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City assumes management of rental inspections

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland's rental-inspection program, aimed at forcing landlords to fix problems that could threaten residents' safety, will continue even though an outside firm that administered it has pulled out.

The company, CityWorks, has negotiated an end to its involvement just one year into a three-year contract, as the company shifts its focus beyond Michigan to become nationwide in scope, local officials confirmed.

Nevertheless, CityWorks already had established a database of more than 15,000 rental properties that Westland will use to continue a once-controversial inspection program that ultimately won over skeptical renters.

"We are actually ahead of the game," city Building Director Sue Dodson said.

Using data compiled by CityWorks, city inspectors already have gone into one-third of Westland's rental units. Officials expect the remaining properties will be inspected within two years. Then, the city will start a

new round of inspections.

Early on, some landlords and renters complained that the inspections amounted to an invasion of privacy. As the city launched the program, however, some tenants lauded local officials for forcing apartment owners to fix problems they had ignored.

"We're getting a lot of good, positive responses," Dodson said.

In all, Westland has 10,403 apartments, 3,492 rental homes, 912 duplexes and 304 so-called quads — buildings with four units. Mayor William Wild has indicated that

the city shouldn't face any hurdles assuming full oversight of the rental-inspection program.

"We're already doing all of the inspections," he said.

One year into the program, Chief Building Inspector Randy Rohraff said city workers haven't found as many problems with rental properties as might have been expected.

"We're not having a whole lot of controversial issues," he said.

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A work in progress

Volunteers, donations help restore Octagon House

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Ask Barbara Polich about the historic Octagon House and she tells you matter-of-factly, that that's Bill Tremper's "baby."

"All of this (renovation) is being done with volunteers and donations," said Polich. "Bill Tremper asked for the three T's - time, talent and treasury."

Tremper admits Polich is right about the "baby" part. As vice-president of the Westland Historical Commission, he has been assigned the job of overseeing the restoration of the home, built by Stephen Smith in the 1830s-40s. He came up with the idea of getting people involved and attracting donations. He set out to make that happen and it has, so much so that the home may be open to the public by Halloween.

"I started pulling off the boards and cleaning up, and pretty soon everybody was

saying, 'OK, we'll help,'" said Tremper, who was appointed to the historical commission in October 2006. "I had a notion that if we could get people to volunteer their specialties, we could get this done. I got the city involved. I corralled anyone and everyone I could."

Much of the interior of the home has been done by Mike Sifter. He repaired plaster walls, cracked when the house was moved from Warren Road to the park six years ago, and repainted them using paint donated by Hahn Paint in Westland. All but two upstairs bedrooms have been restored.

"Mike did plastering throughout the house and painted 90 percent of it," said Tremper. "He did a great job."

WORK IN PROGRESS

Several plumbers have donated their time to repair the plumbing in the house. Only the sinks in the kitchen and bathroom and the toilet will be repaired. The \$550



Bill Tremper talks about interior work that's been taking place. Behind him is a grand piano that will sit in the living room once renovations are complete.

cost for the materials has been covered by Westland City Councilmen Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson.

The house also has new siding, installed last year by students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. It has new windows and new bathroom mirrors, much of which was donated by Glass Unlimited, and with the help of carpenter Ron Bruce and millwrights Mike

SAVING HISTORY

What: Westland Historical Village Park, home of the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, Octagon House, Rowe House and Collins House.

Where: 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill.

When: The museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Who: The park is under the direction of the Westland Historical Commission and supported by the Westland Historical Society, which raises money for restoration efforts. The society is hosting a plant exchange on the museum grounds Saturday, Sept. 29, and an old-fashioned baseball game, featuring the Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in Jaycee Park, at Wildwood and Hunter.

Hall and Mike Ziobron from the Ford Motor Company's community service program, the original columns have been reattached to the two wings and a new front porch has been constructed. The porch is a copy of the original and sports four columns that were retrieved from former owner Mel Gutherie.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carpenter Ron Bruce, on loan from the Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia Transmission Plant, slow bends trim board to fit around the top of the front porch of the Octagon House. Bruce used 1955 photos to reconstruct the porch.

Stabbing suspect turns himself in

A Westland man accused of stabbing his ex-wife and her 14-year-old son in their Farmington Hills home has turned himself in to police.

Girard Allen Stevenson, Sr., 35, fled his ex-wife's home on W. Brandon Street in the area of Nine Mile and Inkster on Sept. 9, after he allegedly attacked her with a folding knife following an argument. The woman and her son did not sustain life-threatening injuries, according to police.

Stevenson was on the run for 10 days and reportedly fled the state. He contacted Farmington Hills police, reportedly saying he was "all over the news" so he made



Girard Allen Stevenson

arrangements to turn himself in Wednesday morning. He was arraigned before Judge James Brady at 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. He is charged with assault with intent to murder, punishable by up to life in prison; assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder, punishable by 10 years in prison; and (alternative to Count 2) assault with a dangerous weapon, felonious

assault, punishable by four years in prison.

Stevenson pleaded not-guilty and was jailed on \$100,000 bond, or 10 percent. He must wear a tether, and contact with the victim is prohibited. He is scheduled to be in court for a pre-exam conference on Monday, Sept. 24.

"This is an extreme example of the danger of domestic violence," said Chief William Dwyer.

"Domestic violence is under-reported but is still all too common. Victims should know that there is help available. They are not alone."

Hearing in fatal stabbing postponed

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland teenager will have to wait to learn whether he will face trial on charges of killing an apartment dry-wall worker who allegedly made a racial slur after the defendant refused to share a cigarette.

Christopher Long's preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court, scheduled for Thursday, was delayed until Oct. 12 because his defense attorney was involved in an unrelated murder trial in Detroit, court officials said.

Long, 18, is charged with

first-degree murder amid accusations he stabbed Gerald William Dean Jr., 45, in the back of the head during an outdoor dispute that erupted on the afternoon of Aug. 19 at Country Court Apartments, on Wildwood north of Ford.

Long, who lived at Country Court, remains jailed without bond as he awaits the hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Dean, a Dearborn resident, was found on a Country Court sidewalk with a knife sticking out the base of his skull, Westland Police Chief James Ridener has said.

During Long's arraignment on Aug. 22, police Sgt. Thad Nelson said Long had borrowed a cigarette from a neighbor and was sharing it outside with his roommate when Dean asked if he could hit it.

"He was denied," Nelson said.

Dean walked away and allegedly muttered a racial slur, saying "that's why I don't mess with n-----," Nelson said in court.

Long got a steak knife from his apartment, returned to Dean and stabbed him after Dean took a swing at him, according to statements Nelson made in court.

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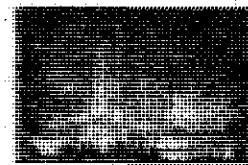
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Teen faces trial in knife attack on local policeman

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland teenager, described by his attorney as schizophrenic even though forensic experts ruled him competent, will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he tried to attack a city police officer with a knife before he was shot.

Phillip Jay Taylor, 17, faces trial after he voluntarily gave up his right to a preliminary

hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Taylor's attorney, James L. Galen Jr., has told the *Observer* that Taylor was suffering from schizophrenia and may have been trying to get police to kill him during the June 8 incident at Westwood Village Apartments, at Joy and Hix on the city's northwest side.

Police Sgt. Thad Nelson has said officers went to the apart-

ment complex after Taylor called and made false claims about a gunman being at Westwood Village. Nelson has said Taylor, talking on a phone near a swimming pool, went toward an officer with a large kitchen knife and was shot in the stomach.

The officer has been cleared of wrongdoing through an internal investigation and through an outside probe by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

In court Thursday, Bokos said Taylor has been found competent to stand trial by state forensic experts. Police have said Taylor never made any statements to them that he was trying to commit suicide by forcing an officer to shoot him.

Even so, Galen has said he will try to get charges dropped because of the teenager's mental problems.

Taylor was jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond when he

came to court Thursday, but he was released after Bokos agreed to reduce the bond to \$25,000/10 percent, meaning his family only had to post \$2,500.

Taylor had been living with his father at Westwood Village.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Luke Skywalker didn't object to the bond reduction following assurances by the defense attorney that Taylor would be involved

in treatment for his mental problems.

Taylor faces trial on charges of felonious assault; carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent; and assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison.

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Man charged for car break-ins at Garden City High School

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

A man has been charged with breaking into vehicles at Garden City High School after an off-duty officer spotted the suspect's truck in Romulus.

Michael Wagle, 37, has been arraigned on four charges of larceny from a vehicle and six counts of larceny from a vehicle doing damage to the

vehicle, all five-year felonies. Being held in lieu of \$25,000 cash bond, Wagle was also charged with being a fourth-degree habitual offender and using a vehicle to commit a felony. A not guilty plea was entered and a preliminary examination is set for Monday in 21st District Court.

The charges stem from break-ins of two vehicles Aug. 31 at the Schoolcraft Radcliff

Center and four vehicles Sept. 7 at Garden City High School and the adjoining Cambridge Center.

Wagle has also been charged with breaking into vehicles at Wayne Memorial High School. He's a suspect in thefts from vehicles at Westland Glenn High School, as well as schools in Dearborn Heights and Livonia, Detective Sgt. Fred Sayger said.

"He was looking for radios, amps, boom boxes and speakers — things that could be sold for drugs," Sayger said. "He admits he has a drug problem. He was living in a truck."

Security video at Garden City High School had captured an image of the suspect's vehicle. Officer Robert Arnoske was driving to work early Sept. 9 and noticed a similar truck parked off Middlebelt

in Romulus. He contacted Romulus Police, who ended up arresting Wagle, who was sleeping in his truck.

"He (Arnoske) knew what we were looking for — an older model Ford F-150. The truck looked out of place," Sayger said.

Early in the investigation, the various police departments shared information and determined the same person

was responsible for a number of thefts — all from targeting school parking lots. In each instance, Sayger said, a screwdriver was used to put a hole in a vehicle door and the lock was forced opened.

"I think there were more vehicles hit. I know of at least one report that wasn't made because nothing had been taken from the vehicle," Sayger said.

Carrie's Crew aims to help cancer victim pay mounting bills

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

Friends and family are hoping to help take some of the financial stress off a 32-year-old Redford woman who is battling lung cancer.

Carrie's Crew is hosting an afternoon of bowling, pizza, raffles and more to benefit The Carrie Noble Fund.

Noble, a single mother of Justin, 7, and Alyssa, 2, has had to limit her work schedule to handle the chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries that included a double mastectomy, hysterectomy and reconstruction.

It all started when she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer on July 26, 2005, just a week before

she was due to deliver Alyssa. Doctors induced delivery the next day so the baby could be born and Noble could begin treatment right away.

After many exhausting rounds, Noble was thought to be on the mend. Five months later, doctors found the breast cancer had spread to her lung, putting her at stage 4.

Noble, who grew up in Livonia and graduated in 1993 from Churchill High School, works at the DoubleTree Hotel

in Dearborn, where they've allowed her to stay on at reduced hours while she handles the treatments, surgeries and exhaustion.

Noble said she's had to put bills on credit cards, and that the problems added up over the last couple years.

One friend, Kristi Stuetzer, has known Noble for 11 years. Many of those who formed Carrie's Crew have known her longer, some not as long. The group has really grown, she said. "We're trying to help her meet the bills because she can't work full time," Stuetzer said. "We have some really great companies come through for us and sponsor some lanes," she added.

Noble said the fund-raiser has really grown. "It's just

amazing that so many people are putting so much time and effort into it."

As for the difficult times ahead: "I'm doing the best I can," she said. The bowling event will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Road, but it's sold out. Donors may contribute to her cause directly through The Carrie Noble Fund, P.O. Box 34, Romeo, Mich. 48065. For questions, e-mail carries_crew@yahoo.com.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Garden City Police Department will conduct a sale of bicycles. The sale will begin on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. The sale will be held at the garage (at the south end) of the Garden City Police Department, located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48136. Please park in the northeast parking lot (behind City Hall).

All items are sold in "as is" condition.

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Register at the Children's Desk or by calling (734) 326-6123. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

DDA meeting

Members of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, September 27, at the city's Economic Growth Center, 37095 Marquette east of Newburgh. This meeting is open to the public.

Lions golf

The Westland Breakfast Lions

will host a two-man scramble golf outing with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Drive, Van Born at Venoy. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. Cost of \$85 per person includes golf cart, coffee and donuts in the morning, hot dog, chips and pop at the turn, and a steak dinner with all the trimmings at the end. The event also will include prizes, a raffle, trophies for the longest drive and closest to pin, and more. For more information and hole sponsor opportunities, call (734) 722-5653.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner - spaghetti, salad and dessert - will be served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the center, 36745 Marquette east of Newburgh, Westland. The dinner costs \$6 and is served by members of the John Glenn High School JROTC program.

Historical session

The Westland Historical Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Collins House, located in the Westland museum complex on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Whirled peace

Cooper Upper Elementary students stand at the front of their school Friday morning with their 'Pinwheels for Peace,' attracting honks and waves from cars passing by. Two teachers in Florida came up with the idea in 2005 to celebrate the International Day of Peace. Art teacher Marci Baker initiated it at Cooper this year. Each student decorated one with words and drawings.

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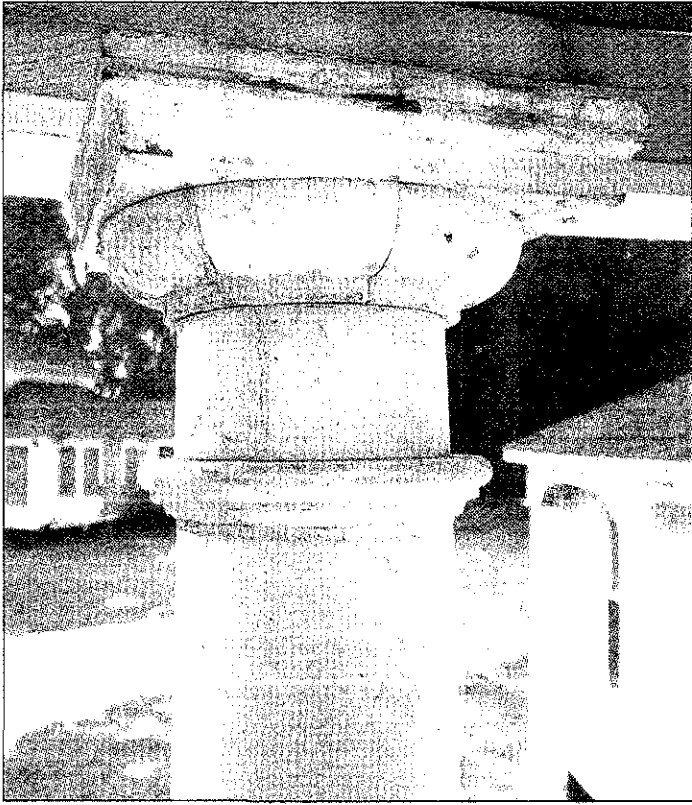
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The original columns for the front porch were retrieved from Mel Gutherie, former owner of the Octagon House, who didn't realize they had not made the trip from the Warren Avenue site to the park.

OCTAGON

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"We had to hunt the stuff down," said Bruce who works at Ford's Livonia Transmission Plant. "I have a photograph of the original porch and have been working on it for six weeks."

The photographs, dating to 1955, were supplied by Gutherie who also selected the crown molding, called dental work, that will be used at the top of the porch.

Bruce had been working at the Mike Modano Ice Arena when he was moved over to the Octagon House.

While the four columns are original, trim board and beadboard are synthetic. The material looks like wood, but doesn't have the upkeep.

"It's strong in chunks, but like a noodle in long lengths," Bruce said.

A cellar door also has been added in the rear of the home to allow items to be moved in and out. A handicap ramp will be built over it and will be hinged so it can be moved out of the way to open the door, Tremper said.

Inside, an original chandelier will hang in the south wing and a donated grand piano will sit in the living room. The plan is to open the house for weddings with a room upstairs available for use by the bridal party.

"The bride can come down-

stairs and they can have the wedding in the living room or south wing," Tremper said. "Mayor (William) Wild got the idea from the Taylor Museum. They have a chapel in their village. They charge \$600-\$700 and have a waiting list. If we did that, it would help pay for the upkeep."

Missing from the house is a fireplace that would have been used to heat the home in the 1800s. Polich suspects a portion of a hemlock-covered wall may be hiding it.

"I think there was a fireplace in the living room, but we don't know," she said. "We don't know who put up the walls."

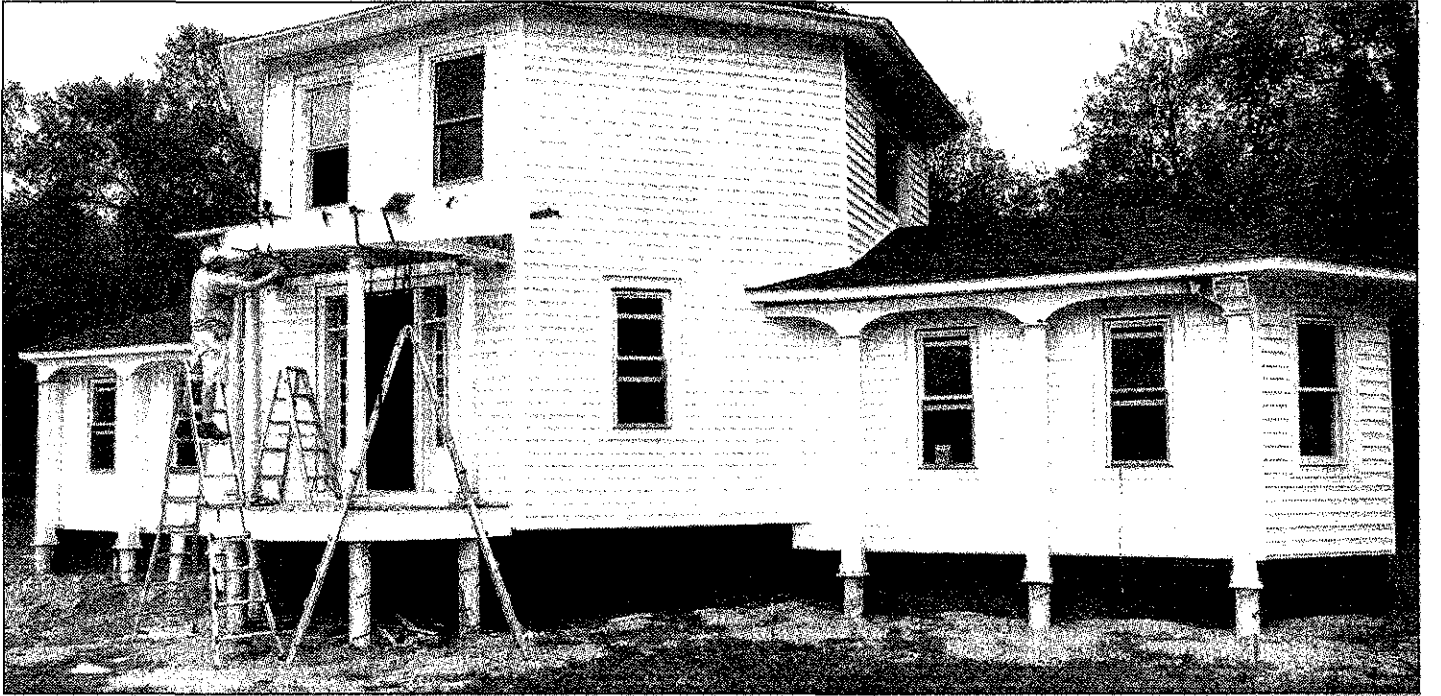
FUTURE PLANS

Once the Octagon House is done, attention will turn to the Rowe House. Tremper estimates it will take \$2,000-\$5,000 to restore it. Quite possibly, the house could be open by next spring.

"The inside isn't in too bad of shape, and the outside needs some repair and painting," Tremper said. "If we get the money and a donation of building materials, it could be all done next year."

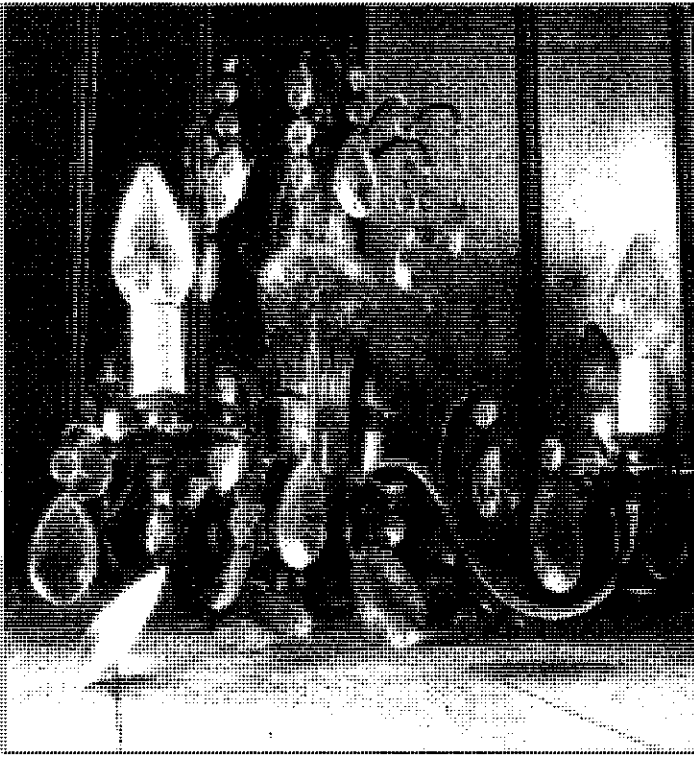
Once completed, the plan is to house the museum's Eloise collection in the Rowe House.

A master plan for the park also includes a barn, possibly a new built or an original, if one becomes available at low cost, that would house farm equipment currently stored in the gray building north of



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Exterior renovations have included new siding done by students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the installation of the original columns along the north and south wings.



An Octagon House original, this original chandelier will hang in the south wing.

the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum. Once the barn is erected, that building would be torn down.

"If we build a new one it will be designed after a 1930s styles," Tremper said. "It'll be two-story. The ground floor will be the farm equipment and the upstairs will be a dance floor where we can have barn dances and other activities."

The plan which dates to 2004 also calls for a pavilion, picnic structure, gazebo and walking path as well as a new parking area and driveway. There also will be a retention pond with two fountains, and a new sign, made possible with the help of the Downtown

Development Authority.

Standing in front of Octagon House, Tremper admits he wasn't sure what he was getting into when he decided to get involved with the city. Semi-retired, he was offered a choice of three commissions - two involved finance and the other was the historical commission.

"I thought it was about dusty old buildings, but as soon as I got in in October, I was hooked," he said. "I don't necessarily want to raise money, I want to get people involved. That's what will make this a huge success."

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Bill Tremper watches carpenter Ron Bruce work on the porch from the widow of one of two rooms upstairs yet to be renovated.



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Heating up

Annual taste contest draws record numbers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Dressed mainly in black, including a black vest, shoes and doo-rag, 68-year-old Dick Nobert of Livonia said he's been riding motorcycles the past 25 years.

Nobert, who didn't resemble the stereotypical retired Garden City elementary school teacher that he is, said he spends his retirement traveling with his wife on their Harleys, and meeting with his biker friends from Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, a motorcycle club chapter with about 1,200 members.

"If I knew how good it was, I would have retired years before," said Nobert, who taught for more than 32 years in Garden City.

Nobert was in Plymouth's Kellogg Park last week, helping to promote the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, which takes place Sept. 30 in downtown Plymouth. Not only will there be a record 60 contestants vying for top honors in red and green chili and salsa competition, there will be thousands of bikers on hand, many of them displaying their "hogs" for competition.

"I like looking at the different bikes and the things people have done to them," Nobert said. "I like all the people you see and meeting with the people we know from our chapter. It's just a real, real good time."

It's the 12th annual event put together by Annette Horn of Plymouth, who — along with her husband, Ken — will be competing individually at the world championship chili cookoff in Omaha, Neb., next month.

"There will be more than 60



Local chili aficionado Annette Horn samples the wares.

chilis to choose from, which is a record for us; there will be 12 restaurants to choose from," Horn said. "The public will be able to vote for their favorites, with a people's choice winner and a restaurant people's choice."

"It is a well-loved event," added Horn. "People from town like it, and we get phone calls immediately after the event from people who want to know when it's going to happen next year."

Horn said for the third year in a row the proceeds raised by those tasting and voting for the top red and green chilis, salsas, and motorcycle competition will be the Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne — located on Starkweather in Plymouth — which last year received \$20,000 from Horn.

"When you look at a house being about \$75,000, that's a very, very good start for us," said Michael Sage, president of the board of directors. "We did build a house in Canton, and there's a possibility in April there will be another in the same general area."

Along with Motor City Harley-Davidson, BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan, located in Canton Township, will be lending its name and monetary support to the Chili Cookoff.

"It's really important that we become involved with



Richard 'Wolf' Nobert samples chili at Wednesday's press kickoff for the chili cook-off, which is scheduled for Sept. 30 in downtown Plymouth.

the community, and this is a great event and charity we're sponsoring," said owner John Horner. "We were here last year, just as observers, and saw the quality of the family event and wanted to be a part of it."

On hand for the preview event were three Plymouth restaurants — Station 885, Doyle's Tavern and The Omelette and Waffle Cafe — all previous winners in the Chili Cookoff. All had reasonable facsimiles of their winning chilis to taste; waiting, instead, to save some of the "secret ingredients" for competition.

"The one we win with every year is a pork chili, with three different textures of pork in it," said David Pawlowski of The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, which won the People's

Choice Award last year. "The secret ... I can't tell you because it's an ingredient I make myself."

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff also has competition for the Hottest Dog in the Coolest City.

"It's to get the families with dogs involved, they can dress them up and be part of the event," said Horn. "We have two categories, Hot and Spicy and Biker Dog. The winner will receive a trophy and gift basket."

Entry forms are available at Specialty Pets, Jill Andra Young Photography and Happy Hounds Day Care. Entry fees are \$5 for pre-registration and \$7 at the event.

The Chili Cookoff and related events will be held noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in downtown Plymouth.

Invest inheritance

Dear Rick: I'm 30 years old and just inherited \$25,000. My dad says I should invest the money. My mother thinks I ought to pay down my mortgage. I owe approximately \$100,000 on my mortgage at 5 percent. What do you recommend?

While I hate to disagree with mothers, I believe your dad is correct. After taxes, your mortgage is costing approximately 4 percent. By investing the money long term, you should be able to at least double what your mortgage is costing.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It makes sense to invest the \$25,000 as opposed to paying down on your mortgage.

I'm not a fan of making extra payments on mortgages or making large lump-sum payments. This is particularly true for someone who has a fixed-rate mortgage with a very low interest rate. A good investor looking long term should be able to earn substantially more than the after-tax cost of the mortgage, in this situation 4 percent. After all, just look at a fund like Vanguard S&P 500 and see how that fund has done over the last 20 years.

Another option to consider is investing the money in a Roth IRA. If you qualify, a Roth is a great opportunity because the money will grow on a tax-free basis.

Since the year's almost over, you can consider investing a portion of the money now into a Roth IRA and then after Jan. 1 make your 2008 Roth contribution. This will allow you to invest a substantial portion of the inheritance on a tax-free basis.

One last note and that is that it is important for investors to be honest with themselves. If you do not believe you will let your investments grow long term, then making the extra mortgage payments or making a lump-sum payment may be the best investment for you.

Dear Rick: What are capital gain distributions and do I need to be concerned with them?

Capital gain distributions typically refer to mutual funds. By law, mutual funds are required to distribute profits on a year-by-year basis. Typically, December is when the majority of funds make the distribution. As a mutual fund investor, it is important to understand capital gain distributions and how they affect you.

First, there is the tax issue. When a mutual fund makes a capital gain distribution into a taxable account, the distribution is taxed. In a majority of cases, it is considered a long-term capital gain and the maximum tax rate is 15 percent. It doesn't matter whether you were a shareholder in that fund for the whole year or recently purchased the fund, you are still taxed.

Where capital gain distributions can make a significant difference is for someone who is considering purchasing a mutual fund near the time it is making its capital gain distribution.

In most situations, that will be at the end of the year. That is why right about the time we get to Thanksgiving, someone who is making a new investment in a taxable account should consider delaying the purchase until after the fund makes its capital gain distribution. This will allow you to avoid paying tax on the capital gain distribution.

Some people point to capital gain distributions as the downside of investing in mutual funds. If you own individual stocks, there is no tax consequences until the stock is sold. However, it is incorrect to say that capital gain distributions increase your taxes.

Capital gain distributions and how they are taxed is in fact nothing more than a timing issue. After all, if mutual funds did not have to distribute capital gains, you would end up paying the same capital gains tax when you sold the fund. Therefore, the real difference with it is you are paying the tax throughout the time you own the fund.

One last note for investors in tax-deferred accounts, such as 401(k) plans and 403(b)s. These distributions have no effect. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Submit questions at money@hometownlife.com. Visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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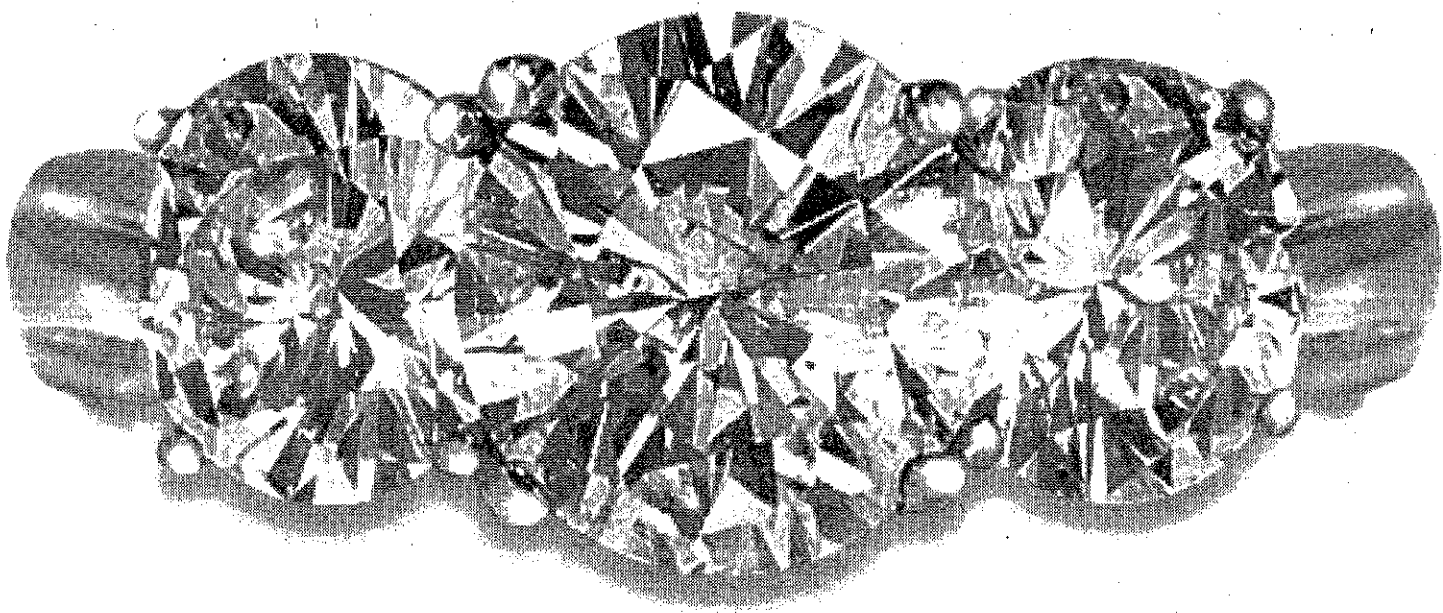
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GC Hospital holds wellness programs for young and old

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

Sunday, Sept. 23

Men's Health: Prostate Cancer Screening Day 8-11 a.m.
Garden City Hospital will offer prostate exams by specialty physicians and laboratory screening. The physician examination is free of charge. There is a \$8 fee for lab testing, which includes PSA, cholesterol and testosterone. Appointments are necessary, and can be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4330.

Monday, Sept. 24

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

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and

psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register. **Smoke Free, Your Choice** at 3:30 p.m. (fourth 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.

Yoga (third of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week ses-

sion is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

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.

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

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 27

Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at

6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

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

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Privacy definition hard to pin down

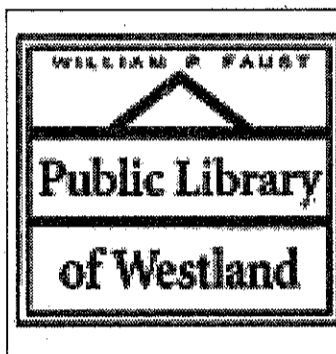
Despite being something that most Americans believe is a fundamental and inalienable right, privacy remains abstract and hard to define. There are no concrete boundaries for privacy because its meaning varies from person to person.

Privacy can be the ability to keep one's personal life out of the public eye or to be able to selectively reveal information about oneself. It can also relate to security issues with the ability to maintain control over our own identities and finances.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, you can find several books regarding the current debate over the intrusiveness of government and media, as well as the threats to privacy rights.

To start off with, it is necessary to understand just how much privacy is legally protected in this country. Privacy is not explicitly addressed in the United States Constitution, but individual states have passed provisions in their state constitutions or state laws.

"Compilation of State and Federal Privacy Laws" by Robert Ellis Smith and Keith D. Snyder shows what each



state has put forth to protect their citizens' right to be left alone. "The End of Privacy" by Charles J. Sykes discusses the roots of privacy in America and shows how far rights have eroded in our time.

With the help of technology, there is an even greater threat to privacy. Wire tapping has become one of the most talked about forms of electronic surveillance, but there are many other methods of monitoring. David H. Holtzman's "Privacy Lost: How Technology Is Endangering Your Privacy" and Whitfield Diffie's "Privacy on the Line: The Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption" teach how to protect oneself from elec-

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tronic intrusion. To find out more about privacy and how to protect your rights, the Public Library of Westland is a great place to start. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities
Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. Sept. 25.

Join us for a screening of the recent PBS documentary, "Jonestown: Life and Death of Peoples Temple" (2007), approximately 90 minutes long, followed by an audience discussion. This film features shocking, never-before-seen footage of the Jim Jones cult.

It delivers a startling new look at the Peoples Temple, headed by preacher Jim Jones who, in 1978, led more than 900 members to Guyana, where he orchestrated a mass suicide via tainted punch. All are welcome (children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Discussion Group: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26.

This month we are happy to host a return visit for Mr. Jim C. Hines, author of the Goblin Trilogy - "Goblin Quest," "Goblin Hero" and the forthcoming "Goblin War." Because of this special visitor, we're opening our meeting up to everyone. If you have written a book, are in the middle of writing a book, or just dream of writing, come on out. Please, DON'T bring your manuscripts.

Microsoft Word for Beginners: 2 p.m. Sept. 29.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets users create a variety of documents, including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font styles and sizes, check spelling, save and print documents. No registration or fee required. All ages welcome.

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

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Applebee's fund-raiser benefits YWCA program

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The YWCA of Western Wayne County is participating in Applebee's Dining to Donate Program Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Applebee's location on Ford Road in Dearborn Heights. Present a Dining to Donate flyer to your server on, and Applebee's will donate 15 percent of your bill to the YWCA.

The event runs 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Come after 6 p.m. and see who the celebrity servers are. They'll accompany wait staff during the dinner hours, greeting guests and having fun. Special evening activities also will include a disc jockey and karaoke.

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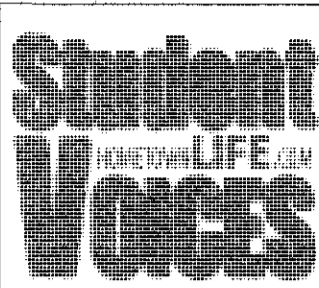
The *Observer* is looking for sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

This marks the second year of the *Observer's* Student Voices project in which area teens write about issues important to them.

Last year nearly 100 students participated in the school-year program. Teens report, write, edit and take photographs for the hometownLIFE.com print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the *Observer*.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

In addition, students must



commit to serving as a student journalist for the entire 2007-08 school year and be prepared to attend a 90-minute orientation session on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the *Observer* offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Students must also be prepared to attend planning meetings as determined

by the student group.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to appear in November.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section in print and online," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. "Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about — what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the *O&E*."

To apply, go to www.hometownlife.com and click on the Students Voices logo for an application.

Deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 24.



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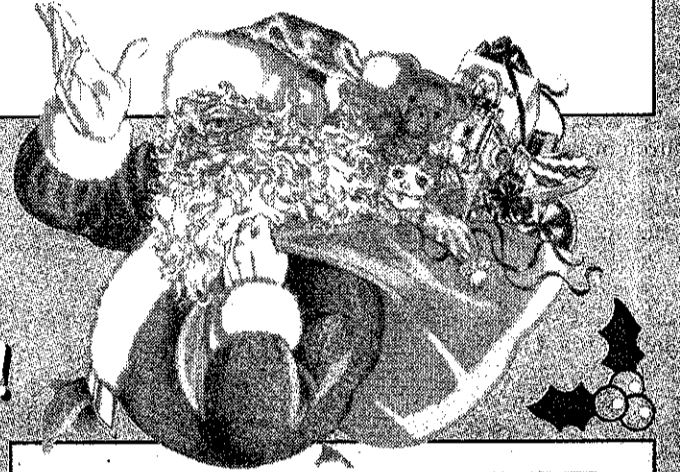
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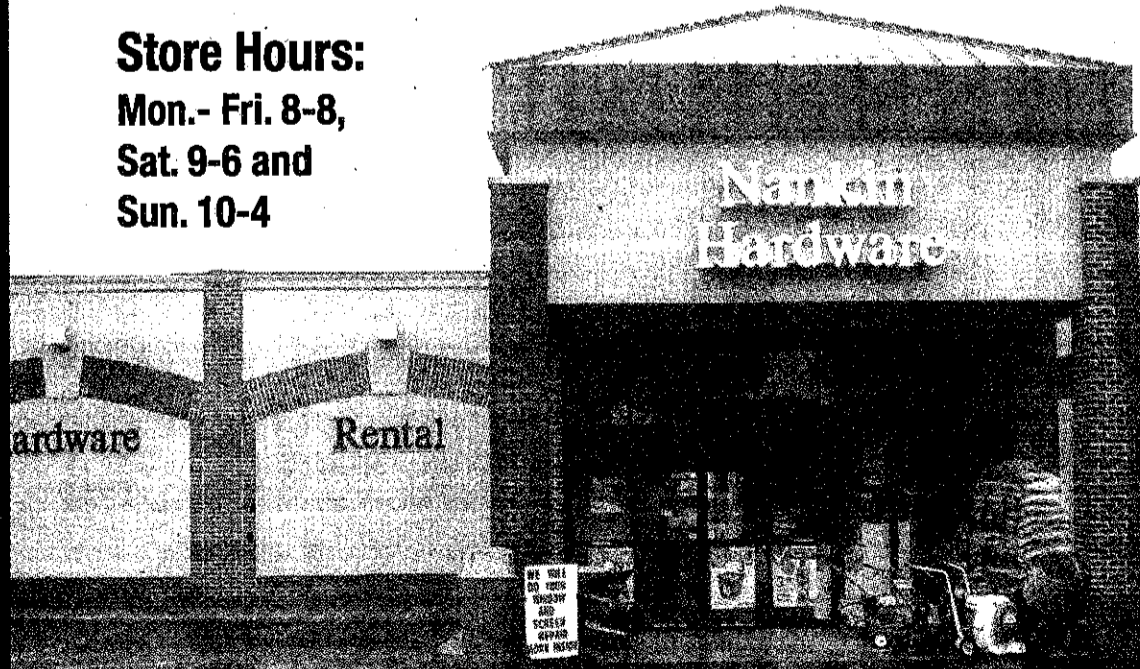
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Survivor tells saga of courageous Crete homeland

BY CHRIS KASSEL
CORRESPONDENT

Since the death of her beloved husband 13 years ago, Despina Kartakis has lived alone. But in some ways, the 71-year old West Bloomfield resident has been living alone — within her memories — since May 21, 1941.

Until this year, she considered many of these memories too horrifying to share.

Born in Crete just prior to World War II, Kartakis was a preschooler in the small seaside village of Galatas when the Nazis invaded the island following their victory in mainland Greece. Throughout the attack, transport planes dropped 8,000 German paratroopers over Crete, and the resistance of the islanders, fighting back with bird rifles and farm implements, is legendary. Unfortunately, Nazi retaliation was swift and consummate, and the dive bombers that arrived to dispatch the Galatas snipers forced Kartakis, her younger brother Yanni and her father Manuel, to seek shelter in a natural cave behind the parish church of Panagia.

"That's when my young life was altered," Kartakis recounts, eyes misting, subconsciously touching her legion of scars. "That's when everything changed."

A bomb detonated within feet of the cave and Yanni, then 4, was killed instantly and Despina's father was badly wounded. The same blast of shrapnel tore through Kartakis' upper body and destroyed her jaw, leaving her only enough strength to crawl out through the bomb crater where she soon lost consciousness. Found by mop-up crews and believed dead, she was buried in a hastily dug grave — later, alerted by her pet dog, survivors discovered that she was still alive and brought her to a hospital in nearby Hania. Considering her beyond saving, doctors offered no medical attention beyond an injection to painlessly end her life. But as Kartakis relates, "My family refused, but the doctor pushed them aside and gave me the needle anyway. For the second time, they thought I died — they even rang the bells of Panagia to tell the neighborhood."

And yet, touched again by some mysterious combination of will and fortune, she awoke in the hours preceding her own funeral and from there began her lifelong road to recovery.

The pitfalls along that road were many — she received no real treatment until 1960, and then only through the auspices of an American who arranged and financed a trip to Detroit. At Harper Hospital she began a series of bone and skin grafts, operations that were only partially successful. Still, against incomparable odds, during the course of her treatment she met Konstantinos Kartakis, the man who would become her husband.

"He was a bus driver who used to work in Hania," she says. "He happened to be in the hospital one day and recognized me. I'm pretty unforgettable to look at. Of course, romance was the last thing on my mind. I was undergoing my operations, 36 in total, and my focus was getting better. But he was persistent and came to look in on me every day."

Her daughter, Christina Joneson, nods with a wistful sigh, imagining a fairy tale



Despina points out the mouth of a cave where a bomb exploded in 1941, disfiguring her for life.

came true. "They were married for 30 years," she says. "Dad worshiped her. He used to wait for her by the window or on the porch every time she went out ..." Kartakis adds, "Konstantinos always told me that to him, I was the most beautiful woman on earth. That got me through the worst times."

age to the cemetery where her brother, Yanni, and her parents are buried that convinced her to finally share her story in its heart wrenching entirety.

"I'm getting older," she says with conviction, "it's time for the truth to be told."

The focus of a locally pro-

duced documentary, *Our Greek Story* — her experience is measured in tears and nightmares, but mostly, in compassion toward her as a human being — a remarkable survivor without malice even for men who attempted to destroy her. Driven not by anger at the German people, but by an interest that the courage of the Cretan people be preserved, she sees herself as emblematic of a struggle that in the end cost Greece 300,000 wartime casualties and nearly its entire Jewish population to the Holocaust.

"If any good could come of this," she maintains, touching her sunken cheek and ravaged shoulder, "it will be the lesson that perseverance and strength can win out over the most impossible circumstances."



Despina Kartakis returned to Crete to revisit the courage of her native land.

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Canton gets its bookstore

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 STAFF WRITER

Store officials called it their "soft opening," but Jackie Mazzuca and her young daughters didn't need any bells and whistles to get excited about walking into the new Borders on Thursday.

"We were driving by when my daughters started screaming 'It's finally open!' so I pulled in," said Mazzuca of Canton. "They were so happy."

As her two daughters gushed over the atmosphere of the 23,500-square-foot bookstore located on the southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor, the oldest paused when her eyes traveled upward to the Starbucks Coffee store on the building's second level.

"This is the best store," she said. "I don't even drink coffee, but can we go get some Starbucks?"

The store, which sits on the

same parcel as the former Frank's Nursery, was filled with shoppers Thursday evening browsing classical music, 2008 calendars and new book releases.

"The first day has been great," said Jeff Smith, Borders supervisor. "With the way the community has grown, a lot of people were excited about the store. We had people trying to get in here while we were setting up."

As township resident Claudette Bazzi looked over a display of bargain books, she said she was thrilled that Borders has opened its doors.

"We needed a bookstore here," she said.

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Library card is the card to have

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A library card gives you access to books and information on just about any subject you can think of from food to fund raising, health to history and travel to toddlers. You'll find that and more at a public library and your library card will get you there. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and now is the perfect time to get one.

Libraries are flourishing. Nearly two-thirds of Americans report having a library card, according to a recent household survey by the American Library Association, and almost 1.8 billion visitors have checked out more than two billion items at everything from one-room rural outposts to large, urban libraries.

What library card holders know is that a library card is your ticket to a world of opportunity. With the library card, you have access to a gold mine of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs, not to mention computers and Internet

access. Why buy when you can borrow? It's all free at the library.

Public libraries today provide something for the whole family.

In fact, 44 percent of parents report that they bring their children to the library because it gives them something to do together. Parents can help their children explore new interests, sit back and enjoy a family program or add a cookbook or a best seller for themselves to the stack of books for the kids.

It's no coincidence that National Library Card Sign-up Month comes in September, when school is back in session. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Library Card Sign-up Month was launched in 1987. Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child has a library card, giving them access to one unique and valuable institution.

So make sure you and your children have a library card. Get it and use it at the library.

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Wake up parents

I just read an article in the newspaper about parents sleeping with their infants and killing them. How in the world are they doing this? If you are not a light sleeper, you should not be sleeping with your infant?

I have slept with my baby son, which was 27 years ago. I was a light sleeper because I was afraid of him coughing, or doing something that required my assistance. How can anyone sleep with a book, or another person or anything beside them and not knowing you are killing them or hurting them? Are you that stupid?

I just can't believe parents around here are that stupid! I lost a baby due to complications 26 years ago, and I have hated every parent that I have read in the paper that did some stupid crap to their child or baby. That is how much I wanted my baby back from GOD! God gave me my daughter for two weeks and became a Indian giver. God took my baby back to heaven.

But back to this bed thing, all those times I have slept with my son, I knew he was there, and there was no way I would kill him in any shape or form.

So wake up parents, who are killing their babies in bed, you just too stupid or you just don't want your baby. Give them to someone who would love them, now!

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Mari Squire
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Dr. Seymour Le Vine
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Tax hikes not the answer

The old rural adage — "you can't get blood from a turnip" — aptly applies here in Michigan. Most low- to middle-income Michigan families are just about "taxed out." We agree with conservative views that state government has grown excessively and now seeks to "feed itself" primarily on the backs of low- to middle-income families. In addition, we are skep-

tical that a \$1.8 billion budget deficit is actually necessary.

With our dire employment environment, coupled with raging fuel prices, there is just not enough left for most Michigan families to live on any longer. So why are state officials and legislators continuing to primarily address our budget issues with so-called temporary increased taxes?

We believe it's because it may appear easier in the short term than downsizing and restructuring state government, the more appropriate solution. Our state government infrastructure with its overburdening social services agencies and courts could substantially shrink themselves.

New laws restoring parenting responsibilities to fit parents equitably would not only reduce the demands upon the Department of Human Services, but also dramatically reduce the burdens upon the Michigan state courts.

Analyses indicate that reforming Michigan business and personal tax codes to a single, equitable tax rate for all of us based solely upon gross/net incomes with deductions ostensibly for donations to state charitable organizations, would generate enough revenues to run a much smaller state government infrastructure.

In addition, with these increased donations, private social services organizations could then afford to assist those who are truly in need and the "It takes a village" phenomenon might return to its true African meaning which excludes government and involves citizens.

We believe this would be an all around win for Michigan and a model for the nation!

Murray Davis
president, National Family Justice Association
Southfield

Legislation is unfair

"What goes around, comes around." Within a few days of the pro Democrat Party's Political Action Committee "Move On. Org" calling General Petraeus a betrayer, this week one can ask the same question of key Democrats. After two failed attempts to force the unwanted and destructive immigration policy "reform" down the throats of the Americans, the Democrats are trying to again sneak it past under the guise of helping the illegal teens.

In truth it is a massive reintroduction of amnesty that extends to the millions of illegal aliens who entered the United States before the age of 16. Months after the collapse of a sweeping immigration overhaul, top Senate Democrats again plan to push for a smaller measure that could give tens of thousands of undocumented high school and college students a shot at legalization.

The traitorous cosponsors of this so called "DREAM" Act are Senators Hagel, Lugar, Leahy, Obama, Lieberman, Feinstein, Kerry, Feingold, Clinton, Bayh, Menendez, Murray, Boxer, and Cantwell. This proposed legislation is unfair to American students and taxpayers since Americans will end up paying the bill for educating illegals.

The Dream Act will put illegals at the front of the line for green cards and allow dangerous criminal aliens to remain at large in the U.S. The DREAM Act does not disqualify anyone (even criminals) from filing an application and bars DHS from removing any alien who's filed an application for amnesty.

The DREAM Act, like its sponsors, is a fraud, since nothing in the DREAM Act will prevent a 50-year-old alien from asserting that he entered the United States before the age of 16 and has remained here ever since. Why haven't our Senators Levin and Stabenow come out against this scandalous attempt to betray us? Aren't Michigan workers and taxpayers hurting enough?

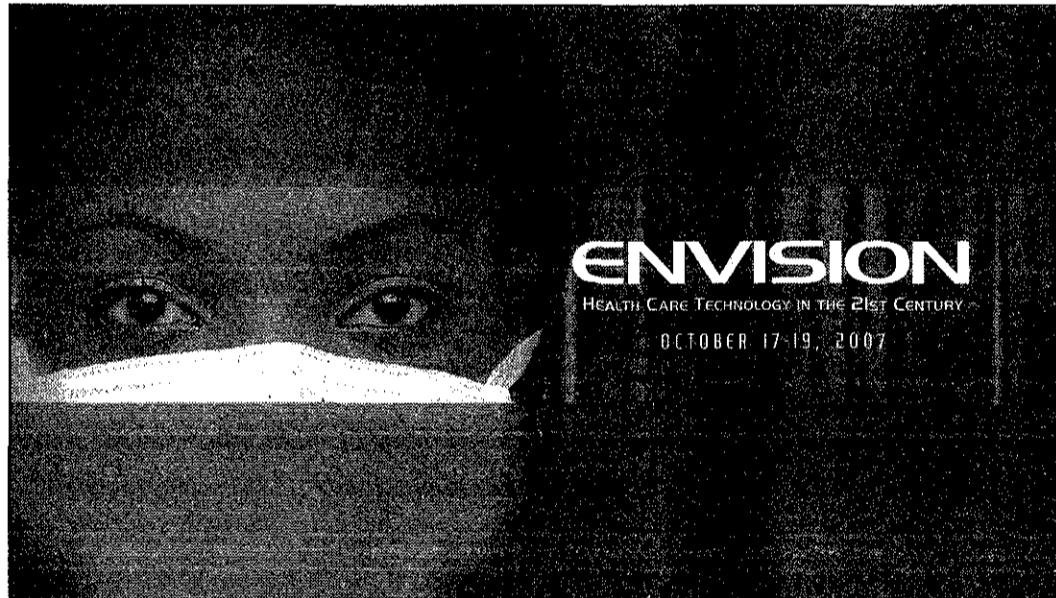
Sam Gullo
Warren

More space, more ideas

Very pleased to read that the *Observer* has provided more space for Letters to the Editor. The *Observer* is our forum for guiding or opposing how our city functions. "We the People" is something that is more than words — it is the embodiment of how our nation serves the people. A collateral benefit is that it helps to make citizens part of a community.

Trust you will continue to establish a legacy for other good editors to follow. Freedom of thought is essential for people to grow. Good ideas can come from any perspective. Thanks, from all of us.

Ralph E. Williams
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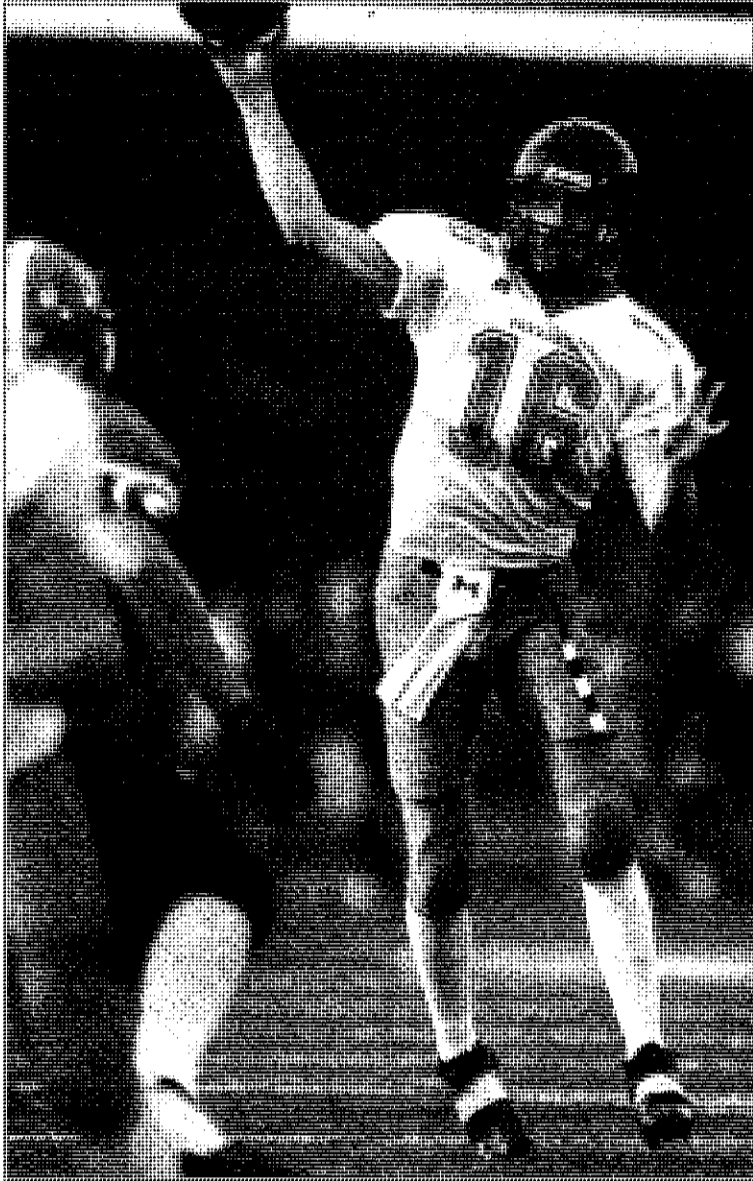
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Defensive gem: Chargers win 5th straight

Sidelines



Churchill quarterback Thomas Tilley looks to throw a pass downfield during Friday night's game at John Glenn. The senior returned to the lineup and tossed two TD passes in the Chargers' 16-10 win.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill didn't put up any gaudy statistical numbers in its 16-10 football victory Friday night over host Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers, however, continue to adopt the Al Davis approach: "Just win, baby."

Churchill, off to its best start since the 1978 undefeated regular season, ran its record to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with the precision-like win. Quarterback T.J. Tilley, back in the starting lineup after sitting out the last three games with a injury, threw a pair of touchdown passes.

The victory also sets up a showdown this Friday for the divisional lead with crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson, which is also 5-0 and 3-0. (Game time is 7 p.m. Friday at Churchill.)

"We hope to have another good defensive effort like tonight," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "As a coaching staff we'll keep preparing like we'll always do. Our kids don't have to be motivated and I'm sure they'll be no problem motivating Stevenson's players. I'm just very excited it's going to be in Livonia."

The Chargers, however, had to take care of the Rockets (2-3, 1-2), who lost despite outgaining their opponent in total yardage, 198-174.

After a scoreless first quarter, Churchill's defense went to work as Ryan Whittum intercepted a Glenn pass at his own 32 with 10:28 remaining in the second period.

Whittum's punt then pinned Glenn at its own 9 and the Chargers got a boost from defensive end Darius Miller-Wells when he sacked Rockets' QB Keshawn Martin for a 4-yard loss. Two plays later the 6-foot, 205-pound senior applied pressure on the back side again causing the Glenn signal caller to go down in the end zone for a two-point safety with 5:33 left in the half.

The Rockets also received an unsportsmanlike 15-yard penalty on the play and were forced to kick-off from their own 10. And Churchill's Jeff Ricketts made them pay with a 40-yard return down to the 15.

Three plays later, Churchill increased its lead to 9-0 when Tilley hit Ricketts out of the backfield on third-and-3 for an 8-yard TD toss with 3:35 left until intermission.

Glenn drove down to the Churchill 21 to end the half, but ran out of time. Earlier in the drive, Glenn coach Todd DeLuca switched quarterbacks, going with back-up Josh Reed before reinserting Martin.

"I took him (Martin) out to cool him down," the Glenn coach said. "He was frustrated. He did a much better job of controlling it the second half."

The Rockets took the second-half kickoff and marched to the Churchill 10, but had to settle for a 30-yard field goal from Victor Sanders with 7:46 remaining in the third period, cutting the deficit to 9-3. Glenn's drive into the red zone was thwarted by Ryan Dolan's shoe-string tackle for a 3-yard loss on Martin on third-and-7.

"Ryan (Dolan) is kind of the story of our team this year," Filiatraut said. "He's one of those hard-working, four-year program players. He's somebody that people say is probably too short (5 feet, 6 inches), too slow and too weak (170 pounds), but he just goes out and makes plays. And we've got some other kids like Elliott (Sylvester) and Jordan (Necovski) who play same way. I'm proud of the way they hustled around."

Churchill gave itself some breathing room on the ensuing third-quarter series as Tilley hit Whittum on a short-out with the 6-1, 187-pound senior doing the rest, going 65 yards down the sideline for a score.

"We ran play-action boot where he (Whittum) runs an out instead of a fade," Filiatraut said. "They play man (coverage). He made the catch. He has great ball skills and the speed to go with it. The punt, the interception and the touchdown - he was just spectacular."

"And it's good to get him (Tilley) back, he's our captain, a leader. And he throws two touchdown passes. Imagine that from a Churchill quarterback? He performed well."

Churchill's defense, led by linebacker Devin

Please see **GEM, B2**

Ladywood edged

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett scored a pair of first-half goals Thursday and held on for a 2-1 girls field hockey victory over visiting Livonia Ladywood.

Whitney Baubie and Luisa Myavec both scored off right-side crosses with post deflections for the victorious Knights, who improved to 6-1-1 overall and 3-0 in Division II of the Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League.

Senior Kristen Selasky scored off a cross from the right by junior Leah Malm for Ladywood's lone goal.

Ladywood sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky made nine saves, while Liggett's Janaya Gripper had only one stop.

Ladywood is 3-3-2 overall and 0-2-2 in the division.

MU's Steele 1st

History was made Wednesday afternoon for the MU women's golf program as freshman Caitlin Steele carded a 16-over-par 88 to win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree hosted by Cornerstone University at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Ada.

As a team, MU placed fourth with a combined total of 404 (+116), finishing eight strokes ahead of the host Golden Eagles and 99 strokes better than Indiana Tech.

Westland freshman Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin) gave the Crusaders two players among the top 10, tying for eighth with a twenty-three-over 95.

Freshman Jillian Kloc (Belleville) finished 22nd with a 107, while Westland's Danielle Elswick (Wayne Memorial) and Livonia's Alison Sanborn (Franklin) finished 23rd and 25th respectively.

Good net start

Ashland University (Ohio) freshman Corinne Pasley (Livonia Stevenson) has compiled a 4-1 record at No. 4 singles and a 5-1 mark at No. 2 doubles for the Eagles' women's tennis team.

Carpenter nails down Pats' win

Livonia Franklin survived another nailbiting finish Friday night to earn its second straight football victory of the season against visiting Plymouth, 18-10.

Mark McRobb's 48-yard interception return for a touchdown with just 19 seconds remaining sealed the win as the Patriots, who dropped their first three games of the season, improved to 2-3 overall and

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2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It was the same story this week," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We have a group of kids that won't quit, but we make too many mistakes and put ourselves into bad situations."

After Jesse Carpenter's

pair of third-quarter field goals from 20 and 37 yards put the Patriots ahead, 12-10, Plymouth (3-2, 1-2) threatened to regain the lead with less than three minutes remaining by driving all the way to the Franklin 2.

But Franklin's Gernard Mincey recovered a Plymouth fumble and Israel

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Warriors' late push proves futile

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

BOYS SOCCER

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's body of work was good enough Thursday to thwart a late rush by Lutheran High Westland as the Cranes improved to 5-2-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the Metro Conference with a hard-earned 2-1 boys soccer victory over the host Warriors.

"It was roasty, a hot day," Cranbrook coach Chad O'Kulich said. "We have target players that we're trying to connect with. Having depth on the bench gave us energy the second half. We subbed them with fresh legs the first half and we had the numbers to create offense."

The loss dropped the Warriors to 7-3-1 overall and 3-3 in the Metro.

"We're a real young team and we're thin, there's not as many options for us," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "We have two people out. Brad LaRose, a defender who plays the wing on the outside-midfield has a broken foot and he's out for three weeks. We might get him back for the districts."

Cranbrook's Zander Tallman opened the scoring on a transition play off a cross from Daniel Ko to make it 1-0 with 15 minutes left in the first half.

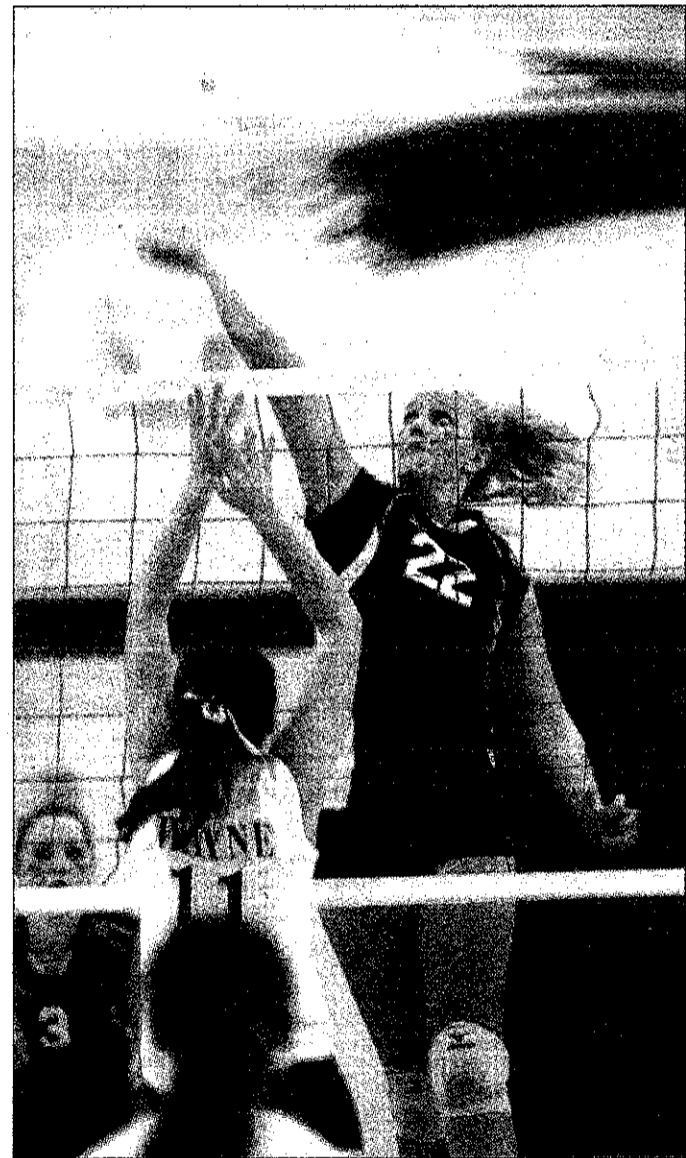
The Cranes then struck again with 28:45 left in the match off Jeremy Brill's corner kick which teammate Joe Granzatto pounced on - a ball that Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Micah Hausch couldn't corral to make it 2-0.

"It was hard to say if there was some miscommunication in box," Block said. "Maybe if he (Micah) had come out and called off the defender right away, he would have had a clearer path to the ball."

Facing a two-goal deficit, Block went to Plan B and moved up senior Adam Zehel from his defensive post and inserted freshman Kent Krzyske into the lineup.

With 8:19 to play, Zehel beat Cranbrook soph-

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High ceiling

John Glenn's Brittany Holbrook (22) goes high up over the net against Wayne Memorial blocker Jillian Novak in Wednesday's Western Lakes crossover. See a complete roundup of Western Lakes matches on page B3.

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Unbeaten Stevenson rolls to set up Lakes showdown

It was over by halftime Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 49-7 football victory over Walled Lake Northern.

The unbeaten Spartans, who racked up 42 first-half points, improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Northern, meanwhile, falls to 0-5 and 0-3.

Stevenson led 21-0 after one quarter.

The Spartans took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in seven plays capped by senior full-back Emmanuel Onwuemene's 1-yard touchdown run with 9:04 left in the first quarter. Tommy Myschok converted the first of his seven straight extra points to make it 7-0.

With 7:04 left in the first period, sophomore Austin White

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intercepted a Gavin Sheridan pass and returned it 48 yards for a score. White scored again on a 1-yard run with 25 seconds remaining in the same quarter. The drive covered 53 yards in seven plays.

After Northern went three-and-out and a short Knights punt, Mitchell White connected with twin brother Myles on a 49-yard TD pass with 11:07 left in the second quarter to push the Stevenson advantage to 28-0.

Northern, helped by consecutive Stevenson 15-yard penalties, got on the board when Sheridan hooked up with Tom Ropek on passes of 30 and 10 yards (for the TD) with 10:37 remaining in the half.

Austin White answered with his third TD of the night on a

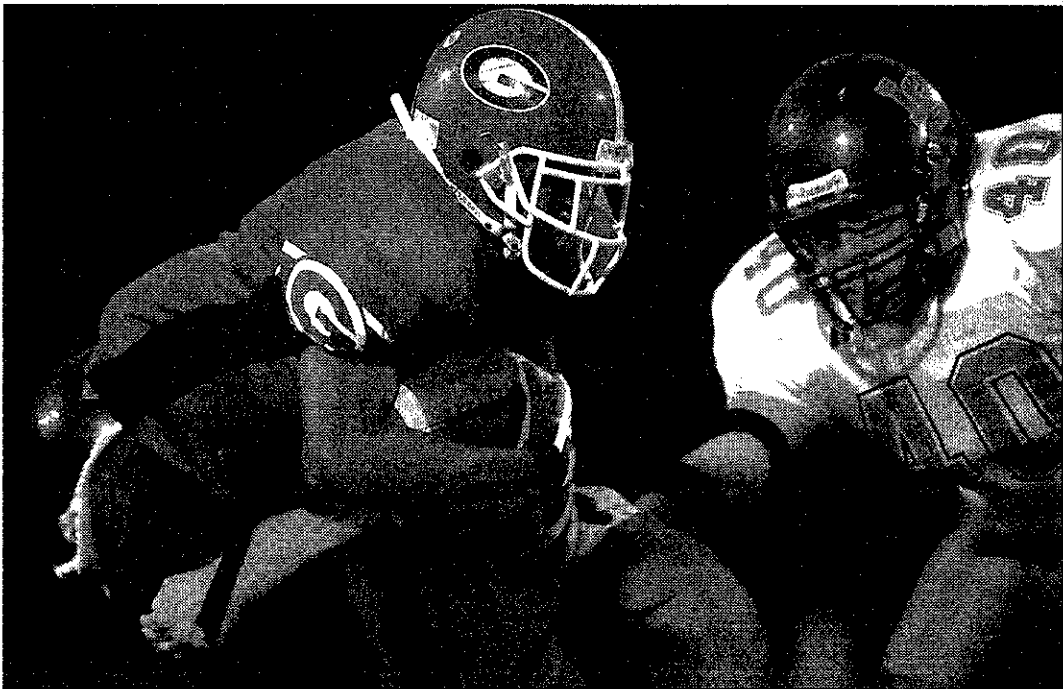
23-yard run (with 8:47 left) and Wade Stahl followed with 12-yard scoring run (with 2:17 to go) to make it 42-7 at intermission.

With a running clock to start the second half, Stevenson's Tommy Jenkins completed the scoring with a 2-yard run with 9:50 remaining in the final quarter.

The Spartans finished the evening with 269 yards on the ground in 35 attempts with Austin White leading the way with 99 on six attempts. Mitchell White was 5-of-8 passing for 90 yards. Stahl had three receptions for 28 yards.

Stevenson had 13 first downs to Northern's five.

The Knights had only 17 yards net rushing on 14 attempts. Sheridan and Jason Tucker combined for 9-of-23 passing for 142 yards and one interception.



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Glenn's C.J. Woodford (with ball) tries to push through the grasp of an unidentified Churchill tackler with Max DiCicco (40) in close pursuit.

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Moynihan (20 tackles) and free safety Grant Morgan (12 tackles) then held up the rest of the way with the exception of a late scramble and 4-yard TD run by the speedy Martin with 1:03 left in the game.

The Rockets tried an onside kick and recovered, but had to relinquish possession after one of its own players illegally touched the ball before it traveled the required 10 yards.

Woodford, 5-10, 173-pound senior, led all rushers with 132 yards on 24 carries, while

Martin was held in check with 45 yards on 15 carries. The Glenn QB was only 4-of-10 passing for 22 yards.

"They have a couple of exceptional players in Martin and Woodford, but I thought we arose to the occasion," Filiatraut said. "We flew around out there, we were physical, up to the challenge. We made plays."

DeLuca, meanwhile, gave full credit to the Chargers.

"Churchill did an excellent job of containing when we had to come up with big plays," he said. "We were a couple of big plays too short. Their coaching staff does a tremendous job. I respect John (Filiatraut) for the job he does. His teams are always well-prepared and they're fun-

damentally sound. If you turn it over once or twice and give up the big play, well-coached teams will take advantage. We did not move the ball consistently enough to win."

The one play DeLuca would like to have back was the Whittum 65-yard TD reception.

"We were in man coverage and you've got to contain, and obviously it did not happen that way," the Glenn coach said. "It was man on man. He (Whittum) made our guy miss and we did not have enough angles to catch him. Overall our defense played a good game. Other than that play, and the safety, I thought we did a good job."

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Sweet homecoming

Lutheran Westland sends fans home happy, 37-0

Homecoming under the portable rented lights proved to be a happy one Friday as host Lutheran High Westland rolled to a 37-0 Metro Conference football win over winless Hamtramck.

The Warriors, who improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Metro, took a 14-0 first-quarter lead on 2-yard touchdown run by Ryan Richter followed by a 24-yard scoring toss from Billy Meier to Eric Shoats, ironically Lutheran Westland's first scoring pass of the season.

In the second quarter, Kyle Kempf recovered a Hamtramck fumble on the kickoff and Ethan Haller scored on a 4-yard TD run to make it 21-0 following Meier's third straight point-after.

In the third quarter, Meier's 64-yard kickoff

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return set up the Warriors' next score, an 18-yard TD run by Shoats.

Nick Yancy added a 20-yard scoring run with Shoats adding the PAT, and Meier completed the scoring with a 42-yard field goal, also coming in the third period.

Lutheran Westland had a modest 186 total yards, including 130 on the ground. The Warriors' defense, led by Sam Ahlersmeyer's seven tackles, held Hamtramck (0-5, 0-4) to 42 total yards, including minus-9 on the ground.

The Warriors had 12 first downs to the Cosmos' three.

Clarenceville falls, 21-0

Quarterback Robby Schneider threw three touchdown passes to propel Metro Conference co-leader

Macomb Lutheran North (4-1, 4-0) to a victory Friday over host Livonia Clarenceville.

The Mustangs led 14-0 after scoring twice in the second quarter and put the game away with another TD in the final period.

Two of Schneider's TD tosses went to Jon Puskar, while Drew Dennison led the defense with 20 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Clarenceville's leading rusher was Levonte Brooks, who finished with 134 yards on 22 carries. Randy Aubrey paced the defense with nine tackles.

"We played and executed the best we have all year," Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "Too bad it took us until week five to do that. We gave North everything we had, but we turned it over four straight times in the second half. We kind of beat ourselves."

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Woolfork, who had five catches for 95 yards on the night, came up with a clutch 30-yard sideline grab to give the Patriots a key first down and some breathing room.

Franklin then lost its second fumble of the night near midfield giving Plymouth one more shot, but linebacker Pat Cecile's quarterback pressure led to the McRobb pickoff.

In the first quarter, Franklin took a 6-0 lead on Carpenter's 3-yard quarterback keeper, but the senior did not convert the extra point.

Plymouth got its only touchdown of the game later in the period when C.J. Gregory's pass was tipped and fell into the hands of wide receiver Mike Hanchett, who

went 39 yards for the score. (Hanchett led all receivers with six catches for 106 yards.)

Following Mike Korona's extra point to put the Wildcats ahead 7-6, Kyle Brindza added a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter to push Plymouth's lead to 10-6 at halftime.

Franklin had 295 total yards to Plymouth's 278.

Carpenter was 11-of-17 for 178 yards and has already surpassed the 1,100-yard mark for the season. He was also Franklin's leading rusher with 50 yards on nine carries.

Gregory was 18-of-32 for 184 yards, while Myron Puryear was the Wildcats' leading ball carrier with 61 yards on 16 carries.

"We have to find a way to be able to run the football better," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said. "The kids played hard and they didn't quit. We just couldn't make the big plays when we needed them."

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MU sets sail in Florida

Madonna University's women's volleyball team got off to a good start in trying to win a second consecutive Sailfish Classic.

The Crusaders defeated Northwood (Fla.) 30-28, 30-21, 30-25 in the opener of the tournament, held in Palm Beach, Fla.

For Madonna (12-5), junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova collected 23 kills while sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds (49 assists) and senior libero Jacqui Gatt of Livonia Churchill (30 defensive digs) again were forces to be reckoned with.

Also turning in a nice performance was sophomore outside hitter Mary McGinnis (eight kills, seven digs) while junior outside hitter Whitney Fuelling contributed 12 kills to the MU attack.

Northwood fell to 3-7 on the season.

Victory against Salem gives Spartans piece of Lakes title

It was a battle, but Livonia Stevenson clinched a least a tie for Lakes Division boys soccer title in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 1-0 win Wednesday night over host Salem at P-CEP.

The state-ranked Spartans, now 10-0 overall, improved to 7-0 in the division, three games ahead of Salem (3-4-8, 3-3) and Walled Lake Central with only three games to play.

David Simor's goal from Mike Debolski with only 10 minutes to play clinched the victory. Goalkeepers Conner Burton (first half) and Justin Collins (second half) combined on the shutout.

Stevenson was coming off a 3-1 win over the Rocks on Sept. 4.

"It was a much different game, a struggle," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Salem controlled much of the first half and had the better chances. We played better the second half and it resulted in a goal. They (Salem) played Kevin Cope in the back and that made things difficult."

CHURCHILL 0, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On

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Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (6-5-1, 3-3-1) and Walled Lake Northern (7-4-1, 3-3-1) both eliminated themselves from W.L.A.-Lakes Division contention by playing to a scoreless draw.

Adrian Motta stood out in goal for the Chargers, while Kyle Huismann got the shutout for Northern.

"We played hard and we play well, it was no fault of effort," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "But like it's been all season, we had trouble finishing."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, JOHN GLENN 1: All the scoring came during the first half as Walled Lake Central (7-6, 3-3) earned a W.L.A.-Lakes Division triumph Wednesday afternoon at Westland John Glenn (2-9-1, 0-7).

Corben Titus and Jordan Anderson notched goals for the Vikings, who trailed 1-0 after Glenn's Nelson Kenne opened the scoring on a header from Logan Chaston.

Despite the loss, Glenn coach Reavis Olive was please with the play of goalkeeper Zach Redden, along with Khalid Suleiman, Jacob Gates and David Kavelage in the middle.

"We had our opportunities, but we just came up short," Olive said.

W.L. WESTERN 5, FRANKLIN 3: Stephen Magee and Winston Henderson each tallied a pair of goals Wednesday as host Walled

Lake Western (7-3-1, 4-2-1) won a high-scoring W.L.A.-Western Division affair over Livonia Franklin (2-8, 1-6).

Joe Devertel also scored for the Warriors, who broke a 2-all halftime deadlock.

Ryan Matthey collected a pair of goals for the Patriots, including a penalty kick. His brother Travis Matthey assisted on the other goal. Mike Dobson's unassisted goal cut the deficit to 4-3 in the second half, but the Patriots couldn't score the equalizer.

"We stuck to our game plan," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "Our ball movement was excellent, we were switching it, and winning 50-50 balls. Our forwards, midfielders and defenders all played good games, but our biggest problem is that we couldn't get the ball into the back of the net."

NORTHVILLE 6, WAYNE 0: Sophomore Doug Beason and junior Alex Marilley each scored a pair of goals Wednesday as the state-ranked Mustangs (10-1-1, 5-1-1) downed visiting Wayne Memorial (0-9-2, 0-7) in a W.L.A.-Western Division match.

Junior Dan Courtney, along with seniors Andrei Ionescu, Ben Lightner and Nitin Jacob, also scored goals for Northville, which is tied with Canton for the divisional lead.

Goalkeeper Jarrod Daul earned the shutout.

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Rockets orbit past rival Wayne

Julian Wargo knew his team was ready to rock-and-roll.

The Westland John Glenn girls volleyball coach watched his team dismantle rival Wayne Memorial in three games Wednesday, 25-14, 25-9, 25-17, bouncing back from Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover setback to Northville.

"We did a great job of learning from our mistakes in the Northville match," said Wargo, whose team lost in four games. "We were firing on all cylinders and everybody contributed to the victory. It was good to see."

Junior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook led the visiting Rockets (2-5-4) with 12 kills, 12 digs, eight ace serves and one solo block to pace the visiting Rockets. Seniors Kirstin Kirk and Aranda Phare led the defense with 16 and 12 digs, respectively.

Glenn opens Lakes Division play Monday at home against Livonia Stevenson.

"We're looking forward to see what divisional play will bring and we look forward to continued improvement," Wargo said.

Wayne, which slipped to 1-10 overall under first-year coach Robin Thomas, opens WLA Western Division play Monday at Walled Lake Western.

Stevenson bumps Pats

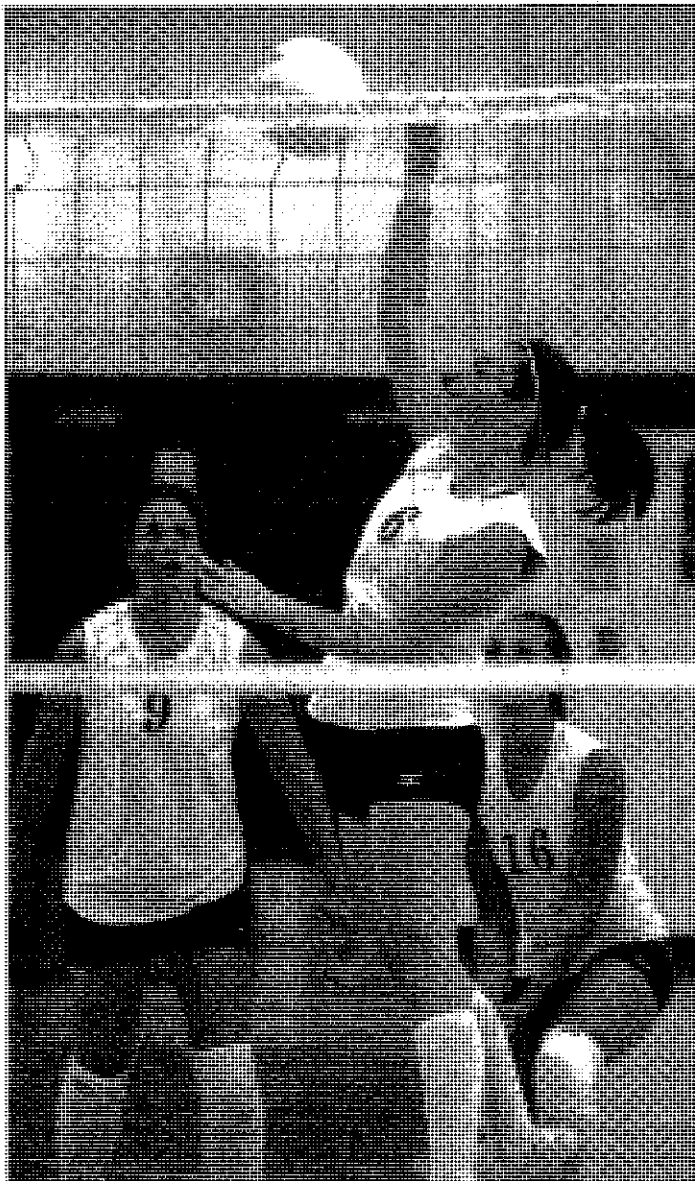
Livonia Stevenson used a well-balanced attack Wednesday to beat host Livonia Franklin in a WLA crossover, 25-23, 25-14, 25-18.

Stephanie Labby, Meg Iafraite and Brooke Knochel sparked the Stevenson hitting attack with six kills apiece. Kaylee McGrath added four as the Spartans improved to 7-4-2 overall.

Jordan Pilut (16 digs) and Labby (15 digs) spearheaded the defense, while Natalie Fenech went 10-for-10 serving with five digs.

Setter Katie Vellucci finished with 27 assist-to-kills.

Ashley Price paced Franklin (4-11-3) with 12 kills, eight digs and four aces. Brittany and



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Wayne's Katie Wilson (11) goes for the hit, while teammates Catie Badrak (9) and Emily Rudy (16) await the return in Wednesday's Western Lakes crossover against rival John Glenn.

Briauna Taylor chipped in with 10 and eight kills, respectively.

Sara Slack led the defense with nine digs.

"Despite the loss, I feel we are close to turning things around," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "At times we would execute to perfection offensively, then they would reel off three straight points due to an inconsistent defense."

Chargers win in 4

Senior middle hitter Kyndra

Abron had 28 kills and two blocks to lead state-ranked Livonia Churchill (12-1-1) to a 25-23, 23-25, 25-16, 25-20 triumph Wednesday at Northville.

Kristen Nalez and Brianne Schmansky added 10 and seven kills, respectively, while setter Kristy DeClercq contributed 12 digs and 41 assist-to-kills.

Linsey Graciak paced the defense with 17 digs, while Jordan Kerr was 22-of-22 serving with 10 digs.

Blazers storm back for league win

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Livonia Ladywood never said die, earning its first Catholic League girls volleyball victory Thursday night at home by rallying for an 18-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-22, 15-10 triumph over Harper Woods Regina.

"We came together as a team," said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose Blazers improved to 5-5-3 overall and 1-1 in the Central Division. "We stressed toughness in practice. We got mentally tough, stopped making unforced errors and got aggressive."

Emily Hines, a 5-foot-8 sophomore, was Ladywood's top attacker with 17 kills. Senior Catherine Phillips added 15 kills, while junior setter Julie Rhodes had 37 assist-to-kills. Junior Emily Pawlik served two aces.

On Tuesday, state-ranked Birmingham Marian christened its new Mustang Court and opened Central Division play with a 25-7, 25-14, 25-10 win over the Blazers.

Phillips finished with six kills, while Hines added four. Rhodes had 17 assists.

Trojans streaking

Senior Amber Mills recorded eight kills and four blocks Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville improved to 4-0 on the season with a 25-21, 25-17, 25-22 non-conference win over New Haven.

"We're communicating better and if we keep that up we should do well," Clarenceville coach Wendy Roy said.

Junior Katie Blacker contributed 32 assist-to-kills in the victory, while senior Amanda Moody had seven kills and four aces. Senior Amber Dermire chipped in with five kills, two aces and two blocks.

Lutheran Westland wins

Junior middle hitter Becca Refenes played a strong all-around match with 16 kills, four solo blocks, four aces and 16 digs Tuesday to lead host Lutheran High Westland past Ann Arbor Greenhills in a non-conference encounter 16-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-19.

Setters Lauren Gieschen and Julie Jongsma each collected 12 assists for the victorious Warriors, who improved to 9-1-3 overall.

Katey Ramthun led the defense with 19 digs. She also served nine points and had five kills.

Allyson Yankee and Abi Gieschen each added 12 digs, while Myrian Storck added five kills. Yankee also had four kills, while Lauren Gieschen served three aces.

"We got off to a very slow and sluggish start and Greenhills had everything working for them in the first game - they played very well," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We responded with a strong start in the second game to even the match. We were in control the third game and let them back in it a little bit, but finished the game, and eventually the match strong."

"We were disappointed in our play because we know we could have played better, but we were able to come out with the victory, which gives us a lot of hope for how good we really could be."

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP 203
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 211
Sept. 20 at St. John's
Notre Dame scorers: Kaitlyn McDonald, 47; Rebecca Barbaresso, 49; Allysson Wilson, 53; Britt Gnewkowsky, 54.
Ladywood scorers: Erica Mazur, 44 (medalist); Val DiMilla, 52; Katelyn Papier, 55; Marissa Lay, 60.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-3 Catholic League.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 192
LIVONIA STEVENSON 250
Sept. 19 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 35 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, 51; Jessica Burdette, 52; Danielle Lesniak and Amanda Dobos, 54 each; Katie Worley, 61.
Stevenson scorers: Gabrielle Sabatini, 59; Elizabeth Grace, 62; Claire Massman, 63; Natalie Cicchelli, 66; Shelby Pilchota, 67; Andrea Burford, 70.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 6-0 overall, 6-0 WLA; Stevenson 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLA.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 215
SALEM 256
Sept. 19 at St. John's
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 46 (medalist); Courtney McKinney, 53; Justine Woodard and Dakota Howell, 58 each; Jamie Young, 59; Danielle Sulewski, 67.
Salem scorers: Natalie Barnett and Lizzy Mazorowicz, 63 each; Kelly Johnson, 65; Ewa Zajac, 66; Mary Anderson, 68.
Glenn's dual meet record: 4-6 overall, 2-6 WLA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 183
SALEM 223
Sept. 17 at St. Johns
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 37 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, 44; Amanda Dobos and Danielle Lesniak, 51 each; Stephanie Panaretos, 58; Sam Proben, 60.
Salem scorers: Jamie Bricker and Mary Janiczek, 54 each; Kelly Johnson, 57; Ewa Zajac, 58; Lizzy Mazorowicz, 64; Jatue Coffey, 65.
Churchill's dual meet record: 6-0 overall, 6-0 WLA.


LIVONIA LADYWOOD 195
FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 201
Sept. 19 at Glen Oaks
Ladywood scorers: Erica Mazur, 40 (medalist); Val DiMilla, 50; Marissa Briden, 51; Marissa Lay, 54.
Mercy's top scorers: Lane Czanko and Rebecca Guerrero, 49 each.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-2 Catholic League.

ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART 197
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 214
Sept. 17 at St. Johns
Ladywood's top scorers: Erica Mazur (Ladywood), 43; Val DiMilla, 51.
HARPER WOODS REGINA 207
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 218
Sept. 5 at Gowanle
Medalist: Maria Raffou (Regina), 48.
Ladywood's top scorers: Erica Mazur, no score available; Marissa Briden, 54.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

GARDEN CITY 21
WAYNE MEMORIAL 37
Sept. 19 at Wayne
Garden City finishers: 1. Rachel Szczembara, 24 minutes, 51 seconds (5,000 meters); 3. Christina Milne, 26:29; 4. Whitney Spencer, 26:35; 6. Olivia Longuski, 27:19; 7. Katie Torok, 27:31; 9. Jennifer Nichols, 29:18; 11. Stephanie Nichols, 29:59.
Wayne finishers: 2. Claire Moro, 26:13; 5. Melissa Smith, 26:55; 8. Esmeralda Rivera, 28:44; 10. Chelsea Gilbert, 29:55; 12. Hailey Hayes, 32:05.





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omore goalkeeper Do Young Na to cut the deficit to 2-1. And with 3:49 remaining, Zehel nearly tied it when his rocket shot was grabbed by Young Na.

"If we had played that way for all 80 minutes like the last 12 it would have been a better game for us," Block said. "We got Zehel involved and when we brought the freshman (Kryzske) in we were getting more touches and getting the ball forward. It worked for one goal."

When the Warriors began to apply the late pressure, the Cranes were still trying to remain aggressive on the offensive side.

"We were still creating opportunities," O'Knlich said. "We had a good three to four chances. But when number 22 (Zehel) came up, we dropped a forward back to the midfield. Lutheran Westland is well-coached and always a good team. We've had good games with them over the years. Rich Block is a good coach."

Cranbrook's speedy front line certainly gave the Warriors' defense fits.

"We have some guys that have to do a better job of containing and jockeying

instead of always trying to poke the ball away," Block said.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, CLAWSON 0: Gareth Hintzman tallied two goals and one assist Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville (3-8, 2-4) blanked the Clawson Trojans in a Metro Conference match.

Ryan Glass contributed a goal and assist for Clarenceville, which led 3-0 at halftime.

Other Clarenceville goal scorers includes Chris Diaz, Alex Ostoin, Phil Strachan and Josh Robinson.

Assists also went to Matt Parent, Jimmy Moody, Dustin Csokasy, Mike Schiffman and Nick Ostoin.

Goalkeeper Garrett Gregg made four saves to earn the shutout.

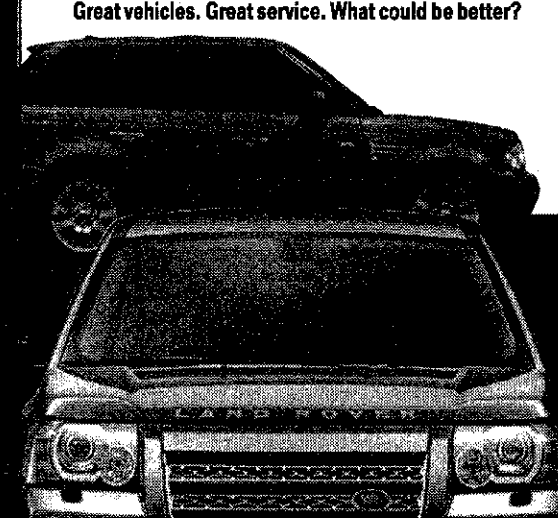
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MU women blitz Indiana Tech

Madonna University's women's soccer team dominated Wednesday's non-conference match at Indiana Tech, blanking the Warriors 5-0.

The Crusaders (5-1-1) only led 1-0 at halftime, but were clearly forced the issue with 17 shots (10 on goal) compared to Indiana Tech's one.

For the match, MU had a 29-3 shots advantage.

Getting the visitors on the scoreboard at the 22:26 mark was sophomore midfielder and Livonia Ladywood product Lauren Hess, with an assist to sophomore forward Kaila Moore.

But in the second half, Madonna blitzed Indiana Tech goalkeeper Jennifer Sanow (12 saves) with four goals in just over 12 minutes. Two were tallied by freshman midfielder Shelby Mathison (the first unassisted, the second set up by sophomore forward Kati Germane).

Also scoring for the Crusaders were freshman midfielder Ellen O'Rear (her first collegiate marker) from freshman midfielder Sarah Rokuski and junior forward Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), assisted by O'Rear.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 99
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 87
Sept. 20 at Franklin
200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Lisa Czar, Eren Ural, Emily Hiser, Katrina Nelson), 2:15.35; 2. Franklin, 2:16.62; 3. Churchill, 2:18.34
200 freestyle: 1. Natalie Cote (LF), 2:03.82; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 2:02.8; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 2:25.56
200 individual medley: 1. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:29.54; 2. Jordan Haymour (LF), 2:30.81; 3. Hiser (LC), 2:38.41
50 freestyle: 1. Katie Kent (LF), 28.74; 2. Colleen Anthony (LF), 28.77; 3. Ashley Cabadas (LC), 29.12
1-meter diving: 1. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 197.55 points; 2. Kaila Stancer (LC), 191.05; 3. Catherine Musatics (LC), 115.50
100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:06.23; 2. Reid (LC), 1:09.95; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:09.96
100 freestyle: 1. Kent (LF), 1:02.21; 2. Anthony (LF), 1:03.19; 3. Cabadas (LC), 1:05.7
500 freestyle: 1. Cote (LF), 5:28.97; 2. D'Annunzio (LC), 6:20.22; 3. Studzinski (LF), 6:23.87
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote, Douglas, Kent, Haymour), 1:50.47; 2. Churchill, 1:58.14; 3. Franklin, 2:02.53
100 backstroke: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:04.04; 2. Jessica Gilbert (LF), 1:16.26; 3. Emily Parker (LC), 1:16.65
100 breaststroke: 1. Haymour (LF), 1:24.71; 2. Meghan McGowan (LC), 1:27.24; 3. Ural (LC), 1:19.62
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote, Douglas, Kent, Haymour), 4:07.13; 2. Churchill, 4:22.00; 3. Franklin, 4:32.12
Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-0 overall; Churchill, 1-3 overall.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 125
WAYNE MEMORIAL 60
Sept. 20 at Wayne
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:09.71; 2. Ladywood, 2:26.75; 3. Wayne, 2:31.5
200 freestyle: 1. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:17.46; 2. Sadie Earnest (WM), 2:22.03; 3. Courtney Lyskawa (LL), 2:28.19
200 individual medley: 1. Keri Santolu (LL), 2:33.2; 2. Chelsea Rendles (WM), 2:35.46; 3. Brinkman (LL), 2:41.6
50 freestyle: 1. Madelynne Beville (WM), 27.74; 2. Kelly (LL), 28.19; 3. Nameth (LL), 28.29
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 168.60 points; 2. Verlee Knuth (LL), 124.40; 3. Emily Hadash (LL), 93.90
100 butterfly: 1. Brinkman (LL), 1:09.65; 2. Rendles (WM), 1:11.01; 3. Hodges (LL), 1:14.48
100 freestyle: 1. Beville (WM), 1:01.13; 2. Kelly (LL), 1:02.76; 3. Sarah Ledford (LL), 1:12.41

500 freestyle: 1. Wilson (LL), 6:16.04; 2. Earnest (WM), 6:24.77; 3. Lyskawa (LL), 6:44.16
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Santelu, Brinkman, Nameth, Hodges), 1:54.9; 2. Wayne, 1:59.74; 3. Ladywood, 2:14.01
100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:09.15; 2. Santelu (LL), 1:13.02; 3. Amanda Hill (WM), 1:25.41
100 breaststroke: 1. Nameth (LL), 1:22.66; 2. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:26.58; 3. Krystie Crandall (WM), 1:31.16
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Kelly, Santelu, Wilson, Hodges), 4:16.81; 2. Wayne, 4:25.66; 3. Wayne, 5:50.09
Dual meet records: Ladywood, 3-1 overall; Wayne, 1-4 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 102
NORTHVILLE 84
Sept. 18 at Northville
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Laura Timson, Kaylee Dolinski, Blake Holtz), 1:57.92
200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N), 1:58.14; 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:58.27
200 individual medley: 1. Gordon (LS), 2:13.59; 2. Timson (LS), 2:16.48
50 freestyle: 1. Bryn Marecki (LS), 25.25; 2. Holtz (LS), 26.88
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 214.15 points
100 butterfly: 1. Emily Hopcian (N), 1:02.74; 3. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:04.44
100 freestyle: 1. Marecki (LS), 53.67
500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:22.06
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Dolinski, Holtz, Hatt), 1:44.89
100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:02.54; 3. Holycross (LS), 1:05.56
100 breaststroke: 1. Timson (LS), 1:11.56; 3. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:16.57
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Hatt, Gordon, Timson), 3:42.19
Stevenson's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 101
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Sept. 18 at Franklin
200 medley relay: 1. Franklin (Jordan Haymour, Natalie Cote, Kayla Douglas, Katie Kent), 2:04.04; 2. Franklin, 2:24.2
200 freestyle: 1. Douglas (LF), 2:09.27; 3. Haymour (LF), 2:14.58
200 individual medley: 1. Cote (LF), 2:22.7
50 freestyle: 1. Kent (LF), 28.38; 2. Colleen Anthony (LF), 28.71
1-meter diving: 1. Krell (Y), 147.00
100 butterfly: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:08.66
100 freestyle: 1. Jessica Gilbert (LF), 1:07.19; 3. Grace Modes (LF), 1:11.99
500 freestyle: 1. Kolin (Y), 5:56.07; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 6:27.23
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ypsilanti (Korte, Kolin, Elliott, Krell), 1:57.83; 2. Franklin, 1:58.67
100 backstroke: 1. Cote (LF), 1:05.25; 2. Dominique Jordan (LF), 1:16.8; 3. Gilbert (LF), 1:18.78
100 breaststroke: 1. Liederbach (Y), 1:20.0; 2. Anthony (LF), 1:28.45; 3. Rose Carpenter (LF), 1:31.77
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote, Douglas, Kent, Haymour), 4:04.11
Franklin's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

CANTON 7

WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
Sept. 21 at Canton
NO. 1 SINGLES: Kevin Erdmann (WM) defeated David Kang, 7-6(2), 6-2;
NO. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Mike Hicks, 6-3, 6-0;
NO. 3: Riley Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Tommy Pattenaude, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-4;
NO. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Eric Robertson, 6-2, 6-1.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Andrew Morton-Kanav Mahotra, 6-1, 6-1;
NO. 2: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Brandon Harnos-Jack Zimmerman, 6-1, 6-2;
NO. 3: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Jesse English-Austin Hassen, 6-1, 6-0;
NO. 4: Rob Mills-John Masley (C) def. D.J. Bentley-Keandre Williams, 6-3, 6-3.
DUAL MEET RECORDS: Canton, 5-2 Western Lakes Activities Association; Wayne, 3-7 overall, 1-7 WLAA.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 4
Sept. 19 at Plymouth
NO. 1 SINGLES: Gino McConathy (LS) defeated Dan Jeong, 6-2, 6-3.
NO. 2: Steve Ostrowski (P) def. Erik Koch, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
NO. 3: Anoop Gopal (P) def. Anthony Hage, 6-2, 6-2.
NO. 4: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-2, 6-0.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Mike Gracco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Ryan Kolesar-Matt Dwan, 6-3, 6-0.
NO. 2: Ben Bagazinski-Alex Cook (LS) def. Max Korpaliski-Pat Bailey, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.
NO. 3: Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell (LS) def. Adam Skubic-Max Ryan, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.
NO. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Matt Nguyen-Clayton Northey, 7-6, 6-1.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-11 overall, 5-11 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6

WAYNE MEMORIAL 2
Sept. 19 at Wayne
NO. 1 SINGLES: Kevin Erdmann (WM) def. Walter Woods, 6-2, 6-1.
NO. 2: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Mike Hicks, 6-0, 6-1.
NO. 3: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Chad Dorton, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
NO. 4: Garrett Gumm (LF) def. Nick Martin, 6-2, 6-3.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Dan Camilleri-Tony Semonick (LF) def. Andrew Morton-Eric Robertson, 6-4, 6-3.
NO. 2: Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick (LF) def. Brandon Harnos-Kanav Mahotra, 6-3, 7-5.
NO. 3: Nate Spaese-Nick Wegela (LF) def. Josh Phillips-Shahid Hussain, 6-3, 6-2.
NO. 4: Skene Milne-Walt Afonso (LF) def. Jesse English-Austin Hassen, 6-3, 6-0.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-6 overall, 2-5 WLAA; Wayne, 3-6 overall, 1-6 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 6

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
Sept. 19 at W.L. Central
NO. 1 SINGLES: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Eric Hamann, 6-1 (5-7), 6-4, 6-3.
NO. 2: Derek Mitchell (WLC) def. Rob Fraser, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.
NO. 3: Ryan Hulteen (WLC) def. Alex Colosimo, 7-5, 6-2.
NO. 4: Gordie German (WJG) def. Kyle Yanalunas, 6-4, 6-3.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Matt Muller-Kyle Smiley (WLC) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 2: Jake Paulson-Jared Goltz (WLC) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-2.
NO. 3: Vinnie Vuichon-Kevin Walker (WLC) def. Zach Edwards-Matt Starkey, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 4: Mustafa Kahn-Paul Gregory (WLC) won by forfeit.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-8 overall, 0-8 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8

WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Sept. 18 at Churchill
NO. 1 SINGLES: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Mike Hicks, 6-1, 6-4.

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NO. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Tommy Pattenaude, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 4: Alex Cios (LC) def. Nick Martin, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Andrew Morton-Eric Robertson, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 2: Eric Slusarski-Erik Newman (LC) def. Kanav Mahotra-Brandon Harnos, 6-1, 6-4.
NO. 3: Mike Appel-Cameron Norscia (LC) def. Josh Phillips-Austin Hassen, 6-4, 6-0.
NO. 4: Andy Clark-Mike Houghan (LC) def. Jesse English-D.J. Bentley, 6-1, 6-0.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 6-2-1 overall, 4-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Wayne, 3-4 overall, 1-4 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
Sept. 18 at John Glenn
NO. 1 SINGLES: Tim Smolen (WJG) def. Steve Trapp, 6-4, 6-1.
NO. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Rob Fraser, 6-1, 6-2.
NO. 3: Tony Semonick (LF) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-1.
NO. 4: Gordie German (WJG) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Chad Dorton-Garrett Gumm (LF) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 2: Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick (LF) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Shahid Hussain, 6-1, 6-0.
NO. 3: Nate Spaese-Nick Wegela (LF) def. Khari Stargell-Nick Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 4: Skene Milne-Walt Afonso (LF) def. Matt Starkey-Jacob Toarmina, 6-1, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-6 overall, 1-5 WLAA; John Glenn, 1-0 overall, 0-7 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7

WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
Sept. 17 at W.L. Western
NO. 1 SINGLES: Mike Chou (WLW) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-2, 6-2.
NO. 2: Garek Ng (WLW) def. Mike Hicks, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.
NO. 3: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Brad Stone, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2.
NO. 4: Arjun Mahajan (WLW) def. Nick Martin, 6-2, 6-0.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Lenny Kugal-Blair Grolberman (WLW) def. Andrew Morton-Eric Robertson, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 2: Dan Wang-Adam Goldman (WLW) def. Austin Hassen-Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-2.
NO. 3: Tom Delpy-Michiro Watanabe (WLW) def. Josh Phillips-Jack Zimmerman, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.
NO. 4: Jeremy Gomez-Josh Feinberg (WLW) def. Jesse English-D.J. Bentley, 6-2, 6-2.
Wayne's dual meet record: 3-4 overall, 1-4 WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 7

LIVONIA STEVENSON 1
Sept. 17 at Stevenson
NO. 1 SINGLES: Gino McConathy (LS) defeated Melvin Joseph, 6-1, 6-0.
NO. 2: Steve Irvine (N) def. Ian Petty, 6-3, 6-2.
NO. 3: Tim Wasielewski (N) def. Chris Martin, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).
NO. 4: Mike Hagan (N) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Andy Mills-Graham McHenry (N) def. Mike Gracco-Pat McHugh, 6-3, 6-2.
NO. 2: Lee Schechter-Phil Irvine (N) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey, 7-5, 6-0.
NO. 3: Dan Mills-Brian Lovett (N) def. Alex Cook-Ben Bagazinski, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.
NO. 4: Nick Kalweit-Evan Gatz (N) def. Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell, 6-0, 6-0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 6-1 overall, 5-1 WLAA; Stevenson, 6-1 overall, 5-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 2
Sept. 17 at Churchill
NO. 1 SINGLES: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Eric Hamann, 6-2, 6-3.
NO. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Derek Mitchell, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Ryan Hulteen, 6-3, 6-3.
NO. 4: Alex Cios (LC) def. Kyle Yanalunas, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Kyle Smiley-Matt Muller, 7-5, 6-1.
NO. 2: Eric Slusarski-Erik Newman (LC) def. Jake

Paulson-Jared Goltz, 6-3, 6-0.
NO. 3: Vinnie Vuichon-Kevin Walker (WLC) def. John Tabor-Zwinn Deng, 6-2, 6-2.
NO. 4: Mustafa Kahn-Paul Gregory (WLC) def. Pat Moroney-Cameron Norscia, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-3).
Dual meet record: Churchill, 5-2-1 overall, 3-2 WLAA.

SALEM 8

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 17 at John Glenn
NO. 1 SINGLES: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 2: Brett Foster (S) def. Rob Fraser, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 3: Dion Walker (S) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Gordie German, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (S) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 2: Tyler Jeleniewski-Ryan Aubert (S) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Shahid Hussain, 6-0, 6-1.
NO. 3: Alex Porambo-Parth Patel (S) def. Khari Stargell-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 4: Bohdan Pelekh-Andy Reyes (S) def. Matt Starkey-Zach Edwards, 6-1, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1 WLAA; John Glenn, 1-6 overall, 0-6 WLAA.

CANTON 8

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Sept. 17 at Canton
NO. 1 SINGLES: David Kang (C) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.
NO. 2: Mike Darouie (C) def. Walter Woods, 6-3, 6-2.
NO. 3: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony Semonick, 6-3, 6-1.
NO. 4: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-2, 6-3.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Ryan Hollingsworth-Rickey Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Chad Dorton-Garrett Gumm, 6-0, 6-1.
NO. 2: Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga (C) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Warrick, 6-2, 6-1.
NO. 3: David Ding-Ryan Evans (C) def. Nate Spaese-Nick Wegela, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.
NO. 4: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Skene Milne-Walt Afonso, 6-3, 6-1.
Franklin's dual meet record: 0-6 overall, 0-5 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6

WAYNE MEMORIAL 2
Sept. 14 at Wayne
NO. 1 SINGLES: Chris Martin (LS) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
NO. 2: Erik Koch (LS) def. Mike Hicks, 6-4, 6-4.
NO. 3: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Anthony Hage, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.
NO. 4: Nick Martin (WM) def. Matt Nguyen, 6-2, 7-6.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Andrew Morton-Kanav Mahotra, 6-1, 6-2.
NO. 2: Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell (LS) def. Brandon Harnos-Eric Robertson, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.
NO. 3: Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse (LS) def. Josh Phillips-Austin Hassen, 6-2, 6-2.
NO. 4: Kyle Fan-Giang Nguyen (LS) def. KeAndre Williams-Jesse English, 6-4, 6-2.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLAA; Wayne, 3-3 overall, 1-3 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 8

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 14 at Plymouth
NO. 1 SINGLES: Steve Ostrowski (P) defeated Tim Smolen, 7-5, 6-0.
NO. 2: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Rob Fraser, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
NO. 3: Anoop Gopal (P) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-4.
NO. 4: Matt Dwan (P) def. Gordie German, 6-3, 6-2.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Nick Giromont-Ryan Kolesar (P) def. Jacory Frowner-Zach Ernat, 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 2: Pat Bailey-Max Korpaliski (P) def. Jeremy Proffitt-Shahid Hussain, 6-4, 6-2.
NO. 3: Punit Saxena-Tejas Joshi (P) def. Khari Stargell-Zach Edwards, 6-0, 6-0.
NO. 4: Wen Ning-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Nick Hubbard-Chris Tolentino, 6-1, 6-3.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-2 WLAA; Glenn 1-5 overall, 0-5 WLAA.

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5 principles for a long and happy marriage

A happy long-term marriage is the goal that most married couples have set for themselves. Many marriage services include the phrase "til death do us part," or something similar to state the intent that this relationship is for the long term.

Another phrase found in Christian ceremonies states that "what God has joined together let no one separate." So, that once the marriage covenant, or agreement, has been made, and in Jewish services and some Christian services, the documents signed before the



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

congregation, the couple has declared their hopes, intentions, and commitment that this is not just a dream but a reality they expect to attain. These five principles, from Olsen and Stephens, help to keep a long-term marriage in focus.

Principle 1: Commitment — This involves taking the long view of marriage. By taking the long view you declare your intention to

work through problems, crises and even heartaches. You put aside the myth that there is an ideal soul mate out there; you focus on who you are in relationship to your partner. Commitment means that you will fall in and out of love. Love is a verb. See what you can do to change yourself. Change yourself along the lines of how would I like my marriage to be. Treat your partner that way.

Principle 2: Life is Difficult — Do not surrender when you are discouraged. Because life always changes there will always be ups and downs, both anticipated and unanticipated. You must constantly nurture your relationship to help get through the tough times and really enjoy the good ones. You must be able to adapt. Crises can push people apart. It will never be the same; what must you do to move with and through change. Celebrate when you have come through a tough moment.

Principle 3: Self-Focus and Self-Definition — Always ask yourself, what did I contribute to this interaction, be it argument or agreement. This allows you to see what you brought to the relationship and how appropriate or helpful it continues to be. It may be time to change it or rework part of yourself. Even in the bad times and when you are anxious be sure to define yourself. Know what you believe and stand for as you face a situation. Your self-definition may need to change but at least you know where you start. Intimacy is only really achieved when two people know intimately who they are. You must be sure and confident of yourself. You cannot become who your partner wants you to become. You can only be yourself.

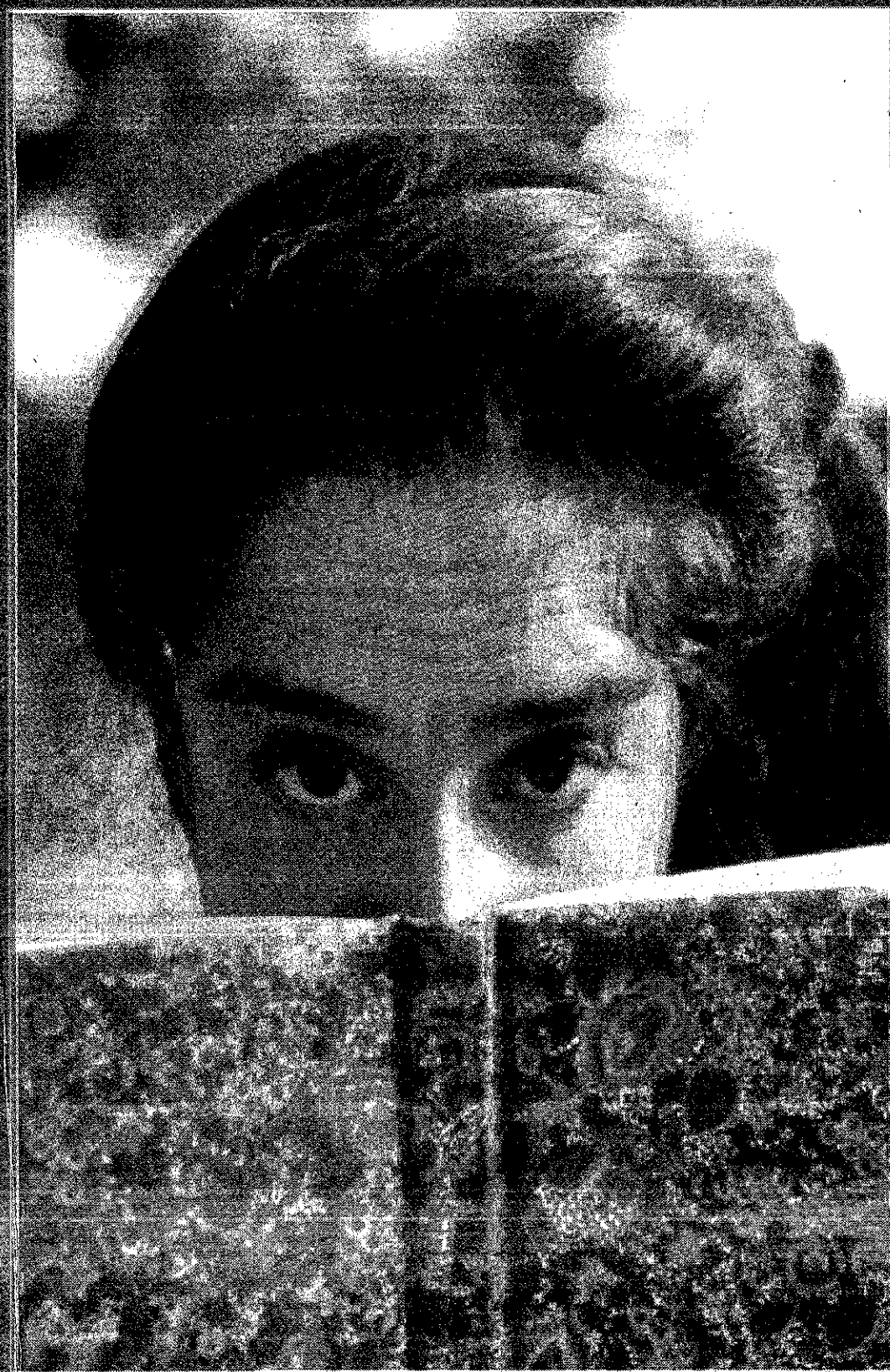
Principle 4: Be Proactive, Not Reactive — Don't respond automatically but think about how you can be the best for yourself, and the relationship in the given situation. Watch yourself; don't wait. Move toward your partner. You begin the repairs.

Principle 5: Acceptance — Accept your partner for who he/she is. That is what you crave for yourself; that is also what your partner wants.

Don't accept unacceptable behavior. But don't try to change your partner's personality. See your partner for who he/she is. Work toward giving your partner a gift many religious traditions talk about: acceptance. These are not magic tricks. But these principles are guides to help you shape and hopefully give long life to your marriage.

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Stories come to life at festival



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Virginia Kennedy and her grandchildren look forward to the Detroit Story League's Storytelling Festival in the Livonia Civic Center all year. Last fall, Will, 6, was invited up on stage to sing as part of the interactive children's portion of the family program which takes place this year on Saturday.

"It's geared for kids age 5 and older. They get involved and have a good time," said Virginia Kennedy, festival chairperson.

Once again this year, Will and Rachel, 10, join Kennedy for the 25th annual Storytelling Festival, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29. The two-day event spotlights adult and family performances as well as offers the opportunity to learn the art of storytelling during workshops. Storytellers include Beth Horner from Illinois (www.BethHorner.com); Tim Tingle from Texas (www.choctawstoryteller.com), and Nya Russell, a 10-year-old who's performed at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History nearly one dozen times. Russell is a fourth grade student at Adler Elementary in Southfield.

"The adult program opens Friday night with Nya. Beth uses music and humor, Tim is a Choctaw Indian," said Kennedy of Westland. "The tellers were chosen over a year ago to have a variety. The people on the committee are professional storytellers and members of the Detroit Story League."

New this year is a silent auction on Friday night for everything from hand-woven baskets to gift certificates, with proceeds going to the league and for scholarships. We'll have workshops on Saturday with Beth in the morning, a lunchtime story swap when everyone gets to tell. At 1 p.m. there is a choice of three workshops and books will be on sale.

Nya Russell draws on one of her grandfather's folk tales to tell the story of The Old Man. Russell is a member of the Grown Folks Storytelling Team of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers. Her mother Kimika Fowler said Russell began telling stories about three years ago.

"It's a story about reaching for the stars, about doing it best and being the best you can. It's a funny story, too," said Nya, who wants to be a speaker and an architect when she grows up. "Storytelling is just fun."

Kennedy joined the Detroit Story League 10 years ago after enjoying a storytelling performance with a friend. The organization meets monthly at libraries and senior centers around the area, and in August at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Dues are \$40 for the league which welcomes new members.

"I love storytelling. Every teller has their own style and you meet nice people," said Kennedy. "Oral storytelling is important. We're a service organization. A Birmingham school just called to have someone tell Halloween stories."

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What: A two-day event featuring storytelling and workshops
When: Adult story night 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28; workshops and family program 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road
Cost: \$12 for adult story night, \$40 workshops, \$45 for full program, \$2 per person for family program,
Info: Call Virginia Kennedy at (734) 525-1521 or Barbara Schutzgruber at (734) 761-5118



Read more about the festival at www.detroitstoryleague.com

He Said, She Said

Real, simple tag team therapy for couples

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

They admit they're opposites, but that's what makes their marriage and their relationship counseling practice work so well.

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"We're just people and we've had our own problems and dealt with those problems," said Ellen. "There's a certain chemistry that exists between us and it's way more powerful than either of us alone."

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Supporters shout about 3-Day Walk to fight breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Pam Jones admits to being a little nervous about speaking to a Detroit Tigers' crowd of about 40,000 at Comerica Park in early September, but telling everyone about the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk was important. Breast cancer is a devastating disease and the Livonia woman would shout it from the rooftops if it helps spread the word about the weekend event to raise money for breast cancer research and community outreach programs through Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

Jones and the Hines Pink Panthers have already worked hard to raise over \$72,000 and as of Friday was number four in the rating of top teams. Now the fun begins.

On Friday, Sept. 28, hundreds of walkers leave Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills on the first leg of the route that ends at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn on Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, they'll walk 20 miles each day to a camp where they'll be fed and stay overnight. Jones prepared for the 60-mile walk by

BREAST CANCER 3-DAY

What: A walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund breast cancer research and community outreach and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives

When: Begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills, concludes with ceremony at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

To register: Visit www.the3day.org or call (800) 996-3DAY

training and joining a gym in Farmington. She coaches the girls and boys bowling teams at Clarenceville High School as well as manages Country Lanes Bowling Center in Farmington Hills.

"I would like people in the area and the community to know how big the 3-Day is. Last year we brought in over \$6 million after months of preparation and hours of fund-raising. Each walker must raise at least \$2200. When you see people walk-



In 2006, Rose Cerroni (left), Pam Jones of Livonia, and Janet Polidori of Northville walked 60-miles in 3-days to raise money for breast cancer research and outreach programs for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

ing honk your horn, scream out or wave as we're going by, it's so motivating to keep moving," said Jones, who grew up in Plymouth. Jones husband Keith and sons Scott 20, Andy, 18, will be cheering her on. "I started doing the

walks in 2005 just because I wanted to make a difference in something that I thought was reachable. Breast cancer is so close to so many people. It seems no matter who you talk to they have a connection to breast cancer."

Jones doesn't walk only in the Michigan fund-raiser. In August she participated in the 3-Day in Chicago. When she was planning to judge a rabbit show in Dallas, Jones simply made arrangements to walk in the 3-Day there. Jones has raised Netherland Dwarf rabbits since 1972 and then went on to become a licensed judge. "My sister-in-law passed away 12 years ago at age 46 from breast cancer," said Jones. "Another friend was diagnosed three weeks ago at 33 with an 8-month-old baby."

Like Jones, Tracy Simons lost her best friend to breast cancer. She was in her 30s and had four children. In 1999, Simons suffered an even greater loss when her 61-year-old mother died of breast cancer.

"She wasn't able to be at my wedding or part of Danielle's life," said Simons referring to her daughter, "and I don't want other women to go through it."

This year Simons is working on the all volunteer CREW for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk for the first time. The Plymouth woman had walked the 60-miles annually since 2002, but caring for her 22-month old daughter Danielle prevents her from

going the distance this year. "The CREW are the people who man the pit stops. There are over 400 CREW members for the Michigan walk. You pay a \$90 registration fee and are asked to raise \$250 but it is optional, but the more you raise, the more money goes to breast cancer," said Simons. "The money helps pay for T-shirts, food, medical care although the bulk of medical staff is volunteers."

This year Simons donated \$200 in addition to the registration fee.

"When I was walking I loved the crew. They wanted to make sure we had a good time," said Simons. "There are about 10 to 12 pit stops a day. Every two to three miles there is food, snacks, porta potty, and medical crew to help with any blister care. Walking 20 miles a day gets a little tiring and boring and the CREW helps make it fun."

"Then there is the Gear and Pit Bags CREW for the clothing and sleeping bags. They ask the walkers and crew to limit their gear to 35-pounds. The camps are all organized in two-person tents with shower trucks, caterers for huge dining tents.

"It's a mini village set up for Friday, Saturday."

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The workshop meets 6-9 p.m. Friday, or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, in Room 251 in the Science Building on campus. In addition, the lab will be open starting at 4 p.m. for the Friday section and the lab will stay open until 2 p.m. for the Saturday section for additional beadmaking time. No workshop Nov. 23-24.

Miller is a faculty member in the natural sciences department at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has taught beadmaking for 10 years at the university.

The cost is \$325 and includes all instructional and material fees. Enrollment is limited.

For more information, call (313) 593-5262 or send e-mail to drmill@umd.umich.edu.

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meeting at their clients' home for a session. They're casual, honest and funny, yet highly skilled in the profession.

Paul and Ellen are not afraid to exchange barbs, debate or argue with each other during a counseling session, as they navigate through the dynamics of the relationship that's under the microscope at that moment.

Unconventional, they admit, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

"We work with couples, as a couple, which adds a different dynamic," said Ellen. "It's often very hard not to ally with one member of the couple."

Men often try to convince the therapist that he is the victim, said Paul.

UNDERSTANDING

"With us, there's a sense of, 'OK, there's somebody in the room who understands me,'" said Paul.

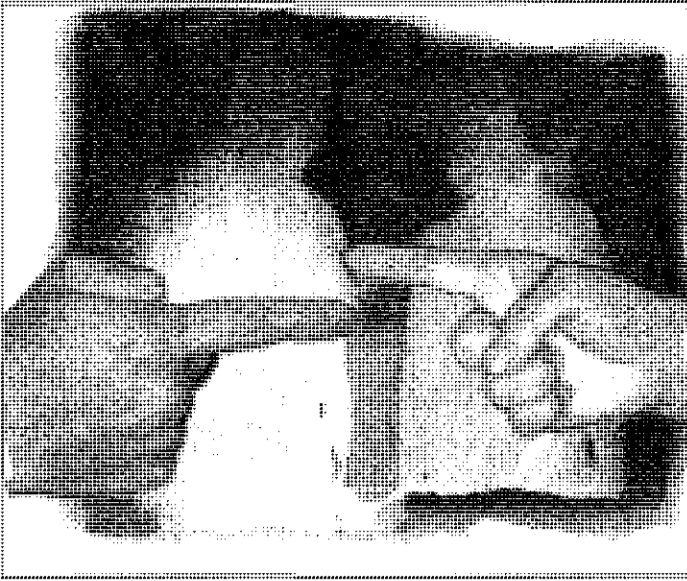
Having the male and female perspective at both sides of the table is important, they said.

"It's sink or swim," said Paul. "If you put it that way to men, they understand."

Keeping it simple and honest is the best avenue for men to identify and work through problems in a relationship, they said.

"We do not have the skill set to handle these emotional issues," said Paul, adding anger and avoidance are common. "It's not that we're incapable, it's just that we've never been allowed to develop that skill set. There's that whole gender socialization thing."

Ellen provides a deeper glimpse into the relationship and fosters the emotional aspects that seem to come easier for women.



"That's the benefit of us working as a couple," said Ellen.

THEIR STORY

When he's not doing couples counseling, Paul is a clinical social worker who works with troubled boys and men.

Ellen is chief clinical officer at Jewish Family Service in West Bloomfield and she teaches social work at the University of Michigan. She also conducts workshops and training sessions on topics ranging from divorce, parenting and domestic violence to single parenting, teen dating abuse and the healing power of friendship.

Paul and Ellen met while pursuing their master's degrees at the University of Michigan.

They've been married nine years and it's the second marriage for both.

Paul comes from a middle class family and he served in the military, while Ellen hails from a privileged, upper-middle class Jewish family.

"We have a ton of differences," said Ellen.

Maybe that's what makes them gel.

"Being married to Ellen and being able to share that special relationship — it's a gift, it's my legacy. It's what was supposed to happen," said Paul. "The work we've done together as a couple is really special and I want to share that with others."

They say marriage is not unconditional — it takes work on both sides. Each is 50 percent responsible to make it work.

They know this because they're living it every day.

"It's our journey, just as much as it's the couple's journey," said Ellen.

"We really empower people, just by being people. We don't feel we need to hide behind being 'professional.' We are just people who have tried some things. We encourage people to work out what's right for them."

For more information about the Chutes, visit their Web site at www.ellanandpaul.com. They will host a workshop on Monday, Sept. 24, at Jewish Family Service in West Bloomfield. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the workshop is from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Call (248) 592-2667 for registration information.

Italian American club to celebrate 30th

The Italian American Club of Livonia celebrates its 30th anniversary as an organization and the 30th annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the club's Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. Reservations must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 28, for the elegant family style dinner.

Tickets are \$60, free for children under age 5. For reservations, call (734) 420-4481.

Co-chairs for the event are Ron Robertson and Georgia Scappaticci.

The evening consists of an elegant dinner followed with music by Intrigue. A special DVD has been prepared to

chronicle the history of the club thanks to Robertson. Ten high school seniors will be presented with Scholarship certificates for \$1,000 each from the club's Charitable Foundation.

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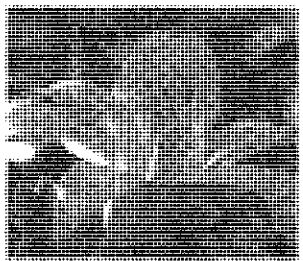
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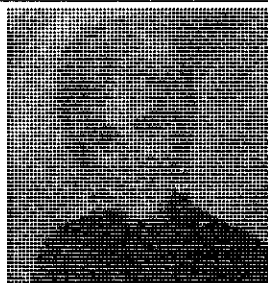


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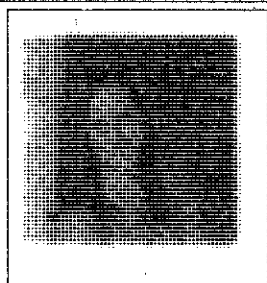
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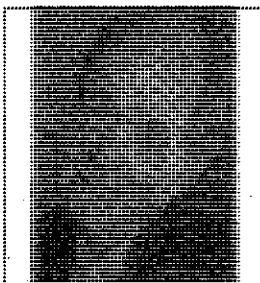
VIVIAN NAGLE

Our elegant, remarkable mother and friend, went peacefully to the Lord on September 12, 2007. Vivian was born June 10, 1917 in Kendallville, IN, the younger of two daughters, to Myrtle and Freedom Bowen. She met her future husband, Edmund G. Nagle - fresh from Cambridge, MA - at a high school tea dance in South Bend, IN where they eventually married on October 17, 1939. Their house was always full of family and friends as they raised their seven children in Mishawaka, IN, Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills, MI, and Ridgewood, NJ, eventually residing in Carlsbad, CA. A convert to Catholicism, Vivian relied on and relayed her strong faith to her children. She was an active member of St. Patrick's parish in Carlsbad for 15 years and, of late, at Our Mother of Confidence in San Diego. Vivian, always impeccably groomed and outfitted, was an excellent "company" wife, mother, hostess, gardener, and bridge player, bringing her family together at the dinner table with her amazing culinary talents. She produced simple baked beans and casseroles or beef Wellington and soufflés with equal delight. Her friends were in awe of her skills in managing a bustling household with ease and grace, while maintaining a busy social schedule. And who can forget her many hobby stages - wall-papering découpage, knitting, crafting? She produced a glorious garden with strangers knocking at her door to "rent" her potted creations for their social events. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday with great aplomb in her true champagne style of "Live, Laugh, and Love" with great emphasis on "Love". Her essence was always that of giving and sharing - a bright star and truly one of a kind. Vivian is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Edmund G. Nagle (1950), sons, Edmund G. Nagle, Jr. (Jerry) (2000) and John (1979). She is survived by her children, Jane Hargrove (John) of San Diego, Joseph Nagle (Maude) of Hamilton, OH, James Nagle (Diane) of Poway, CA, Jeff Nagle (Janet) of Carlsbad, CA and Jill Ganey (John) also of Carlsbad, as well as 15 grandchildren - David, Kristin, Anne, Hilary, Kelly, Adam, Katie H., Ryan, Sean, Cory, Katie N., Patrick, Jim, John, and Shea. How she enjoyed having them around her especially at the annual Christmas Eve celebration! Friends and family are invited to a celebration of her life at a Resurrection Mass on Monday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. A rosary will be recited on Sunday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will take place at White Chapel, Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Mother of Confidence Church or Odyssey Hospice, 9444 Balboa Ave, Suite 290, San Diego, CA 92123.



BRITTANY ELLEN OWENS

Age 19, of Plymouth, passed away September 19, 2007. Born on July 1, 1988 to loving parents Carl and Sally. Brittany graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 2006. She attended Schoolcraft College, working on her degree in Criminal Justice. Brittany loved the outdoors, snowboarding, camping, and having bonfires with her family and her friends. The most important part of Brittany's life was her family. She had a love for all animals, especially elephants. Survived by her sisters Kelly and Heather and her brother Robert. Beloved granddaughter of Burnice Baney. Loving niece of John (Carole) Eichler, Gene (Darlene) Owens and Robin Eichler. Dear cousin of Jennie (Matt) Cipriano, Carrie Eichler, Kristen (Chris) Raab, Jennie Eichler, Brent Owens, and Geanine (Bill) Niverson. Preceded in death by her uncle Walter Eichler. Funeral from the First United Methodist Church 45201 North Territorial Rd, Plymouth Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 1:00pm with visitation beginning at 12:30pm. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth Sunday 2-9pm and Monday 1-9pm. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



ROGER D. BROWNING

Age 79, of Farmington, September 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Nancy of 55 years. Dear father of Barbara Gaddy, Diane Browning and Susan (Russ) Justice and father-in-law to Rob Gaddy. Loving grandfather to Brian, David, Matthew and Emma. Brother of Russell and Patricia. Visitation Friday 3-5 pm and 6-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Saturday 10:30 am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville until time of service at 11 am. Contributions may be made to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church or Parkinson Foundation.

FRANK "Dick" HARDING

Hamburg, MI. Formerly of Farmington & Northport, MI

HIS LEGACY.....

Age 80. Passed away September 11, 2007. Dick was born November 3, 1926 in Minot North Dakota to Frank and Margaret Harding. On August 20, 1944, Frank married his beloved wife of 57 years Peggy, who preceded his death on March 7, 2002. Frank taught math in the Livonia School District for many years and retired in 1986 to Northport, MI

HIS FAMILY.....

Dick is the loving father of Lois (Don) Belanger of Hamburg, Barbara (Randy) Bimes of PA., Margaret (George) Coggins of KS., Richard (Debbie) Harding of TX., dearest grandfather of 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

HIS FAREWELL.....

A Simple Farewell will be held at 2PM on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel with his grandson Mr. Todd Mitchell as celebrant. The family will gather with friends from 12noon until the time of the farewell service. Memorial contributions are suggested to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org. Please leave a Message of Comfort to his family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guest book at borekjennings.com

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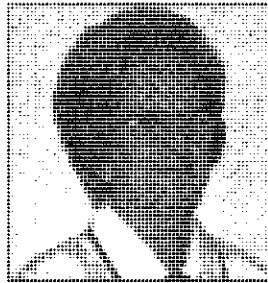
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ALICE DAUZY O'DONNELL

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 13, 2007, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by loving family members. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred Dauzy and Jessie (Sanford); her first husband, Leonard Peltier; son, Leonard, Jr.; one brother, Louis (and sister-in-law, Farrell) of Detroit, Michigan; and four sisters, Margaret (Johnson) of Iron Mountain, Michigan, Clara (Doto) of Glendale, California, Doris (Swanson) of Iron Mountain, Michigan; and Joan (Anderson) of Negaunee, Michigan. Surviving are her husband, John; daughters, Mary (Martin) Graff of Raleigh, NC; Barbara Layne of Royal Oak, Michigan; Michele (Edward) Hill of Westerville, Ohio; Colleen (Kevin) Geyer of Troy, Michigan; brother Edward (Ione) of DeLand, Florida; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass will be held at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Inurnment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Fourth Floor, Raleigh, NC 27605.



WILLIAM D. RICHARDS JR. Ph.D.

Vancouver, CA, age 59, died of injuries sustained in an accident at his home on 8-23-07. Son of William & June Richards, Troy MI. Brother of Janet, Bob (Josie), Pat (Becky) and Susan (Steve) Kaitz. Bill was a professor at Simon Fraser University school of Communications, Burnaby, BC, Canada for 31 years, President of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, a published & highly recognized scholar. His sense of humor, passion for life's beauty and dedication to humanity will be missed by all. A Memorial service will be held at Oakland Grove Community Church 850 Ladd Road, off Maple Road West of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, MI on Sept 29 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Myositis Association, ph 800-821-7356

MARSHA SKINNER (nee BRADSHAW)

September 15, 2007, age 70. Beloved Wife of Jerry. Dearest Mother of Jeff (Linda) and Ted (Emily). Loving Grandmother of Bennett, Lilly, Nicholas, and Jessica. Dear Sister of Jim (Carol) Bradshaw and Janet (Tom) Novak. Services were held at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society: www.mccabefuneralhome.com

DIANE YARMY

Age 70 of Tavares, FL, passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2007. Diane was born on May 31, 1937 in Akron, Ohio to Arthur and Anna Conger. She moved to Central Florida area from Michigan in 1995. While in Michigan, she worked at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church as Christian Education Director and as a Preschool Teacher. Diane is survived by her loving husband, Richard Yarmy; two sons, Michael (Laurette) and Richard Yarmy (Susan) both of Royal Oak, MI; one daughter, Suzanne (Eric) Stromberg of Livonia MI; one brother Ken Conger of Mars PA; one sister Joan Adams of N. Canton, OH; and her eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be held from 2-3PM on Sunday, September 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, on Five Mile Road, just west of Inkster. Memorials may be made in Mrs. Yarmy's name to National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163.

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ANNIVERSARIES



Michaels celebrate 45th anniversary
Leonard and Carol Michaels of West Bloomfield are celebrating their 45th anniversary. They were married Nov. 3, 1962. They have two children, Robert Michaels and Kelly Soluk. They have two grandchildren.



Novaks celebrate 25th anniversary
William and Nancy Novak of Livonia are celebrating their 25th anniversary. The Novaks were married Oct. 23, 1982. They have two children, Zachary and Emily.



Pedersons celebrate 50 years
Sever and Vonnie Pederson of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 7 at the Crown Plaza Hotel surrounded by friends and family. The Pedersons have three married children: Daniel Pederson and his wife, Anna Marie, of Monroe; David Pederson and his wife, Debbie, from Wheaton, Ill.; and Anne VonGunten and her husband, Ron, from Noblesville, Ind. They have 10 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS



Brown-Hardin
Erin Nicole Brown and David Matthew Hardin were married July 14, 2007, in Hawaii with the Rev. Rosemary Hill officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia. She is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of the College of Creative Studies. She is employed as a production designer at Click Media in California. The groom is the son of Wendy Hardin of St. Clair Shores and Bill and Pam Hardin of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North and a 2004 graduate of the College of Creative Studies. He is a senior animator at Sony Pictures in California. The bride was attended by Erica Brown and Katie Brown, twin sisters of the bride and maids of honor and by friend Leslie Mason and the groom's sister Jenny Hardin.

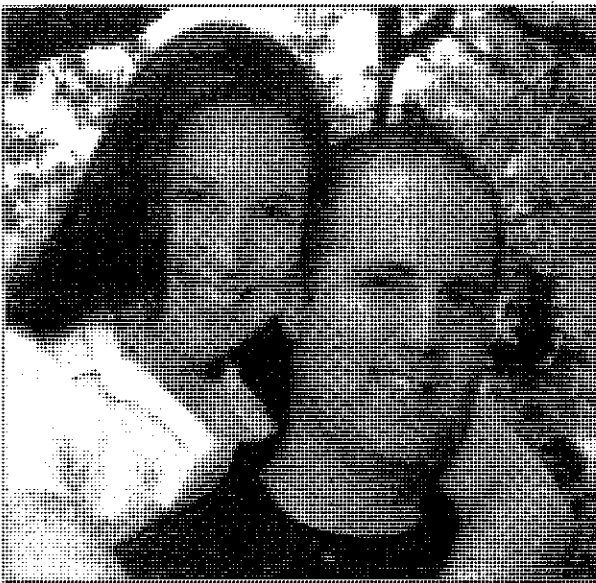
The groom was attended by his brother and best man Steve Hardin and Justin Bott, Avedis Ekmekjian, Garrett Kelley, George Kokos and Jason Parent. A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands.



Brown-Conover
Courtney Jane Brown of Westland and Scott Conover of Freehold, N.J., were married July 7, 2007, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia with Judge Sandra Cicirelli. The bride is the daughter of Gene and Orvetta Brown of Wayne, Michigan. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed as the deputy mayor of Westland. The groom is the son of Sandra Conover of Freehold, N.J. He is a graduate of Freehold Borough High School and Purdue University. He is a former offensive lineman for the Detroit Lions. He is currently studying culinary arts at the Art Institute in New York City and is a spokesperson for the NutriSystem for Men Program. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

ENGAGEMENT



Allen-Hachey
Michael and Chery Allen of Clinton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Diane Allen, to Joshua Joseph Hachey, son of Frank and Debbie Hachey of Livonia. The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's degree in construction management from Wayne State University. She is employed as a project engineer for Barton Malow. The prospective groom received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. A Nov. 23 wedding is planned for Bethel Baptist Church followed by a reception at Best Western Sterling Inn. The couple will honeymoon at the Mayan Riviera in Mexico.

BIRTH

Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez
Michael and Melissa Rodriguez of Superior Township (formerly of Canton) announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez.

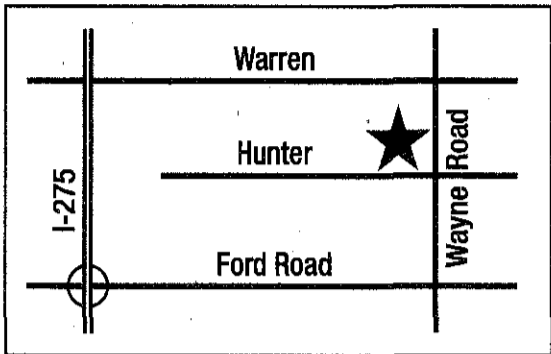
Brooklyn Alaina was born Aug. 26, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has an older brother, Caleb. Grandparents are Michael and Mary

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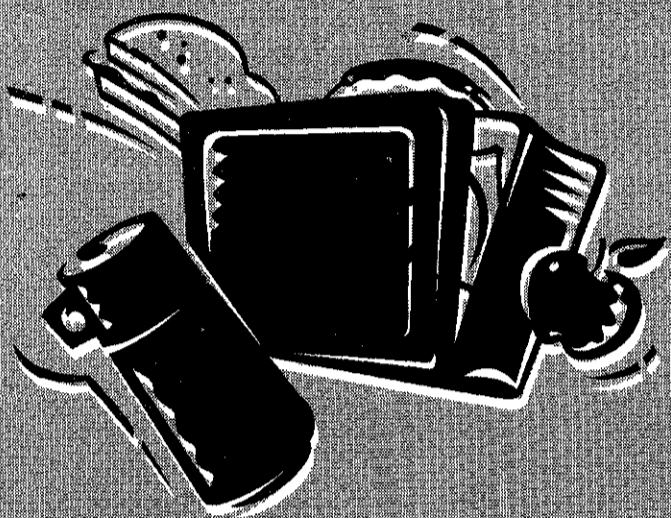
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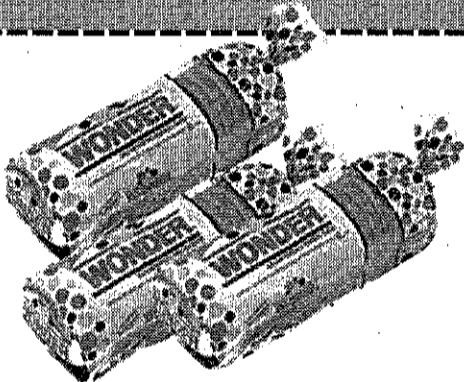
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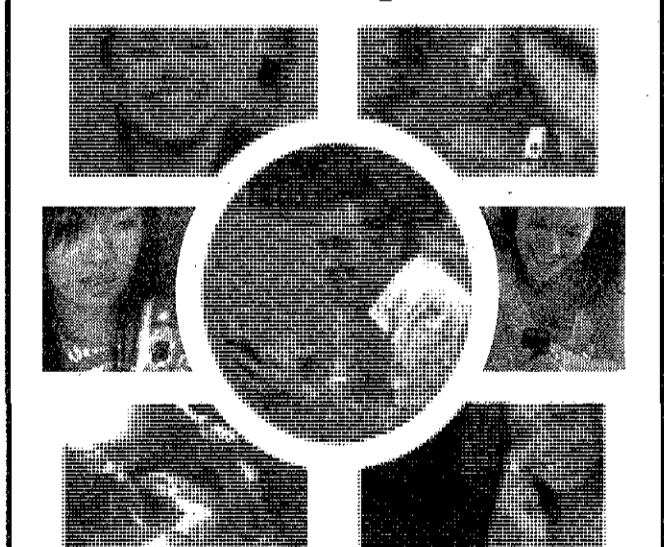
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BUSY GIRL

Very cute SWPF 48, looks 35 on a bad day, 5'11.5, brown, wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life, take a chance and leave message. ☎218523

FRIENDS FIRST

WJWF 68, 5'8", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking, looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎962304

SEEKING FRIEND

DWCF 59, 5'2", locks much younger, N/S, ND, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. ☎656264

FUN AND SIMPLE

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

YOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING

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

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

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

HITHERE

SWF 48, blonde/blue, 5'5", slim, enjoys outdoor activities, sports, NASCAR cooking, reading and animals. Seeking compatible man to share talks, casual dates and then who knows? ☎228166

HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212730

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 120lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891267

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...

A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call ☎224746

HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful home, seeking compatible man to share life. ☎218523

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SBCF 38, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies, for friendship, possible romance. ☎159389

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...

wanted, 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-65 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. ☎218523

BUSY GIRL

Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5'11.5, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. ☎230116

HITHERE

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

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF 37, attractive, trustworth, down-to-earth, with grown son like walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. ☎220303

MAYBE US

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

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE

SBF 40, curvy, seeking a SM, 40-50, masculine, who likes watching movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

DO-WOP TO CLASSICS

DWCF 56, 5'4", N/S, with traditional values, shapely blond, enjoys concerts, dining, classic cars, the lake, dancing, ISO gentleman, N/S, 50+, classic, 50+, for dating, open to new activities, Rochester. ☎228222

IS IT YOU?

SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving. Love, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. ☎228704

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWM, 58-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎963381

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

SWF 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing, traveling, seeking a WJWF, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207161

OLD SCHOOL GIRL...

looking for old school guy. SBF 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. ☎186572

LIFE IS TO SHORT

SWF 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a WJWF, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 50-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎189112

GOOD TIMES

Hard-working, present, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF 38, education, D/D-free, in search of SM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED

Elbony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. ☎217056

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Employed, easygoing SBF 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic, car/cars shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. ☎200926

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWCF 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde hair, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. ☎962549

CLASSY LADY

SBF 38, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SM, 35-48, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, wood/more's caring, nice-looking, 6'3", 156lbs, N/S, ND, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎222583

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U

Laid-back, nice SBF 42, N/S, ND, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. ☎203055

SINCERE ONLY

SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, easy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210570

HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎219418

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWCF 63, 5'2", Italian brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves fun, for dating. ☎220908

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...

strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. ☎235816

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out, Seeking lady bear type SM, 35-45, race open, attractive, nice and out, humorous, out-dy, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

MAKE ME LAUGH

DWCF 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎206652

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, theater, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

WIDOW

Blonde hair, green eyes, 120lbs, 65-year-old SWF, N/S, I enjoy the theater, travel, music, musicals, dining and anything fun. Seeking SWM, 63-66, with similar interests. ☎224393

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWF 69, 5'4", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. ☎220267

MAYBE US?

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

COULD IT BE YOU?

Employed SWF 50, 5'3", blond/nazel enjoys day trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. ☎2227075

ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF 29, 5'5", easygoing, laid-back, D/D-free, seeking a SM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. ☎198897

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER

SBF 58, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see what we meet. ☎226494

DO YOU EXIST?

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

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WJWF 61, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. ☎222583

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Scrapbookers to raise money for breast cancer fight

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Kunka and her sister Michelle Gates wanted to do something to help the fight against breast cancer so they're coloring their Scrapbook Studio pink.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 28, the Canton store hosts the local Scrap Pink weekend, a nationwide event presented by Better Homes & Gardens' Scrapbooks etc. magazine to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Throughout North America, retailers will invite scrapbookers to create layouts and projects celebrating special women in their lives. The layouts can be entered into a national contest judged by a panel

SCRAP PINK WEEKEND

What: A scrapbooking event to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure

When: Friday 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Sept. 28; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

Where: Scrapbook Studio, 43411 Joy Road in the shopping center on Morton Taylor, Canton

Cost: \$25 a day, or \$65 for all three days. For information, visit www.scrappink.com, call (734) 453-2883, or visit www.scrapbookstudiollc.net.

of scrapbookers, with an

opportunity to win a variety of prizes.

Ten dollars of the cost will be donated to support Komen's mission to find a cure for breast cancer through research, education, screening, and treatment.

"Scrapbook Studio is turning pink. We've secured the vacant building next door and we're totally booked on Saturday," said Mary Kunka who started planning the event with her sister in July. "We'll have different sales that weekend to benefit Komen, stamps, ribbons, and we'll have make and takes, little projects to make in under 15 minutes from a page spread to a greeting card for \$2." Make and take

projects will be available 8-11 p.m. Friday, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

"We'll be selling raffle tickets through the month of October and the money goes to Komen," said Kunka whose paternal grandmother died of breast cancer.

"My mother-in-law, an 18-year survivor, will be in attendance on Sunday. She is my inspiration. She's been through it and survived. This is such a women issue although I know men also get this. My sister and I said we all know someone who's passed away or been diagnosed with breast cancer. We need to think outside of ourselves. We

approached the landlord to have the space next door and he's donating it for the weekend."

Both Kunka and Gates have daughters so it's important that they do everything they can to find a cure. The Susan G. Komen for the Cure's goal is to eradicate the devastating disease. So far the Komen Foundation has invested \$630 million in the fight against breast cancer. For information about breast health or breast cancer, visit www.komen.org or call the Komen Foundation's Toll-Free Breast Care Helpline at 1-800 I'M AWARE (1-800-462-9273).

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Dancers wanted for Nutcracker

Calling all young dancers in the metro Detroit area. Join with ballet dancers as they swirl, twirl and leap across the Fox Theatre stage when Michigan Opera Theatre presents The Nutcracker, featuring the Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra with choreography by Val Caniparoli. Auditions will be held at the Fox Theatre 4-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27.

Audition organizers ask that all girls auditioning wear a dark leotard, pink tights and ballet slippers with their hair pulled back in a bun. Boys should wear a white T-shirt, dark tights and ballet slippers. The minimum age for dancers is 7-years-old. There is no audition fee for dancers. Parents are not admitted to the audition.

Dancers will be broken into the following categories:

Group A - ages 7-10, height up to 4-ft., 11 in. for Baby Mice, Gingers, registration at 4 p.m., audition 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Group B - ages 10-13, height: 4-ft., 9-in. to 5 ft., 1-in. for Party Children, registration 4:45 p.m., audition 5:30-7 p.m.

Group C - ages 12 and up, height 5-ft. to 5-ft., 5-in. for Soldiers, Nurse Mouse, registration at 6:15 p.m., audition 7-8:30 p.m. Nurse Mouse role is on point. Girls must bring pointe shoes to audition for this part.

Call backs will be held the same evening at 8:30 p.m. Dancers may attend more than one audition if they fit the criteria. If needed, dancers should be prepared to stay for more than one audition.

For more information, call (313) 961-3500, ext. 3290, or visit motopera.org.

The Nutcracker will be on-stage at the Fox Theatre, Dec. 6-9. Tickets (\$25-\$100) are on sale now and may be purchased at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (with-out service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. Kids save \$5 on select price levels. For group discounts, call (313) 471-3099. For more information, call (313) 471-6611.

VAAL begins fall classes

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is in the process of beginning its fall classes at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Painting in All Media with Lin Baum, and Creative Painting taught by Marj Chellstorp are just a few of the offering.

Watercolor artist Edee Joppich returns in October with her ever popular classes. New is New Ways with Watercolor.

Workshops will be held on weekdays only due to the cost of custodial fees on Saturdays. Michigan Autumn in Pochoir (French for stencil) is one of the new offerings 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 27, with Canton artist Kay Rowe. The cost is \$70.

Pochoir is a fine art technique that integrates hand-cut stencils into watercolor painting. Students may wish to bring fall bounty such as gourds, cones, Indian corn or photographs for ideas along with an X-acto knife and watercolor supplies. Rowe will provide materials for a small fee.

Chellstorp teaches two new

class on figure painting, and using granulation to fee up watercolor paintings. Back by popular demand is Winter Wonderland in Watercolor by Chellstorp and The Intimate Collage with Joppich. Workshops run in October and November.

For more information about VAAL classes and workshops, call Laraine Walowich at (734) 838-1204.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice yearly exhibits, all open to the public. Members receive reduced tuition fees and participate in show. Planning is underway for the Fall Exhibit in October. Every member meeting Exhibit eligibility (attending at least two meetings prior to show) will be allowed to hang one painting.

The next VAAL meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

Guest artist is Laura Evan, a water colorist and children's book illustrator whose work was published in a book on the Mackinac City Lighthouse.

Evening to raise awareness for Dress for Success Detroit

Dress for Success Detroit and the International Interior Design Association are hosting a fashion show that is sure to change thinking about carpet, wall-covering and other interior design supplies as it opens eyes to a new look in fashion ideas and trends Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 W. Fourth Street. The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by the 6 p.m. fashion show.

Tickets are available at the Royal Oak Music Theater box office or through Ticketmaster.

Local fashion design teams have been selected to transform interior design products into fashion for the show to raise

money and awareness for Dress for Success Detroit, a non-profit that helps disadvantaged women get the tools and accessories they need to enter and thrive in the workplace.

Guests are encouraged to bring clothing donations, preferable interview friendly attire for women. Dress for Success and IIDA volunteers will be on hand to assist with collection of clothing. Receipts will be provided for monetary and clothing contributions. Proceeds from the IIDA Finish2Fashion will be donated to Dress for Success Detroit. Dress for Success Detroit is an international organization that promotes the economic independence of disad-

vantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development programs to help women thrive in work and in life.

The International Interior Design Association is a professional networking and educational association committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in interior design and advancing interior design through knowledge.

Glitz and glamour with hair and makeup will be provided for the models by local salon Palazzolo. In addition, IIDA's Silent Auction, benefiting the Michigan IIDA Student Scholarship Fund, had many items contributed for the event.

Calling all actors to Henry Ford

Henry Ford Community College is holding auditions for a spring production of the musical Oliver! 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

This educational theater production is

looking for an adult and junior chorus, and principles, with acting, dance and vocal auditions.

Call (313) 845-9817 for an audition packet and further information.

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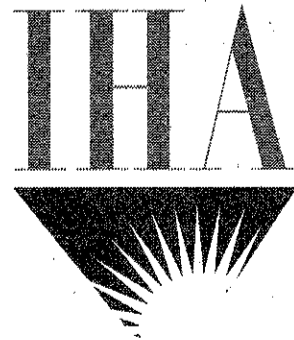


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Saving lives

Screening detects heart problems in student athletes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Like any parent Dr. David Haines worries whenever his son Will participates in athletics. He's even gone so far as to check out the 19-year-old's heart with an echocardiogram.

Nearly 30 Michigan youth have died from sudden cardiac arrest while playing sports since 2000. Last Tuesday Haines and the staff at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak took steps to prevent more youth from dying by screening nearly 600 student athletes for signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, high blood pressure and arrhythmias. The screenings consisted of a blood pressure check, EKG and stethoscope exam.

Beaumont cardiologists came up with the idea after the Journal of the American Medical Association published a study showing a 90-percent reduction in deaths from sudden cardiac arrest when children in Italy were required to have screening EKGs before participating in sports.

Beaumont staff is collecting data from the screenings on Tuesday to determine the effectiveness of their effort. Out of the students screened, 90 were told to follow up with their doctor. Three were told to stop playing sports immediately due to heart problems.

"Only about 7 percent survive a sudden cardiac arrest," said Haines, chief of cardiovascular medicine and director of the Heart Rhythm Center. "The most common abnormality that

UPCOMING CARDIAC SCREENINGS

Who: For all students grades 9-12
When: Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 7-8
Where: Beaumont Hospital Heart Center, 3711 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak
Contact: For information or to register (required), call 1-800-633-7377

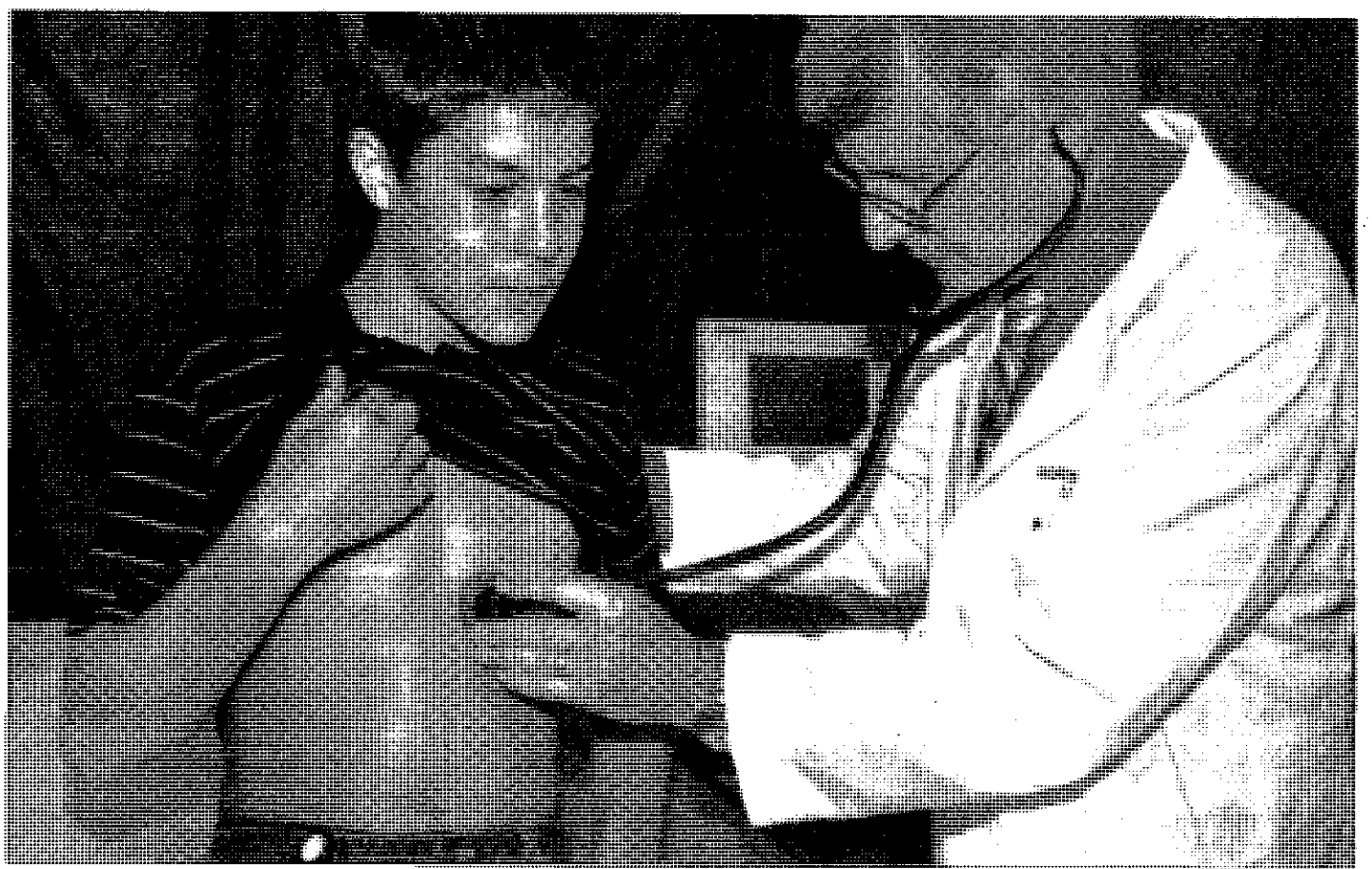
puts young patients at high risk is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy which has a prevalence of about 1 in 500 people. The screening process identifies those individuals and others who may have more rare but dangerous conditions including heart valve abnormalities."

Before the screening, students were required to fill out a questionnaire that asks about family history, chest pain, shortness of breath, and palpitations. Echocardiogram equipment was onsite in case cardiologists identified a possible abnormality during the exam.

"One important question is about family history of unexplained sudden cardiac arrest," said Haines. "There may be a possibility of a genetic abnormality."

Dawn Patton is relieved her sons Nick, 14, and Tyler, 12, were screened at Beaumont on Tuesday. Both Rochester Hills Christian School students play on soccer and basketball teams.

"I'm doubly grateful to not worry about that now," said Patton. "Nick sometimes has problems with shortness of



Beaumont cardiologist Andrew Hauser listens to the heart of Olivier Urban, 14, of West Bloomfield during a cardiac screening for student athletes on Tuesday.

breath. I hoped they didn't find something wrong. Tyler passed with flying colors. With Nick they found the right side of his heart was stronger than his left and he had to have a second test but everything must have been all right because they knew he did have a soccer game after the test and let him go. I plan to take the report to my family physician."

Due to the overwhelming response from parents and students, the hospital has scheduled a second series of screenings Nov. 7-8, and is expanding the program to include all students, grades 9-12. Beaumont is currently absorbing the cost of the screenings which are provided free of charge to the students.

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Foundation promotes the use of AEDs in schools

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Randy Gillary believes cardiac screenings could save the lives of student athletes. He hopes Beaumont's program becomes a model for area hospitals. He urges parents to not only take advantage of the screening for their children, but contact local hospitals and ask that a screening program be established.

Randy and Susan Gillary have advocated for cardiac screenings and Automated External Defibrillators in schools since their 15-year-old daughter, Kimberly Anne, died of sudden cardiac arrest after collapsing during a water

polo game at Birmingham Groves High School in 2000. Devastated by the tragic loss of their daughter the Troy couple established the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation (www.kimberlysgift.org) to promote heart screening of all student athletes and donate AEDs to Michigan high schools. So far the foundation's raised \$819,000 and donated nearly 370 AEDs which includes the training of up to five staff members. Within a couple of weeks of Kimberly's funeral, the first defibrillator went to Groves, the next two to Troy Athens High School where Kimberly swam on the team.

"What we need in Michigan is a three-prong approach to

addressing the death of our high school students from cardiac arrest," said Gillary, a Troy attorney. "The first step is have good screening and we need to have AEDs in all the schools, at least three, one for indoors for the pool or gym, one for outdoors on the football or soccer field, and one for traveling to away games. The third step is we need to have regular AED drills in our schools, a simulation of a cardiac arrest to make sure the staff knows what to do."

Susan Gillary was glad she and their daughter, Emily Kucinich, volunteered to provide information on AEDs to

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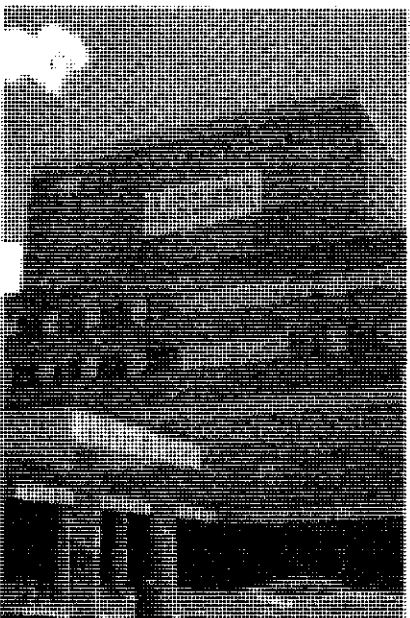
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Whole grain helps fight 5 diseases

Ben from White Lake e-mails asking about the importance of whole grains in his diet. He has heard that he should include them, but why?

Ben, here are five reasons why you should add whole grains to your diet. A new study of a quarter of a million people found that whole grains can help fight off five diseases: heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, colorectal cancer, and inflammatory disease.

Researchers found that people who ate two and a half servings per day of whole grains were 20 to

30 percent less likely to develop those five diseases. Experts believe it is the combination of fiber, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that are found in whole grains.

Peter's Principles

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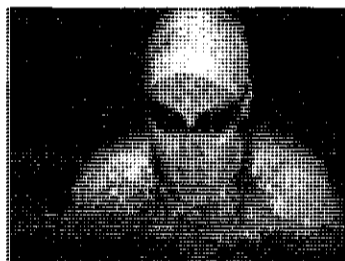
So, serve up some oatmeal or whole grain cereal for breakfast, whole wheat bread at lunch, and brown rice at dinner. It is simple and will help you live healthier.

Dan from Ypsilanti says he is working out everyday, but is not losing any weight. What does this mean?

Dan, you are not alone! Many people experience this, but a new study finds all is not lost.

Researchers followed a group of men for three months. The group was put on a fairly rigorous exercise program that consisted of an hour of aerobics five times a week. The group was also told to eat enough to make up for the extra calories they were burning, so they purposely would not lose weight. After three months, the researchers took several measurements of the men and found they all lost inches in their waist. But remember this isn't an excuse to eat poorly!

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



Kimberly Anne Gillary died of sudden cardiac arrest after collapsing during a water polo game at Birmingham Groves High School. Gillary was a 15-year old student at Troy Athens High School. Her parents established a foundation in the young girl's name to promote cardiac screenings for student athletes and distribute Automated External Defibrillators to Michigan schools.

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students being screened at Beaumont on Tuesday. Susan believes if an AED had been available at Groves it would have increased Kimberly's chances of survival. AEDs deliver a shock to the heart to re-establish rhythm.

"We asked so many children if their school had an AED. Quite a few didn't even know what an AED was. We checked to see if we knew if they had one donated by us and if they did they needed to find out where it was located," said Susan Gillary. "We're asking schools to do at least one AED drill a year. Fire drills, tornado and lockdown drills are mandated, but not AED. It's something that needs to be done every year and should include janitors and cooks. We need to make everyone aware of the fact that children do die of cardiac arrest and sometimes it can be prevented. We need better screening and if someone does go into cardiac arrest to have the AEDs and training."

For more information or to donate, visit www.kimberlysgift.org or send a check made out to the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1020, Troy, MI 48084.

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WALKING FOR A CAUSE

Lupus walk

13th annual walk to benefit the Lupus Alliance of America, Michigan Indiana Affiliate 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, begins at Freedom Hill, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse. Call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to info@milupus.org, or visit www.milupus.org.

3-Day walk

Sept. 28-30, begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills, concludes with ceremony at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. For information or to register, visit www.the3day.org or call (800) 996-3DAY. Benefits the Susan G. Komen for the Cure to fund breast cancer research and community outreach as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

AIDS Walk Michigan

Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit, and Sunday, Sept. 30 in Ann Arbor. The event raises money for the nonprofit which raises awareness of HIV and AIDS and money for AIDS services in participating Michigan communities. For more information, call (888) 791-WALK (9255).

Women's cancer walk

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) is partnering with Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for the Fourth Annual Walk for Women's Cancer Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Gates open 8 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. Funds raised will help continue current programs for those affected by women's cancers as well as help to develop new support and education programs offered by Karmanos throughout the year. For details or to register, call 1-800-KARMANOS and ask for Patient and Family Support Services.

Out of the darkness walks

To benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention which funds research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide, and assist survivors of suicide loss 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Metro Beach Park, Mt. Clemens. 3 mile walk. 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Kensington Metro Park, Milford. For information, visit www.outofthedarkness.org or call (248) 669-1898.

Making Strides

Against Breast Cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society to fight breast cancer. Donations will be collected at the walk or may be made online by visiting www.cancer.org/strides/online. Registration for the 5-mile noncompetitive walk begins at 7:30 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 557-5353 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

Diabetes walks

Step Out to Fight Diabetes is the fund-raising walk of the American Diabetes Association to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The 5K walks take place Oct. 13, at the Detroit Zoo (Royal Oak), and Oct. 20, at Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor). For information, call 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org/detroit.

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Fall classes

Take an exercise or self-management course from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter beginning in September. Classes include a warm-water exercise program; a land-based exercise program; Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a six-week self-help program that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Classes are available in locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Divorce support group

Legal aspects of divorce with Susan Elkouri presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Kadima benefit

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Features the music of Joshua Nelson and the Kasher Gospel Singers. Cost is \$100. Call (248) 559-8235, ext. 128. All proceeds will allow Kadima to continue to provide comprehensive treatment programs for people who suffer from mental illness.

Fibromyalgia meeting

H.O.P.E., Helping Our Pain and Fatigue, support group for Fibromyalgia, meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending by sending e-mail to sno23915@aol.com. The cost of the lecture is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the room. Dr. Michael Hsu will present Recent Advances in the Genetics and Pathophysiology of Fibromyalgia. Hsu is on staff at the chronic pain clinic at the University of Michigan.

Parenting tips

For preteens and teenagers Parenting with Love and Logic class takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-1100. For more information, visit www.stmarys.org.

Research trial

Through Sept. 26, doctors are Beaumont Hospital are looking for people with Parkinson's disease to test Comtan, an approved drug to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment. To qualify for the trial, you must have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, take no more than four doses of levodopa daily, do not experience uncontrollable movements, and have not taken Comtan. For more information, call (248) 898-8595.

Penny roll skate

Bring your pennies to donate to the Red Cross Disaster Action Team and enjoy an evening of skating 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Skatin Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Admission is a donation of two or more rolls of pennies. Skate rental extra. The more pennies you provide, the more help to the Red Cross. Pennies go to provide emergency disaster relief to victims in the country and to stock the

Emergency Response Vehicle. The ERV will be at the Skatin Station on the day of the event.

Sharing & Caring

Date night is a 6:30 p.m. dinner and support for partners and patients diagnosed with breast cancer within the past year, Thursday, Sept. 27, guest speaker is clinical psychologist Bruce Hillenberg. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors. It is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Nursing conference

Presented by Oakland University School of Nursing, Health Care Technology, Education and Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century takes place Oct. 17-19, at the Embassy Suites, Troy. Registration costs \$149 and ends Sept. 28. For details and to register, visit www2.oakland.edu/nursing/envisonconference, or call (248) 370-3799.

Diabetes Review

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Road. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and A1C testing. To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES (342-2383), Ext. 6697. Locations and dates include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The class is conducted by a certified diabetes educator and covers meal planning and portion size, exercise, medication updates, stress management, blood glucose testing and more.

Flu shot clinics

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

Holiday cards

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name. Purchases made before Sept. 30, will be entitled to a 20 percent early buyer discount. Large quantity discounts also available. To see samples of the cards, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. To preview an album or for information, contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or toll free at (800) 543-5864.

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill began the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person.

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\$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI web site at www.amioakland.org.

UPCOMING

Nursing refresher

RN Refresher Course helps licensed nurses, who have been away from clinical practice for more than two years, re-enter the job market. Nurses can register now for the course, which runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday Oct. 22 to Nov. 8, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The early registration fee is \$750. After Oct. 5, the course costs \$800. For more information or to register, call (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to Marilyn Harton at mharton@madonna.edu.

Scleroderma conference

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Embassy Suites, Southfield. Designed to provide people with scleroderma as well as their caregivers, families, friends and healthcare professional with a day of hope, inspiration and knowledge. Registration is \$30. CEUS will be available to RNs for \$10 more. Call (248) 865-7259 or visit www.scleroderma.org/chapter/michigan/hhh.shtm.

Elder care

Managing the Care of Older Adults 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Carol Mills. Frailty and memory loss often jeopardize older adult's ability to remain in their own home or manage their resources. Participants attending this presentation will learn about services provided by professional geriatric care managers, ways to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families, available community resources, services and support to enable older adults to remain safely in their homes. Representatives from local senior care organizations will also be available to answer your questions. The presentation is a component of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts including free lecture series, AARRP Safe Driver Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-8950.

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Temporal arteritis is an inflammation of the blood vessels that supply the side of the head and the scalp. The name *temporal* comes from a feature of the condition in which the artery to the side of the forehead, the temporal region, becomes enlarged, thickened, red, and sore to the touch. These changes mirror the inflammation going on within the artery.

In temporal arteritis inflammation occurs in other arteries as well. In approximately 15% of temporal arteritis cases the condition attacks a branch of the ophthalmic artery with resulting blindness.

Other effects include lower jaw pain when eating and chewing because of obstructed blood supply to the muscles that control these functions. In other cases, areas in the large arteries such as the descending aorta or the blood vessels to the arms are inflamed. Then the condition is called giant cell arteritis because of the appearance of the involved blood vessel on microscopic examination.

Treatment for temporal arteritis or giant cell arteritis includes large doses of the steroid prednisone slowly decreased over months. It may take a year or more before you can stop taking prednisone altogether. Given a large dose and prolonged use, prednisone can become as much a hazard to health as the arteritis.

The problem is that steroids, as used in temporal arteritis, cause cataracts, diabetes, osteoporosis, and increased susceptibility to infection. This last side effect, susceptibility to infection, is the most troublesome. Identifying the infection and treating it successfully while maintaining the high dose of cortisone, requires good medical judgement.

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Doctor tells harrowing story of mission survival

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

It was too cold for a quick out-door jaunt.

Too frigid to even land a plane for fear the minus 86-degree temperatures would freeze its hydraulic system.

So when Dr. Jerri Nielsen discovered she had breast cancer three months into a year-long research mission to the South Pole, she had no choice but to perform a biopsy on herself and train her co-workers to give her chemotherapy.

"I thought it was the last year of my life," Nielsen, 55, said. "When I found that lump, I knew I was in deep trouble. They made it very clear to us — especially to me, because I was the only doctor — that if something happened, there was no way to help us."

Through bravery and camaraderie, Nielsen survived another eight months in the pitch dark

winter — with temperatures plummeting to minus-115 — until she was evacuated back to the United States.

The author of *Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Story of Survival at the Pole*, Nielsen will tell her story at the third annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Shenandoah, Golf, Banquet & Country Club in West Bloomfield.

The event, which is sold out, benefits The Francee & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

"This isn't a story of sadness or cancer," said Nielsen, who now makes her home in Massachusetts. "It's about happiness and making a transformation in your life and how important people are to you. I try to laugh a great deal."

An emergency room doctor, Nielsen was looking to make a

change when she found the ad for the mission and was accepted. Before leaving, the 41-member crew endured rigorous medical testing, including psychological and dental exams, blood work and X-rays.

Doctors found no signs of cancer. Nielsen later found a lump after arriving at the South Pole and decided to keep the news to herself.

"I figured, there's nothing we can do about it, so why frighten people," Nielsen said. "Eventually, I was having so much pain that I had to tell the head of the station and I e-mailed a doctor I knew in the U.S."

Nielsen began her course of treatment with doctors via e-mail and video conference. The Air Force was eventually able to drop medical supplies — including an ultrasound machine that smashed when it hit the ground — but couldn't land because of the frigid temperatures.



Dr. Jerri Nielsen survived cancer at the South Pole.

Finally, after nearly a year at the South Pole, the National Guard was able to pick up Nielsen and leave another physician.

"A lot of this medical stuff was new to me," Nielsen said. "We don't do biopsies in the ER so much. But doing anything like

that on yourself is another story." Back in the U.S., Nielsen received chemotherapy and radiation and underwent a mastectomy.

The cancer has now metastasized, but Nielsen is taking it in stride. "I don't really believe in

being positive," she said. "A lot of people pretend there's nothing wrong with them."

"Lying to yourself is ridiculous. It's important to realize the truth and do the best you can with it. I've always been the person who perseveres. If that's being positive, great."

Cranbrook offers visitors look at rare collections

Visitors to Cranbrook will get an opportunity to see its rare collections in a series of new programs.

The first session, "The Conservation and Care of Antiques," debuts today, Sept. 23, and offers tips on caring for your own household treasures.

Throughout the year, eight programs will give participants an opportunity to explore Cranbrook from a new angle, gaining fresh insight into the vast collections that make Cranbrook's museums, historic homes and archives so distinctive. Participants will see everything from rare William Morris textiles to vast botanical and mineralogical collections to hand-made drawings by one of the 20th century's master architects.

Registration is required for each event. Admission is \$35 per person or \$25 per person for members of Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook Institute of

Science or Cranbrook House and Gardens.

■ "The Conservation and Care of Antiques," Sunday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Cranbrook House. Want to know how museums keep all their valuable pieces looking so good? Want to learn the same techniques for your own heirlooms?

Cranbrook curators and conservators will discuss the care, restoration and treatment of cultural properties ranging from architectural elements to period clothing to works of art.

Using the collections of Cranbrook House, they will explore the techniques and practices for a variety of material types, including works made of wood, metal, ceramic, glass and textiles.

■ "Rare William Morris Textiles: An Exclusive Look," Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cranbrook Art Museum.

Ever seen an original William

Morris textile up-close and in person?

Now's your chance. In this exclusive program, participants will have the opportunity to delve into the Art Museum vaults and see extremely rare wallpaper designs and textiles made by the masterful Arts and Crafts artist. The afternoon ends at Christ Church Cranbrook with a viewing of a number of tapestries created by Morris and Company of Merton Abbey, England.

■ "Genius In The Making: Early Designs by Eero Saarinen," Sunday, Nov. 18, 11:30 and 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 28, at 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at Kingswood School Campus, held in conjunction with the ground breaking new exhibition, "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," Cranbrook Art Museum and Cranbrook Schools are offering 90-minute behind-the-scenes tours of Kingswood School, the 1931 architectural gem designed

collaboratively by the Saarinen family, all of whom were architects, weavers and designers.

Barely 20 years old, legendary architect Eero Saarinen was commissioned to design most of the school's furniture including beds, tables, chairs, lounge furniture and decorative benches for every area of the building from the dormitories to the dining hall to the stunning, Pewabic tile-filled Green Lobby. Guests will see dozens of works by Eero, all in their original architectural settings.

■ "In the Architect's Own Hand: Eero Saarinen Drawings in Cranbrook's Collections," Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cranbrook Art Museum and Cranbrook Archives Hosted by Cranbrook Archives and Cranbrook Art Museum. See how an architect's ideas take shape as you look through the extensive collection of drawings by Eero Saarinen in the collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and

Cranbrook Archives. These images, many of which have never been on display to the public, show the evolution of thought involved in a variety of design projects, from full-scale buildings to rooms to pieces of furniture.

■ "A Real Gem: The Past and Present of Cranbrook Institute of Science's Mineral Collection," Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, 7-9 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science. One of the best show mineral collections in the United States, Cranbrook Institute of Science's display of crystals and other mineralogical specimens were at the heart of Cranbrook founder George Booth's creation of the museum. An avid collector, Booth amassed a significant cache of rare minerals in his lifetime, and ultimately built Cranbrook's natural history museum as a repository for his acquisitions. A lecture on the history of Cranbrook's mineral collection will be offered alongside a new exhibit showcasing rarities

and historical pieces rarely seen beyond the vault doors. Guests are also invited to stay after the event and tour the museum until 10 p.m. Capacity: 120 people.

■ "A Blooming Good Time: Investigating Michigan's Native Spring Flora," Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook House. Michigan's landscape is filled with colorful and rare flowers, trees and plants. Learn how to identify many of these species common to woodland and wetland environments. The program will begin at Cranbrook Institute of Science for a look at the museum's botany collection, then will move on to the bog and wildflower gardens of Cranbrook House for an up-close examination of several early blooming varieties. Event will be held rain or shine. Please note: participants will be walking approximately 1 mile over uneven terrain. Capacity: 50 people.

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