30 p.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 15 are eligible to compete in the PP&K, which allows youngsters to showcase their football talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of this year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the local competition, will advance to a sectional competition.

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### Gaelic football

The Detroit Wolfettes will host the Pittsburgh Celtics in a Gaelic football game this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Flodin Park in Canton. The Wolfettes' roster includes residents of several Observerland communities, including Plymouth, Canton and Livonia.

Gaelic football is a cross between soccer, basketball and rugby.

Flodin Park is located on Saltz Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads.

### Pride softball

Three Plymouth-Canton Pride fastpitch softball teams - 10U, 12U and 14U - will be competing in the USSSA World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. from July 23-29.

The teams are coached by Mike Burnard (14U), Mike Gerou (12U) and Dave Senkbeil (10U). Visit www.USSSA.com.

### Kris Perani Cup

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## Bulls rout Rams to end win streak

One bad inning Wednesday at Ford Field in Livonia was all it took to knock the Michigan Rams off the winning track.

A six-run third by The Bulls turned a scoreless Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game into a rout, with the Rams falling 9-1 to drop to 15-13-2 on the season.

In the third, the Bulls parlayed seven hits into their big rally and they tacked on another run in the fourth and two in the fifth to go up 9-0.

The Rams - who only managed a single by Ryan Shay - scored in the sixth, with Max Kelmigian knocking in Frank Pershichino, who walked.

For the victors, Josh Ivan went 2-for-4 with three RBI while Kyle Rhoad (2-for-4,

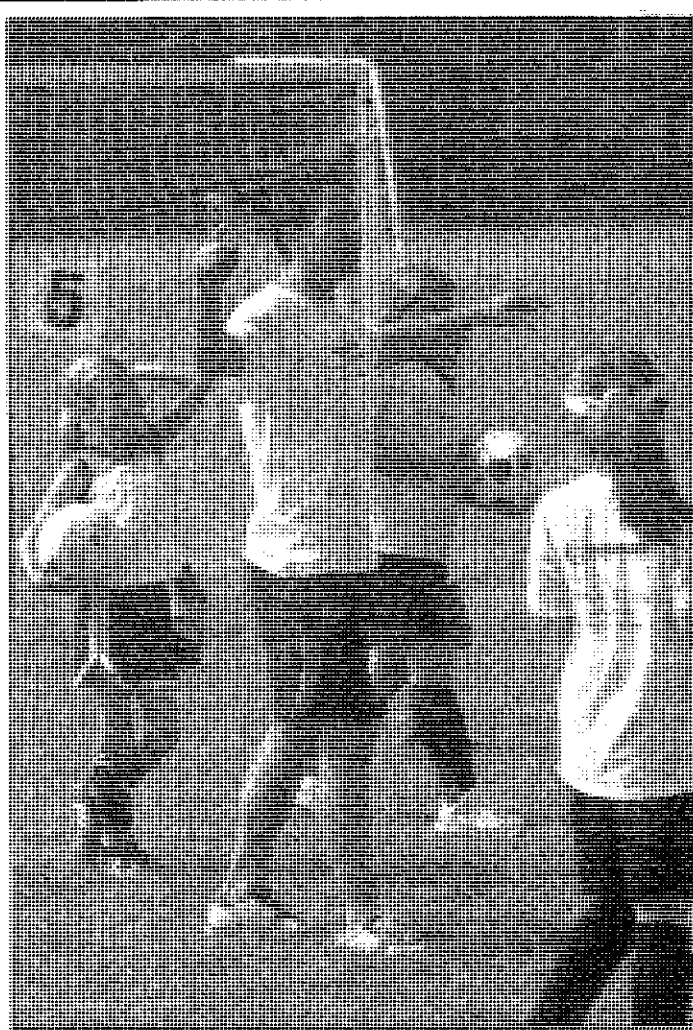
two RBI), Aaron Powell (2-for-4, one RBI, two runs) and Sam Palace (2-for-3, two RBI) paced the 11-hit attack.

### Tourney nears

Earning the win for the Bulls (18-8-2) was Bryan Weeks while Justin Collop took the loss for the Rams.

Pending season-concluding league games Friday against the Bulls and Sunday against the Cubs, the Rams will get ready for the AAABA Regional Tournament in Zanesville, Ohio (which begins Aug. 7).

Before leaving for the tournament, however, the Rams will take part in an exhibition 6 p.m. Tuesday at Madonna University against the Metro Tigers of Pontiac.



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Detroit Ignition player Ryan Mack runs kids through a drill during Wednesday's camp.

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blend of drills, skills competitions and scrimmages.

"It's more of a grass-roots type camp than anything," said Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic. "We work on a lot of basic and technical skills like dribbling, passing and receiving, and we mix in a lot of fun games for the kids. We also have World Cup-type scrimmages at the end of the week."

"Part of the Ignition's overall plan is to have the players get out into the community as much as possible, and there's no better way to do that than these camps. It gives the players a chance to interact with the kids and then when the season starts, the kids will come to the games, point out to the field and say, 'Hey, I know him.'"

The camp concluded Friday with an awards ceremony and cookout.

Several parents seized the opportunity to take photos of their kids with Ignition players.

And judging by the broad smiles, the players had as much fun as the kids.

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## BUSINESS

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just outside Canton High School's Phase III building.

Powers and Rider aren't yet in Gates' and Knight's tax bracket, but they're heading in the right direction thanks in large part to the principles they learned while playing high school football from 2002-05.

The duo, who are both just weeks away from starting their junior year of college, are the "Chief" operating officers of Digital Wingman, a two-year-old company that provides colleges and universities across the country with a series of marketing tools for their Web sites, most notably three-dimensional models of dorm rooms and off-campus apartments.

### Growing list of clients

Ten schools - including Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Georgia - have already signed contracts with Digital Wingman, and several more are on the verge of becoming customers.

Powers and Rider credit much of their company's early growth to the character-building skills that they acquired during the often-rigorous Canton high school football practices they endured for four consecutive autumns.

"The discipline, commitment and character that we developed from playing high school football have helped us a lot when it comes to running a business," said Powers, who is half-way toward earning a degree in Commerce Organizations and Entrepreneurships at Brown University in Providence, RI.

"After a long day of classes, football practice (Powers is a linebacker on the Brown football team) and studying, I'm up pretty late working on proposals to present to colleges for our company. When it's 3 a.m. and I'm doing this stuff, it's a lot like finishing that last conditioning run in practice. There are a lot of parallels to what we're doing now and playing football."

### Motivational words

Rider, whose stellar gridiron career ended following his final high school game, agreed with his former fellow tight end and current business partner.

"I can still hear coach

(Tim) Baechler's voice in the back of my head sometimes motivating me to keep going and to try to do better," he said. "The No. 1 thing our coaches at Canton stressed was the importance of having good character, and it's paying off for Jake and I now, as well as for a lot of our former teammates. They taught us things that not only applied to winning games on the football field, but things that apply to succeeding in life."

Rider first pursued his dream of owning his own company during his freshman year at Grand Valley State University.

The computer science major measured several dorm rooms on the school's campus, then created three-dimensional models of the rooms with a variety of furnishing options by using a computer modeling program.

### A company is born

He then presented his idea to the head of the GVSU admissions office and his first client was in the books - or the end zone.

"It was a lot like putting hours upon hours of practice in, then getting the big win on Friday night," Rider said of his company's first success story.

Powers jumped on board early this year and serves as the company's primary sales and marketing person while Rider handles the technical end of the operation.

"All five of my roommates at Brown are from five different states, so I asked them to visit colleges near their hometowns this summer," he said.

"Some of them even did some measuring for us. And Brian has five guys at Grand Valley that are helping with the modeling."

### Giving back

Like Gates and Knight, Rider and Powers are showing they have a charitable side.

"Brian has hooked us up with a non-profit in Grand Rapids that we're going to work with," said Powers. "Our ultimate mission is not just to make money for ourselves, but to give back to the community, too."

That sounds like a game plan the ex-Chiefs' coaches would applaud.

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# Bucks tame Fever and earn Great Lakes title

BY DAN STICKRADT  
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The second goal has been achieved. Now its time to run to another.

The Michigan Bucks put the finishing touches on their first Premier Developmental League Great Lakes Division title in three years Wednesday night, topping the host Fort Wayne Fever, 4-1.

The Bucks, who won the PDL national championship last August despite being the 11th seed in the 16-team national tournament, clinched their 11th postseason berth in 12 seasons last weekend after they trounced the West Michigan Edge, 7-1.

"We haven't won the division since 2004, and that's when (the) Chicago (Fire) were in another

division," said Bucks second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald. "This was one of our goals. It's nice to get it this year. We were second to Chicago last year."

Michigan (11-3-3, 10-1-3), which had to win its final four regular season matches last July just to grab a postseason bid, led 3-0 at the half, thanks to the offensive tear by Kenny Uzoigwe. The speedy forward, who notched three goals and two assists in the Bucks' previous game was named PDL National Player of the Week, torched the nets for two more tallies and set up another to give him a team-leading 15 goals on the season.

Uzoigwe is ranked second in the national in goal in the 64-team league and first in the seven-team Great Lakes Division.

"Kenny and (midfielder Nate) Jafta defi-

nately, have been their best lately," added Fitzgerald. "Kenny scored two last night, too — he's on fire. He only played 50 minutes (Wednesday) night and 60 minutes against West Michigan, and he's scored five in those games. Jafta has done a great job getting our forwards the ball."

All three first half goals were scored between the 27th and 42nd minute when the Bucks were dominating the Fever defense, with Uzoigwe scored twice and Jafta the other.

Following the halftime substitutions of Uzoigwe, Jafta and others, the Bucks continued to pound the Ft. Wayne defense, but could not put another goal past Fever goalkeeper Zach Gibbons until Xavier Bale curled in a free kick from 34 yards out in the 85th minute. Gibbons faced 26 Bucks shots during the

course of the match.

Fitzgerald said that some starters will rest and plenty of reserves will see action during the Bucks' final weekend of the regular season, which included a contest late Friday night against the Toronto Lynx.

The Bucks will wrap up the regular season Sunday with a 1 p.m. game in Columbus, Ohio, against Fort Wayne.

"Sunday at Crew Stadium, we'll probably play our first-team for first half, get them out of their and get some other guys in their. We don't want to get anybody hurt," said Fitzgerald. "Chicago has already qualified, so their won't be any changes in our division. It's over. There are five or so other teams fighting for other spots in the other divisions. We'll try to get ready for the playoffs."

## BRIGGS

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chance to check out players from all over southeastern Michigan, hopefully finding sleepers in the process. "We're going to look at every school."

Meanwhile, Briggs said he is anxious to team up with the veteran Watson and help the Titans bounce back from an 11-19 record in 2006-07.

"Perry still has a lot of fire in him," said Briggs, an all-conference selection at Baylor University and fourth-round draft pick of the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association in 1986. "His big thing is passion for basketball and passion for kids. He has a lot of passion."

He'll also soak in the knowledge at Calihan Hall. "My biggest thing is, I'm going to get in there and learn as much about basketball as I can," Briggs added.

Watson's new assistant already is very well-schooled about the sport, however.

After ending his pro career (he played in the CBA and World Basketball League) Briggs enjoyed plenty of success on the sidelines at Schoolcraft, where he had also played basketball and graduated before moving on to Baylor.

Former Schoolcraft athletic director Ed Kavanaugh hired him to coach the Ocelots before the 1997-98 season and that move paid dividends with Briggs winning district, regional and conference coach-of-the-year honors on three occasions.

His best season at the helm was 2000-01, when the Ocelots won 35 games in a row (finishing 36-1) and making it to the Final Four in the National Junior College Athletic Association postseason tournament.

"Without them, I wouldn't have the chance I have now," said Briggs, thanking Kavanaugh and others at Schoolcraft for helping spark his college coaching career. "Life is about opportunities, and taking advantage of them."



## Heat wave

The Garden City Heat, a 12-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, finished second with a 4-1 record in the Riverview Summer Festival (June 29-July 1), losing 7-6 in the finals to the Allen Park Jags. The Heat added a 2-2 record at the USSSA Open state tournament last weekend. Members of the Heat include Samantha Bellovary, Casey Blas, Heather Chiti, Dominique Emery, Katie Englen, Casandra Ford, Gabriel Joseph, Jackie LaGraff, Ashley Lynn, Julian Potvin, Kelsey Susalla, Shannon Watson and Hillarie Werda.

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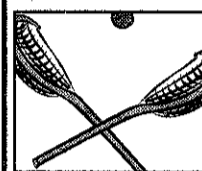
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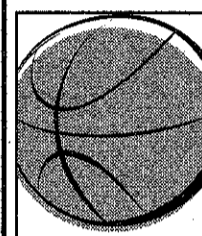
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## SPORTS SHORTS

## O&amp;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. Call (248) 476-4493.

## Motor City Jr. Golf

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

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Call (248) 476-4493.

## 3-on-3 hoops

The first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimina-

tion basketball tournament will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy, Westland. The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Divisions for co-ed include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14). Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions. For more information, ask for Captain Matt at (734) 722-3660.

## Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

## High Velocity soccer

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics through August.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from

\$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

Schedules and fees are available on www.hvsports.com.

The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

Call (734) HV-SPORT.

HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered

for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else.

## Celebrate Life 5K

The first annual Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run-walk for cancer will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Grounds in Livonia.

Early registration (on or before Sept. 7) is \$20 (includes T-shirt). Registration (after Sept. 7 or race day) is \$25. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

Call (734) 655-1402; or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

CITY OF LIVONIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PUBLIC SERVICE DIVISIONADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
FOR  
CITY HALL GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan, as owner, until 2:00 p.m. on **TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2007**, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

ROOF RESTORATION OF THE EXISTING BUILT-UP ROOFING SYSTEM ON THE TWO ROOFS OF THE UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE LOCATED AT THE LIVONIA CITY HALL ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX, DIRECTLY WEST OF THE PRIMARY OFFICE BUILDING STRUCTURE. THERE ARE TWO AREAS OF FLAT ROOF, EACH WITH APPROXIMATELY 4000 SQUARE FEET.

A mandatory pre-bid inspection meeting to explain the project and answer any questions will be held at the job site (City Hall Garage) located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, on Friday July 27, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. All work must be completed within forty-five (45) days after execution of the contract. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bids.

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

Patrick A. Hogan  
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Mayor

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IDYL WYLD GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE  
RENOVATION PROJECT

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the project site, Idyl Wyld Golf Course Clubhouse, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at the offices of Silver Village, 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

## SCOPE OF WORK

Removal of existing vinyl kitchen flooring, install new vinyl kitchen flooring and cove base and install vinyl flooring in apartment foyer entrance in 108 residential apartments at the Silver Village housing community. The project is to be funded by the 2006-2007 Silver Village operating budget.

## CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Specifications and bidding documents will be available beginning Monday, July 23, 2007 at the Silver Village administrative offices, 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing which are included in the Project Manual.

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The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.

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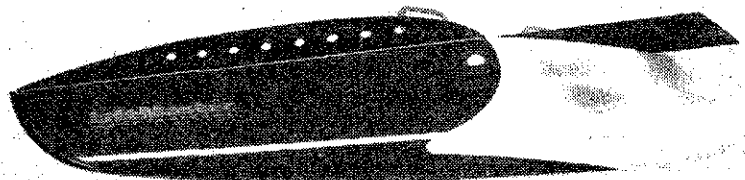
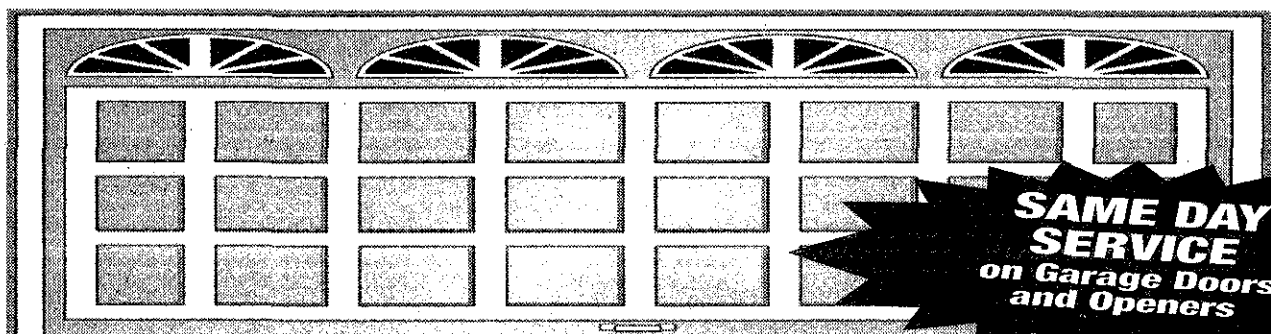
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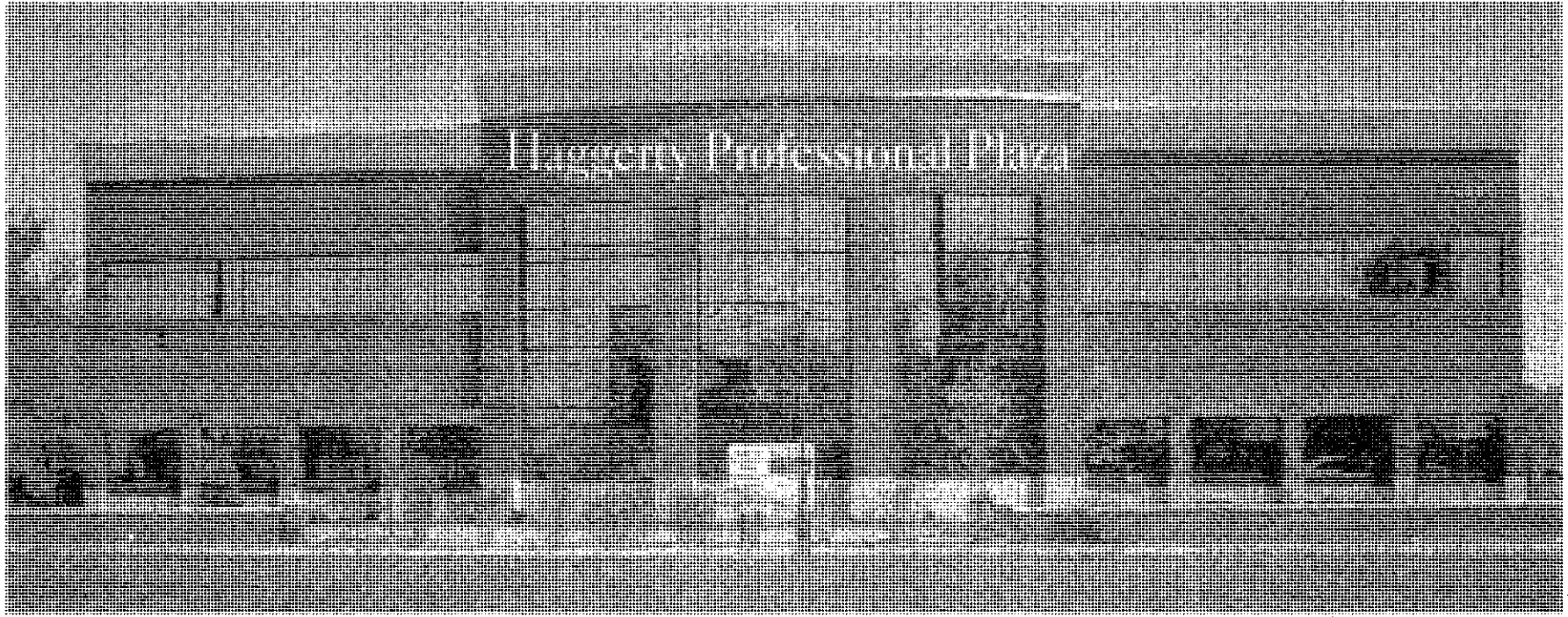
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I'm assuming your boyfriend is upset about what your friend is telling him and you're concerned that it's affecting your relationship with him. The most important question here is: Are you flirting with other guys? If you don't feel that you are flirting, ask your friend why she thinks you



Monica Fulton

are. Sometimes we aren't aware of how our actions and words are perceived by others. You might mean to come across as friendly and social, but others might be thinking you have other motives in mind. Ask your friend to give specific examples of times when she's thought you've crossed the line between friendly and flirtatious. This way, you can think about what your intentions were and compare that to what other people thought your intentions were. Then, you need to tell your friend that you

do not have plans to cheat on your boyfriend and ask her to stop telling him that you're flirting with other guys. Ask her, instead, to tell you when she thinks you're flirting so you can take steps to curb your over-friendly nature. You certainly don't want the wrong person getting the wrong idea!

I have a friend that got caught smoking marijuana. Sometimes he tells me that he has urges to do it again. What should I tell him to do?  
**Looking for Answers in Garden City**

Tell your friend to get help — immediately! When teens use drugs, they can become addicted in a much shorter time period than adults who begin using as adults. This is because your brains aren't fully developed yet and all the necessary connections haven't been formed yet. When teens use drugs, they interrupt their brain's development and may actually stop certain connections from ever being made! Tell your friend to talk to his parents, a member of the clergy, a school counselor, or other trusted adult — right away! If your friend is experiencing urges he can't control, even after being caught using, he may be in the early stages of addiction. Even if it hasn't gotten this far, it's important for him to reach out to positive adults and drug-free friends in his life to help him make choices that don't involve marijuana use. As his friend, offer to be with him when he talks to his parents; encourage him to tell them that he needs help to avoid drug use. There are a number of substance abuse treatment programs for teens in the area; his parents can find out what type of treatment is covered by their health insurance by contacting the number on the back of their health insurance card. If your friend's parents don't have health insurance, your friend can contact Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) at (800) 686-6543 for assistance with substance abuse treatment.

How do people deal with all the pressure put on them daily? The pressure to excel. The pressure to look good all the time. The pressure to be thin. The pressure to be pretty. The pressure to always be good. There is too much pressure and not enough downtime!  
**Pressured in Garden City**

You said it! There is definitely not enough "downtime" in our society today. But, it's up to each one of us to change that for ourselves. We can make the choice to slow down, take a deep breath, and notice the world around us. We can make the choice to settle down with a good book instead of signing up for another activity. It's hard to say "no" to friends, sports, social activities, etc. But, sometimes, we need to just BE! No phones, no texting, no MySpace, no e-mail. Just BE!

Can you do that? It's a challenge for most of us. But, taking one small step in that direction can help slow your pace a little. Now, to address another part of your question, it's obvious you're feeling a bit overwhelmed (to say the least!). I encourage you to really analyze all those things you listed that you feel pressure about. Who says you need to excel? Who says you need to "look good," and what does that mean, anyway? What does "thin" mean and who says you have to be it? Same thing goes for being "pretty."

Many times, we put too much pressure on ourselves. It might come from a need to be accepted by our friends and loved by our parents but ... our parents love us unconditionally and if our friends are really our friends, they will accept us no matter what! Stop trying to be perfect — it is impossible to achieve. My idea of perfection is different from your idea of perfection, which is different than your best friend's idea of perfection, etc., etc., etc. Give it up! Instead, focus more on doing what you know is right ... breathe ... and stop to smell the roses every once and a while! Using relaxation techniques like yoga, deep breathing, and visualization can help you deal with the pressure of our modern-day society. I encourage you to search the library, Internet or bookstore for more information on these topics.

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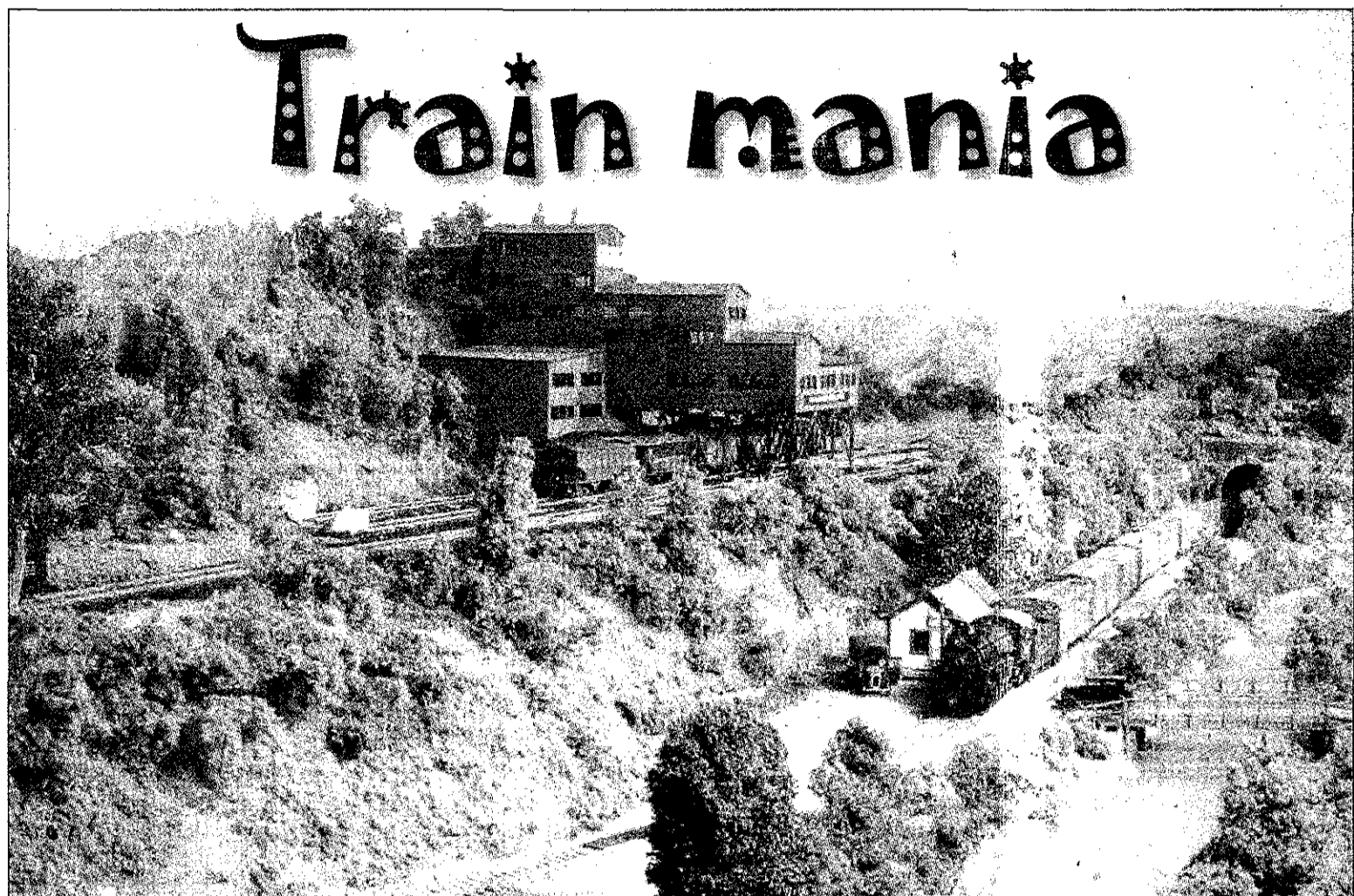
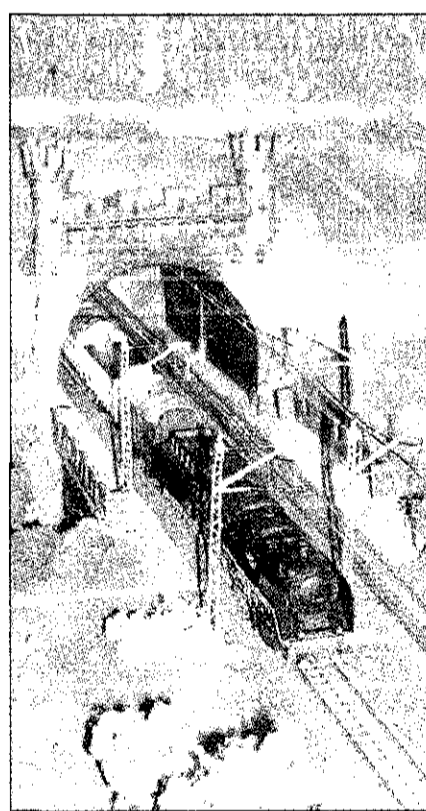


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This is Naomi Junction on Larry Wright's Beaver Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad, which runs in his Canton basement.

## Local Scouts, longtime enthusiasts show off their model railroads

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
 STAFF WRITER



The European Train Enthusiasts model European railroads, trains and landscapes.

When model railroading enthusiasts gather this week for the National Model Railroaders Association Convention and the National Train Show at Cobo Center, they'll have a chance to check out a train layout that has been in the making through several generations of Livonia Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop 875 from St. Paul Presbyterian Church will be the only youth group in the annual "world's largest model train show."

"This project actually started in 1990," Scoutmaster Charlie Schlaepfer said. "We built the first eight table sections at D-Bar-A summer ranch. We turned one of our cabins into a sawmill for a week."

Over the years, four groups of Scouts have participated in making model train cars, buildings and scenic designs. They've taken their creation to local train shows and shared their layout with seniors at the Livonia Senior Center. But the National Train Show is their biggest venue yet.

The National Train Show travels to a different city and state each year. The show at Cobo will cover 188,000 square

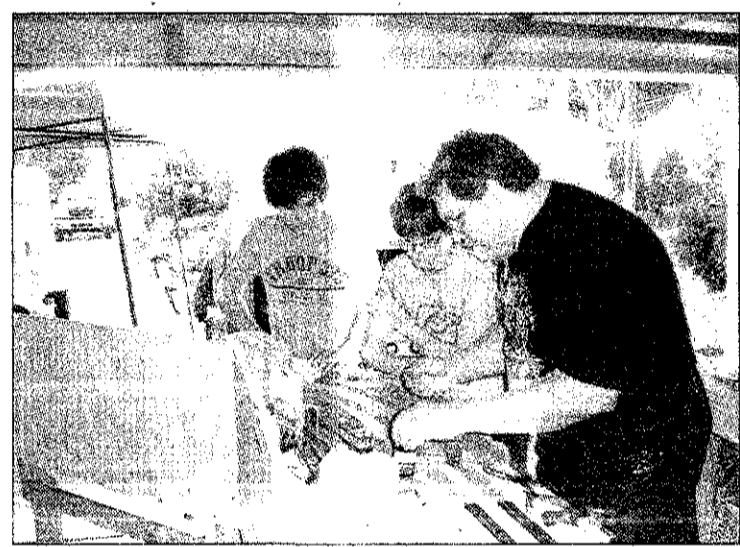


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Scoutmaster Charles Schlaepfer works with, left to right, Garrett Gault and Shane Stillwell preparing track for the layout Boy Scout Troop 875 will present at the National Train Show Friday-Sunday.

feet and include a 54,000-square-foot section devoted to 22 simultaneously operating model train displays. The show will also feature collectors, vendors and manufacturers exhibits.

At each National Train Show, the Incredible Lego MiniLand features a city layout made of more than 2 million Legos featuring landmarks of the host city. This year it includes old Tiger Stadium, the David Stott

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### NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW

**When:** Friday, July 27, to Sunday, July 29  
**Where:** Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, Detroit  
**Times:** Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, July 27; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 29  
**Admission:** Adults \$10; seniors (65 and over) \$9; two-day tickets \$18; children (6-12) \$5; children under 6 free

## How does your garden grow?

### God's love, people's labor yield bountiful harvest

BY JULIE BROWN  
 STAFF WRITER

The Bible talks about feeding the hungry, and local Christians have heeded that call.

Local churches are among those who've planted vegetable gardens to help feed the needy. Resurrection Catholic Parish on Warren in Canton has been doing its vegetable garden for several years.

"We grow it organically," said Tina Gerlach of Canton, a Resurrection member in charge of the garden. Produce is

taken to St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Detroit for needy people. "They also can give those people some produce," said Gerlach, whose family owns Garden City Cake Shoppe and Ideal Cakes in Canton. About eight Resurrection members keep up the garden.

A few years back, Gerlach overheard a church deacon talk about such a garden.

"I'm a master gardener and I thought, 'Great, this is right up my alley,'" she said.

The pastor, the Rev. Richard Perfetto, encourages worshippers to get involved,

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Helene Flesher searches for pests such as Japanese beetles in the garden at Resurrection Parish.



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# Seniors grateful adult day program continues after setbacks this year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Angie Andrzejewski tries to knock down all of the bowling pins on the table, but ends up with a split. The 92-year old Canton woman doesn't seem to mind though. Andrzejewski is just happy recreational activities are available at Revival Outreach Adult Day Services (formerly HelpSource) on Beck north of Five Mile.

The program nearly ended when HelpSource made the decision to close its doors in May. The nonprofit Ann Arbor-based agency had provided child and family services in Washtenaw and western Wayne counties for nearly 100 years.

More than once, the adult day services program has been in jeopardy. At the beginning of the year, director Laurie Krause was notified the program would have to vacate the rented space at Riverside Park Church on Newburgh at Plymouth road in Livonia. On May 1, she and the seniors moved into the Revival Outreach Center building, formerly the site of Our Lady of Providence. On July 1, the Revival Outreach Center church adopted the program primarily tailored for senior citizens who are not totally independent due to dementia, stroke or other diseases, and could benefit from structured, supervised activities up to five days a week. It is funded by the Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging), community development block grants from Livonia and Canton, The Information Center, and donations as well as members fees which are based on a sliding scale depending on income.

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (734) 927-6605.

"We have three rooms, with room to grow," said Laurie Krause. "We offer activities, social recreation, provide respite for family members. We're an alternative for elderly who are isolated and alone. Revival Outreach Adult Day services is for age 21 and older and we serve all areas. We have members from Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Canton, Novi, Northville, Ypsilanti, Dearborn Heights, but have lost members due to the distance since we moved. We're holding open enrollment right now and looking forward to getting new people."

Activity assistant Colleen Wagner thinks all of the changes have only benefitted seniors.

"It's a lot more space," said Colleen Wagner of Westland. "It's an awesome program and this is home now. The church has been so welcoming. We're happy we're here. This morning we played bingo in the other room. It's stimulating for them to move from room to room."

Mike Morche and the congregation have witnessed the difference the adult day services program makes in the lives of seniors and the church as well.

"We found out about their program and the outreach and concern they had for area seniors," said Mike Morche, Revival Outreach Center facilities director. "When it became known that HelpSource was going out, the deacon board and leadership team went to work to see if we could make that work. It was one of those providentially arranged coincidences, a God thing. They've really added another connecting point to the community



Angie Andrzejewski (throwing bean bag), assistant activity director Colleen Wagner (back right), and Josephine Rozmarynowski (back left) enjoy a day of fun at the Revival Outreach Adult Day Services program.

for us. Our congregation is driven by love. We feel our role in the community is to reach out to hurting people in all of these kinds of situations. When you reach out to help somebody, it's not long before you realize who's the beneficiary. Seniors bring a wealth of life experience. They're part of the family now. I'm not sure who adopted who. I think the sentiment is we're the real winners."

Angie Andrzejewski has been coming to the adult day program for more than a year.

"I like it because we get together," said Angie Andrzejewski. "You don't want to sit home and look at the walls. This is the thing for seniors to do."

"I've enjoyed it," added Merrill Ray, 76, of Livonia. Ray has been having fun with the rest of the seniors for about a year. "I come twice a week but many of the seniors come four to five days a week."

"The game is fun," said Shirley Burden after taking her turn at tabletop bowling. The 71-year old Livonia resident has been coming to the program for the last couple of months. "People here are real nice. You can get out and enjoy yourself."

"It's good to be with other people and not be by yourself," added Mary Christner, 91 of Canton. Like Burden, Christner joined the program a couple of months ago. "I don't think we're born to be by ourselves. I live by myself, so it was nice once I got acquainted with the people here."

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## TRAINS

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and Fisher buildings, the Main Library and the Detroit Institute of Arts. A Lego train runs through the layout.

Schlaepfer has been involved with Scouting and model railroading since he was a boy, joining in 1975 and becoming an Eagle Scout in 1982. As a Scoutmaster, he has encouraged the interest of his troop because of all the skills involved in railroading. Scouts can earn a model railroading badge and other badges from the various skills needed to build a model railroad.

The layout has no particular theme, but draws on the interests and imaginations of the boys involved.

"Each boy gets an area to work on, put scenes together and go from there," Schlaepfer said.

Patrol Leader Alex Pepper, 15, shows off a treehouse he and another Scout designed and built.

"Our patrol is named The Patrol, so we named it The Treehouse," Pepper said.

Matt Vizzaccaro, 13, has been helping with the elaborate wiring for the 24-by-20-foot layout.

It was his first experience with electrical work.

Both boys enjoy the opportunity to do what they want.

"It's fun to do different stuff with it and let your imagination go with it," Alex said.

The current troop of 16 boys has incorporated their war games figures and done some elaborate models of decayed urban buildings. The war scenes even included simulated bombing.

"Last time at the senior center, we had a war with it," Alex said.

The boys will be setting up Wednesday in preparation for the Friday opening to the public.

### EURO-STYLE

While most American model railroaders recreate the glory days of the Pennsylvania, New York Central or Santa Fe railroads and the American countryside, the European Train Enthusiasts look across the Atlantic for inspiration.

The 35-member Great Lakes Chapter will be presenting an 18- by 32-foot modular layout. Members come from throughout southeast Michigan and northern Ohio and is based in Ann Arbor.

"Most of our group are from overseas and our group models European trains," said Dan Roe of Canton. "I'm the odd one. I wandered in by accident. I saw some trains I liked and they were by Marklin and they make European trains."

Roe is a quality engineer for a machine shop in Westland who has been

involved with model railroading for more than 50 years.

"Just like all of us, a relative gave me a Lionel when I was 8 or 9. That's all it took. I've been a rail fan and a model rail fan ever since," he said.

Roe said the exhibit will feature a little bit of Holland, a lot of Germany and familiar European countryside. Recreating a world in miniature is the prime attraction for Roe.

"With me, it's the engineering. It's the challenge from an engineering standpoint to create this miniature world," he said. "I enjoy watching the kiddies come by and watch their faces. I'm more a scenery junkie than a train junkie."

### ARTIST'S HOBBY

It is artistry that has kept retired Detroit News cartoonist Larry Wright of Canton involved.

"I've been doing this for 35-40 years," he said. "I had trains when I was a kid, Lionel stuff. My grandfather was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad."

The public National Train Show is the culmination of the annual week-long National Model Railroading Association Convention. As part of the convention, area modelers participate in layout tours, inviting NMRA members to visit their home layouts.

Wright will be showing his fictional Beaver Valley and Pennsylvania Railroad, based on the real Maryland-Pennsylvania.

Wright belongs to an informal group of model train enthusiasts who meet at a different house each week and keep eight railroads running on time.

"We call ourselves the Midnight Pocatello Yardmasters. It's an old railroad cliché, a drifter trying to get a job would claim to a Midnight Pocatello yardmaster as a reference that would be hard to check," Wright said.

His 35- by 55-foot HO layout has been built over the last 11 years with help from the 18 club members.

"We run it like a real railroad. We run it on schedule, that's what we enjoy," he said.

The creator of the *Kit 'n' Carlyle* comic strip finds artistic satisfaction in his layout, which was featured in the April issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine.

"I'm an artist and I used to paint," he said. "Model railroading is like painting in 3D, satisfying something no painting did."

Tom Draper of Phoenix, chairman of the National Train Show, said last year's show in Philadelphia drew 22,500 visitors and he expects Detroit to attract even more.

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# GARDEN

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and the garden, now measuring about 70 by 30 feet, became a reality. It has some 17 raised beds, put in because of the gravel gardeners found in the planting area.

"They really like tomatoes," Gerlach said, noting homeless people lack cooking facilities. Raw beans, cucumbers and peppers are also popular.

The Resurrection garden was a lot of work to set up. Gardeners had hoped for a sprinkler system close by; Gerlach's partner in gardening, Elaine Jeris, who knows a lot about vegetable gardening, got help last year by having her husband link the garden into a sprinkler system.

"With all her help, it's just worked out," Gerlach said. "It's been great."

This year, her husband and Jeris's linked up a sprinkler system with a faucet right there and a permanent trench. "It makes it easier to get volunteers," Gerlach said.

"We keep it mulched really well to keep the water in," which cuts down on weeding. Deacon Don Leach, also on staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church of Plymouth Township, has been Resurrection's link to the Detroit ministry.

"I think everyone who has volunteered to help has gotten something out of it," said Gerlach, citing helping others, getting to know each other and being outdoors.

Resurrection gets some produce from worshippers' home gardens, and church members have helped by providing such things as plastic containers for produce.

Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon in Canton put in a vegetable garden for the first time this year.

"They were looking to provide some fresh vegetables for people coming in for the food bank" the church operates, said Don Glass of Canton, a Geneva member in charge of the garden there. "It's growing very nicely. The zucchini is ready to be picked." Cucumbers are doing well, too, and tomatoes and squash are coming along at Geneva.

"I think it's the community service, to provide vegetables for the community," said Glass, who teaches foreign language at Central Middle School in Plymouth. Some 8-10 members work on the Geneva garden, which has a sprinkler system that has minimized problems from this year's dry weather.

"Definitely," Glass said of wanting the Geneva garden to become larger in future years. He cites "the joy of doing something for others that's good to make you feel like you're doing something for people." Geneva gardeners are eager to get the word out to local needy people about their produce.

If you'd like to start such a garden, there are sources of help. Gardeners at Geneva met this year when starting their garden with Michelle Glowa, new garden development coordinator for the Growing Hope nonprofit based in Ypsilanti.

Growing Hope started its first garden seven years ago, and has been incorporated as a nonprofit for three years.

"We believe that church gardens are a great way to bring the community together," Glowa said. Growing Hope offers training and resources, to help churches, schools and other community groups make their gardens grow.

"We've helped about 15 gardens get off the ground," primarily in Washtenaw County, she said. The biggest obstacle can be that it's easy to get excited, but building infrastructure, finding committed volunteers and getting groundwork done ahead of time are important.

"A lot of people take it home for personal use," Glowa said of food grown. Many donate to food banks, and some bring produce to the Ypsilanti farmer's market to sell.

"We encourage all of our gardeners to participate in Plant a Row for the Hungry," a joint campaign with the Washtenaw County Food Bank and Growing Hope.

To learn more, go to [www.growinghope.net](http://www.growinghope.net), or call Growing Hope at (734) 786-8401.

"I think that everyone's been watering. The plants have definitely been stressed," Glowa added when asked about this summer's dry spell.

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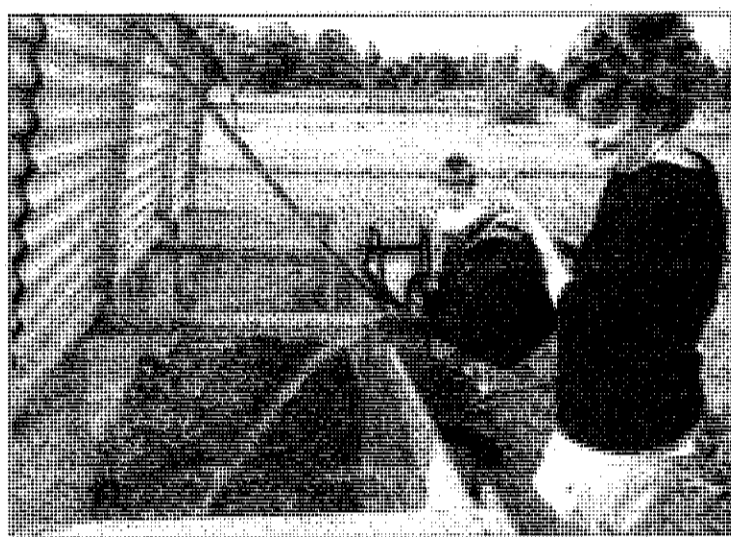


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A spinning pinwheel helps keep birds away as Veronica and Jack Flesher water while they're in the garden.



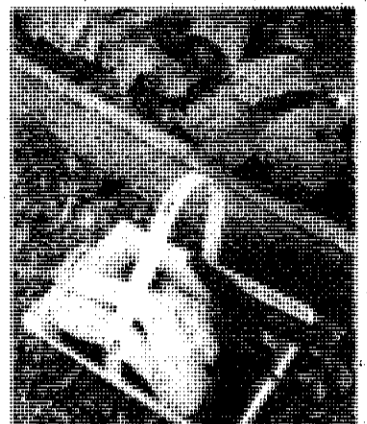
Tina Gerlach spends lots of time caring for the garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton.



Elaine Jeris adds water to the compost, while Jack Flesher watches.



Tina Gerlach waters the cabbage patch.



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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.

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**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)422-0D87 or e-mail info to kimsiasophia@gmail.com. Reunion Web site is www.8HSreunion1987.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.

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 gfronter@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@myblue-light.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 e-mail kharning@yahoo.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 sandysgardens2003@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 (Minnielly) Reynolds at (248)553-6718.

**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: kaynilitu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

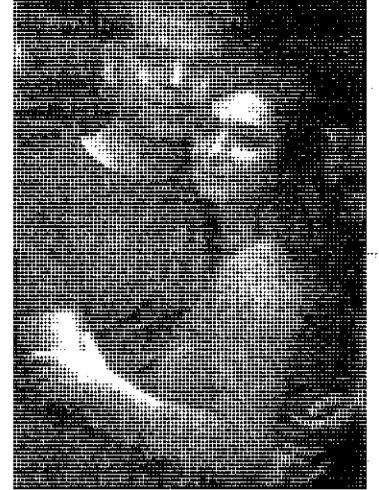
**Class of 1977**  
 A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

ENGAGEMENTS

**Ostafinski-Hulsebus**  
 Dave and Susan Ostafinski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Ostafinski of Ann Arbor, to Mike Hulsebus of Ann Arbor, son of Jim and Marlene Hulsebus of Grandville, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. In 2003, she graduated from the University of Michigan and works as an image editor at a photography studio.

The prospective groom graduated from Grandville High School in 2003, and the University of Michigan in 2007. He is employed as a photographer.



The wedding is scheduled for October 2007 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

WEDDINGS

**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; Melanie Burkett, 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 Pera, 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.

**Yunker-Cummins**  
 Katrina Marie Yunker and Ryan Robert Cummins were married June 30, 2007, at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford with Magistrate E. Wayne Byrum officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Steven and Vickie Yunker of Livonia. She is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The groom is the son of Cathy Cummins of Livonia, and Robert and Margaret (stepmother) Cummins of Altamonte Springs, Fla. He is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Mary Ash, and bridesmaids Alison Kirkland and Tamara Yunker. Flower



girl was Natalie Yunker. The groom was attended by Best Man Brad Garrity, and groomsmen Shawn Kirkland and Ryan McMillen. Ushers were Thomas Payne and Douglas Miller.

A reception was held at the golf course. The couple honeymooned in Miami Beach, Fla. They make their home in Livonia.

BIRTHS

**Charlotte Brynn Bargowski**  
 Julie and Craig Bargowski of Chicago announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Brynn Bargowski, born April 25, 2007.

Charlotte weighed in at 8 pounds, and measured 19-3/4 inches long at birth. She joins 3-year-old big brother Bryce Richard.

Julie Bargowski is formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, and Craig Bargowski is a former Canton resident.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton, Charlene and Bill Stamp of Calgary, Alberta,



Canada, and Warren Oberhansly of Alaska.

**Alexis Maya Emmell**  
 Alexis Maya Emmell was born on Feb. 26, at Wolmack Army Medical Center at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Her proud parents are Warren and Jill Emmell of Fayetteville, NC. Alexis has one brother, 2-year-old Warren Wesley Emmell III.

Proud grandmother is Carol Gorriss of Livonia.



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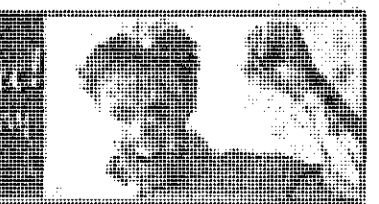
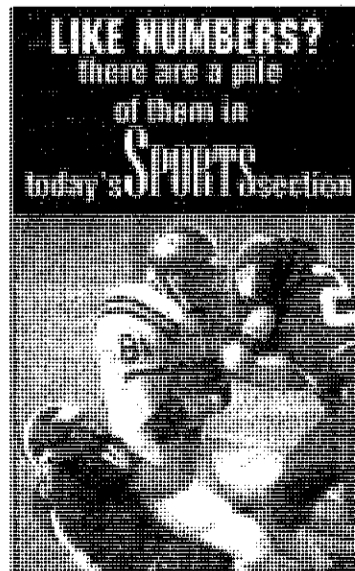


**Taylor's celebrate 50th**  
 Margaret and Don Taylor of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 28, with family and friends.

The couple were married July 21, 1957.

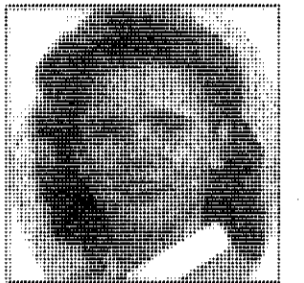
Don retired from Chevrolet after 23 years in 1999. Margaret is a domestic engineer.

Don and Margaret have five children; Bryan, Tami (Larry) Phillips, Kelli Palmer (Mike), Lisa (Bill) Cunningham, and Denise (Pete) Stoutenburgh, and nine grandchildren; Kris, Joey, Philip, Hope, Ryan, Ian, Miles, Alyssa, and Addison. The couple's first great grandchild is on the way.



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**ETHEL LINVILLE BAILEY**

Age 87, now a resident of Sheffield, TN, passed away at home on Monday, July 9, 2007. Ethel was born in the family home on Little Cypress Creek in Wayne County, Tennessee, on May 21, 1920, the seventh child to Dora and James Linville. She attended high school in Collinwood, TN, where she excelled at athletics, particularly basketball, leading her 1937 team to the state finals in Murfreesboro. A shooting forward, she scored a school record of 612 points in that championship series. She attended Austin Peay Normal to receive her teaching credentials and later received an undergraduate degree in education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. While caring for four small children, she completed a master's degree in education at Wayne State and did work toward her doctorate. She first taught in the two room schoolhouse at Fairview in Wayne County, TN, after the War when she moved to Michigan, she studied and taught in early elementary education. She taught for 34 years in the Garden City, MI school system near Detroit, and for the last 26 years in kindergarten at Henry Ruff Elementary School. She was loved and admired by students, parents and colleagues and acknowledged as an excellent teacher and educational leader. During her long career, she served as a teacher to other educators and taught over 2000 individual boys and girls, often several generations of the same family. An active member of the Garden City Library Commission, she chaired its building campaign, opening the new building in 1954; she also served on the Board of the Northwest Child Guidance Clinic for many years. Ethel married Essel William Bailey, who grew up near her on Middle Cypress Creek, in May 1941. They raised four children together and were proud of every child. They enjoyed traveling and once took a nine month trip around the world, visiting 34 countries and making new friends; along the way, Ethel was invited to teach both children and teachers in schools in England, Scandinavia and Australia. Ethel loved all children, and her own especially. Teaching, basketball, collecting classic cars and old dictionaries, trees, flowers, the ocean, and the great outdoors were all passions. Her husband Essel survives her, along with all her four children, Essel Jr., of Ann Arbor, MI, James, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and David and Amanda Diane, of Grand Junction, Colorado; her grandchildren Trey, Justin, Nicolas, Emma, James, Thomas, Robert, and John, and many nieces and nephews, including Debbie (Linville) Eisemann of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Peggy (Smith) Lowery, formerly of Collinwood. She was predeceased by her sister, Bessie (Linville) Smith, and her six brother, Rex, Kermit, Ralph, James, Paul, and Ross. Services were Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 11 am at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel, Collinwood, TN with Emerald Bailey and Dean Olive officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery with Shackelford Funeral Directors of Wayne County in charge of arrangements



**PRISCILLA BARBARA KING (Witkowski)**

Age 70, of Troy, Michigan for over 40 years, formerly of Hazel Park, MI, passed away July 19, 2007. She was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Hamtramck, MI, the daughter of the late Stanley and Anna Witkowski. She married Elerious L. King on November 30, 1955 and he preceded her in death on January 21, 2006. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, in Troy. She loved dancing, music and cooking, her Keeshound dogs and animals. She also loved her children, grandchildren and gatherings with family & friends. She loved to play her marble game with her family. She also worked along side her husband for 50 years at Atlas Veneer and Fireplaces in Troy. She is survived by her children: Kinette Bayliss, Troy, MI, Darcie King, Sterling Heights, MI, Edward King, Clinton Twp., MI and Jule (Amy) King, Troy, MI; grandchildren, Brett, Lance, Ethan, Evan and Carly Marie; brothers, Joseph (Meridith) Witkowski, Sterling, MI and Stanley Witkowski, Madison Heights, MI and brother-in-law, Alvert King, Troy, MI. Visitation will be Sunday & Monday, 3-8pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd., 248-689-0700. Rosary Monday 7pm at the funeral home. She will lie in State Tuesday 10am until Funeral Mass at 11am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 280 East Square Lake Rd., Troy with Fr. Ronald J. Jozwiak officiating. Interment: White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials may be made to Michigan Lupus Foundation or Beaumont Hospice Fund. Share memories at the online register book at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

**BETTY L. STRAND (nee Williams)**

Age 82, July 14, 2007. Beloved wife of Forrest. Dearest Mother of Susan (David) Morell, Janet Flessa, and John (Mary) Strand. Loving Grandmother of John (Erica) and Scott (Kristina) Morell, Eric and Mark Flessa, Dennis (Raegen) Findlay, and twin great-granddaughters, Alexandra and Madison Findlay. Devoted sister of Dorothy (Bill) Baldwin, Patricia Schuett, and Dr. John (Marie) Williams. Preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Wanda Williams. Funeral services were Thursday, July 19, 2007 at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 5300 W. Maple Rd., in West Bloomfield. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church.

**CLIFFORD ALBERT VOEGE**

Passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Carolee Inns of Brighton. He was born November 12, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Albert and Lenore (Larson) Voege. Mr. Voege proudly served his country during the Vietnam Era. He enjoyed outdoor sports including hunting and fishing. He was a big fan of the Detroit Red Wings and also enjoyed movies. Prior to his retirement in 1997 he had been employed by Detroit Diesel Corp, as a Personnel Clerk for many years. Mr. Voege was the dear father of Suzanne (Troy) Tousey of Golden, CA and Scott (Tracey) Voege of Chicago, IL. Fond grandfather of Evan Mahan Voege. Grandfather services will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Keen Funeral Home, 706 W. Main St., Brighton (810-229-9871). The family will receive friends on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. The family has suggested memorial contributions to ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Dr., #200, Southfield, MI 48076 (www.alsmf.org). You may visit our online guest registry for Mr. Voege at www.keenfuneralhome.com

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**NATALINE (JAMMA) HENRY**

Age 71, of Detroit, MI, made her transition July 12, 2007 at Henry Ford Hospital. She leaves her mother, Willa DuBoise; long time companion, Billy Hudson; two sons, Charles & Timothy Henry; one daughter, Tracye Brown; two daughter-in-laws. Also known as "Jamma" to her four grandchildren and other loving family members and friends. Her memorial service was held at Sacred Heart Church, 1090 Elliot, Detroit, MI.

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### LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsive, family-oriented, kids OK. **2209301**

### LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SBCF, 38, 5'6", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies, for friendship, possible romance. **2215299**

### SINCERE ONLY

SBF, 38, feminine, beautiful, easy, easy confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. **2210870**

### HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF, 38, 5'2", 130lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? **2213418**

### FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeking partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. **2202106**

### FRIENDS FIRST

WWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for cute, doozy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **22139719**

### ONCE IN A LIFETIME

SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a sim to medium build, N/S, gentleman, 40-65, 5'8", for companionship, romance and more. **2212530**

### ROMANTIC EVENINGS

SWPF, 53", 120lbs, auburn/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, traveling, antiques and long walks, would like to meet a SWM, 55-60, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2202603**

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

SWF, 66, 5'8", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a WH/M, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, romance and more. **2207181**

### LOOK OUT HERE I COME

Somewhat shy SF, 34, pet owner, works hard but loves to have fun, simple times, good company. Seeking nice SM, to share a little fun and friendship. **2209826**

### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-60, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. **2209242**

### TRY ME

SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing, laughter and simple times. **2213013**

### I'LL MAKE U SMILE

Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/M, to share friendship, fun times, seeks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. **2212864**

### PRETTY IN PINK

SWF, hard-worker, likes gardening, working-out, movies, music and painting, seeks a SWM, 45-58, honest, caring, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2209885**

### BIG HEART

SWF, 48, 5'2", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. **2211960**

### SOULMATE SEEKING

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful, JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **2209875**

### PERSONAL AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, energetic, attractive, 130lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed, gentleman, 30-50, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2209351**

### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SWF, 57, homemaker, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. **2211330**

### HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find me. Seeking SM, 65+, **2212793**

### COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 74, very active, 5'1", brown/brown, loves life, travel, music, festivals, good company, nice walks, scenic drives. Seeking compatible, kind SWM, solid build. Any who enjoys the same. **2212844**

### A GOOD MAN TO

Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. **2209955**

### NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest, gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling and home. **2209908**

### SEEKING SPECIAL GENT

DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. **2209926**

### TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confident, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. **2209814**

### POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2209381**

### SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish man please. **2206237**

### SOUND LIKE YOU?

SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. **2207859**

### CALL ME SOMETIME

Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, good times, casual, fun with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. **2209752**

### MAKE ME LAUGH

DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SD/W/M, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **2209852**

### CURIOS AND ADVENTURESOME

SWF, 58', blonde/blue, hwp, enjoys sincere friendships, good conversations, traveling, dancing and the beach, searching for a SWM, 52-58, with a warm smile and great personality. **2206243**

### SIMPLE REQUEST

Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SM, 27-37, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2209361**

### SOUND LIKE YOU

SWF, 44, easygoing, loves the outdoors, seeks romantic and passionate man for LTR. **22170340**

### OLD SCHOOL GIRL

looking for old school guy. SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, nice guy, for dating and possibly more. **2218572**

### LIFE IS TO SHORT

SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. **2218912**

### WANTING A MAN TO LOVE

SBF, 35, 5'9", 172lbs, brown complexion, home-owner, independent, goal-oriented, looking for a handsome, kind, respectful, monogamous, even-tempered SM, 35-40, medium-dark complexion, reliable, loving and caring, for loving relationship. **2214313**

### GOOD TIMES

Hand-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **2215938**

## MATURE AND SEXY

Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and let live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good hearted guy. **2219972**

### SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. **2218975**

### WILD AND SOPHISTICATED

Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. **22147056**

### ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/cars, shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship. Happiness. **2209826**

### CLASSY LADY

SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **22192050**

### WORTH YOUR CALL

SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **2201987**

### SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 160lbs, N/S, N/D, Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, etc. Seeking honest man 50-80, race open. **22134425**

### OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN

SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over. **2209077**

### QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING

SWF, 23, searching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **2208814**

### LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, locks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. **2210247**

### READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. **22184114**

### LET'S MEET

SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SM, 48-50, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2205287**

### CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-68, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2202254**

### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, firm, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. **2211526**

### DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced/WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2202298**

### LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, 57', blonde, intelligent, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, christian +, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. **2206291**

### LOOKING FOR ME?

Energetic SBF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, movie, theater, outdoors, sports, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk! **22135617**

### NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shopping pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special time. **2217228**

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Attractive, caring SBF, 31, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-stud, for friendship first, possible LTR. **22181458**

### LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

SBF, 23, outgoing, like to have fun, movies, walks, dining, travel, enjoys movies, reading, interests and companionship. **22193525**

### GIRL NEXT DOOR

SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. **2216547**

### ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF, 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. **22189807**

### LET'S TALK

SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and movies, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-60, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **22190972**

### HOPES TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM, 30, 5'8", N/S, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium length hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things life offers. **22191375**

### GIRL NEXT DOOR

SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. **2219272**

### SENT FROM HEAVEN

SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. **2201386**

### THE GOOD LIFE

SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SF, 20-38, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. **2218684**

### HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes color painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. **2200770**

### GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **22093780**

### SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60, I'm a very caring, affectionate, loving person who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **2208574**

### VERY CUTE

SBF, 58, 5'3", 125lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **22113198**

### READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentleman. **22092549**

### I NEED A LOVE...

To keep me happy, attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 40, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2208059**

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

### NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. **22140690**

### A GOOD HEART

Easygoing, honest, simple man, 37, 6', 200lbs, healthy, loves sports, romance, snuggling. Looking to meet a kind-hearted, commitment-minded woman, curvy A+, to share companionship, laughter, possible LTR. **2209203**

### SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Spontaneous, fun SWM, 40, medium build, enjoys lively conversations and humor, seeking a good-natured SWF, 29-49, for casual dating and friendship. **2213824**

## FRIENDLY BLACK MAN

SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-80, friendship, hopefully more. **22114530**

### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, cooking and more. Friendship, possible LTR. **2209846**

### ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady medium build/fit/figured, to share all the simple pleasures. **22110024**

### VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. **2277324**

### THE REAL DEAL

SWM, 58, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5' 9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. **22134028**

### TAKE A CHANCE

Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with a happily like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. **22161885**

### READY WITH A SMILE

## Life saver VNS therapy helps reduce depression

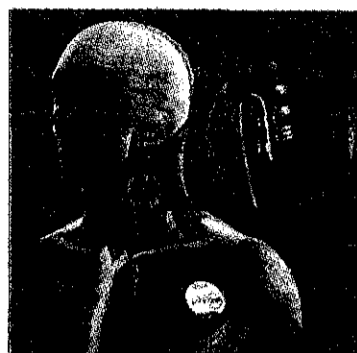
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Patrice Rudowski speaks frankly about the mental illness that almost caused her to commit suicide.

The Auburn Hills woman has experienced treatment-resistant depression (TRD) and bouts of mania since her early 20s due to a bipolar disorder. Over the years she has tried more than 20 medications without success.

After two treatments of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and five hospital stays within the last 12 years, Rudowski, 45, could no longer live with the emotional pain. She made a desperate plea for help to her psychiatrist, Dr. Joel Young of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine in Rochester Hills.

In May 2006, Rudowski received the Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) implant,



The VNS device delivers mild pulses to the left vagus nerve in the neck.

a pacemaker-like device used since 1997 to control seizures in people with epilepsy. The technology works by delivering mild stimulation to the left vagus nerve in the neck, activating areas of the brain responsible for mood disorders and seizures. VNS therapy was approved in June 2004 by the FDA for TRD patients age 18 and older



Dr. Joel Young and assistant Katie Denean demonstrate how the levels can be adjusted for VNS (vagus nerve stimulation) Therapy.

who have not responded to four courses of anti-depressive medications.

"VNS did save my life," said Patrice Rudowski. "Without it I would have committed suicide. I would have found a way."

All but two of Dr. Joel Young's 14 patients have experienced improvement in their moods since receiving the VNS implant. In addition to the therapy, Young offers clinical trials of different medications

for depression at the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine.

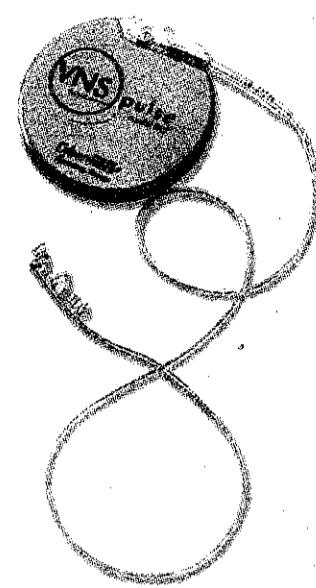
"They found epileptic patients had mood elevations with VNS therapy. Cyberonics (maker of the device) did clinical studies on the affect on TRD and found it is effective," said Dr. Joel Young of West Bloomfield. Young's been treating patients with depression for 15 years and is on staff at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "TRD is a very difficult patient population.

Roughly half of my patients have failed courses of ECT. They're chronically depressed patients willing to undergo a mild surgical procedure by a vascular or neurosurgeon as an outpatient."

For 30 seconds every five minutes, Rudowski's voice goes hoarse. It's a sign the implant is stimulating the nerve.

"If I place a magnet over it, it turns it off," said Rudowski, who grew up in Troy. "It sometimes does bring shortness of breath, but I can place a magnet over it when exercising. You're hoarse because it's next to your vocal chords, but it's a very small side effect to deal with. I had times in my life that were very good, but then my self-esteem went way down. I was afraid to leave the house. Anxiety and paranoia go along with depression. I felt there was no hope."

The improvement Rudowski experienced after receiving the implant was gradual. Young is still adjusting her medication for maximum effect, but so far the combination is working. Rudowski has lost 50 pounds since she started exercising and joined Weight Watchers.



Closeup of the VNS Therapy device.

"In October, I started to be able to shop by myself and felt less hopeless. At six months, I could laugh. I didn't laugh ever," said Rudowski. "I would have periods of the blues. It's not the cure-all. That's why medication is also necessary, but last year I actually participated in Christmas, went out and got gifts and wrapped them."

Dr. Nabila Farooq wishes VNS therapy was more affordable for TRD patients. The procedure costs about \$25,000.

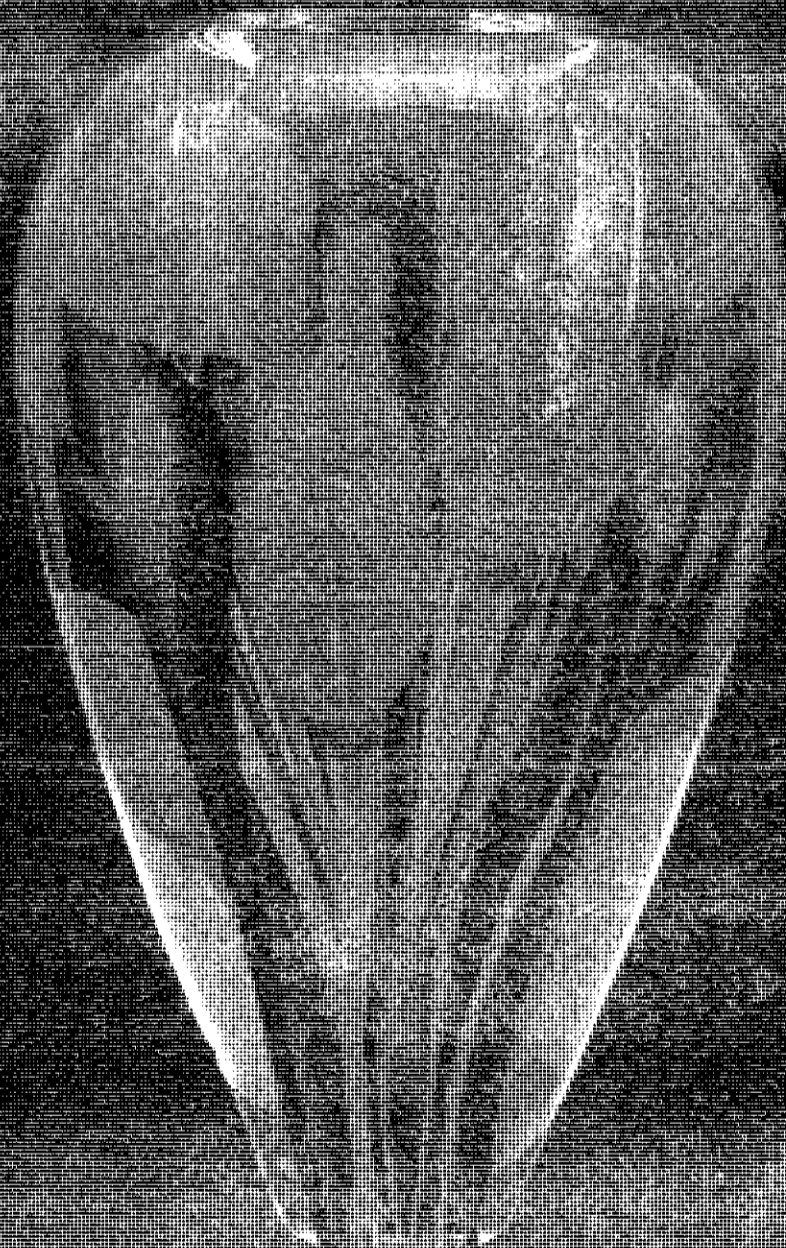
"We're having difficulty getting approval from insurances," said Dr. Nabila Farooq of Global Psychotherapy in Farmington Hills. Nabila is a psychiatrist affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "It's not affordable for patients, but it costs in other ways. Patients are losing work time and have to be hospitalized."

Farooq has already seen improvements in her two patients who received VNS implants.

"I have a bipolar patient with predominant depression who's responding better to the combination with less swings and symptoms that are easier to control. I've honestly seen an improvement in the quality of

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## Orchard Lake Fine Art Show August 3-5, 2007



100 award winning artists on the main floor of Orchard Lake Fine Arts Center. Over 1000 works of art. Grand Opening at 10:00 AM. Admission: Friday, \$27 Sunday, \$12. Children's Art Activities & Free Activities & Food service by local restaurants. **WINNERS** New York Art Center, 1st place in 2006 & 2007. Interactive Demonstrations & More. Winner of eight awards in 2005 voted by Michigan Festivals & Events.

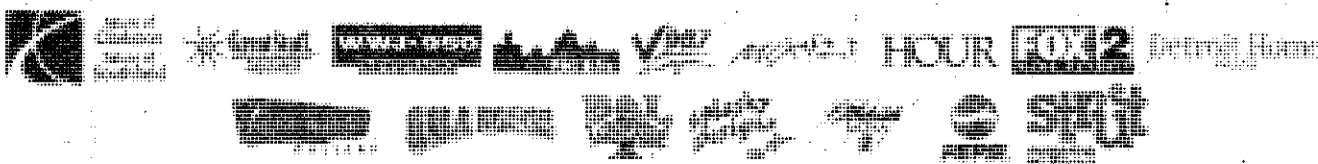
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If you sometimes leak urine when you laugh, cough, sneeze or exercise, you may have a medical condition known as stress urinary incontinence. It affects millions of women, and causes discomfort and embarrassment.

Stress urinary incontinence is a common and treatable condition. You can learn more at a free educational seminar "Stress Urinary Incontinence: It's Within Your Control." The event is hosted by:

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# National health, nutritional survey is underway

The nation's most comprehensive study of the health and nutritional status of Americans is underway in Oakland County as of July 7. Each year, approximately 7,000 randomly-selected residents in 15 counties across the nation have the opportunity to participate in the latest National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

"NHANES is very much like a health exam center on wheels that goes out into actual communities to get data on real Americans," said CDC Director Julie Gerberding. "It truly is a unique resource for health information in this country and without it we

wouldn't have data on a number of important health conditions."

Some of the past findings uncovered through NHANES include the percent of adults with high serum cholesterol fell from 20 percent to 17 percent between survey periods 1988-1994 and 2001-2004. Over the same period, the percent of adults with hypertension increased from 22 percent to 25 percent.

In addition, NHANES data is used by NCHS to create the standardized charts used by pediatricians across the country to track children's growth.

NHANES has been conducted by NCHS for nearly 50 years and provides annual estimates on a range of diseases such as the number of

Americans who have heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, respiratory disease, and other conditions. The information gathered in NHANES is used by public health officials, legislators and physicians to develop sound health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand health knowledge for the nation.

Individuals selected for the survey represent the U.S. population of all ages. Additional emphasis in the current NHANES is placed on the health of older Americans, African-Americans and Hispanics.

Respondents first participate in a health interview conducted in the respondent's home. The health examination that follows takes place in one

of three mobile examination centers that travel to different communities, large and small, urban and rural, across the country for data collection.

A team of health personnel, including a physician, nutritionists, and health and laboratory technicians using high-tech, state-of-the-art equipment, staffs the mobile examination centers. A team of specially-trained professionals conducts the household interviews.

All participants receive an examination by a physician, as well as a dietary interview, and body measurements that include height and weight. Some will be eligible for a hearing test, a scan to evaluate skeletal health, a visual acuity test as well as a test for degenerative eye disease. The various

tests and procedures depend upon the age of the participant.

No medical care is provided directly in the examination center, but a report on the medical findings is given to each participant along with an explanation from survey medical staff.

All individual information collected in the survey is kept strictly confidential and privacy is protected by public law.

Participants selected to undergo the physical examination receive reimbursement for travel expenses and remuneration of up to \$100 per person.

Volunteers are not needed for the study. Respondents were randomly selected by address.

## Film offers parents insight on stuttering

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child begins to talk. But for some parents it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out.

As many as five percent of all preschoolers nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

A DVD in English and Spanish, *Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents*, helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is now available at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham.

For more information about stuttering and a list of specialists, call the Stuttering Foundation at (800) 992-9392 or visit [www.stuttering-help.org](http://www.stuttering-help.org).

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the film describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can help at home, and the role of a speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter.

"Stuttering typically begins between the ages of two and five," said Barry Guitar, Ph.D., professor and chair of communication sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "I may begin gradually or suddenly and many of these children outgrow their disfluencies naturally. However, if a child

continues to stutter for several months, or appears to be frustrated by it, parents should seek assistance."

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the tape and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

The nonprofit Stuttering Foundation offers tip for speaking with someone who stutters.

Don't make remarks like 'slow down,' 'take a deep breath' or 'relax.' Such advice can be felt as demeaning and is not helpful.

Let the person know by your manner that you are listening to what he or she says, not how they say it.

Maintain eye contact and wait patiently until the person is finished.

You may be tempted to finish sentences or fill in words. Try not to.

Use a relaxed rate in your own speech but not so slow as to sound unnatural. This promotes good communication.

Be aware that those who stutter usually have more trouble controlling their speech on the telephone. Be patient. If you pick up the phone and hear nothing, be sure it is not a person who stutters before you hang up.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JULY

##### 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 for \$30. Walk-ins only. 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](mailto:Smo23915@aol.com).

##### Bikers beating breast cancer

Charity run Sunday, July 29 (10 a.m. to noon registration, noon to 4:30 p.m. ride), starts at Gator Jake's, 36863 Van Dyke, south of 16 Mile, Sterling Hgts. Cost \$20 per person. Riders can register at (800) 633-7377 or on the day of the event. All proceeds from the ride and silent auction go to the Sharing & Caring program at Beaumont Hospital. Participants are encouraged to bring pledge money from friends and family. For more information, call Sharing & Caring, a breast cancer education and support group, at 1-888-527-8582.

##### Champions fund-raisers

Champions for the Kids benefits feature a VIP dinner and auction on Sunday, July 29, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, and golf outing and strolling dinner on Monday, July 30, at Oakland Hills Country Club. All proceeds benefit Yatooma's Foundation for Kids which helps grieving kids and their families. Call 1-888-987-KIDS (5437) or visit [www.forthekidsfoundation.org](http://www.forthekidsfoundation.org).

##### Thyroid cancer support group

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.

## Breakfast is a healthy way to start the day

Debbie from Flat Rock keeps hearing how breakfast is the most important meal of the day, just how important is it?

Debbie, it could actually save your life! A new study found eating whole grain cereal can protect you

from heart failure. In a study of more than 20,000

adults those who ate whole grain cereal two to six times a week

decreased their risk of heart failure by

22-percent. Those who ate whole grain cereal once a week decreased their risk

by 14-percent. And if you ate whole grain cereal 7 or more times a week you can

lower your risk of heart failure by a whopping 28-percent!

Experts say eating a whole grain, high fiber breakfast cereal may lower

blood pressure and bad cholesterol which can prevent heart attacks. But

make sure you steer clear of cereals which have a lot of sugar.

Leah from Bloomfield Hills

is thinking about giving her toddler juice because of the vitamins, but heard it is not good for him. Is this true?

Well Leah, you are right when you say juice has vitamins, but the biggest problem is it is also

packed with sugar! 50 to 75-percent of juice is sugar and that means empty calories!

Fruit juice can have anywhere from 100 to 180 calories per 8 ounce cup, so

if you or your child drank one 8 ounce glass of juice 365 days a year, you'll gain

16 pounds! Don't even think about

picking up a juice drink either. Anything called drink, beverage, punch, ade or cocktail is typically

fruit juice with added water and a lot of sugar. So when it comes to nutrition, nothing can replace

the real thing. Eat the fruit, don't drink it! That way you'll get all the benefits without all the sugar.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail

Peter at his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## THERAPY

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life and wish it would be more easily available."

Ann M. suffered from depression since her teens. Until receiving the implant in the fall 2006, she had been a prisoner in her home, except for visits to Farooq.

"I'm glad I had the surgery. I think it's been a miracle for me," said Ann M. "It takes a while to adjust the level, but I'm not as depressed as I was. I go out and do things with people instead of hiding in my house. It's given me self-confidence. I hope to eventually be off all my meds."

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#### ANOTHER VIEW OF BACK PAIN

You walk with your back. Your legs move you; but your back stabilizes your body. This relation between your back and your gait becomes important when you have knee arthritis.

If the arthritis problem comes on slowly, you may not be aware how impaired your knees have become. But your back knows. You may see your doctor because of low back pain that is worsening. Your doctor may look more carefully at your knees than at your sacroiliac joints or low back.

The rule of thumb in treating someone with both back pain and knee arthritis is to take care of the knees first. If pain and swelling resolves in the knees and the back pain continues, then it is time to investigate the back problem.

The experience of most doctors is that treating the knee arthritis either causes the back ache to disappear or become of minor significance. The reason is that a return to a more normal gait allows the back to resume its natural position.

The same relationship is what makes a steroid injection into the knee seem like a miracle cure, because after the injection, you feel "good all over." The real science is that the knee injection relieves knee pain sufficiently to allow you to walk without straining your back. In turn, you now move your arms and head in the rhythm of your natural gait. With these strains removed, you feel good from head to foot.

Arthritis in one joint impairs the integrity of other joints; nothing illustrates this better than the relation between the back and knees.

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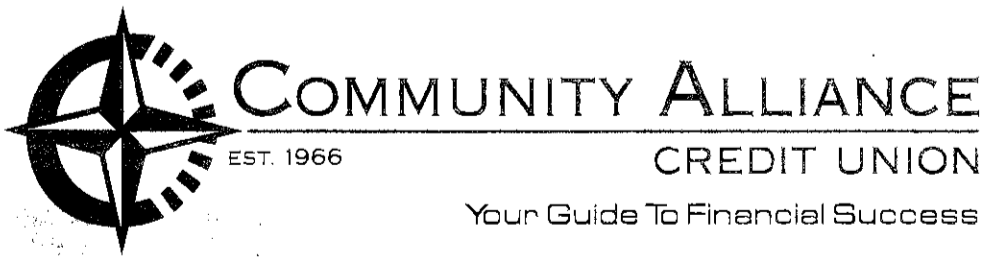
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