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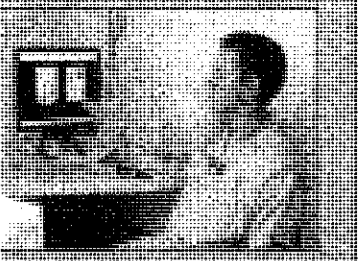


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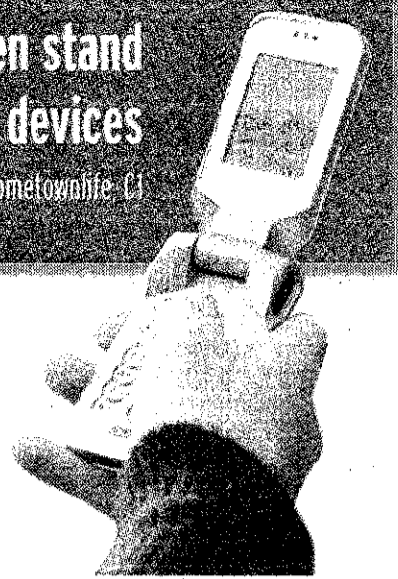
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Cinema's request has candidates at odds

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to allow Showcase Cinema Westland to offer meals, alcohol and live entertainment has drawn criticism from one elected official, who said he fears the plan could spur requests for "nudity and topless activity."

But other officials confirmed that topless activity would require a separate permit. Moreover, they said any agreement with National Amusements Inc., which runs the theater, would clearly define

what entertainment is permissible.

City Council President Charles Pickering issued a statement opposing the Showcase plan and saying the theater, by selling alcohol and offering live entertainment, "would become an adult-oriented entertainment facility, and Westland families would lose."

Mayor William Wild said many movie houses, such as Imagine Theater in Canton, now sell alcohol. He and City Attorney Angelo Plakas said the Showcase plan calls for some stadium seating that would allow servers to provide dinner and drinks

to patrons who want to see a movie or a live entertainer, possibly a comedian or a singer.

Wild flatly rejected Pickering's suggestion that the proposal could lead to topless activity at Showcase or any other Westland business.

"We're going to make sure through a letter of agreement that those things don't happen on this site or any other establishment in the city," Wild said.

The Showcase controversy comes amid an election year in which Pickering and Wild are competing for a two-year mayoral term.

Plakas said that by defining what is allowed with an entertainment permit, officials would thwart attempts by any business to offer topless activity. He said the permitting process has changed over the years.

Pickering said he has scheduled a public study session for 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall to discuss the Showcase plan. The council is expected to vote on the proposal that same evening, during a 7 p.m. business meeting.

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Michaela Nesler and Marissa Engisch try on their new backpacks, delivered to the Westland-based Salvation Army by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Michaela is 10 years old and entering fourth grade; Marissa is 9 and entering third grade.

Ficano helps kids get ready for school

Imagine a child having to start a new school year without a backpack and school supplies.

Fewer youngsters in the Wayne-Westland area will face that possibility after Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano delivered 64 backpacks Tuesday to children gathered at The Salvation Army in Westland.

The Westland stop was one of several Ficano is making across Wayne County. He was joined in Westland by Mayor William Wild and others.

"It's a pretty neat thing," Wild said, adding that some of the children's mothers actually wrote letters of appreciation.

Margaret Gaster, Salvation Army case worker, said the backpacks and supplies helped some families who didn't have the money for them.

"We had one mother who had tears streaming down her face," Gaster said. "You could just tell this lifted a burden."



Six-year-old Nathan Engisch will enter first grade with a new backpack and school supplies, courtesy of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who delivered the goods to children gathered at The Salvation Army in Westland. Mayor William Wild, standing at right, joined Ficano on Tuesday.

'We had one mother who had tears streaming down her face. You could just tell this lifted a burden.'

MARGARET GASTER, Salvation Army case worker

Inkster man faces trial on robbery, beating charges

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A 22-year-old man testified that he was beaten with a handgun by a man he found in his mother's bedroom when he came home on Aug. 17.

The testimony came during a preliminary hearing for Lawrence Keith Patterson who has been charged with armed robbery, first-degree home inva-

ssion, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and being a habitual offender with four prior robbery convictions in the break-in of the home in the 32000 block of Cowan, near Venoy.

Jonathon Quash testified that he saw a person's shadow cross the upstairs hallway of the home and had thought it was

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Hearing is delayed in man's stabbing death

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A 18-year-old Westland man will remain in jail until a hearing can be held later this month to determine if he should stand trial on a charge related to the stabbing death of a Dearborn man at the Country Court Apartments on Aug. 19.

Christopher Long, who appeared before District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli Thursday, is being held without bond on a charge of first-degree murder. If convicted, he will face life in prison. A preliminary hearing was postponed until Sept. 20 at the request of attorney Steven Scharf who had just been retained by the defendant.

"Obviously, I will need some time to do discovery and investigate the case," he told Cicirelli.

Long is accused of fatally stabbing Gerald William Dean Jr. in the back of the head with a steak knife. According to Westland Police Sgt. Thad Nelson, Dean was killed after allegedly making a racial slur when he was refused a cigarette.

During Long's arraignment, Nelson said that Long had borrowed a cigarette from a neighbor

and was sharing it outside with his roommate when Dean asked if he could hit it.

Nelson said he was denied and as he walked away, the victim allegedly muttered a racial slur, saying "that's why I don't mess with n-----s."

Nelson also said that Long went inside his apartment, grabbed a steak knife and returned to Dean, who took a swing at him.

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

Long then returned to his apartment and started playing a video game, Nelson said. He was arrested at the scene not long after Dean was killed. Dean was described as a drywall worker who had been hired to make repairs to a vacant apartment at Country Court on Wildwood north of Ford. Residents called police after seeing Dean's body on a sidewalk.

Long is now scheduled to appear before District Judge C. Charles Bokos for the hearing.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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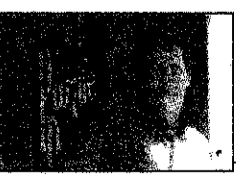
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Sending a message

Protesters hope rally sways McCotter on Iraq

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, (R-Livonia), has been a staunch supporter of the war effort in Iraq.

On Tuesday night, more than 80 people, many of them local members of the liberal political action group MoveOn.org, staged a rally in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park hoping to convince him to change his mind.

The crowd observed a moment of silence for American soldiers killed in Iraq, and read the names of the more than 600 Americans killed in the war since Jan. 1. "It's a religious and civil war, and we don't need to be there," said Canton resident Natalie Mosher, who organized the rally. "We're sending a message to (McCotter) we want our men and women to come home."

According to Mosher, the Plymouth rally was part of a national effort by MoveOn.org to "raise awareness about all the men and women we have lost." Organizers hoped the rallies, planned for before Congress goes back into session, would convince representatives to cut off funding and

set a timetable for bringing the American military home.

Based on his feelings for the war, Mosher knows McCotter could be a tough sell. But she believes he should listen to his district.

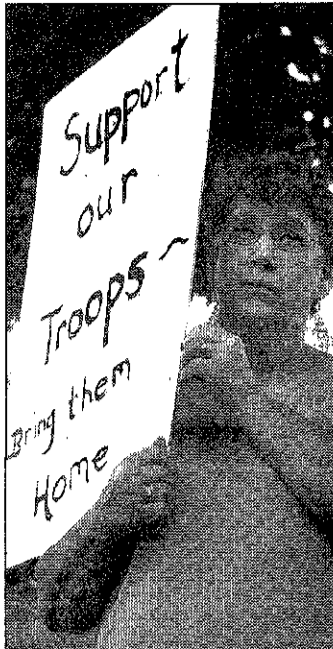
"(McCotter) supports the war, so obviously we're not on the same page," she said. "But if he would listen to his constituents, people are not supportive."

According to Mosher, some 37 people registered on the group's Web site. But when the rally started, more than double that number had turned out.

And those who were there believe McCotter could soon start feeling pressure to alter his position.

"I think (McCotter) is feeling some heat right now," said Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democrat Club, who was in Kellogg Park Tuesday night. "Some other key Republicans have turned against the war. Congress has the ability to cut the funding and set a timetable for getting out, which is what we'd like to see."

The crowd was made up largely of Baby Boomers, a fact not lost on those who were there. One woman said



Michelle McMonagle of Livonia carries a sign during an Iraq war vigil at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The event "Take A Stand Day," sponsored by MoveOn.org, drew more than 80 people.

she noticed the majority of the people in attendance were close to her age, and she thinks she knows why.

"I kept thinking, 'Where are the young people?'" said Plymouth resident Paula Bowman. "They're not here because there's no draft. It's not affecting them personally."

That lack of impact and awareness is something everyone should take note, Mosher said.

"We really need to be involved in this community," Mosher said. "People need to become educated."

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Livonia resident Melinda McMonagle opposes the war in Iraq.



Six-year-old Catherine Campbell attended the vigil with her dad and mom, Jeff and Heidi Campbell, sister Annie, 4, and 3-month-old brother Will.



The vigil drew more than 80 people on a warm late-summer evening.

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Coffee Hour
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Sept. 10.
He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Free seminar
A free informational seminar on "Short Sales" for homeowners and investors will be given by Real Estate One, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway, north of For.

A "short sale" may save a homeowner from foreclosure and minimize credit damage. Walk-ins are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Call Real Estate One at (734) 326-2000.

Flu shots
The Village of Westland will again offer flu shots to seniors age 65 and older 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the senior community, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman, in Westland, Call (734) 762-8926 to schedule an appointment.

Visit the zoo
Senior citizens can visit the Detroit Zoo Wednesday, Sept. 5, free of charge.
The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has partnered with the Detroit Zoo and AM 580 Motorcity Favorites to offer seniors age 62 and older, and one caregiver, free admission and parking to the zoo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Seniors can also visit the VNA of Southeast Michigan booth in the community resource area and receive free blood pressure checks and pick up a complimentary Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care.

End of summer
It's your last chance to soak up the last days of summer at the Bailey Recreation Center pool which closes for the season at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3. For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

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.

Fund-raiser
Tammy's Heart Italian Dinner fund-raiser will be 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner will be served 7-8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years and under for salad, mostaccioli, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage. There also will be a disc jockey, cash bar and raffles 9-10 p.m. Tickets are available in advance by calling (734) 788-8690 or (734) 765-0771. They also are available at the door.
Organizers will be collecting empty returnable bottles and cans at the event. People who are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, can send it to Tammy Henderson, P.O. Box 1584, Garden City, MI 48135.

Marathon bingo
The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3323 is holding a marathon bingo noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. A second marathon bingo will be held noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, to benefit youth activities projects.

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

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CINEMA

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Local Showcase representatives referred questions to National Amusements headquarters in Dedham, Mass., where Wanda Whitson, director of corporate communications, issued a one-sentence response. "National Amusements is addressing some specific licensing conditions with the board (council), and therefore it is not appropriate to discuss at this time," she said Thursday.

Pickering said the city, in hopes of keeping nudity or topless activity out of city limits, has never granted an entertainment permit.

Wild and Plakas, in separate telephone interviews, said the permitting rules have changed and that what Showcase is requesting would not allow for nudity or topless activity.

Plakas said any violations could prompt Showcase to lose its license.

Pickering encouraged residents to voice their opinions during Tuesday's meetings.

"I believe that the neighboring residents along with residents across the city would not support changing Showcase Cinema from a family-oriented entertainment center to an adult-oriented entertainment center," he said in his prepared statement.

Other officials indicated that Showcase is merely doing what other theaters have done and that it is trying to survive tough economic times and a competitive market.

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Woman arrested after fleeing accident

BY SUE BUCK
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The Farmington Public Safety Department arrested a 30-year-old Westland woman about 8:30 p.m. Aug. 28 after she fled the scene of an accident at Grand River and Farmington Road.

The woman faces further mental evaluation.

Officers caught up with the red Ford Escort after it became disabled on Grand River near the Gov. Warner Mansion.

The car had substantial front end damage, according to the police report.

The woman appeared disoriented and to be suffering from some type of psychiatric illness or drug intoxication, police said.

She couldn't provide any information as to her identity. She kept chanting, "We're All Children, Children of Israel — Drop it like it's hot."

The woman struck other vehicles in the Farmington and Grand River area.

She struck a Dodge van that was southbound on Farmington Road and then veered toward a vehicle driven by a Farmington Hills woman.

The woman said the Westland woman continued to accelerate into her car.

The Westland woman struck her driver's side door, preventing her from getting out of the vehicle and running away.

The woman rolled down her window and yelled for someone to help her get away from the Westland woman.

People came out of the nearby shops and the Westland woman fled in her car westbound on Grand River.

Farmington Public Safety Director Chuck Nebus said that about that time Westland police put out a be-on-the-lookout teletype to other departments concerning the Westland woman.

"She beat her mother, tried to burn down their residence and fled in a car," Nebus said. "Westland put out a warning teletype regarding the woman's mental condition."

"The woman broad sided a car at Grand River and Farmington and then deliberately crashed into a second car and then tried to assault the driver. The woman was arrested and committed."

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CHARGES

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his brother planning to scare him. But when no one came out, he banged on the door to his mother's bedroom and was confronted by the intruder.

"He pointed a gun at me and told me to get down on the floor," Quash testified. "He was trying to get down the stairs. When I called to my girlfriend that someone was trying to rob us and to call the police, he got furious."

Quash said he struggled with the intruder through a bedroom door that had been broken in half. He said the man pointed the gun through the door and ordered him to open it.

Quash said he fell to the floor and was hit repeatedly in the head with the gun. He also testified that he was taken to Garden City Hospital where he received four staples to close the head wound.

"He took a bottle of medi-

cine from my pocket and he left with a bag of my mother's jewelry," he said.

In response to questions by defense attorney Donald Cook, Quash said he didn't know the defendant and that he had not seen him in a police lineup or in photographs or television news report.

"When I was in the hospital, the police told me they found the suspect," he said. "They said he fit the description and they found blood on his shoes."

Police, with the help of a police dog and witnesses, had found the defendant hiding in a garage can on residential Dover Street, near Warren and Venoy in Garden City.

District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli ruled that since Quash was "able to see and point out the defendant and describe his injuries and what occurred," there was enough evidence presented to bind Patterson over for trial on the charges.

Cook, however, tried un-

successfully to have Quash's girlfriend called to testify.

"At this time, we heard ample testimony that there's probably cause to bind the defendant over," Cicirelli responded. "Her testimony would be redundant."

The ruling didn't sit well with the defendant who hollered obscenities as he was led from the courtroom. Relatives who were in court for the hearing also got in a shouting match with the victim and his friends and relatives, causing Cicirelli to order the latter brought back into the courtroom and the defendant's supporters escorted from the building.

Patterson remains jailed in lieu of a \$1 million cash bond. He will be arraigned on the charges on Sept. 13 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Jack Gladden remembered as caring, 'old-style' journalist

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jack Gladden was old school, a newspaperman respected and trusted by his sources and praised for his concern for the community and his distinctive writing style.

Gladden, 70, died Friday at his home in Canton, following a long career as a newspaper reporter, editor and journalism educator.

Gladden began working as a copy editor at the *Observer & Eccentric* in 1986. In addition to his copy editing duties, Gladden was a frequent columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric*. He completed his career as a reporter at the *Canton Observer* from 2001



Jack Gladden

to 2005, where his reporting won the respect of township officials and residents.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Gladden was a throwback to an earlier age of journalism, someone tuned in to and engaged with the community he covered.

"I loved the guy," said Yack. "He really cared about Canton. He wanted to get everything right. He was easy to talk to. I thought he was a great writer, a fine reporter. He'll be missed." Gladden was born May 6,

1937, in Arkansas. He grew up in New Mexico and Texas, where he attended Texas Christian University. After serving two years as a lieutenant in the Navy he became a reporter, first at the *Fort Worth Press* and then with United Press International. He received his master's degree from Michigan State University where he taught journalism for 10 years. He taught at Wayne State University for seven years before joining the *Observer*.

"When Jack Gladden joined the *O&E* he brought with him years of teaching experience from MSU and WSU," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor for the *Observer & Eccentric*. "He assumed the role of teacher

and mentor on the copy desk and many reporters and editors who passed through our newsroom benefited from Jack's guidance. He was a born writer — an exceptional wordsmith — and a kind and patient man."

Former *Canton Observer* editor Joanne Maliszewski was a student of Gladden at MSU and his supervisor at the *Observer*.

"He did not suffer fools well," she said. "He loved learning and information ... he loved people with open hearts and open minds. I'm going to miss him."

Current *Canton Observer* editor Kurt Kuban also respected Gladden's old-style approach to the news.

"Of all the people I've met in this business, Jack stood out

because he had such a great sense of what made news," Kuban said. "He knew a great story when he saw one and that came out in his work. He was an old-school newsman which is something I admire."

Gladden's columns offered an iconoclastic view of the world, spiced with humor and self-deprecation.

He often railed against political correctness, posturing and fuzzy thinking.

But he also wrote with humor and affection about his family and his own confrontations with life.

Gladden met his wife, Kathie, when she was a student at Wayne State. They have been married 25 years.

"To paraphrase Will Rogers, he never met a man who didn't like him," she said. "Everybody liked him who met him. He was an all-around nice guy."

After retiring from the *Observer*, Gladden continued to be active in the community. He produced a newsletter for the Canton Public Library and belonged to the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by his son, Geoffrey, 34, from a previous marriage, and his daughter, Leigh, 23. They were at his side when he died. Gladden was cremated in a private ceremony. The family suggests donations in Gladden's name may be made to the Canton Public Library.



'Day of Giving' at Culver's benefits Red Cross

In conjunction with National Preparedness Month, Culver's of Westland is among the Culver's restaurants in 16 states that will donate 10 percent of sales on Wednesday, Sept. 12, to participating American Red Cross chapters as part of a system-wide "Day of Giving" fundraising event.

In addition, guests will be able to give personal donations in canisters available at the location. Culver's estimates the one-day event will raise more than \$150,000 for local chapters.

Culver's and the American Red Cross decided to hold the event during National Preparedness Month to remind guests about the importance of being prepared for an emergency and all that the Red Cross does to aid the community during a local emergency

or disaster.

"We are proud to be holding this event for the local American Red Cross to support the emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts they undertake every day right in our very own neighborhoods," said Bob Fitzpatrick of Culver's of Westland. "After a fire, tornado or other emergency, the Red Cross can always be counted on to help get our neighbors back on their feet."

"Giving to our neighbors in need is a core value for our locally owned and operated restaurants, so we expect our 'Day of Giving' will help make certain these essential services continue."

"Ensuring the availability of these services in every community takes the time and financial commitment of both individuals and businesses,"

said Roger Dahl, Service Area Executive, Midwest Service Area, for the American Red Cross. "Through the generosity and efforts of Culver's and its guests, our local chapters can continue to offer comfort and emergency assistance to those in crisis."

"We thank Culver's for their leadership in organizing the 'Day of Giving,' which will benefit individuals and families during their hardest hours."

Red Cross emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts focus on meeting the needs of individuals and families in local communities. When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross provides shelter, food and health and mental services which address basic human needs. In addition, the Red Cross helps individuals and families to resume

their normal daily activities independently.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Throughout September, local communities are being encouraged to focus on the importance of emergency preparedness and to take the necessary steps to get ready. Simple steps, such as preparing an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, and being informed about local threats to the community are precautions everyone should take.

For more information about the "Day of Giving," call Bob Fitzpatrick of Culver's of Westland at (734) 595-1883 or by e-mail at culverswestland@comcast.net.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland: (APPENDIX A)

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Independent Carpet hosts Shop For Pink

Independent Carpet One Floor and Home will continue its support for breast cancer research and awareness this October with the Fall 2007 Shop for Pink in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Customers can increase awareness and raise funds for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation by purchasing select pink ribbon products. In addition, money will be raised through the sale of exclusive pink ribbon welcome mats and

flooring products.

As part of the Shop for Pink event, Independent Carpet One Floor and Home will make a donation to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation for every square foot of pink ribbon flooring sold, and 25 percent of pink ribbon welcome mat sales will go to the foundation.

"We are so proud to be part of a nationwide campaign that is dedicated to supporting breast cancer awareness and research," said Catherine Buchanan of Independent Carpet One Floor

and Home. "This is a cause that affects our families, friends, customers and communities. We look forward to raising funds for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation again this fall and winter."

The nationwide campaigns have raised more than \$500,000 to support breast cancer awareness and research.

"We are truly thankful for Carpet One Floor and Home's ongoing commitment to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation," said Myra Biblowit, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation President. "Maintaining strong partnerships with socially responsible organizations allows us to continue to raise funds for breast cancer research and awareness in hopes of eradicating this disease within our lifetime."

This year's new element to the event is the Shop for Pink. Customers can choose from a range of flooring brands that have tagged select products with pink ribbons, including Liz Claiborne Home, Good Housekeeping and Earthscapes, among others.

This past spring, Carpet One Floor and Home launched the Design for Pink contest, in partnership with *Country Living* magazine. The company invited U.S. consumers to enter their original welcome mat designs to be included in fall 2007 col-

lection. This year's winner is Brittany Hammel from Denton, Texas. Her mat, Wild Flowers, features pink flowers surrounding the word "Welcome" on a green background.

In addition to the Wild Flowers mat, Carpet One Floor and Home's fall and winter collection also includes such designs as:

■ Ticked Pink, a trendy combination of pinks and chocolate brown in a fun retro pattern.

■ Holiday Bloom, featuring the season's most notable bloom, poinsettias, surrounded by pink and burgundy.

■ Paw Prints, an eye-catching checkered design with paws in red, green and brown to keep the paws of four-legged friends (and the two-legged ones) clean.

■ Welcome Hope features a heart in shades of pink and brown and the word HOPE spelled out in the center of the heart.

The indoor/outdoor welcome mats are stain- and water-resistant and machine-washable. They will be available for approximately \$21.99, beginning in October, for national breast cancer awareness month, and throughout November and December. To Fall 2007 Shop for Pink, visit the Independent Carpet One Floor and Home at 1400 N. Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-6200.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

- Petition #2604-G. Robinson, 34036 Aztec**
Request for a one (1) foot, six (6) inch rear yard fence height variance from the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install an eight (8) foot high privacy fence along the rear yard of the home.
- Petition #2608-D. Kendrick, 33148 Chief Lane**
Request for three (3) variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 12' x 20' addition to the rear of the existing non-conforming home that would be located 22.5 feet from the rear lot line where a 35 foot minimum setback is required and 32.3% lot coverage where a maximum lot coverage of 30% is allowed in the R-5 district.
- Petition #2609-Cintas Corp., SE Corner Webb Dr. & Webb Ct. (027-03-0016-300 & 0020-300)**
Request for two variances from Ordinance 248 as a result of a proposed land division request involving Lots #16-20 of the Tonquish Industrial Park Sub No. 2, which would result in an 8.06 foot side yard setback for the building located on Parcel #027-03-0020-300 (Lot 20) where an 18 foot minimum setback is required and a 16.62 foot rear yard setback for the building located on Parcel #027-03-0016-300 (Lot 16 & 17) where a 20 foot minimum setback is required.
- Petition #2610-Westland Liquor, 34745 Warren Road**
Request for two variances from Ordinance 248, in order to install a new free-standing sign at 34745 Warren Road. The property is located on the south side of Warren Road, east of Wayne Road. The property is zoned CB-3, General Commercial Business and is developed with a party store.
- Petition #2611-F. Higgins, 8114 Flamingo**
Request for two variances from Ordinance 226A-22, as a result of the installation of a six (6) foot high privacy fence in the north side yard of the home.
- Petition #2612-C. Grusnick/Belle Monte, 8060 Merriman**
Request for one variance from Ordinance 248, in order to install a new free-standing sign at 8060 Merriman Road. The property is zoned CB-1, Low Intensity Commercial Business and is developed with a hair salon.
- Petition #2613-J. DeAngelis, 8471 Gilman**
Request for two variances from Ordinance 248, in order to construct a 12' x 20' addition to the rear of the home.
- Petition #2614-F. Harb-533 S. Wayne Road**
Request for three variances from Ordinance 248, in order to install a new free-standing sign and wall-mounted sign.
- Petition #2615-W. Becknell-38950 Glenwood**
Request for two variances from Ordinance 248, in order to construct a 72' x 40', 2,880 square foot detached accessory structure at the rear of the home.
- Petition #2616-C. Grantham, 8425 Gray**
Request for one variance from Ordinance 226A-22, in order to install a split rail fence in front yard of the home.
- Petition #2617-G. Branston/F. Asanovski 6183 Oak Pointe**
Request for one variance from Ordinance 248, in order to construct a 6' x 27' covered porch addition to the front of the existing home.

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th and 30th days throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2007. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

Kevin L. Buford
City of Westland
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Deed should be recorded to protect buyer

My son who is single bought a house. The deed was not recorded even though we were charged. Is there a reason why it wasn't recorded? Also, at closing we were advised to file a quit-claim deed to me and my spouse. Is this correct? Maybe he should get a trust.

There is a problem as the original deed was not recorded. At the time of purchase, the buyer typically receives a warranty deed from the sellers. Basically, this deed says the sellers are guaranteeing delivery of the property free and clear.

It's important to record this deed because it protects you from others who may claim an interest in the property. To protect your son's interest, it is important to make sure the deed from the seller to him is properly recorded.

The Realtor who assisted you or the title company that handled the closing should be contacted immediately.

As to a quit-claim deed, that is a different issue. A quit-claim deed is typically used when a

family conveys property to other family members.

It does not contain any warranties or guarantees and basically says whatever interest I own in this property I convey to you.

A quit-claim deed was recommended in your son's situation for estate planning purposes. Typically, someone does a quit-claim deed in order to avoid probate.

In this situation, if the quit-claim deed transfers the property from your son to you and your spouse and then the deed is recorded, there's a problem. There's a gift tax consequence because your son is making a gift to you. Since the house is not your primary residence, it wouldn't qualify for the more favorable Homestead Property Tax.

By recording such a deed — since you and your wife would be the owners of the property — you would be removing your son from ownership.

On the other hand, if the quit-claim deed was transferring the home to your son, you and your spouse as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, it's another issue. In this case, your son's name would still be on the property and it could be interpreted that you and your spouse were only put on the deed

for estate planning purposes.

There would be no gift tax consequences and you would still qualify for the homestead property tax.

The downside from your son's standpoint, if the document is recorded, would be if he chose to sell the home or refinance he would need both you and your spouse's approval.

If your son has substantial assets, I recommend a Living Trust which allows him to retain control of his property. Upon death, his assets can pass to beneficiaries without having to go through probate.

On the other hand, if your son has limited assets and the house is his major asset, I recommend a quit-claim deed. However, I wouldn't record the deed at this time. I would keep it in a safety deposit box and if he did predecease you, the deed could be recorded.

I'm about to close on my first home. The mortgage company is recommending mortgage life insurance. What do you think?

I am not a fan of mortgage insurance.

First, mortgage insurance is one of the most expensive types of life insurance. In addition, it does not give your beneficiaries much flexibility. The proceeds must be used to pay off the

mortgage.

However, what if the beneficiaries don't want to pay off the mortgage? For example, if you had a fixed-rate mortgage of 5 percent and money market accounts are paying 7 percent there may be no reason to pay off the mortgage.

Furthermore, your premium remains the same no matter what the mortgage balance. Therefore, as time goes on and you pay down your mortgage, your life insurance benefit also declines, but once again the premium remains the same.

Ask yourself: If you pass away, does anyone lose out financially? If the answer is yes, then life insurance is one way to cover that shortfall. However, to give your beneficiaries the most flexibility, life insurance should not be tied to another product like a mortgage. Term insurance offers more insurance for less money and at the same time gives beneficiaries maximum flexibility.

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

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property free and clear.

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Hospital sponsors wellness programs

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

Tuesday, Sept. 4
Diabetes Self-Management Education (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood pressure and cholesterol test-

ing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked free of charge, cholesterol level tested (\$5) or Lipid panel done (\$10) on the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the hospital. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance noon-2 p.m. Trained volunteers are available to assist or counsel clients with issues or questions concerning Medicare/Medicaid forms and benefits. The service is coordinated by The Senior Alliance and is available in the hospital's main lobby. No appointment necessary.

Smoke Free, Your Choice at 3:30 p.m. (first of four classes).

The four week series will help the smoker identify the triggers and addictions associated with cigarettes/nicotine. The planning process then begins by setting a quit date and putting strategies in place that will help the smoker become a non-smoker with the least amount of withdrawal. There is a \$45 fee. For more information or to register, call

(734) 458-4330.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

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

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussions on new diabetes information by attending this group. Day and evening sessions are available. This group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City

Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 5:30 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

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

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The cause of restless legs is unclear, therefore the treatment is uncertain. At present the medications, Requip and Mersiplex are most used but the regimens are complicated, and the medications work best if taken one to three hours before bedtime. Problems arise in taking the drugs as you may not be able to predict when you will retire for the night. Also, it requires trial and error to determine if the one-hour or the three-hour before bedtime instruction is the appropriate one for you.

Furthermore, the occurrence of restless legs is variable. If the problem subsides, you cannot be sure if medicine is helping, or the vagaries of the condition are at work, and the restless legs will return.

You need to distinguish between restless legs and nocturnal cramps. Both conditions may wake you from sleep, but nocturnal cramps are more likely to happen just before awakening in the morning. The cramps occur in the calf muscles, and usually end while you stay in bed moving your leg to an extended position. Quinine, taken as 6 ounces of tonic water at night, is a time-honored remedy, but its utility as a cure is in question.

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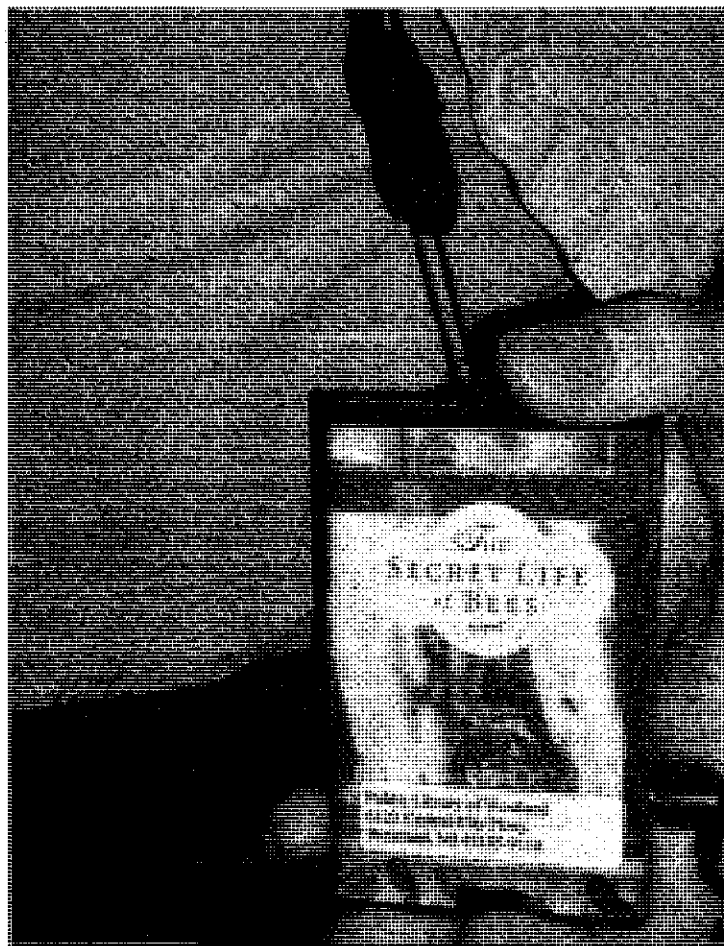
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The library's Playaway audio book collection currently totals nearly 150 titles. The library collection includes a variety of adult and young adult titles including popular fiction, nonfiction, classics and language learning.

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For more information about Playaway, stop by the library on Central City Parkway north of Ford, call (734) 326-6123 or visit www.westland.lib.mi.us.



Playaway, a self-playing digital audio book, is now available at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

Forgeries and hoaxes

It is impossible to avoid the tabloid magazines while standing in line at the grocery store. They are often coveted purely for entertainment purposes. Does anyone actually believe that a baby turned into a lizard and is wreaking havoc on the west coast?

It is the stories that do have the potential for truth, however, that truly are frightening. When "The Blair Witch Project" was first introduced to the public, it struck fear into the hearts of moviegoers across the country until the truth surfaced about its fictional creation.

To set the record straight on some of the world's craziest hoaxes, Alex Boese has written "Hippo Eats Dwarf: A Field Guide to Hoaxes and other B.S.," so that you too can become a master of misinformation.

An extremely popular kind of hoax is the urban legend. While the library carries many books containing urban legends such as "Urban Legends: A Collection of International Tall Tales and Terrors" or the ever-popular "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark," also available are sources that refute the tales, like "Mythbusters: The Explosive Truth Behind 30 of the Most Perplexing Urban Legends of All Time."

Indulging in urban legends is a way of experiencing a rather innocent hoax, but many hoaxes and forgeries leave behind a long trail of victims. Brian Innes discusses the criminals,



the scams and the victims of hoaxes throughout history in "Fakes & Forgeries."

For information about a more recent unlawful deed, read "Fake: Forgery, Lies and eBay," which examines Kenneth Walton's practice of selling forged paintings on eBay. Is it getting difficult to discern the truth from the barrage of hoaxes and forgeries that pummel you on a daily basis? Stop by the library or view our Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us, and we can direct you to resources that have a little more credibility than the weekly tabloids.

Highlighted Activities
Internet 101: 3 p.m. Sept. 8.
 A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. Stop by your library and register for a library card.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Mary Beth Fixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Absopure helps whet festival's jazz appetite

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Fast forward to the early 1990s, when the Young family, owners of the company, joined forces with Robert McCabe of Detroit Renaissance to demonstrate their support of the Detroit International Jazz Festival as an economic engine and significant cultural event in Detroit. Today, Plymouth-based Absopure is on the eve of its 100th anniversary as a successful national business, and its 14th year as a key sponsor of America's largest free jazz festival, which brings an estimated million people, 26 percent from out-state and out-of-state, to Detroit each year.

The event takes place Friday-Monday in downtown Detroit.

Absopure is one of many sponsors who help bring hundreds of artists to Detroit to perform on Hart Plaza, Woodward Avenue and Campus Martius each year. They are joined by several other "Made in Michigan" companies including Mack Avenue Records of Harper Woods, Carhartt Clothing Company of Dearborn, Motor City Casino Hotel of Detroit, Art Van Furniture and Big Boy of Warren, Greentown Casino, Compuware, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Wayne State University, DTE Energy, Hour Detroit Magazine, Hammell Music, Detroit Media Partnership and Honors of Royal Oak.

Third-generation Absopure

owner William Patrick Young grew up with Jazz Fest and has been a champion of it, both personally and professionally.

"I was raised on jazz and now my children are being raised on jazz," Young said. "It is a real tradition in my family. As an American company based in Michigan, we recognize the importance of supporting this American art form and matching our quality product with this high caliber event in Detroit."

Perhaps it is not by accident that water has become a major theme for sponsors this year. Art Van has incorporated it into its inaugural sponsorship of Jazz Fest.

"Art Van will feature the Grand Shores Collection at the Jazz Festival, and when you

purchase anything from this collection, a portion of the proceeds goes to the Water Quality Protection Fund of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality," said Debra Colon, Special Events Director for Art Van Furniture. Michigan based companies are joined by others including Chase, now in its third year sponsorship of the Main Stage at Campus Martius; MGM Grand Detroit Casino, hosts of corporate hospitality at the Amphitheatre; and others including Budweiser, Future Brands, Starbucks Coffee Company, Glaxo Smith Kline, Johnson & Johnson, Pepsi, Comcast and Fox 2.

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Flea market supports historic preservation

This year's flea market fund-raiser for the Livonia Historical Society will be the biggest ever with 150 vendors.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Greenmead Historical Park off Newburgh at Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

The market draws between 4,000 and 5,000 browsers each year.

Proceeds support historical preservation at Greenmead. In past years, the market has generated \$10,000 profit, said Gene Kramer, president of the Livonia Historical Society.

"It takes a lot of money to put a roof on a building like the Alexander Blue house."

Another upcoming project is the restoration of the Hill House Museum.

Last year's event featured 134 vendors, selling items like antiques, discontinued merchandise from store liquidations and crafts.

"We decided to expand the limit," said Kramer, who rented a booth to sell his own effects last year. "We have the room and we think we can manage it."

Admission is \$2; children under 12 are admitted free.

The grounds are suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

Food and refreshments are available for purchase.

The market is held outdoors, which makes weather a concern.

Aside from dressing for the rain or shine, bring a shopping bag, Kramer said. "Because you're sure to buy something."

The Village Painters will sell decoratively painted art objects during a concurrent sale inside the Blue House.

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Vick case has exposed us as nation of excuse-makers

Despite the outrage his actions have caused, I almost felt a bit saddened by the public apology Michael Vick offered the world Monday after he exited a Virginia federal courthouse.

After admitting guilty to a dogfighting conspiracy charge, the suspended NFL quarterback apologized "for all the things that I've done and that I've allowed to happen." Vick acknowledged all the people he let down.

To read the reports of the gruesome, vile acts in which Vick admitted taking part personally turns my stomach. And for that reason, I don't necessarily feel bad for Vick the person, but more for what he represents.

In a lot of ways, Vick represented the American Dream. Here was a guy who grew up with nothing, but through hard work and a tremendous amount of God-given talent, he ascended to the pinnacle of the sports world. And for that he was admired by many, including every 12-year-old boy who dreamed of getting to the pros someday.

His fall from grace should force us all, especially parents, to re-examine what we consider successful and who our heroes are.

During these recent weeks, when Vick's case dominated national headlines and water cooler debate, I think we've witnessed a weird little snapshot of the American social fabric. The case has exposed a lot about us, some of which is not all that encouraging.

Certainly, if we didn't know it already, we learned that the animal rights advocates in this country are an impassioned bunch. From the minute this investigation came to light, they organized and put a tremendous amount of pressure on the NFL, the Atlanta Falcons (Vick's team), and the companies that paid Vick to peddle their products to sack him -- even before he was indicted on any dogfighting charges.

In my opinion, Vick deserved every bit of it. His grotesque treatment of the dogs in his care showed a complete disregard for life, and a sick sense of sport.

The case has also showed that we are a nation with a penchant for making excuses, especially when it comes to our heroes.

First there were some African-Americans who defended Vick by saying he did what he did because he came from an impoverished, urban background, and that he never quite escaped that background. As if he had no choice but to break the law. I think all the law-abiding African-Americans living in similar circumstances should be appalled by that claim. Talk about setting the bar pretty low.

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a witch hunt against a prominent black athlete, and the intensity of public scrutiny wouldn't have been the same if it had been Joe Montana in Vick's shoes. The same arguments have surfaced during the Barry Bonds home run record chase. Unfortunately, crying racism in these kinds of cases only diminishes the next time someone actually has a legitimate claim that racism has impacted them. What Vick did would have appalled America no matter what his color of skin.

Other people that have come to Vick's defense are fans of the Atlanta Falcons, who realized their team's chances of winning have taken a big hit without him calling the signals. Some came to Vick's defense by suggesting dogfighting was no different than hunting, which of course, is a legal activity in America. As a hunter myself, I was somewhat offended by that argument.

Is hunting as bad as dogfighting? I'm sure there are some in the animal rights crowd that probably think so. Clearly, there are some obvious differences, though. Sure, hunting results in the death of an animal, but like it or not, we are a nation (and species, for that matter) of meat eaters. You've probably noticed the billion or so fast food restaurants that dot the American landscape.

All the hunters I know strive to make a clean kill when they hunt, and they look down on people who poach and break game laws, which are in place to ensure animals have some chance of escape. These hunting regulations also ensure game populations remain healthy and self-sustaining.

The things Vick pleaded guilty to, including electrocuting, drowning, beating and hanging dogs that did not perform well in the ring, is just plain sadistic. To compare this to what hunters do is a stretch, and a slap in the face to the millions of hunters out there.

In fact, to defend Vick's actions on any grounds demands some kind of personal bias. But if this sad case has proved nothing else, it certainly has shown there's plenty of bias to go around in this country.

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Kurt Kuban

Sheriff offers tips for 'safe passage' to, from school

Your kids are heading back to school this week and they will be crossing paths with a lot of unfamiliar faces. Now is the time to ask yourself whether your child is prepared to respond appropriately if he or she is approached by a stranger.

Here are some important tips for keeping your child safe going to and from school.

Educate your child to the threats: Children can be naïve and sometimes too trusting. Parents can't afford to be. Without scaring them too much, make sure your children understand that there are bad people out there who might hurt them and they need to be VERY careful who they come in contact with.



Sheriff Warren Evans

Show your child some of the ways a bad person might try to trick them, like telling them that he needs help finding his lost puppy, or that the child's parent was in an accident and he has come to take them to the hospital to see them. It's a good exercise to practice some scenarios with your child through role playing. Have a trusted friend play the part of a bad guy to see how your child responds.

Also, show your children how to keep their distance (walk in the opposite direction a car is driving) and be confident in saying "NO" to an adult, when appropriate.

Lastly, teach them how to be observant and try to remember things like what the suspicious person's car looked like, what the license plate was, a physical description and what direction they left.

Know the lay of the land: Take the time to scout out the safest route to and from school for your child. It may not be the most direct, but it may be the most well-traveled and well-lit with the fewest abandoned homes or overgrown lots to be concerned about.

Something else you can do is to search the state's sex offender registry Web site for known offenders in your community -- particularly those with crimes against children -- and design your child's school route around them. You can find a link to the sex offender

registry by visiting www.waynecounty.com/sheriff.

If your child feels unsafe: The most effective way for a child to scare off someone who may be attempting to harm or abduct them, is to make noise. A lot of it. Screaming, or having something that is loud, distinctive and attention-getting, such as a whistle, will scare off most bad guys.

After a child has avoided a possible threat, he or she needs to find somewhere they feel safe. Establish locations, along your child's school route that are "safe haven." It may be a public setting such as a gas station or grocery store, or the home of someone you trust.

When your child is home alone: If your child comes home from school and sees a door or window that is open that normally is not, tell them NOT to go in, but go somewhere safe that you have pre-determined.

A child should NEVER answer the door if they are home alone unless it is someone you have pre-approved. Better to upset a friendly adult or miss a FedEx delivery than to let the wrong person in the door.

Even if he's home alone, your child should say something like: "My dad is fixing the sink and asked me to see who is at the door. He said to come back later."

Following these simple tips can help keep your child safe throughout the school year.

Warren Evans is the Wayne County sheriff.

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Stevenson defensive back Mark Grisa (front) comes up with a late first-half interception on a ball intended for Franklin receiver Brian Humenay.

Measuring up

Stevenson piles up yardage in 38-26 win vs. Pats

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Somewhere Joe Tillier had to be smiling.

The Purdue coach would have loved to have witnessed this "basketball game on turf" as Livonia Stevenson won a shootout Thursday night against an undermanned Livonia Franklin football team, 38-26.

The Spartans, who piled up 419 yards total offense, including 289 on the ground, overcame first-half deficits of 14-3 and 20-17, to run their early season record to 2-0.

Franklin, minus eight regulars, including its injured starting running back tandem of Cole Kelly and David Fortin, went to the air with regularity as senior quarterback Jesse Carpenter completed 15-of-29 passes

for 242 yards.

"There was a lot of scoring, but it wasn't our intention to just out-score them," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel. "Their quarterback (Carpenter) was on the money. They had a couple of important skill kids who went down including their full-back (Fortin). We did not play that well last week versus the spread (in a 49-26 win over Ypsilanti Lincoln). And without their two good skill players we knew they would spread us out even more. It's not for a lack of working on it. We tried to prepare for it, but obviously we couldn't prepare for all their schemes. They came up with a good game plan and that's to coach (Chris) Kelbert's credit."

The host Patriots led 7-0 after with 2:39 left in the first quarter on Carpenter's 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jeff McCullough. But

the Spartans responded on Jonny Myshock's 23-yard field goal set up by sophomore Austin White's 46-yard run.

Carpenter, who was 11-of-16 for 181 yards in the first half, scored on a 1-yard keeper with 8:38 remaining in the second period to put Franklin ahead 14-3.

The quick-strike Spartans, however, wasted little time in answering as senior quarterback Mitchell White, who was 6-of-12 passing for 130 yards, hit the speedy Derek Buskey over the middle for a 60-yard score followed by Austin White's 2-yard TD run with 4:21 left in the half set up by Pat York's interception at the Franklin 42.

The 5-foot-11, 175-pound Carpenter, however, went right

Please see **STEVENSON, B4**

Chiefs deny Glenn on late TD

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It took Canton's offense nearly two entire games to complete its first pass of the season but, boy, was it ever worth the wait.

Senior quarterback Adam Powers connected with senior running back Tim Klott on a 3-yard scoring strike with 17 seconds left Thursday afternoon to lift the Chiefs to a dramatic 24-20 come-from-behind victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Powers faked a dive into the line before rolling right, parallel with Klott, who found an opening in the Rockets' secondary five yards deep in the end zone.

The Chiefs were 0-for-2 through the air in their opener against Toledo Central Catholic and 0-for-1 Thursday afternoon prior to the Powers-to-Klott hook-up.

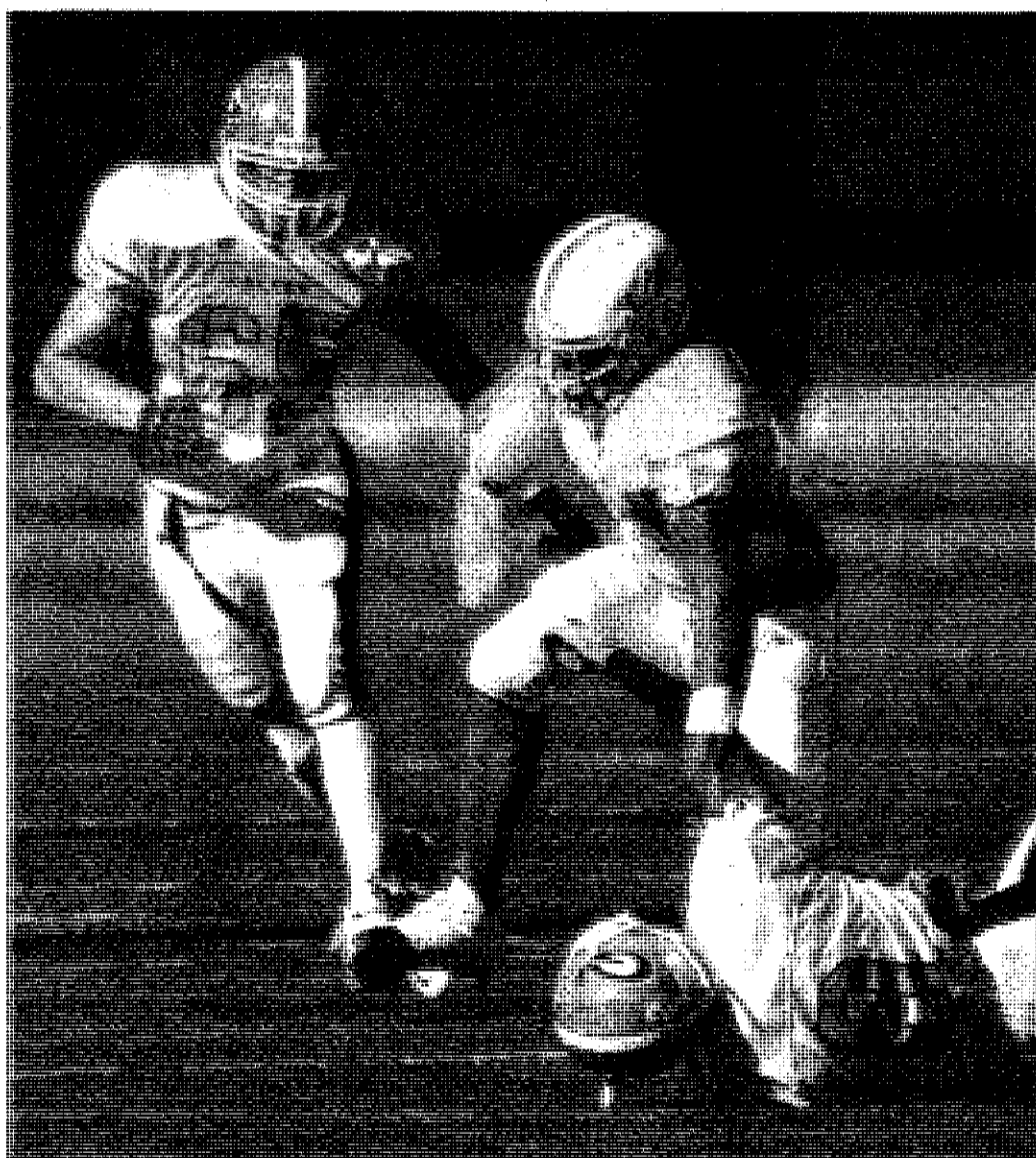
The down-to-the-wire thriller left both teams with 1-1 records.

"It's a great play because it's a pass-run option for the quarterback," Canton coach Tim Baechler said, referring to the game-winning aerial. "If the receiver is covered, the quarterback can run. Well, Tim was wide open and he and Adam made a play. It wasn't a great pass, but it was good enough, and Tim made a helluva catch.

"I'm very proud of this team. We needed this win for our psyche. These guys have never been in a position where they had to win before, but they stepped up and did it today."

Glenn senior quarterback Keshawn Martin scrambled in from 14 yards out with 6:30 to play to give the Rockets a 20-17 advantage. However, the Chiefs responded by breaking down the Glenn defense with 13 straight runs before breaking its heart with the pass.

"I thought our guys gave a tremendous effort," Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. "It came down to who had the



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Canton senior fullback Jordan Raiford stiff-arms a fallen John Glenn player during a second quarter run Thursday afternoon. Raiford chalked up a team-high 105 yards rushing and a TD in the Chiefs' 24-20 victory.

ball last with enough time on the clock. I thought we showed tonight that we can play with the best teams in the league. I was proud of the guys. They gave everything they had."

DeLuca's players gave Canton everything — and more — than they could handle during the game's opening 18 minutes as they built a 13-3 lead.

Glenn seized a 7-0 advantage three minutes in when Martin hit Ryan Maxwell with

a 28-yard scoring pass on a third-and-11 play. The TD was set up by Zack Bozigan's fumble recovery five plays earlier at the Canton 39.

On the ensuing drive, the Chiefs used 18 plays to motor from their 20 to the Rocket 6 before settling for Daniel Stoney's 23-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3.

Glenn countered with an 11-play, 80-yard possession that was capped by C.J. Woodford's five-yard run to paydirt with

5:56 to go in the first half. The extra point was no good, making it 13-3.

Canton regained the momentum 28 seconds before halftime when Dalton Walser's 1-yard TD run and Stoney's extra point made it 13-10.

The drive was the first engineered this season by Powers, who replaced starter Jerome Scales mid-way through the second quarter.

Please see **GLENN, B4**

Wayne jolts Vikings for 1st triumph

Wayne Memorial atoned for its season-opening football loss to Jackson with a resounding 33-16 victory Thursday night at Walled Lake Central.

The Zebras, now 1-1 overall, built a 27-0 third-quarter advantage and coasted home for the victory.

Wayne built a 14-0 first-quarter lead when senior quarterback D.J. Freeman scored on a 6-yard run followed by cornerback Corey Campbell's 60-yard interception return.

Josh Gonzales converted both extra points and the Zebras extended their lead to 20-0 at halftime on Alan Freeman's 2-yard run. (The point-after failed.)

Wayne took the opening drive of the third quarter 70 yards, consuming eight minutes of the clock capped by Anthony Baskin's 26-yard touchdown run followed by Gonzales' third PAT to give the Zebras a 27-point cushion.

Central (0-2) got on the board on Steve Robinson's 54-yard TD run followed by the two-point conversion play, but Wayne answered on the next possession on D.J. Freeman's 2-yard scoring toss to Tim Siegfried.

Central's Jack Kennedy threw a 6-yard TD pass with a minute remaining to complete the scoring (followed by the two-pointer).

Wayne racked up 323 of its 369 total yards on the ground led by D.J. Freeman, who finished with 126 yards on 16 carries. He also completed 5-of-8 passes for 46 yards.

Baskin added 86 yards on nine carries, while Alan Freeman rushed for 84 yards on 13 attempts.

Central had a total of 226 yards, including 147 on the ground and 79 in the air. Robinson rushed for 82 yards on five carries. Defensively, both Gonzales and Matt Mills recovered Viking fumbles.

PREP FOOTBALL

Sidelines

Blazers prevail

Livonia Ladywood earned its first girls field hockey victory over the season Wednesday at home with a 4-0 triumph over Saline.

Leah Malm, Jenna Sheahan and Kristen Selasky tallied first-half goals for the Blazers, now 1-1 overall. Kasey Cox added a second-half goal.

Sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky made two saves for the Blazers in the Michigan High School Field Hockey League crossover matchup. On Monday, the Blazers lost their opener to Ann Arbor Huron, 3-0.

Wright handicap

John Wright, 74, of Westland, shot a low net of 214 to win the 2007 Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association State Match Play Championship held recently at Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye golf courses in Bath.

Wright, the fifth flight champion with a 30-handicap, defeated fourth flight winner Anthony McCauley, an 18-handicap, in a playoff.

The tournament attracted 110 golfers throughout the state.

Hole-in-one club

John Nielson, 42, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to ace the 151-yard, No. 9 hole Aug. 16 at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Golf Course.

Nielson had an impressive round of 26.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball program for age groups 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Sept. 19 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

The fee is \$125 (due at registration). Each registrant will receive 25 raffle tickets at \$5 each that can be sold and earn money, or fill out the tickets for yourself. The grand prize is a 2008 Pontiac G6 donated by Red Holman Pontiac.

For more information, call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 276-1979; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Recruiting realities

The Recruiting Realities Team will make a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Northville High School Auditorium.

The one-hour presentation will inform parents and student-athletes about the value of academics in high school and college, along with unknown financial opportunities, NCAA guidelines and standards, the 10 VIP rules for parents, along with the role of the coach and athletic director.

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Veteran Churchill girls harriers eye another run for Division 1 crown

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BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There's no way around it.

Expectations are sky high this season for the Livonia Churchill girls cross country team.

The Chargers return six of their seven top runners from last year's Division 1 state runner-up squad, which tied Rochester Adams for the team title with 112 points each, only to relinquish it based on the scoring place of the

sixth runner.

Adams returns five of its top seven as does third-place finisher Rockford. Saline, fourth in last year's state meet, has its top five intact.

True, the Chargers must replace their top placer from a year ago, Megan Macerati, who took seventh overall in the state meet and won both the Western Lakes Activities Association and regional meets. She is running at Grand Valley State.

But there's reason for even more optimism as the Chargers bring back three All-Staters — junior Alyssa Mira, who ran 18:23 (for 5,000 meters) and finished 11th overall; senior Rachel McFarlane, who clocked an

18:24.1 and took 14th; and sophomore Sara Kroll, who had the fourth best time among freshmen (18:27.9) and finished 18th.

Senior Lindsey Marlow, who took 65th (19:33.7) also returns along with state meet participants Lindsay McMullen, a junior, and Michelle Verellen, a senior.

Coach Sue Tatro, however, remains cautiously optimistic. She has a squad of 45, including 13 leading returnees and seven promising newcomers.

"If we stay healthy and continue to work hard, we'll have another solid season," she said. "There's a lot of healthy competition for the varsity spots."

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The rest of the area will be following suit with a vastly improved Plymouth squad, led by transfer Kelly Hahn, as a legitimate WLAA and regional threat along with Northville and Churchill's longtime rival and nemesis, Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans, under new coach Nancy Gavor, boast one of the area's and state's top runners in Courtney Calka, who as a sophomore finished 26th in Division 1 (18:39.6)

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
 Head coach: Sue Tatro, 12th year.
 League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
 Last year's finish: Division 1 state runner-up; regional, WLAA and Lakes Division champions.
 Notable losses to graduation: Megan Maceracini (first-team All-Area); Erica Hope.
 Leading returnees: Alyssa Mira, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Rachel McFarlane, Sr. (first-team All-Area; captain); Sara Kroll, Soph. (first-team All-Area); Lindsay Marlow, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Lindsay McMullen, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Hannah Otto, Jr.; Kim Verellen, Sr.; Michelle Verellen, Sr.; Emily Clairmont, Jr.; Meghan Murray, Sr. (captain); Laura Tomassi, Sr. (captain); Melissa Westrick, Sr. (captain); Sarah Niezgodzka, Sr.
 Promising newcomers: Katie Rash, Fr.; Sarah Bauman, Fr.; Kelsey Rothermel, Fr.; Kayla Szado, Fr.; Amanda Southwell, Soph.; Lauren Dykka, Soph.; Andrea Lopez, Jr.
 Tatro's 2007 outlook: "If we can stay healthy and continue to work hard, we'll have another solid season. There should be a lot of healthy competition for the varsity spots. In our league, Plymouth is looking very strong as is Northville, and Livonia Stevenson is always a formidable rival."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
 Head coach: Nancy Gavor, first year.
 League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
 Last year's finish: 25th (Division 1 state meet); second (regional); third (WLAA meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Kristen Frey (first-team All-Area); Stephanie Perez (second-team All-Area).
 Leading returnees: Courtney Calka, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Denece Meier, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Victoria Salfierin, Soph.; Stephanie Kraft, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Carly Kutchka, Jr.; Samantha Kay, Sr.; Claire LeBlanc, Soph.; Julia Schroeder, Sr.; Christina Joss, Jr.; Katie Capeneka, Fr.
 Gavor's 2007 outlook: "We'll try and qualify to state and improve versus our opponents. I'm hoping my back four runners can get closer to Schroeder and Kutchka. Kay is right now my third runner and Meier is my fourth. Calka looks very fit. There's some things she's got to work on."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
 Head coach: Rick Brauer, first year.
 League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
 Last year's finish: ninth (Division 2 regional); fifth (Catholic League meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Kara Soronen, Tracy Wright.
 Leading returnees: Laura Bou-Marcou, Jr.; Emily Barmach, Sr.; Amanda Field, Sr.; Mallory Tomaszewski, Jr.; Margaret Wojtanowski, Jr.; Cathy Wojtanowski, Soph.; Jordan Collins, Sr.; Kelsey Soronen, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Megan Yanik, Soph.; Meredith Houska, Soph.; Becky Babon, Fr.; Maureen Murphy, Soph.; Morgan Zuziak, Jr.; Melissa Laing, Fr.; Melissa Wickman, Jr.
 Brauer's 2007 outlook: "All 28 girls have been training very hard. The success, enthusiasm and work ethic, which started in track season, has carried over to cross country and the girls are very, very excited to begin racing again. We have 20 girls who are capable of running in Ladywood's top seven at any time, which makes for a very competitive training environment, and ultimately a very strong team with great camaraderie."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
 Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, seventh year.
 League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
 Last year's finish: seventh (Division 1 regional); eighth (WLAA meet); fourth (Western Division).
 Notable losses to graduation: Meghan Horgan (first-team All-Area); Kari Saarela, Devan Welley, Laura Marshall.
 Leading returnees: Victoria Church, Soph.; Brittany Dilley, Soph.; Tiffany VanOrden, Soph.; Kelsey Kaplan, Sr.; Elizabeth Reinke, Sr.; Amanda Young, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Mallory Church, Fr.; Meghan McPherson, Fr.; Shannon Niznik, Soph.; Breanna Minnick, Soph.; Kelly Walblay, Fr.
 Bjorklund's 2007 outlook: "We're really young this year. We graduated a talented and experienced senior class from our varsity and are filling in with mostly freshmen and sophomores. We have our largest team (21) with the most freshmen we've ever had (eight). Right now our varsity consists of two freshmen, four sophomores and one senior, so we have a lot of learning to do through the course of this season, but there is a lot of potential on this team. Church and Dilley are battling for the number one position. In the past, it's been pretty clear what spot each runner has on the team, but that's not the case anymore. The neat thing is that we're able to run as a pack. I believe we'll see a lot of improvement as the season progresses as young team learns how to race."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
 Head coach: Alan McGowan, fourth year.
 League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
 Last year's finish: ninth (Division 1 regional); ninth (WLAA meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Joslyn DeGroot.
 Leading returnees: Ashley Bailey, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Stacey Richardson, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Megan Nikula, Jr.; Danielle Levy, Sr.; Jamie Medel, Jr.; Michelle Levy, Soph.
 Promising newcomers: Evi Cenilli, Soph.; Melissa Roome, Fr.
 McGowan's 2007 outlook: "These group of girls have put in a great amount of mileage this summer. They have set high goals for themselves and as a team. This is the most talented group that Glenn has had in 20 years. I expect great things from my upper classmen this year. They are all running times significantly ahead of last year at this time. They all ended the season last year with great times and have been thinking about what they could do this season. As a coach, I hope to get my first state qualifiers this season. I would not be surprised to see us in the top half of the league this year."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
 Head coach: Jeremy Fabris, second year.
 League affiliation: Metro Conference.
 Last year's finish: sixth (Division 4 regional); third (Metro Conference meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Katherine MacKenzie (state qualifier); Ashley Taylor-Yoss.
 Leading returnees: Miriam Pranschke, Jr. (captain); Danielle Voelberg, Jr.; Megan Fisher, Sr.; Megan Kohrt, Jr.; Emily Meier, Soph.; Ashley Pniwski, Soph.; Amber Pniwski, Soph.; Katie Krueger, Sr. (captain); Carla Krzywiec, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Hannah Mielke, Jr.; Beth Larose, Fr.
 Fabris' 2007 outlook: "Last year's team I thought had a lot of potential, but most of it was comprised of a lot of raw talent. This year, I feel this team is learning to discover some of that potential, but we haven't quite figured it all out. Losing our number one, three and four runners from last year hurts, and I'm interested to see how the girls respond to the challenge of filling those holes. For the first time since 2002, we don't have a girl on this team that has experience of being a number one runner. So far, Mielke, Pranschke and Voelberg seem to be front runners for that. We're heading to a regional this year where we will have a better chance of competing, and hopefully get more individuals to qualify. This season will bring on many new challenges for these girls, but I think most of them are up to the challenge."



United champs

Livonia Soccer Club United captured the Girls Under-10 division, Aug. 24-26, at the 16th annual Dearborn Soccer Club Invitational with a 2-1 win in the finals over the Dearborn Yellow Jackets after tying the Dearborn squad 3-3 in the semifinals. Livonia United also defeated Anthony Wayne (Ohio) United, 4-0, and had its opener rained out against ROYSA Renegades Green '98. Members of Livonia United include (bottom row, from left): Yasmine Jaafar, Samantha Dickson, Juliet Hope, Jessica Schoenfeldt, Maria Tjilos, Bianca Hasani; (back row, from left) assistant coach Matt Grodzicki, Alivia Ahmad, Giulia Stone, Danielle Hague, Paige Ackman and head coach Kelly Delaney.

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 after placing fifth as a freshman (17:55.6).
 Stevenson also returns second-team All-Area pick Denece Meier.
 Livonia Franklin, hard hit by graduation losses including three-time state qualifier Meghan Horgan, is rebuilding.
 One area team which hopes to

take a giant leap in the WLAA pack is Westland John Glenn, led by second-team All-Area picks Ashley Bailey, a sophomore, and Stacey Richardson, a senior.
 Meanwhile, Glenn's rival Wayne Memorial hopes to avoid the cellar again in the Western Lakes.
 In Division 2, Rick Brauer takes over for Marcus Colonna as Livonia Ladywood's head coach. Newcomer Megan Yanik, a sopho-

more, impressed last spring in track.
 Lutheran High Westland took third at last year's Metro Conference meet and sixth at the Division 4 regional. Coach Jeremy Fabris lost state meet qualifier Katherine MacKenzie, but returns captains Miriam Pranschke, a junior, and Katie Krueger, a senior.

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Crusader teams pull off sweep

Both of Madonna University's soccer teams earned one-goal victories Friday afternoon.
 The women nipped Cornerstone, 1-0, at Greenmead Field in Livonia, to begin the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule on a high note.
 Scoring with 6:25 left in the first half was Ashley Stoychoff on a pretty, unassisted goal.
 Stoychoff waited until Cornerstone goalkeeper Mindy

COLLEGE SOCCER
 Erny (five saves) dove out of the sidebox and then placed her shot into the upper left corner.
 Traci Anderson only needed to make one stop for Madonna, which improved to 2-1-1 overall and 1-0-0 in the WHAC.
 The MU men's soccer team won 2-1 at Olivet College in a non-conference battle.
 Mark Pikula and Darrel Quinn netted goals for the

Crusaders about 16 minutes apart in the first half and the margin held up despite a goal by Comets' Mike May with about 21 minutes remaining in the contest. Pikula scored on an assist from Quinn, and Quinn found the target on a play begun by Doran Drai's corner kick. Kristofer Lyons made two saves for Madonna (1-1-1) while Olivet goalkeeper Ethan Felsing made seven stops to keep his team (0-1) in the game.

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4-goal outburst keeps C'ville winless

Livonia Clarenceville is off to a slow start in boys soccer as the Trojans slipped to 0-3 overall after suffering a pair of shutouts last week.
 John Ndeh-Zama scored all four of his goals in the opening half Wednesday as host Ferndale blanked the Trojans, 7-0.
 Danny Herrick added a goal and two assists, while Dennis Burgess and Ryan Kott contributed one goal apiece.
 Clarenceville first-year coach

BOYS SOCCER
 Trevor Johnson, still searching for his first win, singled out the play of midfielders Matt Parent and Phil Strachan.
 Earlier in the week, Farmington Hills Harrison improved to 2-1-2 overall with a 6-0 win over Clarenceville.
 STEVENSON 8, JOHN GLENN 0: Dylan Green and Joey D'Agostino each tallied two goals and one assist as Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) scored all eight goals in the first half to mercy host

Westland John Glenn (1-3-1, 0-1) in the WLAA-Lakes Division opener for both teams.
 Nate Sergison, Brandon Kopitz, David Simor and Mike Debolski also added goals for the Spartans.
 Assists went to Adrian Pylonenko, Bob Smith, Chris Long, Nick Anagnostou and Rick Chrzasz.
 Goalkeeper Justin Collins recorded the shutout.
 DEARBORN 1, CHURCHILL 0: On Thursday, midfielder Josh Ballnik the game-winning goal came on a deflection off a corner kick in the eighth minute as the unbeaten Pioneers (6-0) held off host Livonia Churchill (2-2) in a non-league matchup.

Trojans earn 2nd win in row

The early returns are encouraging so far for Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball squad, which upped its record to 2-0 on the young 2007 season with a 25-16, 25-10, 22-25, 25-11 non-conference victory Wednesday over visiting Hazel Park.
 Senior outside hitter

PREP VOLLEYBALL
 Amanda Moody paced the Trojans with 11 kills and three ace serves. Setter Katie Blacker finished with 40 assist-to-kills on the night.
 Amber Mills and Amber Dermyre each contributed

eight kills for Clarenceville. Mills also had four blocks, while Dermyre chipped in with four aces.
 Teresa Parent led the defense with eight digs.
 "We communicated well and we hope to keep getting better," Clarenceville second-year coach Wendy Roy said.

MU spikers win California opener

Showing no ill effects of jet lag, Madonna University's women's volleyball team had little trouble defeating Dominican (Calif.) in the opening round of Friday's Point Loma Nazarene Tournament in San Diego.
 The Crusaders rolled to a 30-12 win in the opener and followed up with 30-26 and

30-16 victories to earn the sweep and move on to their next scheduled matchup late Friday against the tournament host Sea Lions.
 Details of that matchup were not available as of press time.
 Lubovj Tihomirova again paced the MU attack with 17 kills, and chipped in with 11

defensive digs.
 Tallying 11 kills was Whitney Fuelling, while Inta Grinvalds (37 assists) and Jacqui Gatt (13 digs) also contributed to the Crusaders' win.
 Madonna improved to 4-2 overall while Dominican fell to 0-1 despite 12 kills from Gabby Pecora and 24 assists from Brook Swingle.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 214 NEW BOSTON HURON 248
 Aug. 30 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)
 Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 45 (medalist); Jamie Young, 51; Courtney McKinney, 52; Justine Woodard and Dakota Howell, 66 each; Samie Baker, 76.
 New Boston scorers: Amanda Yax, 52; Sarah Smith, 62; Felicia Hamel, 63; Rachel Brooker, 71.
 Glenn's dual meet record: 2-4 overall, 0-3 Western Lakes Activities Association.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 194 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 229
 Aug. 29 at Links of Pinewood
 Western scorers: Marni Weinstein, 45 (medalist); Michelle Chas, 48; Melanie Wilkerson, 49; Leah Carlson, 52; Andrea Newcombs, 65.
 Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 47; Natalie Polakowski, 60; Samantha McAtee, 61; Chelsea Duffy, 62; Lauren Beahon, 64.
 Franklin's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 186 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 223
 Aug. 28 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)
 Western scorers: Amanda Schwandt, 44 (medalist); Melanie Wilkerson, 46; Marni Weinstein, 47; Michelle Cho, 49; Leah Carlson, 56.
 Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 50; Courtney McKinney and Jamie Young, 53 each; Justin Woodard, 67; Dakota Howell, 68; Samie Baker, 85.
 Glenn's dual meet record: 1-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 217 TAYLOR TRUMAN 281
 Aug. 22 at Taylor Meadows
 Franklin scorers: Lauren Beahon, 50 (medalist); Becca Geersens, 53; Natalie Polakowski, 56; Samantha McAtee and Samantha Nesbitt, 58 each; Heather Deguisse, 62.
 Franklin's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.
FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL Aug. 23 at Glen Oaks
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 181 strokes; 2. Farmington, 201; 3. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 203; 4. Big Rapids, 211; 5. Farmington Hills Harrison, 217; 6. Livonia Franklin, 226; 7. West Bloomfield, 228; 8. Birmingham Seaholm, 236; 9. Harrison-N. Farmington Unfiled, 253.
 Medalist: Joan Durieu (Country Day), 37.
 Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 45; Georgia Patrick, 59; Natalie Polakowski and Samantha McAtee, 61 each; Lauren Beahon, 64; Heather Bacon, 69.

BOYS TENNIS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 7 GARDEN CITY 1
 Aug. 29 at Wayne
 No. 1 singles: Kevin Erdmann (WM) defeated Evan Beers, 6-0, 6-1.
 No. 2: Mike Hicks (WM) def. Jeremy Watkins, 6-1, 6-2.
 No. 3: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Robert Wright, 6-0, 6-1.
 No. 4: Jack Zimmerman (WM) won by default.
 No. 1 doubles: Russell Green Shields-Chris Sabatini (GC) def. Andrew Morton-Eric Robertson, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 2: Josh Phillips-Kanav Mahotra (WM) def. Scott New-Alex Sorich, 5-3 (retired).
 No. 3: Brandon Harnos-Austin Hassen (WM) def. Stephen Mays-Matt Wright, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).
 No. 4: Jesse English-KeAndre Williams (WM) def. Derek Morrow-Kyle Hermetz, 6-0, 6-3.
 Wayne's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.

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Whittum's pick-off sparks Churchill to 20-13 victory

Livonia Churchill coach John Filiautraut said if he had to give out a game ball, it would go to defensive back Ryan Whittum.

Trailing 13-0 with less than a minute left in the first half, the 6-foot-1, 187-pound senior picked off a pass and returned it 58 yards for a touchdown, igniting the Chargers to a come-from-behind 21-13 football triumph Thursday night at Northville.

Whittum also came up with a critical pick-off with five minutes remaining in the game to seal the victory as the Chargers ran out the clock to improve to 2-0 overall.

"Whittum's interception definitely gave us a spark," Filiautraut said. "Northville ran a no-huddle offense and I think it got under our skin the first half. But once we settled down we were able to make some stops."

Northville (0-2) jumped out to a 13-0 first-quarter advantage on TD runs of 13 and 1 yard by Andrew Devine, both scores capping long drives.

The Mustangs marched 81 yards on nine plays for the first TD followed by an 87-yard, 15-play drive on the second TD.

PREP FOOTBALL

Following Whittum's interception return, the Chargers got untracked offense when Matt Kowalis scored on an 8-yard run to cap a five-play, 67-yard drive.

Whittum's second of three straight extra points made it 14-13.

The Chargers gained some breathing room in the final quarter when Kowalis scored on a 3-yard run, the drive taking six plays on 43 yards.

Kowalis finished the night with 158 yards on 22 carries, while Jeff Ricketts added 60 yards on seven attempts.

The Chargers had 264 yards total offense to Northville's 255. Northville had the edge in first down, 13-12. Neither team lost a fumble.

Max DiCicco also had an interception for Churchill.

Junior linebacker Devon Moynihan finished with a team-high 14 tackles, while junior Grant Morgan, filling in at quarterback for the injured T.J. Tilley, added 13. Senior defensive tackle Elliot Sylvester also had 10 tackles.

STEVENSON

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back to work as he marched the Patriots 65 yards in seven plays, hitting four-of-five passes resulting in a 1-yard TD plunge by Alex Dominquez with 2:19 still remaining in the first half.

Carpenter's third extra point try, however, clanged off the right upright and Stevenson took just 1:21 to score as Mitchell White connected with twin brother Myles on a 31-yard pass followed by Mitchell's 10-yard TD run with only 48 seconds remaining to give the Spartans the lead for keeps, 24-20.

After Stevenson forced the Patriots to punt on their opening possession, the Spartans marched 80 yards in just eight plays as Wade Stahl ran 36 yards for a TD. (Stahl had 70 yards on eight carries.)

The Spartans then scored again on their next possession as Austin White, who finished with 119 yards rushing on 19 carries, extended the lead to 38-20 on a 2-yard TD run with just 1:53 left in the third.

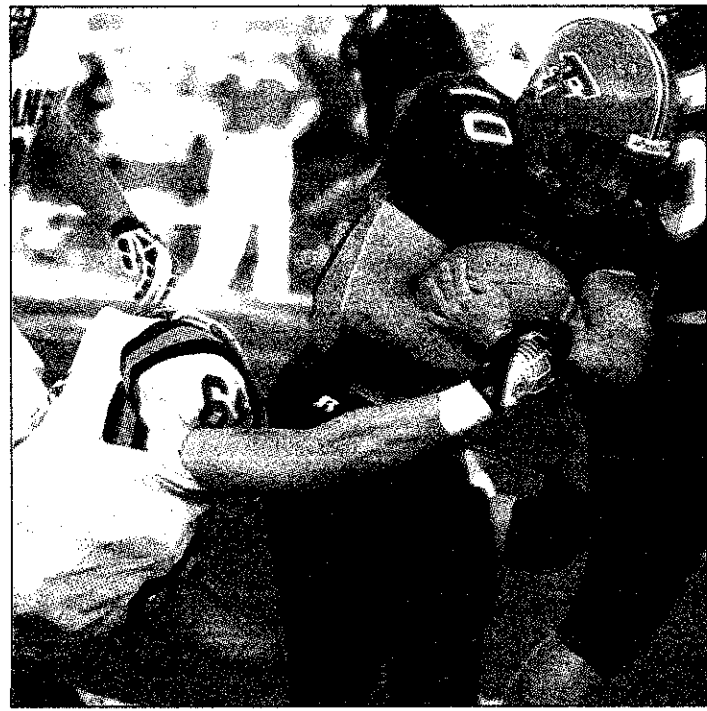
Franklin tried to make a game of it when wide receiver Israel Woolfork took a handoff and ran virtually untouched for 32 yards and a TD with only 7:06 to play.

The Patriots, who had a total of 326 yards, but only 94 on the ground in 19 attempts, simply ran out of time.

"We had to make do with all the injuries and the skill players we had (left)," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "But we have a great quarterback and great receivers. That's our strength and we had to utilize that."

Franklin, however, couldn't put a lid on Stevenson's highly-potent offensive attack.

"You have to take your pick," Kelbert said. "We tried to stop their quarterback (Mitchell



JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Franklin quarterback Jesse Carpenter (right) tries to protect the ball against Stevenson tackler Jason Bajas in Friday's Western Lakes crossover game.

White) and their receiver (Myles White), but the running game hurt us. They have a good group of players. They're a good football team."

Mitchell White, a threat to both run and pass, accounted for 163 yards in total offense.

"Mitchell's smart, he's not just athletic," Gabel said. "He makes good reads and it's a bonus when he's able to run and make plays. Myles is one of our go-to guys, but there are others guys who can make plays as well. When you see teams in double-coverage, you have to go and take advantage."

"We have some young guys in Austin (White) and Wade Stahl that we rely on, but with (senior) Emanuel Onwuemene back (from a six-quarter disciplinary suspension), it gives us a lift, particularly because of his run-blocking. Our two (third-quarter) scores came purely on the ground."

The loss dropped Franklin to 0-2 on the year with Walled Lake Western looming Friday

at home in the first Western Division encounter for both teams.

"I'll keep telling them we need in this group of guys," Kelbert said. "We're causing the mistakes ourselves. We had some misreads on the defensive side that we have to correct ourselves. It's just not the injuries. We've caused ourselves to be hurt."

Humenay O.K.

Franklin's Brian Humenay, injured on a play while fielding a punt return late in the game, was taken off the field on a stretcher and to a nearby hospital as a precautionary measure.

Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye reported to the Observer that 5-10, 170-pound senior defensive back and wide receiver was released later that night, attended practice on Friday morning, and could play this week.

Lutheran Westland's defense trumps Trojans in OT, 20-14

Talk about having your back against the wall.

Lutheran High Westland's defense proved to be resilient Thursday night in its 20-14 overtime football victory over host Livonia Clarenceville.

The Warriors on five different occasions, including three stands in the third quarter, kept the Trojans from scoring inside their own 10 to even their overall and Metro Conference record at 1-1.

"I've never seen a game played in our end for so long," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "It was not a pretty game, but a hard-nosed game played by both sides."

In overtime, Lutheran Westland's defense held on fourth-and-3.

Ryan Richter, who finished with 107 yards on 22 carries, then did the rest, going seven yards on first down and taking it in from three yards for the game-winning score.

With 1:41 left in regulation,

PREP FOOTBALL

Richter put the Warriors on top 14-6 when he scored on a short run. On the 22-play, 80-yard drive, Lutheran Westland converted five fourth-down conversions.

But the Trojans mounted a 60-yard drive to send the game into OT when Ben Watts stayed inbounds on a great catch in the corner of the end zone as time expired from quarterback Jeremy Gainer, whose 25-yard kickoff return ignited the last-ditch rally.

Levonte Brooks, who paced the Trojans with 124 yards on 20 carries, then ran in for the two-pointer to knot the game at 14-all and sent the game into OT.

Lutheran Westland struck first on the scoreboard when Eric Shoats returned the opening kickoff and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown. Billy Meier added the two-point conversion on a keeper to put the Warriors ahead, 8-0.

Clarenceville responded in the second period on Brooks' 39-yard TD run, but the two-point conversion failed.

Clarenceville outgained the Warriors, 242-214, in total yardage.

Sophomore Ethan Haller added 80 yards on 18 carries in the win. He also came up with a key interception in the end zone on the final play of the third quarter on fourth-and-goal from the 2.

Sam Ahlstrom and Nate Bachert each recorded 10 tackles for the Warriors. Nathan Mizzi and Dan Abbott added eight and six, respectively.

Gainer, who plays free safety, made 10 tackles for the Trojans, who slipped to 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the Metro. He hit 4-of-9 passes for 84 yards.

"It was beyond frustrating," Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "We were in the red zone five times and got nothing. But give credit to Lutheran Westland. They did enough to beat us."

GLENN

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After getting sliced apart by Martin and Co. during the first 24 minutes, the Dan Wanshon-led Canton defense forced a John Glenn three-and-out on the first series of the third quarter.

The Chiefs then secured their first lead when senior fullback Jordan Raiford plunged in from the 2 to put his team up 17-13 with 5:07 left in the third.

Canton's defense struck again less than three minutes later when Re-Michael Moore pounced on a fumble at the Glenn 30.

However, the Rockets' defense stiffened when it stopped Klott just one link of the first-down chain short of a first down on a fourth-and-1 play.

Inspired by the stop, Glenn marched 80 yards and scored on Martin's keeper with 6:30

to go and grab a 20-17 lead.

What did Baechler tell his offense before it went on the field for its do-or-die drive?

"There wasn't any time to talk about anything," he said. "It was just like, 'Hey, we've got to go.' We don't have a big-play offense, so it takes a while to score, which is good when you have a lead, but bad when we're behind."

Led by Raiford's 105-yard rushing effort, the Chiefs outgained the Rockets, 271-202, in total yards. Klott racked up 84 on 16 attempts while Walser added 54 on 15.

Woodford grinded out 83 yards on 19 carries for the Rockets, while Martin chipped in with 56 on 10 rushes.

Martin was 2-for-3 through the air for 48 yards. Powers and Wanshon both recorded eight tackles to pace the winners' defense. Scott Brown notched a team-high 10 tackles for the Rockets.

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Sibling rivalry can be mended

My sister and I have never really been close. I feel that she is backing away from me because of the type of relationship that I have with my mother. My mother and I only bonded because of my illnesses (I have been diagnosed with a few connective tissue diseases including fibromyalgia) and she is there for me when I need someone to talk to and she doesn't judge me. On the other hand, I want this kind of relationship with my sister; I would like for the bond to be between the three of us. But the moment we get together and my illnesses get brought up, she says that I'm seeking attention and that I'm a drug addict. I'm neither.



Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

I'm wondering if I have the right to confront her on this issue and tell her she isn't the only one with hardships in her life. I've never been a me, me, me person but I'm afraid this is how she sees me. I know that this will keep my mother, sister and me from becoming close. I have always loved my sister and no matter how much I tell her that she won't believe me. Thanks for your time.

I know that the difficulties that you are having with your sister seem to stem from the illnesses with which you have been diagnosed. However, you state that

you and your sister have never been close to one another and I am assuming that this was true long before you had been diagnosed with any of the illnesses that you mentioned in your letter. With this in mind, let's assume that the illness issue is just the current manifestation of the problem and not its defining characteristic. In other words, even though it looks like your sister has a problem with your ailments, the truth is that the problem is rooted far deeper than this issue.

The central concern is that each of you feels that the other is a threat to the amount and/or quality of attention and affection that you will receive from your mother. This is called "sibling rivalry" and has been discussed in this column several times in the past couple of years. Usually, with patience and support, parents can help their children to grow out of this phase and become closer to one another. However, in unusual situations, the rivalry escalates rather than decreases and the siblings continue to feel that they are enemies rather than family. This seems to be what is happening in your situation.

You write that your sister gets upset whenever your illnesses are discussed. Why? Because your sickness is a source of attention from your mother with which she cannot compete. Think about it, in your letter you state that you and your mother "only" bonded because of your illness. What you are saying is that if it were not for these illnesses you and your mother would not have become as close as you are. What would happen if your sister was the sick one, would your roles be reversed? Would it be you that were the odd woman out?

You seem to believe that this is true which strengthens your reliance on the "sick role" to remain close to your mother and ensures that your illnesses will always be a topic for discussion ... especially when your sister, your rival, is present. After all, any and all discussion of your illnesses reinforces your bond with Mom ... it also has the added bonus of reminding your sister that she is an outsider. Your sister knows this and reacts with anger, calling you names and questioning the validity of your sickness. This pattern of provoke and attack has probably been long established.

The tragedy is that you and your sister are not interacting as individuals, but only as part of the family system. You are staying locked into the roles that were selected years ago and you are not allowing yourselves the opportunity for success. For now, it is not possible to form a close bond between all three of you until there is less negativity between the two sisters.

If you truly want to become closer, spend time with just the two of you. Do not invite mom, friends, your significant others etc. Just the two of you. And take it slow. Shoot for a lunch meeting rather than a weekend away. Avoid the hot button issues, such as family politics or illnesses, in favor of general conversation. Remember that the purpose of this time together is to learn who the other person really is, not who we think that they are. Go into this with an open mind. Who knows, you may discover that you haven't really known each other or interacted on any real level before.

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Cell phones disrupt learning



Schools toughen stand on electronic devices

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jaime DeGrande hopes stricter enforcement of the electronic device policy eliminates distractions in high school classrooms in the Plymouth-Canton Community district this year. In June, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools sent home a letter informing parents about suspending high school students for

one day for the first offense, three days for the second and third, and five days for the fourth and subsequent infractions.

Schools districts in the area are getting tougher when it comes to enforcing electronic device policies that ban the use of cell phones, iPods and various electronic devices. In the Plymouth-Canton district students are allowed to carry cell phones and electronic devices but must turn them off and conceal

them during school hours and on school vehicles. Totally banned are CD players, MP3, iPods, pagers, and laser pointers.

The Farmington Board of Education policy mirrors Plymouth-Canton's plus bans the possession or use of walkie-talkies, and portable CB and HAM radios, scanning devices, and games or toys transmitting a signal more

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Bach festival spotlights Brahms, Tchaikovsky as well

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Classical music lovers don't seem to mind that although the event is called the Lexington Bach Festival, they'll hear a variety of compositions at the concerts in the little town on M-25 in Michigan's Thumb area. Julia Kurtyka founded the festival with Lee Jones, president of the Lexington Arts Council, and Mike Ziegler, to spotlight the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, the legendary German composer from the Baroque period. Over the years the event evolved to include composers from the same era. Eight seasons later, Kurtyka quips "We're going to start calling it Bach & Friends."

The Livonia violinist as well as audience members seem to enjoy the chamber music programs with Lake Huron nearby. The festival grew from a Friday and Saturday affair to add a Thursday concert in 2005. New this year is a Wednesday workshop. All except one of the programs takes place at St. Denis Catholic Church. Keyboardist Thomas Brown presents the Wednesday

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organ workshop on improvisation at Trinity Episcopal church. The festival is sponsored by the Lexington Arts Council with grants from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"We call it an extraordinary experience this year. It's so varied from an organ workshop to a young girl beginning her career to Elaine Douvas who just celebrated 30 years playing oboe with the Metropolitan Opera in New York," Kurtyka said. "We have festival orchestra musicians coming from Cleveland, Pennsylvania, North

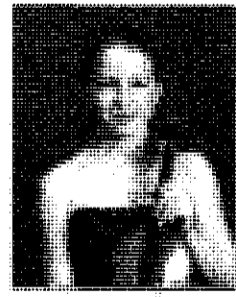
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Julia Kurtyka enjoys rehearsing for the Lexington Bach Festival she co-founded in 2000.



Elaine Douvas plays Bach at the festival. Douvas is principal oboe for the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.



Caroline Goulding began studying violin at age 3 with Julia Kurtyka in Port Huron.



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COMPETING WITH TEACHERS

Last year, cell phone-using students forced DeGrande to compete for their attention in her business class at Plymouth Salem High School. This year the problem could escalate when DeGrande begins teaching students to run the school store as part of the vocational program at Plymouth Canton High School. DeGrande will be less able to oversee students than in the marketing classroom next to the store where five or more students will be carrying out various tasks from ordering to inventorying stock.

"It seems they all have cell phones," said DeGrande. "They're very aware of the policy on cell phones but that doesn't deter them. I see them in the hallways, in the class-

rooms. I'll see a student with their hands under their desk and know they're trying to send text messages or check messages. They're mostly texting, but once in a great while a phone would ring. While most put them on vibrate or silent, they're always trying to check them."

During the 2006-2007 school year, DeGrande's students sat two to a table so cell phone users were distracting their neighbors as well. Parents are equally to blame, says DeGrande.

"It's kind of interesting when I would catch a student with their cell phones, they would say it was their parents' and it was. I think a lot of parents are getting a hold of kids to leave messages and don't realize they could be disrupting a classroom," said DeGrande. "Kids think it's OK because it's mom. It's not OK."

In addition to causing distractions, cell phones can be used to cheat on tests.

"I haven't heard students talking about it, but I almost guarantee they're telling

friends information on the test. I've had extra credit questions where they've come in and told me what it was," said DeGrande.

DeGrande plans to remind students of the policy and stricter enforcement.

"I'm going to tell them I'm following school policy and will take their phone," said DeGrande. "If there's an emergency, teachers' numbers are online so if there's an emergency parents can reach students."

PARENTS SUPPORTIVE

Frank Ruggirello Jr. says so far parents have been supportive. It was apparent during last school year something had to be done.

"Last year we had a fight after school. The kids had text messaged each other there was a fight in a certain place. With three high schools on one campus this usually becomes a problem sooner," said Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

As with the Plymouth-Canton district, students at Garden City High School have their phone taken away for the first violation, but discipline isn't implemented until the second infraction.

When school starts Sept. 6, middle and high school students will receive a copy of the Student Code of Conduct, and all incoming students will attend a welcoming orientation which explains the policy in depth.

"Cell phones are to be out of sight and mind, and not to be out or used during instructional hours or passing time," said Derek Fisher, director of student services for Garden City Public Schools.

"One of the issues we had was a prevalence of cameras incorporated into cell phones. It compromises student confidentiality. We have 1,500 students at the high school, and probably 60 percent of the kids have cell phones. It disrupts classes. We do have a phone in the office for students to use. They're better off leaving it at home."

The policy for cell phone usage has been spelled out in the Student Code of Conduct for Wayne-Westland Community Schools for years. Students receive a copy during registration and a parent must sign and return it.

"Students are very comfortable with all these technologies. There have been isolated cases of students texting others students about tests in earlier classes," said Gregory Baracy, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools. We had a student text inappropriate messages to another student. The incidences remain very isolated.

"The use of electronic communication devices depends on the circumstances. Students can use the phone before and after school starts in the Commons area where they may congregate, but can't use it in hallways, can't use them during lunch, and are prohibited from using them in locker rooms and bathrooms. If they need to call a parent after school they can use them in the Commons area."

Like the Plymouth-Canton district, Redford Union Schools have strengthened its electronic device policy this year.

"Cell phones have to be turned off at the middle and high school and in a student's locker," said Donna Rhodes, superintendent of Redford Union Schools. "It's been proven students have not made the wisest decisions. The concern for the board is cyber-bullying. Because of camera phones, I had heard of students who take pictures of other students in the locker rooms and bathrooms and put them on the Web.

"Parents need to reinforce why we're trying to protect students in terms of cyber-bullying. Teachers and the main and counseling offices all have phones. Parents were concerned about what happened at Virginia Tech. In an extreme emergency students can use the phone in the classroom."

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WILAMOWSKI

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Once the two of you can interact as individuals, then gradually begin to address some of the family issues and introduce others into your conversations and relationship. To help this along, I encourage you to seek the advice and guidance of a therapist. This support may help you to deal with the difficulties associated with your illnesses, your feelings that your relationship with your mother depends on being ill, and with your rivalry with your sister.

With time, it may be possible for you and your sister to feel connected. It may even be possible for each of you to establish and maintain a quality relationship with your mother, that is independent of illness or conflict. You can expect nothing more and deserve nothing less.

Terry M. Wilamowski is a clinician specializing with the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Coping with cancer is difficult enough without having to worry about paying for medical treatment. The additional stress only hinders the healing process of patients Susan Spolsky sees at St. Mary Mercy Hospital where she's employed as a social worker. That's why the Redford resident is excited about walking in the first Celebrate Life! 5K Run/Walk Saturday, Sept. 15, to raise money for cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

St. Mary's Hospital was looking for a way to celebrate the opening of its new cancer center on Sept. 24, when staff came up with the idea to continue helping patients who face this devastating disease. In 2006, St. Mary Mercy Hospital provided more than \$2.3 million in medical services to more than 1,000 patients with financial needs through the hospital's Community Care Program. If patients meet the financial guidelines, assistance

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"I think this is a wonderful

initiative. It's hard to be thinking about financial burden especially if it has to do with a terminal illness. It could be a better transition. Dying isn't easy but it could make it so much easier. They can close off relationships, say goodbye, but not all cancers are terminal. They could just worry about the physical struggle alone. Stress is devastating. Financial stress if you have it is even worse," said Susan Spolsky who's son Andy, a 17-year old Thurston High School student will be running the race.

Dr. Stephanie Falbo plans to walk with her 4-year old daughter Lindsay as part of the hospital's radiology department. Falbo is one of six doctors in the Livonia Radiology Group which is sponsoring any radiology employee who wants to run or walk the race.

"It's a wonderful cause to support cancer patients that need help with their medical bills. We're hoping it will be an annual event," said Dr. Stephanie Falbo, a radiologist and director of MRI at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "I see

breast cancer patients who come back for their mammograms. Some patients have trouble paying for their mammograms. After having breast cancer they need to come back for mammograms. The hospital and our group is very supportive of people, helping them pay their bills. It will be fun for everybody to work together, for us to be out there together to support the hospital and patients."

Jennifer Kennedy will be running as part of the team which planned the event. Kennedy regularly runs in races to benefit local causes.

Her grandmother died from breast cancer and she knows survivors so it's important for her to support the fund-raiser.

"It will just be a fun event. I'm excited about it," said Jennifer Kennedy, the hospital's marketing and public relations manager. "We're offering first and second place runners, male and female, gift certificates. Participants are not required to raise money and there will be water along the route,



A few of the planning team members for St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K Run/Walk for Cancer participated in the Plymouth Family YMCA Father's Day Run on June 17. Pictured are Christine Hughes (left), Ken Sova, Jennifer Kennedy, and Michelle Tessmer.

refreshments and snacks afterwards for participants."

Dick Stanisz and his wife Delphine are volunteering their time to work in the food area at the race. The 76-year old Livonia man was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma 8-years ago. He has been in remission since November after going through chemotherapy and radiation.

"I have insurance to cover it. We were very fortunate but met many people who did not have that good fortune and wondered can they get it or do they not," said Dick Stanisz. "Over those 8 years we saw a lot of people struggling, not just sick, but sick twice over of having to figure out how to deal with cost."

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BACH

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Carolina. On Sunday musicians will go to four churches to play for their services. I think the community appreciates us getting involved in their events. We want not to just come and invade a town. On Friday a small ensemble goes into schools. It's very family oriented, a wonderful experience not just for musicians but the town as well."

Kurtyka lives and breathes music. When she isn't serving as associate concertmaster of the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra (BBSO) and concertmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony and Southern Great Lakes Symphony downriver, Kurtyka is conducting the youth string orchestra of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan, or the youth string orchestra she started in Grosse Pointe. She also teaches privately in the Livonia and the Grosse Pointe areas as well as works as a freelance musician in metro Detroit.

"It's the surroundings, the serenity of when you drive in there's one light in town," said Kurtyka. "It's a hectic time but there's still something relaxing and moving about it."

Linette Popoff-Parks found the experience so moving last year, she returns to present her notes about the compositions before the weekend concerts.

"Last year I felt like I'd been

transported from a different time. For the weekend you're surrounded by music and musicians. You're in this small community away from the maddening crowd. People are just there for the purpose of making music together and have fun doing it. You feel like you're on this little island of music and joy," said Linette Popoff-Parks, chairwoman of the music department at Madonna University in Livonia. "Community members are so excited and interested in learning about the music as well as listening. Last year the teacher in me took over and I asked some questions. I like the interactive approach."

Timothy Nicolia confesses he's a Bachophile looking forward to hearing Elaine Douvas, principal oboe for the Metropolitan Opera, perform the composer's Concerto in d minor. Nicolia, principal cellist with the BBSO, has been performing at the festival since the inception. He has conducted the Birmingham Musicales String Ensemble for 19 years.

"It's always a great experience with a lot of people coming in from around the nation," said Timothy Nicolia. "It's intense for a short period of time. You feel like a family. It's a good way to kick off the regular season."

The teacher comes out in Kay DeLuca when she thinks about the festival. The violinist taught strings in Farmington Public Schools for 34 years before retiring in 2000. She was named String Teacher of the Year in Michigan in 1999.

"I'm looking forward to Caroline Goulding, a young girl, because she played in the festival 4 or 5 years ago. At that time her presence was absolutely amazing. It's good to know she's continuing and growing. I want to be part of the orchestra and support her," said DeLuca. "It's a very special chamber orchestra. You have a feeling like you're one instrument and we do it in a short amount of time. That's why it's important to get prepared ahead of time."

DeLuca has always received her music and will be studying the parts and playing through to find the difficulties. She has a little more time these days even though she freelances with the BBSO. DeLuca is taking a leave of absence this season as principal violist of the Rochester Symphony to travel with her husband Tom, a violin maker, who regularly gives presentations on his craft. He joins Kay in visiting schools during the festival.

"I bring raw materials to various stages of violin making," said Tom DeLuca. "I explain how violins are made from the time the wood's taken out of the tree. People get a chance to get their hands on it."

"Friday during the day, I perform with Julia in a quartet and go into the schools to introduce strings," added Kay. "We sometimes focus on Bach and talk about his 21 children. This year we're going to focus on the instruments themselves, how they're made and what produces the sound, how it's different from woodwinds or brass."

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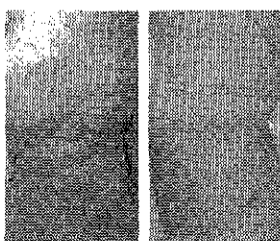
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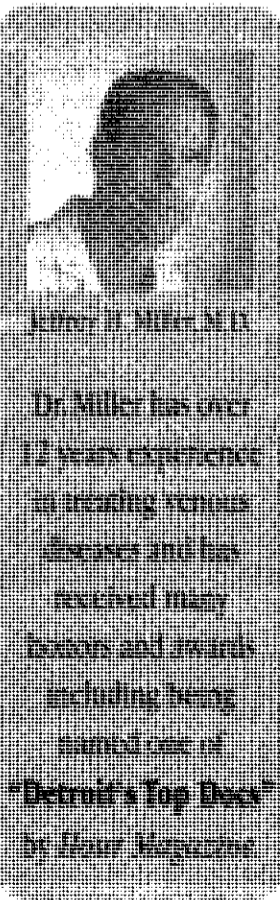
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REUNIONS

Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967
The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 27, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School Class of 1987
The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Oak Park High School Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marlan Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamiac@comcast.net

Classes of the '80s
Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

Redford Union High School Class of 1977
The Redford Union Class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion on Saturday Sept. 15, 2007, at the Radisson

Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Inkster Roosevelt High School Class of 1957 and 1958
A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or email ymack@twm1.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

Roseville High School Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

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Seeking classmates for 50th reunion, Oct. 13, 2007. Contact Rich Crowe at (248)583-9784 OR email: crowe_123@hotmail.com.

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A 35-year reunion Sept. 15, 2007. Visit www.Roseville72.com for information or call Gail Williams-Straughen at (586)247-8087 or Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com.

Royal Oak Kimball High School Class of 1977

A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248)788-2109.

Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Falson at (313)220-4769 or tntfalson@aol.com

Southfield High School Class of 1956
Reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Southfield Embassy Suites, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Contact Pat Sievert-Schmidt at (248)476-0102 or pat-ray2@hotmail.com

Class of 1977
A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbri nSHS1977@comcast.net

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A reunion for all alumni from all years will take place the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. On Oct. 6 the reunion will be at 4pm. Tickets are \$45 (\$50 at the door). Please email mrk14@yahoo.com or call 734-995-9243 for further information.

St. Francis de Sales Class of 1967
A 40-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Ginopolis on the Grill, Farmington Hills. Dinner and dancing. For more information, contact Gloria (Mishik) Bobrowski at (734)462-1372, Jewiery14@ameritech.net or Chuck Zuccarini at (734)425-3788, kzuc@aol.com.

Taylor Truman Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, Sept. 28-29. Contact www.tayloralumnl.org or Karen Vega Bonanno karenvega-bonanno@hotmail.com or (734)522-8598.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1982
A 25th class reunion. Reunion dinner, Saturday, Sept. 29. \$50 per person at Fellows Creek Golf Club with open bar. Contact Connie Wright-Gregory at (248)735-0212 or tupper4u@yahoo.com. Payment must be received by Aug. 27.

ENGAGEMENTS

Adler-Rood

Gerald and Phyllis Adler of Grass Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Adler, to Jeremy Rood, son of Robert and Donelda Rood of Wynn, Mich.
Jill is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill Hill School where she was involved in the CAPA program. She received a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts from Central Michigan University in 2004. Jill currently lives in Toledo where she works as a television news producer.
Jeremy is a 1998 graduate of Vestaburg High School. He received a bachelor's degree with a concentration in mechanical design and engineering graphics from Central Michigan University in 2004. Jeremy also lives in Toledo



where he works as an automotive designer.
The wedding is Sept. 22, 2007 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

Eisner-Nahavandi

Robert and Marcia Eisner of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Marzone Eisner, to Kurosh Nahavandi, son of Amir Nahavandi of Marbella, Spain, and Amy and Paul Van Laak of Long Lake, New York, currently living in Hong Kong.
The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of the Plymouth Canton High School. She received a bachelor of chemical engineering degree in 2004 and a master's degree in biomedical engineering in 2005 from the University of Michigan. She was a member of the UM women's softball team and a Big Ten scholar-athlete. She is employed at Whirlpool Corp. and resides in



Portage.
The prospective groom is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, New York. He has a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree and a master of material science degree from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
He is employed by Stryker Corp. and resides in Portage. A fall 2008 wedding is planned.

WEDDING

Clark-Wacker

Patricia Clark of Saginaw and Corey Wacker of Canton were married Aug. 31, 2007, at Fox Hills Golf Course.
The bride is the daughter of Mike and Nong Clark of Saginaw.
The groom is the son of Dave and Audie Wacker of Canton.
Attending the bride were Corry Gibbs, matron of honor, and bridesmaids, Lindsey Rocchio, Michelle Clark and Rebecca Rashin. Hillary Clark was the junior bridesmaid. Isabella Layne was the flower girl.
Attending the groom were Joe Hawthorne, best man, and groomsmen Brandon Wacker,



Mark Wacker and Pat Clark. Junior groomsmen are Tyrek Schwind. Ushers were Jerry Snovlowski, Ben Walis and Bill Topham.
The couple are honeymooning in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The couple will make their home in Northville.

ANNIVERSARY

MacLeods celebrate 25th

On Aug. 18th The Rev. Kenneth MacLeod and Marina MacLeod celebrated their 25th anniversary.
After getting married in Scotland the couple moved to Livonia in 1996 with their two children Innes and Anna.
MacLeod became the pastor for the Presbyterian Free Church of Livonia in 1996. They enjoy spending time



with their family and friends. Kenneth is an avid golfer and Marina enjoys scrap booking in her spare time.

Livonia Civic Ballet to hold auditions

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company will be holding auditions for the 2007-2008 season which includes the holiday favorite The Nutcracker.
The auditions take place Sunday, Sept. 9, at the new location of Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 19215 Merriman and Seven Mile, in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 474-8722.
Proper ballet attire is manda-

tory. There is a \$10 audition fee.
Auditions start at 1 p.m. for ages 6-8 with a minimum of 2-years of ballet studies; 2:30 p.m. for ages 9-11 with a minimum 3-years of ballet (bring pointe shoes), and 4 p.m. for ages 12 and up with a minimum of 4-years ballet, 2 years of pointe. The nonprofit Livonia Civic Ballet is more than 30-years old. It is the official ballet of the city of Livonia.

Actors sought for 'Joseph' production

Aspiring young actors, and adults as well, are invited to audition on Sunday, Sept. 9, for the upcoming production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre. This enduringly colorful, popular story of Joseph of Canaan has charmed audiences worldwide.
Auditions are open to residents and non-residents of the Farmington area; there is no fee to audition. Actors should bring a recent photo to the audition, or pay \$2 for a photo to be taken that night. Auditions and performances take place at the Costick Center located on Eleven Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt in Farmington

Hills. The audition schedule is as follows on Sept. 9 - Adults age 19 and up from 10 a.m. to noon; grades 1-2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; grades 5-6, 3-4 p.m.; grades 3-4, 1:30-2:30 p.m., and grades 7-12, 4-5 p.m.
Actors cast in the play will be required to pay a class fee of \$135 (residents) or \$140 (non-residents) and attend a parent/actor meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17. Rehearsal schedules will be available at that meeting. Leading roles require more rehearsals than supporting cast members. Performances of *Joseph* will be held Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 15-18. Call the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1870.

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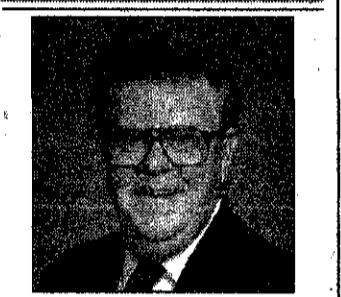
ANNABELLE LEE DETTER
Age 94 died Monday, August 20, 2007 in Hartland, MI. Born in Latty, OH, she was a homemaker and a former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, IN. Survivors include her son, Larry (Diane) Detter of Hartland Township, MI; Granddaughter, Debra (Andrew) Roberts of Gaylord, MI; Grandson, Eric (Jamanna) Detter of Waterford, MI; Great-grandchildren, McKenna, Katherine and Brady. She was preceded in death by her husband, Miles, in 1982. Burial services were performed in Ft. Wayne, IN August 25, 2007. A brief memorial service and luncheon will be held in her honor at G. Subu's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. 48152, Wednesday, September 5 beginning at 11AM (248) 474-2420.



CATHERINE DOBBS (Sewick)

Age 93, of Fenton, died Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at Crestmont Healthcare Facility. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Visitation was held Friday at the funeral home. Mrs. Dobbs was born May 7, 1914 in Hastings on the Hudson, New York the daughter of Stephan and Anna (Kuzminska) Sewick. She attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit, and married William J. Dobbs September 12, 1937. She was employed at People Community Hospital as Executive Director's Secretary and was a member of the People Community Hospital Secretary Association. She is survived by her two sons, Joseph and wife Janice Dobbs of Fenton, Daniel and wife Donna Dobbs of West Bloomfield; 11 grandchildren, Billy, Cathy, Donnie, Casey, Daniel, Trisha, Mickie, Ricky, Mary, Jennifer, Jason; 15 great-grandchildren and one on the way; daughter-in-law Pat Dobbs of Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; daughter, Dianne Catherine Duffy; son, William; and her parents. Tributes and condolences may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhome.com

JUDGE JOHN FRANCIS FOLEY Of Schoolcraft
Died August 29, 2007 at his home. John was born February 10, 1928 in Detroit, the son of Henry and Rosemary (O'Neill) Foley. Learn more about John, view his Life Story film, and visit with his family and friends on Sunday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the LIFE STORY FUNERAL HOME, Betzler-Kalamazoo (800) 822-7594 where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM that evening. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will take place in Harrison Cemetery, Schoolcraft followed by a luncheon at the family home. John graduated from Baldwin High School in 1945 and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1948. His pursuits included writing news for KROS in Clinton, IA in 1950. He was a LT JG in the US Navy from 1951-1955 and returned to the University of Michigan to obtain his Juris Doctorate degree. In 1957 John Foley was united in marriage with Joan (Marlow) Foley, who survives. From 1957-1959 he practiced law at Wilson, Ingraham & Kavanagh in Birmingham, then for three years at the National Labor Relations Board. In 1961 he practiced at Swartz, O'Hare & Foley of Detroit. From 1965-1968 he was the Commissioner of the Court of Appeals, and in 1969 he became the Attorney for the Legal Aid and Defenders Office in Detroit. From 1969-1985 he was partner in Gergely & Foley in Schoolcraft. In 1985, John was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court by Governor Blanchard, and was subsequently re-elected until his retirement in 1999. Surviving along with his wife of 50 years are six children: Sean (Eva) Foley, Patrick Foley, Rosemary Foley Sher, Joan Foley (Earle Weiss), Meg (Kevin) McCabe, and Ella (Cormac) Gannon; thirteen grandchildren: Maeve and Sinead Foley, Katy and Gillian Foley, Emma Sher, Ian, Annika and Andrew Weiss, Liam, Korrigan and Ronan McCabe, and Bridgid and Teresa Gannon. Please visit Judge Foley's personal web page at where you can archive a favorite memory or photo, sign his online guest book before coming to the funeral home, or make memorial contributions to Cure Autism Now.



EUGENE MORRISON

August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Joan. Brother of Marjorie Harness. Uncle of Barbara (Bill) Cary, Errol Lewis, Patricia (Kevin) Morrison-Purifoy, Steven (Lisa) Nunley, Deborah (Kirk) Pryor, Linda (Benny) Mercer and John (Jana) Waltman. Services were Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church, Desborn Heights. Memorials suggested to Garden City Hospital Foundation or Faith Baptist Church Children's Fund.
Arrangements by Santeiu and Son Funeral Home

ROBERT EDWARD SCHWAB

Former Michigan resident, passed away peacefully at his Florida home on August 27, 2007. He is survived by his second wife, Betty (Hansen), sister Ruth Strickland, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Sheri Schwab, daughter Donna Schwab, grandson Arian Gibson, and three granddaughters, Hanna Coate, Amanda Sarra and Chelsea Schwab. Bob was born in Lansing, Michigan on November 25, 1913 and was raised in Findlay, Ohio. He graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio in 1935 (Phi Beta Kappa). He served in World War II as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1942-1946. Bob was employed by The Detroit Edison Company, retiring in 1978 as Vice President (Employee Relations). He was an active member of several professional organizations in Michigan, serving as Chairman of the Board of the Michigan Heart Association from 1971-1974. Bob was a member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham where he played a key role in landscaping and maintenance of a memorial garden; his ashes will join those of his first wife, Ruth (Parsons), in that garden this fall.

BARBARA SIPE

Age 58, died Aug 28, 2007 of Westland. Burial Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

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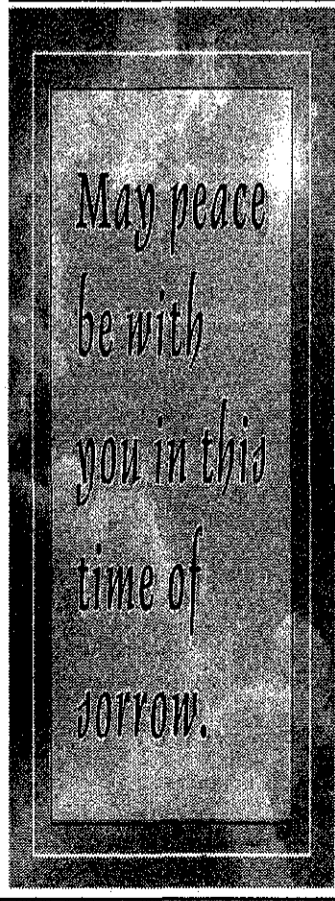
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ROBERT E. KIRSAMMER
Of Bloomfield Hills, Age 70, died August 29, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Kirsammer was born January 21, 1937, in Detroit. He retired from Burroughs/Unisys Corporation in 1997, after 35 years of service and was a member of The Village Players, Birmingham Senior Men's Club and Gentlemen Songsters. Mr. Kirsammer is survived by his brother Richard (Jill) Kirsammer and niece Stephanie and nephew David Kirsammer. Funeral at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams Road, Troy, Saturday (9/1) 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday (8/31) 2-9pm. Prayers Friday (8/31) 7pm. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials appreciated to U of D Jesuit High School, 8400 S. Cambridge Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48221.

RANDY MEZGEC
Age 52, August 27, 2007. Dear brother of Gary (Linda). He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Gloria and brother Craig. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, 734-425-9200.



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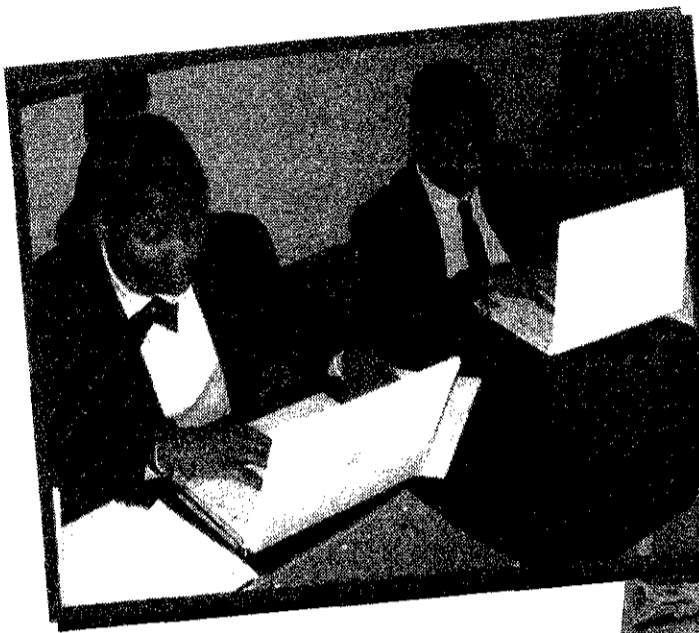
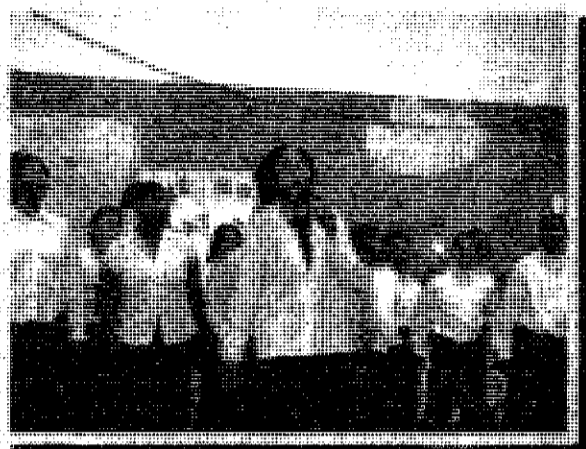
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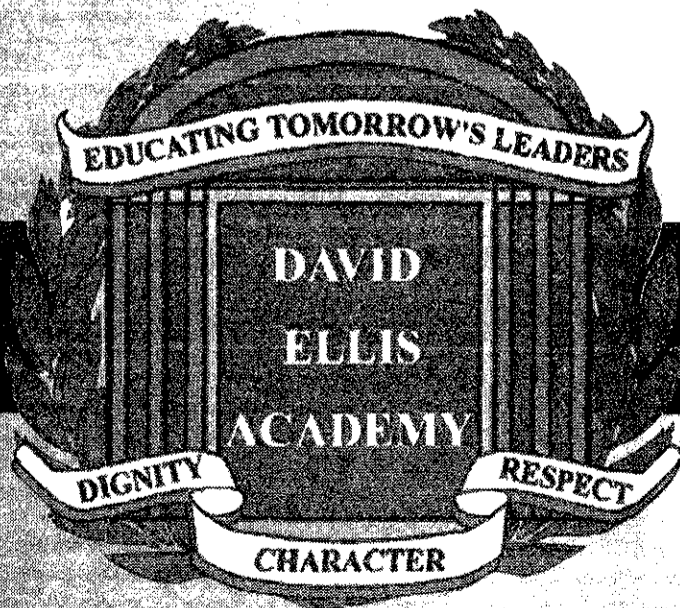


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Game plan

Time critical to save knocked-out teeth

BY LINDA ANN CHAMBER
STAFF WRITER

Jason Barrett was playing catch in the yard with his niece when the ball hit her tooth. The 9-year-old boy's front tooth. Quick thinking by his father helped save one of Jason's permanent teeth. After Jason ran into the house screaming Gregory ran out to find the tooth then immediately called the family dentist who told him to put the tooth in milk to prevent the cells on the root from dying.

Having a game plan when a tooth is knocked out can mean the difference between a healthy tooth or a lifetime of dental problems, according to Dr. Thomas Vokil, a dentist in Livonia. A permanent tooth is a complex structure that can last for years. Technology in the field of dentistry and endodontics has advanced to include root canal equipment, but techniques to save natural teeth. Endodontics receive specialized training after dental school to use digital imaging, ultrasonics and sophisticated dental instruments to diagnose and treat problems dealing with the inside of the tooth.

"Time is critical in keeping that tooth alive," said Dr. Thomas Vokil, an endodontist and root canal specialist. "Time management in the first hour or half hour is very important to maintaining the health or vitality of cells of the tooth. Handle the crown. The root should not be handled to keep the cells on the root alive. If regular water flow to maintain those cells will stay alive. If the outside of the tooth dies, the body may reject it. That's why it's important in the middle of soccer or football to put the tooth into a transport solution. One that comes in a first aid kit is Save a Tooth, a container to keep the outside surface of the tooth alive until you can see a dentist. Milk can work too. If you catch your own tooth, clearly rinse off the tooth and put in a solution or milk then see a dentist or endodontist immediately. A root canal will be needed because the inside will die."

Vokil suggests everyone who plays sports should wear a mouth guard.

"They need protection with a mouth guard,



Dr. Thomas Vokil most at dental stages of a tooth before and after a root canal.

everyone in any kind of contact sport, use a device for a front mouth guard," said Vokil. "Throughout to try the preventive treatment."

"We've seen several cases brought over the summer. They take a baseball directly to face. The dental injury they also have a lot of soft tissue and facial injury. Parents are very concerned about the pain and discomfort, and taking a tooth at that age they're looking at implants and bridges, but they can't get those done until they're finished growing around the age of 18 years old. That's why they need to get a tooth if a tooth is lost."

Vokil says he has never seen a child age 10 taking teeth to accidents around the home from playing sports. While Vokil admits that his 9-year-old son Jonathan wears a mouth guard while playing hockey, he has not treated a tooth.

"Unfortunately at home playing sports will be boys. You can't prevent all accidents. That's why you need to know the proper ways to handle a tooth," said Vokil. "When Jason's accident happened another dentist reattached the tooth. You can have a root canal. That's usually when the root canal is done. The problem is that again the root has not completely developed."

New materials allow an endodontic to fill the tooth and stimulate healing around root. Gregory Barrett says he's amazed with the results. The day after their home in Livonia from Port Huron to Livonia was worth seeing his son's tooth.

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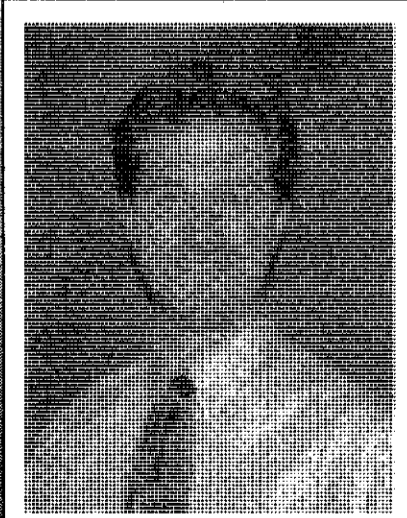


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Shop till you drop at juvenile diabetes benefit

Parisian at Laurel Park Place is partnering with Ford Motor Co. and Hour Detroit for a private shopping event to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

A runway fashion show hosted by Hour Detroit magazine's fashion editor Susan Howes will feature the latest trends for

Fall 2007. At Parisian's private "Trendevous" fashion event, customers will enjoy private shopping, catered treats, discounts, giveaways, and luxurious pampering by cosmetics experts.

Customers can reserve seats for just \$10 by calling (734) 953-7500.

The entire ticket price will benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International. The goal for

this event is to raise more than \$10,000 for JDRF.

Ford's involvement with JDRF began in 1983 when Ford hosted a JDRF walk fund-raiser and today the Ford family of employees are raising funds in 47 locations across 10 countries and are committed to the mission of JDRF, leading to a cure for diabetes. For more information on how to assist JDRF, visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org.

Social worker really relates

Ever since high school Chris Pyrkosz knew he wanted a job that would involve helping people. Because of his disability, the Livonia resident said he didn't get a lot of support. Community Living Services has helped Pyrkosz reach his goals by giving him the opportunity.

Pyrkosz has worked as a personal agent at Community Living Services for six years. A personal agent or social worker is a trained, licensed, professional that serves as a primary advocate and broker of supports and services for individuals with disabilities.

When he works over the phone sometimes people have difficulty understanding him.

"I've had numerous people hang up on me, it's frustrating," said Chris Pyrkosz.

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Rehabilitation Services are paying to train Chris to use a communication device that he can attach to his work phone.

"We're still working on programming the device," said Pyrkosz. "Once I get used to it, the device will help me communicate better at work."

In his spare time Pyrkosz volunteers for Programs to Educate All Cyclists (PEAC), a nationally acclaimed organization that assists individuals with disabilities to become competent cyclists. He has participated in numerous PEAC rides but this year he is on the committee to help plan and run the events.

The PEAC is hosting its 15th annual Celebration of Cycling Ride on Sept. 15. The tour starts and ends at Warrendale Shelter in Hines Park. This event is open to everyone and

offers something for all ability levels. There will be routes ranging from a 12-mile traffic-free jaunt to a challenging century course.

"It isn't uncommon to have 1,000 riders participating in a tour. Last year we had 630 cyclists. Our goal for this year's ride is 1,000 people," said Pyrkosz.

To apply online, visit www.bikeprogram.org/coc/.

CLS is a non-profit organization that promotes inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities. CLS provides supports and services to 2,700 people in Wayne County and is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

For more information, visit www.comliveserv.com.



Members of the Village Painters celebrate their 20th anniversary. The organization meets at the Livonia Senior Center. Pictured are Gale Copple of Trenton (left); Doreen McLain, New Boston; Maureen VanBuhler, Canton; Peggy Mack; Sally Thirjung, Canton, and Maryann Snodgrass, Garden City.

Village Painters chapter celebrates 20th anniversary

The Village Painters, a local chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters, recently celebrated their 20th anniversary with a birthday party picnic. The chapter, which currently has 97 members and meets at the Livonia Senior Center, was created to stimulate interest in and promote the art of decorative painting.

The Village Painters are a vibrant group of painters who attend seminars and painting retreats then share the knowledge with each other. As a group they are very active in the community providing hand-painted Memory Boxes to hospitals, and sponsoring a Learn

to Paint Day for the community in December. When asked they often paint rooms in children's clinics and also adopt families at Christmas. One very special project is to sponsor The Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia where members sell their painted treasures to the public.

They will be sharing their knowledge of painting with the public in the Learn to Paint Booth during the craft show.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the 11th annual show which will be housed in Judge Alexander Blue's

House at Greenmead on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile. Hand-painted items include furniture, Christmas and Halloween decor, welcome signs, sleds, glassware, jewelry, baskets, and clothing. The show takes place during Greenmead's Flea Market. Admission is \$2 per person. The flea market offers collectibles and vintage items at bargain prices.

For more information about Village Painters, visit www.villagepainters.net, or call Sally Thirjung at (734) 983-0009.

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