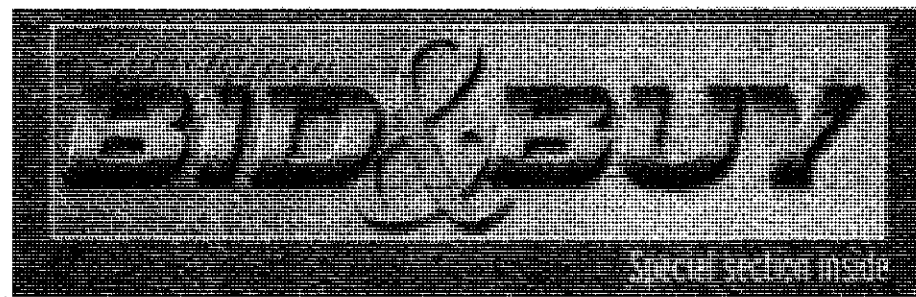


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Cleaning up

Mayor announces start of park's remediation

Editor's note: For more on the mayor's State of the City speech, see Page A3.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild has indicated that an initial phase for fixing lead-contaminated Central City Park could potentially begin by late summer, offering "the first hope for a solution to this problem that has seemed at times insurmountable."

Wild's surprise announcement came Thursday evening during a State of the City address that depicted Westland as a forward-thinking place where city officials, residents and businesses are working together to create a bold vision, despite economic problems.

Mere hours before Wild delivered his crowd-rousing, 45-minute speech inside John Glenn High School's auditorium, he engaged in talks with Wayne County officials who indicated they are willing to move ahead with a first-phase remediation plan for Central City Park, focusing on the easternmost 12 acres of the 100-acre site. The area would likely receive several new soccer fields, pavilions and restroom facilities, he said.

"I think phase one is a great start, and I, as an optimist, look forward to seeing a shovel in the ground by the end of summer," Wild said.

Even so, he didn't indicate how long the initial phase might take to complete or

when the rest of the park could benefit from what will certainly be a costly project. He also urged residents to "temper their expectations" due to ongoing testing and the need to develop a remediation plan acceptable to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The latest proposal for the former landfill near Ford and Carlson would complement plans for building a so-called Play Planet and Rainforest H2O Zone, or "spray park," immediately north of Central City Park, in what is commonly called Tot Town.

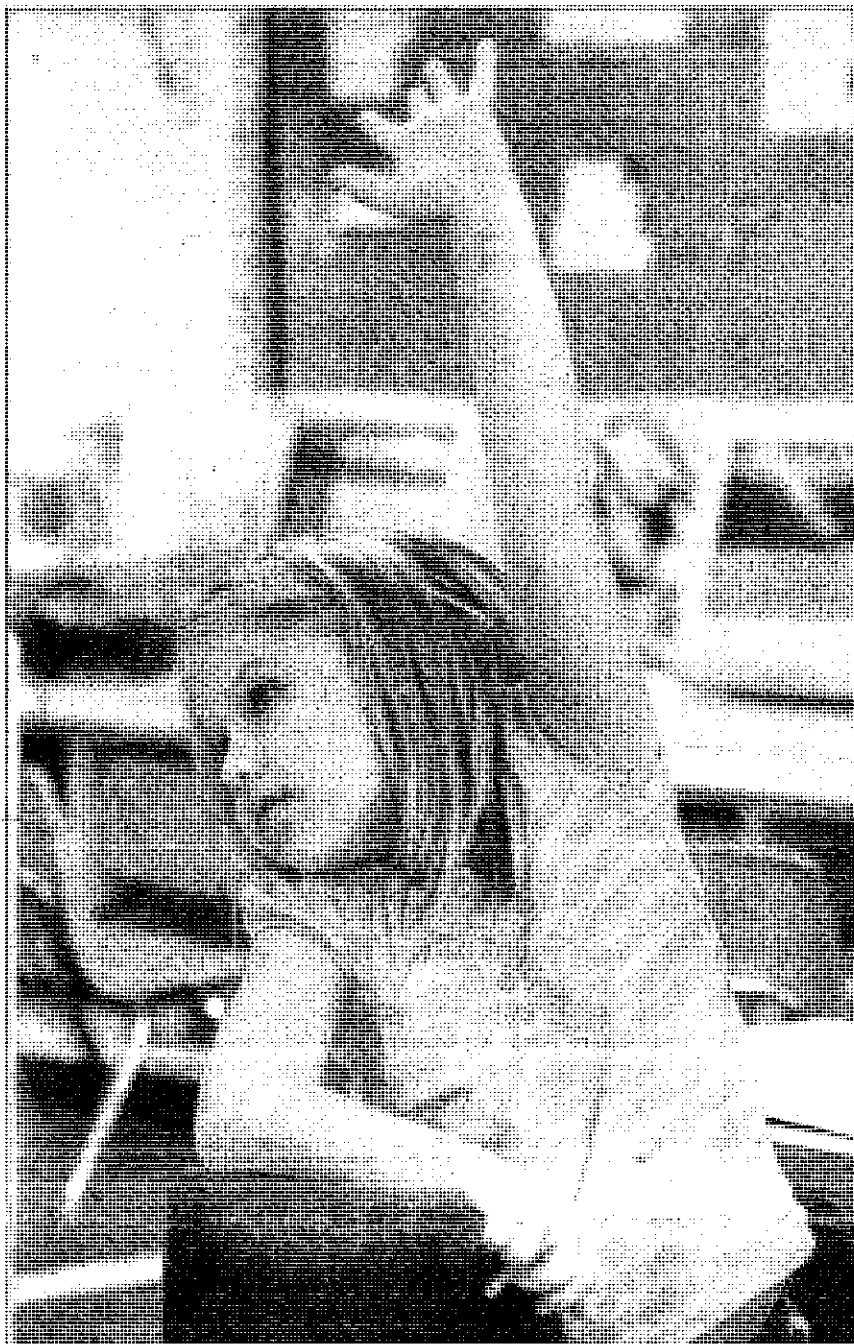
Wild's remarks inside the packed auditorium of Glenn High, his alma mater, came as residents face a second summer of being fenced out of Central City Park, which once hosted everything from youth baseball to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

On Friday, Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp indicated support for Wild's statements, saying the county "has agreed in principal" to a phased remediation plan that will require state approval.

"We appreciate Mayor Wild's leadership on this issue," Helmkamp said.

He also seemed encouraged that the county, which owns the park, can reach a new agreement to continue leasing the park to the city when the current lease expires in October.

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Lexie Kirkendall is ready with an answer during the kindergarten class math exercise at Allen Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



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Lawmakers in Lansing are considering making full-day kindergarten mandatory. But that has raised serious questions about the need and value of such a program.

Today, in the second and final part of this series, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will look at what schools already offer and what impact this could have on schools that don't offer it. We'll also look at the potential psychological impact of sending such young children to school all day.

Some schools already offer full-day programs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the state Legislature considers bills mandating full-day kindergarten, many school districts are already providing all-day education for children in their first year in the public school system.

Some districts, like Southfield Public Schools, have been offering all-day kindergarten since 2004.

"Most of our families have two working parents, and a lot of single moms and grandmothers are raising children ... they need full-day kindergarten," said Ken Siver, deputy superintendent. "If I could have done it sooner, I would have. Everybody, nowadays, is looking for full-day kindergarten."

Others see the reality of finding classroom space and added costs, such as additional teachers and program materials, will make the change a costly one in the face of state foundation grant increases that aren't keeping up with inflation.

"If the Legislature wasn't looking at it, I don't think we would be actively pursuing it," said George Belvitch, director of elementary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, where the foundation grant is \$7,500. "It would be very difficult for us to afford."

Plymouth-Canton has cut nearly \$15 million over the past seven budget years, including the need to eliminate some 21 full-time-equivalent positions for the 2008-09 school year. And, that's in a district with increasing enrollments over the same time frame.

"It would put additional strain on our elementary buildings," added Belvitch.



Teacher Heather Kearney at Allen Elementary School, is an eight-year veteran of teaching kindergarten. She works with students Chloe Cox and Chris Pohl, playing number dominos during centers time.

Some question stress of full-day kindergarten, A5.

"And, it would mean additional teachers. We have approximately 27 kindergarten teachers. We'd have to double that. Do the math, that's a sizable amount of money."

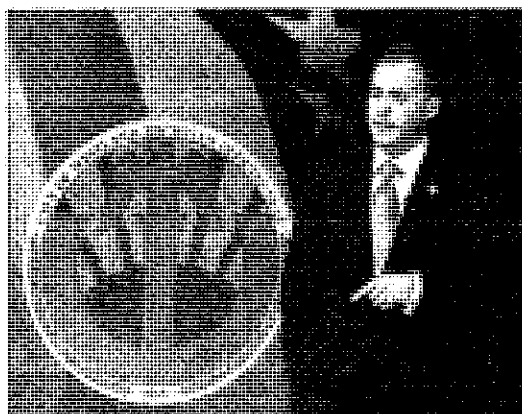
According to Belvitch, the math puts about a \$2 million price tag for teachers, plus equipment and training. The district would also face \$80,000-\$100,000 in lost revenue from its Kindergarten Crew program, a fee-based program that extends the day for kindergartners.

Livonia Public Schools administrators are also in the process of exploring all-day kindergarten. And, just like Plymouth-Canton, costs and space are primary concerns.

"I'm not certain if all of our schools could accommodate full-day kindergarten," said Sheila Alles, director of academic services. "We've figured the initial start-up cost would be \$2.4 million, with an annual cost of \$1.3 million. We would need 22 new teachers."

Please see **FULL-DAY, A5**

Mayor William Wild delivers a hopeful State of the City speech at the hometown school he attended, John Glenn.



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City moves precinct

Hundreds of Westland voters who live in a north-end neighborhood will be casting ballots at a new location starting with the Aug. 5 primary.

Precinct 27 residents who used to vote at the Livonia school district's now-closed Perrinville School will cast their ballots at the Western Wayne Skill Center, at Ritz

and Ann Arbor Trail, said Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart.

In all, 1,468 voters will be making the move, she said. "It's going to take effect for the August election."

Voters should begin receiving their new voter registration cards this week. DeHart's office plans to start sending them out on Monday.

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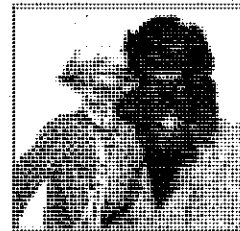
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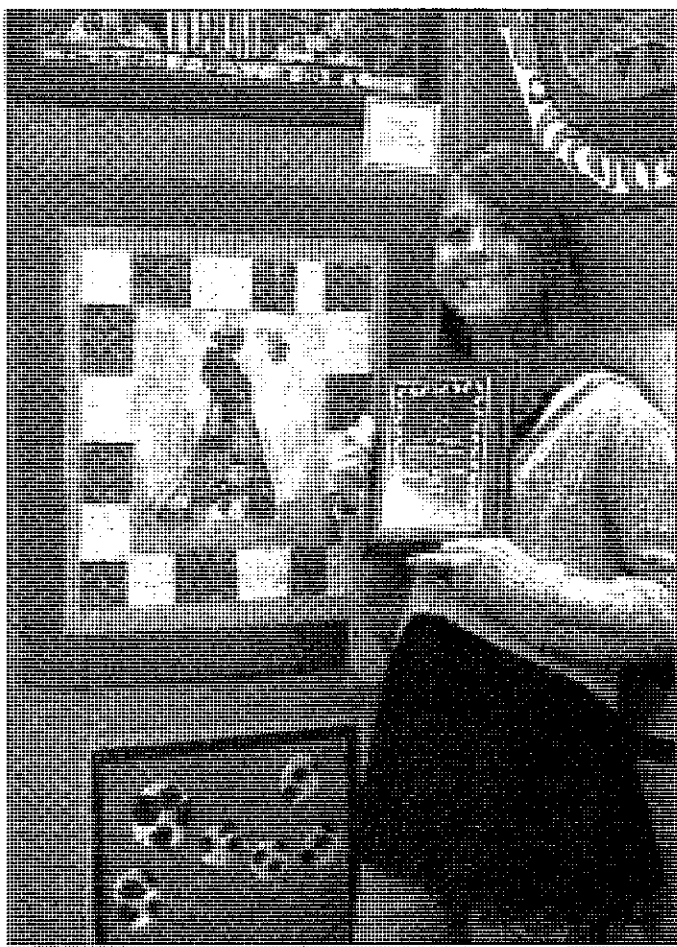
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Franklin Middle School eighth-grader Stephanie Dulapa won best of show for her mosaic piece.



P.D. Graham third-grader Lindsay Pogue's mixed media collage won the elementary best of show honor.

Two win best of show in WW 's annual exhibition

Wayne-Westland students in kindergarten through the eighth-grade celebrated their creativity and hard work at the district's ninth annual Student Art Show. Families and students attended a reception on May 10 at the Wayne

Public Library where students were honored for their artwork. Two students had their pieces chosen as the 2007-2008 best of show. The elementary best of show honor went to P.D. Graham third-grader Lindsay Pogue for her mixed media

collage. He art teacher is Janice Crum. The middle school best of show honor went to Franklin Middle School eighth-grader Stephanie Dulapa for her mosaic piece. Her art teacher is Thomas Stubner.

Run Drugs Out of Town gains support

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A run, a raffle, and lunch followed by ice cream help set the course for a drug-free community event on Saturday, June 14. Run Drugs Out of Town, in its second year, brings people together to raise awareness about teen drug use and raise money for the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force.

Event coordinator Chris Ogden, a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School, organizes it. This year she has gotten help from sponsors Ken Wagner Insurance Agency and Parkside Community Credit Union, the Livonia Police Department, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, local businesses and fellow Churchill classmate Chris Connor, of the Dallas Stars.

He'll be there handing out prizes to race winners and will donate some items for a raffle. Ogden calls him a "drug-free success."

"One of my main goals is to show kids good examples of people who are successful and doing interesting things in their life who are drug-free," she said. "And he's a perfect example."

Last year, 550 people took part, helping to raise \$10,000 for the Save Our Youth Task Force. In addition to a bringing in speakers, the task force has organized events like sober tailgate parties at the high schools.

Participants can choose a 5k

or 10k run or 1 mile walk at the Hines Park Nankin Mills site.

The course is newly certified with U.S.A. Track and Field, which means the race winners will set the first course record.

Teams have also formed in honor or memory of a loved one who has faced a battle with drugs or to represent their company's commitment to the cause. They wear colored T-shirts to show unity.

This year, about 60 City of Livonia employees signed up, and the police department is more involved.

"Chief (Robert) Stevenson is very proactive in the fight against drugs, especially when it comes to the youth of Livonia," said Sgt. Mike Killingbeck, of the crime prevention bureau. Stevenson, himself a long-distance runner, said the event would be a good use of drug forfeiture funds. Killingbeck said the police department hopes to be even bigger sponsors next year.

Registration is still underway, online at www.justsayrun.com through June 12. People can also register and teams will pick up their registrations packets from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Dick's Sporting Goods in Westland. The fee is \$15 students/seniors \$20 adults. Participants can also register the day of the event, for \$5 more. Those who register by June 7 will get a free T-shirt.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Celebrity servers

John Glenn High School students can have their teachers and administrators serve them dinner at a Faculty Night Monday, June 2, at the Westland Big Boy Restaurant at Hunter and Wayne Road.

The celebrity servers include Principal Joan Sedik, Assistant Principal Marva Foster, teachers Heather Nimmerguth, Liz Bozyk, Amanda Bostic, Kim Coyne, Angela Lentz, Sheri Grove,

Kevin Gidley, Eric Henzi, Kristen Potonic, Marty Sylvester, Dan Danic, Paul Nolta, Debbie Skillman and Jeff Wesley and coaches Steve Conn and Tom Wakefield.

They'll be hustling food to the tables between 5-10 p.m. as fund-raiser for the John Glenn Football boosters. The restaurant is donating 10 percent of sales as well as tips to the boosters.

Youth Assistance benefit

Stop in a Culvers between noon and 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, and help Westland Youth Assistance. Enjoy a frozen custard, a butterburger or your favorite menu item because 10 percent of the proceeds will go to the Youth assistance program. Culver's is at 6500 Newburgh Road, just south of Warren.

Memorial balloon launch

Vermeulen Funeral Homes is inviting people to attend a Celebration of Life Memorial Service that will be held in Westland and Plymouth. Friends and family members are invited.

The second service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Vermeulen Funeral Home at 46401 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. To participate, call (734) 459-2250 by June 1.

Jaycees meeting

The Westland Jaycees will hold their general meeting at Rana's restaurant, located at 35111 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4. All aspects of the community will be discussed and any and everyone who is inspired to help make a difference is encouraged to attend. In addition, the Jaycees will be collecting clothing, diapers and wipes to benefit First Step, a non-profit organization which aims to reduce the incidence of

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domestic and sexual violence. For more information, call the Westland Jaycees hotline at (734) 226-0400 or visit its Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit jghs88reunion.com.

Retirement planning

Learn how to make your retirement dreams into reality at this retirement planning discussion on at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the William P. Faust Public Library. Join Andrew Gagne, an associate finance advisor, to discuss what investments fit your unique dreams and goals. Find out what retirement means to you, what your personal plan is and what your options are. For more information or to reserve your seat, call the library at (734) 326-6123. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren Road.

Bound for Olympics

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department's Westland Stars is inviting dance teams, studios and community recreation dancers to join them in competing in the dance division of this summer's Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games. The event is open to teams and individuals in standard dance

- jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical hip hop etc.) ballroom/swing, and clogging.

The AAU Junior Olympic Games will take place July 23-Aug. 2 in the metro Detroit area. The dance event will be held at the Allen Park Performing Arts Center July 28-30. Information can be found at www.aausports.org.

Summer rentals

Plan your outdoor party or gathering at one of Westland's parks. Pavilions, tables, and grills are now available through October. For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations. The time is set aside so that the citizens have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Tuesday, June 3, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center. Office hours for Thursday, June 5, are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m. to noon at the Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center. The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Fire damages home's live-in attic

Fire damaged a live-in attic area of a house at Marquette and Hanlon on Thursday morning, but no one was injured, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said.

Westland firefighters "did a real good job of putting it out" with help from Garden City and Wayne, on what Riley described as a busy morning.

The fire started around 11 a.m., and fire officials weren't sure what caused it. Riley said the house will be "uninhabitable for a while" until repairs can be made.

Several young adults were in the house, but no one was injured. The upper part of the house received moderate flame damage and heavy smoke damage, Riley said.



Smoke billows from a home at Marquette and Hanlon that was damaged Thursday by a fire in a live-in attic.



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The John Glenn High School JROTC color guard and the Glenn Singers participate in the opening ceremony of the mayor's annual state of the city speech.

Mayor: Westland in strong financial health

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild declared in his State of the City address Thursday that Westland remains in "strong financial health" because the city has reined in spending while maintaining services and protecting a nearly \$2 million budget surplus.

It hasn't been painless, resulting in a loss of 14 full-time jobs through retirement, attrition and two layoffs, and the elimination of several part-time workers.

"We have also followed the lead of the Big Three carmakers and have begun to retrain our current workforce, thus giving us the ability to eliminate the need for many high-priced consultants and outside contractors," the mayor said.

Wild held up the Mike Modano Ice Arena and Westland's city golf course as

former money-losing operations that are expected this year to produce profits, due to cost-cutting measures rather than user rate hikes.

The mayor also said a new ordinance giving local businesses a competitive advantage on city bids has pumped nearly \$500,000 into the local economy.

Wild said Westland continues to draw interest from developers and has lured new companies like US Farathane, a growing, 900-employee company with annual sales of \$130 million. He said tax abatements have helped draw some businesses.

Wild touted efforts to clean up neighborhoods like Norwayne, and he voiced hope that a curbside recycling program could potentially begin as early as fall. Moreover, he unveiled what he called Westland's Mission Green, saying he will seek input from officials and resi-

dents to make the city more environmentally friendly.

Wild announced he will assemble a commission to analyze the city's fuel and energy usage and to recommend how money can be saved. His address also included a video indicating a long-term economic development plan for Ford Road, particularly between Wayne and Central City Parkway. The vision includes spruced-up businesses, parks, pedestrian-friendly areas and possibly a farmer's market.

The crowd seemed enthused by Wild's second State of the City address. "I thought it was really great," longtime resident Mack Mayfield said. "He's looking toward the future. If he can implement half of these things, it's going to be great for the city. I think we have a good, solid mayor."

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Witness, interpreter issues delay hearing

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A deaf Westland man's court hearing on charges he fatally shot his longtime girlfriend hit a series of roadblocks Thursday, with a judge saying a key witness hadn't been subpoenaed and an interpreter seeking to remove herself from the proceedings.

The latest developments delayed until June 19 a preliminary hearing for 45-year-old Timothy Joseph Catalano, charged with first-degree murder amid accusations he shot Tammy Susalla as she lay in bed last Aug. 27 at their three-bedroom home on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill. Police have said 44-year-old Susalla, also deaf, intended to end their 24-year relationship.

Catalano, accompanied by two defense attorneys, an interpreter and a deaf advocate, appeared Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos for a preliminary hear-

ing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted as charged, Catalano will face life in prison without parole.

With Catalano's and Susalla's families watching Thursday, Bokos adjourned the hearing until June 19 because at least one key witness, former Westland police Sgt. David Heater, hadn't been subpoenaed to testify. Heater, now an officer in Harbor Springs, is expected to testify about a confession that authorities say Catalano made after Susalla was shot.

Bokos also said defense and prosecuting attorneys needed more time to prepare for the hearing.

Moreover, the judge hopes to resolve an impasse after interpreter Yonita Juhalah suddenly indicated Thursday that she isn't properly qualified to help Catalano in court. Juhalah suggested that a better interpreter should be called in for the defendant.

"There should be one with more experience, more skills," she said,

even though she has said she has years of experience and a state certification.

Catalano's defense team has argued that he has problems communicating because he was never formally schooled in sign language, although Juhalah worked with him while he was staying in a psychiatric center in Saline. Catalano was moved to jail in mid-May after Bokos ruled that he is now competent for court proceedings.

In another development, defense attorney Jeffrey Schwartz asked Thursday for a transcript of Catalano's May 15 competency hearing. Schwartz and another lawyer, Richard Monash, have contended that Catalano still isn't competent to stand trial, but certified forensic examiner Marc Sholder has testified to the contrary.

Catalano remains jailed without bond as he awaits his now-rescheduled preliminary hearing.

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Library asks youngsters to 'Catch Reading Bug'

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is asking young readers to catch the bug - the reading bug - so much so that it's 2008 Summer Reading Program is aptly named "Catch the Reading Bug."

The annual program will kick off 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14. It will be the first opportunity to register for the program. Children will receive a starter bag with program material, make a simple craft, sign up for upcoming programs, and meet a very friendly bee from Old Country Buffet.

During the seven-week program, presenters will share

the world of insects with young patrons. Science Alive, Naturalist Lori Taylor, Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic and Bats of the World are just a few of the free programs planned.

Story times will be presented throughout June and July, and other fun activities include family movies, contests, prizes and creative crafts.

The joy of reading is for everyone - readers, beginning readers or read-to-me children, and the Summer Reading Program offers rewards for all.

Target, Old Country Buffet, Friends of the Westland Library, McDonald's, Zap Zone, Skatin Station, Red

Robin, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Texas Roadhouse, 7-Eleven, Culvers and Westland Bowl are sponsoring summer literacy at the library.

Completing the program is easy. Children have seven weeks to meet a reading goal of 500 minutes. They'll receive incentives along the way, culminating with a finale performance by the musically talented Gemini brothers on Aug. 6.

For more information on how to "Catch the Reading Bug," call the Children's Service Department at (734) 326-6123. Be sure to ask about the teen and adult reading programs, too.

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ACHIEVERS

Matthew Billingsley, Keely Mog and Joshua Perusse, all of Westland, have been named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Northwood University. They had to earn a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be named to the list.

Named to the Northwood's President's List for earning a 3.85 grade point average were **Brent Opiela** of Westland.

Megan Nahr, Christine Casper, Erin Cassidy, Meghan Griffith, Julie Hart and Claire Walsh of Westland and **Mary Pritchard** and **Chadwick Williams** of Garden City have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester at Grand Valley State University.

The students had to maintain at 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours to be named to the list.

Derek Busto of Garden City was among more than 1,200 students were placed on the spring 2008 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University. A senior majoring in biological sciences, he earned grade point averages of 3.5 or higher to be named to the list.

Timothy Varner of Garden City has graduated cum laude from the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree, and elementary K-5 teaching certificate and a K-12 cognitive impaired endorsement.

Varner is employed by the Garden City Public Schools as a teaching assistant at the Burger Center for Students with Autism. He has been with the program for five years.

A 2002 graduate of Garden City High School, he is the son of Timothy and Susan Varner.

Christine Varner of Garden City has graduated from Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in health care administration. She is currently employed as an



Christine Varner

Timothy and Susan Varner and a 2004 graduate of Garden City High School.

Lisa Vacca graduated magna cum laude from Albion College on May 10. She received a degree in economics and management and speech communication with a minor in religious studies. Her concentration was in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management.

The magna cum laude honor signifies that Vacca graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75.

The Comcast Foundation has recognized the outstanding community service and academic achievements of senior **Gregory Bevel** of John Glenn High School in Westland with a \$1,000 college scholarship. The 2008 Comcast Leaders and Achievers scholarship program, one of the Comcast Foundation's signature community investment programs, recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership skills, academic achievement and a commitment to community service.

A resident of Westland, Bevel plans to attend University of Michigan - Dearborn and is among 139 young people from across the state to be honored this year by the Comcast Leaders and Achievers program. Bevel and the other honorees have been invited to attend a ceremony June 11 at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing.

Named to the honor roll for the fifth marking period at the Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland were **Tianna Brown, Desiree Clark, Dominique Henderson, Ashley Holland, Tressie Howell, Brittany Jackson, David O'Reilly, Asheana Staley** and **Alicia Taylor**.

ER coder in the medical records department at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She is the daughter of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans benefit

A "Tribute to Dean Martin and Steve London" with music by Sweet Tracks will be presented 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 13, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m. followed by diner at 7 p.m. and the show 8-10 p.m. There also will be an open bar 6-11 p.m. Only 140 tickets to be sold. They cost \$25 each and are available in the post lounge. The money raised will benefit homeless and hospitalized veterans. For more information, call (734) 721-9440.

Radio swap

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club will host an amateur radio swap and trunk sale on Sunday, June 8, at the Garden City Park Pavillion at Merriman and Cherry Hill roads in Garden City. A limited number of tables are available under the Pavillion for \$10 each on a first come, first served basis. Trunk sales are free. Swap begins at 8 a.m. Arrive early for tables and prime trunk locations. For more information, call Fred, K8KUZ, at (734) 261-6441 or Shannon, K8SPW, at (734) 421-9221.

Installation of officers

Westland American Legion, Westland Post 251 will be having its second annual installation of officers dinner/dance Friday, June 20, at the VFW Post 3323 Hall on Wayne Road at Avodale, Westland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be an open bar, door prizes and dancing to the music of the Walt Liepec Band 11 p.m. Installation of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Veterans and the public are welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information and tickets, call (734) 751-2275 or (734) 326-2607.

McCotter talk

Zionist Organization of America-Michigan Region, in commemoration of the Dolphinarium terrorist attack in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001, presents U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, speaking on The House Anti-Terrorism/Jihad Caucus at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Holocaust Memorial Center. McCotter serves the 11th district of western Oakland and western Wayne counties. He is chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee and serves on the House Anti-Terrorism/Jihad Caucus which educates fellow lawmakers and Americans about militant Islam's long-term threat. Co-sponsor of the event

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Red Wings mania

While it won't be a sweep, the Henry Ford Community College's Financial Services and Corporate Training staff hopes the Detroit Red Wings will beat the Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley Cup Finals. Cheering the team on in their Red Wings attire are **Bethany Moon** of Dearborn (back row), **Tim Seguin** of Westland, **Ken Brown** of Detroit, **David Budzisz** of Canton, **Sharon Maitland** of Dearborn Heights (center row), **Nan Schroeder** of Dearborn, **Rhonda Cobb** of Detroit, **Mary Szymanski** of Dearborn, **Susan Wells** of Dearborn (front row) and **Patty Sellers** of Brownstown.

is the Anti-Defamation League. There is no charge. For more information, contact Lisa Glazer, executive director at (248) 282-0088 or by e-mail at lisa@mizao.org.

Free workshop

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Detox - Is It Right for You?" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn about detoxification of the human body and the choices available at the free workshop. Seating limited to the first 15 callers. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at jghs88reunion.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

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

Dyer Center

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

Senior fitness

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

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

Substance abuse support

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

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian

Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

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

EDUCATION

St. Raphael

St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extra-curricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers religion class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and bussing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the Web site at www.straphael-gc.org.

St. Damian

St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, is currently enrolling for 2008-2009 school year. Morning sessions for the 3- and 4-year-old programs are available. Potty training is not required. There is a certified teacher. The 4-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The 3-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2½ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

After school program

An after-school recreation, tutoring and scouting program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, is for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Volunteers needed in all areas - gym, game room, kitchen, tutoring, arts and crafts. High school students are perfect candidates for tutoring younger children. For information on participating or volunteering, call (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute

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

is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

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

Drivers

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

VNA Hospice

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

Seasons Hospice

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

Literacy Council

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

Heartland Hospice

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

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

Writing Group

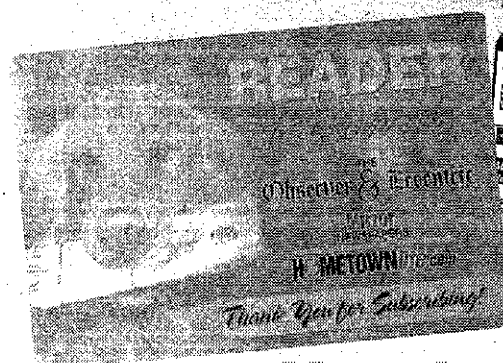
Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle' National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about storycircle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepdy@yahoo.com.

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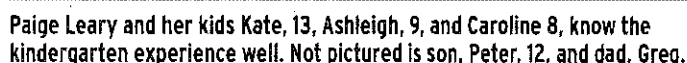
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Not everyone thinks it is a good idea.



She would know. She and husband Greg have four children, Kate, 13; Peter, 12; Ashleigh, 9; and Caroline.

Several international sur-

There are many factors in determining that, said Beth Ann Brooks, M.D., a child and adolescent psychiatrist

Whose fault is that?
"More often than not, it is
the parents who push them,"
Brooks said.

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CHANGING TIMES

"When we looked at children entering the first grade, we had an average 82 students more than there were from our own kinder-

CONCERNS OF CHANGE

"There have been studies that indicate for the following first grade year, and perhaps second grade, it can help with academic achievement ..

And today's students will be battling those from around the world for those "great opportunities," with many of those students in other parts of the globe attending classes more days throughout the year. That's one reason Samantha Warren-Green, a parent of two children who attend Smith Elementary in Plymouth, believes all-day kindergarten is a good idea.

FULL DAY HAS ADVANTAGES

Warren-Green remembers starting school in England at age 4. Her son — who started school at age 4 in England — had to be taken out of kindergarten and put back in preschool after

"But, then you have to ask yourself, what do you cut to afford it if this is another unfunded mandate," she said.

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Follow the arrows for some amazing fun, author with Westland ties urges

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Tittensor Jr. thinks he just might have the next sudoku, a twisty, turny maze game that challenges the mind and the pencil.

And it all began with that most popular of children's toys — an empty refrigerator box.

"We had gotten a refrigerator box, I had broken it down in the basement and me and my buddies, with our Matchbox cars, we would make roads and use tissue boxes for the fire department and other buildings," Tittensor said.

When his buddies left, Tittensor, now 45, began putting in more roads, with complicated overpasses and underpasses.

"We weren't sure what went under and what went over, so I decided to draw an arrow on

IT'S AMAZING

What: 'Amazing Minds Mazes,' a collection of 32 challenging mazes.

Author: John Tittensor Jr.

Publisher: iUniverse Inc.

Price: \$10.95

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one side and an arrow on the other side where it came out," Tittensor said.

That was the inspiration. "It was later in my life that I picked it back up and realized this could be a lot of fun as a maze puzzle," he said.

Tittensor, who now lives in Melvindale, grew up in Westland. He works as a door installer contractor for Home Depot, but used to work for Chrysler Corp., where he began to doodle his mazes

during down times.

"Guys would come by and ask what it was. They would try them out and come back and say 'I did it' and I would say, 'I'd have to make them harder.' It was my mind against their's," he said. "They said you need to do something with this, it's really cool."

What Tittensor has done is create a book of 32 maze puzzles, *Amazing Minds Mazes*. The mazes grow progressively more difficult.

"The key to these mazes is simple — go through the maze and each time you come to an arrow, you follow it in the direction it's pointing until you see the tail of the arrow in line," he said.

The first few puzzles use numbers and letters to help give some direction over and under barriers. But for later puzzles, you're on your own. A key rule to remember is that

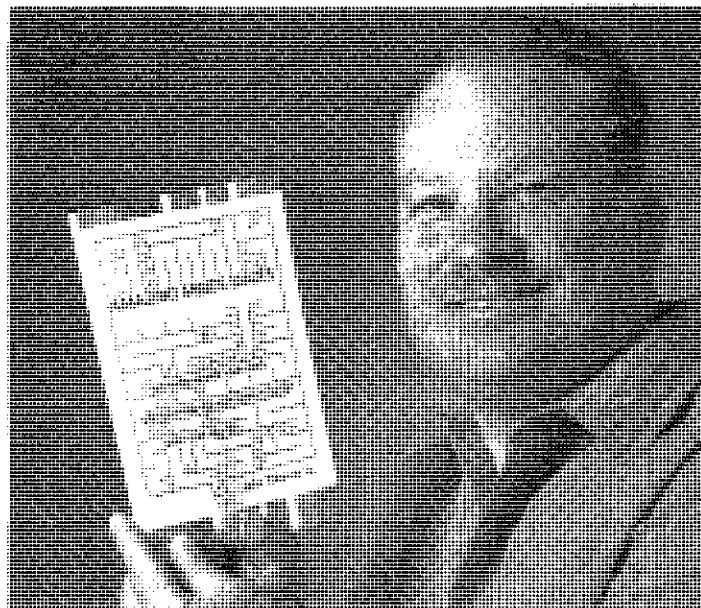
you can't go directly from one arrow to another separated by a line or wall; instead, you have to skip over to the next arrow.

"You have to eliminate so many paths to find the correct path to open up," Tittensor said. "If you don't complete the paths, every time you take a certain way, it's going to be a dead end. When you eliminate the dead ends, the path will open up to finish the puzzle."

Tittensor is already working on his second book, with 48 puzzles. He is also investigating the possibilities of a computer version and a syndicated newspaper feature.

He said a lot of people were confused when they first saw a sudoku game, but now they're everywhere. He's hoping for the same success.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Tittensor Jr. is challenging all comers to try working their way through his amazing mazes.

Airport launches small business program

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has launched a new Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program designed to increase opportunities for qualified small businesses in Macomb County, Oakland County, Washtenaw County and Wayne County to participate in Airport Authority contracts.

"The Airport Authority is committed to providing equal contracting opportunity to all businesses for projects at Detroit Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport, and we continue to seek the best-valued, high-quality products and services by encouraging competition among our vendors," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "This new SBE Program provides equalization credits so that smaller, local firms can compete more aggressively and equally for business opportunities at our airports."

Under the SBE Program, the Authority encourages SBEs to submit bids or proposals as either prime contractors or as subcontractors by applying an equalization credit to bids submitted by or with certified small businesses. The amount of the equalization credit depends on the value of the contract being solicited and is based upon the lowest qualified bid received.

For contracts valued at or below \$100,000, a 3 percent equalization credit is available. For contracts valued above \$100,000, a 2 percent equalization credit is available. A non-SBE firm may receive a 1 percent equalization credit on any size contract if they submit a bid or proposal that includes subcontracting opportunities for SBE firms valued at 30 percent or more of the overall contract value.

"Because the equalization credit is based on a percentage of the lowest qualified bid the Authority receives from a non-SBE firm, the new program is designed such that SBEs have the same incentive to offer their most competitive bids as do larger firms," said Airport Authority Procurement Director Sandra Allen.

Participation in the new SBE Program is completely voluntary and SBE certification is not required to participate in any WCAA contract. However, to obtain the equalization credit, firms must complete a WCAA SBE Certification Application and be approved by the Authority's Purchasing Unit prior to a bid deadline or solicitation submission deadline date.

For more information regarding the WCAA SBE Program, visit the Authority's Web site at <http://www.metroairport.com/business/SBEProgram.asp> or contact the Airport Authority Procurement Division at (734) 247-7900.



Wildflower planting

More than 50 volunteers turned out for Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox's annual cleanup effort at the Bennett Arboretum in Northville. Volunteers removed invasive species, spread mulch, planted wildflowers and cleaned up the area. Volunteers received free tickets to Tiger games. Pictured are, from left, Ray Schnieder, Lauren Billoto, Catlin Szcypka, Marissa Anposicwicz, Paige Shesterkin, Allison Szcypka, Erin Szcypka and Cox.

Hospital hosts cancer fighting event

An annual event celebrates all those touched by cancer — survivors, current patients, caregivers, health care providers, and family and friends who have lost a loved one to cancer. It is a time to celebrate life, personal successes and hope for the future.

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration will be Sunday, June 1, at the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. There will be a reception at 11:30 a.m., the program from noon to 1 p.m.

Guest speaker and singer Elaine Greenberg will be featured in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby.

She will be donating proceeds from the sale of her CDs to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Greenberg is an eight-year cancer survivor who used music to heal during her own recovery and is now fulfilling her promise to share her gift of music with others.

There will also be tours of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, Hearts of Livonia

Healing Center, Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, and Radiation Oncology.

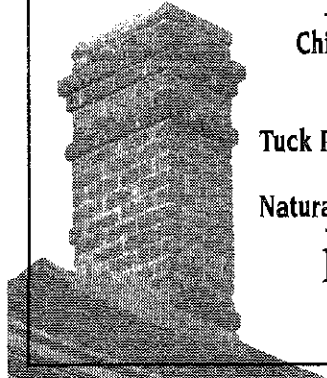
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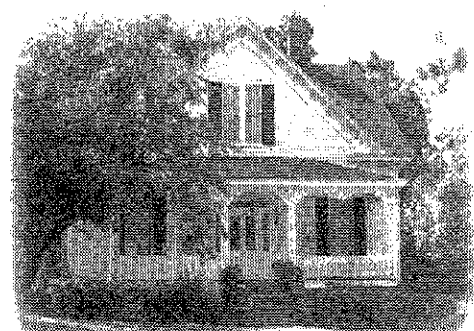
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'Computer Grandma' crashes his way into Livonia

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the folks at Canton Computers decided to make their television commercials more entertaining, Dave Wisniewski never thought he'd end up in a dress slinging a sledge hammer.

Wisniewski, the founder of the company, has been destroying electronics as "Computer Grandma" since 2005.

"Everyone said 'Dave should do it,'" Wisniewski said with a laugh when recalling that they couldn't find a woman to fill the comedic role. "The commercials make people remember (the store)."

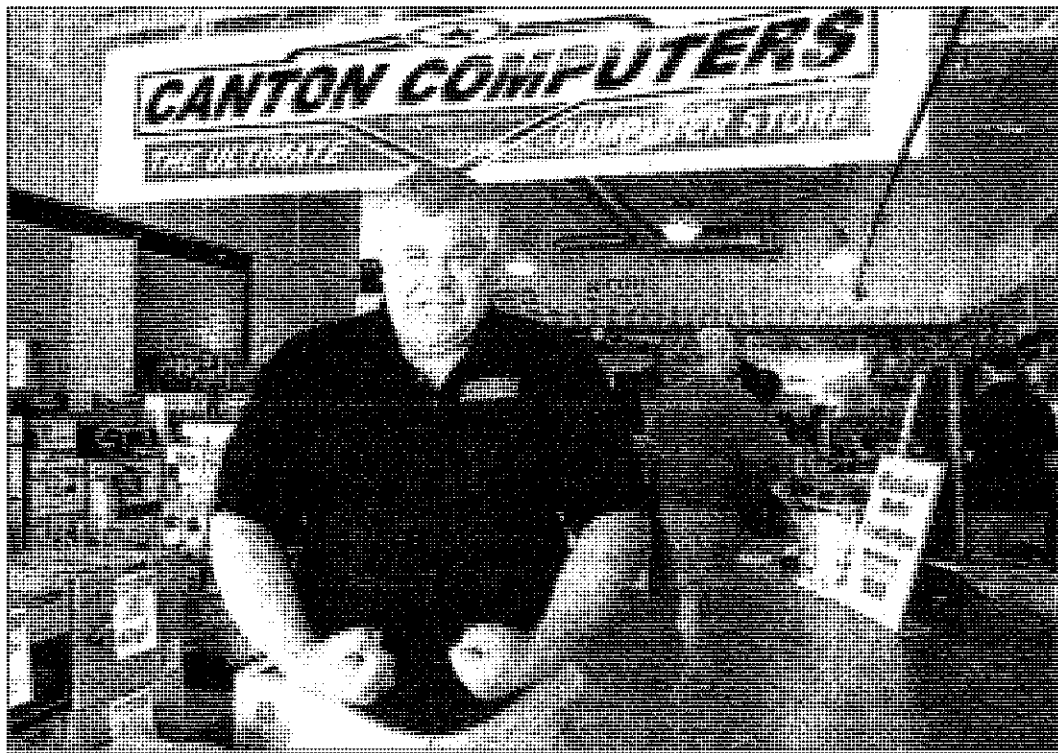
With a Canton location at 1765 Canton Center Road and a Redford store at 10021 Telegraph Road, the company recently opened its third store at 34955 Plymouth Road in Livonia. "Having a central location has made sense for us and our customers," said Wisniewski, who started the company in a Detroit home in 1987.

At the time, Wisniewski, who now lives in Canton, was still working as an information technology manager at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I had six people working for me and they would work during the day and I would work at night," he said. "Life was pretty busy then."

Eventually Wisniewski left his job with the university and then opened the store in Redford. His brother, John, later joined the company.

"There is always someone



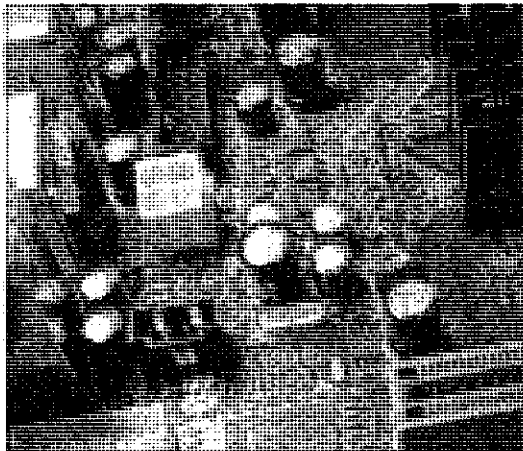
It's a little-known fact around town that the 350-pound former rugby player Dave Wisniewski, owner of Canton Computers, plays the computer-trashing Granny on their television and Web commercials.

CANTON COMPUTERS

New location: 34955 Plymouth Road in Livonia.
Established stores: 10021 Telegraph, Redford, and 1765 Canton Center Road, Canton.
Contact: (734) 981-6600 or www.cantoncomputers.com.

here to answer your questions," he said. "We are here to solve problems not sell you a box."

Wisniewski said he got interested in computers as a teenager after his father took him to a class on how to build



Look inside a computer and you'll see that the motherboard looks like a futuristic miniature city.

a system.

"I was studying to be an engineer but I liked the satisfaction of writing a program and seeing the results that apply to the real world," he said, adding that his father still owns the first computer he bought in 1981.

In addition to computer repair, Canton Computers builds systems and sells refurbished parts. "Having a business is a challenge every day but we are growing with the community and we feel like we are a part of it," Wisniewski said.

Dress for success

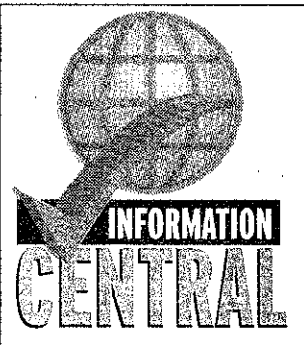
To dress for success doesn't mean disregarding your entire wardrobe and conforming to a set list of standards that some random designer decided to add to the annals of fashion law. There are, however, a number of accepted guidelines concerning appropriate attire in the workplace.

It's important to adapt your style of dress to the environment in which you work. "Dress Smart Women" by Kim Gross and Jeff Stone outline the different dress codes, such as "corporate" or "business appropriate," that you can apply to your wardrobe based on workplace setting. In addition to suggesting suitable clothing types, this book and others like Carson Kressley's "Off the Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men and the Women Who Love Them," also address the proper fit for essential clothing items, in order to maximize the potential of your purchases.

For those of us who don't work in a corporate setting, a business casual style is generally a satisfactory example to follow. Although the standard business casual dresser may not be overly concerned about the serious implications of wearing madras or seersucker, these issues and more are addressed in Land's End "Business Attire for Men: Mastering the New ABCs of What to Wear to Work."

Guidelines such as these are meant to make your life easier by offering a basic idea of what your employer may be expecting of you. If you're lucky enough to work in a casual job atmosphere (like the library), there are so many opportunities to combine classic business casual attire with personal style. But regardless of where you work, all sources agree that what you are wearing should not be too tight, too sheer or too low-cut. Everything should always be clean, and ironing really does go a long way.

Come to the library for inspiration or information about all different kinds of style! We've got plenty of books from vintage to current fashion for you to browse through as well as various style magazines for both men and women. Stop by the reference desk, call us at (734)



326-6123 or search our catalog any time of the day online at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

Adult Poetry Group: 3 p.m. June 2.

Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com.

Retirement Planning: 7 p.m. June 9.

Learn how to make your retirement dreams into reality. Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor to discuss what investments fit your unique dreams and goals. For more information or to sign up to reserve your seat, stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123.

Advanced Care Planning: 7 p.m. June 10.

This presentation is back by popular demand. Oakwood Healthcare System Clinical Ethics Center presents featured speakers Edie English, RN, BSN and Tammy Amezcua, RN, BSN with "My Voice, My Choice." Learn what advanced care plans are, why they are important and how you can prepare your advanced care plan. Patient Advocate Designation documents and materials will be provided for all attendees. Sign up to reserve your seat, stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123.

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

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

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Petition #2640-J. Faris-8633 Beatrice

Request for a 1,431.09 s.f. lot area variance from Section 7:4.2 of Ordinance 248 as a result of a proposed land division request to divide the 126 foot wide, 91.57 foot deep, 11,537.82 s.f. lot into 2 separate parcels for development of single family homes, resulting in each of the proposed lots comprising 5,768.91 s.f., where a minimum lot area of 7,200 s.f. is required for lots within the R-5 district.

Petition #2641-J. Sherman-32129-31 Genesee Court

Request for a 1 foot, 6 inch side yard fence height variance from the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6 foot high chain link fence in the east and west side yards of the residence, where Section 22-203(C) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4 feet, 6 inches in height.

Petition #2642-B. Kroll-PID 56-032-01-0045-000

Request for a variance from Section 7:4.2 of Ordinance 248 in order to make the above mentioned non-conforming lot a buildable lot as it does not meet the minimum requirements and was contiguous with adjacent lots making it previously part of a conforming zoning parcel.

Petition #2643-Wayne Hunter Investments, 8639 N. Wayne Road
Request for a use variance from Ordinance 248 in order to operate a driving school in a lease Space located within the Westland Plaza, where Section 9:6.1 does not list the proposed use as a permitted use within the CB-3 district.

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Cooperstown, N.Y., can be a place of surprises even if you've been to the Baseball Hall of Fame five times or so already.

My husband and I traveled May 18 from our Plymouth Township home through Canada into upstate New York. We were eager to get to the Hall of Fame, founded in 1939 and one of our favorite travel destinations.

Cooperstown's not so easy to get to, taking a winding Route 28 south of the New York Thruway's Herkimer exit. Our three days at the Hall of Fame and the Inn at Cooperstown were worth the drive and the alarming gas prices (especially in Canada, our equivalent to \$5 a gallon).

The first surprise was seeing Helen Filarski's picture in the Diamond Dreams exhibit on women in baseball. The new exhibit, funded by AT&T, explores women's role in organized baseball.

Filarski, now Helen Filarski Steffes, spoke March 29 at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland with Mary Moore,

a fellow player in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League of the 1940s and 1950s. The women talked extensively about their memories of playing hard and having fun in the league. Later, they assisted with and appeared in the 1992 movie *A League of Their Own*, all about the women's baseball league.

I turned a corner and spotted a photo of a younger Filarski tagging out a Josephine Kabick in a 1947 game. It was a great, but pleasant, surprise to see one of the local women I'd met and heard speak represented so well in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The other pleasant surprise was fellow Rotarian Bob Billie Jr. of Northville, whose name appeared on the first floor of the Hall of Fame at a display on fantasy camps. When I got back into town for Plymouth A.M. Rotary's May 27 meeting, I was eager to let Bob know his name on a roster and a photo, with face slightly turned, were not far away from the Hall where the plaques of baseball immortals rest.

Initially, I'd been a bit disappointed. I was scheduled to interview Birmingham Groves High and Michigan State grad Dale Petroskey, who until recently was president of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

His abrupt departure was still news when we arrived in Cooperstown, and of course I didn't get to do the interview for this newspaper.

It would have been nice to meet a fellow Groves graduate, and maybe we would have seen some secrets of the Hall of Fame; only about 10 percent of the collection's shown at a given time. Still, even without the Petroskey interview the trip was worth it.

I stopped in at the Hall of Fame library to ask about St. Louis Browns tryouts held in Toledo in the early 1940s. My dad and a friend had skipped classes at Detroit Mackenzie High School and hitchhiked to Toledo for tryouts. The library in Cooperstown had no record of the open tryouts, although the helpful staffer did refer me to the Baltimore Orioles, the successor to that team.

Not all the Cooperstown surprises were local or even American. We heard a staffer speak on Japanese baseball players. I didn't know that the first player from Japan came in 1964 and played for the San Francisco Giants. There was even a black and white photo of him eating a hot dog at the ball park and smiling. He returned to Japan, I learned, and had a career in broadcasting.

We've never been to the Hall of Fame in the summer, and avoid the induction ceremony when crowds fill the one-traffic light town to capacity. I like to watch that on TV and compare a full Cooperstown to the quieter, almost spiritual place that we know.

My husband was a bit miffed to see a woman reading a book (not a baseball title, from what I could tell) in the room that houses the Hall of Fame plaques of Al Kaline, George Kell, Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, and St. Louis Cardinals greats like Stan Musial. (St. Louis is my favorite National League team.) Of course, many other teams and eras in the sport are represented, including Effa Manley, an owner in the Negro Leagues and the first woman inducted.

Maybe the reader should have gone across the street to the public library on Main Street, but she wasn't bothering anyone so I didn't really care. Baseball means different things to different people, and the Hall of Fame's just the place to be if you're a fan, casual or otherwise.

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OUR VIEWS

4-day work week would help ozone, fuel economy

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will seek approval from that county's Board of Commissioners for a four-day, 40-hour week to help county employees save 20 percent on gasoline.

Patterson's proposal is a practical solution to the problem of rising fuel costs — one that we hope will be implemented by not only there, but by other governmental units and private businesses as well.

Other answers — including expanding mass transit and developing alternative fuels — will take time and money. But allowing employees to work four days a week instead of five is a solution that costs nothing and can be implemented immediately.

A shortened work week would benefit workers, many of whom are spending more now to feed their vehicles than their families. It would also help to offset stagnating or decreasing wages and increases in co-pays and deductibles that have affected many workers in the pocketbook.

A four-day work week would also help the environment. Fewer trips saves on ozone-damaging emissions. The economy would benefit as well. The less money workers have to spend on gasoline, the more money they'll have to spend on other goods and services.

Service doesn't have to suffer with a shorter work week. Employees can stagger their 10-hour work days so a minimum number staffs each department every day of the week. They can take turns taking off Friday or Monday.

Government offices could even expand the hours they're open if employees are working longer shifts. Rather than being open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., they could serve the public from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

We think Patterson's proposal makes good sense, but not just for Oakland County. We also encourage other governmental units and private businesses to act without delay in changing the traditional five-day work week to four.

Grads, parents can learn from family's tragedy

For many, the next few weeks will be filled with graduation ceremonies, followed with graduation parties and celebrations. Sadly for us, June 5 will instead mark the anniversary of our daughter Ashleigh's death.

She had just graduated from Notre Dame Prep and she, too, like your children, was full of hope and dreams. Ashleigh's own graduation party was to be the next day, when tragically, while attending her friend's graduation party, she was given keys by the host family to their PWC (personal watercraft), and then while on the lake, looking back at the tuber she was pulling, Ashleigh collided with a 19-foot powerboat and was killed instantly.

There is just no way to describe the immeasurable pain and heartache of losing your child. And so, in honor of Ashleigh's incredible spirit, we fight to educate others about the chain of "events" that

allowed this accident to happen so that no other family will know this unbearable pain.

Parents who are hosting graduation parties, be aware. Be painfully aware of what type of party you are designing for our young people. Even though alcohol wasn't a factor in the crash in my daughter's accident, it was a factor at the party. The host family had alcohol available at their party without any "plan" in place to control those who could consume it. Plans for free-flowing margarita fountains and access to powerful water "toys" is a deadly and tragic combination.

Contributing to this tragic accident was the access to the host family's PWC at their party. They gave the keys to this powerful water vessel without question as to Ashleigh's certification (which is required to operate a PWC on our waterways) or without any direction or instruction in regards as to how to operate their PWC.

Tragically, she was killed just 20 minutes after heading out onto the lake.

Parents, be diligent in putting your guests' safety first.

Parents who "want to be cool" and provide the best time for their kids friends, don't look so cool when the police arrive trying to sort through the events that led to one tragedy after another. Don't strive to be the "cool" parent. Be the responsible parent and provide a healthy, safe graduation party that is appropriate for your son or daughter. This is the beginning of the next stage of life where they will be building their future. Lead them by example.

You should know that you must have a boating safety certificate to operate a PWC on any Michigan waterways if you were born after Dec. 31, 1978. Here in Oakland County we are blessed with a strong Marine Division who, with their partnership, we have been able to provide boating safety classes in our schools to our young people at no cost to the student. Boating accidents and deaths have largely been reduced as a result of boating education, along with the strong presence on our lakes by the OCSD.

Congratulations to all who will be graduating here in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to

those parents who are planning graduation parties that will offer a safe and positive place for our children to celebrate their accomplishments with their friends and family of all ages.

This letter won't bring back Ashleigh, but I pray it will, in some small way, prevent another tragedy. And for that, I know Ashleigh would be smiling.

Jan Willhite-Iserman is a Rochester Hills resident.



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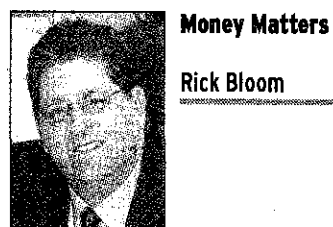
Dear Rick: My parents passed away a couple of years ago. At the time of their death, I think they had a safe-deposit box that I was never able to locate. I was told that there may be a way for the state to help me locate the safe-deposit box. It's been seven years since my parents' death, but I was curious if there was anything that I could do.

Michigan, through the Department of Treasury, administers the Michigan's Unclaimed Property Act, which states if there is no activity in an account for a period of five years and if they cannot contact the owner of the account, then the financial institution gives the property (cash or contents in a safe-deposit box) to the state treasurer's office.

The state treasurer, through the Department of Treasury, takes jurisdiction and supervises its return to the rightful owner. It is possible the contents of your parents' safe-deposit box have been turned over to the Department of Treasury and you can have this property returned. The state of Michigan has millions of dollars from bank accounts that have been for-

gotten, family heirlooms left in safe-deposit boxes and uncashed checks. To find out whether any of this property is yours is relatively easy. Go to the Michigan Department of Treasury's Web site, www.michigan.gov/treasury and click on "Unclaimed Property." You will see a link for "Michigan's Money Quest" click to do your own search. If you discover your name, or

your parents', then you can submit a claim through the state Treasurer's Department and reclaim the assets. It is important to understand that the state of Michigan does not own the unclaimed property. It acts as a custodian. Every year or two, it pays for all of us to visit the Department of Treasury's Web site and to do a search for unclaimed property. We live



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

in a time period where everything is changing, people move and it is not unusual to lose track of certain assets. In addition, if you have lived out of state, it's not a bad idea to do an unclaimed property search in that state. Even though every state has different rules, a great majority will allow you to do unclaimed property searches on the Internet.

Over the years, I've received letters from companies who will do unclaimed property searches for you for a fee. In the majority of those cases, all they are doing is going to the particular state's Web site and doing the search. My advice for the great majority of people is to save the money and do the search yourself.

Dear Rick: I have money invested in GMAC Demand Notes. Recent articles in the newspapers make me wonder if this investment is shaky. GMAC has been around a long time and it does pay, or so it seems, a higher rate of interest. Being a senior on a fixed income, I cannot afford to lose any money.

You are correct. GMAC has been around a long time and does have a history of paying their obligations. However, the GMAC of today is not the GMAC of the past. In the past, GMAC was a division of General Motors. Today, GMAC is no longer owned solely by GM. Cerberus Capital Management, the same company that owns Chrysler, owns a substantial portion of GMAC.

In the past, because of the financial strength of General Motors, GMAC Demand Notes were a very safe and secure investment. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. GMAC has run into difficulty with its mortgage business. The credit crunch that has affected America also has affected GMAC.

The bottom line is GMAC is not a safe, secure investment. The rating services that rank financial instruments place GMAC Demand Notes in a non-investment quality category. In other words, the junk bond category.

In your case, being a senior isn't the major issue, it's that you want a safe and secure investment. Since GMAC is rated a non-investment grade, I recommend an alternative to GMAC Demand Notes.

The world has changed and GMAC is no longer the same company it was before.

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State champion Wildcats pounce on Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
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Three-time defending state girls soccer champion Novi brought its 'A' game to the table in Friday night's Division 1 district final with a convincing 4-0 win over visiting Livonia Stevenson at Meadows Stadium.

The 10th-ranked Wildcats, 15-3-3 overall, now sets up a rematch with No. 1-ranked Northville (18-0-2) in the semifinals of the regional beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Stevenson.

Northville won the first meeting during the regular season, 1-0.

On May 9, Stevenson earned a 0-0 tie with Novi, but found itself on its heels much of the first half falling behind 3-0.

"We had our moments today,

but plain and simple we were outmatched," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, whose team finished 9-9-2 overall. "They (Novi) are a good team. You can't make mistakes like we did the first 15 minutes or it will kill you."

The Spartans had problems clearing balls out of their own end under the constant pressure of the Novi attack.

Morgan Haffey tallied the first goal just 8 minutes and 15 seconds into the match when she plucked a rebound out of mid-air and left-footed a drive past senior Stevenson goalkeeper Rachel Simari. The assist went to Jenna Carosio.

"The last time we played them we had the ball a lot, but not a lot of quality chances," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "That early

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goal certainly loosened things up for us." Just 3:21 later, Simari made an initial leaping save, only to have Alyssa Fraser knock in the rebound off a play started by the Wildcats' outstanding senior midfielder Katie Chaklos.

The Wildcats then scored again at the 16-minute mark on Carosio's shot assisted by Jamie Fratto for a 3-0 lead.

"I told our girls to keep their heads up," Pinta said of his halftime talk. "When you play against a team like this you have to play smart because there is no margin for error. You can't expect a perfect serve because it's never going to happen."

Novi continued to press in Stevenson's third of the field dur-

ing the second half, but cashed in only once with just 4:51 left on an "own goal" credited to Nikki Greenhalgh, whose cross caromed off a Stevenson defender.

O'Leary said he believes his team is hitting stride just at the right moment with three straight state tournament wins.

"This season for our seniors has been an up-and-down ride," the Novi coach said. "They've taken some criticism, but they're playing their best soccer they've picked a good team. This has been our best three games of the year."

"We've had issues with health and have not had a full lineup until now. It has allowed us to play with continuity. Anytime you play Northville it's going to be a one-goal type of game. You just have to create your own luck.

It depends on how prepared, how fit and how injury-free you are. And those are factors sometimes beyond your control."

Stevenson, meanwhile, loses seven seniors to graduation including Simari, defender Rachel Stevens, midfielder Stephanie Gutkowski, defender Jennifer Gateley, defender Julia Schroeder (captain) and defender Caralyn Corp. And midfielder and captain Victoria Slavin never played a game this year after suffering a knee injury.

"We did some darn good things with what we had," Pinta said. "Who would have thought we'd be in a district final, beat and tie (Livonia) Churchill and tie Novi? We did some good things."

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Dynamite kid

Boxer Smith, 16, eyes nationals

BY BRAD EMONS
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Comparisons to super-heavyweight Craig Payne may be a bit premature for 16-year-old budding boxing prodigy Dan Smith.

Payne was once a member of the Livonia Boxing Club and the answer to noteworthy trivia question: "Who as an amateur defeated Mike Tyson and two Olympic gold medalists?"

Garden City High's Dan Smith, headed to the USA Boxing's National Junior Olympics, June 16-21, in Marquette, is under the same watchful eye at Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club that schooled Payne during his successful amateur days in the early 1980s - Livonia trainer Paul Soucy.

The 6-foot-3, 235-pound Smith is coming off a Great Lakes Regional Junior Olympic title win as a super-heavyweight after stopping Cody McIlwaine recently in his hometown of Zanesville, Ohio with a pair of standing eight-counts in the opening round.

Despite a modest 8-6 amateur

mark, Smith could be on the fast track to bigger and better things, according to Soucy.

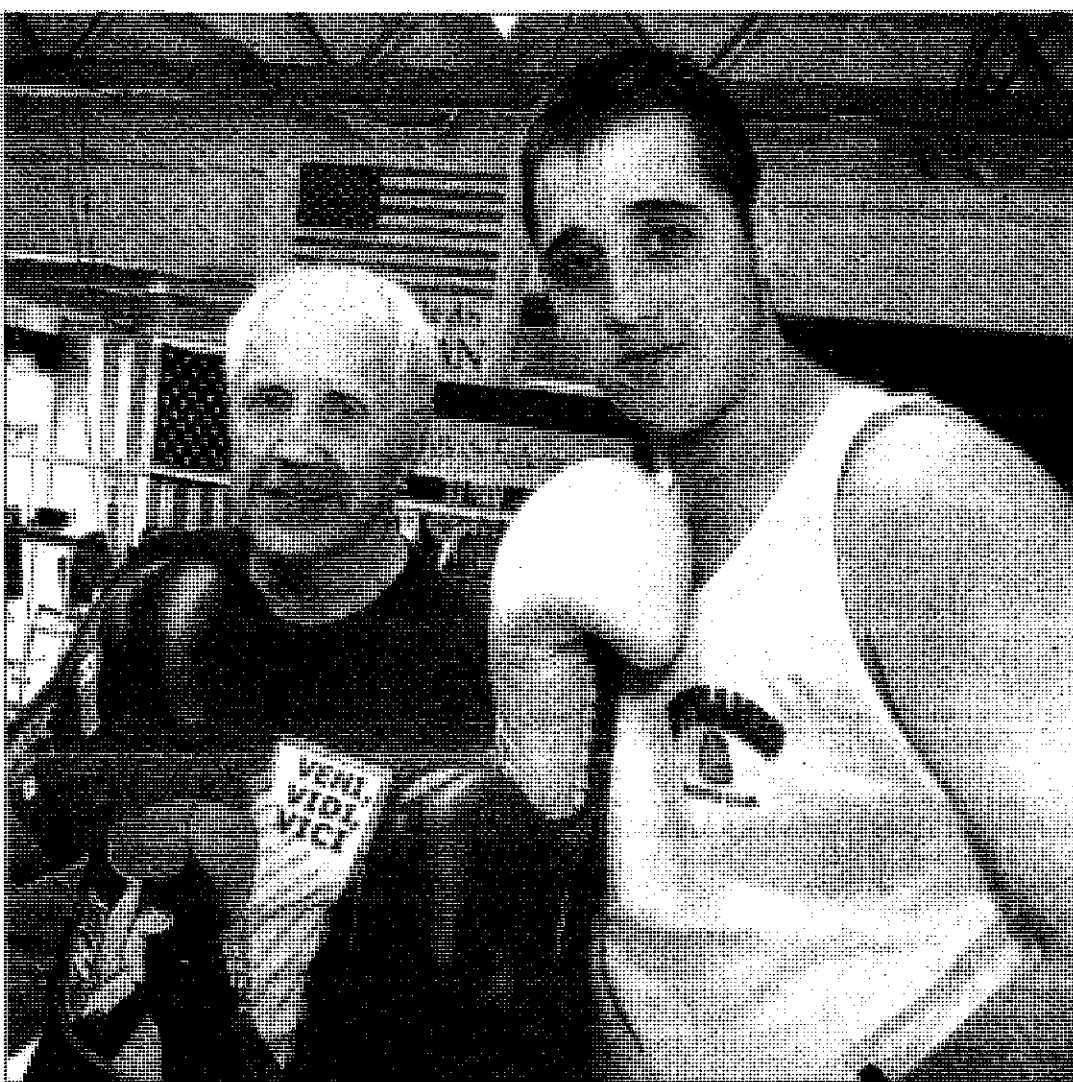
"He's in the gym constantly," the trainer said. "And if he's not, everybody thinks he's sick. He's willing to pay the price. We're looking at the 2012 Olympics, that's our goal."

"His potential is great. He'll hold his own with anybody. He'll box anybody. He has no fear. He's very elusive to get. The only thing we want is more power in his punches."

Payne was a 1983 National Golden Gloves champion (beating a 16-year-old Tyson on a decision) and was runner-up in the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials to eventual gold medalist Tyrell Biggs (losing on a controversial 3-2 decision).

Payne also captured the National Police Athletic League (PAL) Tournament and defeated Cuban legend and three-time Olympic heavyweight gold medalist Teofilo Stevenson in the North American Championships.

"Paul talks about him all the time," Smith said of Payne. "I

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The next hope for Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club is 16-year-old super-heavyweight Dan Smith of Garden City, who is trained by Livonian Paul Soucy (left).

Spartans 4th; Mossoian qualifies

See golf results, Page B4

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Stevenson boys golf coach Jun Omietanski hopes Thursday's strong showing at Division 1-Region 5 Tournament held at Washtenaw Country Club is the sign of more good things to come.

The Spartans, whose starting five are all underclassmen, just missed qualifying for the team state finals next weekend at The Meadows (Grand Valley State's course) by a mere two strokes.

Western Lakes Activities Association champion Northville, led by medalist Trevor Grigg with a 72, captured first-place honors and advanced with a four-player total of 299.

REGIONAL GOLF

Host Saline and Ann Arbor Huron garnered the other two team spots with 313 and 318, respectively, while Stevenson shot 320. See complete results.

Sophomore Drew Mossoian fired a 76, good enough for fourth place and earn an individual state qualifying berth.

Rounding out Stevenson's contingent was sophomore Christian DeBay, who placed 10th with a 78; sophomore Tom Cullum, 16th with an 82; freshman Adam Giordano, 22nd with an 85; and junior Dan DuFour, 47th with an 89.

"The team achieved much higher goals than they believed they were capable of doing," said Omietanski, who is in his first year as the Spartans' coach. "The future looks bright for these kids with only one senior leaving us.

"These kids made great strides this year and should be proud of the achievements they accomplished."

Mossoian was joined as an additional individual state qualifier by Canton's Zach Conrad, who shot a 75, and Belleville's Zach McCurley, who carded a 77.

"Drew Mossoian has been a model of consistency all year averaging 38 in dual matches and 76 in tournament play," Omietanski said. "His willingness to work hard every day has made him a better player and it shows in his performance on-and-off the course."

Livonia Churchill, which finished third in last week's district on its home course at Whispering Willows, struggled to an eighth-place finish, tied with Temperance Bedford at 947.

The Chargers' Dan Bostick, a junior, was 22nd overall with an

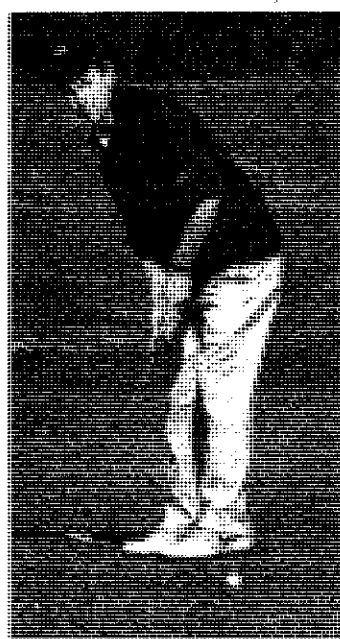
85 followed by senior Josh Proben and junior Kevin Robinson, 87 each; senior Brian Bint, 88; and junior Erik Newman, 97.

"The greens were very quick, which made putting treacherous," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "I heard and saw a lot of four- and five-put greens, and some putts were rolling off the green. It was tough-going on the greens."

Livonia Franklin settled for 12 out of the 12-school field with a 367.

Senior Tony Semonick led the Patriots with an 88 followed by junior Jordan Chisholm (89), senior Justin Adams (94), senior Dan Ostrosky (96) and sophomore Chris Grund (97).

Westland John Glenn's two individual qualifiers, senior Dan Tamaroglio and freshman Josh Duprie shot 92 and 111, respectively.



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Stevenson's Christian DeBay, shown here in last month's Western Lakes Tournament at Pheasant Run, fired a 78 to place 10th in the Division 1-Region 5 Tournament Thursday at Washtenaw Country Club.

Sidelines

Briggs retained

New University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball coach Ray McCallum has retained former Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs, a holdover from Perry Watson's staff, and hired former Central Michigan University head coach as his first two assistants.

Briggs, a former Schoolcraft All-America and Baylor University standout who was a fourth-round pick of the San Antonio Spurs, compiled a 249-39 record in nine seasons at Schoolcraft and guided the Ocelots to three NJCAA Division I National Tournament appearances.

He produced a total of 45 NCAA Division I signees, including former UDM players Torvoris Baker and Rulon Harris, along with seven NJCAA All-Americans, 27 All-Region, 14 All-State and 23 All-Conference selections.

"Being a Detroit native and having played in the city in high school and junior college, Carlos knows Detroit basketball," McCallum said. "He's had an outstanding career as a coach. He won (junior college) championships (five state titles), and took his team to national tournaments. He's an outstanding person who has contributed to the development of young people, and I think that's important."

MU signs golfer

Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato announced the signing of his second recruit, Nick Sears (Clio) of Flint Powers' Catholic, a two-time, first-team All-Big Nine Conference selection and conference medalist this spring with a 75.

Sears, who resides in Clio, joins Salem's Joel Cheesman as Mato's second recruit for the 2008-09 seasons.

"Nick comes to us with a lot of tournament experience and is a great young man," Mato said. "He has the ability to come in and make an immediate impact and establish himself in our starting lineup."

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Glenn football camp

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp for grades 5-10 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19. The cost is \$50.

For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28-Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

Each camper is guaranteed plenty of instruction on fundamentals of the game, with an 8-1 ratio of campers to instructors.

The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, for boys ages 8-15. Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhisar@madonna.edu.

C'ville boys basketball

The eighth annual Trojan Basketball Kids camp for grades four-nine will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Clarenceville High School.

The registration fee is \$60 and checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Basketball.

For more information, e-mail boys varsity coach Corey McKendry at Cmac721@yahoo.com; or call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

Glenn basketball camp

The Westland John Glenn basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-9 will be from noon until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$50 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 14).

For more information, e-mail camp director and varsity boys basketball coach Dan Young at youngda22@yahoo.com

Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin High will stage its Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys or girls exiting grades three-six from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the varsity baseball field.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

The registration deadline is Friday, June 20.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us; or call (734) 968-0499.

C'ville girls basketball

The Livonia Clarenceville girls basketball camp for incoming grades 4-9, both beginners and advanced, will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, call Clarenceville girls coach Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

MU 'Perimeter' camp

High school basketball players are invited to attend Madonna University's first All-Star Perimeter Camp, slated from 5:30-9 p.m. June 2-5 for players ages 14-18.

There will be instruction on shooting fundamentals and technique, off the ball movement, ball handling, footwork, communication and leadership. An NBA Skills Challenge will be among the planned extra activities.

Director of the camp is MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry.

The camp will cost \$125. For more information, visit www.madonnaacademics.com.

Trojan Baseball Camp

Livonia Clarenceville varsity baseball coach Dan Miller and his staff will stage a youth baseball skills camp for boys entering grades 3-9 for the 2008-09 school year from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school diamond, located at 20155 Middlebelt Road (behind the northwest corner of the high school gym).

The \$40 camp fee includes 12 hours of instruction and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is Saturday, June 14. Any late registrations are subject to an additional \$5 fee.

For more information, e-mail Miller at dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a variety of volleyball camps for the summer of 2008 including elite and general players (June 23-26); setters and youth (June 29-July 2); hitters and defensive specialty (July 7-10).

For more camp information or to secure a spot, call (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698. You can also e-mail MU coach Jerry Abraham at jbraham@madonna.edu.

Blazer volleyball camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a summer volleyball camp from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 6-9 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the school's gymnasium. The fee is \$100 and should be made payable to Cameron Reiger and mailed to: Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, e-mail ckomp@yaho.com.

Ladywood hoop camp

The 13th annual Blazer Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon (girls grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (girls grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Ladywood High School, located at 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$90 (before June 2) or \$100 (after June 2). Each camp session will be limited to the first 60 applicants. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call the Ladywood Athletic Department at (734) 591-2323; or e-mail varsity coach Andrea Gorski at coachgorski@gmail.com. To obtain a brochure, download www.ladywood.org.

Ladywood soccer

Livonia Ladywood will stage a soccer camp for girls only in grades K-9 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26.

The head instructor will be Ladywood varsity coach Ken Shingledecker, along with his coaching staff and Ladywood players. Goalkeeper training is also available.

The cost is \$100.

To register, or for more information, visit www.Ladywood.org.

Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School is offering a series of 2008 summer camps including:

Baseball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2008) - 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18 (cost \$52 includes; T-shirt);

Boys basketball (grades 5-9) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81; includes T-shirt);

Girls basketball skills (grades 5-10) - 1-4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18, at the fieldhouse (cost \$52 includes T-shirt);

Boys football (grades 3-8) - 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30 (cost \$36);

Boys football (grades 9-12)

- 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (cost \$60);

Girls gymnastics (ages 11-and-up) - 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 16-20 (cost \$81) and June 23-27 (cost \$81) at the fieldhouse;

Hockey skills (grades 9-12) - 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25 and 7-8:30 p.m., July 28-Aug. 1, at Eddie Edgar Arena (two-week cost \$182; includes T-shirt). Enrollment limited to 45 skaters and five goalies (should take 9313).

Boys and girls pole vault (grades 8-12) - each Monday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; Aug. 11, 18, 25; each Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 9, 16, 23; Aug. 13, 20, 27 (cost \$182; includes T-shirt);

Girls fastpitch softball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2008) - 9-30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18 (cost \$37; includes T-shirt);

Girls volleyball (grades 7-9) - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (seven days) starting June 19-20 (cost \$99);

Girls volleyball (grades 10-12) - 8:15-10:45 a.m. (seven days) starting June 19-20 (cost \$99).

For more information, call Livonia Community Services at (734) 744-2602.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps including:

■ Boys and girls soccer: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; 14-17, 21-24; 28-31.

■ Boys basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17.

■ Girls basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24.

■ Girl volleyball (all-skills): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7-10 and 28-31. Each camp session is \$175 (includes T-shirt). Optional swimming will be from noon-12:50 p.m. Campers must provide their own lunch.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

Hoop Stars camps

Hoops Stars Basketball Camp will stage three sessions for boys and girls ages 7-15 including:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 16-20 and Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both);

Also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRC pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620; or the Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

You can also call Ron Levin, camp director, at (248) 496-3268; or visit www.hoopstars-basketball.com.

Franklin Pom-Pon clinic
The Livonia Franklin varsity pom-pom clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Friday, June 20, at the high school.

The cost is \$20 per person. There will be special awards and performance following the clinic.

To pre-register, call Nancy Kuzara at (734) 502-0877.

Westside Football camp

The 26th annual Westside Football Camp for grades 5-9 will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High school.

The non-contact camp will be directed by CC varsity coach Tom Mach. The cost is \$185 per camper. For more information, or to request a registration form, call (248) 596-3829.



LJAL hoop champs

The Wolverines, coached by Don Coleman and Daryl Bauer, recently captured the Livonia Junior Athletic League Varsity Boys Premier League basketball title. Team members include: Jesse Bauer, Damon Bogich, Austin Bumpus, Cody Coleman, Kevin D'Arcy, John Lynch, Ethan Mason, Joe Mims, Bobby Snyder, Tom O'Brien, Adam Wheeler and Craig Wilkinson.

District verdict

Blazers ground Falcons to reach Dexter finals

GIRLS SOCCER

Merritt was awarded the penalty kick when she was fouled by North goalkeeper Missy Quasunella following a cross into the box by Renee Boudreau.

"It was an ugly game, but we found a way to get it done," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We'll take it."

Freshman Michelle Krawczyk started in goal for the Spartans, but had to leave the game with an undisclosed injury with only 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

Senior Rachel Simari came on a made a key save to preserve the shutout.

CANTON 9, JOHN GLENN 0: In a Division 1 district game Thursday at Northville, Laura Daniels and Jessica Trost tallied two goals apiece as the Chiefs (12-4-4) scored nine first-half goals to mercy Westland John Glenn (1-15-2).

Other Canton goal scorers included Kerry Raker, Kayla Carmody, Megan Staub, Tracy Rymph and Alyssa Cottrell.

Goalkeeper Bryanne Bellovary posted the shutout.

CLAWSON 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Shannon Morehouse scored a pair of goals to lead Clawson (15-4-1) to a Division 3 district semifinal victory over Livonia Clarenceville (6-11-1).

Katie Ross also scored for the victorious Trojans.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Kristen Jolly stood out and made 14 saves.

Clawson goalkeeper Kayla Hamby earned the shutout.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 4, LUTHER WESTLAND 0: Brooke Williams and Annette Somerick tallied two goals apiece Thursday as host Plymouth Christian Academy (14-2-1), ranked No. 2 in the state, advanced in the Division 4 district tournament by blanking Lutheran High Westland (10-8).

It was the third straight win this season for PCA over the Warriors, who trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles stood out with 12 saves.

"We played well, but they (PCA) were too strong," Lutheran Westland coach Sam Makki said. "Most of their goals were from crossing the ball from the wing. We could not stop their crosses. They had better skill players and I see most of their girls playing year-round soccer. We don't, but this year was a better one for our team and we have improved a lot."

GARDEN CITY 1, FRANKLIN 0: On Tuesday, Cara Braun scored in the 65th minute assisted by Jennifer Nichols as the visiting Cougars (9-4-5) earned the Division 1 district win at Livonia Franklin (2-17-1).

"Their goal came on a pass back to the top of the box off a corner," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We didn't pressure nearly enough and their player (Braun) got off a clean shot off to the far side."

Stephanie Nichols earned her ninth shutout on goal for Garden City, which was eliminated Thursday, 3-1, by 7-11-2 Grosse Pointe South.

"Once we went down, the game changed entirely. We dominated the last 15 minutes and showed an urgency unlike ever before. Kelly Powers, Amy McGaughey, Renee Berger, Brooke Killen and Courtney Smith really showed their true colors in the last 15 minutes, getting some great shots off and making themselves and other very dangerous in-and-around their box."

Barker and the Patriots now can turn the page to 2009.

"It was a great season of growth and the majority of the team is returning, so this will be something that I'm sure will be a catalyst for them next season," the Franklin coach said.

ALL-METRO GIRLS SOCCER

Goldberg, Sr. F; Charlotte Waldmeir, Jr. Def.; Lutheran High Westland: Alyson Yankee, Jr. MF; Jessica Welser, Sr. Def.; Livonia Clarenceville: Amanda Moody, Sr. F; Jordan Fyffe, Jr. MF; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest: Becky Feldman, Jr. MF; Cayla VanGorden, Soph. MF.

AT-LARGE
Clawson: Meghan Morin, Sr. MF-F; Lutheran North: Bissy Gore, Soph. MF.

SECOND-TEAM
Cranbrook-Kingswood: Casey Miller, Sr. MF;

MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Robert Wilson, Pinckney (77/75); fifth: Mike Ray, Dearborn (79/76); sixth: David Ruehle, Waterford (85/78).

Flight B (Gross/Net Score) - first: Curt Wagner, White Lake (85/66); second: Harry Hicks, Commerce Twp. (83/69); third: (tie) Jim Morris, Mount Clemens (82/70); Chuck Hichert, Hartland (81/70); Larry Bell, Fenton (82/70); sixth: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom (84/72); Bill Crecelius, Ann Arbor (86/72).

Flight C (Gross/Net Score) - first: (tie) Jim McGillivray, Northville (86/71); Mark Miller, Livonia

(86/71); third: Richard Irwin, Plymouth (89/72); fourth: (tie) Gary Bass, Clarkston (90/73); Richard Nannini, Leonard (92/73); Tony Werpi, Shelby (90/73); Ronald Williams, Auburn Hills (90/73).

Flight D (Gross/Net Score) - first: Maurice DeCock, Macomb (95/69); second: Lee Williams, Ypsilanti (91/70); third: (tie) George Jones, Southfield (92/71); Harold Hoffman, Clarkston (100/71); fifth: Mike Marino, Clinton Twp. (94/72); sixth: Steven Smith, South Lyon (98/73).

More information is available at www.mpsga.org or 734-207-PUTT.

BOXING

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probably started out younger. He said Craig was stronger and hit harder, but I have time. Those are tough shoes to fill with his amateur background. I have to work on my speed, defense and get in better condition so I can go as hard as I can for three rounds."

Smith has dropped 20 pounds in the past year. He is also trained by Chad Jacquillard, who migrates up to the Westland gym on a weekly basis from nearby Toledo. (Jacquillard once lost a close decision in the U.S. National Amateur to Floyd Mayweather.)

"A friend of my was training and getting ready for football," said Smith, who played on the

gridiron as a freshman. "I fell in love with it as soon as I got the gloves on. I'd say I'm in the gym 12-to-14 hours per week. It came natural to me. It's the best sport to be involved in - getting hit and hitting people. The feeling of getting a win after overwhelms you."

Smith, who lives less than a mile away from Dynamic Boxing Club. He quickly won his parents over to the sport of boxing. (Smith also has two older brothers, Randy, 26, who once played football, and Andrew, 23, who played guitar for garage bands.)

"My dad (Randy) loves it, but for my mom (Cindy) she felt it was hard for me to do this," Dan said. "She tries to be there and rarely misses and loves to come and watch me fight. She's the only voice I can hear in the ring, but I usually block everything

else out. She really gets excited." Smith already understands the politics of the sport, but won't be deterred.

"You love this sport, but the judges sometime get a little messed up with the decisions," he said. "Some are plain robbery, but it comes with the territory."

The Smiths convinced he belongs in the fight game and has become not only a competitor, but a fan. "The first fight I saw on TV was Hopkins-De La Hoya," he recalled. "Hopkins beat him with a body shot in the ninth round."

"I want to fight for a title on HBO some day. My expectations (in the Junior Olympics) are to get some tough competition. I know I'm up to it, and I hope to win a national title."

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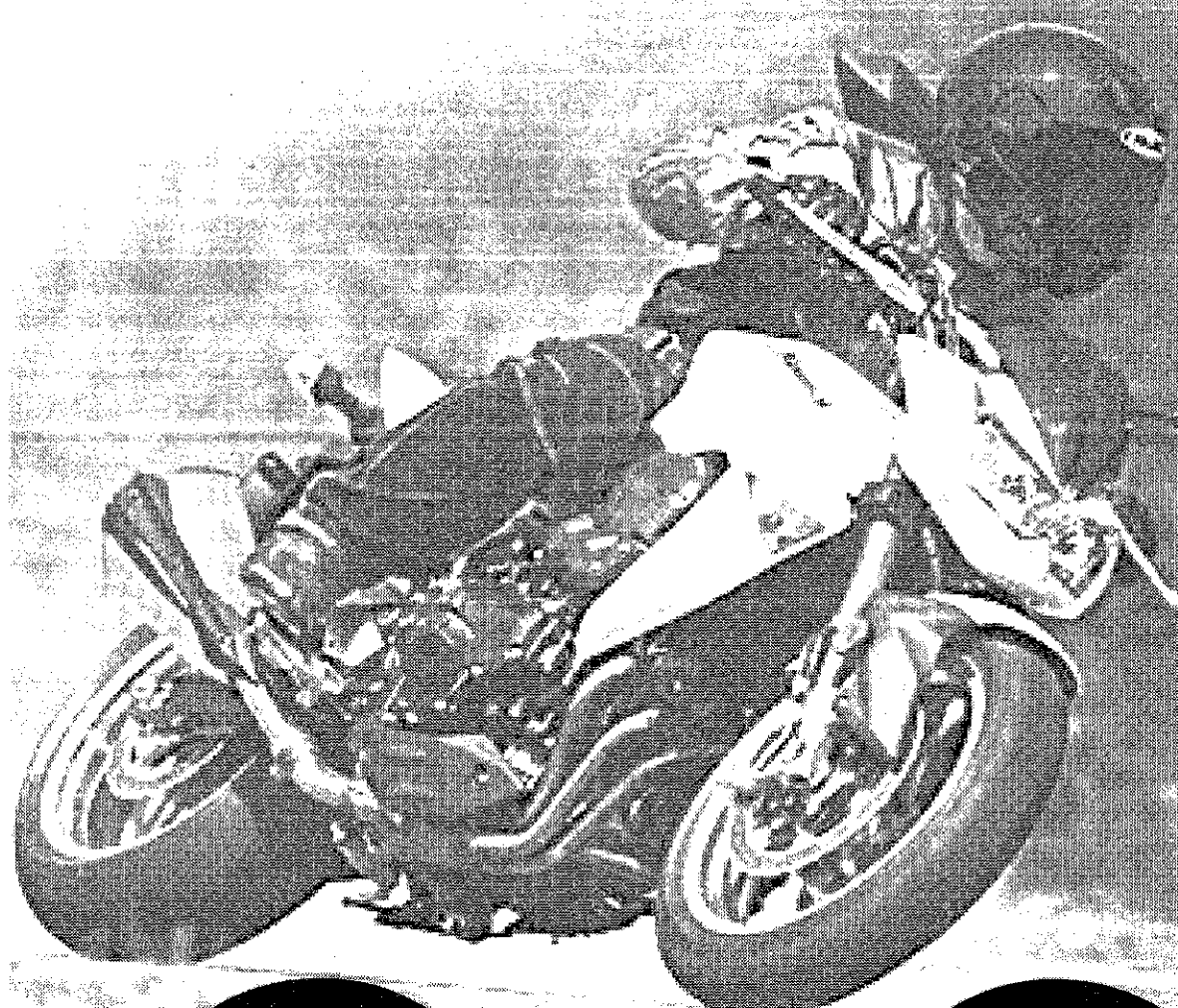
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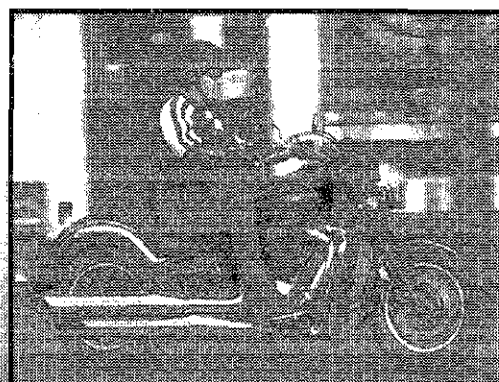
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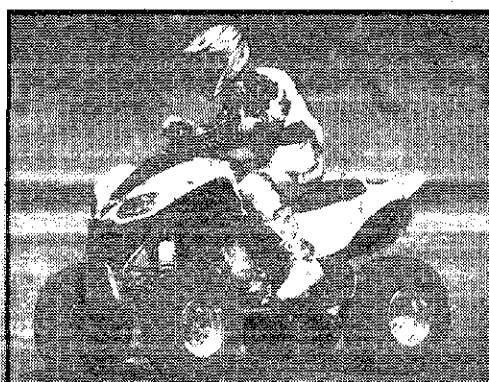
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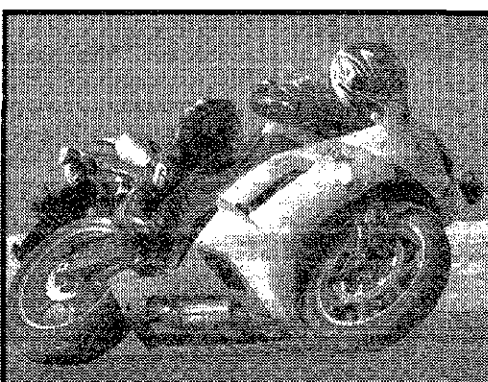
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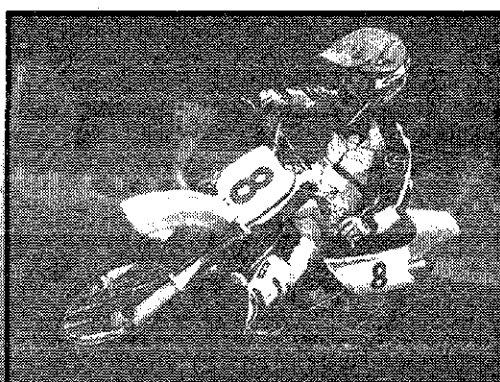
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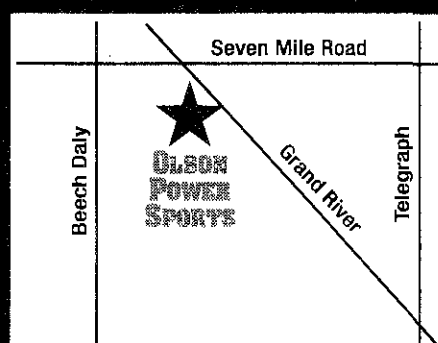
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C'ville's Sochacki 1-hits Greenhills

So much for the sophomore jinx. Val Sochacki, just a 10th-grader, put on quite a pitching display Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville blanked Ann Arbor Greenhills in a non-conference girls softball game, 5-0.

Sochacki allowed just three base runners, throwing a one-hitter, while fanning 12 and walking only one in seven innings to improve to 10-12 on the season.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Pinch hitter Jackie Walker had the lone hit for the Gryphons (8-12) to break up Sochacki's no-hit bid.

Junior Charmaine McQueen singled, walked twice, had an RBI and scored two runs for the victorious Trojans. Freshman Megan McLaughlin also singled and walked, while senior Chelsea Lawler, junior Lisa Wilson and senior Sarah

Beattie also walked twice. Lawler, Wilson and pinch runner Reba Bibik also scored runs for Clarenceville.

"It was nice to play in a game like this and send the seniors off with a win," said Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire, whose team is 10-17 overall. "Val (Sochacki) and the Greenhills pitcher (Leah Topper) both pitched well. We just found a way to get some runs across while only tallying two hits."



Early Bird champs

The under-12 Livonia Travel Titans, coached by Joel Doyen and Jeff Kwiecinski, finished with a 4-0 record to capture the first annual Early Bird Classic baseball tournament held May 16-18 at Forest Park in Wayne. Members of the Titans include: Kyle Madden and Justin Chandler, both of Westland; Nick Weigand, Tyler Turchan, Nate Kwiecinski, Michael Beaudoin, John Lippert and Dan Hensley, all of Livonia; and Brad King, Garden City. Not pictured are Tyler Fisher and Mitchell Sykes, both of Livonia.

Bucks win 5th straight vs. Kings

The Michigan Bucks continued their 2008 undefeated run by coming out 1-0 winners Friday night against the host Cincinnati Kings in a Premier Development League match held at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

In a tightly contested affair, Bucks striker Kenny Uzoigwe (Toledo) found the back of the net in the 90th minute to give his side a much-valued three points and a maximum 15 points for the season (5-0 record).

The Bucks stingy defense was the backbone of the team for most of the game with the Bucks offensive players finding it difficult to breakthrough the Kings back line.

The Bucks potent offense pounded the Cincinnati defense by possessing the ball over 70 percent of the half.

The valiant Kings' defense denied PDL Player of the Week Nate Jafra (South Africa; Lindsey Wilson, Ky.) and running mate Uzoigwe free run of the park.

The Bucks continued their dominance in the second half, but could not manage to get a ball

SOCCER

past Kings keeper Aaron Arndt.

With Jafra tiring, Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald called on Doug DeMartin (Mason; Michigan State) in the 84th minute for on offensive spark.

DeMartin did not disappoint and did well to run at defenders and open up space in the Bucks midfield.

As the scoreless game went into extra time, DeMartin sidestepped his defender and laid the ball off to Bes Bega (Harper Woods) at the top of the 18-yard box. Bes quickly surveyed his options and found Uzoigwe in alone on Arndt.

Kenny put the game away with a confident right footed strike to kill time at the end of the match and dropping the Kings to 2-3 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

The Bucks return home to face the West Michigan Edge (1-3) beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday Lake Orion High School. Presented by LOBOS Soccer Club, there will be a special dis-

count to all those affiliated with the club.

Open Cup ticket deals

The Bucks are offering a special two-for-one deal to fans who attend the PDL match vs. the Cleveland Internationals, which kicks off at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Bucks will give anyone who buys a ticket for that match, a free ticket to the Bucks US Open Cup match against the USL-2 Cleveland City Stars on Tuesday, June 10, at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Bucks matchtracker

For fans who would like to follow the Bucks live, there will be a matchtracker running for the game at 7 p.m. Sunday between the Bucks and the host West Virginia Chaos. Fans can log on to <http://www.uslsoccer.com/schedules/2008/8630213.20086.html> and click the LIVE! icon on the left next to the Michigan Bucks-West Virginia Chaos matchup.

Glenn sidesteps Cranes in 8 innings

It took eight innings Wednesday for Westland John Glenn to win a district baseball tune-up against visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 6-5.

Kyle Acuna, who reached base on a third strike and was sacrificed to second base by Andrew DeLuca, scored the game-winning run on Jace Paciocco's infield single coupled with a Cranbrook throwing in the bottom of the eighth.

With the victory, Glenn improved to 16-17 overall.

Steve Hickson, one of five pitchers Glenn used, allowed just one hit and one walk over the final 2.2 innings in relief to pick up the win.

Starter Robert Fraser, Chris Kangas, Jon Gillis and Mike Johnson also took turns on the mound for the Rockets.

PREP BASEBALL

Kevin LaFave doubled twice and knocked in a run for Glenn, which out-hit the Cranes, 12-8.

Fraser and DeLuca also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Cranbrook (15-12), which scored four times in the sixth inning to take a 5-2 lead, got a pair of hits, including an RBI triple, from Stephen Peck.

Jordan Kaye took the loss in relief for the Cranes.

A.A. HURON II, WAYNE II: On Wednesday, John Heaton and Josh Gustafson belted first inning homers as host Ann Arbor Huron (21-17) took five innings to mercy Wayne Memorial (9-22) in a non-league encounter.

Heaton now has eight homers on

the year and set a River Rats record with 43 RBI.

Senior right-hander Eric Reifert (4-2) got the victory, allowing one earned run on three hits over four innings.

GREENHILLS 16, CLARENCEVILLE 8: Livonia Clarenceville (2-22) couldn't hold leads of 5-3 and 6-5 Wednesday as visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills (7-13) broke it open with five runs in the fifth inning and five more in the seventh on its way to the non-conference victory.

John McAlpine had three hits and two RBI to lead the Trojans, who committed a total of eight errors. Tyler Hendrickson also collected three hits, including a double, while Dan Schiffman, Mike Schiffman, Ramsey Haddad, Matt Kurdziel and John James each added RBI singles for Clarenceville. Jack Butz went 3-for-5 with five RBI, while Matt Canter added two hits for the Gryphons. Freshman Jeff Bord was the winning pitcher.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Sunday, June 1
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Monarchs vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
Mich. Rams vs. Trailblazers (2), 5 p.m.
(at Tecumseh Ontario's LaCasse Park)
Tecumseh Thunder vs. Dodgers (2), noon.
(at Southfield-Lathrup H.S.)
Det. Eagles vs. Blue Knights (2), noon.
Wednesday, June 4
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Monarchs, 5:45 p.m.
Blue Knights vs. Mich. Rams, 6:15 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Det. Eagles vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.
(at Tecumseh, Ontario's LaCasse Park)
Tecumseh Thunder vs. Dodgers, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 6
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Monarchs vs. Det. Eagles, 6:15 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Trailblazers vs. Mich. Dodgers, 5:45 p.m.
Blue Knights vs. Thunder, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, June 7
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Dodgers vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.
Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams (2), 5 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Mich. Monarchs vs. Thunder (2), noon.
Sunday, June 8
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Trailblazers vs. Blue Knights (2), noon.
UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES
PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Sunday, June 1

Michigan Bucks vs. West Virginia Chaos at Schoenbaum Stadium, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 4
Michigan Bucks vs. W. Michigan Edge at Lake Orion H.S., 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 7
Michigan Bucks vs. Cleveland Internationals at Pontiac's Ultimate Arenas, 7:30 p.m.
W-LEAGUE
Tuesday, June 3
Michigan Hawks vs. Kalamazoo Outrage at Detroit Country Day H.S., 6 p.m.
Friday, June 7
Michigan Hawks vs. Chicago (Ill.) Gaels at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Saturday, June 7
Det. Demolition at Iowa Crush, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DIVISION 1-REGION 5 BOYS GOLF RESULTS
May 29 at Washtenaw C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet): 1. Northville, 299 strokes; 2. Saline (host), 313; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 318; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 320; 5. Canton, 330; 6. Salem, 342; 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 333; 8. (tie) Temperance Bedford and Livonia Churchill, 347 each; 10. Monroe, 354; 11. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 358; 12. Livonia Franklin, 367.
TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Northville (299): 1. Trevor Grigg, 72 (medalist); 3. Chris Kozerski and Wes Gates, 75 each; 9. Alex Bernstein, 77; 16. Tim Kelly, 82.
Saline (313): 2. Nick Campbell, 73; 11. Matt Paterini, 79; 12. Nick Areddy, 80; 15. Philip Gieseker, 81; 27. Peter Spittler, 86.
A.A. Huron (318): 3. Max Ammerman and Jacob Askari, 75 each; 18. Tim Faerber, 83; 22. Gunnar Bruce, 85; 47. Alex Wunderlich,

89.
Stevenson (320): 4. Drew Mossioan, 76 (additional state qualifier); 10. Christian DeBay, 78; 16. Tom Cullum, 82; 22. Adam Giordano, 85; 47. Dan Dufour, 89.
Canton (330): 3. Zach Conrad, 75 (additional state qualifier); 18. Jeremy Lindbauer, 83; 27. Andrew Rickerman and Clark Albers, 86 each; 35. Brendan Muir, 87.
Salem (342): 20. Tyler Jeleniewski, 84; 22. Adam Powers, 85; 27. Joel Cheesman, 86; 35. Aaron Thompson, 87; 43. Patrick Doty, 88.
A.A. Pioneer (333): 12. Nolan Maezes and Taylor Margolis, 80 each; 27. Dan Pollock, 86; 35. Perry Grace, 87; 51. Davis Ransdell, 94.
Bedford (347): 27. David Genaw and Nate Goring, 86 each; 35. Justin Gross, 87; 43. Jerry Michalkiewicz, 88; Ben Werner, 95.
Churchill (347): 22. Dan Bostick, 85; 35. Josh Proben and Kevin Robinson, 87 each; 43. Brian Blint, 88; 56. Erik Newman, 97.

Monroe (354): 20. Sean Vanaken, 84; 22. Aaron Bowman, 85; 27. Mike Dushane, 86; 59. Cole Johnson, 99; 60. Jordan Hohman, 108.
Wyandotte (358): 35. Jordan Rutkowski and Andrew Vandierendonck, 87 each; 47. Eric Laurence, 89; 53. Andy Lebeau, 95; 56. Randy Zimmers, 97.
Franklin (367): 43. Tony Semonick, 88; 47. Jordan Chisholm, 89; 51. Justin Adams, 94; 55. Dan Ostrosky, 96; 56. Chris Grund, 97.
INDIVIDUAL SCORERS
Belleville: Zach McCurley, 77 (additional state qualifier); Garden City: Hagan Risner, 78; Chris Ciole, 80; Plymouth: James Bryans, 84; Westland John Glenn: Dan Tamariglio, 92; Josh Duprie, 111; Southgate Anderson: Tom Maley, 84; Taylor Kennedy: Dalton Rickard, 86; Dearborn Edsel Ford: Robert Neff, 95; Brownstown-Woodhaven: Eric Ellerhorst, 92; John Pauls, 102; Ypsilanti Lincoln: Spencer Denhehy, 102.



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Therapy may help with son

My 10-year-old son is no longer in school because of behavioral problems. He's been out of school for about a month and I don't know what to do with him. He stays up all night and plays video games and then sleeps all day. I know that this isn't right, but I have no idea what to do to help him. Do you have any suggestions?

I'm confused. Why is your son out of school? Was he expelled or did you withdraw him? Is he going to start at a new school or are you going to start a home-schooling program? These questions need to be answered. He can't just stop going to school. He needs to be enrolled in some kind of educational program and, as his parent, it is your job to make sure that this happens.

I am also confused by the fact that your son is awake all night playing video games and then sleeping all day. Why is this being allowed to happen? Establish and enforce a bed time. Limit or discontinue video games until you decide that his behavior has earned them back.

You are the parent. That means that you are the one responsible for helping your child to make the appropriate choices. I know that this can be a very difficult task but there's no way around it. But don't worry. You're not alone. There are many resources available to help you with this responsibility.

First, I strongly recommend that you consider therapy for you and your son. This may help the two of you to develop more appropriate boundaries and address areas of concern. A therapist may also be able to provide you with other sources of support and information in your area.



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these resources can be found easily within a few minutes of online searching or a short visit to a local library.

Right now, it sounds as if your house is in chaos and this results on anxiety and stress on everyone that lives there. By assuming control of this situation and setting appropriate rules and limits into place, you will find that you will both be happier and experience less difficulty.

My 6-year-old daughter wets her pants several times a day. She never does this at school or when she is with her grandparents, only when she is at home. We've tried spanking her and taking away her toys but nothing seems to work. Do you have any ideas that might help? Her older sister and brother never had this kind of trouble. Do you think that it might have something to do with our recent move into this house? It's just a thought.

It is entirely possible that your recent move may be one of the reasons that your daughter is wetting. Of course, it's also possible that this has nothing at all to do with this problem. Usually, if a child is reacting to a change or some other negative event, there will be more than one behavioral change that is noted. For example, she would be less talkative, more aggressive, in addition to wetting herself.

My first recommendation is to take your daughter to her pediatrician for an evaluation. It is always better to rule out the physical before we explore the psychological. The fact that this does not seem to happen when she is at school or when she is away from home seems to suggest that it is not due to some medical cause, but it's better to be sure.

Once a medical reason is ruled out, you will need to establish a pattern. Keep track of her wetting and look for triggers. Record who she is with, what time it occurs and what she is doing when she wets. This information can help you to determine if there is any thing or things that are contributing to this behavior.

If a pattern or trigger is identified, we can use this information to develop an intervention. If no clear pattern or trigger emerges, a general intervention can be devised. For example, you may want to make hourly toileting trips mandatory. In addition, you should reward "dry" days with a special treat, such as a special game or time together prior to bed time.

When she does wet, in spite of your best efforts, do not get upset and yell at her. I know that it is frustrating but this response will not help. Instead, make it her responsibility to clean up the mess. This means that she should take off her wet clothing, rinse it out, put it into the washing machine and take a bath (without toys or playing while in the tub) to wash herself. The purpose is to make wetting herself more than just a quick change.

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Anna Matvchuk, right, gets some instruction from Vladae Roytapel, The Dog Wizard, on training her dog Inga outside her Farmington Hills home.

Training works miracle on malamute

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Anna Matvchuk walks Inga up and down the street in front of her Farmington Hills home as if the two had never tussled over who's boss. Two months ago, the malamute was top dog — not Matvchuk — but 10 sessions with Vladae Roytapel helped her and husband George and Inga become a team.

The couple adopted the 2-year old malamute in January from Almost Home, a Southfield-based group

that rescues dogs abandoned by their owners. Inga is their third rescue. Bandit, a malamute mix, died New Year's Eve morning, so with broken hearts they went to the Internet in search of a homeless animal. Matvchuk feared Inga's aggressive behavior would eventually leave them with no choice but to give the dog back to the rescue group or euthanasia.

"We brought her home for two weeks under their foster plan and she

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Anna Matvchuk of Farmington Hills can now confidently walk her malamute Inga without fear of her running after other dogs.

Benny Goodman tribute reincarnates clarinetist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis swears Dave Bennett is Benny Goodman reincarnated, even though the legendary clarinetist died two years after Bennett was born in 1984. There's no doubt the King of Swing would have liked Bennett's style — the wire-rimmed glasses and double-breasted suits — and the fact he seems to be following in the legendary jazz musician's footsteps. Both started playing on the road in their mid-teens.

On Father's Day, June 15, Bennett and his trio bring the Goodman sound to a brunch at Schoolcraft College. The annual event raises funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival to be held July 20, at the college in Livonia.

"I heard Dave for several years," said Ellis, a Livonia resident who saw Goodman play in New York and later booked his band at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. "He stands like him. His mannerisms are so much like Benny's, but he plays a better clarinet."

Bennett wore his hair in the same 1940s style, even when he was younger. Then his vision needed correction.

"I don't do it to copy Benny," said Bennett, 24. "It just sort of fell into place."

Bennett's love for Goodman's music evolved as well when he began playing clarinet at age 10 after his grandparents gave him a horn. By 14, he was traveling around the U.S. as a member of the New Reformation Dixieland Band and at 17 was chosen to perform as a guest soloist with The Count Basie Orchestra. Bennett's most recent gig, May 1-4, was with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. This was his second appearance with the DSO. In June, he plays the Elkhart Jazz Festival in Indiana.

Over the years, Bennett's performed with Doc Cheatham at the Sweet Basil jazz club in New York, and with Goodman band alumni vibraphonist Peter Appleyard and guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. His own quartet recently played at Peabody's in Birmingham.

"My grandfather got me a tape of Benny Goodman and that was it. I already liked music of the big band era in the movies," said Bennett of Waterford. "I just knew I liked what I heard. It wasn't until later on I started to realize I was into something different than everyone else was into."

"His music just really grabs me," he added. "It makes me feel good. It's exciting. When most people think of Benny Goodman, they think of the big band hits. If you dig into the small band stuff, it shows what he could do on the clarinet."

On Sunday, June 15, Bennett will be joined by Tad Weed on piano and Doug Cobb on drums for tunes ranging from *Memories of You* to *Running Wild*. Bennett originally performed his Tribute to Benny Goodman in November 2003 at Windsor's Capitol Theatre. The concert resulted in his first CD. *Remembering Benny* will be available at the brunch.

Bennett is currently in the process of writing his own music, which he says is influenced by Peter Gabriel and Phil Collins, but if a music career doesn't work out he'll have a guaranteed income as a CPA. Bennett just graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"I hope to make a living doing what I'm doing, but hope to eventually break away from doing the tributes," Bennett said. "I want to break out for myself."

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Dave Bennett performs his tribute to legendary clarinetist Benny Goodman Sunday, June 15, at Schoolcraft College. The Father's Day Brunch is a fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

BENNY GOODMAN TRIBUTE

What: A Benny Goodman tribute by Dave Bennett's Trio, and gourmet brunch
When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15 (brunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
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Art festival appeals to the entire family

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

This is only the second year Mike Kuhn is showing his pottery, but he's already hooked largely because of the kids. Last year the Livonia man couldn't believe how even the youngest were drawn to the clay when he and fellow potter Bob Sheridan set up a wheel to demonstrate at Art From The Heart, the festival presented by the Livonia Arts Commission.

Kuhn says adults typically shy away from trying their hand, but children can't wait to get muddy. Kuhn always asks the parents' permission before allowing kids to take a turn at the wheel used to shape bowls, vases, plates or anything round.

On Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, Kuhn will once again demonstrate the craft at Art From The Heart in the Livonia Civic Center Complex.

"We had a lot of children coming up and would let them sit down and have an opportunity to try it," said Kuhn who recently exhibited at Art Feast in Plymouth.

A commercial photographer for 20 years, Kuhn began creating functional stoneware 3-years ago after his wife paid for a pottery class at Schoolcraft College for his birthday. He's been studying ever since with John Albert Murphy who has exhibited across the country as well as internationally.

"I've always been impressed with pottery," said Kuhn. "I set up a studio in my home, Barefoot Pottery, to do more traditional. It has a purpose. You can cook or serve something in it – colanders, berry bowls, place settings. I like to blend different glazes together, use two to three glazes on



Mike Kuhn likes to demonstrate how he uses the pottery wheel to create a variety of kitchen wares.

a piece to get the color effect I'm looking for, mostly earthy colors, matte finish, toasted almond, beige, neutral color, off whites. I've taken a trip to Arizona and feel I have a strong influence from the Southwest pottery I saw."

Kuhn is just one of 75 exhibitors showing jewelry, metal, pottery, photography, wood items like clocks, hand painted coins, crocheted items, oil painting, metal sculpture, and tie dyed clothing.

Chris Swish, the city liaison to arts commission, is especially excited about this year's offerings.

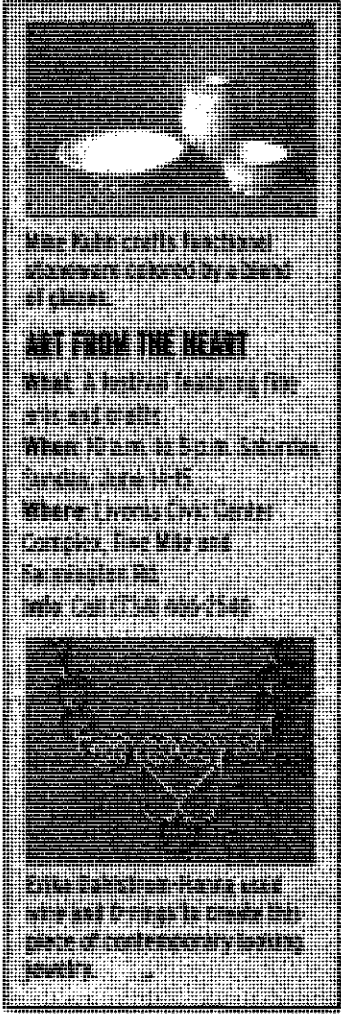
"We have one artist cutting dried tree trunks into sculptural objects, someone else

doing metal butterflies, copper yard art like dragonflies and lady bugs," said Swish. "We have everything from the greyhound rescue, Greyheart, to homemade doggie treats, applique and embroidered shirts, decorative painting on glass, outdoor pool signs, floral designs, baskets, wreaths, metal and wire containers, homemade soy candles, Michigan Rabbit Rescue, hand painted antique windows, wine bottles and yard faucets, and hand made note paper."

Erika Dahlstrom-Hanna is bringing a wealth of jewelry. The Livonia artist teaches the craft at John Glenn High School in Westland.

"I have a love for wire, variations in chain mail, variations in chains, pendants," said Hanna who earned her bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

She began showing her jewelry last summer at



Plymouth Art in the Park. This is her first year in Art From The Heart.

"I use wire – sterling silver, argentium a non tarnish silver that is nickel free for people with allergies, also niobium which comes in multiple colors magenta, purple and teal – and high quality gems, glass beads. I play with the wire to come up with the designs. I just got married and made sets for my bridesmaids. My bracelets I incorporate O-rings (from plumbing) so you don't have to have a clasp so they can slip it off their wrist."

In addition to bracelets, Hanna is bringing her contemporary style earrings, pendants, rings, necklaces, lapel pins, and key chains to Art From The Heart.

"I'm ecstatic cause it's around the corner from my house," said Hanna.

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WIZARDRY

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was fine and we adopted her," Matvchuk said. "We took her for walks in the morning and evening and she would spot other dogs and become uncontrollable. He would take her at five in the morning before work. One day he said, 'I can't do this anymore she's pulling so hard my shoulders are killing me. I had rotator cuff surgery and can't take her.'"

The Matvchuks took Inga to their veterinarian, who gave them the Dog Wizard's brochure. Roytapel made a house call the next day. The couple doesn't have a fence, which compounds the problem since anytime Inga goes out it has to be on a leash.

"He discussed how we have to handle her," Matvchuk said. "He took her out of the cage and showed us how to walk with her. By the time he left, we could walk her up and down the sidewalk. It was a miracle. She saved her life and our life."

"Everybody complains about dogs being bad. He taught us how to be the alpha. Our first lesson, walking on a leash, you have to make sure she's never in front of you. You have to be firm and then reward with a good girl."

"It's being able to read the dog and anticipate her needs," George Matvchuk added. "If she starts barking, you nip it in the bud by giving commands. If we get a little lapse, we have to be stronger."

Roytapel believes there are three mistakes owners make. He says, 99 percent of dog bites don't happen overnight. The owners' lack of rules leads to aggression in the dogs as they vie for first place.

He condemns the positive reinforcement training method with food, calling it nothing but a trend.

He believes in using treats as reward, not as a bribe. Pinch and shock collars may be needed to control strong-willed dogs like Inga.

"One is living with pets in democracy. Two is allowing them to pull you on the leash. You walk your dog or he walks you," said Roytapel of Troy. "Three is allowing them to bark. They think they are police officers on guard. A combination of these three is a recipe for disaster. We need to go back. We went too far. We turn everything into fun. There's no room for discipline. We need to establish

rules, boundaries. When a dog is properly socialized and trained, there's plenty of room for play."

The Dog Wizard follows three rules mother dogs use to control their puppies. Roytapel learned obedience training from a deaf and mute mentor back in Russia, where he eventually trained dogs for the KGB. Body language and vocalization are key to getting the dog to submit to your will.

"She never gives commands she can't follow through, always reinforces what she says, and never repeats what she says," Roytapel said. "All aggression comes from trying to be leader of pack."

"My way is the canine way, the way dogs talk to one another, Doglish, like doggy mama. A low tone is associated with demand. Dogs learn by consequences. Lean over with your shoulder means sit, long lean means down. I sometimes growl. I do behavioral training using doggy mama way. To show dominance, she holds her mouth around their mouth to calm down."

Roytapel uses his hand to clamp Inga's mouth shut. Later he uses his thumb and first finger to mimic the mother dog's canine teeth on the neck to put the dog in its place.

"It's not a set of commands," Roytapel said. "We are building relationship with pets through human authority. You have to establish a proper relationship to establish authority. Owners always eat before she eats, doesn't sleep with them in bed, doesn't go through the door before they do. My clients want to have total freedom to have control wherever they go."

Roytapel brought along his two German shepherds to teach Inga to get along with other dogs. The first time he put the three of them together, he muzzled Inga for safety reasons. Subsequent socialization lessons occurred at a dog park and Pet Ritz, a boarding and training facility in Roseville.

"He teaches you to be kind and not get upset if she doesn't follow through because you aren't professing the right command," Matvchuk said. "The malamute is the closest animal to the wolf and always going to have a predatory behavior. It is an animal, but you are in charge. We're always hearing about what this animal did. We need to take responsibility."

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'The Little White Church on the Hill' marks 80 years

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Almost 1,000 people are expected to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Our Lady of Sorrows Church this weekend.

A special mass is set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at the church located on Power Road, north of Shiawassee in Farmington.

The celebrant will be His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida. Others in attendance will include two past pastors, Bishop Joseph Imesch and Bishop Walter Hurley, along with other former associate pastors, school principals and faculty, past and present.

The church has about 3,000 families, which translates to about 10,000 people. There are seven masses every weekend.

More than 900 children attend Our Lady of Sorrows School in preschool through eighth grade.

The Rev. Mark Brauer, who has been pastor for almost three years, is the ninth to serve in that position.

He believes the people have ownership through their membership.

"This is their parish," Brauer said. "I'm just here to serve them."

Jim Weller, 73, a Farmington Hills resident, has been a member and volunteer for 34 years. Chairman of the parish council, Weller said the church is in a three-year planning program for the future.

"Several hundred people have already participated in it," he said. "This is a very vibrant parish. We have many programs for the young and senior citizens."

Volunteer JoAnne Moore, 54, and a Farmington Hills resident, has been a member since 1989.

She cleans the altar and launders vestments for the priests. She is also an altar server.

Sister Chris Mihelcic, S. J., director of pastoral services, has worked at OLS for 13 years.

"My fondest memory is to see the growth and diversity among our parishioners," Mihelcic said.

Brauer talked about the overall evolution.

"In the Archdiocese of Detroit, there are fewer priests and less parishes," Brauer said.

Today there are 290 parishes in the Archdiocese compared to about 350 parishes not too long ago.

THE HISTORY

Eight parishes were spawned from Our Lady of Sorrows.

"Our Lady of Sorrows is the mother church for this area," Brauer said.

As the population of the Farmington area increased during the 1950s and 1960s, new parishes were formed from Our Lady of Sorrows. They were: St. Agatha, St. Fabian, St. Colman, St. Priscilla, St. Alexander, St. Aidan, St. Gerald and St. Clare.

Our Lady of Sorrows parish began in 1927 when Bishop Michael Gallagher appointed the Rev. Edward O'Mahoney.

The parish boundaries were expansive, bounded by Six Mile Road, 14 Mile Road, Beech Road and Haggerty Road.

A narrow strip of land along Shiawassee Road, including a "big white house" on the corner of Power Road was soon purchased and served as the parish rectory for many years.

The first parish mass was celebrated in "the Villa," the location of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home in September 1927.

The men of the parish began working immediately



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Father Mark Brauer of Our Lady of Sorrows talks about the history of the church and its 80th anniversary celebration.

on a temporary church and in November, Fr. O'Mahoney was celebrating the first mass in the 125-seat small frame church, called the "Little White Church on the Hill."

The original 75 families were an energetic group who organized an Altar Society, Holy Name Society, a Conference of St. Vincent

de Paul Society, an ushers group and a choir. Fr. James Callahan was named pastor in September 1928.

In May 1945, when the Archdiocese transferred 12 acres of land to Our Lady of Sorrows — extending the parish property from Shiawassee to 10 Mile Road — the new permanent site for the parish

was selected.

The new rectory was opened in January 1961 and the "Big White House on the Hill" was torn down soon after.

On March 25, 1961, the new Our Lady of Sorrows Church was dedicated.

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Canton author: Liberating heart is key to happiness

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Helen Canty doesn't claim to be perfect in overcoming past hurts and walking in forgiveness, but when she's staring down a trying situation, she reaches for one of her favorite books, *Eclipse of the Heart*.

It doesn't hurt matters that she wrote the 160-page text.

"I read it all the time but it's as if I didn't write it myself. I just view it as material in front of me — although, if I must say, it's pretty good material," the Canton woman chuckled. "But I constantly have the opportunity to live out this book because I am serious about my heart being right."

Eclipse of the Heart, published by the Canton-based Zoe Life Publishing company, was released in February. Canty, who pastors with her husband, Fred, at Way of Life Christian Church, 47921 Michigan Avenue, says the idea for the book came from God.

"I always know right when God is speaking to me," she said, adding that she was laying in bed when she got the description that a person dealing with unresolved fear, denial and confusion has a covering over their heart. "The light of Christ is supposed to shine through our hearts and when we don't function like God intended, we have an eclipse of the heart."

Since the release of the book, which is dedicated to the author's three adult children and the Way of Life congregation, Canty has done book signings at Borders in Canton and at best-selling author Joel Osteen's mega church in Houston.

"This is a very exciting time because so much of me is in this book," she said. "It is very personal, so to see people respond is amazing. I just want people to walk away knowing that nothing is too difficult for God. Nothing."

Sabrina Adams of Zoe Life met Canty by chance in 2006 and said she was impressed by the author's goal of helping people "live their best life."

"Our company is all about equipping people



BILL DRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Author Helen Canty said the inspiration for her book, "Eclipse of the Heart," came from God.

to overcome obstacles so I loved when she said that," said Adams, who runs Zoe Life with her husband, Brian.

Adams said she has read *Eclipse of the Heart* several times for both professional and personal reasons.

"I always tease her (Canty) because certain areas of the book really address my life," she said.

"So I'll call her and tell her that I'm mad at her because I now know I have to deal with issues instead of (ignoring them)."

Eclipse of the Heart is available at Borders, Barnes & Noble and www.amazon.com.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

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

Monday, June 2

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Childbirth Education (sixth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ 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, June 3

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first 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. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel

(\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

Wednesday, June 4

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

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. 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? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call

(734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

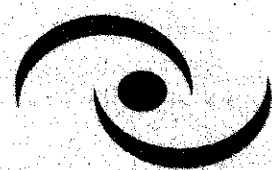
Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, June 5

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974
A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner buf-

REUNIONS
fet, open bar, midnight snacks and music. No ticket sales at the door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbsfirstfive.com

Brighton High School Class of 1989
Planning its 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968
A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958
The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.



A cast of 60 children and adults presents the musical, "Oliver," through June 1, at the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia.

Cast of 60 performs 'Oliver'

Motor City Youth Theatre and Grantland Street Players present *Oliver* through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, south of I-96, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The cast of 60 adults and children represent 16 communities surrounding the theater. Tickets are \$10-\$15 and all seats must be reserved. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org for more information.

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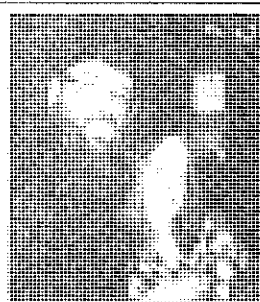
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ALBERT VICTOR NYGORD

Age 86, Redford, MI, passed away May 24, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



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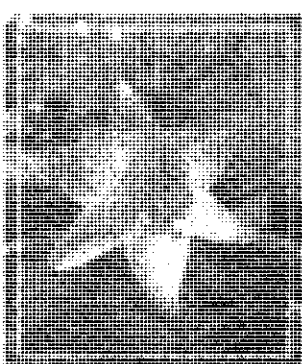


MAXWILL O. MUTH

Age 94, May 29, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Genevieve Hawley Muth. Father of Liesel and Albert. Grandfather of Kyle Brandt. Brother of Lillian Kiss and the late Natalie Semrau, Matilda Mengel, Edward, Emily, Vivier, Gustave, Martha Panzner, Karl and Louise. Maxwell was a WWII Veteran. He saw service on the Portuguese Azores Islands as an Army Technician Fourth Grade. Maxwell was a resident of Livonia since 1955 and a retired bricklayer. A Memorial Service will be held at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, Friday, June 6th at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be directed to the charity of your choice. Please share a memory of Maxwell in his online guest book at: www.rgrgharris.com

ROBERT E. GLEASON

Age 76, May 27, 2008. Beloved husband of the late Myrtle. Dear father of James Robert (Valerie), John Dennis, Brian Edward (Tricia) and Maureen Therese (Charles) Fay. Loving grandfather of ten. Funeral Mass Monday 9:30 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. Burial at Parkview Memorial. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Catholic Central H.S. Scholarship Fund in Bob's honor.



ELEANOR D. "Jinx" PANCOAST

Jinx Pancoast died peacefully at her home in Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head, SC on May 21, 2008, surrounded by her children. She was born in Kalamazoo, MI and was the daughter of the late Velma R. and Wayne L. McCane. Upon graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in Education, she became a social worker for a Family Service agency. Following the start of her own family, Jinx's interests focused on community events and philanthropic pursuits. While living in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area of MI, she served on the board of the Junior Women's Symphony, Meadowbrook Women's Assoc., Pine Lake Country Club and The Village Club. Quick to volunteer her services, she had an incredible gift for getting others "enthusiastically" involved as well. Jinx had a very successful career in Real Estate sales for a number of years. Following her marriage in 1978 to her beloved husband, the late Bob Pancoast, her talents shifted from the selling of homes to the selling of antiques and "worthy accessories". Antique shows and later a seasonal antique shop in the resort community of Charlevoix, MI became the vehicles in which to showcase her good taste and talents. Following the sale of Rose Cottage Antiques, and while still summing in MI, Jinx turned her attention to service on the Development Council of the Charlevoix Area Hospital and as a board member of the Friends of the Pool project, the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Enrichment Foundation. Jinx's service and commitment to her primary residence of Hilton Head, SC was unrivaled. Jinx's community involvements included co-chair of the National Juried Art Show for the Hilton Head Art League, board member and special events chair for the Orchestra League and co-chair for it's Musicales. She was a proud member of the South Carolina Yacht Club, serving as a board member and on the Membership and House Committees. Jinx is survived by her children: Deb (Whitcroft) and Phil Harmon of Harbor Springs, MI; Lisa (Whitcroft) and Doug Olander of Alma, MI; Rick Whitcroft of Colorado Springs, CO; Rusty Whitcroft of Glendale, CA; Pat and Kimiko Pancoast of London, UK; Chris and Marilyn Pancoast of Golden, CO; Jim and Mary Pancoast of Dayton, OH; Curtis and Valerie Pancoast of Calera, AL; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her cherished husband, Robert L. Pancoast. A Memorial Service will be held at Windows on the Waterway, 5 Waterway Lane, Hilton Head Plantation on Wednesday, June 4, at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of the Low Country, P.O. Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910, or to Charity of One's Choice. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

MARGUERITE CIAGNE

Age 91, May 28, 2008. Beloved Wife of the late Arthur Ciagne. Survived by her son Arthur (Patricia) Ciagne; daughter Carolyn "Cary" (Barry) Davis; grandchildren Christopher (Monica) Ciagne, David (Dina) Ciagne, Caryn (Kevin) Gallagher, Maria (Ken) Foster, Amy (Eric) Stocker, Matthew (Veronica) Weisenberger, and Marc (Gina) Ciagne. Also survived by 15 great grandchildren and sister-in-law Helen (Edmond) Viale. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at 11am, St. Colman Catholic Church 32500 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life--Livingston County or Angels' Place. Arrangements were entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home.



CLAIRE CAVERLY HARTER

May 22, 2008 Age 85 Professional Registered Parliamentarian, past president of Birmingham Musicales and many genealogical societies. Dear wife of the late Roger for 63 years. Loving mother of Deborah Harter Williams (Mark), Duncan, Malcolm and Penelope Harter Davis. Grandmother of Neil, Brevon, Bryce and Brittany. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32513 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday, June 5th 5-8pm (no visitation Friday). Memorial service Saturday, June 7th 2pm at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial tributes to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham or Birmingham Musicales. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROSLYNNE GREENBERG

Age 71, of Farmington Hills, died May 29, 2008, the funeral will be held at Ira Kaufman Chapel on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 1pm. Rabbi Gordon Freeman and Cantor Larry Vieder will officiating. Interment at Hebrew Memorial Park. Mrs. Greenberg was a graduate of Central High School and Wayne State University. She taught in the Detroit Public School System and then as a substitute teacher for various school districts. Mrs. Greenberg was the Business Manager of the Davis Counseling Center for 13 years. An active member of Adat Shalom Synagogue, she assisted with the Adult Study Commission and the Youth Commission. She was an active volunteer for many worthy causes including Yad Ezra, Hadassah, the Holocaust Memorial Center and as a supervisor and tutor for the Jewish Literacy Program. She held numerous leadership positions in the Friends of Farmington Community Libraries including the President of the Board of Directors and was an active volunteer with the National Council of Jewish Women and Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children. She volunteered for the South Oakland County Girl Scouts as a Brownie Leader, a District Captain and Area Chairman and was very active with the Girl Scout Cookie Sales. With the Kenbrook Elementary P.T.A., she became the Treasurer, the Program Director, and the chairman of the Health and Safety Committee. With Farmington and Farmington Hills and she was active with the Multi-cultural/Multiracial Community Council. Family members include: Beloved wife for 48 years of Daniel Greenberg Dear mother of Julie E. (Ronald) Chaney, Elizabeth A. (Eric Hall) Greenberg, and the late Kenneth Michael Greenberg. Loving grandmother of Benjamin Chaney, Isabel Chaney, Noah Greenberg, Zachary Greenberg, Ethan Hall and Rebecca Hall. Cherished sister of Edward (Evelyn) Mayer and the late James (the late Sandra) Mayer. Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews.

Greenmead Historical park opens season with flea market

Greenmead Historical Park kicks off its June events with a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 1, on the grounds at 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Admission is \$2 per adult, children under 12 free. Parking is free.

Greenmead opens for the season with the very popular flea market. More than 150 booths will be filled with treasures of all sorts. As at past flea markets, there will be a number of antiques, collectibles, vintage items, crafts, and garage sale goodies. Have fun hunting for the perfect accent to add to your collection. Visitors can also tour the historic buildings from noon to 3 p.m. while at the flea market.

The 19th annual Livonia Garden Walk takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Along with the Gardens at Greenmead's Hill House, six residential gardens in Livonia will be on the walk. Maps will

be available on the day of the walk.

Tickets cost \$9 in advance, \$10 on the day of the event.

Members of the 17th Michigan Civil War Re-enactors will be holding a muster during tour hours 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 students.

Tours of the historic buildings run Sundays beginning June 8 through October and the month of December (no tours on holiday weekends). Each tour building features period artifacts and furnishings. While in the park, visitors are invited to stroll through the flower gardens of Hill House, take a walk on the Virginia Matley Nature Trail, and pack a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon.

Tours are \$3 adults, \$2 students. Proceeds from all events and activities benefit Historic Greenmead.

For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Musicians are sought for youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will hold auditions for the 2008-2009 school year Thursday-Friday, June 12-13, at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton.

Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society at (734) 451-2112.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan.

Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

Since the beginning of fall 2007, the CYO has had three ensembles: Celebration Strings for string students with a minimum of one year of study; Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students with at

least three years of study, and the Celebration Youth Symphony for the most advanced students in all orchestral sections.

Supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, the youth orchestra is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

CYO students have several unique performance opportunities including side-by-side concerts with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information, call (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

ENGAGEMENT



Lillis-Warwick

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lillis of Redford and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Warwick of South Dakota announce the engagement of their children, Jaclyn Elizabeth O'Toole Lillis to Matthew Christopher Warwick.

An October 2008 wedding is planned at St. John's Center in Plymouth Township.

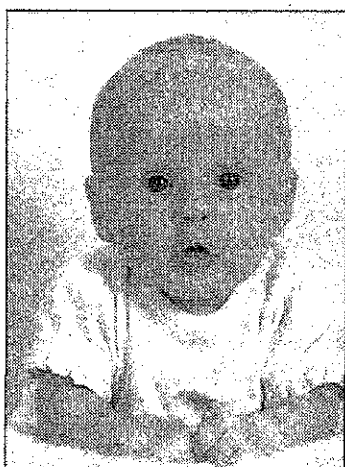
Jaclyn is a graduate of South Redford Thurston High School. She studied archaeology and received her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University. She received her master's degree in anthropology/archaeology at the University of Wisconsin, where she did field work in Germany.

She met Matthew at the University of Wisconsin. He is also an archaeologist. He is currently completing his doctorate in anthropology/archaeology in Peru, on a \$10,000 grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

Jaclyn and Matthew are employed by Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group Inc.

A honeymoon is planned in South America.

BIRTH



Callie Shea Riordan

Rick and Jennifer Riordan of Northville announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Shea Riordan, on March 21, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Callie weighed 6 pounds, 7.7 ounces and was 19.5 inches at birth.

Callie was welcomed home by her sister, Samantha, 4, and her brother Jack, 2.

Grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Smith of Canton, Trina Riordan of Farmington Hills and Dick and Corinne Riordan of Howell.

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THELMA PEARL BERRES

Age 94, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Davisburg and Southfield died on Wednesday, May 28 at Livonia Woods Nursing Center. Pearl was born in Detroit to Maude and John Thomas Wiant on May 14, 1914 Pearl remained a very active member of her high school sorority for many years. As a very young woman, Pearl worked as a legal secretary for the law firm of Sempliner, Dewey, Stanton, Bushnell. From 1955 to 1975, Pearl was the secretary to several Superintendents of Holly Area Schools. Pearl and her husband Matt raised three children with whom they shared great pleasures of their own: classical music, flower and vegetable gardening, and cooking healthy foods. Pearl and Matt danced many years with Merry Mixers Square Dance Club. Later, Pearl was an active member of Farmington Neighbors Club and sewed cancer pads for American Cancer Society. Pearl is survived by sister Helen Daller; children Diane Carter, Ralph Berres, Mary Lou Berres; grandchildren Dr. David, Dr. Gregory, and Andrew Apsey, Matt and Kimberly Berres, Jeremy and Gillian Anderson; great-grandchildren Kyle, Aaron, Julia, Autumn, and Vivienne Apsey. Visitation and funeral service will be held Monday June 2nd at 10:00 am in the Oak Chapel of Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 12 Mile Rd at Novi Rd. Burial will follow at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Donations in lieu of flowers are suggested to American Cancer Society

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GORGEOUS SMILE!

SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 19-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎267889

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Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. ☎267624

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

Hi my name is Lois, I'm a 66-year-old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I have no children but have 3 cats. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going to north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, gardening and also enjoy a lot of other things and open to many more. I've got a sense of humor, love to laugh, very caring and considerate person. Looking for someone with similar interests, not necessarily the same as mine. Seeking a long-term relationship and see what happens. ☎137057

SUMMER IS COMING!

BF, 45, seeks special someone to share picnics, walks in the park, quiet days at home and concerts with. If you have the cheese and wine, I have the blanket. ☎271005

HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241286

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. ☎245845

HONESTY A MUST

BF, 42, 5'4", 160lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256608

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...

White Knight. Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎262020

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎273603

LONELY VIRGO

SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. ☎269375

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎271883

BEAUTIFUL

BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. ☎271860

HEART OF GOLD

SBF, 38, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6", smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎266442

TAKE A CHANCE!

SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, like nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. ☎263845

NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5'1", 133lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎409876

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION

Tall, attractive W/WF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 54-60, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

VERY LOVING PERSON

Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. ☎273294

STILL SEEKING

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-55, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 158lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

DO YOU EXIST?

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

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. ☎113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? ☎271085

HIDDEN TREASURE

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

FOLLOW THIS HEART

DWF, 59, 5'2", attractive, sincere, lovable, is waiting for you. Loves life in general, likes doing anything with that someone special. Call me, you won't be disappointed. ☎276729

LOOKING FOR ME?

Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. ☎246987

IT'S WORTH THE CALL

SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

GET TO KNOW ME

BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. ☎260756

SEEKING SAVED MAN

SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. ☎265509

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

HI THERE!

Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! ☎268272

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. ☎288899

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. ☎759845

ARE YOU HERE?

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SM, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630608

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, easy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

I NEED A LOVE...

To keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, SWF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎588059

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 8'1", 225lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎662549

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-50, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

SWM, 6', 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for SWF, 18-42, to spend time with. ☎271027

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, 45, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

A LOT TO OFFER

SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎278442

LAID-BACK GENTLEMAN

BM, 6', 255lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, nice sense of humor, likes dining out, bowling, some travel and having fun. If you would like to join me, please call. 30-40. ☎278843

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. ☎257001

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

SIMILAR INTERESTS?

SBM, 46, 6', 215lbs, N/S, N/D, muscular, creative, no children, enjoys writing, reading, music. Looking to meet a lady, race open, for movies, outdoors, dining and more. ☎276377

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269846

LOOK HERE!

Outgoing WM, 48, brown/hazel, 225lbs, likes walks, reading history, fishing, biking, all kinds of movies, bowling, horseback riding, most music, sports, more. Seeking WF, 25-55, to share these interests with. ☎278709

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Affectionate DWM, 65, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping. The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎292959

I ENJOY LIFE

DWM, 6'2", 225lbs, two teen sons, looking for gal, N/D, N/S, medium build, who is ambitious, likes to laugh and have fun. I like walks, bike riding and more. 43-50. ☎276844

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎684501

WEST SIDE

SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks woman, 20-40, race open, who is open-minded. ☎260319

LOOKING FOR ME?

SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygoing loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel, and much more--looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship. ☎260719

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SWM, 35, homeowner, N/Kids, seeks a nice, caring woman, to share my dreams, hopes and what life has to offer. Marriage is possible if I find the right woman. ☎284788

WAITING FOR YOU

SWM, 30, 5'8", 140lbs, down-to-earth, open-minded, hard-worker, likes fishing, hunting, clubbing. Seeking SW/AF, 18-40, for possible relationship. ☎278555

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 49, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. ☎274599

COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244260

A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF for conversation and connection. ☎176476

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. ☎257029

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. ☎257496

TALL, ATHLETIC

SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531303

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM, 40s,

Safe lawns

Go green without the health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Cooper Sargent has no intention of killing the dandelions in her yard. She may not have the lushest lawn on the block but she knows her 5-year-old daughter is not being exposed to weed killers and pesticides. On June 5, Sargent talks about the dangers of chemicals such as malathion, 2,4-D and chlorpyrifos at a Safe Lawn Workshop presented by the Sierra Club Rochester ECOs group at Whole Foods Rochester.

"She loves the dandelions. They make her so happy so they don't bother me," said Sargent, who grew up in Southfield and now lives in Royal Oak. "We have to change our expectations. We can't expect our lawns to look like golf courses and not have negative health effects. Pesticides have been linked to ADHD in children, bladder cancer and malignant lymphoma in pet dogs, breast cancer in women, some of them are nervous system toxins."

Sargent's degree in natural resources and the environment helped her understand chemicals and their connection to diseases such as cancer. Since graduating from the University of Michigan she has worked at LocalMotion, a nonprofit dedicated to spreading awareness about the link. One of her duties as program director is to read scientific research papers and translate the findings. Many of the studies can be found in the online newsletter at www.local-motion.org.

Elizabeth Dance founded the organization in 1999 after the native Grosse Pointe resident noticed a higher incidence of breast cancer in the highly industrialized area.

"Just because it's on the store shelf doesn't mean it's safe," said Sargent. "These products are not necessarily tested for long-term health affects. Some products have been pulled off the shelves. Chlorpyrifos was in Dursban and Lorsban (pesticides) and were used (as indoor pest control) and people thought they were safe until January 2002. The EPA found they were too hazardous (for residential use), but still can be used on crops, golf courses, cattle for flea and ticks, non-residential buildings, mosquito control."

"The herbicide 2,4-D is one of two chemicals used in Agent Orange. A study found dogs who lived in households where it was used had an increased risk for cancer. Around the same time another study at Purdue University looked at herbicides in



SAFE LAWN WORKSHOP

What: Learn about alternatives to dangerous pesticides and weed killers in a workshop presented by Sierra Club Rochester ECOs

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 5

Where: Whole Foods Rochester, 1404 Walton Blvd.

Cost: Free. For information or to register, call (248) 652-2100 or e-mail rochesterecos@gmail.com.

general and found Scottish terriers were more likely to develop bladder cancer. Children and dogs are closer to the ground. They like to roll around in the grass. A child might put a blade of grass in their mouth. Children breathe more air pound per pound than we do increasing their exposure and they don't have as mature an immune system.

Chemical-free alternatives do exist.

"There are simple things people can do to build a healthier soil," said Sargent. "A chemically treated lawn is like a lawn on drugs and becomes dependent on chemical fertilizer which is salt-based. It kills the beneficial organisms in your soil. The earth worms leave. It's a quick nutrient fix, but kills beneficial organisms and bacteria that help your plants. Phosphorous is a component in

fertilizer that washes down into our waterways. It helps the plants to grow, but we get excess weeds and algae blooms in our lakes and rivers."

Sargent suggests using an organic fertilizer made from materials such as soybean and corn gluten meals after testing the soil through Michigan State University (www.css.msu.edu/soiltesting.csm) or LocalMotion (www.local-motion.org). Local Motion also sells the Organic Lawn Care Manual by Paul Tukey, a guide to natural growing methods. One of the first steps to a safer lawn is cutting the grass with a mulching lawn mower. The clippings provide a nitrogen boost and food for worms.

"We also encourage people to mow high, 3 to 3 1/2 inches. It helps grass to be stronger, the root system, and shades out weed seeds so they don't germinate," said Sargent. "Spread grass seed on bare patches in your lawn to prevent weeds, rough up the ground and then seed and put compost over it. You can dress your entire lawn with compost, about 1/2 inch thick. It's a good nutrient boost."

"All of those things help build a healthy soil and lawn. Life will come back to your yard, beneficial insects. Birds will come back and eat a lot of insects. We also can encourage birds in the yard

with water and native plants."

Sargent will pass on tips like these at the workshop. She'll tell how to read weeds. Clover is a symptom of nitrogen deficient soil. Certain plants like dandelions and thistle thrive in compacted soil so the solution could be as simple as aerating. Do you have dead patches of lawn? Grubs like to eat the roots. Instead of imidacloprid try the bacteria called milky spores and beneficial nematodes to prey on grubs.

Italia Millan never uses pesticides or waters her Auburn Hills lawn. As president of the Sierra Club Rochester ECOs group, she is not only promoting the Safe Lawns Workshop at Whole Foods, but heading up a campaign to protect Michigan waterways and the Great Lakes.

"We want to raise awareness about how important our water is, how many of the actions we take can affect it and us, our animals and the environment in general," said Millan. "We want to invite people to attend so they can find a safer way of taking care of their lawn, be aware that everything they put on their lawns goes directly to our rivers and streams and that will affect us in the end because it's our drinking water."

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Exercise can help relieve arthritis

Walt from Rochester Hills e-mails for tips on reducing arthritis pain that do not require medication.

Walt, it is a simple fact of life. Chances are you will develop some form of arthritis if you live long enough!

Osteoarthritis is caused by wear and tear on the joints and runs in many families. It is particularly common if you have had a previous injury or have a weight problem. Faced with the painful condition, most people avoid exercise and unnecessary activity. That is a mistake though, because exercise strengthens muscles and that takes the pressure off joints!

People with arthritis should do exercises that help with flexibility and posture. Start off gradually with nonweight-bearing exercises like water aerobics and work your way up to walking. Also, be sure to check with your doctor or personal fitness trainer for the program that is right for you.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Jill from Eastpointe suffers from fibromyalgia and wants tips for leading a fuller life.

Jill, almost four million Americans suffer from fibromyalgia or FM. FM patients have unexplained whole body muscle and joint pain.

The symptoms can include chronic fatigue, muscle pain, impaired sleep patterns and morning stiffness.

Treatments for FM include pain relief and helping the patients sleep, but exercise can also help people with the condition.

They should begin with low impact aerobics and stretching activities like yoga or tai chi.

After four weeks of aerobics it should be OK to begin a weight program. Doctors think it is likely FM is a metabolic problem and exercise is ideal for boosting the metabolism.

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 at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Cancer Survivors' Celebration

Sunday, June 1, 11:30 a.m. Reception, noon to 1 p.m. Program with guest speaker and singer Elaine Greenberg, St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Greenberg is an eight-year ovarian cancer survivor who used music to heal during her own recovery. Tours available for the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, Hearts of Livonia Healing Center, Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, and Radiation Oncology Department. The event is free. For information and to RSVP, call (734) 655-8950.

CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet 7:30-9 p.m. (registration begins 7 p.m.) Monday, June 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lake Rd., east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 988-6716. Web site is www.chadd.net/527. Presenter for Parent Group is Fran Parker, psychologist on Creating Systems and Developing Skills to Manage AD/HD in College (for adults as well those who are exploring college or in college). In addition there will be

an adult support group in a different room.

Sharing & Caring

Present Jen Green, naturopathic doctor, and Gail Elliot Evo, corporate manager Integrative Medicine, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Drive, Rochester Hills. Silent auction, complimentary reiki treatments, chair massage. 7:30 p.m. discussion on environmental toxins, internal stress and the development of breast cancer. \$30 donation. For reservations, call (800) 633-7377.

Kids for a cure

Deadline to register is June 6 for Cancer Awareness Fun Walk starting 10 a.m. at St. Michael School (11300 Fairfield St., Livonia), ending at Mies Park 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Minimum pledge \$10. Donate \$25 or more and receive a T-shirt. Call Eileen Hogg at (734) 525-9276.

Lupus loops bike ride

Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile

trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit www.millupus.org. A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce Township.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

Michigan Thyroid Support

The group meets 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Plymouth Library. Guest speaker is chiropractor David Atiyeh. For more information, call (734) 453-7945.

Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENTS -- TIPS AND TRAPS



WORKWISE

by
Mildred L.
Culp

domestic, span 15 industries throughout the United States. An enormous 80 percent of them use short-term assignments. Well over half of that group -- 57 percent -- project an uptick. More than one-third -- 38 percent -- expect their frequency to remain constant.

How does this trend impact you? It might vary, depending upon your work situation. Carly Kaufman, associate at the 120-employee Pariveda Solutions L.P., relocated from the Dallas headquarters to Houston after putting all of her possessions in storage. Her five-month assignment falls in the category of project work, with a defined beginning and end, which Worldwide/Cartus says is the most frequent reason for a short-term assignment. Kaufman points out that she took the IT consulting assignment for personal reasons.

"Typically, we'd travel Monday through Friday or

Sunday through Thursday," she says, "but my lease in Dallas was running out. This was a choice I made. I'm single and young. For me it's a benefit, because I can live in a new city, check it out, hang out with friends I normally wouldn't see. The only negatives are that I miss some of my friends in Dallas and my stuff is in storage." By no means is this a one-time opportunity for her.

"I very well could go to other cities," she comments. "My company wouldn't force me to do it, but if I were interested, they'd send me to satellites in Detroit, Denver, Seattle, Chicago and Los Angeles." She likes the fact that her company's growth mode will increase her options. However, rooming with friends won't be an option, because she has none in those cities.

Tom Johansmeyer, now an in-house writer for a reinsurance company in New York City, also did IT consulting, but it was for a company of 10 he co-founded. He flew weekly between the Boston area and Omaha for five months in 2002, the company's start-up year. "I was helping a company set up a new system and change their business practices to take advantage of the new system," he recalls. The original five-month assignment expanded to a year, at which point he took steps to reduce the strain from traveling.

"I moved in my car with my then-fiancee, who's now my wife, and Sam the fish," he explains. "We moved with just each other and my professional contacts. I still had my

apartment in Boston. At the end of assignment, we drove back."

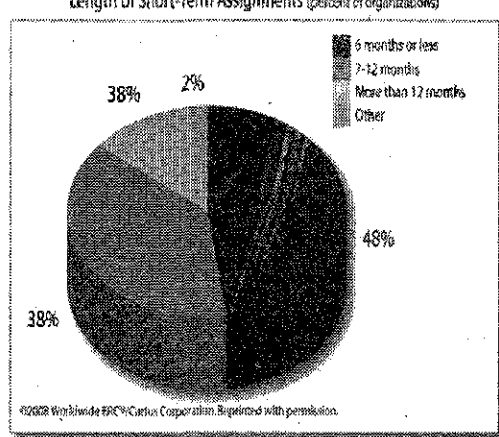
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Strain doesn't end with the relocation, however. Kaufman made a deal with a friend so she could stay at her apartment on the company's nickel. She considers a corporate apartment ideal. That, in fact, was exactly what Johansmeyer had -- two bedrooms, each with a bathroom, at opposite ends, bringing "extraordinary privacy." Good thing ... because they shared the 1200-square foot apartment with one of his colleagues.

Johansmeyer found it extremely expensive -- about \$2,000 a pop -- to keep up with major events among families and friends. He did see his brother receive Eagle Scout, and attended a friend's wedding. "Dinner for a birthday," he remembers, "turned into a phone call."

Meanwhile, his billable hours sagged. But the couple enjoyed "fabulous restaurants" and look back fondly at the size and location of their apartment. He'd relocate immediately, rather than travel, if a similar situation arose in the future. He'd also take more breaks to discourage burnout, at the risk of reducing his billable hours. Ironically, Johansmeyer's hard work paid off by infusing capital into the start-up, but two years later, when the company changed direction, he moved on. He reports that it's doing well now under the leadership of the man who shared his Omaha apartment.

Length of Short-Term Assignments (percent of organizations)



The good news for Kaufman is that because of the money saved by using her friend's spare bedroom, she can fly out of town on weekends. She started off by visiting her parents in San Antonio.

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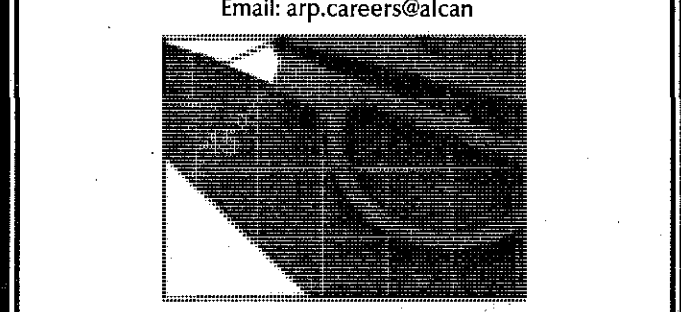
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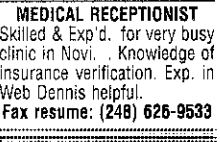
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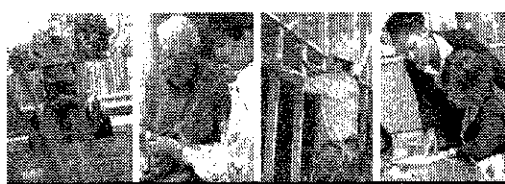
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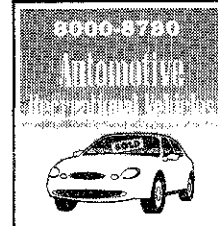
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