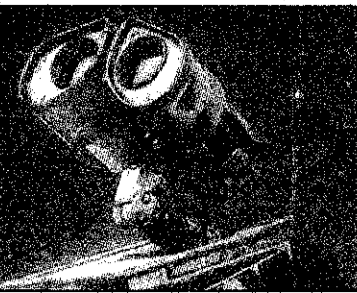


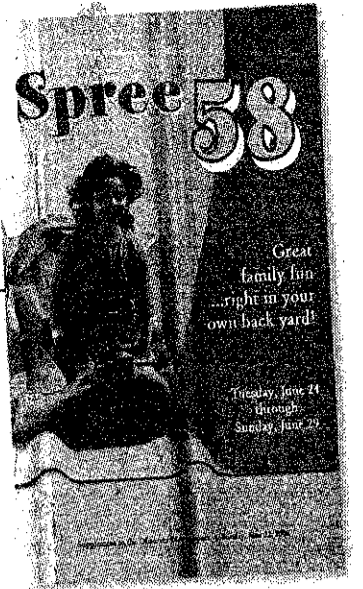
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'No choice'

Judge orders new evaluation in murder case

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A deaf Westland man charged with shooting and killing his deaf girlfriend has been returned to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a second competency evaluation.

The decision by 18th District Court Judge C. Charles Bokos comes just a month after Timothy Joseph Catalano was ruled competent to stand trial.

"I want to be sure the defendant isn't playing a game," said Bokos. "I don't know if it's a scam on his part or a legitimate concern. I don't know because the interpreters can't tell me."

The 45-year-old defendant was being held in Wayne County Jail without bond awaiting a preliminary hearing on charges of first-degree murder and felony firearms. He is accused of shooting Tammy Susalla as she lay in bed around 1 a.m. last Aug. 27 at the three-bedroom ranch home the couple shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill. Susalla died the next morning at the University of Michigan Hospital, where she was flown by medical helicopter.

Bokos's decision came after interpreters working with Catalano expressed concern about their ability to communicate with the defendant.

A deaf advocate told the judge that Catalano "doesn't appear to have a basis for language."

"He uses gestures and says some words, but we have no language to interpret," she said.

His attorneys also said that they were concerned about his ability to communicate and assist in his defense.

He took six months to get to a rudimentary level and that was one time a week, his attorney said.

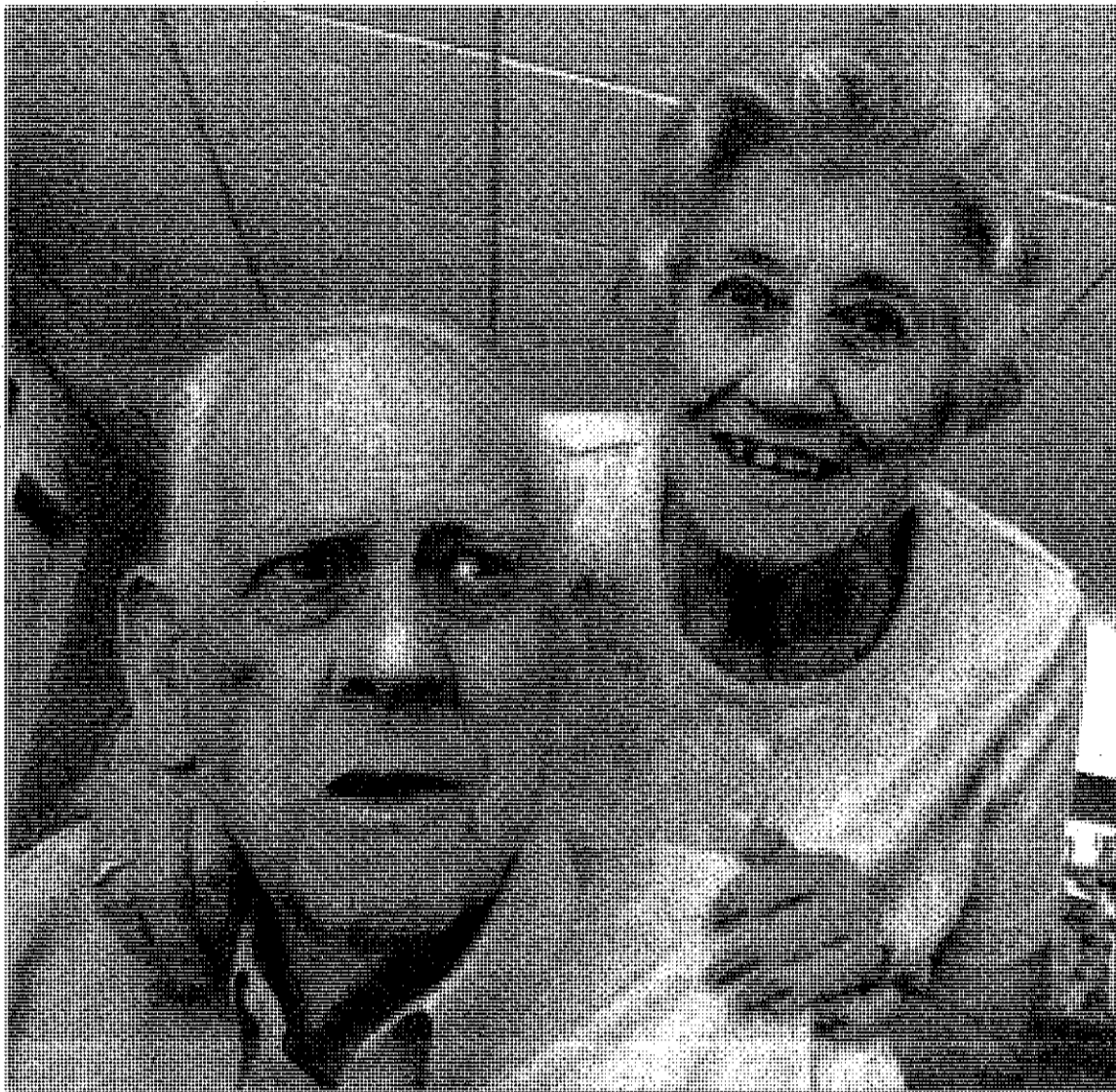
However, a representative from the forensic center told Bokos that during his first stay, Catalano "refused to study and look at the materials" provided by an interpreter that met with him once a week. Toward the end of his time there, he did put "a little more effort into it," he said.

He added that Catalano should be given more than weekly training to gain competency and work with an interpreter and psychologist. There also should be an evaluation to see "if he is forthcoming about his ability."

While Catalano's attorneys argued in favor of rescinding the May 15 competency ruling, Bokos refused and instead set a new hearing date of Sept. 4.

"If an evaluation occurs before that, let us know and he will be brought up immediately," he said. "I hate to send him back, but I have no choice."

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Claude Hodges likes to tell people he married an older woman because his wife of 66 years is 19 days older than him. But no matter how you look at it, they're both 84 years old.

Marriage secret: No fussing, fighting

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Time hasn't dimmed Margaret Hodges' recollections about the day she and Claude Hodges were married.

"June 6, 1942, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky," she said. "Judge Thomas J. Warner pronounced us man and wife at 2:10 p.m. We got married on a Friday, and he was back to work on Monday."

Nor has time dimmed memories of the day they met four years earlier. They were both age 14 and he had come with a cousin who was her sister's husband to see a Christmas play in which she was an angel.

"I didn't know who he was," she

said. "He just sat there in the living room."

Those are just some of the memories the Westland couple has of their 66 years of wedded bliss.

"It doesn't feel like yesterday, but it doesn't feel like 66 years," said Claude. "We've had quite a few years together."

Claude Hodges would hitch a ride on a hay wagon and travel 25 miles from the farm he lived on to Dickson, Tenn., where Margaret lived. They'd go on picnics or to movies and baseball games.

It was during one of those strolls home from the show that Claude popped the question. While he said "she chased me down until she caught me,"

Margaret has a different version.

"It came out of the blue," she said. "He said, 'I think it's time you and I were married.' I told him I'd think about it. I wanted to be sure. I was going to be married just one time, and I wanted to be sure."

The date of the proposal? According to Margaret, the Saturday night before Mother's Day — May 9, 1942.

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Just over six months after saying their "I do's," Claude went in the Army. He was a cook and in the infantry for awhile, but ended up being a driver for generals like

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Police ask residents' help to cap illegal fireworks

BY SUE MASON
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The Fourth of July is just around the corner, and if you're planning to have fireworks as part of your celebration, you should reconsider.

The Westland Police are cracking down on the use and sale of the illegal fireworks and asking residents' help.

"We're asking for the community's support to keep the city safe this Fourth of July," Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski said. "If you know a place selling illegal fireworks or if they're being used in your neighborhood, help us by pointing out the location. Help us

by pointing out the people."

The initiative will focus on the enforcement of rules prohibiting the sale of illegal fireworks in the city. People caught selling illegal items will face arrest or being ticketed and their goods seized.

If you don't know what's illegal, it's "anything that makes a big bang, spins or flies in the air," according to Sikorski.

"In addition to the noise and disturbance, illegal fireworks are a significant health risk," Sikorski said. "They are quite hazardous to individuals."

Sikorski added that officers receive a large volume of calls about fireworks, but many times they arrive after the culprits have left.

"If we are unable to capture the predators in the act, we need citizens to step forward and point out the location and subjects involved," Sikorski said. "We're asking the community help fight the battle. Hopefully, we can bring the number of complaints down."

The stepped-up effort has the support of Mayor William Wild, who pointed out that illegal fireworks is a "community issue."

"It is essential that residents partner with the police department in order to send a clear message that disturbing the peace will not be tolerated," he said.

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Officials develop concept for park cleanup

BY SUE MASON
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Westland city officials will meet with county representatives before the end of the month and the topic of conversation will be Central City Park.

Mayor William Wild told the City Council this week that the county will provide the results of the latest round of testing of the park and go over a plan to remediate a 12-acre portion of the 100-acre site that could be presented to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as early as next month.

"Most of the work is being done by the county," Wild said about the plan. "Once we get it, we'll have a meeting with the council to go over their questions. At that point, the council will decide if they want to bring in the city's environmental consultant to review it."

The park was closed to the public in November 2006 amid concerns about contamination and fenced off by Wild in January 2007. Testing has been ongoing and the latest round is to back up data from earlier tests related to methane gas and other contaminants.

"We took 12 different weekly readings," said Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp who is heading up the county team dealing with park's contamination. "The first tests on the methane gave a snapshot, these give a much more detailed look. I believe the MDEQ should be satisfied with these results."

The plan that will be presented to the MDEQ district representatives will be broad and conceptual, giving an idea of what will be done in the eastern-most portion of the park that could be developed with new soccer fields, pavilions and restroom facilities.

Helmkamp said that a yet-to-be-determined exposure barrier will be used to block lead and other contaminants from reaching the surface and venting will be needed to deal with the methane gas.

"We'll pitch the concept and paint it with broad strokes," Helmkamp said. "Why we're going with a concept is so we can identify issues and points of discussion before we do a more detailed plan."

Both Helmkamp and Wild agree that sooner is better in cleaning up the park. But how long it will take to get to phase one will be determined by how long it takes to get MDEQ approval.

As for the cost, Wild said it could be as much as \$1.5 million.

"We looked at the five-year (recreation) master plan to see what work could be done within the current budget, this is the least expensive," he added. "Soccer fields cost less to build than baseball diamonds."

Both the county and the city are working through U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office on \$500,000 grants to help pay for the clean-up and restoration. And according to Wayne County Commissioner Ronaele Bowman, the county's federal lobbyist has been seeking federal grants to help with the remediation on its to do list.

"The bigger issue is who is going to pay for what," Bowman said. "I hope they are able to write grants that will pay for some or all of it."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Changing places

Due to the closure of the Livonia school district's Perrinsville School, voters in precinct 27 will now cast their ballots at the Western Wayne Skill Center at 8075 Ritz Ave. at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail.

The change will take affect with the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election. The Westland City Clerk is currently mailing new voter registration cards to residents affected by the change.

YWCA enrollment

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's preschool programs are now accepting registration for the fall.

The YWCA offers quality programs to children 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs also are available. Children learn valuable skills needed for future socialization and educational growth.

For more information on these programs, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

In concert

The Westland Cultural Society's summer concert series continues Sunday, June 22, with a 6 p.m. performance by the Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Diran Kochyan. The band will perform pop, classical and marches in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library. The library is on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

The public is invited and urged to bring chairs or blankets.

In the event of rain, the concerts may be rescheduled.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

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Here's the Churchill Class of 2008

Churchill High School's Class of 2008 held its commencement ceremony June 12 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The graduates were: Jenin Abd-El Salam, Kyndra Y. Abron, Kayla Kristie Adams, Laura Elizabeth Adams, Elisabeth Anne Adkins, Martin Ago, Michael Charles Alonzi, Pablo Alvarez, Andrew Christopher Alverson, David William Armstrong, Sara Elizabeth Armstrong, Cody Theodore Atkins, Joshua Atkins, Robert H. Avedisian, Claudiu Badau, Stephanie Fay Bagwell, Kimberly Grace Baird, Karen C. Banks, Christopher J. Barbee, Krysten Lauren Barczuk, Michael Lewis Bargerstock, Colleen Margaret Barnes and Eric Allen Baumgardner.

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Eric Grunkemeyer gets a little help adjusting his cap from classmate Heather James before the start of Churchill's graduation ceremony Saturday afternoon.

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George Patton and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"Patton was nice to drive for, if you didn't give him no trouble," Claudie said. "He was really strict, but a good officer. He was one of the best everyday generals we had. He knew what his job was."

Claudie was in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He waded through mud in a landing at LeHarve, France, and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

For awhile, Margaret followed him from one military

base to another, but eventually went to stay with her parents. Their daughter, Beverly, was born on Sept. 3, 1943. She was 13 months old when her father went overseas and age 3 when he came home.

"Dad sent home a penny picture of himself and I put it under the rug," Beverly Hodges recalled. "When I was asked where Dad was, I'd tell them he was under the rug."

Margaret would take a picture of her daughter every month and send it to Claudie so he could "see her grow up." "It was hard in away, but I had my mom and dad, I had my sisters, I had plenty of help," said Margaret. "It was probably harder on him."

When the war was over, the Hodgeses left Tennessee and came to Detroit where their second child, a son named Harvey, was born.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

A lack of work in Tennessee brought the family to Detroit where Claudie worked for Square D Electric and then Earl C. Smith Motor Freight. After he retired, he started his own business promoting gospel music. He'd book the talent and the arenas and sell the tickets. One of the entertainers the family came to know well was Elvis Presley. A huge fan of gospel music, he'd sit backstage and talk to the family. "We loved Elvis," said

Beverly Hodges, adding that "one of their friends was a promoter and decided to go back to Tennessee. Instead of selling the business, he gave it lock, stock and barrel to Dad. We traveled all over the Midwest."

When Claudie could no longer travel with the groups, he "just closed" the business down.

"We've certainly been to a lot of places and we had a lot of good times," he said.

The couple lived in Detroit

until 1984 when they moved to Westland. These days, Margaret is at home while Claudie is Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center where he is learning how to walk after suffering a heart attack.

Margaret said Claudie has never missed an anniversary or a birthday and that he enjoys telling people "he married an older woman." Margaret is just 19 days older than her 84-year-old husband.

"I guess the secret to a good

marriage is compatibility," she added. You have to get along, you can't fuss and argue."

Their anniversary celebration has been put on hold until Claudie gets home, but Beverly Hodges brought a sheet cake to the center on June 9 for a mini celebration.

"I think he would have given Mom a mountain, if she asked for it," said Beverly Hodges. "She never wanted for anything."

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Senator's husband won't have to testify in prostitution case

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

He's off the hook. The husband of a U.S. senator won't have to testify in a Troy prostitution case after all. Thomas Athans, husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, had agreed to testify against a Westland woman charged with prostitution in exchange for him not being charged with solicitation.

But the woman, Alycia Martin, pleaded guilty Thursday to a reduced charge of trespassing. She is scheduled for sentencing at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 12 before 52-4 District Court Judge William Bolle.

City Attorney Lori Grigg-Bluhm said that Martin, who turned 21 on May 30, may be able to avoid the charge being made part of the public record under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act. The act applies to those ages 17-21.

Despite extensive publicity over the incident at the Residence Inn, Martin asked for "something that did not look so bad, if it becomes public," Grigg-Bluhm said. Her concern was over such things as employment applications, Grigg-Bluhm said, adding that Martin plans to head to Florida to check the job market there.

The city also agreed to the lesser charge because "there was enough evidence to establish a trespassing case at the hotel," the city attorney said. Trespassing is a misdemeanor that is still punishable by a 90-day sentence or a \$500 fine, she said.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Athans had told police that he paid Martin \$150 dollars for oral sex. The hotel had been under surveillance by Troy police, who stopped Athans on I-75 when he left the hotel 15 minutes after entering, according to a police report.

But the city didn't "have enough evidence to go forward" with charges against Athans, Grigg-Bluhm said. Martin would have had to agree to testify against Athans to proceed with charges against him, she said.

"We don't have anything from her on testifying," Grigg-Bluhm said.

As with Martin, police in early May arrested two other prostitutes, who were targeted by police after they had advertised their services on the Web. The two were working in two rooms at the Troy Northfield Hilton that police had under surveillance.

A 37-year-old Port Huron man and a 58-year-old man from Farmington Hills both told police they paid \$300 for a sex act after finding the prostitutes online, according to a police report. Both men provided police with a written statement.

Arrested were a 23-year-old and a 37-year-old woman, both from Sunny Isles, Fla. Both posted bond.

"It was run in the same exact way (as with Martin)," police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck said. That means "johns" agreed to testify against the prostitutes in exchange for not being charged, he added.

Scherlinck said there are

three reasons why police use this method.

WHY IT WORKS

First, "It's proven very effective and efficient in getting prostitutes out of Troy," he said. "No one wants to be in a hotel" with a family when a prostitute is operating.

Second, it's a way of "developing information and this is how we do it," Scherlinck said, seeking out information from witnesses.

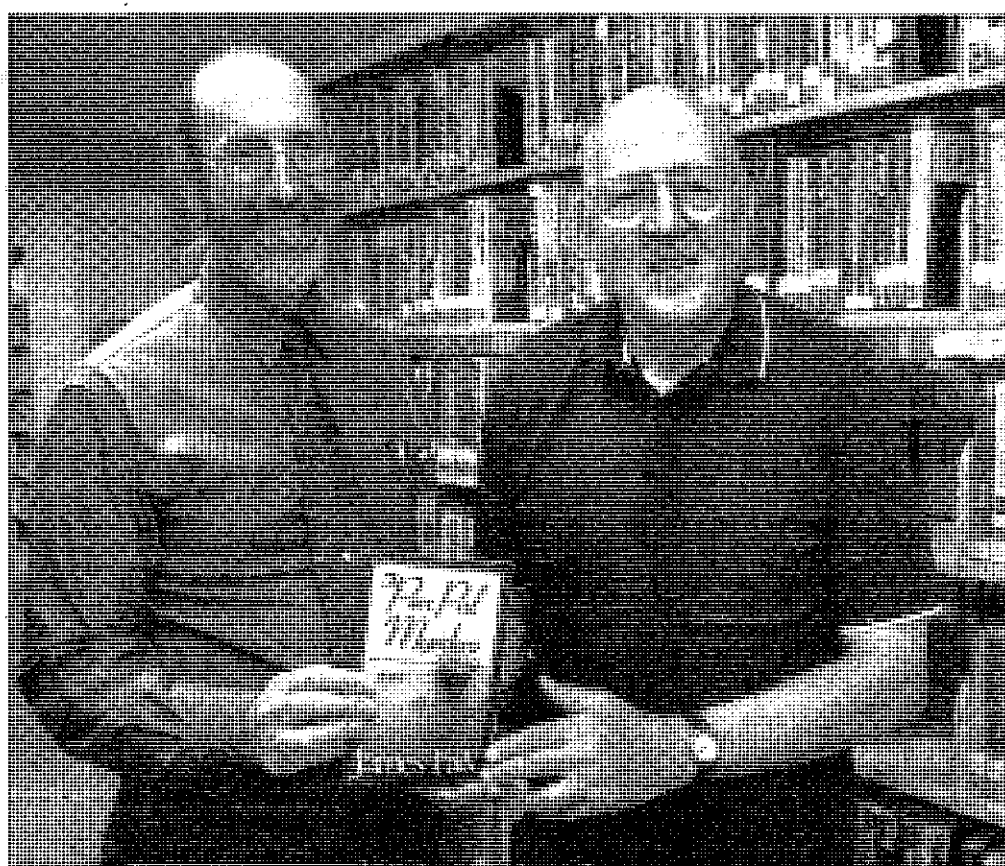
But police also are trying to get to a "higher level" of prostitution rings, beyond the prostitutes themselves. He noted Troy police were successful in working with the FBI in a case in which "racketeering charges against the organizer of a similar multi-state prostitution ring out of Florida."

Third, undercover work can get messy: "If you don't want to have to put officers into those positions" with undercover work, Scherlinck said. Prostitutes and their handlers tend to levy "manipulations and accusations" against police involved in undercover work, he explained.

Yes, "johns" don't get charged, he said, but "there is no promise of anonymity." He pointed out that Athans' name was dragged through the court process.

Besides, he added, "There are a lot of objections to johns not getting charged, but there is general knowledge that prostitutes get arrested in Troy."

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Garden City Library Director James Lenze (left) accepts a copy of "The Pen Pal Murders" written by local author James Falk, who came to the library recently to donate the book in person.

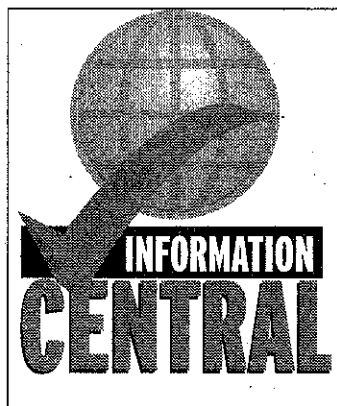
Point, click, shoot - ?#&*!

Photos are a great way to remember and share moments and memories of people, landscapes and events, reminding us of details, action and beauty that might otherwise have been lost from our memories. But capturing that great group photo or landscape or even a picture of your pet can be difficult if you don't have the some basic photo fundamentals under your belt.

Trying to keep track of all the ways to take a good picture can be nauseating. Among other things, some basic questions include: When should I use the flash? What should I focus on? When should I use high speed film? What angle should I shoot? Is it OK to move when I take an action shot? Why does the time of day matter?

These days most "point and shoot" digital cameras have a lot of the fundamentals built into their systems. Things like the lighting, lens setting, aperture, and shutter speed can all be automatically used without having to think about how to use them - until you wonder why you can never see Aunt Mabel's smile or why your child is always blurred when you try to capture them running down the soccer field.

To create one of those exquisite Ansel Adams photos, you are likely going to need a college degree. But if you just want to take photos that family and friends will appreciate, you can check out some of the following books



from the library to help hone your craft. We have great starter titles like "The Question and Answer Guide to Photo Techniques" and "Get the Most from your Digital Camera," in addition to more advanced titles like "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Photography Absolutely Everything."

In addition, as part of our Summer Reading Program, we are hosting a "How to Take Better Photos" program 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25. (Washtenaw Community College instructor Kate Barker will be leading the program). If you have any questions locating photography books or online resources, please feel free to call the Public Library of Westland at (734) 327-6123 or at the Reference Desk.

Highlighted Activities
How to Take Better Pictures: 7

p.m. June 25.

Adult and teen program In this interactive lecture, Kate Barker, Washtenaw Community College photography instructor, will discuss the do's and don'ts of good photography and how to make them work for you. Bring questions to ask and cameras to practice. Call (734) 326-6123.

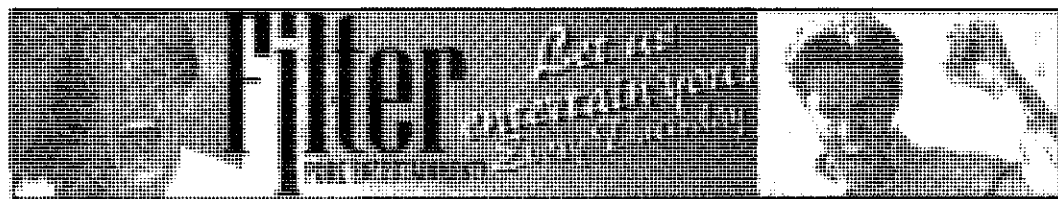
Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group: 7 p.m. June 25.

This month we talk about the work of a Science Fiction grand master A.E. VanVogt. "Slan" is an important work - especially in its context. Anyone with an interest in the genre is invited to attend; please read the book first. Further details are available at our blog at swestlandlibmius.blogspot.com.

Bats of the World: 7 p.m. June 30. All ages welcome. See live bats up close with the Organization for Bat Conservation. Find out how good bats are for your neighborhood, their food web, habitats, "bat radar" and other fun facts.

Children, Teens, and Adults - Sign up for the Summer Reading Program NOW!

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GC Hospital's Ley gets fellow's designation

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To obtain fellow status, Ley



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had to fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional and community involvement. As a fellow, Ley,

a Plymouth resident, must do ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

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Registration will be open from June 24-July 8 at the Department of Instruction, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livonia.k12.mi.us or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Instruction at 734-744-2589.

Insurance companies can raise premiums on long-term care policies

Dear Rick: I have a long-term care nursing home policy with John Hancock that I bought over 15 years ago. I was told when I bought the policy the premiums cannot increase. A friend of mine, who also has a John Hancock policy, was told by his agent that his premiums are going up. Is it legal for the company to raise the premiums? If they do, what should I do?

Unfortunately, your agent did not tell you the full story. Long-term insurance companies can apply to state regulators to have premiums increased. In the past, it was rare for long-term care companies to increase premiums, however, it is has become more common.

Genworth, which was previously doing business under the name of GE, announced premiums were being raised by approximately 10 percent on nearly one-half million existing policies.

I believe the reason why companies such as Genworth and John Hancock are raising premiums is people are living longer, keeping policies



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

throughout their lifetime, resulting in more claims being paid by the companies. I believe insurance companies thought that more people would cancel their policies later in life than actually did. In deciding whether you should keep your policy, the first issue to consider is whether you need the coverage. If your answer is yes, then retain your current policy. If you purchased a new long-term care policy today, it would be substantially more expensive. Therefore, if you need the coverage, it pays to retain your current policy.

If you do not need the policy, why continue to pay for it? I've always been a believer that insurance is not an investment, but a means of covering risk. Therefore, with all insurance policies the question to consider is, does the risk exist and if it does occur, do you have the financial means to

handle the situation? If the risk no longer exists or if it does occur and the financial consequences are minimal, then my general advice is you don't need the insurance.

Dear Rick: I just graduated from college and will start my first job in a few weeks. My dad is a big fan of your radio show and says I should fully fund my 401(k) plan, which I plan to do. The one issue is whether I should use the Roth option or not. My dad said I should use the Roth option, but a friend of mine told me that because of the tax breaks the traditional 401(k) is better. What do you recommend?

I guess the old saying is right, always listen to your father. Your dad is correct. In your situation, it does make sense to select the Roth option.

The traditional 401(k) does give you some short-term tax breaks. All the money that you contribute into a 401(k) traditional plan is pre-tax money. On the other hand, the money you contribute into the Roth 401(k) is post-tax money. There is no question, for

your current tax bill, that putting in pre-tax money is certainly better than post-tax, however, that's not the end of the story.

The other half of the equation is that money in a traditional 401(k) grows tax-deferred while money in the Roth 401(k) grows completely tax-free. I believe the tax break in the Roth IRA is much more significant because the money grows tax-free. You will never pay income taxes on your Roth 401(k) when you start taking distributions, while you eventually will pay taxes on withdrawals from your traditional 401(k). Also, a Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70½ unlike the traditional 401(k).

When you do the number crunching for someone who is young, it is a slam dunk — the 401(k) Roth is the way to go.

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

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Sheriff Evans says labor negotiations led to budget overrun

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Evans

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans used a Rotary Club of Plymouth appearance Friday afternoon to try to set the record straight in a dispute with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, whose administration is claiming the Sheriff's Department was the only one that received an

increase in its budget last year but still managed to exceed it by \$17 million.

The claim comes as county officials are recommending 726 jobs, including 264 in the Sheriff's Office, be eliminated to erase

a \$34 million deficit. "That goes to my ability to manage, and I can't let that go without telling you how ridiculous that assertion was," said Evans.

"During the fiscal year, the county executive negotiated a contract with deputies, the lieutenants and sergeants, a three-year contract that involved retroactivity, additional retirement benefits

and a number of things that a collective bargaining contract does," said Evans. "All I can tell you is I had nothing to do with negotiations, and after they were over I was hit with \$14 million attached to this year's budget ... and now the sheriff is over \$17 million."

"What I've always seen in collective bargaining agreements is you have a little pot of money somewhere and you

give raises commensurate with what's in the pot," he said. "If you don't have anything in the pot, you don't give out raises. I think what they just said is 'We're going to take it out of your existing budget and make you look like a moron.' I don't like the moron part."

Evans admitted the recommendations are only early dialogue on the budget. "All I know is what was

recommended in terms of funding is just going to kill us," Evans said. "The reality is you'll have to close significant jail facilities ... there's not that much savings outside the jails to ever be able to do that."

"In a county where you're talking about building a regional jail to add 700 beds, it seems kind of silly not to allocate funds and reduce the number of beds," he said. "There's no question in my mind the county has less money and revenues are down. What I am saying is when you get to the core the most important service government provides is safety of the public."

Questionnaires sent out for Voter Guide

Questionnaires for Voter Guide 2008 were sent out to candidates in contested races this past week.

Voter Guide 2008 allows candidates to present themselves and their positions on various issues to a statewide online audience. The guide is a project of Gannett Newspapers in Michigan.

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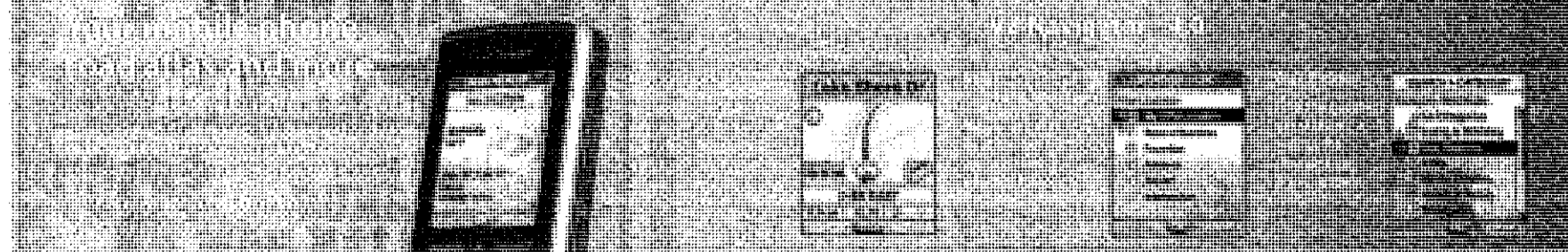
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Gold Award project gives kids new play area

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youngsters staying at the Wayne County Family Center have an improved playground thanks to the efforts of a Garden City Girl Scout.

Alexandrea Shingleton organized Operation Kid Zone at the Lutheran Social Services-operated family shelter in Westland to earn her Gold Award, the top honor that can be earned in Girl Scouts.

"I always wanted to do something for the family shelter — the playground had seen better days," said Shingleton, 17. "My Girl Scout troop used to go each year. We'd make Christmas crafts and sing carols. We did Valentine's Day crafts. That's how I was familiar with the center."

Many of the youngsters staying at the shelter with their parents are under the age of 12 and the playground serves as their main play area during the summer. Shingleton met with center



Garden City resident Alexandrea Shingleton (center wearing sunglasses) poses with friends and family who volunteered for Operation Kid Zone, her Girl Scout Gold Award project, at the Wayne County Family Shelter. The volunteers were joined by Kevin Kelley (far left), deputy director from the Wayne County Executive Office.

staff to discuss what improvements were needed.

To earn the Gold Award, specific requirements have to be met, including achieving several prerequisite distinctions and devoting a minimum of 65 hours to planning and implementing an

approved project. Part of the criteria is identifying a community need and developing a plan for a project that would produce a lasting impact on the community.

Part of the Operation Kid Zone included Shingleton organizing friends and family



Alexandrea Shingleton (center wearing sunglasses) and friends enjoy a picnic celebrating improvements made to the playground at the Wayne County Family Shelter. The playground improvements were Shingleton's Girl Scout Gold Award project.

to work on a Saturday cutting grass, raking, pulling weeds and planting a garden.

"It turned very nicely. It's a huge benefit to us. Everybody and every organization is really under some depressed times due to the economy," said Carol Eddy, family center administrator. "This would not necessarily have been a top priority, if we have to make a choice to spend on something else. Anyone who comes in to (donate or volunteer), we are truly grateful. They enhance the lives of our residents."

Local merchants were contacted by Shingleton about donations of supplies for the project. Barson's Greenhouse donated bark while Nankin Hardware supplied sand. Home Depot donated a \$25 gift card for supplies and

other cash donations were received from members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland where Shingleton and her family are members.

"They (businesses) were all eager to help out. I asked a couple of places that said no, they couldn't do it but that's understandable," said Shingleton. "I made a flier and passed it out. Some people at church donated the playhouses from their back yards. Their kids didn't use them anymore."

Last month, Shingleton held a picnic to celebrate the playground improvements. Lunch was provided with all the food donated through the efforts of chef Josh Mayse from Thomas's Catering in Livonia. He was able to work with many area merchants to provide a great meal for all

the residents at the shelter.

In the fall, Shingleton will be a senior at Garden City High School where she enrolled in ninth grade after completing elementary and middle school at St. Matthew Lutheran School. She joined Troop 1752, based at the school, as a first-grade student and has continued with Girl Scouts ever since.

"Even when I was a little, I always said I'd stick with Girl Scouts until the end. It looks good on your college applications, especially with a Gold Award. I'm glad I accomplished it," said Shingleton, who plans to study environmental science and hopes to attend either Adrian or Alma colleges.

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Man gets 2-10 years for Webster arson

BY REBECCA JONES
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The man who set fire to Webster Elementary School in February will spend two to 10 years in prison under a

sentencing agreement imposed Friday.

Donald Carlson, 32, pleaded no contest in May to two counts of arson in connection with fires at Webster and Randolph Elementary in

February.

Damages at Webster were extensive and estimated at about \$3.5 million; the school will be demolished. The fire at Randolph burned itself out.

Subsequent arson attempts of vehicles in the neighborhood led police to his arrest.

Carlson, a 1993 Churchill High School graduate, has been in jail since February. He was serving probation at the time of the crimes.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such for sentencing. Arson is a 10-year felony. Sentencing guidelines in this case called for 29 months to 57 months.

Carlson was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution to Livonia Public Schools. Carlson was also ordered to pay \$780 in court costs.

Because of the possibility of a civil lawsuit, Carlson did not speak at his sentencing. Through his attorney, Thomas Larkin, he offered an apology.

"He is sorry and wants to apologize to everyone involved, especially all the teachers and students of Webster School, and his family and friends," Larkin said.

Before leaving the courtroom, Carlson smiled at his family members, who have been present for every court proceeding.

Webster PTA President Mary McIlraith was not at the hearing, but when she was told of the outcome, she said she was disappointed that the defendant could be released in two years. "It's a pretty serious crime, and a big loss to the community and the district, financially," she said. "I would hope that he would get some kind of help, because clearly this is a disturbed individual who would do that sort of thing."

Webster classes will be moved to the former Tyler Elementary this fall.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

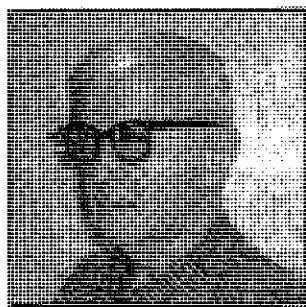
Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's

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ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

1-877-677-2020.

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

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OUR VIEWS

State should step back from full-day kindergarten debate

On the surface, it would seem making full-day kindergarten mandatory, as is being proposed by some members of the state Legislature, makes sense. A cornerstone of the state's long-term economic recovery program is improving the educational climate, or so say the governor and lawmakers.

But, in fact, the proposal doesn't make sense, at least not now.

There are bills pending in the state House and Senate that would require all school districts teach full-day kindergarten. Many districts already do offer full-day kindergarten; some charge for it, while others are considering it.

But for a variety of reasons, many districts are resisting it. And they have some legitimate reasons for doing so.

First — and most importantly — it is debatable what long-term benefit there is in sending children to kindergarten for a full day. Studies have shown short-term boosts for children who get a head start by being in kindergarten all day, but the long-term benefits are inconclusive.

Second, there is the expense. Longer kindergarten days may require more staff and

resources, something that is preciously scarce in almost all Michigan school districts these days.

True, schools receive per-pupil funding regardless of whether the child is in half-day or full-day kindergarten. And some districts offer full-day kindergarten at a cost — effectively double-dipping.

But, frankly, they need the money. Drying up another source of revenue is not healthy for the schools.

Finally, mandating full-day kindergarten would be another incursion by the state into what should be the affairs of the school districts. Proposal A, which was enacted in 1994, gave the state an extraordinary degree of control by effectively taking over the funding of the schools. The federal No Child Left Behind program with its mandates has put additional pressure on the schools.

The bottom line is that school districts know what is best for their communities. Until ironclad data is available documenting the educational advantages of full-day kindergarten, the issue should be left to local school officials, not lawmakers in Lansing.

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Gas savings plan fails to pump up governor's office

Gas is, as I write this, \$4.19 at my neighborhood station, and it has dropped the \$50 credit card limit on the pump. This is getting plenty serious.

Fortunately, there is somebody taking a common-sense approach to the problem: Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. A month ago, he proposed voluntary rescheduling for county employees so they'd work four days a week, 10 hours a day. That would allow them to save a day's worth of gas.

Last week, the Oakland County Commission unanimously approved the idea: "By allowing employees to work four 10-hour days, it will save them 20 percent on their commute costs and ease the financial pinch of filling up their cars," a press release from Patterson's office proclaimed.

When I talked with him last week, Brooks was enthusiastic. "Look, we've got about 4,000 county employees. If 1,500 employees take the four-day week, a conservative estimate is they'd save two gallons of gas not commuting the fifth day. At \$4 gallon, that's eight bucks a week for one employee, or \$12,000 a week for all 1,500.

"Over a year, that adds up in a hurry." Patterson says the idea first emerged while "some of us were kicking around the big rise in gas prices" several months ago. "We thought about what we could do to ease the financial pressure on our employees, and this seemed a pretty sensible way to go about it."

What about scheduling so county offices remain staffed?

True, "we have to work out the schedules, but that's doable," Patterson says. (Jobs that require round-the-clock staffing, such as sheriff's deputies, won't be eligible for the four-day week.)

What about the public employee unions? Do you have to re-negotiate your labor contracts? I wanted to know. Evidently not.

"This program is voluntary and it's pretty popular. If the unions wanted to challenge it, they'd be hard-pressed. We'll probably have to sit down and talk, but I don't see a big problem."

Patterson says he's been contacted by "hundreds" of businesses in Oakland County interested in trying the same idea.

"This is something that all local government units should be trying. It should spread all across the state."

With that in mind, I called Liz Boyd, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's press secretary, to see if state government was interested in following suit. Her response: "The governor met with her cabinet within the past three weeks on this idea. We want to help state employees with gas prices. More than one-third of state employees already work on flexible schedules, including a four-day week.

"Right now we're compiling information." Hmmm. Doesn't sound like adopting a gas-saving plan is uppermost in the minds of the Granholm administration.

I tried — and failed — to get the governor's spokeswoman to be more specific. Yet the potential for savings is very large, indeed. When you figure there are around 53,000 state employees, the math adds up pretty quickly. Adopting Patterson's assumptions, if 37 percent of all state employees adopt the program, that's 19,875.

Multiply that by two gallons (\$8) a week, and you get nearly \$160,000 in annual gas savings for state employees.

That's at \$4 a gallon, mind you, and prices are already past that barrier and marching north. Still — that sum is a tidy number, and one that certainly should excite the attention of an employer who's interested in helping out beleaguered state employees.

What about state public employee unions? Would a four-day work week require re-negotiating labor contracts with the unions? Alas, the governor's press secretary didn't want to talk about that.

So I don't know whether the Granholm administration is seriously working on Patterson's common-sense idea.

But I do know that a voluntary four-day work week saves financially strapped workers money they would have to spend on gas. And that seems to meet the "let's do something simple and practical" test that all public bodies should have on top of their minds.

Some do. And, evidently, some sadly don't.

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Garden City's Dan Smith, 16, of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club, captured the super-heavyweight title at the U.S. Junior Olympics in Marquette.

Smith brings home boxing title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

New ground has been broken. Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club now has a national champion. Garden City's Dan Smith captured the Boys 15-16 super-heavyweight division title Friday with a 19-12 decision over Californian Tino Dominguez at the USA Boxing National Junior Olympics held in Marquette.

"We've been seeing a lot of talent developing," said Dynamic trainer Paul Soucy of Livonia. "It took us three years to get a national title, but it was only a matter of time. Dan should be an inspiration to the younger kids who want to do what he's done. Somebody had to break the ice and it's Dan Smith."

The 6-foot-3, 235-pound Smith, now sporting a 10-6 amateur record, was representing the Great Lakes Region 5 team. He began his quest Thursday by stopping

Texan Orlando Olmeda in the first round. "Just to make sure I felt the kid (Olmeda) out, but I knew right away I was faster," Smith said. "I took him out as soon as I could. I hit him with a bunch of right hands."

Smith, however, had to adjust his game plan in Friday's championship bout against the shorter and stockier-built Dominguez. "The first fight Dan was awesome, he

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Hearing aid: Soccer coach Makki assists

Lutheran High Westland girls soccer coach Sam Makki has quite an impressive resume.

He won numerous titles and has been coaching youth soccer for 18 years, including the last six in Michigan where he currently runs the Sam Makki Training Academy.

He played professionally in Europe and Asia for 12 years, including six with the Irish Army as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon (1986-1992) where he was an MVP and leading scorer.

Makki, who now calls Livonia home, also played five seasons (1992-97) for the Division I Al-Tadamon Club, was drafted for the Lebanese National Team (1993-94), and spent two years with the East Fife F.C. of the Scottish Football Association's Division II circuit (1997-1999).

Makki will now take his 'B' International License Diploma and 'C' coaching license to a different pitch.

A man who once juggled a soccer ball 3,516 times on the beach without dropping it, will embark on a trip to Greece this week as an assistant coach for the USA National Deaf soccer team.

The World Championships for the Deaf begin July 3 in Patros, Greece where the USA squad takes on Holland in the opener. The rest of the group includes China, Russia and France.

The four group winners will then advance to the elimination round.

Makki will assist Ken McDonald with the USA squad, which consists of players from 21 different states.

Two training camps were held December and April in Florida to select the top deaf USA players to compete abroad. Both McDonald and Makki will have interpreter every step of the way.

"We have some very good athletes, pro-like players and it's been very fun," Makki said. "We'll have a few days in Athens to get used to the ground and the atmosphere. Some players wear hearing aides. I also know a little (sign language) and they understand."

"But during the games sometimes it's hard to understand, so we use sign language to communicate."

While Makki was doing training for his 'A' coaching license in Florida, he was asked to help out McDonald, who invited him to come aboard as an assistant.

Makki also will help start and be the head coach for the USA Deaf under-21 boys national team, which is scheduled to compete later this year in Korea.

Of course, the trips don't happen without financial support. Those interested in helping out USA National Deaf soccer team can contact Makki at (313) 612-0081, or you can also visit www.makkitrainingacademy.com.

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Sidelines

Michigan Am chase

Michael King (Livonia), a senior a Saginaw Valley State, was eliminated by Matt Malloure of Farmington Hills in the second-round match-play 3-and-2 during Thursday's 97th Golf Association Michigan Amateur Tournament held at The Moors in Portage.

King, who attended Redford-Detroit Catholic Central High, won his first-round match against Ryan Johnson 2-up.

King qualified 35th overall in the 64-player match-play field with rounds of 77-75-152.

Westland's Bill Zylstra was eighth overall in stroke play with a 75-71-146, but was eliminated in the first round of match-play by Casey Baker of Ann Arbor on the 21st hole of sudden death.

Cable 1st in target

Chase Cable of Livonia teamed up with Tyler Jedinak and Andrew Marino, both of South Lyon, to win the Junior Varsity division (grades 9-12) in the Scholastic Clay Target Program Sporting Clays state championship held June 14 at the Detroit Gun Club in Walled Lake.

The Crunch Bunch hit 208-of-300 targets and will be eligible to participate in the SCTP National Championships, July 31-Aug. 5, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill.

Track & field series

Dearborn Divine Child will stage a weekly track series from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the high school track located at 1001 N. Silvery Lane (one mile west of Telegraph between Cherry Hill and Ford roads).

The cost for athletes and spectators is \$3 per person. Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Youth age groups include: 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. The open division includes 30-40 and 40-and-over.

The July 9 and 23 meet competition includes: 50-meter dash (8-and-under), 100, 400, 1,600, 3,000, shot put, discus and 4 x 400 relay.

The July 16 and 30 meets includes: 200, 800, 5,000 (13-and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

Warner triumphs in links return

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Shannon Warner's summer golf odyssey got off to a promising start Friday by capturing the Michigan PGA Junior Girls Championship for Girls 16-18.

Warner, a two-time Division 1 state champion from Livonia Churchill High and headed to Michigan State this fall on a golf scholarship, posted rounds of 79-76 for a two-day total of 155 and a six-stroke victory over Joan Dulieu of Bloomfield Hills at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

It was her first tournament of the year after juggling two sports (golf and volleyball) last fall at Churchill.

"I took some time off to have fun my



Warner

senior year and probably did not practice as much as I should have," Warner admitted. "But now it's time to get down to business. I have a pretty packed schedule just about every week."

Warner was 11-over par and was generally pleased with her showing. "I putted and chipped well," she said. "I did not strike the ball very well, but I scored well. I played all right. Not everything went the way I wanted, but I'll take it."

Conditions were ideal during the two-day junior event, which started on Thursday.

"It was a really nice course and the weather was nice," Warner said. "It's not an easy course. There are a few tricky greens, but if you play well you can go low."

One player who did go low as Blake English of Charlotte, who captured the Boys 16-18 division by nine strokes shooting 65-66-131.

Meanwhile, the victory qualifies English and Warner for the 33rd Junior PGA Championship, Aug. 13-16, TPC River's Bend in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Warner continues her busy summer schedule Monday through Wednesday in the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Junior Championship hosted by Mount Pleasant Country Club.

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Mosher's pitching prowess sparks Rams to 1-0 win

Derek Mosher's performance on the mound Friday night at Livonia's Bicentennial Park was highly efficient to say the least.

The right-hander from Western Michigan University threw just 77 pitches and allowed just two hits and a walk while striking out 10 to propel the 20-and-under Michigan Rams to a 1-0 Michigan Collegiate Baseball League victory over the 22-and-under Trailblazers.

The Rams are now 7-5 in the MCBL, while the Trailblazers

fall to 1-11-1.

Mosher's no-hit bid was broken up with two outs in the sixth when Tommy Jablonski beat out an infield single after Rams third baseman Ryan Abraham snagged the sharply hit ball, but was unable to get the runner out at first.

Mosher, who played high school ball at Ann Arbor Pioneer, got the final out with his 10th strikeout of the game.

Billy Anderson led off the top of the seventh with a single, but Mosher retired the next three

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batters in order including his 11th strikeout.

The Rams tallied their only run in the third on a walk to Mosher, a sacrifice by Brett Mazmanian and a single by Tim Cross.

Canton's Shawn Little (Madonna University) went 2-for-3 to lead the Rams' six-hit attack.

Losing pitcher Rob Hamley struck out six and walked three in six innings.

On Wednesday, the Rams snapped a three-game losing skid with a 5-4 triumph over the 20-and-under Detroit Eagles as Mazmanian went 4-for-4 and drove home Livonia Stevenson's Nick Plinka (MU) with what proved to be the game-winning run in the top of the sixth.

Brad Herman went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Abraham and Plinka each added two hits. Dan Augustine also drove in a run for the Rams.

Stevenson's Ben Schroeder (Kalamazoo College) worked

the first four innings, allowing two runs on four hits and two walks. He fanned three before giving way to James Bertakis, who picked up the save going the final three innings. Bertakis allowed one earned run on four hits and three walks while fanning three.

Dan Welch, who worked the final 4.1 innings in relief of starter Evan Morris, suffered the loss.

B.B. Edwards went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Eagles (2-9).

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ALL-OBSERVER TEAMS

All-Observer girls tennis team shines

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
LINDSAY HOSTETTER, SR., STEVENSON: Hostetter served as the Spartans' No. 1 singles player and their co-captain during the 2008 campaign. She registered an incredible 20-2 record this past season and a 71-7 career mark.

She will attend Brevard College (N.C.), an NCAA Division II school. "I can't say enough about Lindsay's leadership and dedication to this team and her desire to be the best player she can be," said Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd. "Lindsay has a powerful all-around game, with huge ground strokes and crisp volleys."

TRACY LYTLE, SR., SALEM: Lytle closed out her stellar career in fine fashion as she crafted a solid 8-3 WLAA record against the conference's talented list of No. 1 singles players. Her only setbacks were to Hostetter, Northville's top player and at Walled Lake Northern.

"Tracy didn't even play tennis until she was in the eighth grade, so to go from a non-player to a very good No. 1 singles player in high school is pretty impressive," said Salem coach Lin Ware. "She has earned a lot of tennis awards the past few years and all of them have been well-deserved."

LAURA SIMS, SR., STEVENSON: The senior co-captain enjoyed a productive season at No. 2 singles, going 15-6. She advanced to the finals at the WLAA conference meet and stroked her way to the semi-final round of the DI Regional meet. She also earned silver medals at the Ann Arbor and Novi invitationals.

"Laura has great fundamentals and is really a model of stroke production," said Ladd. "Laura has a real weapon in her serve and a pretty consistent overhead, all of which add up to a very good, all-court tennis player."

PAIGE MCMANAMA, JR., STEVENSON: The Spartans' No. 3 singles player racked up an 18-6 record this past spring. Her lone setback in conference play came against always-tough Northville.

"Paige is a model of mental toughness, focus, intensity and persistence," said Ladd. "Once she steps on the tennis court, she goes from being a delightful and animated teenager to a bulldog of concentration and determination."

ALLI CARPENTER, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 2 singles player went 9-2 with her only two blemishes coming against Northville and Stevenson.

"Alli is going to be the player to beat next year," said Ware. "She's a strong

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS

2008 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
 Lindsay Hostetter, Sr., Stevenson
 Tracy Lytle, Sr., Salem
 Laura Sims, Sr., Stevenson
 Paige McManama, Jr., Stevenson
 Alli Carpenter, Jr., Salem
 Cari Marschner, Soph., Stevenson
 Linda Ling, Jr., Salem
 Angelica Woods, Fr., Franklin

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
 Ariel Rojo, Jr., Salem
 Rachel Norman, Soph., Salem
 Katherine Morse, Sr., Stevenson
 Katey Roberts, Sr., Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR
 Kathy Ladd, Stevenson

player who has improved each year. She's become much more consistent with her game and she's developed a variety of strokes."

CARI MARSCHNER, SOPH., STEVENSON: The versatile Marschner played primarily at No. 4 singles for the Spartans, but also moved up to No. 2 and No. 3 at times. She finished with a 13-9 record.

"Cari is all business on the tennis court," Ladd said. "Cari is all about consistency. As one opposing coach observe, 'Does she ever miss a backhand?'"

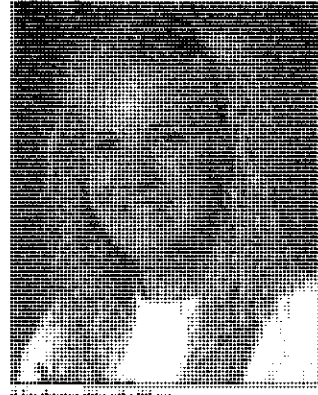
LINDA LING, JR., SALEM: The junior made a very effective move from No. 1 doubles to No. 4 singles this season, racking up a 9-2 WLAA record with her only losses coming to Northville and Walled Lake Northern.

"Linda is a very consistent, all-around player," said Ware. "She's very athletic and gets to the ball really well. She'll be one of our co-captains next year."

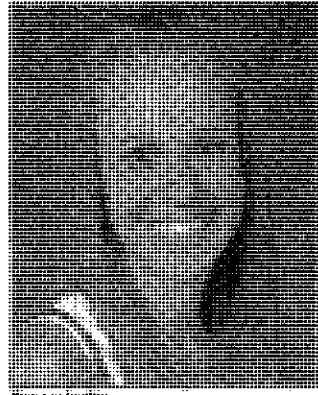
ANGELICA WOODS, FR., FRANKLIN: The ninth-grader played well beyond her years, registering an impressive 18-5 record that included first-round victories in both the Regional and conference tournaments.

"Angelica's work ethic is exceptional and she is a model for court etiquette," Franklin coach Lori George said. "All three of her losses this season were against experienced, upper-class opponents. Angelica has an arsenal of strokes and strategy to get her opponents off-balance. She's a rising athlete and one to watch in years to come."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
ARIEL ROJO, JR., SALEM: Rojo teamed with Rachel Norman to give the Rocks a spectacular No. 1 doubles team. The duo lost just two matches in the conference.



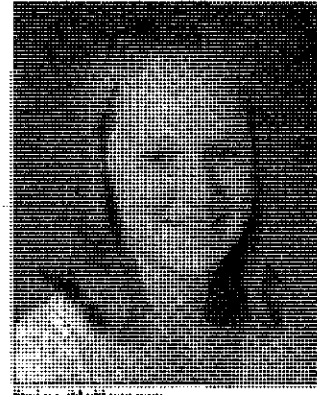
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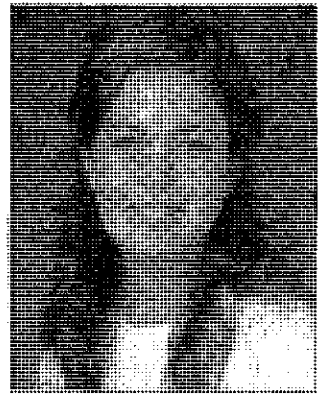
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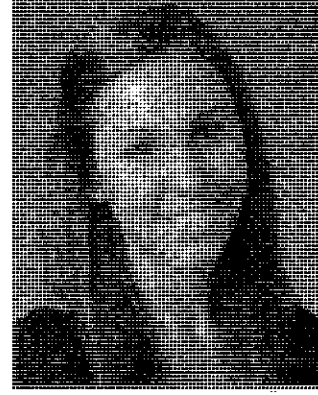
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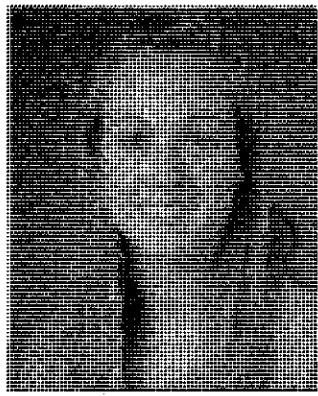
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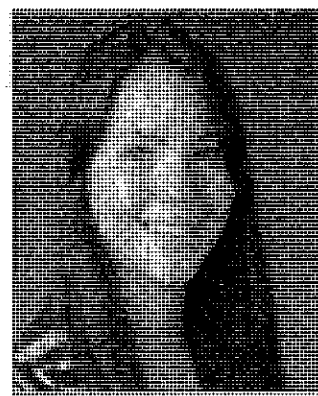
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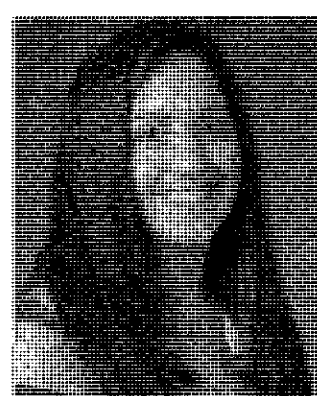
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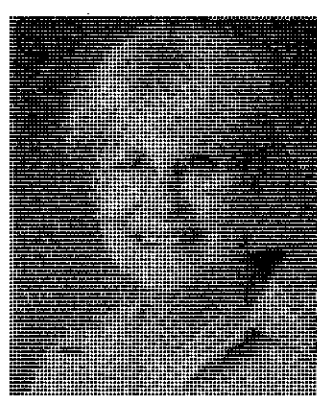
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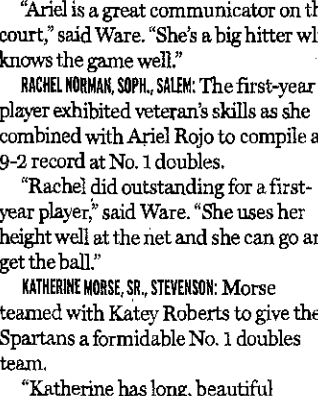
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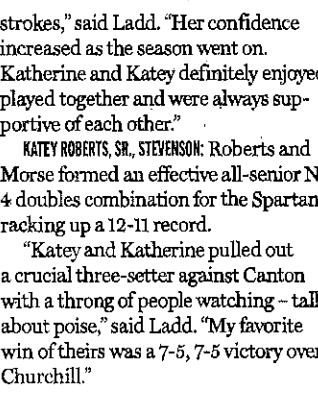
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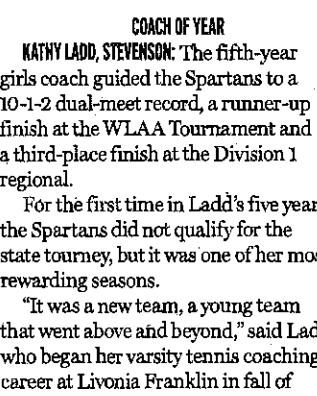
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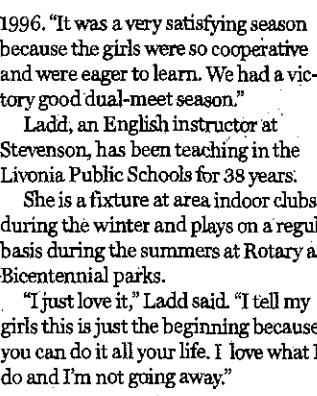
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Area golfers leave lasting impressions

FIRST TEAM
Drew Mossolan, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore finished 28th overall in the Division 1 state tournament at The Meadows in Allendale with 86-76 for a 164 total.

He averaged 39.18 in dual matches, where he was medalist three times, along with a 77.95 in tournament play.

Mossolan was All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association tourney with a 76 and carded a 79 at the Division 1 district tourney. He qualified for the state tourney with a third-place finish at the Washtenaw Country Club regional shooting a 75.

Mossolan also shot a 74 to place runner-up at the Pinckney Invitational and captured the Western Wayne Invitational with a 75. He also won the stroke play at the Livonia City Tournament with a 37.

"Drew is young with loads of talent and is always willing to go the extra mile to improve," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said.

Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton: The sophomore enjoyed a break-out season, registering a 38.1 nine-hole average and 78.3 18-hole average. He was a dual-match medalist five times and broke 40 in eight matches.

"Zach has a complete game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is very accurate and is an outstanding putter. His increased length off the tee has helped him lower his scores."

Hagan Risner, Sr., Garden City: His coach, Ron Pummill, described Risner as perhaps the best golfer the high school has ever seen. The fact Risner owns virtually every Garden City golf record reinforces that lofty praise.

Risner, a fourth-year varsity starter, again made the All-Mega White with a nine-hole average of 36.5 strokes to go with 11 medals and team MVP honors. He was one stroke shy of qualifying for the state meet.

"(Hagan's) absolutely a joy to coach and one of the hardest-working golfers, too," said Pummill about Risner, being heavily recruited by Wayne State University. "It's his commitment to want to be the best player on the course every time he's on the course."

Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem: The senior is a four-year letter winner whose game improved each year. He earned All-WLAA first-team honors and provided the Rocks with vital leadership throughout the season.

"Tyler's game is fundamentally sound from tee to green," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "He's long off the tee, is very consistent with his irons and has a great short game."

Josh Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The four-year letter winner and team MVP averaged 38 per nine and 78.8 for 18 holes his senior year.

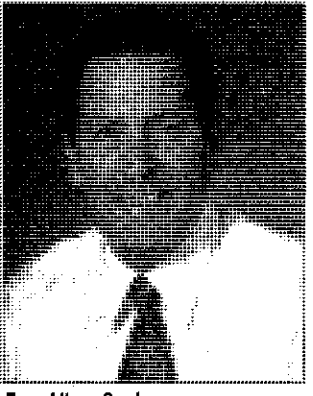
ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF

2008 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM
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 Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton
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 Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem
 Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton
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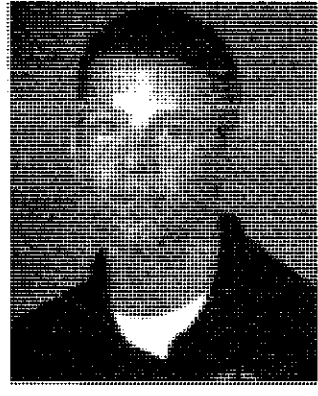
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 Chris Ciso, Sr., Garden City
 Kevin Robinson, Jr., Liv. Churchill
 Brendan Muir, Soph., Canton
 Adam Powers, Jr., Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR
 Tom Alles, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION
 Plymouth Christian Academy: Ross Gerulis; Churchill: Brian Bint; Franklin: Tony Semonick, Jordan Chisholm; Stevenson: Adam Giordano, Dan DuFour; Westland John Glenn: Andy Myers, Dan Tamarogio; Wayne Memorial: Jacob Smith; Canton: Jeremy Lindbauer, Aaron Blase, Clark Albers; Salem: Aaron Thompson, Joel Cheesman, Patrick Doty; Plymouth: James Bryans; Garden City: Ron Pummill, Nick Walker; Redford Union: Josh Marlow; Redford Thurston: Derek Pohlmeier, Andrew Sexton.



Drew Mossolan, Soph.
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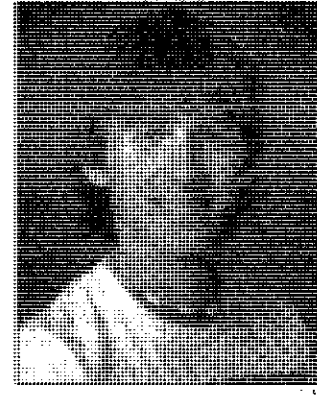
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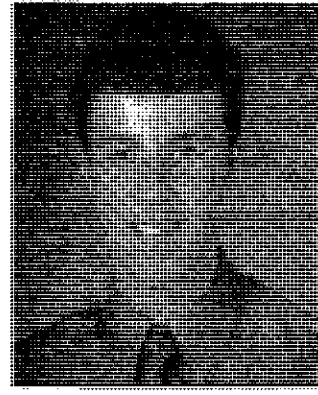
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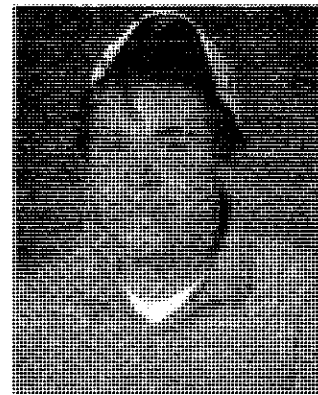
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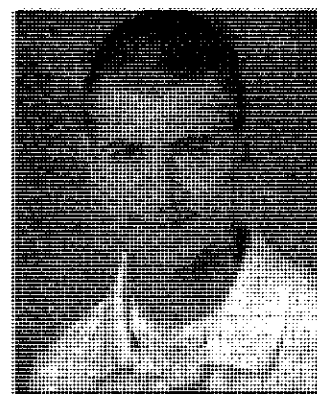
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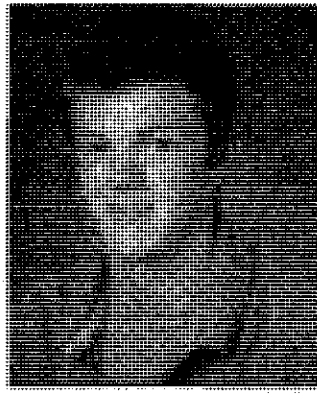
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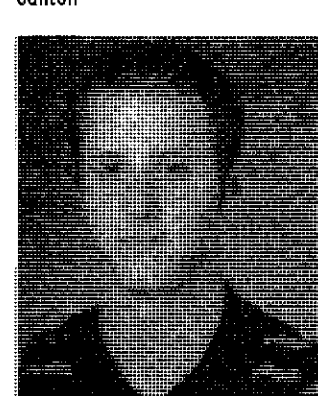
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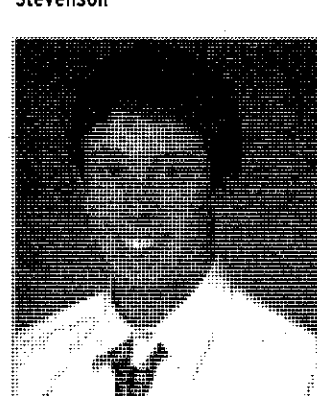
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Proben finished fourth in the Division 1 district with a 74 and wound up All-Division in the WLAA with a 77 (14th overall). He also tied for eighth at the Farmington Invitational with a 75. He added a 77 at Brighton and an 81 at Pinckney.

"Josh had an outstanding season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "As one of the team captains this year, he displayed great leadership through his play. His consistent play will be missed next season along with his spirited attitude and patience toward the game. He should have great success furthering his golf career at Schoolcraft College in the fall."

Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton: Rickerman was solid all year, averaging 38.2 for nine holes and 79.2 for 18. He was a dual-match medalist twice and broke 40 in seven matches.

"Andrew is technically sound in all phases of the game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is constantly working to

improve his game."

SECOND TEAM
Christian Debay, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore averaged 40 in dual matches, where he was medalist four times, and 78 in tournament play.

Debay shot a 74 to make All-Division in the WLAA and tied for 20th at the district with an 81. He went on to place 10th at the regional with a 78.

He also shot 74 at the Western Wayne Invitational, a 79 at the Pinckney Invitational and an 80 at the Huron Valley Invitational.

"Christian was a pleasure to coach, always has an upbeat attitude and walks the course always smiling," Omietanski said.

Justin Adams, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior took All-Western Lakes honors with 73 and took 11th at the Division 1 district tourney with a 77.

Adams averaged 41.91 per nine and 81.33 per 18 holes. He also added an 80 at the Wayne County Championship and shot 81 at Pinckney.

"Justin was a solid player and leader all year," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "He was a good example for the team with his work ethic and even-temperament. He is a very long driver for a player of his size and a real streaky putter. This gives him the ability to go low, which he showed at the WLAA tournament with his 73."

Chris Ciso, Sr., Garden City: The fourth-year Cougar really came into his own down the stretch, winning the Mega White meet with an 18-hole round of 76 and shooting an 80 at the regionals, missing the cut for state meet by just three strokes.

"He really wrapped up an excellent high school career with a superb senior year," Pummill said.

Ciso made the All-Mega White team for the first time after averaging 40 strokes for nine and 80 for 18. He was a three-time medalist.

Kevin Robinson, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The two-year letter winner was runner-up at the Division 1 district at Whispering Willows.

Robinson, a junior, averaged 39.9 per nine and 80 per 18. He shot 79 at the WLAA tourney and added a 78 at the Farmington Invitational. He also went 81 and 83, respectively, at the Brighton and Pinckney invitationals.

"Kevin will be looked upon as one of the team leaders next season," Worley said. "He showed many signs of that this year with his grind-it-out attitude on the links. This led him to improve his score in every invitational and tournament he played in this year from the previous year. He's a gamer and loves the game of golf, always practice during his free time."

Brendan Muir, Soph., Canton: Only a sophomore, Muir proved to be a key player in the Chiefs' ultra-successful season, firing a 79 at the WLAA Conference meet and a 75 at the District tournament - a score that earned him medalist honors.

"Brendan has immense talent," said Alles. "He became a much more consistent golfer from his freshman to sopho-

more years."

Adam Powers, Jr., Salem: Powers saved his best for last, firing 78's at both the WLAA Conference meet and at the Division 1 District tournament. He is an accomplished hockey player along with being a polished golfer.

"Adam came on very strong at the end of the year and played really well in our biggest tournaments," said Wilson. "Being a good hockey goalie, he has great hand-eye coordination and great instincts. He was rock solid when it counted this season."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Tom Alles, Canton: The veteran mentor guided the Chiefs to one of their most successful seasons in years as they registered a 3-2 WLAA Western Division record, which was good for a tie for second with Livonia Franklin, and a third-place showing in the highly competitive WLAA conference meet. Alles' steady influence was crucial for the young Chiefs, who will return four of their top six players next season.

PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL

2008 ALL-WLAA SOFTBALL TEAMS
ALL CONFERENCE
Pitcher: Allison Holmes, Sr., Northville.
Catcher: Brittany Taylor, Jr., Franklin.
Infielders: Mary Cox, Jr., Salem; Brianna Taylor, Jr., Franklin; Stacey Kionowski, Soph., Plymouth; Jenna Dumbleton, Sr., Northville.
Outfielders: Christina Parsons, Jr., Salem; Amy Bondy, Sr., Plymouth; Amanda Rysdorp, Jr., Canton.
At-Large: Sarah Rounsifer, Jr., Northville; Emily Pitcole, Jr., Salem.
ALL-LAKES DIVISION
Pitcher: Kristi Hardy, Jr., W.L. Central.
Catcher: Lindsay Okenka, Sr., W.L. Central.
Infielders: Heidi Schmidt, Fr., Salem; Krista Hakola, Soph., W.L. Central; Paula Guizk, Jr., Churchill; Kari Knight, Fr., W.L. Northern.

Outfielders: Hanna Turner, Jr., W.L. Central; Lena Scarpace, Jr., W.L. Central.
At-Large: Briana Lee, Fr., Salem; Lauren Brueck, Sr., Stevenson; Kathleen Hoehn, Jr., Stevenson; Katie Hockstad, Soph., W.L. Northern.
ALL-WESTERN DIVISION
Pitcher: Natalie Sanborn, Jr., Franklin.
Catcher: Erin Rodes, Jr., Plymouth.
Infielders: Beth Heldmeyer, Jr., Plymouth; Alyssa Marcucci, Sr., W.L. Western; Amanda Burnard, Soph., Plymouth; Amy Dunleavy, Soph., Canton; Brittany Birdsall, Sr., Northville; Alex Kaszuba, Sr., Northville.
Outfielders: Mariel Wilson, Jr., Northville; Jessica Stailey, Sr., Franklin.
At-Large: Emily Carlson, Jr., W.L. Western; Megan Hofmeister, Sr., Northville.
HONORABLE MENTION
John Glenn: Brittany Holbrook, Jr.; Stacey

Truskowski, Jr.; Amanda Murakami, Jr.; Katie Down, Soph.; **Salem:** Lizzy Mazorowicz, Fr.; Kelli Janiczek, Fr.; Lizzy McCloud, Sr.; Mary Johnson, Soph.; **W.L. Central:** Heather Weidenhamer, Jr.; Chelsea Rapin, Sr.; Kara Wiechert, Soph.; **Churchill:** Jordan Kerr, Sr.; Katie Stodulski, Jr.; **Stevenson:** Kristina Vackevic, Jr.; Shelby Wilson, Soph.; Amanda Palson, Jr.; Jamie Johnson, Sr.; **W.L. Northern:** Charli Coram, Sr.; Liz Jones, Soph.; Mackensy Lakian, Fr.; Chelsey Jacobson, Jr.; **W.L. Western:** Elizabeth Hart, Sr.; Lauren Ruben, Sr.; Taylor Krohn, Jr.; **Wayne:** Heather Henning, Sr.; Taylor Krohn, Jr.; Kathy Harris, Jr.; Jordan Berry, Soph.; **Plymouth:** Gina Giordano, Sr.; Jill Brennan, Jr.; Meghan Patterson, Sr.; **Franklin:** Nicole Emery, Soph.; Natalie Polakowski, Jr.; Chelsea Williams, Fr.; Jessica Emery, Fr.; **Northville:** Mary Rounsifer, Fr.; Kelsey Lewis, Sr.; Kelsey Whelan, Sr.; Jamie Crona, Sr.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Monday, June 23
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Dodgers, 8:15 p.m.
(at Tecumseh, Ontario's LaCasse Park)
 Thunder vs. Mich. Monarchs, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Rams vs. Trailblazers, 8:15 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Mich. Dodgers vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, June 26
(at Livonia Stevenson H.S.)
 Blue Knights vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.

Friday, June 27
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
 Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Blue Knights, 8:15 p.m.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
 Mich. Dodgers vs. Thunder, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 29
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
 Trailblazers vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.
 Mich. Rams vs. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m.
(at Livonia Stevenson H.S.)
 Blue Knights Dodgers (2), noon.
(at Tecumseh, Ontario's LaCasse Park)
 Thunder vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.

WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Saturday, June 28
 Det. Demolition vs. Chicago Force at Holgren Athletic Complex (Ill.), 3 p.m.
UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Wednesday, June 25
 Mich. Bucks vs. Chicago Fire Premier at Toyota Park (Ill.), 7 p.m. (CDT).
W-LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Friday, June 27
 Mich. Hawks vs. Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Fort Wayne's Hefner Stadium, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 29
 Mich. Hawks vs. W. Mich. Firewomen at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 3 p.m.

SMITH
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took it to him," Soucy said of the win over Olmeda. "The second match we kind of underestimated him (Dominguez). He was kind of short and fat, but stronger than we thought and this guy was in good condition. "He started to go to the body and we told Dan to keep his distance and let the guy come to him." Smith eventually took control of the fight. "I used my jab, I moved

around and out-boxed him," Smith said. "He was a tough kid. Just ask my friends who were there. I also felt I was in real good shape, especially for the last match." Smith felt not only the support from Dynamic Boxing Club owner Chuck Phillips, his corner men and his parents, but also from his Region 5 teammates who came from five different states including Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. "We came really close and we rooted for each other," he said. "That helped me a lot." Smith said he will take a

couple of days off before getting back into the gym where he'll prepare next for the Ringside World Championships, Aug. 5-9, in Kansas City, Mo. Smith will compete in the Class A boys 15-16 age division. He'll turn 17 on Aug. 13. And by winning the National Junior Olympics, Smith will be eligible to compete for U.S. in world junior competition. "It's exciting, it hasn't sunk in yet," Smith said of his national title. "Words can't describe it." bemons@oe.homecomm.net (734) 953-2123

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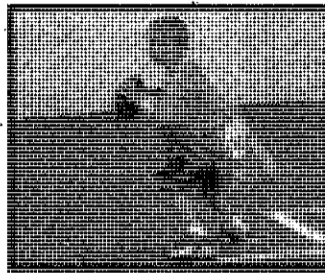
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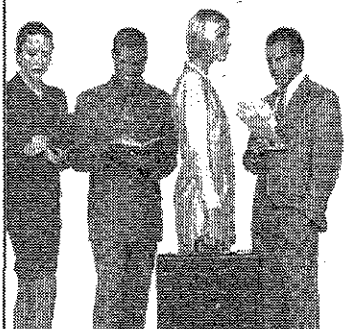
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Dental Receptionist & Dental Assistant

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West Bloomfield Nursing Center is currently seeking a Part Time Admissions Coordinator. This professional candidate must possess skills in customer service, organization, efficiency, and computer skills. This individual will be welcoming our new residents and their families to our facility as well as completing necessary paperwork. Previous experience in a health care setting preferred. Please fax resume to: 248-661-1319 Attn: Sarah

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2:30-7pm, 2-3 afternoons per week & some Saturday mornings. Experience helpful but not necessary. Must have 4 arms & 6 legs and be able to do 10 things at one time. Leave the kids at home and come talk to adults for awhile. Tepper Chiropractic Clinic, 6/ Newburgh. (734) 484-9595

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Included in the \$65 registration fee is a camp T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. The camp also features contests, awards, skills and games.

For more information, e-mail franklinbball@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of experience.

The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

MU women's camps

The Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves will stage a series of summer camps including: mini camp (grades k-3), Monday through Friday, June 23-27; super shooters youth (grades 4-7), July 14-18; guards-n-bigs (grades 7-12), July 21-25.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$160.

For more information, call Sandi Wade at (734) 432-5606; or e-mail cgraves@madonna.edu. You can also visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

Champ football camp

The Champ Camp football camp for incoming grades 3-9 (fall 2008) will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25,

at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The non-contact camp will be instructed by coach Brad Dickey along with coaches from Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, St. Edith, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Livonia Junior Athletic League.

The cost is \$85 per camper. For more information, or to obtain a registration form, visit: http://www.bdsports.us; or call Dickey at (734) 444-5931.

Seminoles football camp

The Detroit Seminoles Football Club of the Mid-Continental Football League will stage their first annual youth football camp for ages 8-16 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Detroit Lions and University of Michigan color analyst will be a guest instructor.

The Seminoles will play the Monroe (N.Y.) Sting at 7 p.m. later in the day.

For more information regarding registration and general camp information, call Andrew Spry at (248) 563-9597; or e-mail acspry@oakland.edu. You can also call Lori Harris at (313) 530-2775; or e-mail laharris625@sbglobal.net; or visit www.detroitseminoles.org.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will be Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, at MU.

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 nemenhisier@madonna.edu.

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. 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 3-6 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).

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at mfournier2@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.

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.

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BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fathers may know best, but they didn't know rest on Sunday morning — at least the ones who competed in the 29th Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run.

Hundreds of dads, moms, sons and daughters bared their "soles" on the streets of Plymouth for the yearly series of races that includes everything from a leisurely one-mile walk to the challenging "MDG Triple Race," which requires runners to complete one-mile, 5K and 10K races back-to-back-to-back.

Lansing's Jerome Recker was the daddy of all runners on Sunday as he not only captured the coveted "Triple" title with a clocking of 55:39, but he won each of the shorter races as well.

Recker crossed first in the mile in 4:39, broke the tape in the 5K in 16:45 before capping a perfect morning with a 34:15 in the 10K.

Canton resident Sarah Shipley earned gold in the women's "Triple" with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes and 20 seconds.

Two other locals — Christine Hughes of Canton and Corynne Johnson of Plymouth — finished in the top 10 in the ladies' "Triple."

Fenton's Lisa Veneziano placed first in both the women's one-mile run (5:48) and the 10K (40:11).

Canton resident Rebecca McCormack won the women's 5K in 18:32.

This year's race was enhanced by the presence of world-renowned long-distance runner Doug Kurtis of Northville, who holds world records for most career sub-2:20 marathons (76) and most marathon victories (40).

In 1994, at the age of 42, Kurtis won the Boston Marathon Masters Division with a clocking of 2:15:47.

The 55-year-old Kurtis claimed second in the 10K 55-59 age group with a time of 39:31, less than a minute behind fellow Northvillian John Tarkowski, who won in 38:46.

The event was blessed with ideal weather conditions, hundreds of volunteers and several post-race activities that made it a perfect day for



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Doug Kurtis, of Livonia, was runner-up in the 10-kilometer race at the June 15 Plymouth Father's Day run in Plymouth.

running enthusiasts.

The spirit of the race was epitomized by several father-and-son duos who ran at least a portion of the race side by side. Among those were Anthony and Zach Johnson of Canton; and Joseph and Matthew Zmuda of Canton.

The event was endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

All proceeds helped fund the Plymouth YMCA's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign.

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YMCA RACE RESULTS

- 2008 Plymouth Father's Day Run June 15 in Plymouth Triple Race Results**
- MEN'S OPEN**
1. Jerome Recker (Lansing), 55:39
 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 56:45
 3. Alex Noble (Plymouth), 1:07:58
 4. Matt Lewandowski (Plymouth), 1:11:35
 5. Jeff Dalton (Westland), 1:25:08
 6. Steven Hendrop (Plymouth), 1:26:01
 7. Jason Stephenson (Plymouth), 1:26:44
 8. Ric Giles (Shelby), 1:27:54
 9. Steve Zdan (Chesterfield), 1:30:31
 10. Brian McDonald (Redford), 1:31:11
- WOMEN'S OPEN**
1. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 1:17:20
 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 1:19:29
 3. Lauren York (Northville), 1:26:50
 4. Courtney Lee Kennedy (Ypsilanti), 1:29:10
 5. Morgan Derouin (Chesterfield), 1:30:53
 6. Christine Hughes (Canton), 1:33:31
 7. Corynne Johnson (Plymouth), 1:35:48
- MASTERS**
1. Shinichi Ozeki, 59:51
 2. Vincent Jesudowich, 1:00:56
 3. Larry Gutierrez, 1:03:22
 4. Roger Lara, 1:04:45
 5. Greg Janicki, 1:08:36
 6. David Crary, 1:09:54
 7. Doug Soliz, 1:11:49
 8. Thomas Gerou, 1:15:12
 9. Daniel Sarna, 1:16:06
 10. Ken Sova, 1:17:26
- 1-Mile Run**
- MEN'S OPEN**
1. Jerome Recker (Lansing), 4:39
 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 4:42
 3. Matt Lewandowski (Plymouth), 4:48
- WOMEN'S OPEN**
1. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 5:48
 2. Kayla Duke (Livonia), 5:52
 3. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 6:12
- MALE 1-6**
1. James Fedevia (Canton), 7:31
 2. Aiden Hurly (Plymouth), 7:55
 3. Aaron Garbarino (Plymouth), 8:16
- FEMALE 1-6**
1. Kendall Golt (Canton), 8:10
 2. Chloe Herriman (Plymouth), 8:27
 3. Olivia Moran (Ada), 8:59
- MALE 9-12**
1. River Morse (Ann Arbor), 6:45
 2. Ryan Prebenda (Plymouth), 6:47
 3. Calvin McCracken (Canton), 6:48
- FEMALE 9-12**
1. Erin McDonald (Livonia), 6:53
 2. Sarah Wilson (Plymouth), 7:12
 3. Natalie Perkins (Canton), 7:36
- MALE 13-15**
1. Tyler Socha (Plymouth), 5:47
 2. Mark Lubin (Plymouth), 6:26
 3. Miles Gerou (Canton), 6:26
- FEMALE 13-15**
1. Lauren Hansen (Canton), 8:31
 2. Ellie Anderson (Plymouth), 9:01
 3. Meghan Barry (Plymouth), 9:01
- MALE 16-19**
1. Alex Noble (Plymouth), 5:33
- FEMALE 16-19**
1. Alicia Stephan (Plymouth), 7:25
- MALE 20-24**
1. Kellen Duke (Linden), 5:07
 2. Jason Houston (Livonia), 7:33
 3. Steven Hondorp (Plymouth), 7:19
- FEMALE 20-24**
1. Kevin Taylor (West Bloom), 6:30
 2. Steve Zdan (Plymouth), 7:28
 3. Mark Bearden (Livonia), 8:18
- FEMALE 25-29**
1. Morgan Derouin (Chesterfield), 6:59
 2. Jennifer Galbraith (Brighton), 8:18
 3. Corynne Johnson (Plymouth), 8:53
- MALE 30-34**
1. Jeff Dalton (Westland), 6:45
 2. Jason Stephenson (Plymouth), 6:51
 3. Brian McDonald (Redford), 9:08
- FEMALE 30-34**
1. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 6:22
 2. Lauren York (Northville), 7:05
 3. Melissa Kersten (Westland), 10:08
- MALE 35-39**
1. Ric Giles (Shelby), 6:20
 2. Michael Hetsios (Plymouth), 7:07
 3. Steven Hondorp (Plymouth), 7:19
- FEMALE 35-39**
1. Christine Hughes (Canton), 6:56
 2. Julie Allen (Plymouth), 8:52
 3. Rachel Kaitz (Plymouth), 9:26
- MALE 40-44**
1. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville), 5:06
 2. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 5:15
 3. Greg Janicki (West Bloom), 5:59
- FEMALE 40-44**
1. Laurie Oriol (Plymouth), 8:26
 2. Jo Darlington (Ann Arbor), 8:32
 3. Jeanne Mulhern (Plymouth), 8:34
- MALE 45-49**
1. Ronald Marvin (Farmington), 5:19
 2. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 5:46
 3. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 5:53
- FEMALE 45-49**
1. Tami Bealert (Canton), 6:27
 2. Jennifer Lemieux (Canton), 6:49
 3. Mary Ericson (Plymouth), 6:49
- MALE 50-54**
1. Thomas Gerou (Canton), 5:50
 2. Ken Sova (Canton), 6:01
- 3. Robin Pearce (New Hudson), 6:51**
- MALE 55-59**
1. David Crary (Ann Arbor), 5:49
 2. Doug Soliz (Allen Park), 5:57
 3. David Fisher (Ann Arbor), 5:59
- FEMALE 55-59**
1. Donna Olson (Canton), 6:54
 2. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 6:59
- MALE 60-64**
1. Brad Behrman (Plymouth), 6:35
 2. Dan Dewey (Orion), 8:52
- FEMALE 60-64**
1. Judy Hatcher (Plymouth), 17:24
- MALE 70-74**
1. Jerry White (Dearborn), 7:29
 2. George Douglas (Wayne), 10:01
- 5K RUN**
- MALE OVERALL**
1. Jerome Recker (Lansing), 16:45
 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 16:50
 3. Adam Lorenz (Plymouth), 17:33
- FEMALE OVERALL**
1. Rebecca McCormack (Canton), 18:32
 2. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 19:24
 3. Jennifer Hutchison (New Hudson), 19:31
- MALE 1-8**
1. Dominic Lutz (Livonia), 31:25
 2. Vincent Matuszak (Brighton), 32:42
 3. Nickolas Matuszak (Brighton), 33:09
- FEMALE 1-8**
1. Claire McNally (Canton), 28:31
 2. Grace Kent (Ypsilanti), 31:17
 3. Lydia Mearing (Canton), 37:51
- MALE 9-12**
1. Evan Thomas (Canton), 22:53
 2. Jack Collopy (Plymouth), 23:13
 3. Nathanael Wilson (Plymouth), 23:17
- FEMALE 9-12**
1. Brianna Lax (Plymouth), 25:22
 2. Ellen Grimes (Plymouth), 25:26
 3. Noelle Milad (Plymouth), 27:39
- MALE 13-15**
1. Ben Spreitzer (Plymouth), 20:10
 2. Mitch Clinton (Plymouth), 20:12
 3. Joseph Porcari (Canton), 20:42
- FEMALE 13-15**
1. Sarah Lipinski (Canton), 23:26
 2. Lauren Walker (Canton), 24:03
 3. Katie Grimes (Plymouth), 25:18
- MALE 16-19**
1. Derek Hoerman (Canton), 17:42
 2. Kyle Clinton (Plymouth), 17:55
 3. Gregory Reed (Canton), 18:25
- FEMALE 16-19**
1. Lauren Ahearn (Canton), 22:30
 2. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 22:30
 3. Anne Murphy (Plymouth), 23:28
- MALE 20-24**
1. Stephen Mozug (Livonia), 21:02
 2. Fred Oehmke (Kalamazoo), 21:56
 3. Kyle Frederick (Plymouth), 23:17
- FEMALE 20-24**
1. Kristina Weaver (Plymouth), 22:18
 2. Shosh Levine (Oak Park), 23:03
 3. Kristin Guina, 24:09
- MALE 25-29**
1. Andrew McDonald (Lake Orion), 19:45
 2. Patrick Espon (Troy), 20:39
 3. Sean Dick (Wolverine Lake), 20:44
- FEMALE 25-29**
1. Carrie Koerner (Madison Hts.), 20:20
 2. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 22:12
 3. Morgan Derouin (Chesterfield), 25:10
- MALE 30-34**
1. Shane Lehntz (Clinton Twp.), 18:42
 2. Scott Pionka (Southgate), 19:26
 3. Doug Herriman (Plymouth), 19:42
- FEMALE 30-34**
1. Emily Martin (Dearborn), 21:03
 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 22:25
 3. Lisa Johnston (Canton), 24:22
- MALE 35-39**
1. Mike Sharnas (Canton), 19:08
 2. Mark Corcoran (Ann Arbor), 19:52
 3. John Petz (Plymouth), 20:06
- FEMALE 35-39**
1. Irene Ryan (Plymouth), 20:48
 2. Monica Pagels (South Lyon), 23:09
 3. Alicia Gresser (Plymouth), 23:55
- MALE 40-44**
1. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 17:40
 2. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville), 18:00
 3. John Hibler (Lafayette), 18:45
- FEMALE 40-44**
1. Kerry Maloney (Canton), 23:19
 2. Kristen Brant (Canton), 24:07
 3. Jo Darlington (Ann Arbor), 24:46
- MALE 45-49**
1. Roger Lara (Grand Blanc), 19:18
 2. Larry Gutierrez (Fenton), 19:25
 3. Fred Smith (Haskins), 20:57
- FEMALE 45-49**
1. Tami Bealert (Canton), 22:28
 2. Ruth Lara (Grand Blanc), 22:42
 3. Jennifer Lemieux (Canton), 22:55
- MALE 50-54**
1. Chuck Block (Lansing), 18:30
 2. Larry Neumann (Berkeley), 20:03
 3. Michael DuCharme (Saginaw), 20:40
- FEMALE 50-54**
1. Robin Sarris-Hallop (Ann Arbor), 21:14
 2. Peggy Gerou (Plymouth), 24:28
 3. Myrna Cox (Novi), 27:39
- MALE 55-59**
1. David Crary (Ann Arbor), 20:07
 2. Doug Soliz (Allen Park), 20:47
 3. Chuck Bayer (Farmington Hills), 22:05
- FEMALE 55-59**
1. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 22:18
 2. Donna Olson (Canton), 23:11
 3. Diann Wyderko (Livonia), 27:12
- MALE 60-64**
1. Peter Hallop (Ann Arbor), 19:33
 2. Mark Cryderman (Northville), 21:39
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- FEMALE 60-64**
1. Charlene Kull (Brighton), 31:56
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 3. Carole Waligorski (Dearborn Heights), 51:47
- MALE 65-69**
1. Austin Vojcek (Canton), 24:30
 2. David Kull (Brighton), 26:57
 3. William Carter (Roscommon), 27:11
- FEMALE 65-69**
1. Donna Kjelstrom (Plymouth), 47:11
- MALE 70-74**
1. John Steinberger (Redford), 26:47
 2. Richard Peterson (Plymouth), 28:17
 3. Ron Gill (Pleasant Lake), 31:03
- MALE 75-99**
1. Michael Abbott (Canton), 32:31
 2. Michael Overall (Canton), 32:31
- 10K RUN**
- MALE OVERALL**
1. Jerome Recker (Lansing), 34:15
 2. Shane Logan (Pontiac), 35:13
 3. Steve Menovick (Lansing), 35:34
- FEMALE OVERALL**
1. Lisa Veneziano (Fenton), 40:11
 2. Amy Kerhanan (Canton), 44:23
 3. Connie Scarpato (Canton), 47:17
- MALE 9-12**
1. Zachary Johnson (Canton), 51:44
 2. Hunter Schlammpp (Plymouth), 56:47
 3. Erik Grisa (Livonia), 1:00:59
- MALE 13-15**
1. Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 39:14
 2. Zachary Koch (Plymouth), 43:16
 3. Stephen Balazac (Canton), 47:13
- MALE 16-19**
1. Derek Lax (Plymouth), 37:36
 2. Eric Hull (Royal Oak), 38:32
 3. Matt Neuman (Canton), 40:34
- FEMALE 16-19**
1. Amanda Weaver (Plymouth), 56:16
 2. Samantha Schlammpp (Plymouth), 59:32
- MALE 20-24**
1. Tom Covington (Plymouth), 1:07:21
- FEMALE 20-24**
1. Tiffany Guzik (Livonia), 57:00
- MALE 25-29**
1. Jamie Cope (Ann Arbor), 36:39
 2. Jason McMann (Plymouth), 46:55
 3. Shea Usher (Grosse), 55:08
- FEMALE 25-29**
1. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 48:56
 2. Jill Conle (Canton), 49:52
 3. Amy Dupuis (Walled Lake), 51:58
- MALE 30-34**
1. Charles Lacasse (Plymouth), 45:27
 2. Peter Minjoe (Mt. Clemens), 47:13
 3. Andrew Aho (Westland), 47:23
- FEMALE 30-34**
1. Kelly Holmes (Troy), 50:07
 2. Lindsay Parsell (Troy), 50:41
 3. Kathleen Whelan (Plymouth), 53:25
- MALE 35-39**
1. Thomas Dew (Canton), 37:38
 2. Chadwick Curry (Plymouth), 40:20
 3. Seth Petty (Lincoln Park), 42:57
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1. Jennifer Kennedy (Novi), 49:23
 2. Nicole Pulick (Plymouth), 50:41
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1. Shinichi Ozeki (Novi), 36:56
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1. Thomas Robert (Plymouth), 44:48
 2. Thomas Gerou (Canton), 44:54
 3. Michael Mester (Plymouth), 48:24
- FEMALE 50-54**
1. Mish Haddey (Plymouth), 56:29
- MALE 55-59**
1. John Tarkowski (Northville), 36:46
 2. Doug Kurtis (Northville), 39:31
 3. David Crary (Ann Arbor), 43:58
- FEMALE 55-59**
1. Maggy Zidar (Pontiac), 47:24
 2. Donna Olson (Canton), 49:33
 3. Trudy Fortino (Northville), 56:25
- MALE 60-64**
1. Thomas Morris (Novi), 44:09
 2. Robert Gotro (Plymouth), 52:35
 3. Edward Pletzke (Northville), 55:09
- FEMALE 60-64**
1. James Carlton (White Lake), 44:07
 2. Gary Vaseau (Westland), 1:07:12
- FEMALE 65-69**
1. Ellen N

It's healthy to know neighbors, ourselves

When Fred Rogers died several years ago, I wrote a column called "About My Neighbor."

In it, I reflected on how Mr. Rogers, through the quiet and low-key atmosphere and message of his TV show, gave so many children and families a chance to feel good about themselves, know that they were valued and of value just for who they are, and that the whole world could, and hopefully would, be our neighborhood.

That has come back to me now as the Multicultural Multiracial Commission of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills has invited people to start having "porch parties" to discover who is actually in your neighborhood.



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

Do you know your neighbors? How different are they from you? How similar are they to you? Why would I even want to know?

You might want to know for practical reasons. Your neighborhood can be an attractive place to live and work if all of its residents

work together. If you know your neighbors it can improve neighborhood safety to have your neighbors watch your property when you are away.

You might find your neighbor has a skill which can help you with a project. Your neighbor might find that since you have lived in the community longer, you might have some suggestions as to where to find a service of some kind like hairdresser, or medical needs or a house of worship or the nearest YMCA.

The notion of coming to know your stranger even has a parallel in your inner life. As a survival tactic or coping skill, the ego has a way of distancing the conscious self from parts of the personality which seem painful, able to inflict pain, or generally have qualities which do not help in relationships and general public acceptance.

These parts of us are either hidden or only come into play in extreme circumstances or they take the form of being such a part of us that while we are familiar and just know us as the way we are others might find us difficult to relate to.

One example is depression. Many who are depressed either deny it consciously or have developed ways to cope which push the depression away. But in either of those cases the depression, an integral part of ourselves because it is in our hardwiring, our experience, is a stranger and not a neighbor. The basic technique in therapy for treating depression, or any other parts of our lives that might be problematic, is to make them known, to "meet them," to understand more about that part of ourselves, to become "neighbors" with the part of ourselves we don't like.

Rather than be ruled by fear, or ignorance or uncertainty or denial we can reach out to meet this part of ourselves. In the meeting and learning about that part of ourselves the personality heals a "split," becomes more unified, and more energy focuses on the unity and common goal of the health and strength of the person.

This psychological process is a bit like what can happen in our neighborhoods where we live, or across neighborhoods, or across cities, states, countries, cultures within and among religious communities.

Simplistic? Perhaps, except that when walls are broken down, and people move away from fear and learn to trust, both them and their neighbors, the peace of the community broadens and strengthens.

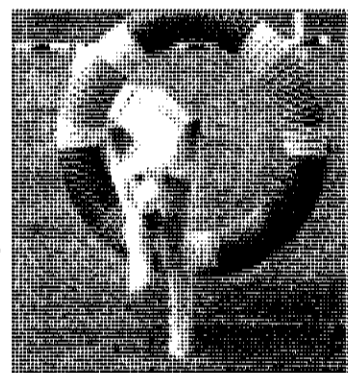
Just some thoughts as we think about whether or not to host either neighborhood parties in our own neighborhood or take a look within ourselves to meet the stranger there.

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Debbie McDermott and Roxie sit with some of the ribbons Roxie won in the national Canine Performance Events held recently in Mason, south of Lansing.



Roxie runs through the agility practice course in her Livonia backyard.



Debbie McDermott runs Roxie through the practice course in the backyard. Roxie has struggled with an illness making it difficult for her to eat but both she and McDermott have never given up and Roxie continues to work as a therapy dog and win ribbons in competitions.

Persevering pooch

Dog inspires owner to never give up

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Roxie flies through the air as if she was never diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a neuromuscular disease that prevents her from eating normally. Her owner Debbie McDermott believes the dog's love for running obstacle courses strengthens her will to fight the autoimmune disorder.

Ever since the diagnosis on Dec. 23, McDermott has literally lived her life around Roxie feeding her every four hours and making sure the Israeli herding dog takes her seven medications.

All of Roxie's food must be liquefied and fed to her in a specially

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HELP is around the corner to learn English

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Sister Mary Martinez couldn't say no when she received a call to tutor Hispanic immigrants in English even though it means the 76-year-old Felician nun must travel three times a week from Livonia to Pontiac. After 59 years of teaching foreign languages she was eager to reverse her role as an instructor and help the students build a future in this country.

Martinez insists on not taking sole credit for the endeavor. Ana Mandelbaum of Franklin came up with the idea for HELP, the Hispanic Education for Life Skills Project. Al Swerdlow of Farmington Hills not only volunteers as a tutor but promotes the program. Sister Paulita Bikowski, as administrator of the Montessori School run by the Felicians, lent her 32 years of experience to care for the children of



Martinez

students during classes. Sister Alfonsa Van Overberghe, treasurer, helped with funding through the Felician Sisters who made donations and purchased materials. Sister Renetta Rumpz, Felician provincial minister, provides support wherever she can. Many more men and women in business and education volunteer as well.

Although classes ended June 11 HELP is hoping to attract students and volunteers to the summer program that starts July 8, and runs for a month. The academic year begins again on Sept. 16.

"It's a program that's very much needed. They come from Mexico. The men go to work, children to school and they're learning English," said Martinez. "They want to learn and that's a big plus."

"The hardest part is to be creative and find new ways to present things. I've been criticized for doing English and Spanish, but learned if you only teach it in one language and they fall behind, they're lost."

Mandelbaum can relate to the struggle of learning English. She came to this country from Cuba in 1966 without knowing the language. That's one of the reasons she wanted to start HELP at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pontiac. Mandelbaum eventually learned to read and write and graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1968 then went on to Wayne State University where she not only earned a bachelor's degree but a PhD in languages. Her master's is from the University of Michigan.

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Sister Mary Martinez (right) and Sister Paulita Bikowski talk about the HELP program which tutors Hispanic students in the English language.

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Chorales reunite for final concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Don Pratt probably will never forget 1966. He was a high school student on his way to South America as a member of the Youth for Understanding Chorale. Little did he know the experience would open his eyes to diverse cultures and lead to life-long friendships with chorale members not only from his year but 1958 to 1973 when the program existed.

On Sunday, June 29, more than 172 singers return to Hill Auditorium for a reunion concert and a weekend of rehearsals and activities. The chorales traditionally ended their tours in Ann Arbor where Rachel Andresen founded the groups that brought together junior and high school seniors from southeast Michigan. Over the years chorales averaged about 70 singers.

"We got the whole exchange experience without living there for a year," said Pratt of Canton. "I lived with nine different families on my tour in Chile, Uruguay and Brazil, and was on the 1972 staff with the chorale in Germany, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, and '73 in Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

"As a chorale member you have a musical experience memorizing music from classical to spirituals. You might be singing in Portuguese or Spanish and learn a variety of music and music styles. You really grow a lot musically."

Pratt is especially excited about being joined on stage by his sister Carolyn, a chorale member who went on to become a professional soloist in Bloomington, Minn.; his wife Kathy, an alto and chaperone for the '72 and '73 chorales with Pratt, and his father Robert, conductor



Youth for Understanding Chorale members from 32 states and four foreign countries reunite for a concert next Sunday.

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING CHORALE REUNION CONCERT

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University on the University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor
Admission: Free but donations will be accepted. For information, call (734) 455-8353 or visit www.choralealumni.com

of the chorale from 1964 to 1973. Robert, now 81, takes to the stage to conduct the chorale's 50th anniversary and the last of a series of reunion concerts held every two years.

"It's special to have my father conduct. He's conducted in Michigan for 57 years," said Pratt. "It's going to be spectacular. Alumni who can't do the entire weekend will join us on stage at the end for four pieces every chorale sang. There will probably be 200 voices or more."

DuAnne Sonnevill has

spent last week taking registration. The Orchard Lake woman is proud to have been a member of the 1966 chorale with Pratt.

"It's a huge project but it's so wonderful in the end. We have members coming from 32 states and four foreign countries," said Sonnevill, who sings with Pratt in the Plymouth Oratorio Society. "It was a life changing experience. We were going to be an ambassador for the country. It broadened everybody's horizon. We were the first ones traveling. We opened those doors. We were sent into areas people had not even seen Americans or met them to show we were very much like them. They only knew what they saw on television. Different doesn't mean better or worse just different."

Germans welcomed the chorale with open arms in 1958. David B. Graves knows he'll never forget the destruction still visible from World War II.

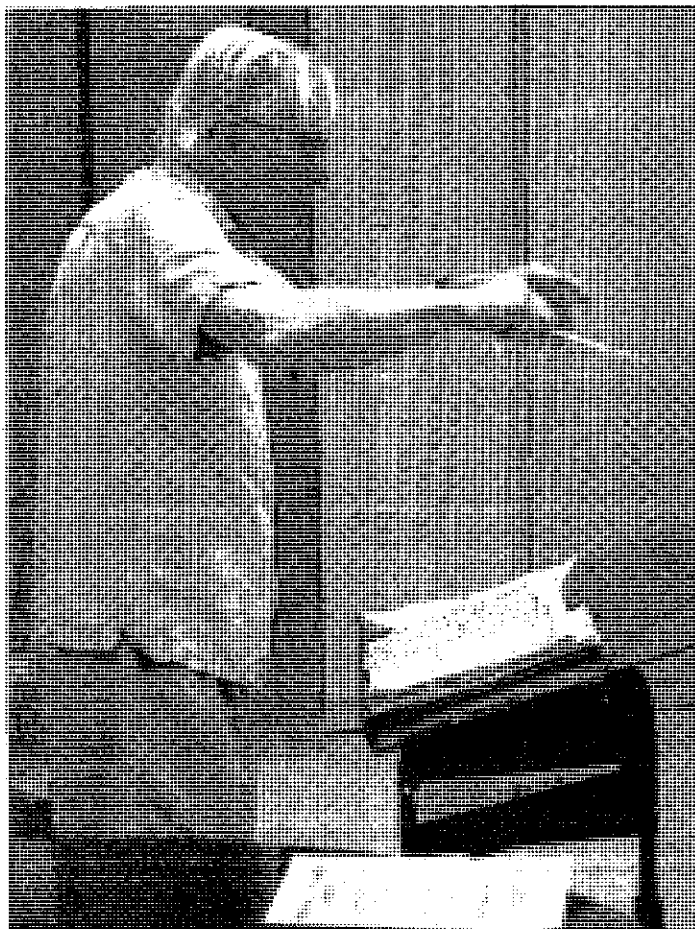
Although unsettling, the

experience triggered a love for travel in the Troy man. As a result he worked in the industry until 2001.

"How we traveled and communicated back to home from Europe compared to today is just worlds apart," said Graves. "When we flew over it took 20 hours with two refueling stops. I remember standing out on the runway and the International building at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was little more than a prefabricated building."

"In Germany we were still seeing a great deal of destruction. I was a naive teenager at the time. I remember the great deal of people wounded from the war. It was quite something to experience yet we received such warm welcomes wherever we were. It was unusual for teens to be traveling to Europe, to be one of the first to participate in an adventure as what we did was really quite ground breaking."

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POOCH

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built doggie high chair. Roxie still receives about a quarter of her daily nutrition through a feeding tube which had been her lifeline from January through early May.

McDermott keeps repeating how Roxie has taught her to persevere especially through the critical night when she slept beside the dog on the floor at the animal hospital. Twice McDermott and her husband Frank had talked about ending Roxie's suffering but then her health began to improve.

By late May the 11-year-old Canaan was not only competing in agility but winning First Place ribbons in national Canine Performance Events in Mason, south of Lansing. Although extremely thin, Roxie jumps over and runs through the obstacles

seemingly without effort.

Over the years she's competed from California to Nova Scotia and earned her Agility Championship a year ago.

"She's a fighter," said McDermott, who works Roxie's care into her schedule as a member of the Livonia Planning Commission. "The first time she ran since September was the second week in May when I tried her out at a smaller competition and she took off. I found by doing something she loved she had renewed energy and you could see the light come back in her eyes. It's not the ribbons. It made her so happy. They say a runner gets a high when they run. That's what she experienced."

Roxie has always given her all, whether it's on the obstacle course or visiting Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Camelot nursing home in

Livonia as a member of Therapy Dogs International. During the school year she's known as Roxie the Reading Dog at Buchanan Elementary in Livonia where students practice their reading skills as she quietly listens. Even when extremely ill, Roxie visited patients at Camelot.

"I've seen her in the hospital or nursing home. She somehow knows how to nudge up and comfort them," said McDermott. "There was a teenage girl at Children's Hospital who wanted to walk her. I asked the girl's father if it was okay. While we were walking through the halls the girl said she'd coded twice that week and that she was dying of brain cancer. She's given so much to so many people."

This isn't Roxie's first bout with illness. At age 2 she had to quit competing in obedience trials because of another autoimmune disorder. Roxie's

current struggle keeps her sitting vertically in a chair for at least 20 minutes after every meal to enable the liquefied diet to travel down the esophagus with gravity.

McDermott has experimented with a variety of feeding methods she learned about on the megaesophagus Yahoo group on the Internet. She says Roxie is worth it.

"She's taught me that no matter how bad it looks you never give up on life or in life," said McDermott. "I set up her equipment last night and she watched me through the door anxious to run her course. We're hoping."

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Roxie gets a mid-morning snack from Debbie McDermott. Because of her illness, Roxie stays in a special chair to keep her upright 20-25 minutes after eating.



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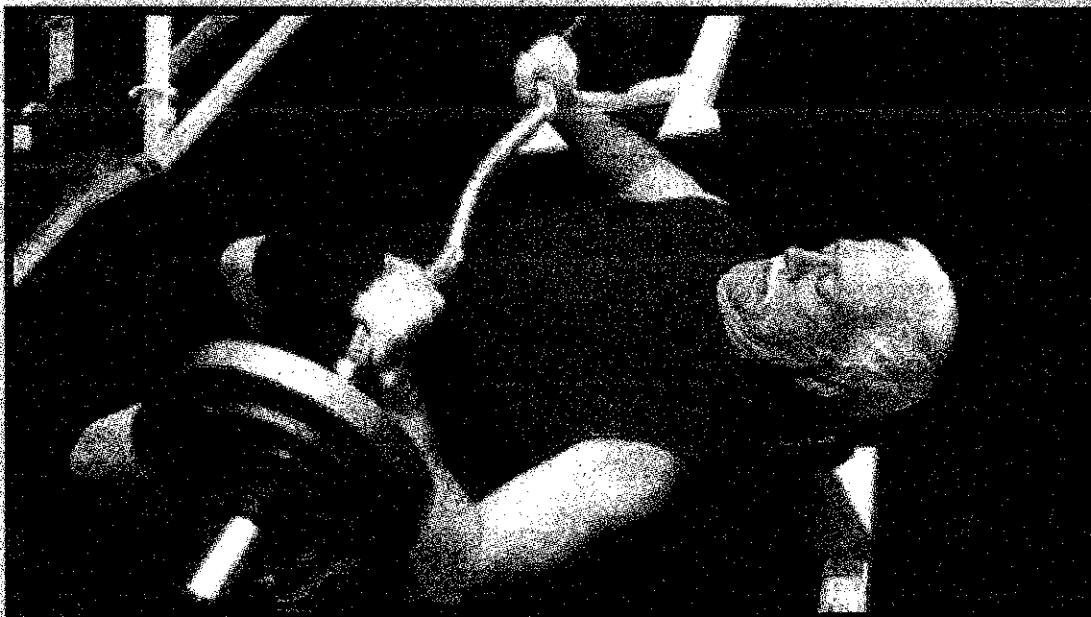
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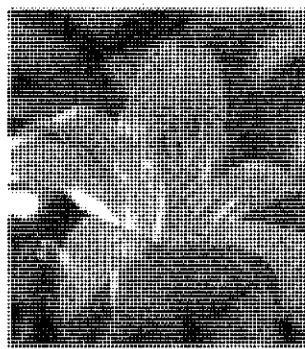
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WILLIAM ADOLPH BRUNSTAD

Passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2008, after a short illness. Bill, as he was known to everyone, was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on February 7, 1916. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carleton College in Northfield, MN and obtained his law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, IL where he was a member of the Board of Editors for the Illinois Law Review. He practiced law for a short time in Chicago before joining the FBI in 1941 as part of the war effort for the United States. He volunteered for the service in the elite SIS group which took him to Ecuador and Argentina as an undercover agent. After the war, he spent his entire career with General Motors Corporation. He was one of the early participants in the labor relations arena and was recognized as a keen draftsman and respected member of the General Motors' negotiation team. He retired in 1979 as Assistant Director of Labor Relations. Bill married Alice V. Wade on June 26, 1948. His death came only 11 days before he and his wife were to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Bill and Alice lived in Birmingham, MI for most of his career with General Motors before moving to Stuart, FL to retire. While in Birmingham, Bill served on a number of civic and charitable committees including his service as an elder and a trustee for the Presbyterian Church, The Kirk in the Hills. Bill loved to play golf and despite a somewhat questionable golf swing always managed to stay competitive with his peers and his family. He and Alice moved to Atlanta in 2006 to be closer to their family. A memorial service was held in Birmingham, AL on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. The family asks that donations be made to The Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Bill is survived by his wife Alice, two sons James W. Brunstad and William D. Brunstad and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Brooks Brunstad, Margaret Wade Brunstad, Louis Egan Brunstad and John Miller Brunstad.



HUGH ROSS MACK, JR.

June 15, 2008. Beloved husband of Elizabeth D. Mack for 58 years, died at the age of 85 at Woodward Hills Nursing Center from cancer related illness. Incredibly father to Anne Ganiard, Wendy O'Connor, and Hugh Ross Mack, III. Devoted grandfather to Lindsay, Elizabeth, Christopher, Lauren, J.J., Mary and Michael. Hugh graduated from Baldwin High School where he made All State in football. Coach Fritz Chrysler of The University of Michigan recruited Hugh to play football. Hugh lettered in both football and wrestling while at U of M. He was a loyal member of Chi Psi fraternity, and those friendships have been everlasting. Hugh served in WWII in the Navy as a torpedo officer on the destroyer USS Ellison. After the war he graduated from U of M with a degree in economics. Hugh was a former member of the Birmingham Athletic Club, when it was first organized, and he was a 60 year member of the Detroit Athletic Club where he enjoyed handball, squash and bowling. Hugh volunteered at Old Brighton Hospital and Guest House. Manressa meetings and members where dear to his heart. Members of Christ Church Cranbrook for 58 years, Hugh and wife Betsy taught Sunday school and Hugh ushered until his illness. A private commitment will be held in the columbarium at Christ Church Cranbrook and there will be a memorial service July 19, 2008 at 11:00 am at Christ Church Cranbrook. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.



RUTH MESTON (MEIER) TAYLOR

Age 90, of Ann Arbor passed away gracefully, peacefully and in her home, per her wishes, in early June, 2008. Ruth was born in July, 1917 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late James Herbert Meier and Hazel (Davidson) Meier and the wife of the late Thomas S. Taylor (Major, U. S. Army, ret.). Ruth Meier began her career in the fashion department of the J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit, MI, and was quickly promoted to Director of the Bridal Department. She was also a writer, editor and fashion consultant for the Detroit Shopping News. After the Second World War Ruth toured Europe by bicycle twice, leading an American Youth Hostel group on her second trip (1949) wearing a series of outfits for which she had just won First Prize in the National Sewing Contest (original design) which included a week's trip through the fashion world of New York, NY. She won four Michigan and two national competitions. By 1959 she had been graduated by Wayne State University with Bachelor of Arts degree, was member of the American Association of University Women, the Great Books Society and active in charity work. Ruth Meier married Thomas S. Taylor in 1960 and adopted his two sons, Robert and TS. "Mom had a great 90 year run," one of the boys remarked recently. Raising her family also included being a guide for Greenfield Village for eight years and being elected President of the Riverwoods Garden club in Southfield, MI as Tom was raising bees and harvesting honey. The city of Southfield recognized Ruth's community beautification accomplishments for her "Trees for Telegraph Road" project in the 1970s. Ruth and family enjoyed back-woods camping near Harbor Springs, MI, and fly fishing. They camped and fished their way around America through Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, Dinosaur National Monument at the northern corner of Utah and Colorado. Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore, OK, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND, and Niagara Falls, NY. With Tom, Ruth went white-water-rafting down the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon and followed the Klondike Gold Rush highway in Alaska. Recently, Ruth and her boys toured five Hawaiian Islands, Pearl Harbor and appreciated Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Top of the Park celebrations. She is survived by her sons, her brother, George Meier of Grand Rapids, and her sister, Alice Hughes of Baltimore, MD and several nieces and nephews. Ruth's other sister, Sylvia Throokmorton of Sudbury, MA passed away in 2006. Ruth appreciated the many caregivers, and open-access hospice, who assisted her in her home in recent years, thank you to all. Viewing will be Wednesday, 25 June from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haley Funeral Directors, 24525 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI and a viewing and service on Thursday, 26 June from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 120 South State Street, Ann Arbor. A family memorial ceremony will be scheduled later this year. On-line condolences and directions at: www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com



CARL PARK

June 15, 2008. Loving friend of Joan Valente. Dear brother of Jacqueline Kendal, Dr. Kenneth (Kathy), Kathleen, Kevin (Cheryl), Lisa (Ron) Keefer and the late Richard. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Saturday, June 28th, 10 a.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty) until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Carl was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Local care and services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia. Memorial donations to St. Jude Hospital would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

P. DOUGLASS PFAFF

Age 69, of Venice, Florida, passed away on June 17, 2008. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 24, 1939 and moved to Venice five years ago from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was a member of the Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, Venice High School Football Boosters Club, past-president of I.A.D.D. and the Oxford Rotary Club in Oxford, Michigan and a member of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy; three sons, Kevin of Littleton, Colorado, Chris (Debra) of Westwood, Massachusetts, Doug (Jennifer) of Birmingham, Michigan; a brother, Rae (Tilde) of Orchard Lake, Michigan, five grandchildren, Drew, Mitchell, Jake, Tucker, Griffin and nine nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Venice Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238 or to the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, P.O. Box 8, Venice, Florida 34284. Farley Funeral Home in Venice, Florida is handling the arrangements. To send condolences visit: www.farleyfuneralhome.com

CHRISTOPHER GROCHOWSKI

Age 51, of Garden City, June 18, 2008. Beloved husband of Debbie. Loving father of Robert, James, John (Heather), Christina, Daniel, and Matthew. Dearest son of Zofia and the late Tadeusz. Dear brother of Barbara (Chris), Steve (Helena), and Teresa (Salim). Loving grandfather of six. Dear godfather of two. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Christopher served proudly in the military for 21 years. He went on to work for Plymouth Ford Viesion for 19 years. Ultimately, after his courageous fight Christopher lost his long battle to leukemia. Visitation on Monday, June 23, 2008, 2-9pm. at the Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel), 23701 Ford Rd. Funeral Service Tuesday at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City. [ObituaryGuestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com](http://www.voranfuneralhome.com)



BRENDA L. KERN

Age 49 of Novi, June 14, 2008. Loving wife of Richard. Devoted mother of Kristen. Beloved daughter of George and the late Alice Kupchinsky. Dear sister of Lynn Schick. Dear aunt of Thomas Schick. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, in state 10 AM until the 11 AM funeral service at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, (at Ridge Rd) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Bible Study Fellowship International, or to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. To view obituary and share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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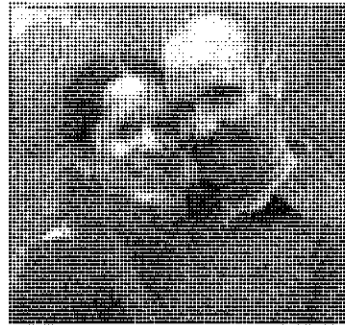
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ENGAGEMENTS

Janes-Lucas

Margaret Rose Janes and Matthew Aaron Lucas will be married in July at the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, Michigan. Maggie is the daughter of Joseph and Judith Janes of Oakland Township. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's in International Relations and received a master's in Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans. Maggie is employed by Public Health Solutions in New York City.

Matt is the son of Charles and Kenyann Lucas of Texarkana, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received



a bachelor's in Business Management. Matt resides in New York City where he is studying for his master's in International Relations.

Both are returned Peace Corp Volunteers who served in West Africa. The couple will make their home in New York City after the wedding.



Condon-Dinnan

Paul and Cathy Condon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Condon, to Clinton James Dinnan, son of Bill and Hope Dinnan of Holly.

Kelly is a graduate of Michigan State University Osteopathic Medical School, and is a surgical resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Clinton is a graduate of Oakland Community College and is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Kelly and Clinton are planning a June, 2009, wedding on the beach in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Prabhu-Howery

Suhas and Kiran Prabhu of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Neha Prabhu, to Dan Howery, son of Terry Howery of Northville, and Doris Howery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be graduated from North Farmington High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. She is currently working as an investment analyst.

The future groom graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia and also attended University of Michigan, where he obtained a bachelor's in Computer Science Engineering. He works as a



video game programmer at Midway Games.

The couple met at college and now reside in Chicago.

A May 23, 2009 wedding and reception are planned at the Dearborn Inn.

Samulski-Orehak

Walter and Diane Samulski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Samulski, to Mike Orehek, son of Ed and Joyce Orehek of Livonia and Pam and Stan Stachowicz of Brighton. The bride-to-be is currently a student at Central Michigan University. She will graduate in December, 2008, with a bachelor's in journalism with a concentration in public relations and minors in mar-

keting and sport management.

The future groom graduated in December, 2007, from Madonna University where he was a pitcher on the baseball team for four years. He has a bachelor's in Business Administration and works for Guardian Glass Industries as a line supervisor.

A June 13, 2009 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.



ENGLISH

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"A former immigrant, I'm a woman and a mother and have a lot of things in common with my students. I felt there was a bond there. I felt I could make a difference because I could sense what they've gone through," said Mandelbaum. "It was very difficult. I basically struggled. I was lucky. My teachers were willing to accommodate my situation. If I could not write, they allowed me to do it orally."

Mandelbaum originally helped students learn English while working for another agency in Pontiac. After developing the program there she decided to start HELP and bought books with her own money.

"I wanted to really fulfill the need that I realized we have in the Hispanic community," said Mandelbaum. "I wanted to focus on English and computer skills and was able to offer more opportunities."

"These people are desperate to learn English and to work so their situation varies day by day. Enrollment is always open. Some can only come in one day. We always welcome

you as long as you want to learn. I've learned a lot this year. When I hear some of the things these people are going through it amazes me they still have the motivation to learn."

HELP originally started with about 150 students. There are now about 70 studying in the basement of St. Michael's Catholic Church where pastor Sean Sylvester loans space for the program independent of the parish. Mandelbaum welcomes all denominations of students and volunteers.

"Our volunteers are from different backgrounds, religions and colors," said Mandelbaum, who is Jewish. "We come together because we want to make a difference. It makes you feel good when you're doing something for someone else, but you're also doing it for yourself."

Swerdlow's been volunteering as a tutor for more than 20 years. The 82-year old man worked with the Oakland Literacy Council in the past. He offered his services after hearing the program was desperately in need of help.

Swerdlow's father was 26 and didn't know a word of English when he came to America from Russia and later

would ask his son to teach him the language.

"We now have six levels of instruction," said Swerdlow. "Ana is the spark plug of this whole thing. She doesn't get paid and the students know her personally and she knows each of them by name."

"They're a great bunch of students. They're so appreciative. The vast majority are women who never get a chance to speak English. In the house when they come home there's only one language, Spanish."

HELP is still looking desperately for tutors and an attorney to assist HELP in becoming a nonprofit. Tutors need not know Spanish. Contributions are welcome as well. The computer lab was entirely donated.

"The beauty of it really is it is so rewarding for the tutors," said Swerdlow. "They're in love with the program and students, and we don't spend a dime on salaries. It is so interesting to find how many people out there are looking for opportunities to volunteer. It is a part of my life I would not want to give up."

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Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbh58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

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A combined reunion. Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact 248-442-0946 or bhbsfirst-five.com

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning our 20th reunion and

searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

Cherry Hill High School Classes 1962-1987

An All-Class Reunion will be held on 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, cost is \$15 pre-paid, \$20 day of event. For additional information, and a pre-registration form go to Alumni Association web page: <http://hometown.aol.com/chhsclassof65/CHHSInksterReunionMain.html>.

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.

Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958

A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Erasing misconceptions

Working and walking to raise awareness about psoriasis

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Doug Medonis wears a long sleeved shirt whenever his psoriasis flares up. A paralegal for a Bingham Farms attorney, the 51-year-old covers the red, scaly patches out of habit. Some people still think the immune disorder is contagious so Medonis is working not only to erase the stigma, but raise money for programs and studies to improve the lives of patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

Earlier this year he met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. as a representative of the National Psoriasis Foundation to increase federal funding for research. Back home he serves on a committee organizing the first local Walk for Awareness, set for June 28 in Ann Arbor. Proceeds go to education, advocacy and support.

Diagnosed at age 8 with psoriasis, Medonis is among 10 to 30 percent of patients who develop psoriatic arthritis which can damage the joints. He wakes up most mornings tired and stiff.

"It's a noncontagious disease," said Medonis. "It is very isolating as there are a lot of misunderstandings about it. When I was in my 20s we were much more ashamed about it. It has quite an effect on people's lives. Relationships are difficult because you have this nasty stuff on your skin. It's also very painful and will crack and bleed. There's still a lot of shame attached to it especially if they're a public figure. It's an immune system disease with a lot of physical and emotional burden."

Medonis has found relief with Remicade, one of the biologic treatments that include Enbrel and Humira. While infusions of Remicade don't cure the condition, the biologic does manage it.

Treatment for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis has come a long way according to Dr. Joseph Skender. The Beaumont Hospital rheumatologist prescribed Remicade for Medonis.

"In 1990, psoriatic arthritis was treated traditionally with anti-inflammatories, methotrexate. We had biologic medications approved in 1998 for rheumatoid arthritis and later for psoriatic arthritis," said Skender of Birmingham. "Biologics have really come to the forefront and do a great job on moderate to severe psoriasis. Traditionally a lot of our treatments haven't



Doug Medonis (left) visited lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to encourage increases in federal funding of psoriasis research.

NATIONAL PSORIASIS WALK FOR AWARENESS

What: 1k and 5k walks to raise money for the National Psoriasis Foundation
When: Saturday, June 28 (8 a.m. registration before 9 a.m. walks)
Where: Wheeler Park, Depot Street and N. 5th Avenue, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$25 to register.
For information: Visit www.psoriasis.org/ann-arborwalk or call Randy Little (586) 296-6444, or Liz Fischer at (800) 723-9166, ext. 397.

helped in inflammation in the back and back pain, but biologics have.

"There are other biologics they're working on right now, more things coming down the pike that are exciting. In the last 10 years we've seen more advances for arthritis than in the past. Psoriatic arthritis like rheumatoid can start chewing up the joints and can be a destructive debilitating arthritis."

Medonis says it's difficult for patients to find the drug that works for them. As one of the co-leaders of a psoriasis support group which meets at the Novi Public Library, he invited Dr. Henry Wong to speak about the disorder. Wong is director of the biologics clinic and lymphoma clinic in the dermatology department at Henry Ford Hospital.

Wong has seen a lot of progress in treating psoriasis since he started seeing patients as a dermatologist in 1993. While psoriasis patients benefit from topical medications, steroids and UVB light treatments, those with psoriatic arthritis frequently receive help from one of the biologics. Wong evaluates and treats patients with psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis.

"We've seen a lot of new therapies developed from our understanding of the disease," said Wong. "We believe it's an immune mediated disease with genetic and environmental components that lead to the development of this disease. It's an abnormality of the immune system where certain parts of the system are overactive. We have begun to use agent therapies that target the immune system."

Early on researchers developed drugs to depress the immune system but the treatments had serious side effects. Over the last 6 to 7 years the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved injectable medications or biologics that have changed the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis. Enbrel and Humira are given by injection from once or twice a week to once every two weeks. Patients receive Remicade by infusion in a physician's office once every two months.

"Biologics are revolutionary in terms of treating psoriasis," said Wong, who lives in Bloomfield Township. "They target parts of the immune system that are overactive. One of the risks is depressing the immune system. With any medication there can be side effects. Patients can be at increased risk for tuberculosis and other infections although this is not seen very frequently, and it can reveal people who may be predisposed to multiple sclerosis."

Wong says new therapies are on the horizon that are very effective. At Henry Ford Hospital he's organizing a clinical trial comparing one of the new treatments to Enbrel. He expects the study to begin in the next month or two. For more information, call (313) 874-9171.

Henry Ford Hospital also does basic research studying immune defects in psoriasis patients at the molecular level.

PSA test best way to monitor prostate cancer

Carl from Rochester Hills suffered from prostate cancer that is now in a state of remission. He emails for tips on keeping the condition in check.

Carl, you probably know PSA testing is the best way to monitor treatment for prostate cancer. When the PSA rises after treatment it is a good bet the disease is still active. Patients have a tough choice



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

to make, use treatments that block testosterone production or wait for symptoms to reappear. Hormone therapy can stop the progress of the disease for years, but it is not a cure. Treat a patient with a high PSA but no symptoms and it is likely that within a year he will have side effects. They can include decreased mental sharpness, energy loss and sexual dysfunction. Be sure to stay in close contact with your specialist to determine progress. At least once every six months is a good rule of thumb.

Jim from Livonia writes that he has tried all the gimmick diets but they just don't seem to work! What can he do?

Jim, the answer to your weight problem could be between your ears! Studies show that despite all the miracle diets, Americans continue to rank near the top of the chart world wide when it comes to weight problems.

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For the vast majority of us, that is just not true! It is almost impossible to achieve long term weight loss with short term diets! To get to the bottom of weight gain, we need to explore the reasons why we overeat to begin with!

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

Cook hamburgers thoroughly to prevent E. coli

The Michigan Department of Community Health and several local health departments are investigating an increase in the number of illnesses related to the bacteria E. coli O157 after receiving reports of 29 cases of infection so far in the month of June. In the past four years, Michigan has averaged 10 cases for the month of June.

Although the investigation is ongoing, early laboratory results, including DNA analysis of the bacteria, indicate that several of the illnesses may be linked, suggesting a common food source. Preliminary information collected from patients indicates ground beef is most likely the source.

Historically E. coli infections have resulted from the consumption of contaminated ground beef. Public health officials would like to remind consumers that using a digital instant read food thermometer is the only way to be sure a ground beef patty is thoroughly cooked at a high enough temperature to destroy any bacteria that may be present. The minimal internal temperature for a hamburger patty is 160 degrees

Fahrenheit and just using color as an indicator of safety may not be adequate. USDA data show that eating pink ground beef patties without using a thermometer is a significant risk factor for food-borne illness.

Symptoms vary, but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101 degrees). Most people get better within five to seven days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

Here are a few tips from the Partnership for Food Safety Education to make sure you don't become ill from E. coli.

- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.

- Always marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the counter or outdoors. Don't use sauce that was used to marinate raw meat or poultry on cooked food. Boil used marinade before applying to cooked food.

- When grilling foods, preheat the coals on your grill

for 20 or 30 minutes, or until the coals are lightly coated with ash.

- If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so immediately before the food goes on the hot grill.

- When it's time to cook the food, cook it to a safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer to be sure.

- Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood or eggs. Be sure to have on hand plenty of clean utensils and platters.

- Grilled food can be kept hot until served by moving it to the side of the grill rack, away from the coals where it can overcook.

- Never let raw meat, poultry, eggs, cooked food or cut fresh fruits or vegetables sit at room temperature more than two hours before putting them in the refrigerator or freezer (one hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit).

For more information, visit www.usda.gov or www.cdc.gov and search for food safety or E. coli.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Golf benefit

The 2008 Gray's Reef Golf Classic that raises money each year for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is scheduled for Monday, June 23, at Oakland University, Rochester Hills with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The day includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, open bar, silent auction, prizes and dinner. For more information or to register, call (248) 353-8222 or visit www.leukemiamichigan.org.

Win the weight game

An alternative to dieting will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. Fee \$24. Through this program participants learn to develop a moderate approach to eat-

ing and exercise and acquire skills to be trim and healthy for life. To register, call (248) 644-5832. For more information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Reiki classes with animal training

Reiki I 9 a.m.-noon and Reiki II 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 28, Lumina Healing Arts offers training in the ancient healing method. Practitioners can help heal themselves, others and animals as well. Animal Reiki instruction and textbook included. There is a fee. To register, call (248) 890-7838 or e-mail marian@enjoyreiki.com.

Reiki I & II

2-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Reiki treats the whole person: body, emotions, mind and spirit. There is a fee. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29-July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231 or e-mail sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org

UPCOMING

Summer camp

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to fourth grade students about the human body and how to keep it healthy 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

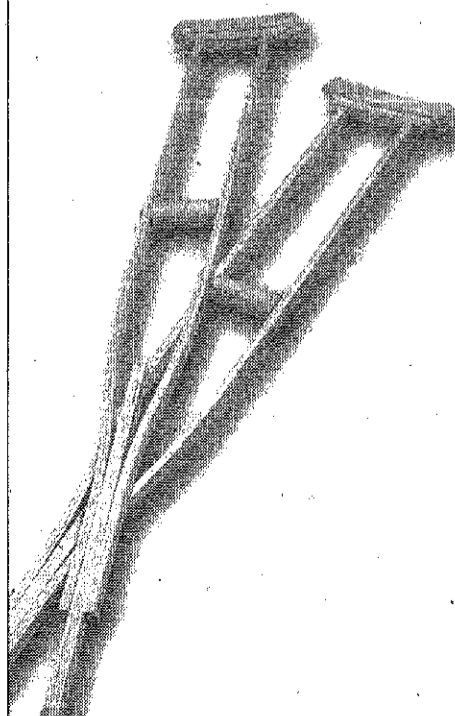


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FROM THE OUTSIDE IN -- INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AT WORK



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

Let's turn the tables on ourselves. Instead of thinking about the behaviors of people from other countries, let's look at how they view ours. Doing so might teach us a little about our workplace practices.

You're most likely accustomed to a 9-to-5 or 8-to-5 schedule. Baltimore's Sophia Tade, Client Services consultant at Global Lead L.L.C., headquartered in Cincinnati, had to adjust to a completely different schedule when she started working here. In her native West African country of Benin, lunch and dinner with family are extremely important; so people leave home at 7:00 a.m., return around noon or 1:00, take a nap and get back into the office at 3:00 or 4:00. Then they go home about 7:00 p.m. The only thing their schedule has in common with ours is that it's not flexible.

Thiwan native Angeline Chang is assistant Marketing director of the flagship gallery of the family business, Liuli, in San Francisco. She comments on the stepped-up schedule of talking while eating in this country, compared with the Chinese practice of not speaking while eating. "In

the United States," she observes, "there are many occasions when you have to eat and talk. American people can talk so easily when they're eating."

South Korean Hoon Yang is senior associate on the Game Planning & Design team at Nexon America Inc., in Los Angeles, a computer game company. After he graduated from high school in San Antonio and attended the University of Arizona, he returned to Korea until May, 2006, when he was promoted and relocated to Los Angeles. He mentions that Americans eat alone, and that it's acceptable. In Korea, people eat in groups. Tade remarks that she frequently eats at her desk to get her work done -- very different from life in Benin.

Yang also points out that when e-mailing, Koreans carbon "a lot of people," their managers, who are the workplace equivalent of elders. "This is the (managers') way of keeping up with what's going on," he says. "Here, the approach is more do-it-yourself. There's a little more freedom. It's easy to understand the pros and cons of each."

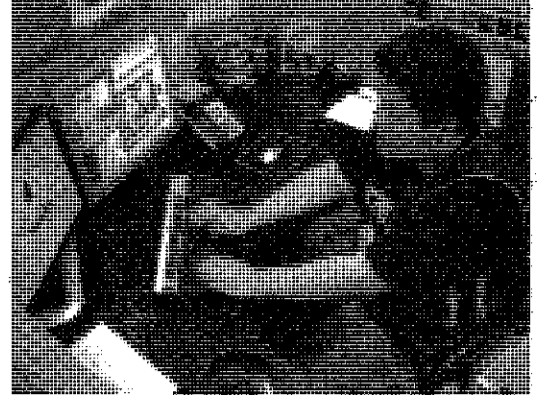
Tade is struck by the networking events people are expected to attend. "Here you have to do these extra things to have enough exposure to the boss," she says. She discusses at length the challenge this presents her, and it's clear that the activity of self-promotion continues to be difficult for her. She grew up in a culture that emphasized hard work coupled with humility as the key to success. "I just went and talked with my supervisor and asked how to

do this," she recalls. "I'm always thinking I have to be flexible and that understanding things from the perspective of Americans is the best way to improve."

Chang is similarly challenged, particularly when she has to turn her back on Asian culture when someone compliments her and she can't possibly deny it. "Here, when people come into our gallery and compliment us on our pieces," she mentions, "you have to say, 'Thank you.' You have to convince yourself and control your mouth."

Chang comments that there is much more humor in our workplace. In particular, she recalls an incident about a man who took his bulldog to work, put him in a cage and placed a sign on it that read, "Chief Security Officer." "Chinese dogs don't go to work and owners don't make light of them. Tade was struck by cultural differences when she observed an incident of conflict resolution devolving from miscommunication. "We had a session about communicating with each other," she says. "I thought we could talk to each other directly. There's something that I'm missing here," she remembers thinking. "It means we don't have this great relationship. People are smiling and talking without really meaning it."

Yang indicates that the differences in his two workplaces are really quite insignificant. "Business is their common language," Tade remarks that you have to remain alert: "After three years, I still have cultural shock. I thought I knew a lot about the culture but learned I didn't



Los Angeles' Hoon Yang works in the same computer game company here, Nexon America Inc., as he did in his native South Korea. While he notices cultural differences in the two workplaces, he observes that they share the language of business.

know that much. You have to keep learning and be open to new things every day, because there never will be that day when you'll fully understand how this works." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)

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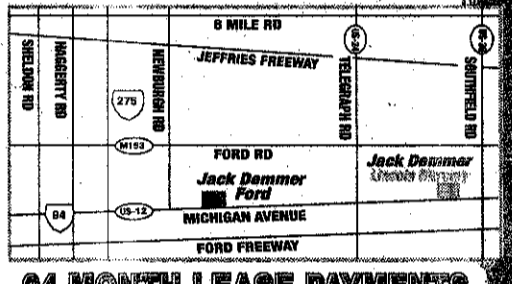
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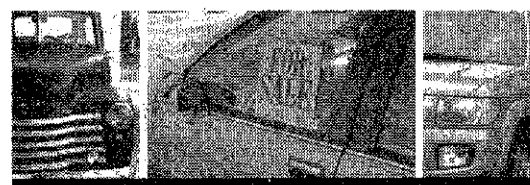
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