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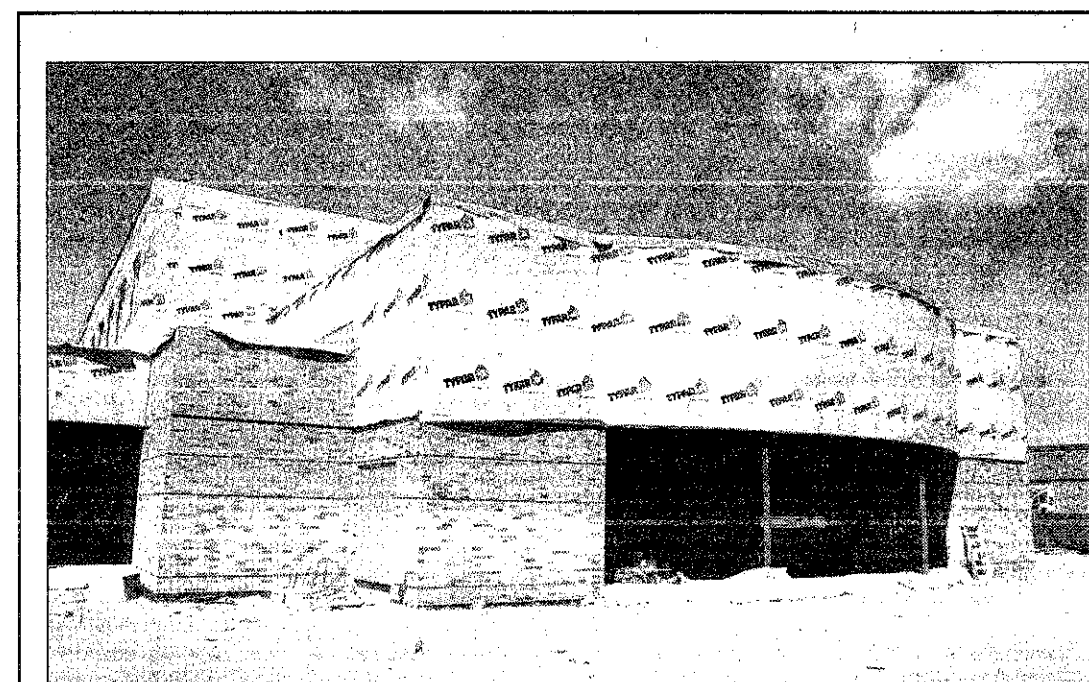
BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A drywall worker who allegedly made a racial slur after being refused a cigarette was fatally stabbed in the back of his head Sunday afternoon outside a Westland apartment building, a detective said in court Wednesday.

first-degree murder. Dean, a Dearborn resident, was killed about 12:50 p.m. Sunday. Police found his body on a Country Court sidewalk, and Police Chief James Ridener said a knife was sticking out the base of his skull.

swing at him, Nelson said. "He (Long) pulled out the knife and stuck it in the back of Dean's neck and head," the detective told Bokos.

spoken with an attorney. If convicted, Long will face life in prison. Police arrested Long at the scene not long after Dean was killed, Chief Ridener said.

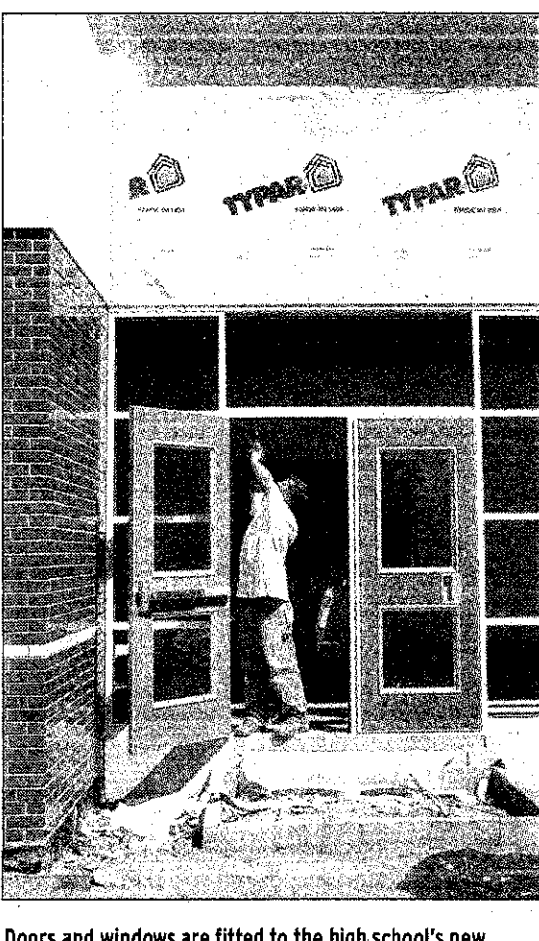


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## Work ahead of schedule on Glenn addition

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Drive around John Glenn High School in Westland this summer and you can see your tax dollars at work. Construction is ahead of schedule on a second gymnasium that is being built on the east side of the existing facility.



Doors and windows are fitted to the high school's new construction.

## Inkster man charged in robbery, pistol-whipping

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

An Inkster man is accused of breaking into a Westland house, robbing and pistol-whipping a resident, then fleeing across city limits to Garden City, where authorities said he was captured.

The assailant then fled the house, but a police dog and witnesses helped authorities find him hiding in a garbage can on residential Dover Street, near Warren and Venoy in neighboring Garden City, Karrick said.

## High School Musical singer headlines Livonia Schools back-to-school event

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

What time is it? Don't worry. It's still summertime — for almost two more weeks. And next Tuesday will be party time at Laurel Park Place.

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# 2 lounge employees are ticketed for serving alcohol to minor

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Police have ticketed two employees of The Token Lounge, a bar on Westland's northeast side, following allegations they allowed two underage patrons to buy alcohol without asking for personal identification. Acting on a tip, authorities Friday night sent two undercover officers and two underage male

decoys, ages 17 and 20, to the bar on the southeast corner of Joy and Middlebelt, Police Chief James Ridener said. "The person at the door collected their cover charge and stamped them as being over 21 without asking for their I.D.," he said. A second employee sold beer and liquor to the decoys, prompting officers to intervene, Ridener said. Officers issued three separate tickets to a

female bartender for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Police also gave two citations to the doorman for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, the chief said. A phone call seeking comment from a manager or an owner of The Token Lounge had not been returned Tuesday. The incident will be reported to the Lansing-based Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which will review the matter, set a hearing and

decide what, if any, penalties to impose on the bar, Ridener said. In the meantime, the bar will be allowed to remain open, he said. According to its Web site, The Token Lounge is a bar that features live performances of rock bands. Its events include an end-of-summer Metalfest and the fall Rocktoberfest. dclcm@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

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**In concert**  
The Waco Country Band will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library, as part of the Westland Cultural Society's 2007 summer concert series. The concert was added to this year's schedule due to an earlier performance being rained out. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets to the free concert. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren.

**Coffee hour**  
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will have district coffee hours next week in two other communities he represents - Livonia and Garden City. A staff member will hear citizens comments because Anderson has another commitment. The staff member will be available 9-10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Another session is planned 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator or his staff, and who can't attend, may contact him by calling (866) 262-7306, e-mailing him at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov) or writing to him at P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI, 48933.

**Unity in the Community**  
The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is sponsoring "Unity in the Community" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the church, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Aimed at "building the community" and "strengthening families,"

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there will be free food, gospel music, free clothing drive, T-shirts, games and rides and health services. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Rummage sale**  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a tent and rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Rent space under the tent for \$20 or rent space with our table for \$35. Inside the church, there will gently used clothing for the family at \$2 a bag. For further information call Mary Rose, at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

**Parish Festival**  
St. Damian will hold its Parish Festival Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland. There will be games, inflatable rides, food, beer tent, live music, raffles, a casino and more. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

**Poker tournament**  
The Westland Jaycees will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Registration for the tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the tournament starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The Vegas Room will open shortly after the tournament begins. The Vegas room games will include Black Jack, Let it Ride, Texas Hold 'Em and Seven-Card Poker. Food, pop and beer will be available for purchase. Participants must be 18 years old to play. Tournament payouts and top prize for the tournament will depend on number of players; \$10 from each registration will go towards first-place payout. The tournament cost is \$50 for those registered by Sept. 11. Late registrations will be accepted for an additional \$10. Pre-register for the event by sending your full name, address, date of birth and a check or money order, made payable to The Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland, MI 48185. Online registration is now available at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org)

**Dining to Donate**  
People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to the Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27. Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation. Coupons are available at the mayor's Office or the Bailey Center.

**Golf Outing**  
The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its 10th annual golf outing fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 29, at Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, lunch and dinner, \$65 for golf and lunch and \$25 for dinner only. Prizes will be awarded for best team score, longest drive and closest to the pin. A raffle also will be held. Reservations are due by Sept. 15. For reservations or more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

**Summer taxes**  
The city of Westland has extended the deadline for paying summer taxes without penalty until Friday, Aug. 31. Taxes must be received by the Finance Department no later than 5 p.m. that day. The Westland Finance Department is in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road.

**State fair trip**  
The senior Friendship Center is sponsoring a trip to Michigan State Fair for Senior Day on Monday, Aug. 27. Cost is \$5 per person and includes transportation to and from the State Fair, free donuts, orange juice and raffle tickets. Participants must provide their own lunch. The van will depart at 9 a.m. from the Friendship Center and will return by approximately 4 p.m. Seats are limited. It's open to the first 25 to sign up at the front desk. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

**Garden club**  
The newly formed Westland Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at one of the member's home. For more information, call or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

**Chili Day**  
Chili cooks, get ready your kettles ready for the Wayne Chile Cook-Off, slated for Saturday, Aug. 25. The Wayne Rotary Club, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and City of Wayne Festival Commission are sponsoring the contest as part of the annual Wayne Wheelfest Aug. 24-26. Chili cooks will have an opportunity to win prizes, including a grand prize of \$500. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call Gayle at (734) 502-3202 or Jill at (734) 721-0100 or send an e-mail to [gaylerediske@gmail.com](mailto:gaylerediske@gmail.com) or [jill@waynecchamber.net](mailto:jill@waynecchamber.net).

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seasons. The second gym also provides a better scheduling system, he said.

"They won't be going late into the evening and on Saturday and Sunday as in the past," Baracy said.

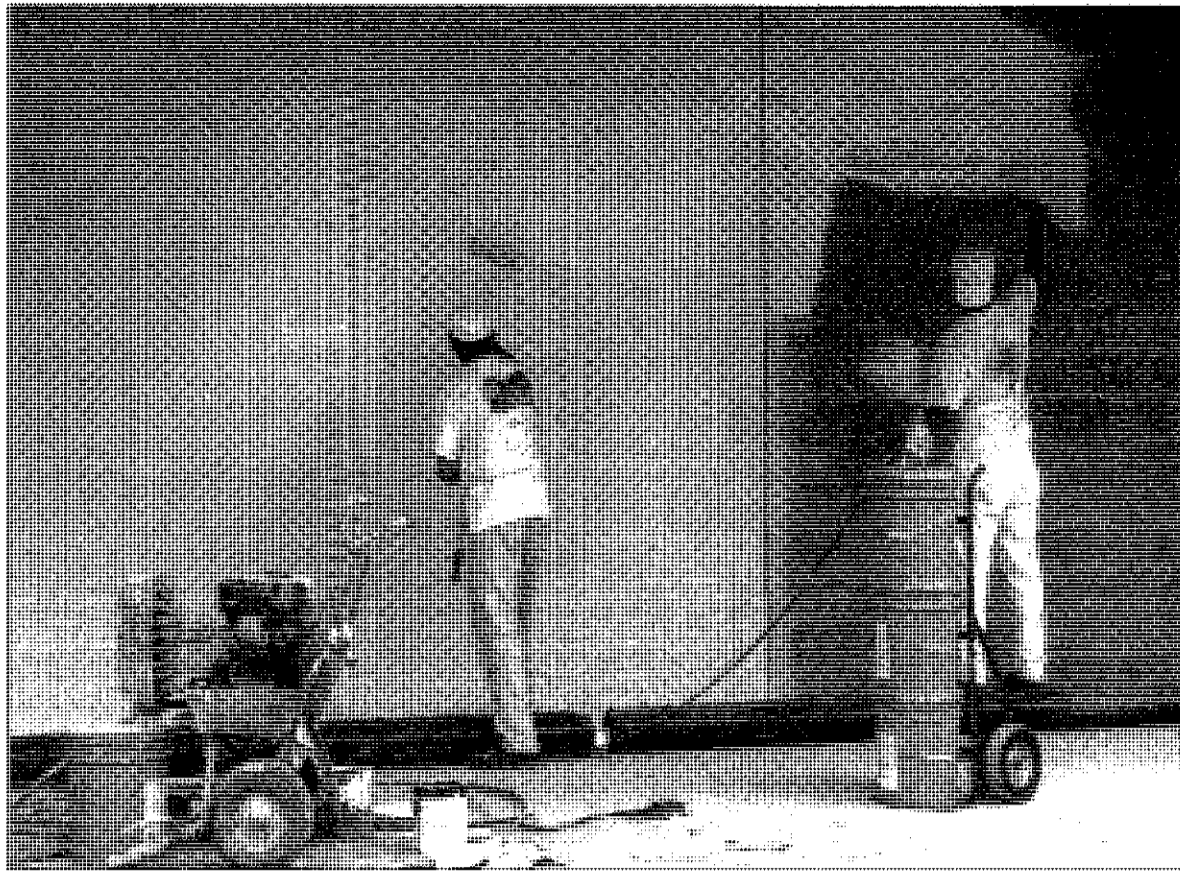
A weak economy has helped with the project coming in at or below projected costs and has brought in "great" construction workers, "very hard workers," Baracy said. In addition to the work at the high school, the district is replacing heating and cooling systems in classrooms and chillers in some buildings and doing other maintenance-type things like sidewalks and curbs for handicapped accessibility.

Work is being done on designs for new media centers to replace outdated ones at Schweitzer and Edison elementaries.

The goal is to break ground next year.

The district is in the fourth year of the 10-year sinking fund. The money is earmarked for special improvements and the gymnasiums, "only a fraction of the need," Baracy said.

"We keep putting out fires and the sinking fund helps us



A concrete block wall is painted at a new gymnasium under construction at John Glenn High School.

maintain district operations," he added. "There's still a lot of need in a district this size. There's roofs, boilers, every aspect of the mechanical operations.

Nothing lasts forever and the state doesn't provide the funds for capital improvements."

As it stands now, Glenn's second gymnasium should be ready

for use by the first or second week of January.

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# Three men get prison time for carjackings

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Two Detroit brothers will serve time in prison for a carjacking that occurred March 14 at The Landings, a sprawling apartment complex southeast of Warren and Central City Parkway.

An earlier accused accomplice also will spend time behind bars, although he was sentenced for a separate carjacking that occurred a week earlier at the same complex.

Confessions read in court in March indicated that Willie Antonio Williams, 23, and Willie Jerome Williams, 21, blamed the March 14 carjacking on missing a late-night bus back to Detroit.

The older Williams brother was recently sentenced after he pleaded guilty to carjacking, armed robbery, felony firearms and carrying a concealed weapon. He will spend three to 10 years in prison for the incident, but the felony firearms charge will add two years to his sentence.

The younger Williams brother was sentenced to 27 months to five years in prison after he pleaded guilty to armed robbery for the same incident.

The sentences were listed on a Web site for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Meanwhile, charges against 17-year-old Donte Lashawn Bailey of Westland were dropped for the March 14 incident, but he was recently sentenced to four to 15 years for a carjacking that occurred a week earlier at The Landings. A felony firearms charge also will add two years to his prison term.

Bailey was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to armed robbery, carjacking and felony firearms charges.

Police Chief James Ridener commended Sgts. Ed Price and Thad Nelson and others involved in bringing the Williams brothers and Bailey to justice.

"The detective bureau did a nice job working the case, putting it together, bringing it to conclusion and putting these guys in prison," Ridener said Friday.

Authorities captured the three defendants during a traffic stop on I-96 near Inkster Road, shortly after a 2006 Mercedes was taken at gunpoint about 1:45 a.m. March 14.

A Pontiac Grand Prix had been taken during the March 7 carjacking.

No shots were fired during either incident. Police recovered both cars.

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# District waits for Lansing to fix budget

BY SUE MASON  
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With start of the 2007-08 school year just weeks away, Wayne-Westland school officials are still waiting to hear what, if any, money they will be receiving from the state.

Will the school aid payment remain the same as last year? Will it be cut? Will it be more? Those are the questions they would like an answer to now rather than later.

"I've never seen it this bad in the 33 or 34 years I've been in education. The state has really done nothing," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "From everything I've read, it doesn't seem that they are willing to sit down and work."

State lawmakers were able to resolve this year's budget deficit with what Gary Martin, deputy

superintendent for administrative and business services, has called "gimmicks," and come up with a replacement for the state's Single Business Tax.

But when it comes to erasing a billion-dollar deficit in next year's budget, nothing has been accomplished to date.

"It's puzzling and perplexing for us," Baracy said. "Once again, we're trying to estimate what the revenue will be for the another year. We've been dealing with the issue all summer to get ready for the fall, but we don't see that same commitment in Lansing."

Close to 76 percent of Wayne-Westland's revenue comes from the state. Martin has projected the district will get \$89.6 million from the state, but according to Baracy, the actual amount "has been all over the board."

The school board approved a new budget in June with no increase in state school aid, but there's also been rumors of rollbacks and increases.

"The question we have to ask ourselves is how can we plan intelligently under these conditions," Baracy said. "If they expect high standards and high accountability, we have to have a very prescriptive process and goals in place before the fiscal year starts."

The district had some \$25 million in reserves five years ago, but that has been eaten up covering shortfalls in state revenue. According to Baracy, the district is now facing the prospect of borrowing money to cover expenses.

"We've held off as long as we could," he said. "We're looking

at severe cuts in 2008-09, if the state doesn't come through with a revenue enhancement. We can't hang on anymore."

Baracy said cuts will be made in areas that will not impact student programs.

The district has been trimming expenses for years, saving \$18 million through such things as negotiated changes in employee health care.

But those kinds of cuts can only go so deep. As a result, the solution to the school districts' woes are in the hands of state lawmakers.

"The leaders in Lansing have to solve the budget crisis and they haven't done that yet," he said. "We have no more rabbits to pull out of our hats."

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**Pancake breakfast**  
The 2007 Wayne Wheelfest Pancake Breakfast will be held 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Wayne Senior Center, Corner of Sims and Wayne Road in Wayne. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Proceeds to benefit the Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders.

**5K Run**  
The Kirby 5K run will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in Willow Metropark in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 292-5922.

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, holistic physician and clinical nutritionist will present the class Beat Stress - Be Happy! 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The class will teach participants how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. Learn how the body deals with stress and when the body is heading toward stress burnout. Learn what to do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes.

Fischer also will present "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Both workshop are free of charge. Seating is limited seating, so reservations required. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

**Youth Philharmonic**  
The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold fall auditions for students age 5 to 18 from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday,

Sept. 15, at Churchill High School. Students should have at least six months experience with their instrument. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 464-8704.

**Girl Scouts**  
Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit [www.gsford.org](http://www.gsford.org).

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CRAFT SHOWS

**Knights of Columbus**  
Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

**St. Theodore**  
Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

**Ss. Simon and Jude**  
Crafters are needed for a fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, On Palmer east of Venoy, Westland. Rentals are \$25 for an 8-foot table and \$40 for two 8-foot tables by Aug. 31, and \$30 and \$50 respectively after that date. Electricity also is available on a first come-first served basis. Call (734) 516-7520 or (734) 721-4867.

**Franklin High**  
Those who make hand-made crafts or fine art are invited to participate in the juried Franklin High School Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Money raised goes to the athletic department at FHS. For information,

contact Julie Culp, (734) 522-0039.

**St. Michael's**  
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, invites all area crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School. Tables are available for rent at \$25 per each 8-foot tables (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

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

ORGANIZATIONS

**Friends of Eloise**  
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

**Toastmasters**  
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

**Democratic Club**  
The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

**Citizens for Peace**  
Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

**Suburban GOP Women's Club**  
The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

**MOMS club**  
MOMS Club, a non-profit support group,

welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthie, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

**Vietnam Vets**  
The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at [www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA](http://www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA) for more information.

**In Harmony**  
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

**Veteran's Haven**  
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**Silver Strings Dulcimer**  
Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, penny-whistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

**Garden City Kiwanis**  
The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

**Garden City Rotary**  
The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

**Habitat help**  
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

**Tutoring program**  
A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

**Hospital retirees**  
The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

**Radio Club**  
The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people

who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (WBAAA) at (734) 425-2629.

**Garden City Lions**  
The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382.

**Garden Club**  
The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410.

**Geneological society**  
The Western Wayne County Geneological Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

**Purple Heart**  
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS

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

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

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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

**Menopause & More**  
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

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

**Counterpoint**  
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their

families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

**VNA Hospice**  
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

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

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

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

**EDUCATION**  
**School signups**  
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, is accepting enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. St. Damian offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. Call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

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# Westland Shopping Center holds annual health expo

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

An outing Saturday to Westland Shopping Center could literally improve consumers' health, even if department store spending thins out their wallets.

Blood pressure checks and other health-care screenings will be offered free or for nominal fees in the mall's east court during the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Health & Business Expo.

The fifth annual event, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature representatives from Garden City Hospital and Livonia St. Mary Mercy Hospital, along with specialists for foot care, dental health, back pain, vision loss and hearing impairments.

And, shoppers shouldn't worry if all that shopping and health screening leaves them hungry.

"Qdoba Mexican Grill will have food samples for free," chamber President Lori Fodale. It all adds up to a good excuse to put off home projects and head to the mall.

"It gets a little bigger every year," Fodale said of the Health & Business Expo. "The purpose is to give businesses an opportunity to display their goods and services to a very captive audience. Due to the

economy, people are realizing how important it is to actually get out and market their businesses. And, we will have health-care providers, too."

The event will include health-care representatives from the Garden City and St. Mary hospitals, Community Dental Associates, Henry Ford OptimEyes, Hobbs Specific Chiropractic, Karl Chiropractic & Wellness, Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and Personalized Hearing Care.

Business participants will include Alleycat Designs; Arbonne International; Ashford Court Senior Residence; Auction It Today on eBay; Auto Lab of Westland; Bath for All; C&M Printing & Imaging; Comfort Keepers; Co-op Services Credit Union; Costco; DW-Computer, Inc.; Evangelical Adult Day Care; Fair Haven Baptist Church; Forum Fitness Center; Hope HealthCare Center; JoNa Graphics; Metro Cheer Training Center; My Link AT&T Wireless; Parkside Credit Union; Qdoba Mexican Grill; Servpro of Westland; Sharon's Heating & Air Conditioning; Summit Auto Wash; Westland Bowl; Westland Jaycees; and VR Metro, L.L.C.

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# Bible school ends with musical, tailgate party

Merriman Road Baptist Church celebrated a fun and exciting week of Vacation Bible School with the theme "Game Day Central - Where Heroes are Made." The week's events culminated with a children's musical and tailgate party Sunday evening.

Four hundred and ten participants helped make it the biggest and best VBS ever, Pastor Wayne Parker said.

Each day included activities centered on a sports theme and stories of Bible heroes designed to challenge each person to "become a hero and face each day like game day." Children rotated from recreation, crafts, music, refreshments and story time. All ages were welcomed and represented, from birth to adult.

Given the energy and excitement which accompanied the VBS program, Parker said perhaps most surprising was the enthusiasm the children showed for the daily offering.

At the end of each day, a separate tally was taken of the boys and girls offerings which were designated to assist Leelanau Mission Church, a new church in Leelanau, Mich. The children eagerly watched to see whose total would take the lead: boys or girls.

Fueling the contest was the knowledge that if the girls won Parker agreed to be dunked in water, while his wife, Cindy Parker, agreed to take the dunking if the



Members of Merriman Baptist Road Church were pleased with the participation at their recent Vacation Bible School. The program drew 410 people of all ages.

boys won. The winning group at the end of the week was the boys and, true to her word, Cindy Parker was dunked at the Sunday evening celebration. Parker said his wife was a true hero for a good cause, as a total of \$1,497.02 was raised for the Leelanau church.

Commenting on the record number of VBS registrants, Parker said, "What's great about being a pastor in Garden City is that the community responds so well.

When we invite them to special events they show up."

Merriman Road Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist-affiliated church whose mission is to develop believers and reach people for Christ. It offers a wide range of services and ministries for all ages, including interpretation for the deaf and nursery care for most events. For more information, contact Pastor Wayne Parker at (734) 421-0472.

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# Church's celebration open to everyone

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

There will be music, food, games and crafts for kids in City Park on Sunday as Garden City Presbyterian Church continues celebrating its 175th anniversary.

"Anyone and everyone is welcome. It's open to everyone — that's the main purpose. We want to give back to the community for all the support it has given us," said church member Randy Eiermann, who will be performing with the band Mission: Grace.

An informal worship service at 10 a.m. will start the activities in the main pavilion. Four Christian rock bands — Mission: Grace, Sound of Reign, Force of One and

Hallow Vox — will begin performing about 12:30 p.m.

"Personally, I used to think church was boring and not fun. People don't know that you hear rock music at church. We performed at the church Sunday night," said Eiermann, adding the bands will also do some covers of non-Christian songs by performers such as John Mellencamp.

The music will continue until about 7 p.m. and all of the performers are donating their services.

"No one gets paid. We all enjoy what we're doing," Eiermann said. "This is an outreach mission to the community."

Throughout the day, there will be free hot dogs, chips, soda and water available. For

the kids, there will be crafts, games, face painting and other activities, including a bounce house supplied by Bobby's Bouncers.

Joining Garden City Presbyterian Church in hosting the event are Good Hope Lutheran Church, Morningstar Church, both of Garden City, and Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church of Dearborn Heights.

"We hope to do this next year also — that this is the first annual event," said Eiermann, who was hoping for a good turnout at the event.

Garden City Presbyterian Church is located on Middlebelt just south of Ford.

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Sound of Reign will be among the performers featured at Sunday Alive in the Park, which celebrates the 175th anniversary of Garden City Presbyterian church. The music begins about 12:30 p.m. in the main pavilion at City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman.

# Citizens for Peace to host film festival at Madonna

Madonna University and the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace will continue their series of films highlighting peace and nonviolent themes with a three-theater movie festival next month.

The movies, all centering around the themes of peace and nonviolence, will be shown from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Kresge Hall and the Science

Hall at Madonna University.

Theater one will show "Living Luminaries," "The Secret" and "Humanity Ascending." Theater two will show "The Peace DVD," "Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train" and "Peace One Day." Theater three will show "Critical Mass" and a series of highlights from the Department of Peace conferences

held earlier this year and two years ago. Admission to all three viewing sites, all day, is \$15.

Admission to one site is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Peace Alliance in its push to create a cabinet-level department of peace.

For more information about this event, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Thursday, August 23rd, 2007 and end Thursday, August 30th, 2007. Interested persons should:

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Alpine kicker box with amp, RCA ipod, jacket, Starcom cell phone, Brok Sonic camera system, 3 Lorex cameras, Cartier glasses, Wii game system, 7 Wii games, 3 Nextel Blackberry cellular phones, 78 misc cellular phones, 2 MTX amps, American Warrior amp, Kenwood bass booster amp, hunting boots, hunting pouch, Detrek golf bag with golf clubs, McGregor golf bag with clubs, Echo gas weed wacker, 6 Ameristep climbing tree stands, and misc medications including: Vicks, Sudafed, Tylenol, Visine, Advil, and Motrin.

All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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## NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY CITY OF WESTLAND

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

EXHIBIT "A"

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with the making of a certain improvement described as follows:

Defraying the energy and maintenance costs of street lighting to serve the lots and parcels of land described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Plans, costs estimated and a report explaining said improvement have been prepared and are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

The above-listed properties have been tentatively designated as a special assessment district against which all or a part of the energy and maintenance cost of said improvements may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on the 4th day of September, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westland City Council Chambers, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed improvements, particularly with respect to the question of necessity therefor and the establishment of a special assessment district to pay all or a part of the energy and maintenance cost thereof.

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk

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# Parents should set school safety as a priority

It will soon be time for the children of the community to return to the classrooms for the upcoming school year.

Attention is now turning to the purchase of new school clothes and supplies. Along with these items, school safety must also be considered when preparing the little ones for the school year.

Parents should remind their children to be safe when walking to school or riding the bus. Children who walk to school should be taught the proper way to cross the street and watch for traffic. That means teaching children to cross the street only at the corners and not from the middle of the street or in between cars. Children who ride the bus should be familiar with the designated bus stop and the

route to get to the stop and back home.

Parents must make sure the proper paperwork is filled out with the school. The school will provide forms for contact of the parents in the event of an emergency. These numbers should include the home, office or cell phone number that a parent can be reached at any point during the school day.

Alternate numbers to neighbors or relatives should also be included on these forms.

It is important that the neighbors or relatives know that they are an emergency contact person and be given all the needed information about the child that can assist in an emergency.

The school must also be supplied with any information about medical conditions that the student may have. Items such as a past medical history, current medical conditions or any other such information that is needed immediately in the event of an emergency. These cards should be

reviewed and updated as necessary during the entire school year.

If your child is currently taking any medications or is allergic to any medications, the school should be informed. If a student's medications must be dispensed during the school day, the school should be given complete dosing instructions. Along with this should be any specific instructions about the storing of the medications. Some medications may have to be refrigerated and accommodations for this must be made.

If your child has any allergies to any substance, the school should be notified. Food allergies, bee stings and medication allergies are just some of the situations that should be brought to the school's attention. Any direction as to the care or handling of the child if a reaction occurs should be included in this notification.

Capt. Ray Wlosinski is a member of the Garden City Fire Department.

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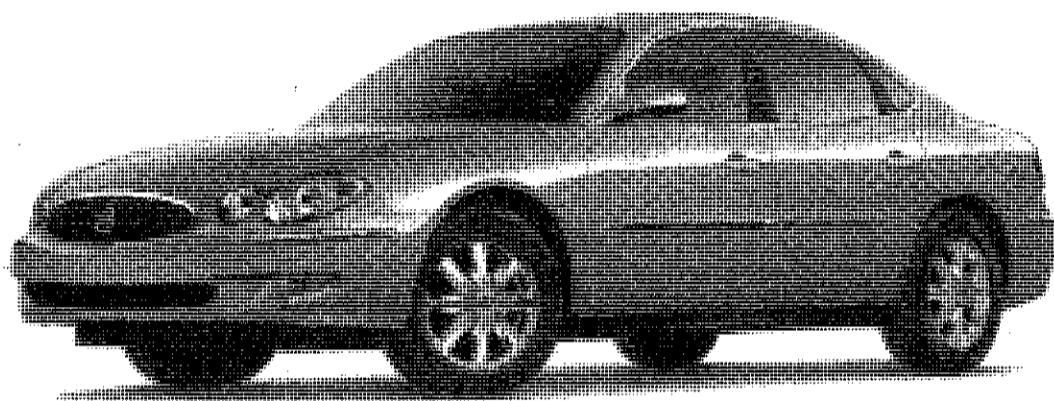
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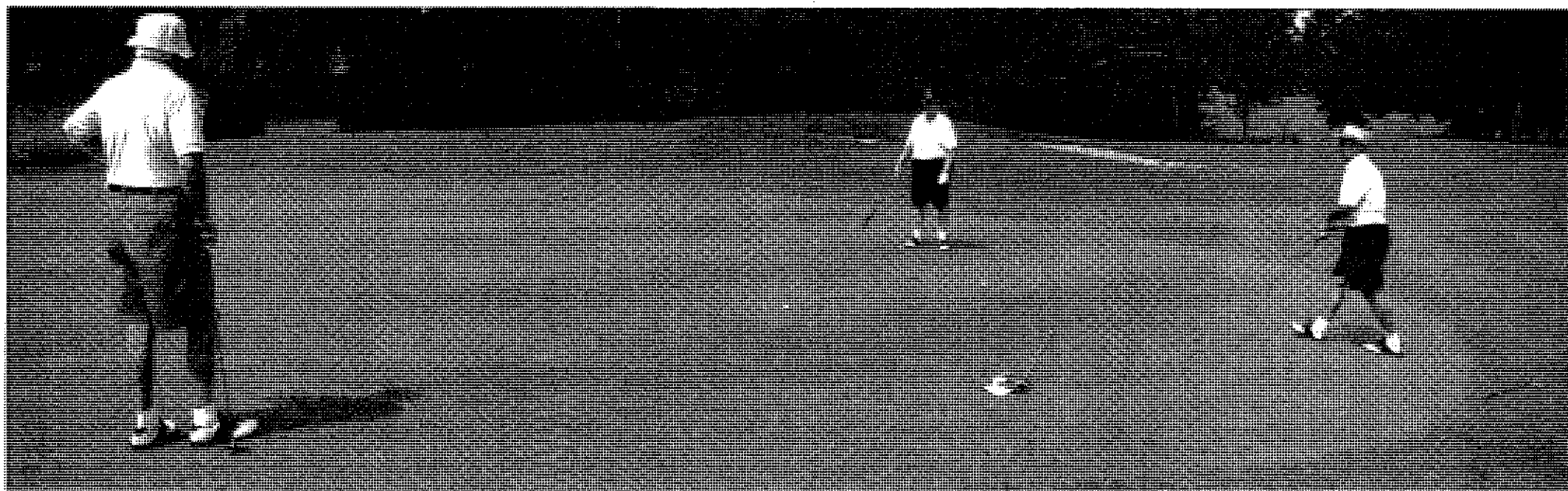
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Golfers, from left, Phil Smith of Livonia, Jim McGrath of South Lyon, and Joe Ricci of Farmington finish their putts on the first green at Glenhurst.

# Putting in 75 years: Town's golf course represents rich family history

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

John Hawthorne's family has been working the land in Redford Township for about 150 years.

On acreage where his forebears farmed, John and his cousins look after visitors, run a bar and restaurant, and care for the greens.

The land is Glenhurst Golf Course, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary. The family ties to the site, however, date back to 1854.

That tradition still motivates Hawthorne and cousin Dave Detter, the two men said during an interview Friday.

"It pushes me hard to make it the very best it can be," said Detter, a landscaper and arborist for the course.

"We still treat it as it was ours," said Hawthorne, who co-manages Glenhurst with another cousin, Nick Hawthorne.

The farm was only out of the family for a few years, John Hawthorne said, but the farmer who had bought lost it during the Great Depression.

Family members bought it back before Glenhurst was opened as a golf course in 1932 by Hawthornes' grandfather, Dewy Hawthorne, and Dewy's brothers-in-laws Clayton Nacker and Walter Nacker, (Detter is Walter Nacker's grandson. His and John Hawthorne's grandmothers were sisters.)

Glenhurst has been owned by Redford Township since 1989, but the family involvement in running the course remains. John and Nick Hawthorne represent the third generation of Hawthornes to work the course. Their fathers,

John and Bob Hawthorne, respectively, are semi-retired.

The township has been able to invest in the course and make improvements over the years.

"We would've never done what the township was able to do," said Hawthorne.

"In the last 10 years it's really come a long way," said Ken Ickes of Redford, who has been golfing at Glenhurst for 20 years, since he was on the Redford Union High School golf team.

Ickes, at Glenhurst Friday morning, says he typically golfs there six times a week.

"Other than one hole, the course has been made a lot tougher," said Jim Buzewski of Dearborn Heights.

"That's a good thing, Buzewski added. Buzewski said he's been golfing at Glenhurst for about 40 years.

Glenhurst has been called the busiest 18-hole public course in Michigan.

But John Hawthorne said play has been down lately, and he blamed the state's slow economy.

Glenhurst has added its share of stories to local folklore. There's a tree, near the tee box of the 18th hole, that's said to have been around during the American Revolution. It's marked by a plaque.

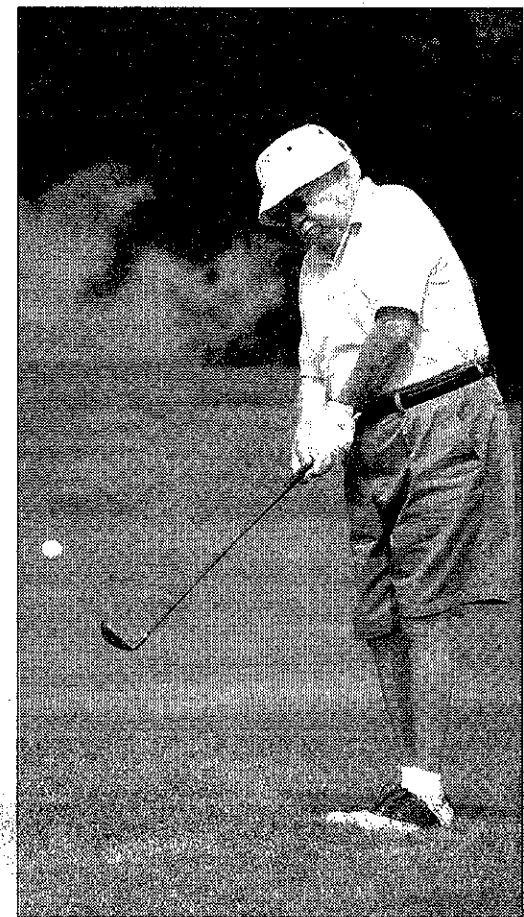
Then there's the time, in 2005, a man from Louisiana landed an experimental single-engine plane on the eighth green. The plane had lost its propeller.

"The pilot said, as he landed he saw a golf ball go by," Hawthorne said.

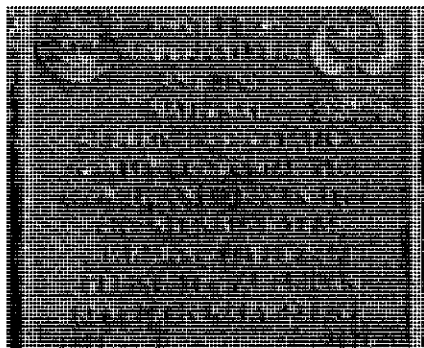
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Glenhurst manager John Hawthorne stands alongside the first tee as golfers take to the course, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.



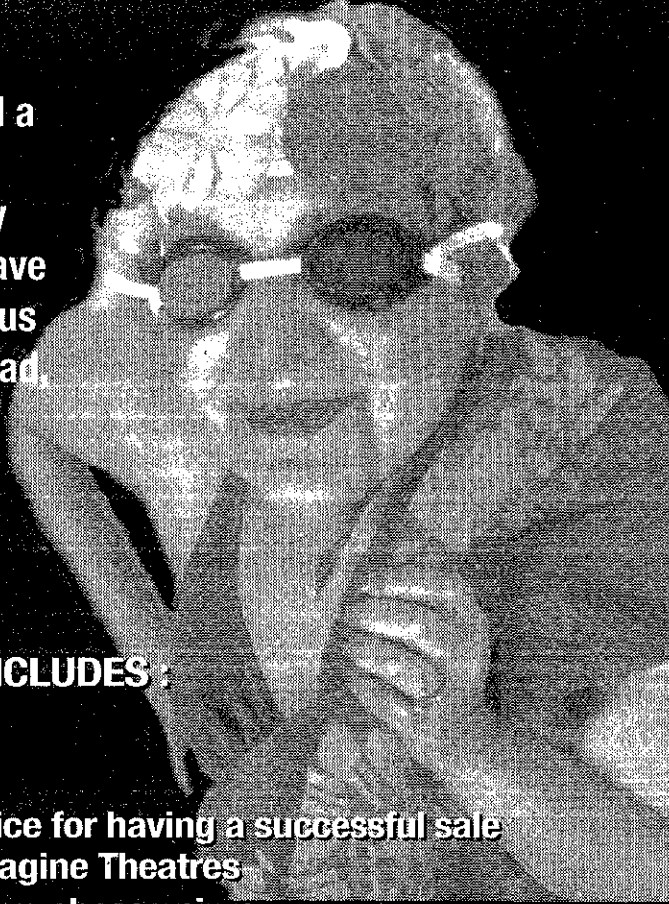
Phil Smith of Livonia chips onto the number one green at Glenhurst.



A plaque marks a historic tree on the Glenhurst Golf Course.

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# Business owner should consider SEP or self-employed 401(k)

I recently had a meeting with an individual who had accepted a buyout from an auto company. This individual was using part of the money to start a business. One of the client's main concerns was how to save for retirement. The individual did not plan to hire employees and wanted to know what type of investment vehicles other than an IRA was available to the self-employed.

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Over the years, more options have become available for the small business person and, therefore, there is no reason for a small business or a self-employed individual not to save for their retirement.

For a self-employed individual, there are two types of tax-efficient retirement plans to consider. The first is a Simplified Employee Pension plan or SEP. A self-employed individual who works full or part time for themselves can establish an SEP.

Even if you are covered by a retirement plan at your full-time job, you are still eligible for an SEP for self-employed income.

In an SEP, you can contribute up to 25 percent of business income up to a maximum of \$45,000.

You have until your tax filing deadline, typically April 15, to open and contribute to an

**For a self-employed individual, there are two types of tax-efficient retirement plans to consider. The first is a Simplified Employee Pension plan or SEP. A self-employed individual who works full or part time for themselves can establish an SEP.**

SEP. Someone who starts their own business in 2007 will have until April 15, 2008, to establish an SEP plan and to make a contribution.

The advantage of an SEP is you can deduct your contribution off your income tax return and all investment earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis. In addition, unlike some other types of retirement plans, you are not required to make an SEP contribution on a year-by-year basis. And there are no annual reports that have to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

SEP plans are offered through many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses and typically offer a variety of investment options. In opening any SEP plan, make sure you determine the costs involved in establishing and maintaining the plan. Many of the no-load companies will have no or very little costs involved.

Another alternative for the self-employed is a Self-Employed 401(k) plan.

Under this plan, you can contribute up to \$15,500 in a Self-

Employed 401(k). If you are over 50, you can take advantage of an additional \$5,000 contribution by exercising the catchup provision.

In addition, the business owner can make a profit-sharing contribution into the plan up to 25 percent of compensation to a maximum of \$45,000. The total contribution between salary deferral and profit sharing cannot exceed \$45,000 or \$50,000 if age 50 or older.

Unlike an SEP, a Self-Employed 401(k) plan must be established before the end of the business calendar (or fiscal) year, which is typically Dec. 31.

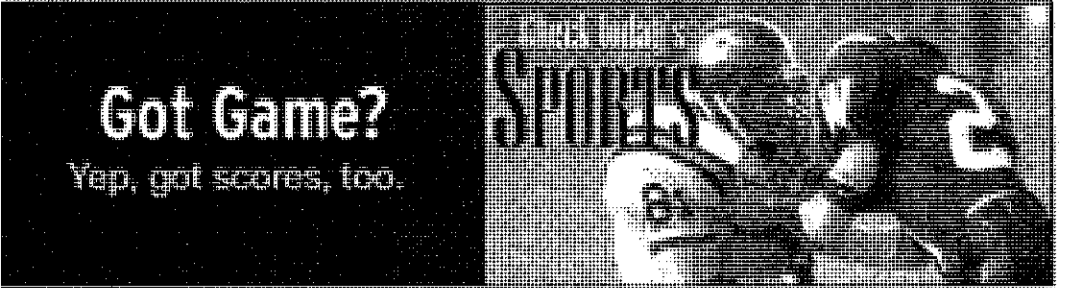
Just like in an SEP plan, many mutual fund companies and brokerage houses now offer a Self-Employed 401(k) plan.

Once a Self-Employed 401(k) plan has assets exceeding \$100,000, IRS Form 5500 must be completed and filed on a year-by-year basis.

An individual can contribute a greater amount to a solo 401(k) plan than to an SEP plan. One looking to maximize a retirement contribution may wish to consider a solo 401(k) plan vs. an SEP.

When someone decides to strike out on their own, it is important they begin saving for retirement as soon as possible.

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## Secure your home to avoid break-ins

According to FBI statistics, a house, apartment or condominium is burglarized once every 15 seconds. Fortunately, burglary is probably the most preventable of crimes. By taking a few simple precautions, you can dramatically reduce the risks.

Thefts from open garages can rise during the summer, when garage and entry doors are left open or unattended. Garage doors and other entry doors as well as windows should be kept locked, even when the home is occupied. A home becomes an easy target for thieves who enter through open front doors while the owners are in the back yard.

Also keep your vehicle doors locked, even when it's parked in the garage, and keep valuables out of sight.

Before leaving for vacation, be sure to lock all windows and doors. Keep window blinds closed and turn down the volume on your telephone ringer, so it cannot be heard ringing outside of the home.

Fool thieves by making your home look occupied all the time. Use automatic timers on lights when away from home. Have a trusted neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper. If possible, don't have either stopped. That gives information about you being away from home to others whom you don't know.

If you're going to be away for an extended period, have a plan in place to have the grass mowed. And don't skip your garbage pickup day. Ask that trusted neighbor to put your garbage cans out to the street and take them back in. You can also ask your neighbor to use your garbage cans while you are out. Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign the family is away.

You can also place radios on automatic timers and raise the volume so they can be heard outside and never leave notes on your door that can tip off burglars. If possible, have your telephone calls forwarded when you are away from home. Burglars sometimes check to see if someone is home by making a telephone call.

Even if you don't need specific help, always tell a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for a few days, and if you are going to be gone for an extended period, ask your local police to check your home periodically.

## Budget delay is hard on school districts

When Tom Petty sings that the waiting is the hardest part, our local school districts know just what he means.

Last year they waited through promises, reneged promises and restored promises as the state spent a year before it finally reached a balanced budget.

Technically the state has until Oct. 1 to produce a balanced budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. But the fiscal year for the school districts began July 1, without a clue as to what the state school aid grant would be. Whatever it is will still not be enough for many districts to do more than meet past obligations.

While Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators debate new taxes vs. deeper cuts in state programs, our local school districts are struggling to budget for the coming school year.

Many school districts have had to cut programs and staff due to the uncertainty of state school funding, which since the passage of Proposal A is the primary source of school funding and the largest part of state spending.

In addition to making good on school aid funding, the state needs to address the rapidly rising costs of employee pension and health care, which have swallowed up school district finances.

The disconnect between the two fiscal years and the uncertainty it causes is a major problem for our school districts.

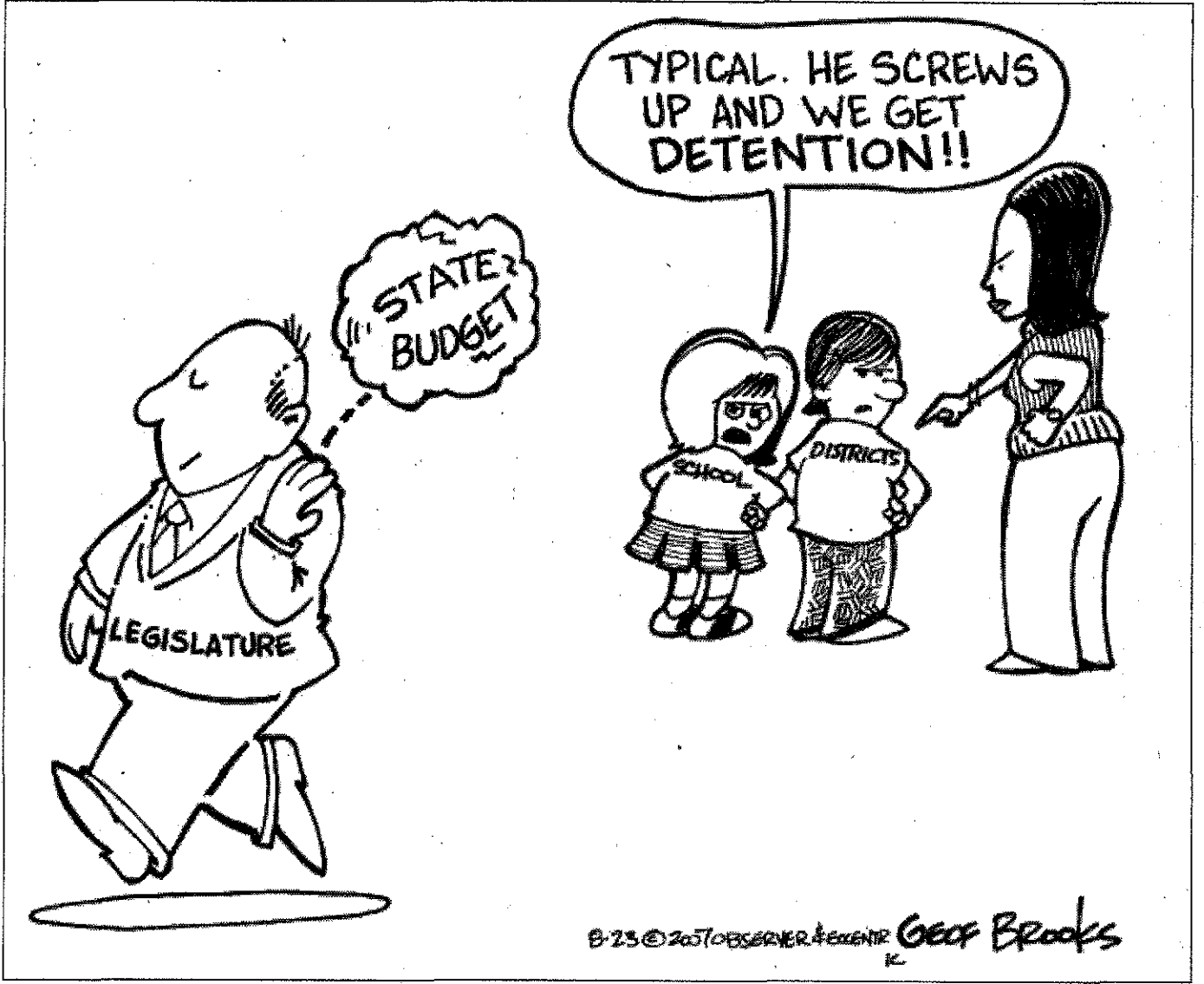
In Troy, the district has been cutting programs and dipping into its fund balance for the past five years.

"Our projections are for a zero increase in terms of school funding, but it's difficult to operate in this uncertainty. It's important that the state fully fund education and develops a system where schools have the ability to plan," said Tim McAvoy, Troy district community relations director.

In South Redford they've got a plan, but the district faces having to make changes even this late into the year. Garden City had to cut high school busing, middle school and freshman sports and ask for employee concessions. Wayne-Westland is looking at borrowing money to cover costs.

In wealthy Bloomfield Hills, a School Foundation has been started to provide for extracurricular programs, including art and sports. But West Bloomfield is looking at deficit spending within two years.

The state Legislature needs to act and act quickly on this year's school aid, but it also needs to take a long look at reforming the funding process so that every year isn't an excruciating waiting game.



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### Thanks for article

Your article regarding the First United Methodist Church in Wayne celebrating 175 years brought a lot of fond memories to mind.

In 1949, my mom and dad, Kathleen and Lloyd Smith, were married in the "old" part of the church. My brother, Richard and I, were brought up in the church and enjoyed our many friends there.

My dad died in 1977. Five years later, my mom married Louis Wiles, who was an active member of the church. My brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Bambi Smith, were married in the same church in 1973 and, in 1991, Ralph Arning and I were married in the same church!

We all feel very blessed to have been part of the church.

Thank you for your article.

Pam and Ralph Arning

### We asked for it

The people of Livonia could see it coming ... while at the new Middlebelt and Plymouth Road Wal-Mart on the second shopping day, I noted that 1) approximately 5 percent of the parking area was occupied by carts; 2) a cart containing a used diaper with body waste, and 3), another with oil cans and another with pieces of a banana and peelings.

Inside the store had little or no improvement over the I-96 location with merchandise on the floor and employees walking by or over the items with no concern.

Guess we asked for it.

Warren Allen  
Westland

### Impeach the president

Why does it take so long for the U.S. government, which is supposed to represent the United States of America, to not only put this man on trial, but also to impeach? So far, I only see weakness and a lot of money and time spent on three men (Bush, Cheney and Gonzales) that do not represent us and if we did what they have done so far, we would have been in prison!

Judith Tarjeff  
Westland

### Not above the law

We, as a society, cannot afford to allow our leaders to behave as if they are above the law. The next generation already sees lawlessness as an every day occurrence that shouldn't concern them on a personal level.

How much more personal can these acts of lawlessness be? Our Constitution is the American way of life. If we can't protect it from criminals, how do we protect our people?

Angeline Kaletto  
Wayne

### Protect our treasure

Kudos to the *Observer* for calling for stronger protections for our Great Lakes (Editorial: "Michigan needs to lead in protecting Great Lakes"). They are an international treasure that contain almost 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water.

The good news is that significant protections have been introduced in the state Legislature. Citizens' voices will be key in urging lawmakers to do the right thing despite pressure from special interests who find it more profitable to operate without water use rules.

Tell your legislators you expect them to approve Michigan's compliance with the eight-state Great Lakes Compact, which protects the lakes from large-scale diversions through pipelines and tankers; as well as implementing laws that require large water users to show they will not ruin wetlands, dry up neighbors' wells or turn fast-flowing streams into trickles of their former selves.

As the only state entirely within the Great Lakes basin, Michigan has a unique responsibility to be careful stewards of this tremendous resource. The water belongs to all of us who drink it, swim in it, fish it, or simply enjoy the natural splendor that makes Michigan "The Great Lakes State."

Whether it's the babbling branch of the Rouge River in Farmington's Shiawassee Park; fishing the fantastic cold water of Johnson Creek in Northville; or watching freighter traffic on the Detroit River, it's all one interconnected Great Lakes water system.

With strong guidelines to protect the waters from misuse, it will continue to be Michigan's signature natural resource for generations to come.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr.  
Farmington

### A touch of class

Missing in today's late-night talk show hosts is a little class. Johnny Carson had class and it is that aspect alone that I miss in television today. Today's TV entertainment is crude, oft times vulgar and always predictable.

Of course, it is altogether possible that I have simply turned into an old coot whose remembrances of yesterday reflect only the good things. But when viewing Jay Leno or David Letterman, I find myself thinking that my time might be better spent wrapping my teeth in tinfoil. So why do I keep watching? I expect it is much like playing the slots. Just maybe the next pull of the handle and all will be right with the world.

It never is, however. The level of TV intelligence just seems to keep circling the drain, sinking lower and lower with each passing year.

The influx of reality shows seems Hollywood's way of cutting costs. Why pay writers when they can achieve the same level of entertainment through the display of morons, idiots and nitwits? They obviously have an endless supply. It's much like the candy bar companies raising the cost of the candy bar while making the bar itself smaller. They

simply change the nomenclature. We'll now refer to them as "Fun Size." Reality shows may in fact be fun size for the networks, but they remain a far cry from classy, intelligent or worth the \$1.25.

PBS certainly knows good entertainment. They always seem to find it just in time for their telethons.

Grousing about the tube isn't anything new. Folks have done it for years and will do it for years to come. It's just that I keep hoping our television society will eventually climb out of the gutter and that the toilet humor that permeates the airwaves today will someday give way to reflect mankind's true spirit, his wisdom and that they'll do it with a little class.

Harvey Sarkisian  
Independence Township

### Fund Wayne State

As a graduate of Wayne State University, I am deeply concerned that lawmakers in Lansing have not reached an agreement on the state of Michigan's projected budget shortfall of \$1.8 billion for FY 2008.

While elected officials in Lansing continue to battle over how the deficit should be resolved, Wayne State University is faced with the devastating reality of a \$23.2 million reduction in state funding for FY 2007. This cut to the state's only urban research university will leave Wayne State at the same level of state funding that was received in FY 1996, without factoring in inflation.

After more than five years of funding cuts, any further reductions will fundamentally change the nature and quality of this world-class institution. It is critical to the university, and the future of Michigan, that its students are not a casualty of Lansing's solution to its budget problems.

I urge Lansing lawmakers to set aside their differences and begin the real work in Lansing to balance the state budget. If Michigan is going to be successful in turning its economy around, lawmakers cannot continue to cut funding to the institutions that will drive its transformation.

The solution should not include balancing the budget on the backs of universities, parents or students.

Arthur Voisin  
Farmington Hills

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"Frankly, I wasn't surprised by the results. It was a new test, a rigorous test, one that most students wouldn't typically take."

Greg Baracy, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Schools, on the results in the Michigan Merit Exam.



## Michigan needs 'Silk Route Team' to take advantage of opportunity

Seldom do you get a second chance to go after a grand prize. The prize I am talking about is a direct, nonstop passenger flight to Beijing or Shanghai, China, the nation with the world's fastest growing economy.

Northwest Airlines failed in its bid for approval to fly directly to China when, late last year, the U.S. Transportation Department awarded to United Airlines the China route out of Washington D.C. to Beijing. The DOT will award additional nonstop flights to China during the next two years. It would be to our clear economic advantage to make sure Detroit secures this lucrative and beneficial flight.

A recent economic impact study by the Wayne County Airport Authority estimated that two new flights would generate more than \$265 million in benefits to southeast Michigan's economy.

If Michigan is to resurrect itself from the economic doldrums, it must find ways to have a larger footprint on the global stage. Take any statistic you like and you can see that China's economy is on a roll and picking up steam.

The China wave, with annual double-digit economic growth, is lapping at our shores. We can continue to play "Peking duck" or find ways to make the China rise work for us.

Michigan is reeling with a 7.2-percent unemployment rate and needs a new "route to help transform our economy." Building a two-way direct economic air bridge to China would help put Michigan in the fast lane for an economic resurgence for the metro area and the entire state.

### HANGING TOGETHER

All Michigan leaders — Republicans and Democrats, labor and management, north, south, east and west Michigan — need to pull together to secure this important route. Air traffic will be to the 21st century what shipping and rail was in the 20th century. Nothing but an all-hands-on-deck, all-out commitment to secure this route is acceptable if we wish to thrive and not merely survive as an economic engine in the future.

Be clear — our competitors from other states and nations around the world will be aggressively pursuing every trade advantage they can muster with Asia and China. Michigan leaders need to show their intent to adapt to the changing global "flat world." We need every advantage to help tilt the world in Michigan's direction.

This is not simply a "one-way" flight with no return for Michigan.

China's rising economy has produced disposable income for millions of individuals looking

for vacation spots to spend their wealth. Our clean air, water, great universities and abundance of golf courses and gambling are a major draw for the Chinese.

Here are some suggestions to develop an Asia/China agenda, secure a direct air route to China and show the world that Michigan is united and open for global business.

1. Gov. Jennifer Granholm could assemble a "Silk Route Team" of business, labor, political, community and civic leaders to develop a comprehensive Asia/China strategy. None exists today.

This group's charge would be to find ways to make the economic rise of Asia and China work for Michigan's workers, families, businesses and communities. The first objective should be to secure the direct route from Detroit to China. Michigan's universities, with the Confucius Institutes at Michigan State and Wayne State and the China Center at the University of Michigan, and businesses that have navigated the China business shoals are bursting with China experts that can help guide the way.

2. Beyond a direct passenger flight to China, the "Silk Route Team" should find ways to make Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano's Aerotropolis concept a reality and make Willow Run Airport in western Wayne County and Bishop International Airport in Flint part of an international, inter-modal, global transportation hub for all of North America. This two-way cargo air bridge will make our region and Michigan the envy of the world.

3. Show your support for Northwest Airlines' attempt to secure this new China route by going to [www.nwatochina.com](http://www.nwatochina.com). Northwest Airlines reported it received more than 100,000 letters of support in the first three days after the company announced its application for nonstop routes to China.

Today, Michigan is lagging behind other states and nations in tapping the rich Chinese economic vein in ways that benefit our citizens. Seldom does the economic merry-go-round provide the opportunity to snag the brass ring a second time. Do we have the ability to drop the political in-fighting long enough to capture this opportunity or will we continue to go around and around, again losing the prize?

The great Chinese philosopher, Lo-tzu once said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Let the journey begin.

Tom Watkins, former state superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and director of the Department of Mental Health (1986-90) is a business and education consultant. He has a longstanding interest in China and has traveled there many times since 1989.



Tom Watkins

## Behind every spoiled brat there is an indulgent parent

So there I was waiting for a baker to box some heavenly-scented cinnamon sticks hot out of an oven in one of those ritzy resort towns up north. The man up next got a whiff and couldn't resist ordering a dozen, too. He gazed down on a girl of approximately 7 and asked if the order was OK.

She smiled the smallest of smiles, looked up at her father and spoke.

"I want frosting," little Princess said. There was something in her voice that commanded attention.

It wasn't the high-pitched squeal of a little girl who merely wanted gooey sugar. The voice was bathed in expectation. It was as if a lesser royal had issued an edict to a commoner — she knew the request would be fulfilled because, in her world, that's simply the way things are done.

Over the next few minutes, the father did his best to get frosted cinnamon sticks for Princess gooey fingers.

The store owner wouldn't budge. "We don't sell them that way," was all she kept saying to the increasingly befuddled man.

One demand, two subsequent requests and a final plea were swatted aside before he turned to his right in defeat.

"How about a frosted doughnut?" he asked, looking to escape the storm of disappointment bearing down upon him.

"I guess," said the little one, and both moved one pace to the left as the woman at the register scowled like she would enjoy nothing better than frosting the brat from head to toe and tossing her in a vat of burning oil.

Is this what raising a child has come to? Spa parties for 6-year-olds. Chicago shopping trips for girls too young to drive. A \$15,000 baby crib designed to look like the carriage in Cinderella for sale on a Web site called Poshtots.

Enough is enough.

Tots don't have to be posh.

They don't need facials, pedicures or cucumber eye treatments. They should be able to find suitable clothing at the nearest mall or, dare I suggest, a discount store like Target. And an infant certainly doesn't give a darn if she sleeps in a luxury carriage or \$300 crib so long as her parents love, cherish and take care of her.

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I remember it as a time when parents made rules and children obeyed. Of course there were exceptions, the most famous of which was our habit of removing every stick of furniture in the living room and using the fireplace as a soccer goal when mom and dad went bowling.

It was the Life of Riley compared to the childhood of my father's father. As one of 14 children growing up in Saskatchewan, Canada, he had to get his first job at 12 and wound up shoveling coal at the local railroad.

Has prosperity changed the rules of parenthood?

Must all parents now bargain with children instead of telling them what to do?

Is renting a Moonwalk the bare minimum for a birthday party these days?

Does a 3-year-old's opinion really matter when making a family decision?

I need answers fast because my wife and I have a little one on the way.

Baby girl is our first and we don't want to get off to a rocky start.

Perhaps a trip to Pottery Barn Kids is in order.

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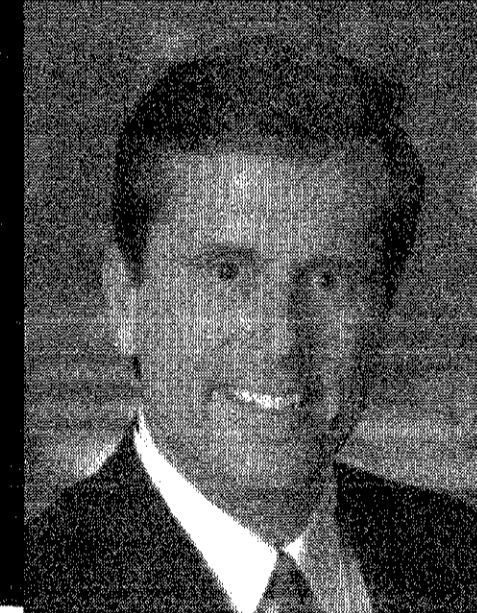
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## Ballet company holds audition

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet will be holding auditions for the 2007-2008 performance season. The auditions are open to all interested dancers. The nonprofit dance company was established to bring performers from different dance programs together in a ballet company atmosphere. Performances and rehearsals are an addition to the dancer's regular training schedule at their studio.

Dancers are asked to bring a resume a dance photo and \$10 audition fee. Girls are required to wear ballet shoes, pink tights and black leotard with their hair in a bun. Boys are required to wear ballet shoes, black tights or jazz pants and a white T-shirt. All dancers will be evaluated for membership to the companies on their dance technique and performance potential during a ballet class. Girls with pointe shoes should be prepared to demonstrate their abilities.

Three audition classes will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Canton. Dancers aged 7 to 9 years will dance from noon to 1 p.m., dancers aged 10 to 12 years will dance 1-2 p.m., and dancers aged 13 to adult will dance 2-3:30 PM. Contact the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company at (734) 676-7233 or by e-mail at [pcbc@comcast.net](mailto:pcbc@comcast.net). For more information visit the Company's Web site at [plymouthcantonballet.org](http://plymouthcantonballet.org).

## Dream Cruise was one fine ride

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

"There's that stupid car with the name we can't pronounce." The anonymous voice came from the crowd along Woodward at Maple.

Could he have been referring to one of the many Jaguars - is that Jag-U-ar or Jagwar? - or perhaps a Lancia, or maybe a Lamborghini Countach?

It certainly couldn't have been any of the herd of Mustangs or stately Rolls Royces that roared down Woodward Saturday for the official Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise revvs.

By 9 a.m. the cars and crowds already were thick in Birmingham.

Kevin and Leigh Burrow came from Indianapolis for the event. Perched in folding chairs and Woodward and Maple, they watched the cars roll by with their son Blake, 4.

"It's excellent," said Kevin. "It's exceeded our expectations."

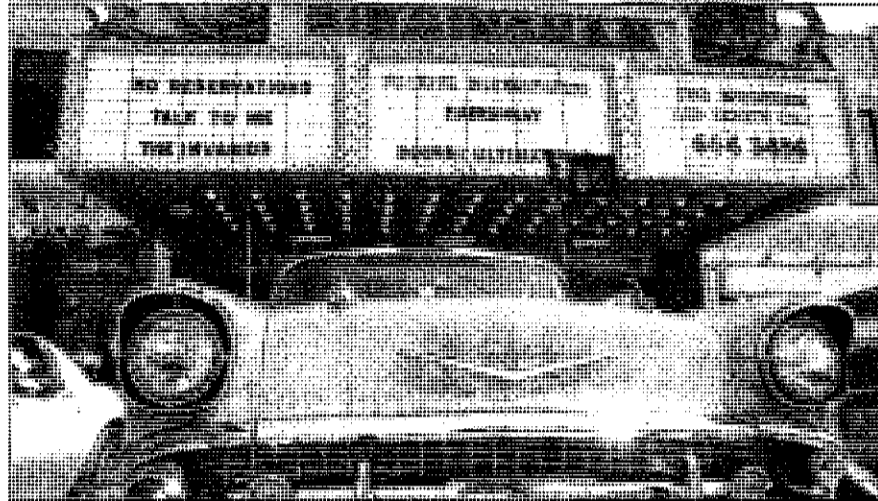
The event was a first for the Burrows.

"I just love it," said Leigh. Blake had nothing to say, except he thrust up the toy Corvette he clutched in his hands when asked what is his favorite car.

He had many to choose from. Thousands of classic cars filled Birmingham and the weather couldn't have been better.



Kayla and Conner Lance from Commerce Township rode in style in a 1957 Chevy wagon pulled by their mother Rhondi.



A classic car in front of the classic theatre on Old Woodward Ave.

## Congrats O&E ticket winners

Six people are winners in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* readership survey random drawing.

The winners are Penny Sage of Farmington Hills, two tickets to the Sept. 5 Tigers game; Charles Olschefski of Livonia, two tickets to the Sept. 7 Tigers game; Mary Ann Fassnacht of Rochester Hills, four tickets to Beatlemania Aug. 26 at Meadow Brook Music Festival; Deb Christiansen of Livonia, two tickets to the Sept. 5 Tigers game; Janet Seelow of Garden City, two tickets to the Sept. 7 Tigers game; and Nancy Fedon of Canton Township, four tickets to Dave Matthews Band at the DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The winners submitted a survey either in print or online published over a two-week period of time.

The names were selected at random. Everyone who submitted a survey either in print or online and who provided a name and address was eligible for the ticket drawing.

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## Go Back-to-School with High School Musical 2

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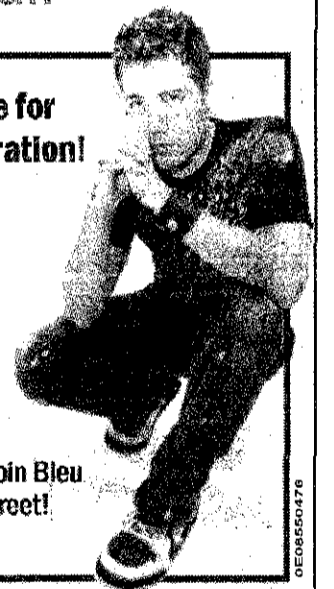
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**AUGUST**

**Rummage sale**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

**Supplies-for-Students**

A Back to School Supplies Give-Away event that is free for all families in our community. Enjoy crafts, games, food, an inflatable bouncer, and more! Most importantly, we will be giving away 200 bags of school supplies to kick off the start of a new school year. Arrive on time because supplies are limited to the first 200 students 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. For more information, call Pastor Bob Hegdal at (313) 538-2660.

**Summer sings**

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For

more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

**Fun days**

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

**Summer Bible studies**

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.org) for more information.

**Summer camp**

The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

**Carillon series**

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

**Tent/rummage sale**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

**Palooza/community jubilee**

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, caricatures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 4:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

**Religious education**

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

**Colloquium**

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox

Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicap-accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night.

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio ([www.ancientfaithradio.com](http://www.ancientfaithradio.com)), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact disks of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium. For information or to register, visit [www.orthodoxdetroit.com](http://www.orthodoxdetroit.com). For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

**Taste of Greece**

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace), indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek donuts). Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in our church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to our church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

**Victorian fashion show/tea**

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30-minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit [www.firstpresville.org](http://www.firstpresville.org). Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins us for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

**Alpha - Questions of Life**

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

**Mom to Mom sale**

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a one-dollar admission.

**Mom-to-Mom sale**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

**Church Women United**

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

**CROP walk**

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and development as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be 2 mile and 4 mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

**Crafters needed**

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771

Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

**Catholic women's conference**

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit [www.aodwomensministry.org](http://www.aodwomensministry.org). Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to [A00womensconference@wowway.com](mailto:A00womensconference@wowway.com) or calling (734) 459-9558.

**Cruise**

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Space limited.

**Uplifting church services**

Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**Women of the word**

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at [www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen](http://www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen). The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

**Sunday school classes**

New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

**Worship schedule**

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

**ONGOING**

**Explore the Catholic faith**

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

**J.O.Y. meeting**

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

**Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit [www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com).

**Worship service**

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Youth wanted**

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**A healthy you**

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

**Summer worship**

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday

Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

**Sunday worship**

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Preschool registration**

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org). For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to [carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org](mailto:carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org).

**Sunday services**

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

**Worship services**

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**Bible study**

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

**Worship services**

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

**Classes**

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choosing from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

**Tiny Tot's Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2007-2008 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Recovery program**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

**Bible study**

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

**Sunday service**

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**Worship service**

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**

Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

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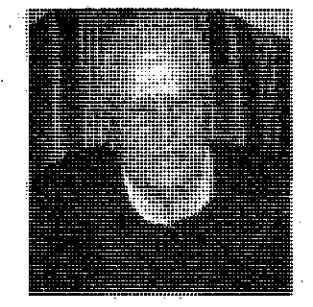


**CLARISSA ADAMS GOAD**

August 20, 2007 age 74. Beloved wife of Thomas C. Dear mother of Douglass C., Linda G. Larisch and Theodore C. Goad (Jenni). Grandmother of Taylor Goad, Andres Larisch, Brandon Goad, Jacqueline Larisch, Sadie Goad and Nicholas Larisch. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8pm. Funeral service Friday 11am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine, west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to National Miniatures Trust, 1811 Four Mile Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100, John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or Village Women's Club, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**DENNIS GENE REIGHARD**

68, Westland, MI. Died Aug. 16, 2007. Uht Funeral Home, 734-721-8555



**JOHN P. RICHARDSON**

August 20, 2007 Age 92 Beloved husband of Edna-Mary for 60 years. Dear father of John (Kathy), Julie Christy (Dane) and Mary Setzco (Paul). Grandfather of David (Meredith), Kate Frederiksen (Mark), Nicole Richardson, Jacob and Libby Christy and John Setzco. Great grandfather of Olivia and Alexa Richardson. Brother of Marion Linder (Howard) and Don (Patricia). Funeral service Thursday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Wednesday 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Shy-Draeger/Multiple System Atrophy Support Group, Inc., P.O. Box 279, Coupland, TX 78615. View obituary and share memories at [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)



**PAULINE McMULLEN**

Passed away August 19, 2007 at the age of 97. A full-time homemaker coming to the Plymouth Community in 1941. Beloved wife for 78 years to the late Dee McMullen. Loving mother of Thomas (June), Don (Norma), Ron (Delores), Larry, Harry (Linda), Jack (Linda) and the late Dale McMullen and Doris Sluder. Also leaves 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Tri City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48188

**LUCILLE M. CLOAR**

Age 88, passed away August 17, 2007, in Newark, Ohio. She was a former resident of Plymouth. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth where she also taught Sunday school. Mrs. Cloar is survived by four children, Robert (Joanell) Cloar of Minden, NV, Jonell (Ron) Essick of Granville, OH, Teresa Curds of Livonia, and Michael (Sandy) Cloar of Kalkaska, MI. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Lucille Cloar is preceded in death by her husband, Price, four sisters and one brother. A graveside service was held Monday, August 20, 2007, 11am, at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 34224 Ford Rd., Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Valley Rd., Newark, Ohio 43055-9925. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



**MARY J. KHOURY**

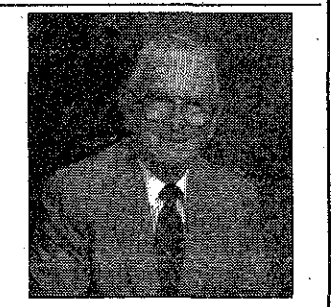
August 20, 2007. Residence of Livonia, MI. Born June 20th in Hanceville, AL, the daughter of Richter Quick & Ethel Cobb. Survived by daughter Kim; son Tony (Sandy), "Ya Ya" to Casey, Joseph, Kori & Alexander; great "Ya Ya" to Kamryn; sisters Thelma, Anne & Jan; brothers Al, Wayne, & Larry. Visitation will be held Wednesday, 1-3pm & 5-8pm. Funeral service will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, MI, Thurs., August 23, at 11am with Sister Angela LaBranche officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**RUTH H. (Penny) PAYTON (nee Pennanen)**

Age 86, of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Birmingham, passed away peacefully at her home on August 14, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Charles F. (Jack), a former pediatrician; six daughters: Ruth Ann (Michael) Hopp of Rotonda West, FL; Mary Lee (Craig) McFarland of Crown Point, IN; Martha Jean (King) Smith of Branson, MO; Catherine (Ronald) Klotzworth of Rapid River, MI; Evelyn (Barry) Kennedy of North Port, FL; and Carol (Robert) Falls of Colorado Springs, CO; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Penny was an avid bridge player and bridge teacher who cherished time spent with family and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A private memorial celebration will be held in St. Louis, MO on September 9, 2007.

**VIOLA M. NIEBLING**

Age 84, August 19, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William L., loving mother of William J. (Scharlotte), Susan (Richard) Fischer and Kathryn (Gregory) Marek; dear sister of Shirley Hulsey; devoted grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of two. Funeral service Friday, August 24th, 11:30am, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Miles Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Memorial tributes suggested to National Parkinson Foundation, [Parkinson.org](http://Parkinson.org), or Alzheimer's Assn., [alz.org](http://alz.org).



**RALPH M. DIEDRICK**

Age 78, born December 23, 1928, Ralph passed away peacefully surrounded by his family to



CALENDAR

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Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

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

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at

28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible

Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

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**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
SBF, 38, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies, for friendship, possible romance. **☎ 152399**

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SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dining, park, music. Seeking BM, 35-55, for friendship, possible romance. **☎ 220303**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBF, 27-37, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **☎ 250801**

**FORMER MODEL**  
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligent, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share his interests and more. **☎ 600106**

**HIDDEN TREASURE**  
I'm the needle in the haystack, and here you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+, **☎ 212790**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
WIMF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **☎ 391719**

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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. **☎ 201867**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Energetic SBF, 32, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentlemen, N/S, to share his life. **☎ 133617**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 120lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/mentally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship. **☎ 212242**

**SHORT GUYS A PLUS**  
SWF, 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. **☎ 113652**

**BUSY GIRL**  
Very cute SWFP, 48, looks 35 on a bad day, 5'11, 115lbs, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. **☎ 230116**

**HI THERE**  
SBFP, 36, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy, curly, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all it offers. I enjoy water sports, travel, fine dining. **☎ 218966**

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SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. **☎ 120370**

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SBF, 48, 5'6", caring, complexion, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things in life offers. **☎ 216297**

**MAYBE US**  
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. **☎ 186572**

**BIG HEART**  
SWF, 46, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, sincere, enjoys movies, museums, the outdoors, sports, cuddling and walks. ISO SWM, 37-53, for friendship first. **☎ 213660**

**LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE**  
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking taddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. **☎ 903031**

**A GOOD WOMAN 4 U**  
Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, ND, 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. **☎ 209055**

**HELLO GENTLEMAN**  
SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. **☎ 212411**

**OLD SCHOOL GIRL...**  
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**READ THIS AD!**  
SWF, 61, N/S, homely, enjoys cuddling, sexy movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and qualities. **☎ 164114**

**GOOD TIMES**  
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**TAKE ME GOLFING**  
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**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, S/DWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **☎ 208652**

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

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Attractive SWF, 64, 5'1", 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **☎ 409679**

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SWFP, 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. **☎ 99338**

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SBF, 22, 5'11", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. **☎ 186347**

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SBF, 29, 5'7", easygoing, laid-back, DID-free, seeking a SM, 21-35, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. **☎ 198977**

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SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **☎ 190872**

**HOPE IS YOU**  
SBM, 30, 5'6", 190lbs, morn, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium length hair, seeks cute, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things in life offers. **☎ 191375**

**THE GOOD LIFE**  
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. **☎ 198804**

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-36, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. **☎ 192872**

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WIMW, 46, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoors/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **☎ 269340**

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SWM, 26, occasional smoker, likes concerts, movies, roller blading, being crazy, working out. ISO similar woman, to have fun and more. **☎ 213121**

**GENTLE TITAN**  
SWM, 32, seeks intelligent woman, 25-35, who knows how to express herself and her desires. Let's talk soon. **☎ 232333**

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SWM, 38, 2'10lbs, HW, brown/brown, hard-working, loyal, honest, compassionate, humorous, enjoys anything outdoors, seeks a SWF, 35-40, attractive, active and caring. **☎ 216329**

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**PRINCE CHARMING**  
SBM, 41, 5'7", 195lbs, independent, cook by trade, clean-shaven, goatee, seeking a woman, 30-50, understanding, mature, honest, for romance, fun, possible LTR. **☎ 219527**

**ARE YOU MY LADY?**  
SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a lovely lady, honest, compassionate, humorous, who likes simple pleasures. **☎ 210204**

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SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, movies, and traveling. Seeking a caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. **☎ 148012**

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

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SWM, 48, 6'1", 190lbs, N/S, handsome, sincere, educated, honest, seeks attractive woman, 38-50, for friendship, sharing interests. **☎ 217959**

**THE REAL DEAL**  
SWM, 59, handsome, SM, blond/blue, 5'9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. **☎ 34096**

**HOPE TO FIND U SOON**  
SBM, 51'11", 185lbs, brown hair, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays more, looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. **☎ 211613**

**HI LADIES!**  
DWM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a HW/F, who's honest, intelligent, fun-loving, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. **☎ 216527**

**I'M YOUR MAN**  
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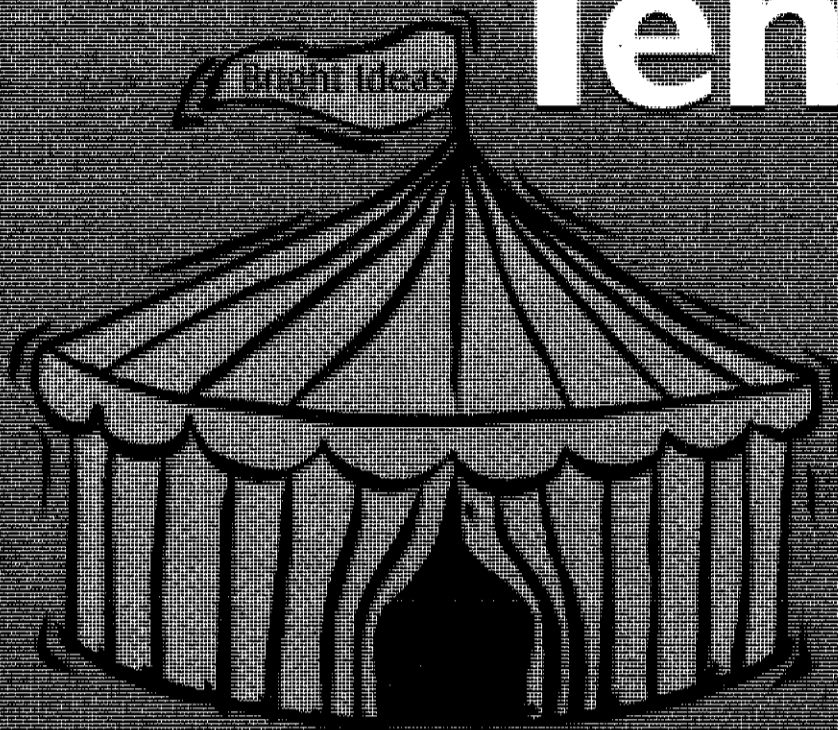
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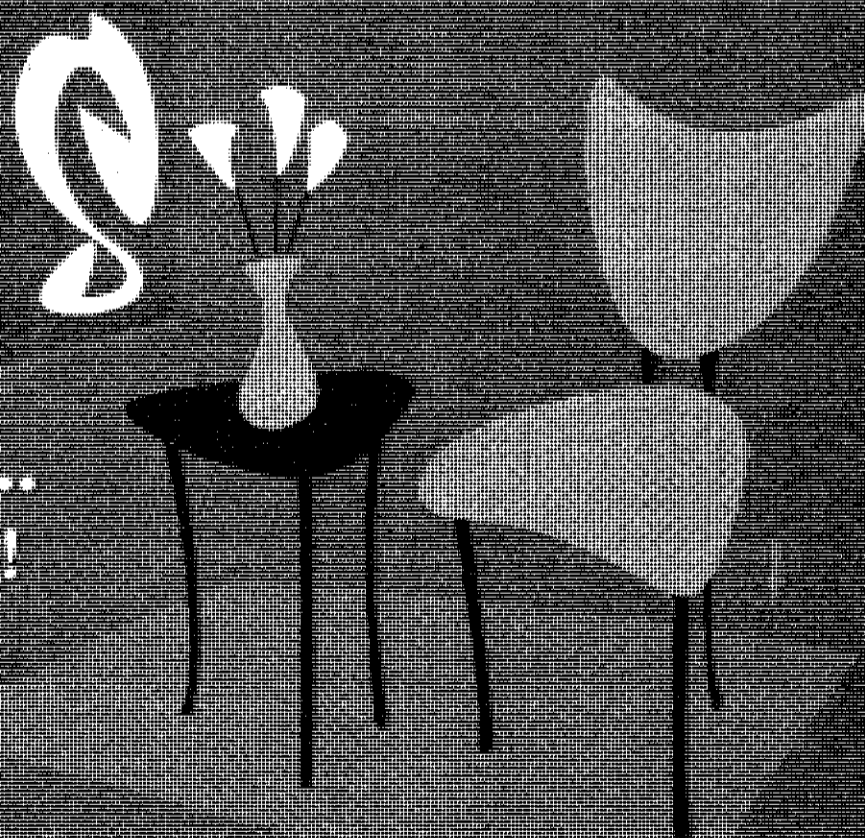
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# McCotter sees progress by reaching down to grass roots in Iraq

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

As members of Congress await an update on military and political progress in Iraq, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) sees a change in approach that he believes is making a difference.

McCotter met with *Observer* editors Wednesday, his 42nd birthday, to discuss a number of issues facing Congress, particularly the war in Iraq. The Bush administration will release a progress report Sept. 11 or 12 based on consultation with Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker. Petraeus and Crocker will begin closed door meetings with congressional committees Sept. 15.

"You remember when I used to come in and say it has to be grass root from the bottom up, not the top down, and that's what they're doing," McCotter said. "The political progress is occurring in the tribes, the towns and the provinces. That's where they are making the decision to stop supporting the insurgency and support the United States, the coalition or their own efforts for freedom."

McCotter said a change in the reconstruction philosophy is helping to win over the "passive-aggressive" resistance of the Iraqi people.

"The reconstruction was reoriented. That was the key that was overlooked in the military surge aspect," he said. "It was reoriented from a Baghdad base, down into the provinces. What has also happened is that the Iraqis began distributing oil revenue money down to the provinces."

He said the emphasis on political progress in Baghdad was backward and it was more important to win support on the local level.

Michigan U.S. Sen. Carl Levin has suggested that the Iraqi parliament should consider removing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki because of his inability to build a political reconciliation among the various factions in the country. McCotter said that removing Maliki before the Sept. 15 progress report is given to Congress "would invite chaos. It's not helpful and diminishes his ability to bring people together."

McCotter has opposed any attempt by Congress to set a time limit on American troop presence in Iraq and supported the increase of ground troops in Baghdad and the al-Anbar Province, known as the surge. He said any decision on withdrawal of

American troops would have to be made by Petraeus and other generals in the field.

## SUPPORTS THOMPSON

Earlier this month, McCotter voted to extend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for six months. Among other changes, it allows the director of National Intelligence and the attorney general to permit surveillance without a judicial warrant of telephone

calls where one party is thought to be outside of the United States. The act was revised to answer a technical issue involving telecommunications equipment, but has been criticized as an invitation to "spy" on American citizens.

McCotter said he wasn't concerned that this would be a problem.

"No constitutional right is absolute," he said. "Courts will make a determination. Judges will look at

this and make that constitutional decision. They'll have to show actual harm."

Next year is a congressional and presidential election year. McCotter is supporting former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson for president. The former co-star of TV's *Law and Order* has yet to officially declare his candidacy.

"He's a common sense conservative," McCotter said. McCotter said he's concerned

about the economy and how a weak American economy would affect an election where Congress is controlled by the Democrats and the president is a Republican. He said he is also concerned how a weak national economy would impact Michigan's already down economy.

As a member of the Republican House leadership, McCotter notes that there is a philosophical tension within the party.

"Economically, they still tend to pander to the libertarian wing of the party, which is not helpful to my state," he said. "It's one of the tensions of the Republican Party. It's not the social conservatives against the social moderates, that accommodation was worked out a long time ago."

In the final analysis, it's the economic libertarian who believes America is an economy and Reaganites who believe America is a country and all that that entails."

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## Pentathlete gets closer to Olympics

Livonia native Sheila Taormina earned valuable world ranking points with a ninth-place finish last weekend at the 2007 World Modern Pentathlon Championships held in Berlin, Germany.

Taormina, a Stevenson High grad, posted a total of 5,436 points to move one step closer to becoming the first woman to qualify for the Olympic Games in three different sports.

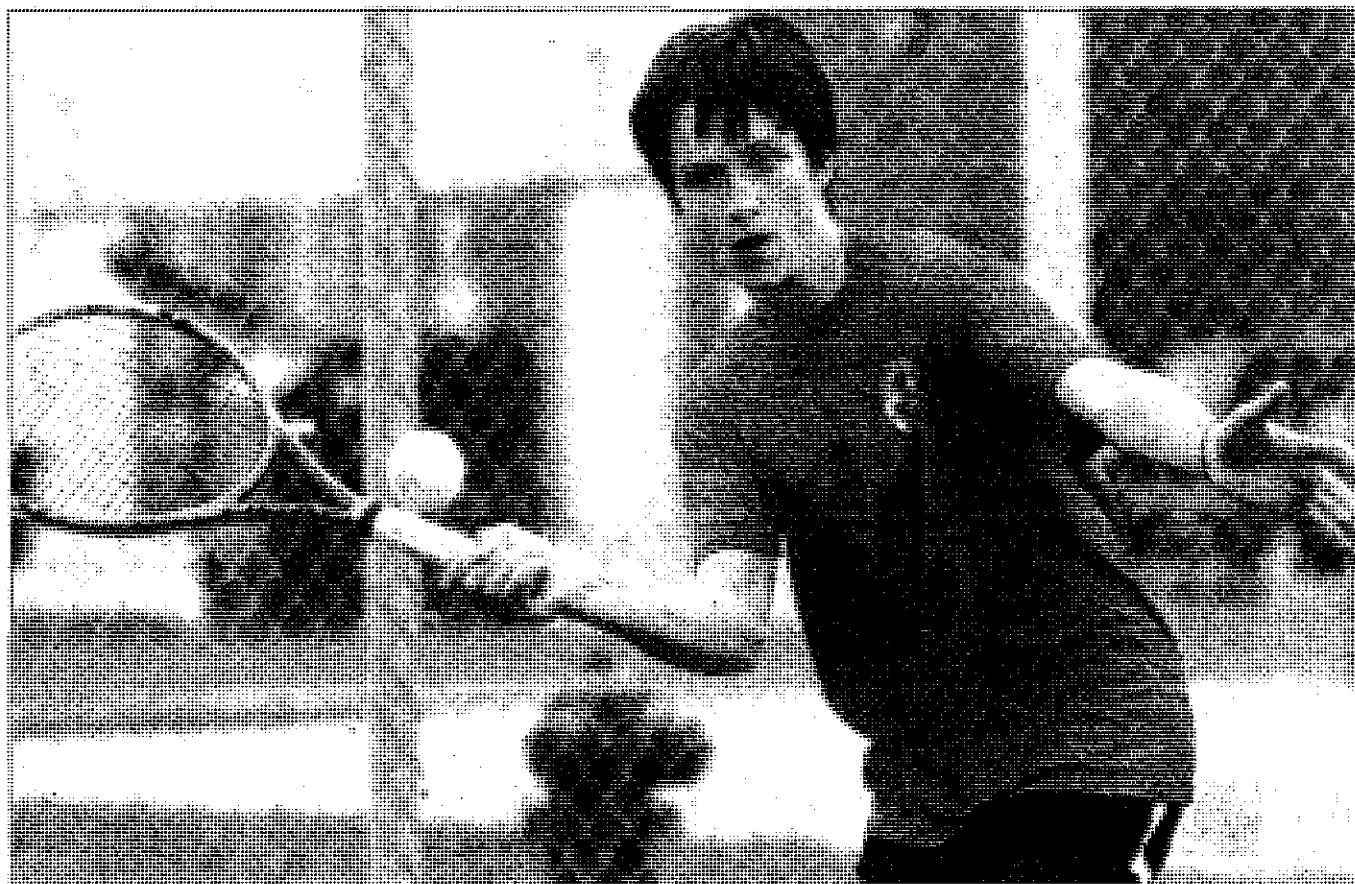
Taormina, a former All-America swimmer at the University of Georgia, secured a gold medal on the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games as a member of the 4x200-meter free-style relay. She also finished sixth and 23rd, respectively, in the Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004) games in the women's triathlon.

Bouncing back from an 11th-place finish last month in the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when her horse refused seven jumps, Taormina's five-event breakdown in Berlin included: shooting, 176 (1,048 points); fencing, nine victories (616 points); swimming, 2:07.42 (1,392 points); riding (1,116 points); and 3,000-meter run, 10:14.6 (1,264 points).

The World Modern Pentathlon Championships was an Olympic qualifying event. Athletes who finished in the top three automatically qualified for the 2008 Games in Beijing, China. Gold medalists at the 2007 World Cup Final, Sept. 15-16, also in Beijing, also earn an automatic Olympic berth, as well as the top three finishers at the 2008 World Championships next May.

The seven remaining Olympic slots will be determined by the World Cup ranking from the Olympic qualifying season, which is June 2007 through June 1, 2008.

Taormina, now training in Colorado Springs, Colo., posted her best modern pentathlon World Cup performance came last March, when she captured a silver medal in the No. 2 event in Cairo, Egypt.



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John Glenn's Tim Smolen, who plays No. 1 singles, is only one of nine players this season on the roster.



Senior Nick Payne, who plays No. 1 singles, is only one of four starters returning for Division 1 regional champion Livonia Churchill.

## Playing havoc

### Season switch hurts boys tennis numbers

BY BRAD EMONS.  
STAFF WRITER

The court-mandated MHSAA sports seasons switch this fall may have hit area boys tennis teams the hardest.

Apparently, not everybody benefited.

Division 1 regional champion and Western Lakes Activities Association runner-up Livonia Churchill lost its coach, Reid Friedrichs, who had to step down after five years to remain with the varsity boys soccer program, where he enters his eighth season.

The Chargers were fortunate to

Capsule outlook of area teams C2.

find a capable replacement in Dave Farmer, who served as the Eastern Michigan University women's coach from 1995 through 2002. The former Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year also directed the junior program at the Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield (2002-06) and currently teaches at the Farmington Tennis Club.

The Chargers, who finished 13th in the Division 1 state tournament, lost eight starters, but return first-

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## Picking up where we left off

If you're a high school football player and you're glad two-a-days are history, raise your right hand.

Well, trust me on this: The soreness will go away, but the memories of possibly the two toughest weeks of your life never will.

I still remember my last week of two-a-days like it was last week, even though Jimmy Carter was president and instant-messaging meant yelling across the street to your friends.

Our coach always saved the most brutal drill for the end of the morning session — the absolute hottest, windless point of the day when the sun was at its apex.

The far-from-politically-correct name of the exercise was "suicides." Already drenched in sweat and exhausted

from two hours of bear crawls, down-ups and running, we lined up at the goal line and ran a series of sprints from the 5-yard line back to the goal line; to the 10-yard line and back to the goal line — non-stop until we reached the opposite end zone roughly 20 minutes later.

I'll never forget one particular extra-humid, 90-degree morning when, as we all took a knee around the coaches following a series of the energy-sapping drill, senior wide receiver/team comedian Arnold Cauthen quipped just loud enough for the coaches to hear: "Those should be called *homicides*, man, because y'all killin' us."

The players chuckled. The coaches scowled. And we ran another series of suicides.

I can also painfully recall the "Lombardies," an equally tough drill that was named in honor of tough-as-nails legendary Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi.

"I'm not sure who this Lombardi guy is," Arnold said one morning, "but I'm pretty sure he was a mean (blankety-blank)."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel gets ready for his 13th season.

The worst moment of two-a-days my senior year came on one of the last plays of an intersquad scrimmage during the final two-a-day, just a few days before our season opener. Arnold, a slow but sure-handed wide receiver, caught a slant pass over the middle before getting drilled by a safety with a solid, clean tackle.

The hit broke Arnold's leg, ending his senior season before it began.

A few days later, as we struggled through a practice-ending series of sprints, Arnold limped across the parking lot to the edge of the practice field, a freshly formed cast encasing his entire right leg.

Leaning on pair of crutches for balance, a huge smile crossed Arnold's face as he watched our suffering up close and personal.

"No pain, no gain, y'all," he yelled with delight.

We scowled. The coaches chuckled. Last year's final Grid Picks standings were no laughing matter for myself and Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith as both of us finished in Livonia/

Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons' rear-view mirror (and the objects were not closer than they appeared). Brad wiped us out pretty bad, so we're ready for some paybacks.

Good luck to all the local players and teams. And as my coach told us before our first game: "Win one for Arnold!"

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted; each team's 2006 record is in parentheses) Salem (0-9, 0-6) at Pinckney (2-7, 1-6):

Both teams will be looking to erase the memories of last season's poor records with an early-season victory. The team with the ball last may wind up winning what promises to be a high-scoring showdown. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Pinckney); Emons (Pinckney).

**Redford Covenant (2-5) at Detroit University Prep (1-8), 4 p.m.:** Two relative unknowns square off in the first game of the season, but the Spartans are deeper and more talented than 2006. **PICKS:** Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (University Prep).

Please see **PICKS, C4**

## S'craft's Lamb hopes Ocelots won't be silent

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's doubleheader volleyball match against visiting Alpena CC marks the start of Richard Lamb's coaching tenure at Schoolcraft College.

Nobody expects the Lady Ocelots to pick up right where they left off at the end of the Tom Teeters era — the team won Eastern Conference and NJCAA District titles with an overall mark of 35-7. (Teeters is now coaching at conference rival Mott CC.)

But with several important returnees and some solid freshmen in

the fold, Schoolcraft could still be as competitive as they come in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference.

According to Lamb, tri-captains Carly DeClercq (Livonia Churchill), Stacy Urbats (Churchill) and Amanda Ballnik will be instrumental to how the team fares as newcomers get their feet wet.

"One of our weaknesses is that as a team, we are lacking the experience at this level that some of our rivals have," Lamb said. "However, through strong leadership of our captains, I believe that we can overcome this."

"We have strong leadership at all three positions and we are looking for them to show our newcomers what it takes to compete in our league."

Perhaps the main catalyst of those three will be outside hitter/middle blocker DeClercq, whose versatility and court savvy will enable Lamb to also put her at outside hitter.

"Carly will also help anchor our serve reception and defense," Lamb said. "We are going to rely on Carly's experience this season and we expect big things from her at all areas."

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, C4**

## Sidelines

### LJAL hoop signup

Basketball registration for the Livonia Junior Athletic League will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 and 17 at Frost Middle School, located at 14041 Stark Road, Livonia.

The LJAL will offer four different levels for boys and girls including: Senior Varsity (grades 9-11); Varsity (grades 7-8); Junior Varsity (grades 5-6); and Freshman (grades 3-4).

For more information about the 2007-08 season, e-mail Basketball@ljal.com.

### Run Like Wind 5K

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Chuck Block at (517) 702-0226.

### Area golf divots

Twins Ben and Nick Proben of Livonia, eighth-graders at Frost Middle School, shot 68 and 69, respectively, to place fifth and sixth among a field of 40 for Boys 12-14 on Aug. 16 in the Fox Hills Junior Tournament staged at the par-3 Strategic Fox in Plymouth.

### Hunter safety class

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its hunter's safety class from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard.

The cost is \$15 per person. The class allows individual of all ages, 10 and-up, to learn about safety, proper techniques, legal requirements and information a wide variety of equipment. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1960 must receive this certification in order to obtain a hunting license.

Bring a bag lunch (time will be provided to eat). Space is limited. Registration is held at the LCRC.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.



# Wayne State football fortunes ride with Observerland talent

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne State's football team has a decidedly Observerland look this season, with no less than seven players on the roster from area high schools.

Add to that another four who hail from the Oakland County schools covered by the Eccentric and a Canton resident who played high school ball at Dearborn Divine Child.

Among locals who look to help the Warriors contend this season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is senior tight end John Rehberg (6-3, 245), a four-year starter from Livonia Stevenson. Although senior tight end Dale Knuth (6-4, 218) hails from Canton, he played for Divine Child's Falcons.

Both Rehberg and Knuth are important offensive players and determined team leaders.

"John is one of our hardest workers," Winters said. "He can be a dominant player and is very strong at the point of attack."

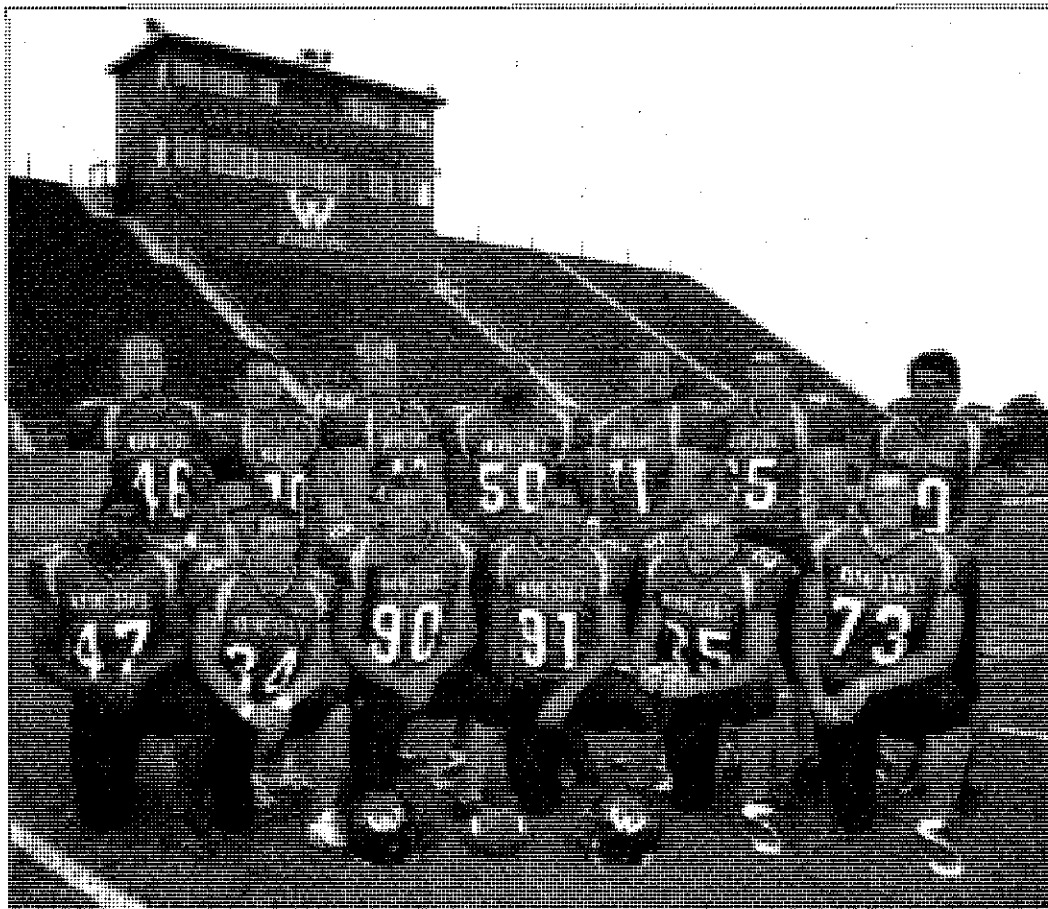
Knuth, meanwhile, is described as "a warrior in the classroom and on the field."

Back for his second season is Livonia Clarenceville alum Bruno Shkreli, a 5-11, 209-pound running back.

"Bruno had a great spring practice and off-season," WSU head coach Paul Winters said. "He will compete for playing time and will also be a leader of our special teams."

Shkreli isn't the only former Trojan now wearing the green and gold of Wayne State. Freshman Marcus Watkins (5-10, 279) could make his mark at defensive tackle before all is said and done.

Among the new players to watch is 6-3, 293-pound freshman Will Khoury, one of the



MARK HICKS

Among those ready to suit up this season for the Wayne State University Warriors include (front row, from left): Marcus Watkins, Livonia Clarenceville; Andrew Pack, Garden City; Jon Robinson, Livonia Churchill; Matt Shango, West Bloomfield/Birmingham Brother Rice; Adam Nuckols, Waterford Mott; Will Khoury, Canton; (back row, from left) John Rehberg, Livonia Stevenson; Alan Guy, Rochester Adams; Dale Knuth, Canton/Dearborn Divine Child; Merrick Steele, Southfield; Frank Lietke, Walled Lake Central; Ryan Jonik, Canton; and Bruno Shkreli, Clarenceville.

keys to the success of Canton's Chiefs Division 1 state semifinal run last season.

"Will comes from a great high school program," offensive line coach Terry Heffernan said. "He is an excellent athlete who is working hard to adjust to the college game. He will begin playing guard but he has the size and the ability to play anywhere on the line."

Another Canton alum on the team is sophomore offensive tackle Ryan Jonik (6-3, 291).

Meanwhile, freshman defensive end Jon Robinson (6-0, 229) hails from Livonia Churchill.

Recent Garden City graduate Andrew Pack (5-10, 189) is expected to line up at strong safety and on special teams.

"He (Pack) will look to get on several special teams this fall," defensive backs coach Mattix said. "Andrew made the transition from offense in the spring."

Eccentric-area players on WSU's roster include sopho-

more linebacker Matt Shango (West Bloomfield/Birmingham Brother Rice), senior linebacker Alan Guy (Rochester Adams), senior center and Southfield product Merrick Steele and Frank Lietke, a senior center from Walled Lake Central.

Winters and his Warriors, who finished 6-5 in 2006, open the regular season at noon Saturday, Sept. 1 against Michigan Tech.

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## BOYS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Dave Farmer, first season.  
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).  
Last year's finish: second (WLAAs tourney); first (Division 1 regional); 13th (Division 1 state meet); Lakes Division champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Taylor Frangie (first-time All-Area doubles); Jay Cunningham (first-time All-Area doubles); Kyle Anderson, Danny Martin, Steve Mazur, Paul Vandric, Andy Clairmont, Kyle Peczynski.  
Leading returnees: Aniket Patel, Soph. (first-team All-Area singles, No. 2); Nick Payne, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Robert Fortney, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Alex Clos, Jr. (singles, No. 3 regional champion).

Promising newcomers: Akshay Moorthy, Fr. (singles); Eric Slusarski, Jr. (doubles); Eric Neuman, Jr. (doubles); John Tabor, Jr. (doubles); Zwin Deng, Soph. (doubles); Mike Appel, Jr. (doubles); Kyle Stoppa, Sr. (doubles); Pat Moroney, Jr. (doubles); Andy Clark, Soph. (doubles); Vishal Joshi, Soph. (doubles).

Farmer's 2007 outlook: "We have to improve as season goes along if we're going to have success. We lost eight starters, that's tough. We've got some talent, but it's matter of committing and playing more. I'm confident as the season goes along we'll improve."

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Lori Conner, third year.  
League affiliation: WLAAs (Western Division).  
Last year's finish: tied for 10th (WLAAs tourney); sixth (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Joe Fenner.  
Leading returnees: Steve Trapp, Jr. (singles); Ryan Hudie, Jr. (doubles); Chad Dorton, Jr. (doubles); Ryan Henderson, Sr.; Dan Camilleri, Sr. (captain); Tony Semonick, Sr. (captain).  
Promising newcomers: Walter Woods, Fr. (singles).

George's 2007 outlook: "Preparation is the key ingredient for each individual player. Preparation in stroke placement, physical and mental endurance. We are developing fitness and balancing skills to utilize in our matches. Our team captains, Camilleri and Semonick, are strong leaders who will be the glue for team cohesion."

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Kathy Ladd, fourth year.  
League affiliation: WLAAs (Lakes Division).  
Last year's finish: tied for sixth (WLAAs tourney); second (Division 1 regional); tied for 16th (Division 1 state meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Josh Bartosik, Leon Voskov.

Leading returnees: Gino McMathney, Sr. (first-team All-Area; regional champion No. 1 singles); Ian Petty, Sr. (singles); Erik Koch, Jr. (first-team All-Area singles; regional champion No. 4 singles); Chris Martin, Jr. (singles); Mike Greco, Sr. (first-team All-Area No. 1 doubles); Pat McHugh, Sr. (first-team All-Area No. 1 doubles); Chris Orlos, Jr. (doubles); Clayton Northey, Soph. (doubles); Ben Bagazinski, Sr. (doubles); Alex Cook, Sr. (doubles).

### Promising newcomers:

Anthony Hage, Sr.; Matt Nguyen, Sr.; Giang Nguyen, Jr.; Evan McWilliams, Sr.; Grant Campbell, Sr.; Kevin Francisco, Fr.; Vince Sabatini, Fr.; Joshua Rochette, Fr.; Paul Franchida, Fr.; Simjae Holman-Rayos, Fr.

Ladd's 2007 outlook: "We hope to improve on last year's record (9-2). Most of the team is back and we're feeling pretty bullish. We had a lot of individual success and had a darn good year when it was supposed to be a rebuilding year. We lost two players to soccer - Brady Thom (No. 3 doubles) and Justin Collins (No. 2 doubles). All of our ninth-graders are hitting the ball pretty well."

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Kirk Conner, third year.  
League affiliation: WLAAs (Lakes Division).  
Last year's finish: tied for 10th (WLAAs tourney); tied for 10th (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Mike Hensei, Brad Noyes, Lenny Manfre, Cliff Palac, Frank Toarmina, Shawn Murphy, Rob Jones, Nikhil Klotzka, Justin Samland, Nolan Langlois.  
Leading returnees: Tim Smolen, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Alex Colosimo, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Gordie Germain, Sr. (No. 3 or 4 singles); Jacory Frowner, Sr.; Matt Starkey, Jr.; Zach Ernst, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Zach Edwards, Jr.; Shanid Hussain, Sr.; Jeff Creitner, Sr.  
Conner's 2007 outlook: "Besides the people that were lost to graduation, I lost six guys to football - four were going to be starters. I also lost two to soccer because of the seasons switch. We only have nine players right now. I don't know of anybody in the league who lost more than we did. With school starting so late and people on vacations, I might get a few more players out, including a few more freshmen. We have our work cut out for us this year."

### WAYNE MEMORIAL

Co-coaches: Joe Nowaske, sixth year; Andy Raisanen, fifth year.  
League affiliation: WLAAs (Western Division).  
Last year's finish: 12th (WLAAs tourney); tied for seventh (Division 1 Regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Jake Fyfe, Andrew Thyrion, Josh Barnett, Blake Berry.  
Leading returnees: Kevin Erdmann, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Mike Hicks, Sr. (singles); Aaron Koshorek, Sr. (singles); Tommy Pattenade, Sr. (singles); Andrew Morton, Sr. (doubles); Kanav Mahotra, Sr.; Josh Phillips, Sr.; D.J. Bentley, Jr.; Jesse English, Jr.; Adam Szydzik, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Eric Robertson, Sr.; Austin Hassen, Sr.; C.J. Kulas, Soph.; Keandre Williams, Soph.  
Nowaske's 2007 outlook: "Kevin Erdmann has continued to improve his own game and has helped other teammates to improve as well. Hicks and Koshorek are showing it out for the No. 2 singles spot. I'm convinced they are on the right track and we'll continue to see year-to-year improvement in the level of talent on the Zebra tennis team, but it's still a long, uphill climb in the talent-laden WLAAs."

## TENNIS

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team All-Area selection Aniket Patel, who posted a 19-4 overall record and was a regional champion at No. 2 singles as well as being runner-up in the WLAAs tourney.

Another top returnee for the Chargers is No. 1 singles player Nick Payne, a senior.

Livonia Stevenson, which earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals last June in Midland, returns virtually its entire lineup which finished runner-up in the regional.

The Spartans are led by No. 1 singles player Gino McMathney, a senior, a first-team All-Observer pick who finished 15-6 last season and captured the regional title.

He is joined by junior Erik Koch, who also earned first-team All-Area honors with an 18-5 record. Koch was also a regional champion.

The All-Area No. 1 doubles tandem of seniors Mike Greco and Pat McHugh, regional runners-up, also returns.

But coach Kathy Ladd lost two regulars off last year's 9-2 dual-meet team to soccer, including No. 2 doubles player Justin Collins and No. 3 doubles player Brady Thom.

Livonia Franklin, which tied for 10th last year in the WLAAs and finished sixth in the

regional, will have two players juggle two sports - tennis and soccer - which was approved by the Livonia Public Schools for current athletes who are faced with a conflict.

Junior Steve Trapp, who played No. 3 singles last year and posted an 8-4 record, will join doubles player Chad Dorton, also a junior, as dual-sport participants this fall.

Coach Lori George also lost three starters from a year ago who decided to concentrate on one sport - Mike Geraci (soccer), Ron Perian (football) and Conner Leidal (football).

Wayne Memorial, 1-11-2 overall last year and 12th in the WLAAs tourney, did pick up baseball players Eric Robertson and Austin Hassen, a pair of seniors. But coach Joe Nowaske lost Kevin Tarnowski (No. 3 doubles) to football along with a couple of other prospects.

Westland John Glenn coach Kirk Conner may be feeling the pain the most of boys tennis switching from spring to the fall.

The Rockets, 1-10-1 a year ago, currently have just nine rostered players.

"I lost six starters to football, two to soccer and another to cross country," the third-year coach said. "I'll miss those football guys because they played hard and were very competitive."

"Hopefully by the time school starts (after Labor Day), we'll pick up some freshmen who may be interested."

## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 FARMINGTON HIGH 2

Aug. 21 at Churchill  
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Mac Ryan, 6-0, 6-0.  
No. 2: Aniket Patel (LC) def. Tyler O'Hara, 6-0, 7-6.  
No. 3: Akshay Moorthy (LC) def. Seena Tehrani, 6-1, 6-2.  
No. 4: Alex Clos (LC) def. Tae-Hyung Kang, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Robert Fortney-Eric Slusarski (LC) def. Jimmy McKenzie-Nikhil Kulkarni, 6-4, 6-4.  
No. 2: Suhav Devangam-Prashanti Viswanathan (F) def. 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.  
No. 3: Daniel Landstrom-Zwin Deng (LC) def. Michael Ferriss-Sushanthi Boda, 6-4, 7-6.  
No. 4: Tom Mathew-Kirk Bell (F) def. Mike Appel-Kyle Stoppa, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall; Farmington, 0-1 overall.

# Forget the Titans: Diesels roll, 43-10

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG  
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes, it's better the second time around. Sometimes, it's worse.

After getting blasted by the Detroit Diesels 36-7 on July 28, the Tri-City Titans came to Livonia Franklin High School with revenge on their minds.

But that cold dish would not be served on Aug. 18 as the Diesels ripped through the Titans, 43-10, on a slightly rainy afternoon in a North American Football League game.

The game went like clockwork, with the Detroit defense shutting out the Titans for the entire first half, and scoring on nearly every offensive possession in the first half.

Randy Sinnott (Westland John Glenn) opened the scoring on a 14-yard toss to Steve Messam on the first possession. After a Titan fumble on the kickoff was recovered by Don Terry, T.J. Dillard (Wayne Memorial) busted off a 22-yard mad dash to the end zone.

The Diesel defense got in on

the act after the ensuing kickoff, as a whole host of defenders tore through the Titan offensive line like cheap fabric, sacking the Tri-City quarterback for a safety. Then, after a free kick, Lance Nichols barreled up the middle from seven yards out to make the score 23-0.

And that was just the first quarter.

The onslaught continued after a failed fourth-down play by the Titans, as Sinnott hurled a bomb to Rob Elswick, who outraced the Titan defense to hit paydirt.

Two drives later, Jon Craven (Farmington) nabbed a 20-yard toss from Sinnott. Musa Odeh (Dearborn Fordson) followed a 31-yard field goal to close out the first half - a record setting first half for first quarter points (23) and first half points (40).

The second half was more of a battle, as head coach Rob Streeter cleared out his bench to get his backups some valuable playing time.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, and the

Titans scored a touchdown and a field goal in the second half. However, it was still not enough. The game was over before it started. Odeh added another field goal to add insult to injury.

Sinnott finished the game 12-of-15 passing - including 11-of-12 in the first half - for 195 yards, three TD tosses, and one interception.

Five different runners paced the ground attack for the Diesels, rushing for a total of 311 yards.

Bob Curtis led the way with his 90 yards, followed by Mike Ibarra (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) with 81. Lance Nichols added 63 yards to go along with his score, Dillard had 62 with his score, and Eric Newton (Redford Union/Wayne State) had 15.

Messam had four catches for 55 yards and a touchdown, while Elswick had team-high 97 on his four grabs, including his 52-yard TD. Craven finished with 31 catches on his two catches, but made one of them really count, with his 20-yard TD grab.

Diesels General Manager Allen Seder said it was good to see his time put together a complete game.

"This just makes next week's game that much more important," he said.

Defensively, Bernard Evans, Earl Blanchett, Hassan Hazime and Terry paced the Detroit defense into only allowing one Titan first down in the entire first half, caving in the offensive line and shutting down the run game.

Now the biggest test for the Diesels comes on Saturday (the "Battle of the Undefeated") as the Michigan Admirals come to Franklin. The two teams battled to a 21-21 tie on July 21, and have followed much the same path, winning every single game in the Central Lakes Division since the deadlock.

They are currently tied for first with identical 4-0-1 records, and this will be the second part of the cliffhanger. Whoever wins this game will likely win the Central Lakes.

Game time is 6:30 p.m. at Franklin.

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# Medal contention

## Senior Olympians vie for gold in Canton games

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The "Umbrella Toss" wasn't among the 23 events offered this week at the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, but considering Monday's opening-day weather, it would have been appropriate.

A steady, day-long drenching from Mother Nature cancelled a few outdoor competitions, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 400-plus senior Olympians, who are competing in everything from euchre to tennis.

This year's event — the third annual — is being coordinated by the Canton Leisure Services' Senior Adult Program staff.

"The goal of the Senior Olympics is to give people who are 50 years old and older an opportunity to do their best in a wide variety of activities," said Canton Senior Adult Program coordinator Dianne Neihengen.

The ages of the participants range from 50 to late-80s.

"Unlike the traditional Olympics, which are strictly a test of physical fitness, this program incorporates fitness along with creative arts like photography, writing and painting. We even added biking this year at the other end of the spectrum. This gives everyone from all over the Western Wayne County region an opportunity to come together and have a wonderful time."

While the ultimate goal of the event is for the participants to have a good time, don't think winning isn't important.

"A lot of the athletes are very competitive," said Neihengen. "And there are a lot of very



Charles Hutchinson (right) tosses a frisbee through a ring during Monday's opening day of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. More than 400 people were registered to compete in the week-long event that was hosted by Canton Leisure Services.

good athletes who enjoy competing. There were some disappointed athletes this morning when we had to cancel the softball throw."

Neihengen and her colleagues deserve a gold medal for taking over the hosting duties last October after the original host, Westland, had to withdraw due to contamination problems at Central City Park.

"Before we accepted, we had to make sure everybody here was on board and that there weren't any other events going on," said Neihengen. "We've had meetings every month since last October. It's been quite an undertaking, but a very worthwhile one."

The four days of events wrapped up this morning with

bowling at Wayne Bowl, table tennis at the Livonia Civic Center and a 12-mile bike ride in Hines Park.

An awards banquet is set for Friday at noon at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

### 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics Results

#### TENNIS

Gold-medal winners: Orv Butzin (Canton), Hassan Darouie (Canton), Bob Gregory (Livonia), Carol Shields (Northville), Wesley Pelling (Dearborn) and Walter Roney (Dearborn).

Silver-medal winners: Hsien Pao (Canton), Gerald Van Dusen (Plymouth), Chun Yen Wu (Canton), Joe Arnois (Canton), Joan McEvoy (Northville) and Emil

Panowicz (Northville).

#### BAKING

Gold-medal winners: Marianne Curran (Westland), Grace Erspamer (Livonia) and Juanita Johnson-Owens (Westland).

Silver-medal winners: Mary Lavins (Canton) and Marianne Curran (Westland).

Bronze-medal winners: Beverly White (Van Buren), Judy Fields (Van Buren) and Catherine McQuade (Canton).

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Gold-medal winners: Kay Heard (Westland) and Dorothy Louisignau (Westland).

Silver-medal winner: Connie Felzon (Canton).

Bronze-medal winner: Clarabelle Kelley (Plymouth Township).

# Warriors win season opener, 3-1

Minus key five seniors who graduated and a starting goalkeeper from a year ago who transferred, Lutheran High Westland boys soccer coach Rich Block was looking for his 2007 team to carve a "new identity" in Tuesday's season opener.

Mission accomplished as the host Warriors scored twice in the second half to beat Southfield Christian, 3-1.

"Were we going to be the team that was going to be vocal, support each other and hard-working?" Block asked.

"I think they put their stamp on that because they played as a unit and they communicated with each other. Our team shape was the best a team of mine has had in three years. There were a lot of positives."

In the 13th minute, Josh Kruger opened the scoring on an assist from Austin Baglow, but Southfield Christian goal Michael Solt countered in the 30th minute to make it 1-1 at halftime.

The Warriors' early second-

### BOYS SOCCER

half pressure resulted in an "own goal" off a Southfield Christian defender in the 50th minute.

Austin Baglow then put the game away with only two minutes remaining on a throw-in from the corner from his brother Ryan Baglow.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Micah Hausch, making his first varsity start, stood tall.

"He made several key saves that kept us in the game," Block said. "He shook off the first goal he gave up and stayed in the game. He came up big a couple of times the second half. For his first game in net, I thought he did very well. I was very pleased."

Central-back Adam Zehel also proved to be a "stabilizing force" on defense.

"He was the glue, the anchor back there and for a young defense I thought we played very well," Block said. "And Kruger in the midfield was a

pleasant surprise."

#### W.L. NORTHERN 4, FRANKLIN 0:

Jordan Turner scored a goal in each half Monday night as Walled Lake Northern opened its season with a win at Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Lance Pacheco and Aaron Rosenberg (penalty kick) also scored for the victorious Knights, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Kyle Huismann and Brian Johnston combined for the shutout in goal for the Northern.

Brad Mangune went all the way in goal for the Patriots, who also got solid midfield play from Ryan Matthey and Steve Trapp.

"We played a decent game, but we let some balls get through because we were not marking tight enough and it cost us," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We need to be more organized."

W.L. WESTERN 6, JOHN GLENN 2: Joey Deverteuil scored a pair of goals Monday as host Walled Lake

Western spoiled Reavis Olive's debut as Westland John Glenn coach in a WLA A crossover.

Adam Wright, Winston Henderson, Nick Lewis and Dan Czarnik also scored for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Sergio Pavan and Jacob Gates tallied second-half goals for the Rockets, who received three yellow cards and one red card.

"We made a lot of mistakes, a lot of turnovers," Olive said. "We have a lot of work to do. They (Western) played a great game — hats off to them."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, WAYNE 0: Brad Lyons and Corben Titus tallied goals Monday afternoon as Walled Lake Central opened its season with a WLA A crossover victory at Wayne Memorial.

Dennis Rau earned the shutout in goal for the Vikings.

Wayne keeper Aaron Nielson, a senior, was a stand-out with 11 saves.

"It was a superstar effort from him," Wayne first-year coach Evan Baker said.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 24  
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Lansing Eastern, 7 p.m.  
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Jackson, 7 p.m.  
Franklin vs. John Glenn  
at EMU's Rynearson Stadium, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Aug. 25

Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Aug. 25  
South Lyon Invitational, 8 a.m.  
West Bloomfield Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Carleton-Airport Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Michigan Lutheran Tournament, TBA.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Aug. 23  
Clarenceville at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Aug. 24

Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
F.H. Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.  
(Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament)

Taylor Baptist Park at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
St. Joe Mich. Luth. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Aug. 25

Churchill at Rochester Adams, 12:30 p.m.  
(Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament)

Championship & consolation final, 11 a.m.

#### BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Aug. 25

S. Lyon Inv. at Island Lake Rec. Park, 9:30 a.m.  
Lansing Catholic H.S. Invitational, 10 a.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Saturday, Aug. 25

Howell Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

#### BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Aug. 23

Howell at Stevenson, 9 a.m.

Franklin vs. Edsel Ford  
at Shelton Courts, 9:30 p.m.

F.H. Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.

#### Friday, Aug. 24

Ypsilanti at Wayne, 4 p.m.

#### GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 23

N. Farmington Inv. at Glen Oaks, 8 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 24

Grosse Ile Inv. at Riv. Highlands, 8:30 a.m.

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Aug. 24

(U-M Dearborn Early Bird Classic)

Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 3 p.m.  
Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
U-M Dearborn Early Bird Classic, TBA.

#### MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 25

Parkland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.

Madonna vs. Ohio Dominican  
at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

## MU women tie 0-0 in opener

Madonna University's women's soccer team opened the 2007 season Tuesday with a 0-0 double-overtime tie against host Houghton College (N.Y.).

Senior goalkeeper Tracy Anderson was perfect, stopping all eight Highlanders shots she faced over the 120-minute non-conference match.

For No. 5-ranked Houghton, sharing the shutout were Becky Wakeman (six saves) and Lauren Foster (two saves).

Registering four of Madonna's shots on goal was sophomore midfielder and Livonia Ladywood product

### COLLEGE SOCCER

Lauren Hess, while junior forward Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) fired three shots.

MU (0-0-1) played a Wednesday game at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.) and do not play return to action until Tuesday at St. Francis.

The Crusaders will open their home season 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Cornerstone at Greenmead (Eight Mile and Newburgh) in Livonia.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Churchill Pom clinic

The ninth annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at the high school gym (located on Newburgh between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost is \$35 per person includes T-shirt, music CD and snack.

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Participants will be invited to perform their routine at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

#### Madonna Golf Classic

Openings remain for the 12th annual Madonna University Golf Classic, an 18-hole scramble event to benefit student scholarships, athletics and academic program, Friday, Sept. 14 at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile road, Plymouth.

The cost is \$200 per golfer or \$800 per foursome. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. with lunch served at 11 a.m. prior to the 12:15 p.m. shotgun start. The reception and auction start at 5 a.m. with dinner served at 5:15 p.m. Awards and a raffle drawing will follow. Dinner and silent auction reservations are \$50. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or \$50 for six tickets. Sponsorships are available from \$150 to \$7,000.

The silent auction features Tigers tickets, sports memorabilia, hotel packages, Carl's Golfland range tokens and other prizes. Raffle winners will take home \$1,000, an Oasis Golf Center Select VIP pass, a gift certificate for two foursomes at Fellows Creek, jewelry or a golf bag.

A hole-in-one and closest-to-the-pin contest are also offered with prizes ranging from a 2007 Chevrolet HHR from Tennyson Chevrolet, a vintage Rolex watch donated by Hour Magazine, or \$5,000.

For more registration or sponsorship information, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) or call Ann Cleary at (734) 432-5421. For raffle tickets, call (734) 432-5423.

#### Girls fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball teams will be held two different weekends including 10 a.m. to noon (10- and 12-and-under) and 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under) Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 8-9, at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

You need to attend just one of the four dates above in order to make a team. Non-residents are welcome. Additional teams are sought for each age division.

For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail [kjewell@livonias-torm.com](mailto:kjewell@livonias-torm.com). Information is also posted on [www.livoniasstorm.com](http://www.livoniasstorm.com).

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# VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE C1

Urbsats will become the primary setter, following a season of sharing the duties with Sarah Schmidt. How she runs the offense will be a 2007 subplot.

"Stacy has really worked hard to improve herself both this summer and during the preseason," Lamb said. "She has become a vocal leader out on the floor."

## LEARNING CURVE

Meanwhile, Milford alum Ballnik is cracking the starting

lineup at libero, while continuing to work hard and develop her voice as a team leader, the coach noted.

Lamb will be very interested in how quickly his nine freshman players step into the college game, to help the top three.

Westland John Glenn alum Virginia Butler is slated to be in the lineup at outside or right-side hitter.

"Virginia will be one of the hardest hitters in the league this season and she continues to improve on other aspects of her game," Lamb said.

Churchill grad Sarah Button (outside/right-side hitter) joins

the Lady Ocelots after experiencing a Class A state championship ride with the Chargers.

Lamb said being on a title-winning team is invaluable experience that should rub off on other players.

"In addition, she (Button) is one of our best leapers, which allows her to put up a tremendous block," he said. "She has quick feet, which allows her to provide good defense (and) she can also put a ball away when asked."

Schoolcraft's coach also will have plenty of opportunities for middle hitters Whitney Clay and Jackie Stewart, 6-foot-2 middle blocker Lauren Braun, outside hitter Penny Plewa, defensive specialists Meghan Polce and Hillary Colomina and setter/libero Marissa Damon.

"Marissa is currently learning the setting position for the first time," Lamb said. "She has embraced the job wholeheartedly and continues to work at a steep learning curve."

As for Braun, who played on Schoolcraft's women's basketball team the past two years, she is making a return to volleyball.

"Lauren puts up a fantastic block," Lamb said. "She has been away from the game for two seasons, but she continues to improve as she becomes more familiar with our system."

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Schoolcraft will host Alpena in a doubleheader in the season opener for both teams.

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## Senior champs

With a team batting average of .677, Livonia-based Michael Valerio C.P.A./Pinnacle went 5-0 to capture the Senior Softball USA 50-and-up AAA Eastern National Championship held Aug. 10-11 in Elgin, Ill. Valerio/Pinnacle scored wins over Indy Brickyard (Ind.), the Indiana Classics (twice), K.C. Monarchs and Chicago Classics to qualify for the SSUSA Senior Worlds at the end of October in Phoenix, Ariz., along with the SSUSA Tournament of Championships in Feb. 2008 in Lakeland, Fla. Team members include (kneeling, from left) manager Mike Valerio, Livonia; Mike McLellan, Allen Park, Jeff Milbrath, Redford; Mark Wozniak, Dearborn; Charlie LaPointe, St. Clair Shores; (standing, from left) Tim McCrohan, Livonia; Brian Crawley, Brownstown, Larry McClelland, Novi; Jim Lohli, Novi; Chuck Uhlinger, Livonia; and Al Leszczynski, Livonia. Named to the All-Tournament team was Wozniak, who batted .810; LaPointe (.762); Uhlinger (.750), Crawley (.737) and McClelland (.667).

## PICKS

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**Taylor Kennedy (2-7, 1-5), at Garden City (0-9, 0-7):** Both of these teams had down seasons in 2006, and hope to get off to winning starts. **PICKS:** Wright (Kennedy); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Kennedy).

**Warren Lincoln (3-6, 2-5) at Redford Thurston (2-7, 1-5):** The Eagles were much better during the latter stages of last season than their overall record indicates, and they have playmakers on both sides of the ball. **PICKS:** Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Lincoln).

**D.H. Crestwood (4-5, 3-3) at Redford Union (6-4, 4-2) at Kraft Field:** Panthers head coach Miles Tomasaitis usually fields playoff-bound teams with tough defense and running backs who can churn up yardage. This year looks no different. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Smith (RU); Emons (RU).

**Lansing Eastern (2-7, 1-6) at Livonia Churchill (3-6, 3-2):** The Quakers earned half of last season's win total in their 20-13 victory over the Chargers in last season's opener. The home crowd could prove to be the difference this season

for Churchill. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

**Wayne Memorial (5-4, 2-3) at Jackson (6-4, 5-2):** With several talented players back at key positions, the Zebras should contend for a WLA Western Division title this season. A win over the Vikings would give Wayne a confidence boost heading into its conference schedule. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Smith (Jackson); Emons (Wayne).

**Ypsilanti Lincoln (0-9, 0-7) at Livonia Stevenson (6-4, 3-2):** This one has "running clock" in the third quarter" written all over it. The Spartans should cruise. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

**Liv. Clarenceville (4-5, 4-3) at Lutheran Northwest (4-5, 3-4):** Following mediocre 2006 campaigns, a triumphant opener would prove invaluable for both of these up-and-coming programs. **PICKS:** Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville); Emons (C'ville).

**Westland Glenn (3-6, 2-3) vs. Livonia Franklin (5-4, 3-2), 8 p.m., at EMU:** The big stage and bright lights of Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium await these two WLA opponents in a Big

Prep Showdown III contest. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin).

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

**Harper Woods (6-4, 4-3) at Lutheran Westland (3-6, 2-5), 1 p.m.:** The Warriors, who have just 18 players on their varsity roster, will be out to prove that they are small (quantity-wise), but mighty. Harper Woods will provide a stiff first-game test. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods).

**Plymouth (3-6, 1-4) vs. Belleville (2-7, 2-4), 2:30 p.m., at EMU:** The Wildcats, who will be making their second consecutive appearance in the Big Prep Showdown, will be fired up to secure a victory for head coach Mike Sawchuk in his head coaching debut at Plymouth. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Belleville).

**Canton (12-1, 6-0) vs. Toledo Central Catholic (9-2, 6-1), 5 p.m., at EMU:** It's unlikely the Fighting Irish have encountered many offenses recently similar to the Chiefs' full-house "I" attack. Canton returns just three starters after two straight deep-into-the-playoffs runs. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Toledo CC); Emons (Toledo CC).

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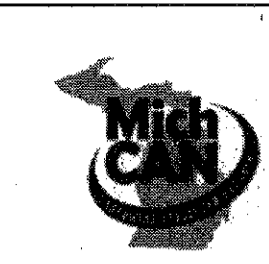
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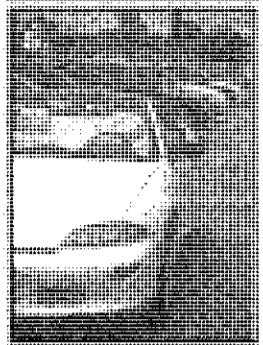
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By Dale Buss

For the Chevy Chase character in the classic comedy Vacation, the perfect vehicle for a cross-country family trip turned out to be a reliable old station wagon that was long enough to carry the corpse of unfortunate Aunt Edna for some distance on the roof - and sturdy enough to survive the ill-fated journey to the Wally World Amusement Park.

Whether you take long family journeys, weekend getaways for two, or rent a car after a flight, your car should help you relax and unwind. Nothing can turn a trip into a drag more quickly than being stuck with the wrong wheels.

Here are some factors to consider:  
**Size in all its dimensions:** Although \$3-a-gallon gasoline has become a fact of American life, don't automatically discount large SUVs and vans. There may be enough offsetting advantages to make it worth a couple hundred extra dollars in gasoline.

Particularly on a long road trip, some drivers prefer a full-size SUV's elevated seating. And some may feel extra security in knowing that their big Chevy Tahoe or Honda Pilot will hold up well in a crash against most anything else on the road. A larger car can also mean more interior space for everyone, something crucial to comfort and relaxation.

And if you have a family or a lot of gear, there's simply no substitute for the beefy, square cargo compartment of an SUV. A few sets of luggage, maybe a couple of bags of golf clubs, a dog cage and some hanging clothes can still fit into a single space along with, say, a family of four, in some highly capable vehicles including the Hyundai Santa Fe, Dodge Durango, and Toyota Highlander.

And of course if you're a recreational boater or camper, your Toyota Prius just isn't going to cut it when it comes to hauling that boat or ATV to the lake or campground. Raw automotive power still has its place, and you'll find the highest towing capacities and large SUVs and trucks.

**Sitting pretty:** Relatively fixed and unsupportive seats can be downright painful on a long trip; favor vehicles with plenty of seat adjustments and, if possible, lumbar supports. For passenger comfort, a



A phalanx of airbags around the front passengers makes the Mercury Sable one of the safest cars around. Many vacationers like the security of massive vehicles, such as the Chevrolet Tahoe.



crucial mistake can be purchasing a vehicle without reclining second-row seats, forcing sleepy riders either to sit up straight or slouch over on their sides.

Also be careful about third-row seating: While many automakers tout them, lots of these third rows would only be comfortable for trolls. On the other hand, many other vehicles including the Buick Enclave, Saturn Outlook, GMC Acadia and Mazda CX-9 all have comfortable third rows - and none of them are the biggest SUVs on the road.

**Safety first:** Every vehicle on the road today is constructed to create a cage around the passenger compartment that holds up pretty well except in the most horrific of crashes. The best vehicles literally create a pneumatic ring around you in the event of an accident, with front-row side and side-curtain airbags that work with seat belts and frontal airbags. Mercury Sable, Volvo C70 and Acura MDX are among vehicles with this level of safety.

Beyond that, automakers today are introducing more accident-avoidance systems that make vacation driving safer.

Take Electronic Stability Control (ESC), for example. The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety now requires that any cars it designates as Top Safety Picks each year include ESC, at least as an option, because of how valuable these systems are in helping drivers maintain control of their vehicles during emergency maneuvers. "SUVs, especially if they're loaded up with people and their gear, have a higher center of gravity than cars and are more likely to roll

over," said Russ Rader, an executive at the Institute.

**Highway to fun:** Automakers like to feature vehicle amenities in their advertising. But a lot of these doodads you don't really use until you're on a long road trip - and at that point, they really come in handy.

Navigation systems may be the most prominent of these. Around home, you may not have much use for one even if your vehicle has it. But on a long trip or one to unfamiliar territory, most of today's nav systems can be priceless little fonts of information. They calculate driving times, flag upcoming restaurants or gas stations, and get you from Point A to Point B.

"Adaptive" or "intelligent" cruise-control systems take much of the physical edge off long stretches of driving by handling the majority of driving-speed adjustments themselves by automatically maintaining a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Models with these systems, including the Infiniti QX56, remove a great deal of the strain of driving long distances from the person behind the wheel.

And as any parent knows, rear-seat DVD-entertainment systems can be indispensable for a road trip, so long as you've selected the right movies. A plethora of power outlets - from 12v to 110v - is another great feature in a vacation vehicle, allowing folks to plug in everything from laptops and cell phones to coolers and videogames. Just remember to check what kind of power and/or interface your devices need.

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