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Nine-year-old Cassel Kaiser of Westland acts as though she is playing the flute as the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps passes by during the Westland Summer Festival Parade Wednesday evening.

Let the 'party' begin

Mother Nature wasn't quick enough to rain on the opening act of the 39th annual Westland Summer Festival parade Wednesday evening, but she did put a damper on other events planned for the evening.

Crowds lined Ford and Wayne Road to watch the parade, led by Grand Marshal jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic and Miss Westland Olivia LaFortune.

Predictions were for cooler, drier weather for the rest of the festival which ends today with the annual fireworks display at dusk. Go early to get a good seat and enjoy the music of Second Wind which will perform at 7:30 p.m.

The festival opens at noon and offers



Miss Westland Olivia LaFortune rides with Grand Marshal Alexander Zonjic in the festival parade. LaFortune is a 2007 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attends Olivet College.

children's games through 6 p.m. and a child safety initiative 1-6 p.m. There's also a midway, food concession, beer tent and arts and crafts, petting farm, pony rides and performances by the Robinsons'



Lifeguards at the Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool, Jeff Ballard and Kyle Endmann dressed to draw attention as they passed out \$1 pool coupons and candy to families along the parade route.

Racing Pigs.

The festival is being held on the civic center grounds on Ford west of Wayne Road.

Jury finds man guilty of murder

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man was convicted Thursday of second-degree murder for the fatal stabbing of a drywall worker who allegedly made a racial slur outside of Country Court Apartments, on Wildwood north of Ford.

Christopher Long, 18, was found guilty of killing Gerald William Dean Jr., 45, by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury that returned its verdict Thursday, one day after deliberations began and three days after the trial started.

"I'm satisfied with the verdict. I think it was the right verdict," Police Chief James Ridener said. "It was a spur of the moment (killing). I'm sure he'll be out of society for a long period of time, although that will be up to the judge."

Long could face any number of years up to life in prison when he is sentenced July 21 by Judge Timothy Keuny. Long would have faced the certainty of life in prison had the jury convicted him of a higher charge of first-degree murder.

Dean was stabbed in the back of the head last Aug. 19 during a dispute outside of Long's apartment.

During the trial, Westland Police Officer Richard Novakowski recapped testimony from an earlier preliminary hearing that focused on a written statement by Long.

Long wrote that Dean asked for a hit of his cigarette, but Long didn't want to share it. Long, who is black, alleged that Dean, who was white, uttered a racial slur during the incident.

According to the statement, Long said he went inside his apartment, got a kitchen knife and asked Dean if he had a problem. Long said Dean swung at him with some type of object.

"I pulled out the knife and swung, hitting the victim in the back of the head," Long said, according to the statement read by Novakowski.

Long told police he then went inside his apartment and started playing a video game.

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Wilson wants accountability

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Commission candidate Danny Wilson became involved in politics after he waged a several-year battle with his former wife to win visitation rights with his son.

When Wilson, leader of the Parents for Children organization, took his crusade to the Lincoln Hall of Justice in Detroit, he battled yet another problem: Parents already fighting

the court system found that while they were inside the building, their vehicles were being broken into while parked outside.

Wilson, 56, said he asked for help from the City of Detroit, the sheriff's department and the Wayne County Commission.

At first, he said, "no one would talk to me."

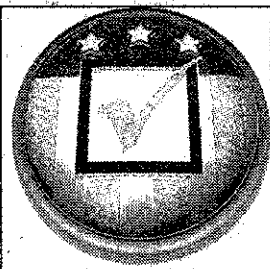
Fed up, he fought until authorities indicated they would conduct more security checks around the court. Now, he hopes to continue his fight to make government more accountable to its citizens by emerging from a field of eight Democrats to become the party's commission nominee in the Aug. 5 primary. Two Republicans also are competing for a slot.

Two nominees will square off in the November general election in a district that includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The winner will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year, clinching victory in a district long represented by Kay Beard, who stepped down in March.

Wilson, a Westland resident and former auto assembly line worker who manages his wife Janet's law office, wants to make county government more cost-efficient amid what he called "an economic disaster." He would start by trying to get commission salaries

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12TH COMMISSION DISTRICT



The Observer continues its profiles of two more Democratic candidates seeking the 12th District Wayne County Commission seat, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The series will conclude with two Republicans. Party nominees will be chosen in the Aug. 5 primary to compete in the Nov. 4 general election. The overall winner will get a two-year term. The job pays \$68,411 a year.

Bowman touts record, involvement

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Compared to nine other Wayne County Commission candidates, Ronaale Bowman started her Aug. 5 primary election campaign in a position that some might consider enviable.

She has the unequivocal backing of former 12th District Commissioner Kay Beard, who ended a 30-year reign by stepping down in March due to health reasons. Bowman, who had been Beard's legislative assistant for two years, also won sweeping support from the commission to fill the vacancy until voters have their say this year.

Bowman, 65, believes that her tenure as Beard's aide and her knowledge of the job make her the obvious choice for 12th District voters from Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.

"I'm running because I think I'm the best qualified person for that position," she said.

Bowman hopes to emerge from a field of eight Democrats in the Aug. 5 primary. Two Republicans also are competing for the GOP nod. The two nominees will battle in the November general election for a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year.

Bowman, married with two adult sons, has a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University. She recently moved to the 12th District but has had extensive involvement here, working as director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program for 13 years and serving in appointed positions with the Local Development Finance Authority, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Health & Welfare Advisory Board and Westland's Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observance planning committee, among many other posts.

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Plymouth gets crafty with Art in the Park

WILSON

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reduced by \$28,000 a year, whittling them down to \$40,000.

Wilson earned his associate degree at Macomb Community College, majoring in accounting with a minor in marketing. He is involved with the Westland Chamber of Commerce, has been an election inspector and is a Westland Rotary member. He was a former Chesterfield Township trustee.

In an effort to boost the economy, Wilson said leaders should push to make Michigan a state that grows more food to ease the potential for shortages. Moreover, he said he would seek ways to reverse property values, which

he said "are eroding tremendously," and he would consider tax credits for businesses that promise to bring jobs to the local economy.

Although he wants to cut government costs, Wilson said he believes that police and fire services should be maintained at existing levels, because communities must remain safe. He said one 12th District community, Inkster, already has made strides to improve its image.

With little money to spend on his campaign, Wilson has distributed hundreds of surveys to 12th District residents, asking them to respond and cite their concerns so he can address them. He said residents are concerned about jobs, pensions, health care and other money-related issues.

"I'd say 90 percent of what

I get back is about the economy," he said.

As a candidate who isn't currently serving on the commission, Wilson said he would need to take a close look at the county's budget before he could make a wide array of suggestions for spending cuts. But, he said elected leaders can set an example by taking a pay cut.

Wilson also hopes to continue his battle for parental rights in a justice system that he said is stacked against them.

Wilson said he has received a warm response from 12th District voters he has encountered. He said he hopes that will translate into votes in the primary. "I'm talking to anyone who will listen," he said.

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LPS gives Liepa 5-year contract

BY REBECCA JONES OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools Supt. Randy Liepa was awarded some job security and a 1 percent raise for next year, as the school board agreed to extend his contract through June 2013.

Liepa will also become the district's first full-time employee to contribute to his health care premium, paying \$50 from 20 paydays per year.

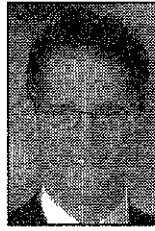
The contract, which passed with a 5-2 vote Monday, brings Liepa's salary to \$128,206.06.

The school board met in closed session to evaluate the superintendent. Trustees discussed his income, benefits and other terms, without coming to any agreement, said board President Lynda Scheel. The final contract was presented to the board at Monday's meeting.

The district couldn't afford to pay him more, but decided to offer a longer contract in appreciation for the work he does, said Trustee Robert Freeman.

LPS has typically offered the superintendent a three-year contract. Five years is the maximum allowed under the revised school code.

Trustee Steve King asked if he could make a motion prior to



Liepa

COMPARING SUPERINTENDENT SALARIES According to a Michigan Association of School Boards survey, for 2007-08: The average salary for a superintendent of a local school district with 15,001 to 100,000 students was \$149,166. (Three districts responded to the survey.) The average salary for a superintendent in Wayne County was \$136,471. (Eight districts responded to the survey.) In March, the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education hired a superintendent with a starting salary of \$195,000. The district has approximately 19,000 students. (Source: Plymouth Observer)

the reading of the recommended motion, but Scheel instead yielded the floor to Trustee Dan Lessard.

King later said he had wanted to table the issue before it came up for vote.

"It's not what I remember speaking about in closed session," King said. He said the board discussed not giving a raise. "I can't see giving someone a raise when other people are being laid off."

Freeman said Liepa is "woefully underpaid," and that if the board tried to fill the superintendent's position today, the compensation package would be around \$200,000.

"When times are really good, anybody can do the job," Lessard said. "Now is when you need top-notch leadership, and I think we have it. This is just a small effort to try to keep it there."

King and Trustee Greg Oke voted no.

Oke said he had no issues with the superintendent's performance, compensation or medical insurance terms, but added: "I feel a little funny looking at extending a contract out to five years."

If the board removes him from office without cause, the district must continue to pay his salary through 2013.

Liepa, who has worked for LPS since 1994, has been superintendent since 2003.

He said a five-year contract is a vote of confidence from the board. "I really appreciate that." As far as compensation, he said, there are a variety of factors that make a job desirable, and salary is just one piece of the puzzle.

"We have some significant challenges ahead," Liepa said. "I want to do the best I can to see us through these times."

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BOWMAN

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She has been involved in the Westland and Inkster chambers of commerce, and she was a co-founder of PLAID, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity. She is past president of League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

As Wayne County faces tough economic times, Bowman pledged to fight for core services like public safety, senior and juvenile programs, and health care for those who can't afford it. She also vowed to work with other leaders toward the cleanup of lead-contaminated Central City Park in Westland.

"On a local level, Central City Park has been a priority from the beginning," she said, adding that she supports add-

ing baseball diamonds and a proposed water park to the area.

Bowman pledged to work with the county treasurer's office to address the foreclosure problem, saying she is concerned that abandoned homes throughout the 12th District are hurting property values and leaving families in crisis. She also called for efforts to improve roads and other areas of infrastructure — a move that she said also could create new jobs.

Although Bowman has drawn some criticism for her appointment to the 15-member commission, she defended her 12th District record and said that "no other candidate has been more involved than I've been" in the communities. Moreover, she said she will not try to use her seat as a stepping stone to other public offices.

Already, she has been

involved in some commission committee's, including ways and means, government operations and public safety/judiciary/homeland security. She said she has good working relations with other commissioners and with other county employees.

With the county facing budget problems, Bowman said every department will need to be creative in finding ways to save money and generate revenue while providing services. She opposes across-the-board budget cuts and said county officials will have to examine departments independently.

Bowman said she will continue to receive advice from Beard, who is serving as her campaign manager. Of all the candidates seeking the 12th District seat, Bowman said, "I think I can best represent all three communities."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Preschool visit

McKinley Co-op Preschool will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12. It is currently enrolling for the

2008-9 school year for morning and afternoon classes for children ages 2 to 5. Those who register at or before the open house will receive \$10 off. The preschool is located at 6500 Wayne Road at Hunter. For more information go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org or call (734) 729-7222.

are \$50 per person. Call (734) 595-7727.

Parade of ponds

The seventh annual Elegant Environments Parade of Ponds is scheduled for July 26-27. It's a self-guided tour of Downriver gardens and ponds. Tickets are \$12 and include both days. They are available at the Westland Historic Village Park. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Garden Club. For more information, call (734) 728-1232 or (734) 522-3918.

Foundation fund-raiser

The Westland Community Foundation will sponsor a Christmas in July fund-raiser with a "champagne and diamond" reception 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, on Joy east of Newburgh. It will feature live and silent auctions, dueling pianos, special presentations, a "strolling dinner" and an open bar. Evening attire is requested. One woman will win a diamond. Tickets

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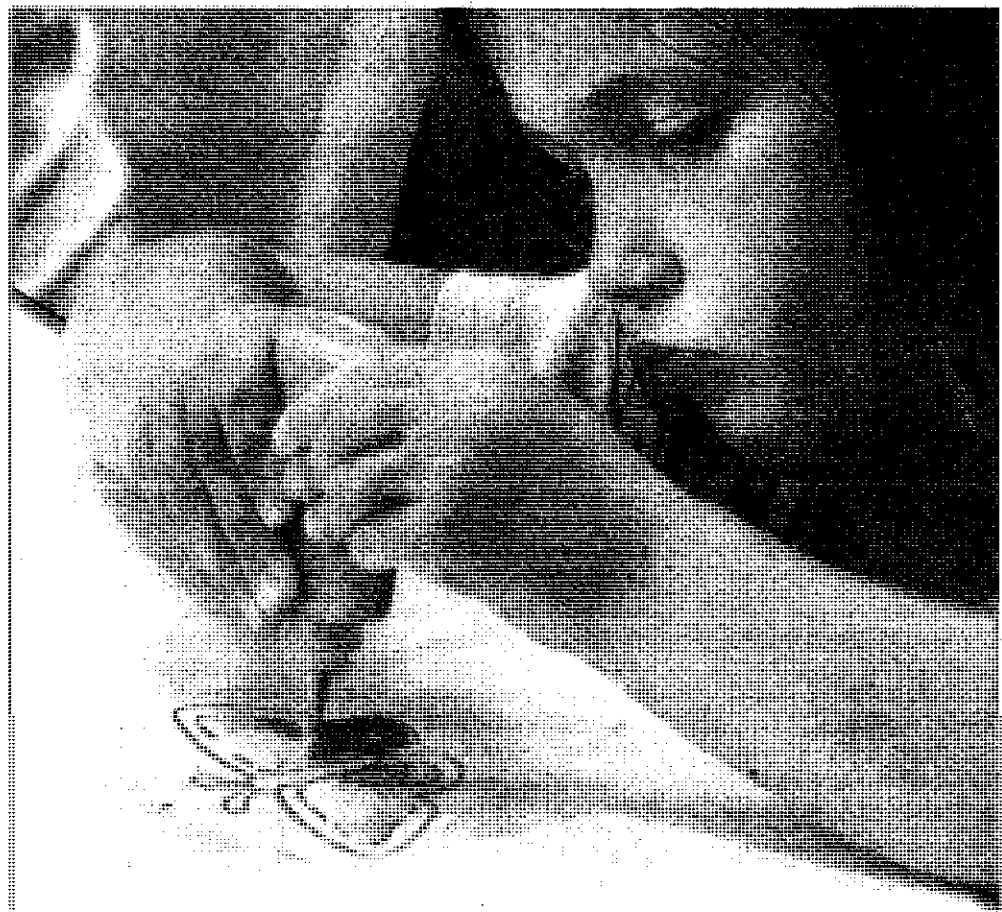
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Catching the bug

(Above) Lydia Stoddard, 4, of Westland adds blue to wings of a butterfly sun catcher she made as part of the William P. Faust Library's summer reading program, Catch the Reading Bug. (At left) Emma Diederichs, 5, of Westland show off her ladybug sun catcher. The library is offering a variety of activities as part of the summer program, including Fairy Magic, an enchanting morning of fairy stories, games and crafts 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, for ages 4-6, and the Jitterbug Story Time at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, for ages 18 months to 3 years. Registration is required for Fairy Magic. And artists of all ages are invited to help decorate the sidewalks at the library with chalk art 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12. For more information on the programs, call the library at (734) 326-6123.



Time out

Library construction uncovers capsules

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The idea behind burying a time capsule is that at some point in time it will be unearthed and opened. Such was the case at Schweitzer Elementary School.

Two time capsules were unearthed by construction workers who are building a new library at the school. According to Principal Mary Garzon, the time capsules were buried in a courtyard that is being used to add on the library. One was buried by a fourth-grade class three years ago, while the other, a plastic ice cream bucket, was buried by a fourth-grade class in 1994.

The 1994 capsule was a plastic ice cream bucket filled with notes and drawings on loose-leaf paper done by students. On top was a note indicating that it had been done in June 1994

by Mrs. Finleyson's fourth-grade class.

Garzon displayed the intact time capsule for a few weeks as part of the school's 50th birthday celebration and then had the Student Council open it to see what was inside. Some of the slips of paper were displayed in the school showcase for students to see and read.

"It was very exciting, but we didn't keep the pieces of paper," said Garzon. "We disposed of them, moisture got inside and some were damaged."

Since this was a milestone year for the school, students created a time capsule that won't be buried. Instead, it will be kept in the new media center. It most likely be taped closed and have a note to "please open," Garzon added, without indicating a date for its opening.

The school opened for the 1957-58 school year and the

original library shared space with the principal. Eventually, the wall was torn down between two classrooms to create a library which, according to Garzon, is "very crowded."

"We're very excited about this," she said. "We owe it to the community to allow us to improve our school."

Money generated by the district's sinking fund tax levy is paying for the library additions at Schweitzer, Edison and Patchin schools. It also will be used to add libraries to three more schools next year.

The construction should be done in time for the start of the 2008-09 school year.

As for time capsules, Garzon says "it's urban legend" that there's more time capsules buried around the school and that people know where they are.

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Exam delayed in child stalking case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will have to wait to learn whether he will face trial on charges of stalking a 13-year-old boy who lived a couple streets away from him on the city's southwest side.

Cherokee Lee Hunter's preliminary examination in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos was adjourned Thursday until July 17 at the request of Southfield defense attorney Jonathan Jones.

"I need time to gather the police reports, which of course I have ordered, and to prepare

for the exam," Jones told the *Observer*.

Hunter, 29, is a registered sex offender who was on probation for an earlier incident involving a 12-year-old girl in Wayne, Westland police Sgt. Debra Mathews said. That incident involved second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges from 1997, the detective said.

Now, Hunter is charged with stalking a minor, contributing to the boy's delinquency and being a second-degree habitual offender. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him as he awaits his preliminary hearing.

Hunter, jailed in lieu of a

\$250,000 cash bond, had been living on Surrey Heights, a couple streets over from the boy's residence on Springer Drive, police said. The defendant was accused of befriending the boy by volunteering to help him fix his scooter.

Between June 8 and 23, Hunter is accused of being seen in the boy's backyard, driving by the house on a bicycle and parking near the home in his vehicle, Mathews has said.

If convicted, Hunter could face penalties ranging up to seven years and six months, according to Mathews.

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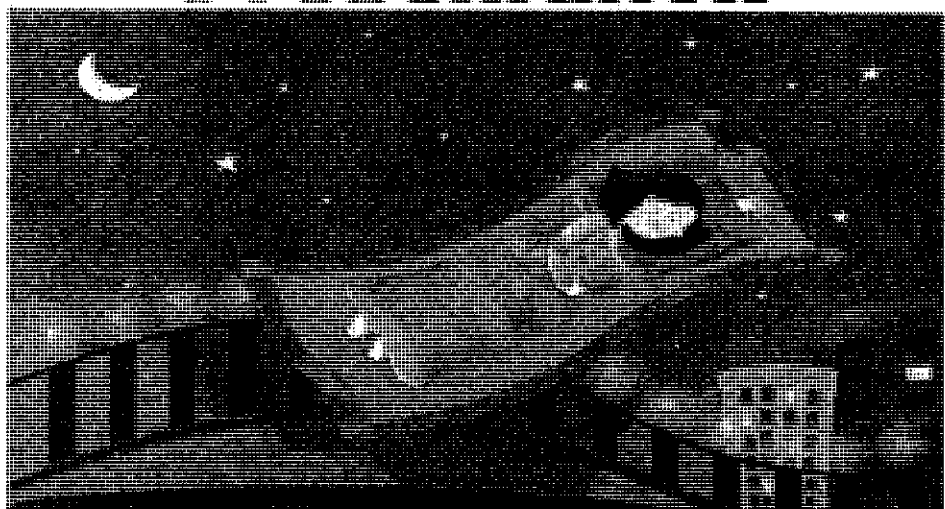
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open house
McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12, for interested parents. The preschool offers morning and afternoon programs for children ages 2-5, including "Fun Fridays with Your Toddler," a mom and tot class for 2-year-olds. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter in Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-7222 or visit the Web site at www.mckinleypreschool.org.

Peace Camp for Kids
Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

Citizens for Peace
The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

Free workshop

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Eat Your Way Thin" 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn why diets will not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat also will be discussed at the free workshop. Seating limited to the first 30 callers. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLHolisticWellness.com.

Remote-controlled race day

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny at (313) 532-4310.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at jgh-s88reunion.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Friends of Eloise

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

Writing Group

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

Toastmasters

The Wayne-Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rana Restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

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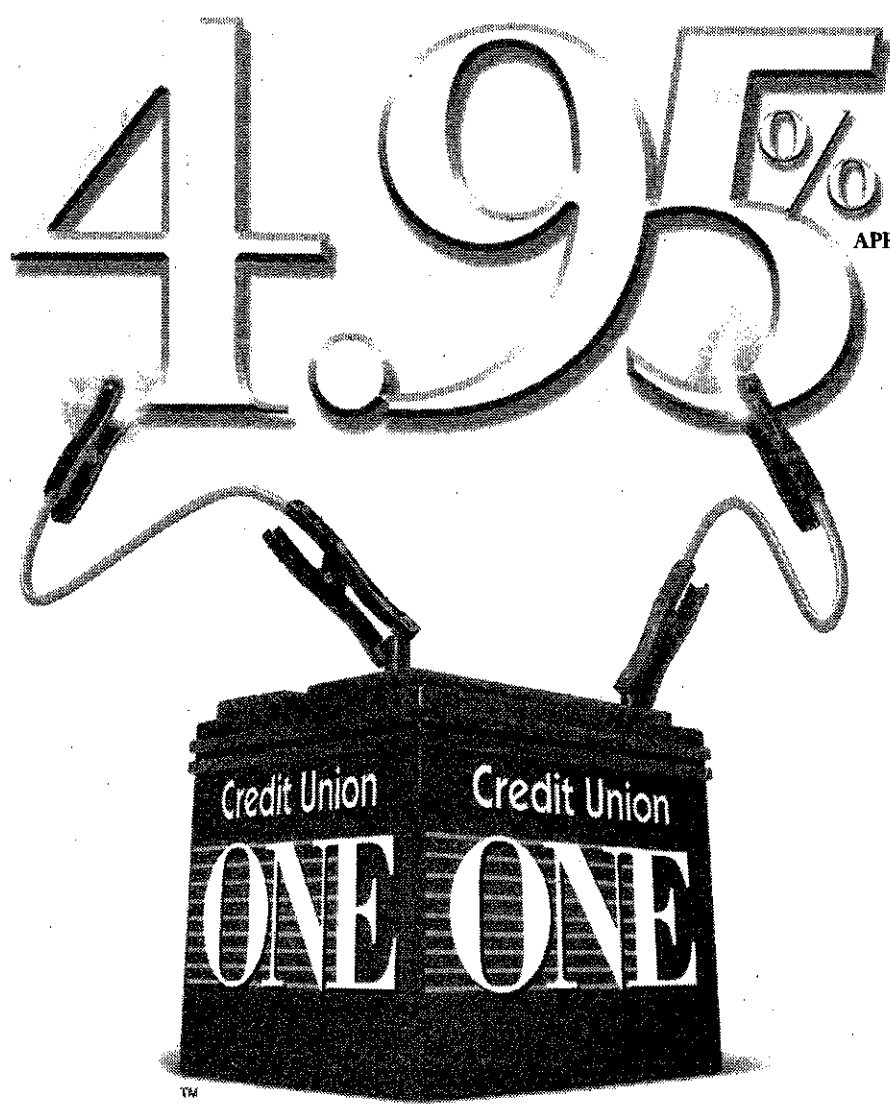
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M28 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club

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

Citizens for Peace

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



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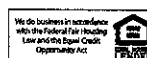
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Workin' on some night moves

Couple bring Bob Seger's wheels to Grand Cruise

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The song *Night Moves* has a special meaning for Farmington Hills residents Dennis and Mary Koss. Their 1961 Pontiac Catalina Convertible bears a front license plate with the song title, which is only appropriate considering where they acquired the car.

"We just bought the car from Bob Seger," Dennis said.

Night Moves is the title song from the ninth album by Ann Arbor rocker Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, released in 1976.

"We have loved Seger forever and loved the car," Dennis said. "We had to get it."

Mary loves the fact that she sits in the same seat where Seger sat.

"It feels really good," she said.

She also loves that the car has an automatic transmission because she can't drive a car with a "stick," a manual transmission.

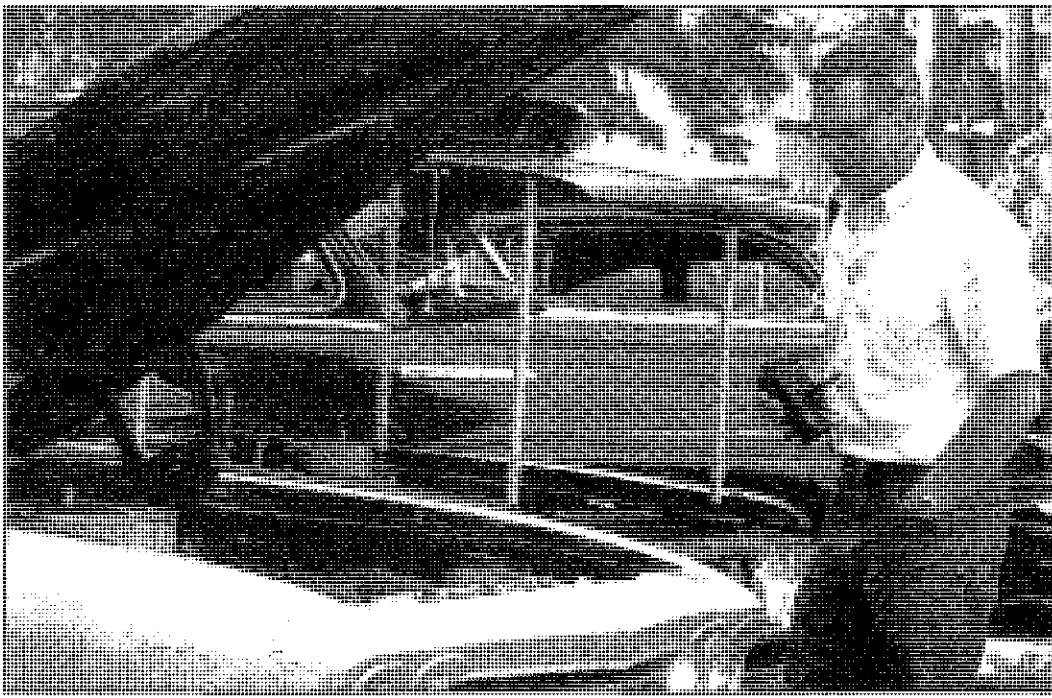
But, best of all, the car brings back memories.

"This brings you right back to your youth," Mary said.

"We had cars just like this from the time we started dating," Dennis said. "We had a 1966 Pontiac GTO when we dated."

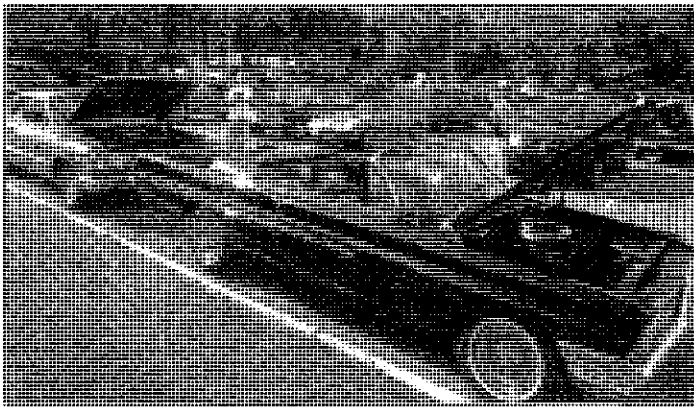
The Kosses are regulars at the Cruisin' The Grand Cruise-in Car Show.

Every Monday they head out for the show that starts at 5 p.m. and goes until dusk. The show will continue through September on Grand River, east of Farmington. In addition to the Seger



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Mike Abraham of Redford takes a look under the hood as he walks along the cars on display during the Cruisin' the Grand Cruise-in Car Show Monday night.



Car enthusiasts stroll among the classic cars on display during the Cruisin' the Grand Cruise-in Car Show held Monday night in the Village Commons parking lot in Farmington.

Catalina, The Kosses also own a Royal Pontiac Bobcat. They keep the classic cars in a heated garage.

For their daily jaunts around town, they drive twin, silver 2008 Hummers.

The June 30 show featured live entertainment by The Copycats who played '60s and '70s rock and pop hits.

The cover band is known for its harmonies. They feature everything from Johnny Cash to Led Zeppelin to The Beatles.

The show is located in front of Bellacino's on Grand River.

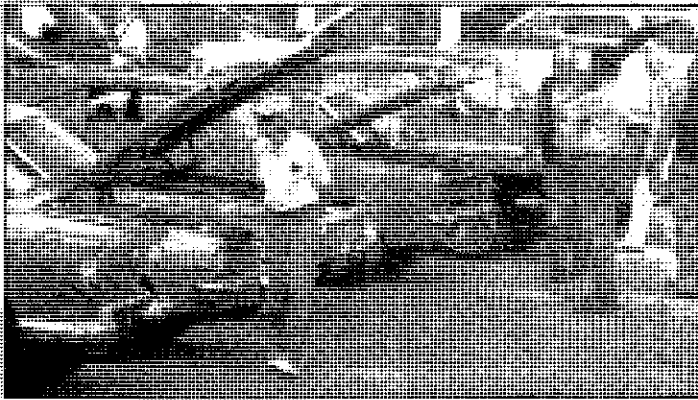


Gerald Moore, left, and Marian Iannello take a look at a 1948 Chevrolet on display at the Cruisin' the Grand Cruise-in Car Show Monday night in Farmington.

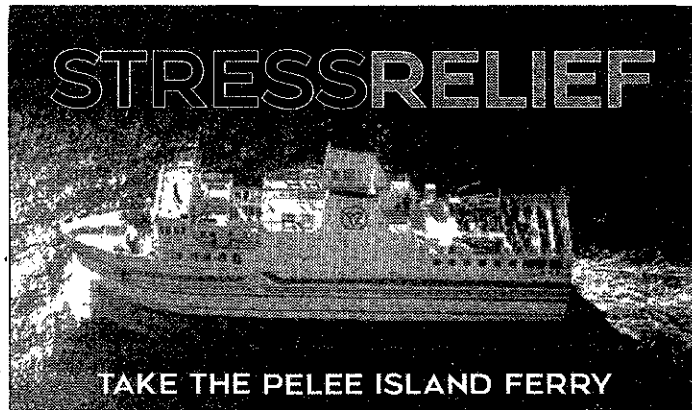
Bellacino's co-owners Joe Takla, a Farmington resident, and Keith Valcom, a Plymouth resident, have helped to organize the show with Harvey Ettinger, who invites the car owners to participate.

The restaurant offers 15 percent off the food bills of those who participate and come in for dinner.

"The show is good for all the tenants in this plaza," Takla said. "It's great to see the community stopping by to see the old cars and to see the parking lot full. It's a good time. You see all ages."



Spectators browse the rows of classic cars during the Cruisin' the Grand Cruise-in Car Show Monday night.



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Legion of good

Garden City school teacher Kelly DePriest receives the 2008 American Legion Teacher of the Year Award and \$500 classroom grant from 2007-2008 State Commander Michael L. Williams (right) during the organization's 90th State Convention recently held at the DeVos Center in Grand Rapids. Assisting is American Legion State Education and Scholarship Chairman Thomas Brown. DePriest was one of five teachers to receive the award which recognizes Michigan teachers for professionalism, patriotism and community involvement. The other recipients are Carrie Carncross of Farwell, Deborah Wilbanks of Ypsilanti, Mary Kerner of Utica and Janice Hafeman of Hermansville.

Rotary lauds top members, taps officers

Jeff Juenemann received the Westland Rotarian of the Year award at the club's celebration dinner June 26 at Angelo Brothers Ristorante in Westland. Don Douglass received the Service Above Self award.

"I look around the room and I see how many others have done so much," said Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance in Westland. Douglass is a retired administrator at Westland John Glenn High School.

Juenemann said the club has given \$110,000 to the Rotary Foundation over the last 20 years, mostly from club members with some matching funds. He described Rotary's efforts to eliminate polio worldwide.

New officers were installed by Lois VanStipdonk of the Wayne Rotary, assistant district governor. Westland's officers for 2008-09 are: Julie Brown, president; Roger Ratkowski, president-elect; Joe Tseng, treasurer; Mary Vellardita, secretary; and Lou Toarmina, past president. Directors for the year are

Mary McGaw, Margaret Harlow, Richard Strausbaugh and Gary Bulson.

Club highlights for the past year include:

- Giving \$4,500 in scholarships to graduating Wayne-Westland high school seniors;
 - Giving \$3,000 to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army summer day camp;
 - Giving \$2,000 to the Salvation Army after-school program
 - Contributing \$13,000 for a walking path in Westland's Rotary Park;
 - Sponsoring with \$1,000 the 2007 Turn Off the Violence;
 - Sponsoring with \$500 the American Cancer Society Relay for Life;
 - Donating backpacks and school supplies to local students;
 - Donating \$500 to Jefferson-Barnes Elementary for school benches;
 - Donating \$500 to Lincoln Elementary for a sound system.
- In addition to other local efforts, the club supported international work in Nicaragua and Honduras.

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- D030- Aaron Daniels- box,bag,refrigerator
- D038- Erin McCalvin- sofa,table,box
- D040- Sherry Lewis- box,bag,tote
- D047- Eric Fields- box,bag,tote
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- 221- Shirley Bowman- box,bag,tote
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- 826 - Keri Elliott- box,bag,tote
- 832 - Nathan Campbell- box,bag,tote
- 833 - June Francisco- box,bag,tote
- 947 - Susan Dalimonte- tv,sofa, box

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QUEBEC'S 400TH BIRTHDAY

On July 4, the United States will celebrate its 232nd birthday - old and venerable, but not the oldest on the continent. All this year, Quebec City, in the province of Quebec, celebrates its 400th birthday.

The first permanent habitation in North America, "The Habitation" was built in 1605, by Samuel de Champlain on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia, Canada. This small wooden fort was eventually abandoned, although colonists continued to live in the

area, and Champlain moved up the St. Lawrence River, to establish the first formal town in North America, Kébec, ("where the river narrows" in Algonquin), on July 3, 1608. The area had previously been explored by Jacques Cartier, though the French colonists he brought had left and the original Iroquois settlement Stadacona was abandoned by the time Champlain arrived.

Primarily a trading post, Quebec began to grow considerably in 1627, when the Company of One Hundred Associates took over settlement of the colony. By 1663, when Québec officially became the capital of New France, some 550 people were living in Québec City while 1,400 were found in the surrounding countryside. On Sept. 13, 1759, life changed radically for the thriving town, when the British won the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, and New France became the Province of Quebec.

Quebec City became the capital for the new province, and remained a major entry port to British North America. Over the years, settlers and immigrants have come from all parts of the world, making Quebec City a truly international city. You can read a complete history of the city at the city's Web site at www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/en/exploration/histoire.shtml.

Special events are planned for the entire year throughout the city, including performances by Quebec natives Celine Dion and Cirque du Soleil. The Canadian Mint has cast a special coin, there are events throughout the province, and the native tribes of the area are organizing Anionwentsaen Wendake-Quebec (www.tourismwendake.com). More information on events in the city can be found on the official Web site of the anniversary - monquebec2008.sympatico.msn.ca/MonQuebec2008.

In the library, books on travel to Quebec can be found at 917.1, while more history can be found at 971.4.

Highlighted Activities
20s/30s Book Club: 7 p.m. July 9 at Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

Come join us as we talk about our next book, "The Virgin Suicides," by Jeffrey Eugenides. This beautiful and sad first novel tells of a band of teenage sieuths who piece together the story of a 20-year-old family tragedy begun by the youngest daughter's spectacular demise by self-defenstration, which inaugurates "the year of the suicides." Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Folk-Rock Music in the Pavilion: 7 p.m. July 9.

Enjoy a summer evening with some of the finest folk-rock music in Southeastern Michigan. Celebrated local musician Dave Boutette will unveil his rootsy, Americana style at the library pavilion (accompaniment by John Latini). If you like acoustic guitars, dobros and mandolins, and songwriting that is both honest and mischievous, then this is an event you don't want to miss. Refreshments served.

Computer Classes: Computer Basics at 2 p.m. July 10, Powerpoint for the Beginner at 2 p.m. July 11.

Check the flyer in the library for a complete description and requirements for all classes. All computer classes are hands-on. Space is limited. Register in advance at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123

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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.

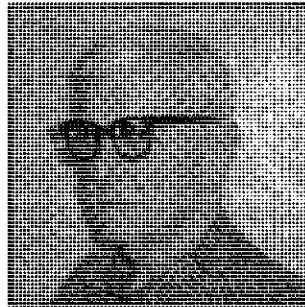
Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

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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Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

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.

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Fortunately, in our style of government, we don't have to take up arms to install new political leaders. We elect them in the voting booth. It is a right that countless soldiers have fought to maintain for all Americans - a pertinent point considering there are American soldiers engaged in two wars as you read this.

In some places around the globe, in Zimbabwe for example, there is nothing that can be done about corrupt or incompetent government officials - save for a military coup.

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Unfortunately, not enough Americans take advantage of that right. Too many of us stay home during elections, and therefore have no say about the people who ultimately dictate the policies that govern much of our lives.

The Aug. 5 primary election is quickly approaching. Depending on where you live, the election will determine many important local and state races. If you are not registered to vote, it is not too late to participate in the election. But you don't have much time. The deadline to register is tomorrow (July 7). You can do so at all Secretary of State branches or at your local clerk's office.

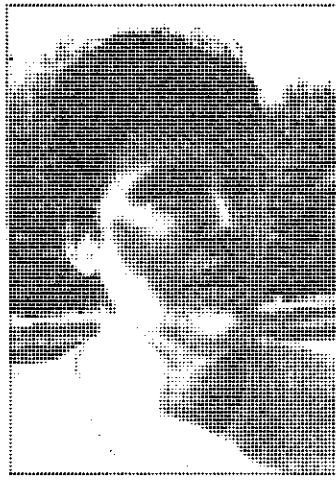
To register, you must be at least 18 years old by Aug. 5 and be a U.S. citizen. You must also be a resident of Michigan and of the city or township in which you wish to register.

Additional voting information is available on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Michigan residents can also visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote, where they can find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. The site also includes maps to local polling places.

If you're not registered, don't miss this opportunity to be a participating member in our democracy. It isn't enough to complain about the leaders you don't like. Voting speaks so much louder.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Considering the price of gas, what are your vacation plans?



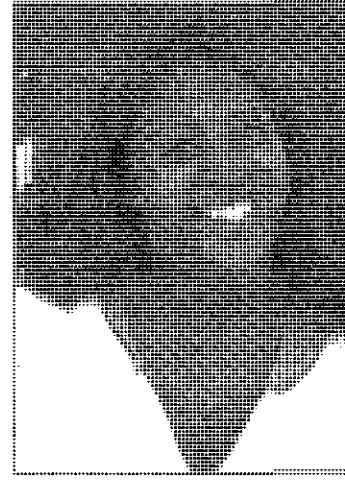
"We plan to go to North Carolina, to Sunset Beach. We're going to use our stimulus package check for that."

Kim Robb Westland



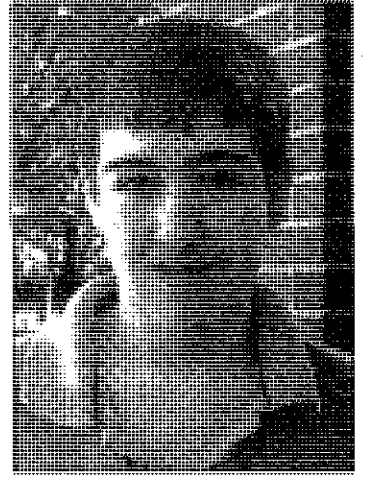
"Actually, I'm going to Wayne State University for the summer then go back to Florida in August. I'm here with my mom for the summer."

Alicia Polega Port St. Lucie, Fla.



"I'm staying here and walking - I plan to lose 40 pounds - and be with my kids and do things with them."

Maia White Westland



"We'll probably go Up North to my grandparents' house and we'll probably go to Cedar Point."

Jake Ferguson Westland

LETTERS

Don't charge suspect as adult

Daniel Andreassi may have made some bad choices but he should not be charged as an adult. In fact, I believe no child under the age of 18 should be tried as an adult. Research shows that it is not only a disservice to the child but a disservice to the community who will eventually be faced with the results of adult punishment (a repeat offender) rather than a rehabilitated member of society. My opinion is supported by research and even by the American Bar Association.

More than 100 years ago, the social reformers who championed the setting up of a separate juvenile justice system recognized that children did not have the same physical and mental faculties as adults. Recent research bears that out. Dr. Jay Giedd of the National Institute of Mental Health shows that the brain continues to change through adolescence. "The very last part of the brain that develops is the pre-frontal-

cortex, home to the so-called executive functions - planning, setting priorities, organizing thoughts, suppressing impulses, weighing the consequences of one's actions." Dr. Giedd says that the best estimate for when the brain is truly mature is age 25. (From a *Time* magazine article, May 2004)

The American Bar Association agrees that teens should not be treated as adults. They urged all state legislatures to ban the death penalty for juveniles because "for social and biological reasons, teens have increased difficulty making mature decisions and understanding the consequences of their actions." (*Time* article)

In the case of young offenders, I believe the emphasis should be on rehabilitation and helping the child to grow into a responsible adult. Subjecting adolescents to the adult judicial system seems to almost preclude that from happening. William Hurst, a researcher for the National Center for Juvenile Justice,

commented, "Now prosecutors decide entirely based on the crime. They just ask 'What did this kid do?' Many of them are driven by political considerations and want to run for offices based on getting tough on crime. They know they are just damning kids, but want to appear tough. If you really want to create a monster then see what happens to child who is locked up in prison for years." Another article suggests that, "Alternative sentencing and concentrated rehabilitation work well with the young. Incarceration, on the other hand, increases the likelihood of repeat offenses."

It is best for all concerned if a child accused of a crime is handled through the juvenile justice system rather than the adult system. Justice will still be served, and in a manner that has a better chance of success for all concerned.

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Co-signing for a loan could have serious consequences

Dear Rick: I've been asked to co-sign a loan for my nephew. I'm concerned about my responsibility on the loan. My nephew says I don't have to worry because if he can't repay the loan he'd file for bankruptcy and there's nothing that the bank could do. What do you think? This is one of those situa-

tions where a little knowledge can cause lots of trouble. Your nephew is correct. The bank's options against him are limited. However, if he thinks it won't impact you if he files for bankruptcy (because he is the primary signature on the loan), he is incorrect.

If there is a default on the loan and your nephew files for bankruptcy, the bank does not have to go through bankruptcy proceedings against your nephew. It can go after you for the full amount of the loan.

In the majority of loan documents, there is nothing that requires the bank upon default to go after the primary debtor. The bank can seek to collect the debt directly from you. If that happens, you have a claim against your nephew. However, if he has filed for bankruptcy, you are still subject to the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction.

Before co-signing on a debt, you need to understand your responsibilities to the lender, which are typically outlined in the loan document. You will realize that those loan documents are drafted by the bank for the benefit of the bank. It is also important to recognize that there is a reason why the bank wants a co-signer. The individual who is borrowing the money, in the bank's view, may not have the financial wherewithal to repay the debt. It gives the bank additional security that the debt will be repaid.

I don't recommend people co-sign for a loan. However, I do recognize that the reason people do co-sign for loans is to either help a family member or a friend in need. Obviously, we shouldn't make every decision based upon dollars and cents. But before you co-sign, consider the consequences of the default before signing on the dotted line.

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Local blood supply at low levels

The Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is facing alarmingly low blood levels and is struggling to meet the requests of local hospitals. Monday morning began with 5 of the 8 blood types below minimum inventory standards and none of zero O-, the universal blood type. In order to meet the needs of patients in 43 local hospitals, the region should maintain a minimum three-day supply of all 8 blood types.

The need for blood is surpassing those who are coming to donate. In summer it becomes more difficult to reach blood donors with schools not in session and families traveling on vacation.

Neighboring Red Cross Regions in Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Lansing, and Toledo are also experiencing low blood supply levels. This causes concern since these regions are often called upon when the Southeastern Michigan Region needs assistance.

Platelets, a component of blood used to help cancer patients, for example, are also needed. Platelets must be transfused within 5 days of collection and the Red Cross depends on dedicated donors to continuously replenish the supply.

Eligible blood and platelet donors are asked to call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit givelife.org to find a drive. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and present a valid state-issued photo ID or Red Cross donor card upon donation.

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Canton's Schmitt seizes Summer Games slot

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Canton High's Allison Schmitt has punched her ticket to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

The 18-year-old swimmer secured her spot on the U.S. squad Wednesday night by finishing runner-up in the 200-meter freestyle, touched out by only 0.04 seconds by Katie Hoff, who captured her third and fourth events of the U.S. Olympic Trials meet being held in Omaha, Neb.

Hoff, a 19-year-old from Towson, Md. representing the North Baltimore Aquatic Club,

held off the hard-charging Schmitt over the final 20 meters to post an American Record time of 1:55.88, breaking her own mark of 1:56.08 set back in February in Columbia, Mo.

Hoff built a lead over the first 100 meters, but Schmitt closed the gap dramatically following the turn on the final lap.

"I think it took a lot of heart, it could have gone either way," said Hoff afterwards in a USA



Schmitt

Network television interview with NBC's Andrea Kremer. "I just tried to put my head down and put my hand on the wall first."

Representing Club Wolverine, Schmitt was clocked in 1:55.92, just 4-10ths off Australian Laure Manudou's World Record time of 1:55.52, set in March of 2007 in Melbourne. Schmitt shaved exactly two seconds off her semifinal heat clocking of 1:57.92 and was seeded second going into the finals.

"Tonight I was just racing, get to the wall first and go as hard as I possibly could," Schmitt said. "I was racing

Katie side-by-side. I saw her the last 15 meters. I put my head down and reached for the wall.

"I just went into the race thinking I can't control what others do, it's just how I place and finish. There's nothing I could do other than work as hard as I could and I went in with the attitude that I'm excited to be here."

Schmitt, who will also be ticketed to swim a leg of the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay in Beijing, got a congratulatory hug afterwards from her parents, Ralph and Gail, who were in attendance with her two aunts, an uncle,

and family friends.

"We went out dinner, came back to the hotel and now I have to get ready for my heat tomorrow (11:30 a.m. Thursday) in the 100 (freestyle)," said Schmitt, who went 55.87 (26th overall) and will also compete Saturday in a 50 freestyle prelim heat.

On Monday, the University of Georgia-bound Schmitt was seeded second going into the finals of the 400 freestyle and finished third behind Hoff (4:02.32) and 20-year-old Kate Ziegler (4:03.92) of Great Falls, Va.

Please see **SCHMITT, B6**

Sidelines

GC All-Star softball

Division 1 state champion Garden City will have three representatives in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-State game Saturday, July 19 at Holt H.S. (starting times will be announced at a later date).

Coach Barry Patterson, who guided the Cougars to a 32-6 record, will be joined by two of his players, pitcher Hallie Minch and Kristina Susalla.

Patterson, now in his 22nd season, surpassed the 500-victory plateau.

Minch, headed to Madonna University, went 28-3 with an 0.76 earned run average and hit .440, while Susalla, the senior class valedictorian, batted .419 and is headed to Wayne State as a walk-on.

Boxing benefit

Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club will stage its first annual Bowling for Boxers benefit starting at 7 p.m. Friday, July 11 at Garden Lanes, located at 29145 Warren Road, Garden City.

The cost for the fund-raiser for youth boxers is \$25 (including three games of bowling and shoes).

There will be a raffle for prizes and a 50-50 drawing for cash.

Spots are limited. To reserve a spot, call Paul Soucy at (734) 422-3277.

Wolter sweeps

Plymouth's Kyle James Wolter was the Boys 9-10 age-group winner last week at a pair of Meijer Junior Players Tour events.

On Tuesday, Wolter carded a nine-hole round of 42 to edge Canton's James Piot by a stroke at Tanglewood Country Club.

In the Girls 13-14 age division, Kelsey Murphy of Plymouth took first with an 18-hole round of 91.

Meanwhile, Plymouth's Brandon Duprey tied for runner-up honors in the Boys 13-14 with an 18-hole round of 80.

On Monday, Wolter shot a 43 to win the Meijer Tour stop at Edgewood Country Club.

Redford runner Macks qualifies for AAU Juniors

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Redford's Daniel Macks started running at age 4 and quickly got the nickname "Bugaloo" from his coach Greg Dukes of the Motor City Track Club.

Five years later, 9-year-old "Bugaloo" is still going strong, advancing to the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games, which will held throughout the Detroit area beginning next month.

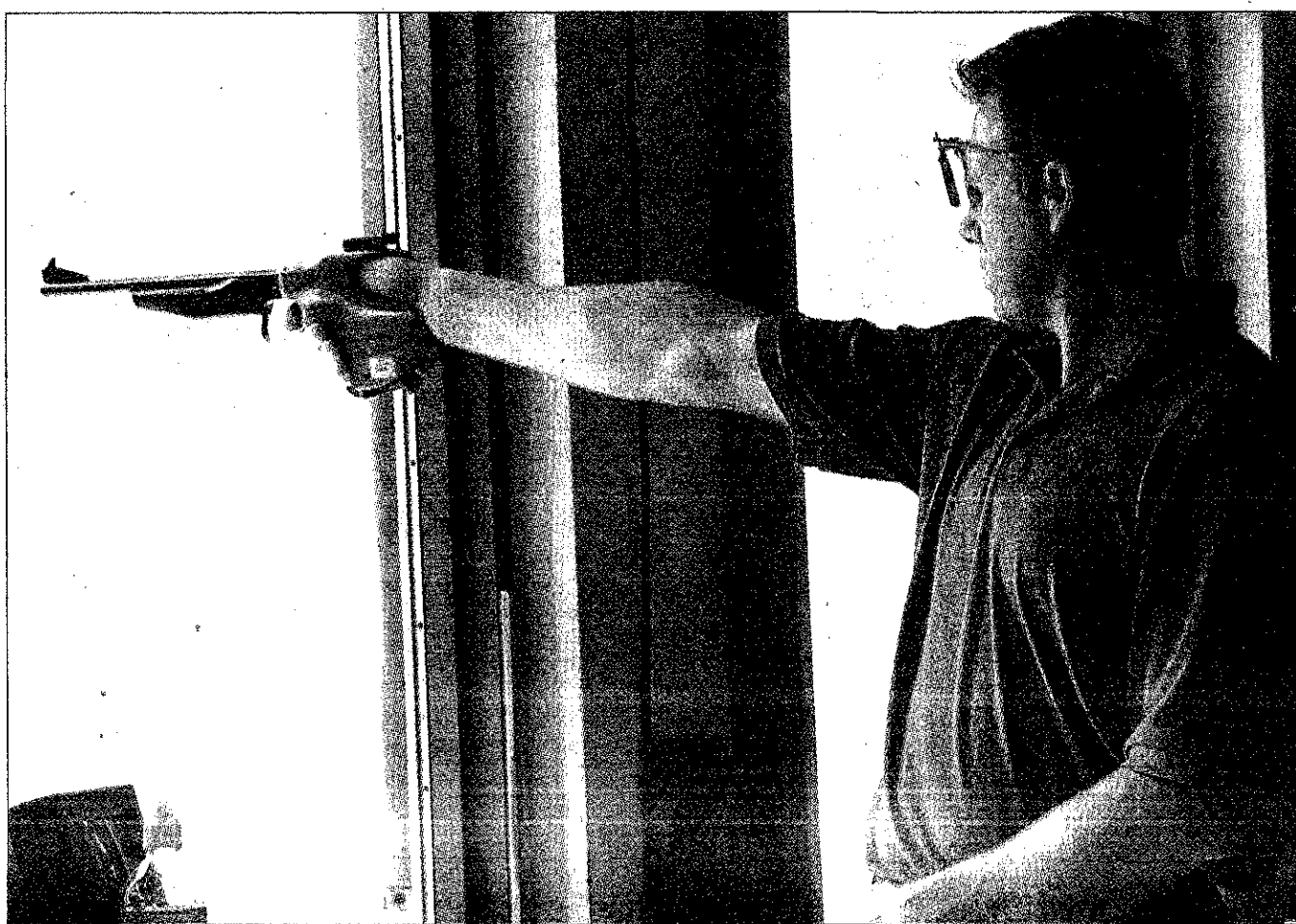
Macks, who is home-schooled, captured a highly-contested sub-bantam division 800-meter race Saturday at Southfield High School for his second state AAU title.

Macks won in a photo finish with a time of 2:52.84, nipping second-place finisher and last year's state champion Cameron Cooper of Detroit, who was clocked in 2:53.09. It was the first time Macks beat his nemesis and it guarantees him a spot to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic Games track and field competition, which is scheduled to start Monday, July 28 at Eastern Michigan University's Olds-Marshall Track.

Please see **RUNNER, B6**



Daniel Macks, 9, of Redford will be competing in the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games.



USA SHOOTING PHOTO

John Zurek, a 1981 Livonia Bentley High grad, shows his form in free pistol shooting.

Gave it his best shot

'81 Livonia Bentley grad Zurek just misses Olympic berth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Most Olympians are well past their prime by the time they turn 40.

For 44-year-old free pistol shooter John Zurek, Jr., he now believes he has enough ammunition to continue pursuing his dream well into his 60s.

Zurek, a Livonia native now residing in Chandler, Ariz., agonizingly finished one place away from pulling off an upset to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team, which is headed to Beijing next month for the 2008 Summer Games.

Jason Turner (Rochester, N.Y.) and Saginaw's Daryl Szarenski, both two-time Olympians, garnered the two available berths with the 1981 Bentley High grad narrowly behind in third place.

Szarenski, who won by a razor-thin margin, is in the marksmanship unit and stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., which hosted the U.S. Olympic Trials in mid-May.

The three-day Trials featured a total of 200 shots, 50 meters away while competitors aim for a target the size of a silver dollar.



USA SHOOTING PHOTO

John Zurek, formerly of Livonia, just missed out making the U.S. Olympic squad in free pistol. He currently resides in Chandler, Ariz.

In the 10-shot finals, Zurek scored a 7.8 on his ninth attempt, while Szarenski overhauled him with a 10.7 on his final shot. Shooters at the Trials are not notified about their final standing

until the event is completed.

The 6-foot-2 Zurek, who works as a contractor, turned in a performance which surprised many. He was eighth in air pistol at the 2004 Olympic Trials and took 11th in the same event during the Trials last March in Colorado Springs.

"It still hurts a month later that I was only 1.4 points and one shot away from going to the Olympics," said Zurek, who trains at the Phoenix Rod and Gun Club. "It came down to the last two shots. It was a good match and Daryl (Szarenski) had to work for it."

Zurek's competitive gun odyssey began at age 16 when his mother Bernice, now residing in Evart, bought him marksmanship junior rifle for his 16th birthday. He took an introductory class in smallbore rifle at the Livonia Sportsman's Club, which was housed inside Eddie Edgar Arena.

"I did really well, we shot from the full-prone position," Zurek recalled. "I worked my way up the levels and I kept going back."

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Schoolcraft basketball coach Henry adds quintet of recruits

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

After suffering through a 3-24 inaugural season as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach, Randy Henry believes defense will be the key entering the 2008-09 campaign.

"We're trying to get better on the defensive end," Henry said. "We have to have more of a defensive presence."

Henry has four holdovers from last year's squad - son Eric Henry, Ryan Matthews, Greg Leavell and Larry Wilson (Livonia Churchill) - and has been busy this summer coaching in the St. Cecilia League and wrapping up his recruiting efforts.

After signing second-team All-Observer pick Stefan Marken, a 6-foot-4 swingman from Westland John Glenn earlier this spring, Henry has been able to secure five more commitments.

The Ocelots will have more of a inside presence with the addition of 6-8, 250-pound Bruce Watson of Detroit Southwestern along with 6-6 Corey Hughes, who played at Detroit Rogers two years ago and graduated from Detroit Frederick Douglass.

"Hodges is a tremendous rebounder, a guy who is going to get you 12 every night and he'll try to play defense," Henry said.

"Watson has a soft touch around the basket and has good footwork. It's a matter of him get-

ting into shape." Damon Butler, a 6-4 small forward from Public School League champion Detroit Northwestern, is also in the fold along with 6-foot point-guard Kraig Amerson of Oak Park Academy and 6-3 guard Will Dargent of Douglass.

"Damon is really strong, he brings toughness," Henry said. "He held Paul Williams (All-Stater) from Renaissance to 14 points in the City Championship game. Amerson needs to get stronger, but he has quickness and good leadership qualities. He'll run the offense.

"Dargent is a combo-type of guard who will also guard you. This summer we've been running three-guard front and those three guys are relentless. They'll play the whole 94 feet of the court."

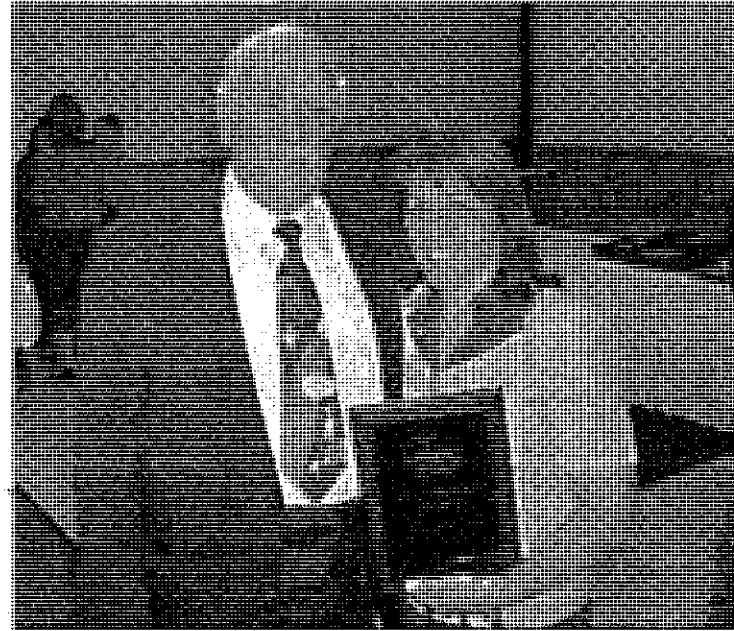
Henry said he plans to add one or two more scholarship players before the summer ends.

Meanwhile, he has been impressed this summer with Marken's play.

The Glenn swingman averaged 14 points, while shooting 40 percent from three-point range, to go along with eight rebounds per game for the 19-3 Rockets.

"He's just not a three-point shooter, he'll guard you and go into traffic to snag rebounds," the Schoolcraft coach said. "He's going to be in that starting lineup."

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Bowler Jones lauded

Livonian Pam Jones (right) was recently presented the Meritorious Service Award by the Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress. Jones was recognized for her efforts as the varsity boys and girls bowling coach at Clarenceville High School, running and organizing youth leagues, along with her work for charitable causes including raising funds to find a cure for breast cancer. Earlier this season, Jones bowled her fifth career 300 game while subbing in a league for her friend Kathy Lay, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Jones will be walking 60 miles, both in Cleveland in August and September in Michigan, in a three-day breast cancer awareness walk. Jones, general manager at Country Lanes in Farmington, was presented the award by Mark Martin (left), secretary of the Metro Detroit USBC. "Pam is a fine example of the type of people who are involved in our sport of bowling," Martin said.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS/CLINICS

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

Salem football camp

Kids between the ages of 7 and 13 are invited to attend the annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp, which will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the high school.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents, regardless of where they will be attending high school.

Individuals who register prior to July 7 are required to pay just \$10. Registration at the camp will cost \$20.

The camp will be held at the PCEP varsity turf field. Players are encouraged to wear football cleats (rubber spikes) and gym shorts with no helmets.

For more information, visit www.football.salemrocks.com.

Glenn football camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Monday, July 7; Wednesday, July 9; and Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

RU Wing-T football camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Franklin boys basketball

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball camp for grades 4-9 (fall of 2008) will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at the high school.

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 franklinbbball@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklin-basketball.googlepages.com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting a one-week camp, Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their parents.

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Pre-beginner soccer

Kids ages 3-7 with little or no previous experience playing soccer are invited to take part in the one-week camp, slated to take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 14-18, at Pearson Education Center.

The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

The Redford Parks & Recreation Department staff will teach fundamentals of the sport. Parents are required to attend in order to reinforce proper techniques and skills after the camp

concludes.

Pearson is located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650n.

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: super shooters youth (grades 4-7), Monday through Friday, 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.madonna-crusaders.com.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28 - Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

The cost is \$175, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

Call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a defensive specialty camp, Monday through Thursday, July 7-10.

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

jabraham@madonna.edu.

Hoop Stars camps

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

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both); also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRS pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

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

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

Churchill camps

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

Boys football (grades 3-8)

- 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30 (cost \$38);

Boys football (grades 9-12)

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

Hockey skills (grades 9-12)

- 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25 and 7-8:30 p.m., July 28 - Aug. 1, at Eddie

Edgar Arena (two-week cost \$182; includes T-shirt). Enrollment limited to 45 skaters and five goalies.

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

Suspect Memorial Camp

The 13th annual Jeff Suspect Memorial Foundation free basketball camp, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile roads).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High standout and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College career scoring leader who passed away in 1994 at age 24.

Call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.); or to obtain registration material, e-mail jsuspectcamp@hotmail.com.

Schoolcraft camps

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

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

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

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

Girl volleyball (all-skills): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7-10 and 28-31.

Each camp session is \$175 (includes T-shirt). Optional swimming will be from noon to 12:50 p.m.

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



Baseball signee

A.J. Kaseta, a center fielder from Dominion Christian High School in Marietta, Ga., recently signed an NAIA letter-of-intent to play baseball at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga where the Crusaders are coming off a 16-32 season under coach Gus Hernandez. The 6-foot-3, 175-pound Kaseta, who resides in Acworth, Ga., was captain his senior year for the 21-7 league champions, batting .369 with one homer, seven doubles, 31 RBI, 22 runs scored and 14 stolen bases. His father Tony, the all-time pitching wins leader at the University of Detroit, and mother Kim, are both graduates of Livonia Franklin High School. He is the grandson of Wanda Kaseta of Livonia and Martha Scarpace of Westland.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA football sign-up

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Non-residents are welcome at no extra fee.

You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Simkow at (734) 731-11-76 or the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-6047.

You can also visit www.wyaa.org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

PC Pride needs coaches

The PC Pride girls fast-pitch softball organization is accepting coaching applications for the 2008-09 season. Applications, due Aug. 1, can be downloaded on the Pride

Web site at www.eteamz.com/pppride. The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272 or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound during regular business hours at (734) 421-0640 or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.




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2007 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our eleventh report.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

City of Westland
Department of Public Service
37137 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Merriman to Inkster and Annapolis to Van Born. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2008 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also

operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Westland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV / AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2007, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water

systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ⊗ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ⊗ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ⊗ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- ⊗ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- ⊗ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

**SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT
2007 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES**

Contaminant	Test Dates	Units	Health Goal MCLC	MCLC Allowed Level	MCL Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water Inorganic Chemicals
Fluoride	8/8/2007	ppm	440.920	n/a	No erosion natural deposits	Water additive, which promotes		Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	8/8/2007	ppm	10100.21	n/a	No Runoff from fertilizer use	Leaching from septic tanks, sewage;		Erosion of Natural Deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	80	20.4	7.5-43.4	No	By product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	12.9	4.9-19.0	No	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan - Nov 2007	ppm	MRLGL 4	MROL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2007 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.21 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2007 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli or fecal	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal easte

2005 Lead And Copper Monitoring At Customers' Tap

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLC	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value	Number of Samples Overall	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	ppb	13	13	54	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2007 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source Of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.65	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

KEY TO DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	



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Help Wanted-General 5000
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 Apply: FranVian@tendecare.com or fax: 734-374-2668

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 Mohs surgeon seeks HistoTech with frozen section experience to process fresh tissue with Mohs frozen section techniques in his expanding, private practice. Background in histology, cryostat preparation and maintenance, and histo-chemical staining is essential. Full or part-time, excellent pay and benefits. Ann Arbor area.
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Help Wanted-Dental 5040
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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Help Wanted-Dental 5040
MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Experienced, Part-Time
 For Suburban Imaging Center. Health insurance for FT. Exp. phone & administrative skills. Fax resume: 248-354-9536

Help Wanted-Dental 5040
MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST, PT
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Help Wanted-Dental 5040
PHLEBOTOMY EDUCATION
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REGISTERED NURSE
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Cutting edge

The latest advances in treating heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

While most people dread cleaning, Josephine Herndon loves being able to do her housework again. Until recently the 77-year-old Rochester Hills woman was too fatigued to vacuum. Earlier this year doctors diagnosed Herndon with mitral valve prolapse or a leaky heart valve. Afraid to undergo open heart surgery, Herndon opted instead to be the first patient in Michigan to receive a MitraClip as part of a study. The latest advances in treating heart disease are restoring patients' quality of life.

Herndon went into Beaumont Hospital on Wednesday and was home by Friday.

"It just scared me to death because I'd always been told I had a great heart," said Herndon, who retired in 1994 after 40 years at Chrysler. "It was a hard decision to make but the other procedure is open heart surgery which I probably would have had if they didn't have the clip."

Dr. George Hanzel hopes to eventually have 15 patients volunteer for EVEREST II which compares MitraClip to traditional surgery to repair leaky valves. EVEREST I found the device safe and feasible. EVEREST II is for mitral valve prolapse patients with severe leakiness or regurgitation which causes blood to flow back into the heart. For more information, call (248) 898-5589.

"One of the key issues is this going to be durable," said Hanzel, Beaumont's director of valvular and congenital heart disease and principal investigator for the study. "The gold standard is surgery for regurgitation. Older patients have a higher risk for surgery. The hope is with the clip to have a safer procedure and a quicker recovery. Typically surgery patients are in the hospital five to seven days and it's four to six weeks before they're back to activity. With the clip they're out in one to two days and back to full recovery in five to seven days."

Hanzel says researchers like himself continue to study new technology with the goal of developing less invasive treatments. In addition to EVEREST II, he's involved with a study looking at closing holes in the heart to prevent migraines. Another study will determine if closing holes in the heart can prevent strokes.

"My hope is we're able to continue to do cutting edge research in structural heart disease," said Hanzel, a cardiologist who lives in Birmingham. "It's a new field of cardiology looking to fix valves and holes and other structural defects minimally invasively."

It won't be long before John



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Josephine Herndon received a minimally invasive procedure instead of open heart surgery on April 30, and is already able to tend the plants around her Rochester Hills condominium.



Josephine Herndon, 77, received a Mitraclip instead of undergoing open heart surgery for a leaky valve and is back doing her own housework.

Mifsud is back to swimming and doing aerobics at a local health club a couple of times a week. On May 8, the 70-year-old Garden City man received the first InfraRedx LipiScan, a laser imaging device that determines the composition of plaque deposits on artery walls. Mifsud's coronary artery was 80 percent blocked. As a result of findings of the LipiScan imaging system, Beaumont Hospital cardiologist Dr. Simon Dixon was able to use a longer stent to prevent future problems. Last week Mifsud said

he's feeling pretty good and anxious to get back to his old schedule including walking nearly two miles a day.

"The problem in his case if we'd used a shorter stent one end of the stent would have been placed in the middle of a plaque. There's some evidence from pathology and autopsy studies that may be disadvantageous because stents don't heal as well when placed in a vulnerable plaque," said Dixon, director of the cardiac catheterization labs and co-director of cardiovascular research at Beaumont Hospital, and a Birmingham resident.

"Some of the plaques are stable. Some are lipid or cholesterol rich and more likely to rupture and cause heart attacks and sudden death. There are enormous efforts under way to best both identify and treat vulnerable plaques with the hope of reducing sudden death. There have been dramatic advancements for many years in cardiology and some therapies have been shown to improve survival for heart patients. Sudden death still remains a problem each year in the U.S."

For more information about LipiScan, visit www.beaumont-hospitals.com or call (248) 898-4163.

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Take some precautions to minimize mosquito bites

The Oakland County Health Division is urging individuals to take common-sense precautions to minimize mosquito exposure and protect themselves from West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases especially during outdoor events such as picnics, concerts and fairs.

The best way to reduce the risk of getting West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquitoes from biting you.

Spray clothing and exposed skin with insect repellent. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recommends using insect repellents containing active ingredients registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Two products that have shown a high degree of effectiveness are DEET and Picaridin. Always follow manufacturer's directions carefully, especially when using on children.

Minimize activities where mosquitoes are present such as shaded areas.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.

Maintain window and door screen-

ing to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.

Eliminate standing water in your yard. Mosquitoes thrive in stagnant water.

Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, barrels, cans and similar items in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.

Report dead birds to Oakland County Health Division's Environmental Health Services Unit at (877) 377-3641.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause inflammation and swelling of the brain.

Mosquitoes are infected by biting a bird that carries the virus. Most people who are infected with the virus have either no symptoms or experience mild illness such as fever, headache and body aches.

In some individuals, particularly the elderly, a much more serious disease affecting brain tissue can develop.

Educational seminar to focus on natural hormone replacement

Yearly checkups and blood tests are a first step to good health. The detection and treatment of conditions such as high cholesterol has become common, but the use of specific tests to diagnose potential underlying causes has not. As a result, the best course of treatment may be overlooked.

"Conditions such as high cholesterol, diminished energy levels, depression and even infertility can sometimes actually be the result of thyroid hormone imbalance," said Dr. Sultana Mustafa of the Fibromyalgia and Fatigue Centers. "Thyroid hormone is a key regulatory hormone for temperature control, metabolism and neurological function. Many patients may have a thyroid gland that is not functioning properly, yet blood work completed by a primary care physician shows nothing out of the ordinary."

These misleading results are sometimes due to an actual error at the lab, but more likely are due to a lack of performing the proper additional tests to check for thyroid conditions.

"Numerous tests need to be performed since many times even if the hormone levels are normal there are other inhibitors of thyroid hormone that are not usually checked," said Mustafa.

There are several symptoms of low thyroid including cold intolerance, worsening pain in colder weather, increased cholesterol levels, diminished energy levels, depression, poor hair growth, menstrual abnormalities including infertility, diminished metabolism with weight gain, and swelling in the ankles/feet.

An improperly functioning thyroid is not the only potential cause of health problems. Throughout life, the

THYROID SEMINAR

What: Dr. Sultana Mustafa will educate people on potential causes of common ailments and effective treatments

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15

Where: Fibromyalgia & Fatigue Center of Detroit, 5877 Livernois, Suite 105, Troy

Information: Free and open to the public. Call (866) 443-4276 or visit www.fibroandfatigue.com

human body produces a wide variety of hormones or natural chemicals produced by various glands.

These chemicals must exist in adequate and balanced amounts for the body to maintain proper health and normal functioning.

Most men and women are aware that hormone levels drop as they age. For women, it is particularly reproductive hormones, such as estrogen and progesterone, during the menopausal or perimenopausal stage of life. In men, smaller amounts of hormones, particularly testosterone, are produced as they enter the midlife.

When levels are extremely low, symptoms can be severe and cause serious health problems. Patients can successfully reverse hormone deficiencies with natural hormone replacements many times allowing them to forgo additionally prescribed medicines. Even when a low thyroid condition is established, it is essential for the correct hormone to be given.

Mustafa is hoping to educate more people on potential causes of common ailments and the most effective treatments at the Fibromyalgia & Fatigue Center of Detroit's free, monthly seminars.

The next one takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis. In room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Alzheimer's support group

The next Alzheimer's Support Group meeting is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at Marycrest Manor Nursing Home, 15475 Middlebelt, Livonia. The group meets every second Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. It is open to all persons in need of a support. For more information, call Brenda or Cynthia at (734) 427-9175.

Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open

Sept. 5. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request a volunteer application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to volunteerservice@stjohn.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. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200

sq. ft. home overlook the 10th and 17th greens, and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. For information, call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

Donor registration/fund-raiser

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

Lupus support meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in Adray D at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. For more information, call Lisa Muson at (313) 581-2937.

Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netafit.org.

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ZUREK

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Zurek joined the Marines following high school and served four-and-a-half years of active duty stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif. where he continued his shooting. Zurek also gained spot on the Marine pistol team competing at a national level.

"I trained marines in marksmanship training in the secondary unit," Zurek said. "After I got out I wanted to re-enlist at the Quantico (Va.) base, but I suffered a fall rock climbing (in California) and shattered my right wrist."

"Being the team captain I had to shoot with my left hand and I was not there mentally. I had a hard time doing it."

Zurek put his guns down and spent three years in Christian ministry before re-enlisting with the Marine Corps Reserves.

"They said 'come shoot with us in San Diego,'" Zurek said. "I hadn't shot in three-and-a-half years and it did not affect my wrist. I shot really well."

Zurek competed nationally and internationally for six years (1988-94) before taking a hiatus.

"I really liked the international part," he said. "But then California changed its guns laws and I could not own my Olympic caliber rapid-fire guns. I gave up my dream in 1996."

Zurek found a new life, however, when he moved out of the California to "more gun friendly Arizona" in 2001.

"My dreams went unfulfilled, but I always had a burning desire," said Zurek, who earned a spot on the 2003 USA Shooting Team in air pistol.

Zurek, who works in the construction remodeling business, took time off of work before the 2008 Olympic Trials to train exclusively.

"I have to regulate the work I do before a competition," he said. "No construction for a month. When you run a saw and use a hammer, your hands swell up. I also use swimming as a tool for shooting."

During the three-day Trials in Fort Benning, Zurek went through a roller coaster ride. He tinkered around with a new gun and unfamiliar trigger points, but was able to persevere.

"With a new gun my mind was little befuddled," he said. "I was working hard on each shot. When you step to the line you give everything you've got. All that matters is to push hard."

Despite missing an Olympic berth by just over a point, Zurek plans to get started shooting once again after he returns from a summer-long trip to Alaska with his wife Cathy.

"I'm changing my attitude," he said. "I'll start practicing in September and compete in the (Arizona) state championships in October. I want to be more

active. It (shooting) was a low priority, but this year it's higher. I want to compete (internationally) in the Bavarian Air Games in January."

His shooting career has been revitalized by 1980 Olympic team member Steve Reiter, a five-time national champion who serves a valuable mentor.

"He comes down and shoots every month in Phoenix, he's shot free pistol at our club," Zurek said. "He's been able to help me out. We've shot shoulder-to-shoulder and it's really amazing how a champion thinks and how to win a match. It's different when you talk to a champion. He had me believing (at the Trials) that I could walk away winning the whole thing."

And it doesn't hurt as well that Zurek's wife Cathy is in his corner.

"She's been very supportive and helps me stay focused when I'm down," Zurek said. "She's been fabulous."

Zurek, meanwhile, seems more determined than ever to reach his Olympic dream, which is four years away in London (2012).

"I think I have two more Olympics in me," Zurek said. "I'll continue into the next Games. I'll change my strategy, be more active internationally. Steve Reiter is 65 and he's still going strong. I think I can go until I'm 65."

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RUNNER

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"The race started out at a scorching pace with the leader running the first 200 meters in 36 seconds," said Harold Macks, Daniel's father. "Daniel was dead-last at the 200 running it at 43 seconds. At 400 meters he was still in last place coming around at 1:26, but passed the eight other contestants by the 600-meter mark running 2:09. From 700 meters to the finish line was a dead heat with Daniel and Cameron pulling ahead in the final meters."

"Both my wife and I couldn't tell who run. He was locked in to 43-second splits and he ran the perfect race. He had never beaten him before."

Daniel Macks just finished his baseball season with the Rangers in the Redford-American Little League. He also plays football and basketball.

"It's hard, but I like track the best," said Daniel, who competed last summer in the AAU Junior Olympics in Knoxville, Tenn. "I like to go to the track with different people. The Junior Olympics is fun."

Daniel is following in the footsteps of his older brother Josh, who will be an eighth-grader this fall at Southfield Christian.

Josh, who now concentrates on football, was a state bantam champion in the 800 and 1,500 and competed in the 2004 AAU Junior Olympics held in Des Moines, Ia. Daniel Macks normally trains five days per week under the guidance of his father. "Two days we'll do cardio, speed work doing stuff like 1,000-meter repeats," said Harold, who played football and coached at Royal Oak Shrine before moving over to Southfield Christian two years ago. "The third day is an easy day, usually a couple of miles at his own pace. We take one or two days off a week, but he normally trains five

days per week." Daniel Macks has modest goals when he hits the track at EMU for the AAU Junior Olympics. "I'd like to come in the top 50," he said.

Area venues host

Competition for the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games in Detroit get underway Thursday, July 24 with boys basketball competition hosted by Lutheran High Westland and next-door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. Action continues through Monday, July 28 with the finals.

Football will also be on the docket Friday through Sunday, July 25-27, at the Livonia Junior Athletic League's Bentley Field adjacent to the Livonia Community Recreation Center.


Baseball will also be featured July 26-Aug. 2 at Redford's Capitol Park. Other sites for baseball include Henry Ford Community College, Lincoln Park, Saline, Chelsea, Flat Rock and EMU's Oestrike Stadium.

The Rock Financial Showplace in Novi will host cheerleading (July 27-28); gymnastics (July 24-26); jump rope (July 30-Aug. 2); karate (July 26-27); powerlifting (July 26-27); table tennis (July 24-26); TaekwonDo (Aug. 1-2); trampoline and tumbling (July 30-Aug. 2); weight lifting (July 26-28); and wrestling (July 28 - Aug. 1).

Also scheduled is baton twirling, July 29 - Aug. 1 at Novi Middle School; dance, July 28-30, at Allen Park Center for the Arts; field hockey, July 30-Aug. 2, Ann Arbor Huron H.S.; girls basketball, July 25-31 at Lake Orion H.S., Scripps M.S. and C.E.R.C.; multi-events, July 26-27, at EMU; swimming, July 29 - Aug. 1 at EMU's Jones Natatorium.

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SCHMITT

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Ziegler knocked three seconds off her semifinal time to beat out Schmitt for the Olympic berth.

"I put it behind me because Katie Hoff and Kate Ziegler are really good and deserving swimmers, and overall I was really happy with my performance," said Schmitt, who posted a personal best of 4:05.05. "I was just a little bit disappointed to get third, but I knew I would have some more events in the meet." Schmitt, who graduated

early from high school in January, has been training with Bob Bowman's high performance group in Ann Arbor. Bowman, who coaches U.S. men's star Michael Phelps, recently left Club Wolverine and returned to his original club in North Baltimore.

Schmitt credits her training and the support from her Club Wolverine teammates, such as Katie Carroll, a 2007 graduate of Notre Dame and a native of Toledo, Ohio who reached the semifinals of the 200 freestyle and placed 15th overall in 1:59.85.

"It (the training) has been very intense and the people I train with all have the same

common goal," Schmitt said. "There's eight of us. We push each other and all go through the same pain."

With her Olympic spot now secured, Schmitt can now relax. She has been placed in the same 50 freestyle heat with Hoff and 41-year-old Dara Torres, who has been to four Olympics winning nine medals including four gold.

"I'm not really expecting anything, just be competitive and do my best," said Schmitt, who is seeded 15th in the 100 freestyle and 47th in the 50 freestyle.

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Finding 'me' time, and the right school

Why do my kids (and husband) always need me when I am in the bathtub? It's gotten so bad at my house that I haven't had a decent bath in months.
Sue, Canton
Why do my kids interrupt me whenever I'm talking to someone?
April, Redford
My daughter always needs to ask me a million questions when she's supposed to be in bed. She calls me to go into her room for an hour before she finally goes to sleep. What's going on with her?
Worried, Livonia

The answer to all of these questions is the same: the children want your immediate and undivided attention. Most children, as any parent can attest, are used to being the center of attention and when this attention is removed, or at least put on momentary hold, the child will act to regain their central position in the universe. This action can take the form of interrupted baths, bugging you while you're on the telephone and seeking connection well after bed-time. Usually children will grow out of this need to be the



Chat Room

Terry Wilamowski

center of attention and the associated behaviors will diminish over time. However, there are some children that never seem to be comfortable relinquishing their central role or the desire for undivided and undiluted parental adoration and concentration. Sometimes these children go on to become great actors or celebrities ... but more often than not they simply

make it hard for you to get a moment's peace. To help your children overcome this dependence on your attention you will find it necessary to help them develop a sense of self-efficacy. Simply stated, this is the belief one has regarding him or herself as a successful, independent and capable person. Any parenting in which they learn to rely on themselves and resolve their own issues, with parental guidance available but not imposed unless necessary, will help them develop self-efficacy and rely less on direct and undivided maternal focus and effort. It's a win-win situation for all involved.

Are private schools better than public schools?
John, Garden City
How do you feel about home schooling?
Carmen, Redford
Is a Montessori school better than a regular pre-school program?
Sara, Livonia

It depends on the child. Each type of program offers something unique that may benefit the potential student at the same time that they may be unable to provide some other service or quality. For example, a parochial school may offer the opportunity for religious instruction but may not be able to offer an extensive athletic program. A home schooled child may gain from the individual and liberal lesson plans but miss out on the social aspects of a more traditional school experience.

In order to make these kinds of educational decisions, a parent and student need to assess their academic needs and desires.

Once this is completed, a search of programs can begin until the most appropriate school can be identified. This process can take a while and may get frustrating, but in the end, you will stand a better chance of locating the program that best suits your goals.

You will find that the key to a positive educational experience is the interaction between student and teacher and environment. Some teachers are too rigid to allow for freedom of self-expression and some are too liberal to provide appropriate guidelines and limits.

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Knockturne plays the Music From The Garage series on July 26. The concerts are sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.



Only three bands played on each concert last summer. This year five groups take to the stage in Music From The Garage.

Last year was the first time garage bands played a series of concerts at Livonia Civic Center Park.



Garage bands

Arts commission music series targets youth

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
 O & E STAFF WRITER

Graham Liddell doesn't care if his band Knockturne is paid for their gigs, he just wants to play for an audience. While practicing in the garage or basement helps hone their sound, they don't receive any feedback except from the amplifiers.

Young up-and-coming bands like Knockturne are always looking for venues to showcase their talent.

When Frank Petersmark's son was looking for somewhere to play three summers ago, he decided to create a second series of summer concerts sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission. Now in its second full year, Music From The Garage takes over the stage in Livonia Civic Center Park on Saturdays July 12 and 26, and Aug. 16, featuring five bands at each show. The good news for bands is they'll receive \$150 each for playing 20 to 30 minutes for an audience that gets in for free.

Music From The Garage is an offshoot of the Livonia Arts Commission series Music from the Heart which begins 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, with the soul/blues band Union Avenue and continues with established

MUSIC FROM THE GARAGE

What: Livonia Arts Commission sponsors a series of concerts featuring local up-and-coming bands
When: 7 p.m. Saturdays, July 12 and 26, and Aug. 16
Where: Livonia Civic Center Park, Five Mile and Farmington roads
Admission: Free. For more information, visit www.musicfromthegarage.com and www.myspace.com/musicfromthegarage

groups playing rock, oldies, bluegrass, classical music, and a Moody Blues tribute. All concerts take place in Livonia's Civic Center Park except for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert Aug. 28, at the Livonia Recreation Center. The arts commission gives budding classical musicians of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic the opportunity to play Aug. 14.

"We wanted to broaden the reach to give younger bands and kids, teens from tweens to twenty somethings, something to do and to play, to gather and enjoy music by, in most cases, kids they know in bands," said Petersmark, a Livonia Arts Commissioner

Please see **BANDS, C3**

Evening introduces audiences to Shakespeare

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
 O & E STAFF WRITER

If you know very little about the work of William Shakespeare or wondered how it could remain popular with audiences for four centuries, Geoffrey Kopp has the ticket for you. An Evening of Shakespeare is a quick review of more than a dozen scenes from the dramatist's 38 plays.

The original intent was to produce a Shakespeare Festival with two full length plays that would run in rotating repertory for two weeks but the concept was scaled back when Kopp, the artistic director, realized the magnitude of the project. Instead he and the cast opted to spotlight two evenings of poetic language by the English writer

AN EVENING OF SHAKESPEARE

When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2
Where: In the Biltmore Studio at Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton
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Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, in the Biltmore Studio at Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton. On Monday evening they were well on their way to memorizing their lines as Kopp directed them in technique.

"The actors will be dressed in black and will add a hat or coat. It's going to be simply done so the focus is on the language," said Kopp who serves as the narrator in addition

Please see **SHAKESPEARE, C4**



Richard Holland (left), Rick Eva III, Geoffrey Kopp, Susan DeStefanis, Mark Henke, and Lisa Brawley stand outside the stage door at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Bowling for dollars

Fund-raiser benefits breast cancer 3-Day Walk

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Melissa Compton doesn't care if she has to sell pink rubber duckies or light-up lapel ribbons of the same color. The Canton woman is determined to raise enough money so her team can participate in the 3-Day Walk to fund breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Although the event isn't until late September, she and the other four members of Team Believers need to raise \$2,200 each.

On Saturday, July 12, they're inviting family, friends and the public to a bowling benefit at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. In addition to the \$20 ticket, everyone can help by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win baskets of goodies and gift certificates, or bid on silent auction items including a dining set donated by Chris Furniture in Livonia. For those unable to make the benefit, Compton asks they make a donation by visiting www.the3day.org and clicking on Team Believers.

"We're all very passionate about this," said Compton of Canton. "I have family members who are survivors. I wanted to do it when my daughter was born, but always found out about it too late. This year I heard about it early enough. In the past I worked at my children's preschool fund-raisers. My dad is Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) so I have a lot of phone experience and working with people.

"It's very important to all of us because every single one of us has been touched by breast cancer or cancer and would like for there to be a cure



Melissa Compton (left), Tricia Ulman and Amanda Richmond sold pink rubber duckies at the Canton Liberty Fest. The money goes to pay fees so the five members of Team Believers can participate in the Komen 3-Day Walk to raise money for breast cancer research through Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

because everyone deserves a lifetime."

Chris Newell, owner of Chris Furniture, is doing her part to raise money. When a customer bought the first set she donated, Newell promised to write a check for the \$3,600 purchase price plus donate another dining set.

Tricia Ulman is not only helping with fund-raisers but walking as one of the Team Believers Sept. 26-28, along with Compton, Amanda Richmond and Jennifer Saucedo of Canton, and Tracy

Dennis, Chelsea. That's no easy task because over 3 days they'll walk 60 miles.

"The best way to train for a 60-mile walk is to walk," said Ulman, a Livonia resident who works 40 hours a week at the YWCA Head Start program in Inkster. "This is the first time for all of us. We get a virtual trainer sent to us through our e-mail and I've mapped out 5 and 10 mile walks in evenings and weekends."

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TEAM BELIEVERS BENEFIT

What: A bowling fund-raiser to raise money for breast cancer research and treatment

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12
Where: Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile, Livonia

Tickets: \$20, includes two games of bowling, pizza, pop. Shoe rental is an additional 99 cents. Tickets must be purchased by July 7. Call (248) 721-2705



Chris Newell, owner of Chris Furniture in Livonia, has donated this dining room set for the Team Believers fund-raiser on July 12.

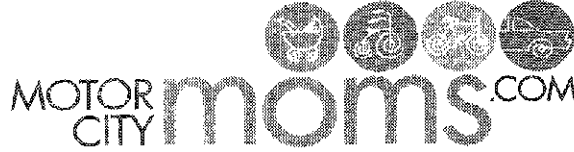
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The musical comedy tells the story of a gregarious widow,

Dolly Gallagher Levi, a matchmaker who secretly has designs on one of her customers for herself.

Hello, Dolly! was first produced on Broadway by David Merrick in 1964, winning the Tony Award for Best Musical plus 9 other Tonys.

It was nominated for 7 Academy Awards for the 1969 film version that starred Barbara Streisand.

A fairly large cast is needed for the production. For more information, call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlight-players.net.

BANDS

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who played in bands in junior high and high school.

"The cool thing is we made T-shirts for the show last year and listed all the bands' names and made laminated passes from them. For the kids, they might as well be playing Madison Square Garden."

Petersmark with the help of son Chris, used MySpace.com to get the word out about the series and connect with the bands.

"The band had to be a serious band with original music and couldn't have just gotten together yesterday," said Petersmark. "They had to send me an e-mail with MySpace sites which had three to four of their songs loaded. We tried to focus on Livonia or local bands. We have bands from Farmington, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, St. Clair Shores, and many other surrounding communities."

Although Chris, 19, isn't playing this year because he's between bands, Petersmark did reach dozens of 16- to 24-year-olds like Liddell, who writes all of Knockturne's originals with band mate Blake Morgan.

The two have been friends since seventh grade at Riley Middle School where they discovered both were really into music and started playing together. By 2005 they were performing in coffee

houses. At the time they had an acoustic sound but wanted to go electric so they added Teddy Roberts on drums and Matt Ryan on bass.

Morgan sings lead vocals and plays acoustic guitar. Liddell is the lead guitarist and does backup vocals. Roberts, Morgan and Liddell will all be seniors at Churchill High School this fall. Ryan is a student at Stevenson High School.

For a listen, visit myspace.com/knockturnemusic.

"As a genre, Knockturne's alternative," said Liddell, 17, of Livonia. "We try to associate different styles of music into it. We really like jazz and Latin music. We try to merge different genres into alternative sounds. Our lyrics come out of experiences we've had, like feeling hopeless and coming out of that."

"A lot of bands right now it's sort of hard to hear their lyrics. They're hard core. I guess we could be called a softer sound for a lot of our stuff and we have acoustic guitar which is different."

So far the group has played at a battle of the bands at NorthRidge Church where Liddell and Morgan worship, an all-nighter at Ward Presbyterian Church for high school youth groups, and the Strawberry Festival in Belleville. Their schedule has been cut back this summer as Morgan is on tour in Europe as part of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's International Program.

"We would like to tour with this band over the summer next year. The whole band has been recording in the studio," said Liddell. "We have all the songs in production and it should be done at the end of summer. We're looking forward to playing shows and selling the CD, which is full length with 11 tracks."

Although their religious beliefs are reflected in the music, Knockturne is not a Christian band but named after a verse in Matthew in the Bible.

"Why Knockturne? We thought it sounded cool," said Liddell. "We found this verse 'knock and the door will be open, seek and you will find.' It's like turning the door knob into a new life. Music is a representation of our lives."

Last year Knockturne was scheduled to play Music From The Garage but the power went out so they're especially looking forward to performing July 26.

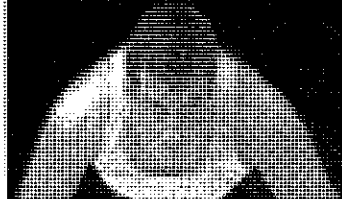
"I'm extremely excited. We haven't played a show this summer," said Liddell. "Music is our passion. We love playing shows. We're excited to be playing with ShiRock from Nashville, Search the City on a different night, Never Turn Back which is now MePlusYou. It's an opportunity for local bands to come out and anybody into this kind of music. It gives us an audience and also gives us a stage."

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Dr. Rebekah Harris, D.M.V.

A: The simple answer to this question is "absolutely." I am asked this question often from my clients. We all know that you don't have to spend much time outside to be bitten by a pesky mosquito. Also, many of us leave our windows/doors open in the summer inviting little winged friends into our home. As a result, all dogs are at risk for heartworm disease, and should be on heartworm preventative. Heartworm disease is virtually in every state across the U.S. and in parts of Canada.

Heartworm disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito to a dog or cat. As the name implies, the disease affects the heart and nearby blood vessels of the animal.

Although many advances in the treatment of heartworm disease have been made, prevention is still key. There are not many diseases the veterinary profession handles that are preventable. Heartworm disease absolutely is! A monthly tablet is given to your pet year round to prevent infection. There are many different products on the market with many having broad coverage for your pet. Your veterinarian can help you decide which product is best for your pet. You will also want to make sure that your pet is having a heartworm test done annually to determine that the product has been effective and given correctly.

Flea and tick preventative is also important during peak seasons here in Michigan. With

Michigan's fluctuating climate, that can be March/April to November/December. Fleas are not only a nuisance to you and your pet, but they can act as a vector for other diseases. Again, many of the products on the market are broad spectrum and can cover both flea and ticks in one application. You also want to do a thorough examination of your pet after having them in a wooded or heavy brushed area. If you find fleas or ticks, you should see your veterinarian. Tick borne disease on the rise and can be prevented with appropriate medications.

The key to the overall success of your pet's health is prevention. There have been wonderful advances in medicine to keep your pets healthy and safe. Please speak with your veterinarian to make sure your pet is protected.

Dr. Rebekah Harris is a veterinarian at Rochester Veterinary Hospital. E-mail your animal-related questions to her at, dvmharris@hotmail.com.

WEDDING



Wojtowicz-Gani

Christian Gani and Meghan Wojtowicz were married April 5, 2008, by Rev. George Charnley in Novi.

The bride is the daughter of Audeen Wojtowicz of Livonia and Ed Wojtowicz of Detroit. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

The groom is the son of Bob and Sylvia Gani of Raleigh, NC. He is a graduate of North Carolina State and is employed by AMCI Marketing, Inc.

The bride was attended by Julie Wojtowicz, Jenny Bennett, Tiffanie Barackman, Kristen Szymanski, and Jessie Hrivnak.

The groom's attendants were Ben Gani, Chris Nichilo, Mike Wojtowicz, Bob Nardi, and Steve Broude.

A reception was held at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. The Ganis are making their home in Novi and Brussels, Belgium.

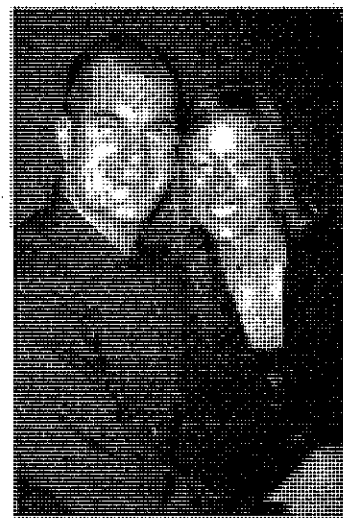
ENGAGEMENTS

Medema-Hoad

Robert and Trudy Medema of Grand Rapids, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Jean Medema, to Michael Sean Hoad, son of Tom and Laurie Hoad of Beverly Hills, Mich.

Kimberly, also daughter to the late Linda Medema, is a 1998 graduate of Grandville High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and English. She received a master's degree in elementary education from Aquinas College in 2006 and currently teaches fourth grade at Vanguard Charter Academy in Wyoming, Mich.

Michael is a 1999 Farmington Harrison High School graduate who earned

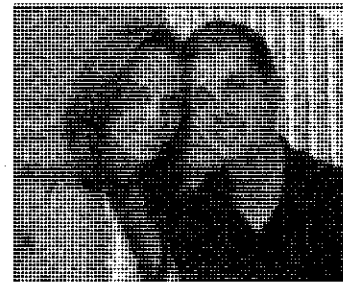


his bachelor's degree in business from Grand Valley State University in 2004. He works as a sales representative at Forest Laboratories.

The couple will wed in late July in Grand Rapids.

Brennan-VanBelle

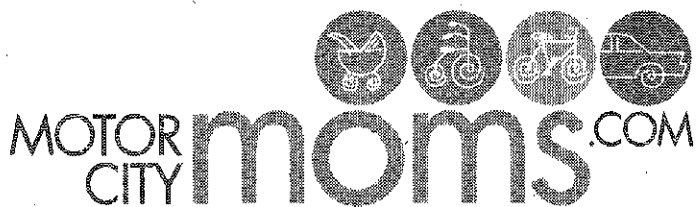
Robert and Robyn Brennan of Brooklyn, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Brennan of Canton to Ryan VanBelle, son of Michael and Kathleen VanBelle of Livonia. Brooke is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton. She earned her bachelor's degree in business management from Lawrence Technological University in 2003 and currently works as a branch office administrator at Edward Jones Investments. Ryan is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. He earned his bachelor's degree in industrial systems engineering from



the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2003. Ryan is an industrial engineer at Ford Motor Company.

The couple plans to wed in August at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with a reception to follow at the Italian American Club in Livonia. They will honeymoon in Mexico and make their home in Canton.

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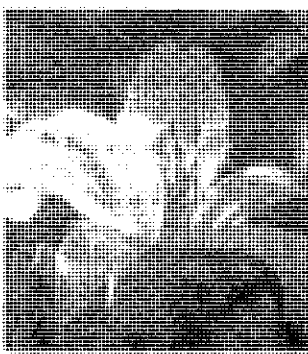
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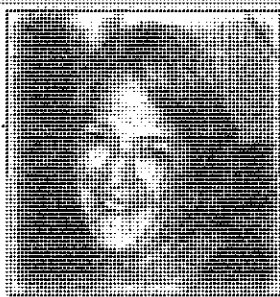
JO-ELLEN MASSEY

Was born on August 4, 1950 to Joyce Marie and Donald E. Massey in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. She passed away unexpectedly on May 28, 2008. Private services were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan and Dixboro United Methodist Church in Dixboro. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Marie, in 1993. She is survived by her father Don, brother Don Jr. and sister, Brenda, as well as four children, Melissa Ilam-Marie, Charley, Donald Matthew, and Jason. She has nine grandchildren, David, Jesse, Zebb, Austin, Matthew, Stephanie, Melanie Joyce Marie, Deven and Jackey; two nephews, Bo and Aaron, and five nieces, Brittany, Nicole, Natalie, Alisha, and Courtney. She was especially loved by her nephew, Aaron. Jo-Ellen graduated from John Robert Powers finishing school and modeled professionally. She was blessed with much beauty, poise, and a deep appreciation for fashion. She had disarming childlike charm, and enjoyed being a mother, grandmother, aunt, and daddy's girl. Immensely proud of her father's self-made success in the car business, Jo-Ellen enjoyed collecting and keeping family memorabilia and often recanted humorous stories from the family's colorful southern past. She was her father's steadfast and protective companion after her mother's death in 1993, never willing to leave his side. Jo-Ellen was deeply loved and cherished by her family for her humor and frequent anecdotes, and was given many affectionate nicknames by those who loved and knew her well, including Que, Cleo, Aunt Scary, Anya, and Granny. She brought a lightheartedness to her family, loved books, and was sustained by a deep faith in Jesus Christ. "Come Unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28.



LUCILLE WILSON MATTHEWS

June 19, 2008, of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Anderson, Indiana. She was born November 9, 1914 in Wilksburg, PA. She received a bachelor's degree from Smith College. Lucille was the daughter of Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Motors Corp. and Secretary of Defense during president Dwight Eisenhower's administration. She was very active with Detroit area charities and was a former member of the Junior League. Lucille enjoyed gardening, swimming, reading and writing and spending summers at Walloon Lake in northern Michigan. Beloved wife of the late E. Curtis Matthews, co-founder of Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet. Dear mother of Mandy Lunghamer (Joseph), Curt Matthews (Linda) and Robert Matthews (Julie). Grandmother of Joe, Jeanne, Julie, Sarah, Joe, Clark, Robbie, Charlie, Genny and John. Great-grandmother of Joe, Kristin, Kelly, Daniel, Breann, Billy, T.J., Amanda, Colin, Katelyn, Jack, Loren, Maxine, Miranda, Charlie and Hugh. Sister of Charles E. Wilson, Jr. (Joyce). Memorial service was held Friday, June 27, 2008 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association, 3816 Papsphere Cr., Chicago, IL 60674 or Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.



KATHRYN LANGE COULSON (nee. Foster)

June 28, 2008 peacefully at home in Beverly Hills. Age 57, formerly of Farmington Hills. Administrative Assistant for Cranbrook Academy of Art. Beloved mother of John F., Jr. Dear daughter of Tanya Foster Witmer and the late Thomas G. Foster. Sister of Janice L. Foster and twin sister of Thomas R. Foster, II (Mary Jo). Aunt of Thomas G. Foster, II and Gerald B. Foster. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Kathryn Coulson Scholarship Fund at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 39221 Woodward Ave., Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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THOMAS COLLIER RICHEY
Age 86, passed away June 30, 2008. He is survived by his wife Virginia, children Diane Hanson of Asheville, NC, James Richey of Clarkston, MI and Joan Richey of Lake Orion, MI, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Services will be Wednesday, July 9th, 1:30pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 6101 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton, FL. Arrangements entrusted to the National Cremation Society, Sarasota, FL. (941) 923-9535.

SHAKESPEARE

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to doing scenes from King Lear, Richard III, and The Tempest. "It should be a really fun experience. It's a cross section of Shakespeare plays to give insight to who Shakespeare was. Why do we still read him in school? After the show the audience can ask questions of the actors."

Kopp and cast didn't want to present the plays chronologically or thematically so they tie the historical plays, comedies and tragedies together in an unbroken line. All of the actors remain seated on stage until rising to perform in front of the three-sided audience. "We're creating together as a cast around the theme of identity," said Kopp. "These are actors who are members of the community, not professional Shakesperian actors. They're not going to use British accents. It's an introduction to Shakespeare's plays and is meant for the novice."

Presented by The Village Shakespeare Festival with a grant from Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, the evening includes some of the Bard's more popular works like Romeo & Juliet as well as the lesser known Titus Andronicus. Kopp played Titus in a production by professor James Hartman at Schoolcraft College.

"It's a humble start. We'll reassess for next year," said Kopp who taught drama 8 years at various schools including Plymouth Salem High. "Ideally it would be nice to pull off, but there's a lot of text and poetry to learn."

Rick Eva III is busy memorizing a scene from Twelfth Night and the role of Falstaff in Henry IV, Part I as various cast members run through their lines with Kopp. The 28-year old Canton resident was in Milwaukee working as a stage manager for First Stage Children's Theater when he heard about the festival and returned home. He's been involved in theater since elementary school at Hulsing where he was in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

After graduating from Plymouth Salem High School 10 years ago, he went on to earn a bachelor of arts in theater performance from Western Michigan University.

He is also a graduate of the apprentice pro-

gram at Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. "Shakespeare is so simple. It's the simplest type of theater and it's the hardest. It's very truthful," said Eva. "Shakespeare gets to the core of humanity. Plots in Shakespeare plays are as relevant now as they were then: political unrest."

Lisa Brawley likes Shakespeare as well for the plots. The Livonia woman is playing The Nurse in Romeo & Juliet and Titania in Midsummer Night's Dream.

Her first role was in Macbeth in 1993 at Schoolcraft College. Since then she's acted in 15 plays and worked on costumes for a few more. She also has performed with Spotlight Players in Canton and Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

"In fourth grade I read a book of Shakespeare for kids and thought wow these are really great stories," said Brawley. "In high school at Bentley I was in advanced placement English with Mrs. Nancy Mack and read more. The plots are very intricate and not predictable. The stories seems so original compared to somethings you see on TV and the language is beautiful."

Richard Holland agrees "Shakespeare has a real beauty in the language." Until 2006 the Livonia man had never acted except for playing a bear in third grade. He landed a role in Othello so he could spend more time with Brawley. Since then he's appeared with Barefoot Productions, Spotlight Players and Schoolcraft College Theatre.

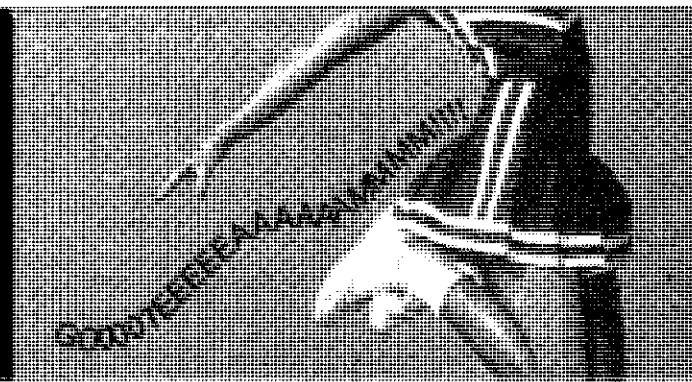
"Shakespeare's characters are very deep," said Holland. "You have to look at each individual line and figure out what the character is trying to say."

Susan DeStefanis first read Shakespeare in middle school. Later she studied theater with Kopp at Plymouth Salem High School. Until now the 24-year old Livonia woman had worked behind the scenes as a technician at Plymouth Salem and Schoolcraft College. This is her first time on stage. DeStefanis is playing the female lead in Romeo & Juliet and Cordelia in King Lear.

"If you read a whole sentence it make more sense," said DeStefanis. "It can be pretty. He can be really funny."

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Elementary memories

Tight-knit Winship School grads plan reunion

BY SHARON DARGAY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ed Wilson hasn't attended any of his Mumford High School reunions and doesn't care if he ever does.

But the former Southfield resident, who now lives in La Jolla, Calif., wouldn't miss any of his elementary school get-togethers.

In fact, Wilson is busy co-planning a 50-year reunion for Winship School's eighth-grade class of 1958, with some of his old school chums back home in Michigan.

"We're getting older and losing some of our classmates, so I figured, I'm going to do it no matter what," he said. "We were a close-knit class. The teachers were like our own family."

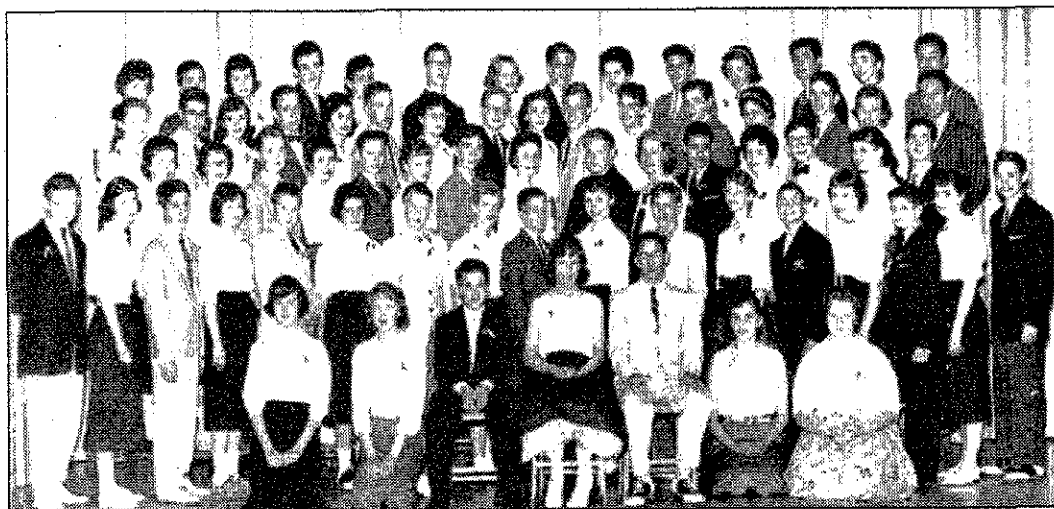
Graduates from the K-8 Detroit public school held their first reunion nearly 25 years ago and have met twice since then.

Their fourth gathering is planned for Sept. 5-7 in Bloomfield Hills. Wilson is contacting as many former students and teachers as he can find and calling them personally.

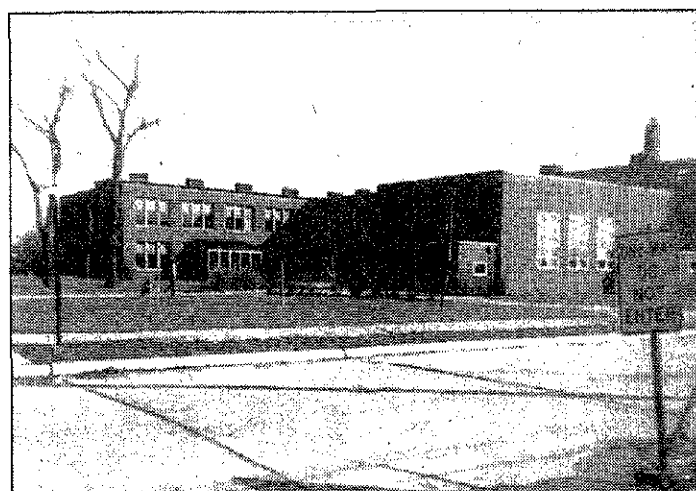
Graduates and faculty members who may have moved since the last reunion can get details about the weekend by contacting Judy Goldwasser at winship58@comcast.net.

"It will be low-key," said Goldwasser, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "We're searching for a bar to gather on Friday and we'll have brunch Sunday morning at the Centerpoint Marriott." The main event will be Saturday in a cafeteria of an office building where one former student runs a law practice.

Goldwasser, whose essay about the first reunion was published in *Monthly Detroit* magazine in 1984, said she has "all good memories" about the school, which has since been closed as an educational facility.



The Winship school eighth-grade graduating class of 1958.



Winship school in Detroit included kindergarten through eighth grades in 1958. It has since been closed.

The building is located on Curtis, west of the Lodge Expressway, between Outer Drive and Seven Mile, in Detroit.

LIKE FAMILY

"We were very supportive," Goldwasser said. "There were two sections and I remember at one point we were sharing desks."

But Goldwasser, who owned a corporate writing business for years, said students received a good education, in spite of sometimes crowded conditions. She credits teachers and supportive parents.

"It takes a village. And it was a time when mothers

didn't work. They were home making chocolate chip cookies," she said. "It was a time when people didn't move. We were together for nine years and we knew each other's siblings and parents."

"The teachers definitely would get involved." Some showed at-risk students a little tough love to get them back on track.

Wilson, who was voted "least to succeed," recalled standing in a wastepaper basket in the school hallway after talking too much in class. Now the owner of an electronics company, Wilson is grateful for teachers like Anne York.

"I was barely making it, but my last year she got a hold of me and said, 'I know you can do better.' I came out with all A's," he said. "We had so much camaraderie. I was living with my father, and they made up for what I didn't have."

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Goldwasser remembers one teacher who took students to baseball games. Another loved tennis and taught children to play the game.

"I think one of the most exciting things was having the teachers there at the reunions and they remembered us," she said, adding that she has treated her fifth-grade teacher to lunch.

The district's attendance boundaries split the close-knit class in 1959-62, sending some students to Mumford, some to Cooley and a few to Cass Tech High School.

"Most of us (students) are not close friends now, but when we get together for reunions, it's like nothing came in between," she said.

Wilson said he'll probably re-visit Winship during his visit in September, even though the building is closed.

"I remember my old home on Strathmore, between Curtis and Hubble. I may even go knock on the door."

REUNIONS

Berkley High School Class of 1958

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: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974

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 a 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

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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.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kilivingston@nu-core.com.

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duz) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill, Dearborn. \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn. \$25 per family. For details and to RSVP see www.freewebs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordsnclclassof88@yahoo.com

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. \$25 per person. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

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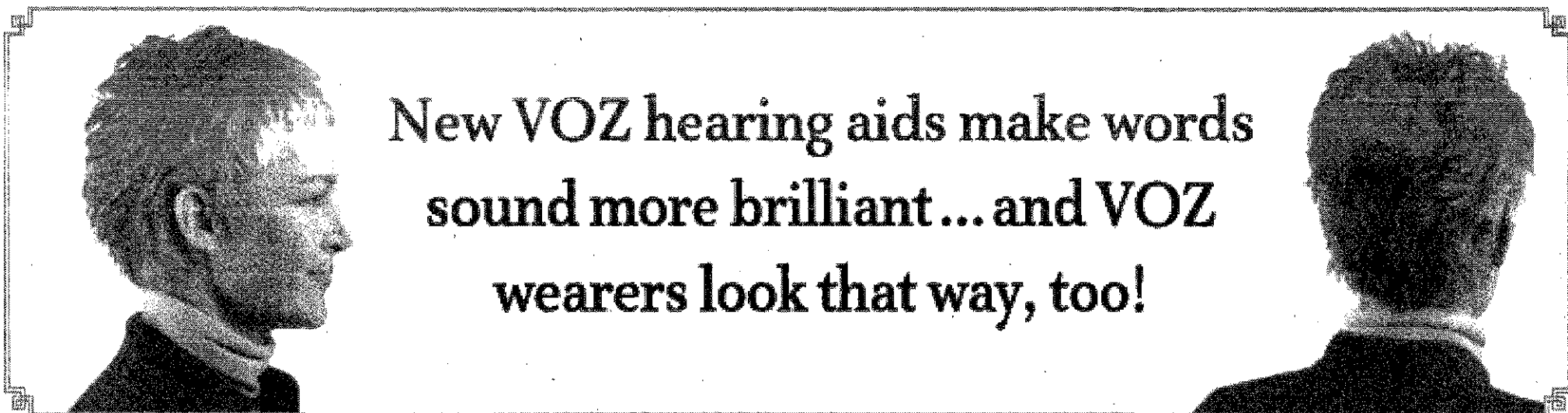
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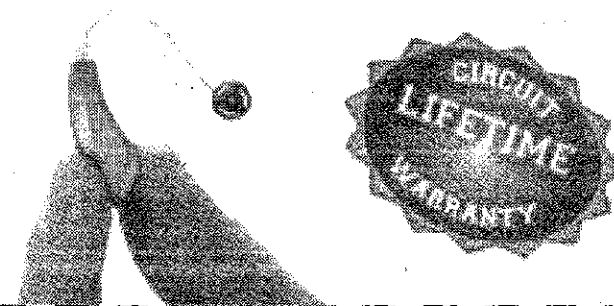
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by Mildred L. Culp

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One employer is taking on a minimum of 29,000 people, full-time, between now and October

1. The organization will fill more than 150 occupations. It's the Army: surprised? What are the backgrounds of some of the people and what will they do?

Samantha Dale, 34, of Portland, Ore., earned her B.S. in Forestry at the University of Florida. She worked as a forester at Georgia Pacific Corp., managing three employees covering 300,000 acres. Unfulfilled, she then bought and managed a logging business for four years, but found weekly payroll tedious and unreliable employees a strain. She put her business up for sale and went looking for purpose in life and for adventure.

After ten years in the same industry, North Lauderdale, Fla., mortgage broker Mario Alejandrino, 36, watched the subprime crisis take his financial future away with his commission-only position in March. He moved into commercial insurance sales, where he received base salary plus commission, but that eventually would convert to 100 percent commission. He wanted security and adventure.

Single mother Barbara Wilson, 37, of Cookeville, Tenn., had been getting to work as a cook at 3:30 a.m. at Thelma's Place, and leaving 10 and one-half hours later. She prepared food, cleaned up, stood over a hot grill for four or five hours, and, for two and one-half of those hours, served customers — "long hours, real hot and demanding," she says. She obtained medical coding and billing skills, but kept being turned down for insufficient experience. She wanted to learn something new, including survival skills.

Each had options: — The business owner had her choice of occupations (other than infantry, artillery and armor) and chose medic for purpose. Its bonus: "I'll be jumping out of planes."

— The cook turned down mechanic and truck driver for financial management specialist. She'll research and resolve problems in paychecks, using her favorite part of her restaurant job — interpersonal contact.

— The mortgage broker had 20 options. He chose telecommunications because of its long-term career prospects.

All three are doing something unusual for career changers but normal for career changers who join the Army. They are entering one, two or three levels above entry-level. Their particular signing bonuses range from \$13,000 to \$20,000. Base salary for them at entry ranges between \$16,000 and \$21,000. These amounts are low, but they'll receive food, housing, health insurance and medical coverage. When they report to their first duty station, they'll receive: — housing or a housing allowance; — a food allowance based on the size of the family and the area of the country (or world);

— a uniform allowance, and — access to recreational facilities on location.

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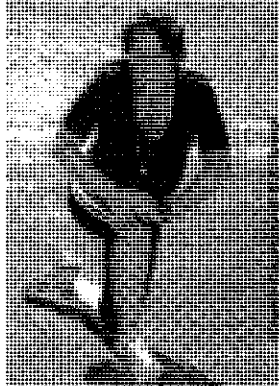
Joining the Army is one thing; meeting its fitness requirement in your 30s, quite another. Then there's a not-so-small matter called war.

Alejandrino says, "Mentally I'm ready. I know there will be kids and I'll have to do my best to keep up with them. I'm not completely out of shape. The Army gradually gets you where you need to be following its motto: Crawl, Walk, Run. I see basic training as going to the gym... After a couple of weeks of doing things over and over, I'm going to adapt." He thinks that the major adjustment will be the structure. "There's a lot of teamwork," he states. "There's nothing you can do without getting the approval first. I'm used to doing things on my own. I was in banking, I'm not 18." He adds, chuckling, "My mom hasn't told me what to do for 18 years now."

Dale anticipates a major change in lifestyle. "I don't work out," she says. "It's going to be physically challenging. I try to run every day, but it ends up being four to five times a week. I do a workout with push-ups and sit-ups. Every Thursday I do physical training drills with another future soldier." Wilson is anxious. "I'm not a very big person," she explains. "I've been an outdoor person but not a jock. I've been playing volleyball and softball with the kids. I've been working to prepare myself."

Dealing with reactions from friends and relatives almost seems easier than the fitness challenge. Alejandrino enlisted with his daughter, and a cousin expressed concern about serving in current and future wars. Alejandrino pointed out that the negatives of the

Business owner and future soldier Samantha Dale of Portland, Ore., has been running to meet the fitness requirement for the Army. She shines with enthusiasm about her decision to find purpose in her employment by working as a medic.



Army are considerably less than the positives and that not all soldiers who go to war "die or come back damaged." His attitude is this: "It's something new, something different, and I'm with my daughter. What better job can I ask for?"

Wilson heard "Are you crazy?" a number of times. She also heard, "I'll be good for you." But most people asked, "Why?" She told people that she wanted to be physically and mentally stronger and "the best for my family later on. And it's what I can do for my country." She'll have insurance and, like Alejandrino, be taking advantage of the educational benefit. Dale's liberal friends "don't agree with what our government is doing in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is about me — not politics — service to country, pride and intangible things."

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