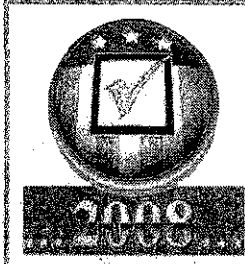


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Clerk expects low vote in Tuesday's primary

To see who we endorsed in Tuesday's primary election, see today's Opinion page on A11.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland voters will help decide federal, state and county political races — and a Detroit Zoo tax — when they go to the polls in Tuesday's primary.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Turnout is expected to not even reach 20 percent.

One of the most closely watched local races will be the 12th District Wayne County Commission contest, which has eight Democrats and two Republicans competing to become party nominees.

On the Democratic side, commission appointee Ronaele Bowman, who replaced long-

time Commissioner Kay Beard after Beard stepped down in March, will face former Commissioner Paul Citkowski; Schoolcraft College trustee Joan Gebhardt, a staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon; Westland City Council President James Godbout; Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton; former Inkster City Council member Wanda Harris-Foster; Livonia resident

and Dearborn attorney Douglas Kaye; and parent advocate Danny Wilson.

On the GOP side, former Westland City Councilman David James will face retired Detroit Public Schools teacher Thomas Thompson of Livonia.

Although Westland typically has a primary turnout of around 15 percent, Clerk Eileen DeHart predicted it could be a little higher

Tuesday, with absentee ballots included.

"It could be a little higher because of the county commission race," she said. "I'm hoping for 17 or 18 percent."

The city has just over 60,000 registered voters, DeHart said.

Voters also will help decide a 0.1-mill zoo tax that would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$10 a year.

Local voters also will cast

votes in races for U.S. Congress, Wayne County clerk and county treasurer, among others.

DeHart has reminded voters that they still may go to the city clerk's office, on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh, to cast absentee ballots Monday.

For more information, she said, call (734) 467-3185.

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Bonnie Sue Olds Asbury (left), of Inkster and a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and Debbi Routin of Redford, who are members of the Purple Pals of the Red Hat Society, leave Qdoba Mexican Grill, part of the Westland Chamber Restaurant Rally.

'It's fabulous ...'

Food 'aficionados' rally around annual chamber event

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland event that allowed patrons to pay \$20 to sample food from 13 restaurants became so popular this year that it drew three generations of one family. Even the queen showed up.

Sue Mikolhaczyk of Canton and her mother, Joan Chyba of Westland, tried the mild chicken wings at Famous Dave's, while Mikolhaczyk's daughter, Mandy, braved the hot wings. Both flavors passed the taste test as they sat inside the Warren Road restaurant with Sally Louks of Canton.

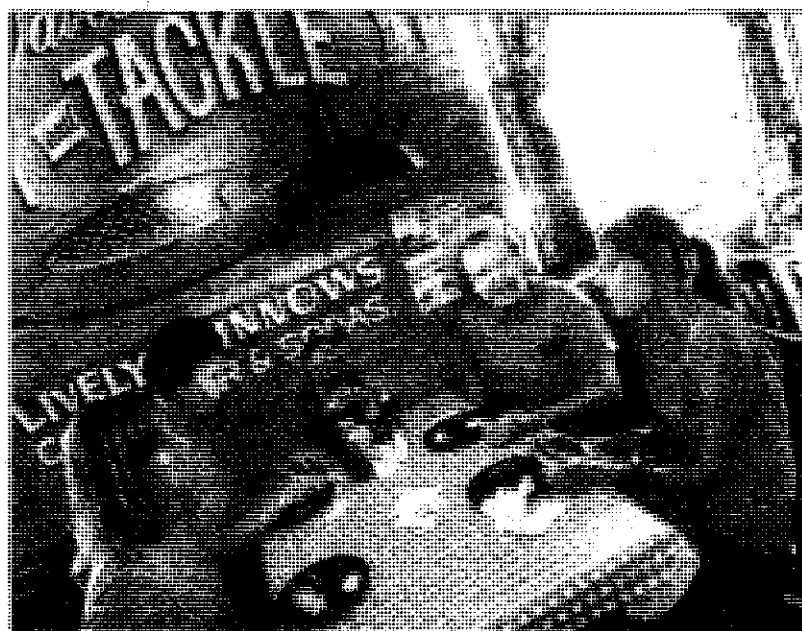
Chyba also sampled the salmon spread on a cracker as the women made their first stop during the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally.

"It's very good," Chyba said, after biting into the cracker.

The group planned to make Starbucks Coffee their next stop.

"We love our Starbucks," Mikolhaczyk said.

Restaurant rally participants wore special T-shirts that gave them access to sections of restaurants reserved for the fifth annual event. Many patrons hopped aboard trol-



Sally Louks of Canton (clockwise from left), Sue Mikolhaczyk of Canton, her mother Joan Chyba of Westland, and Mikolhaczyk's daughter, Mandy, sample the food at Famous Dave's.

leys that traveled among the eateries, while others chose to drive themselves.

At the Qdoba Mexican Grill at Warren and Central City Parkway, Queen Marilyn Hayward and Vice Queen Trish Miller, royalty from the

Purple Pals of the Red Hat Society, accompanied nearly 20 of their social club members. Qdoba served up its naked burritos, or burritos in a bowl.

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Shaw hopes changes will quiet critics of senior village plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Besieged by complaints over his proposal for a \$35 million senior citizen village on Westland's north side, developer Glenn Shaw Jr. hopes to extend an olive branch to his critics by offering changes to his plans.

Still, Shaw indicated that he can't implement massive changes, such as eliminating a three-story senior apartment building, because he has to ensure that the project will remain economically viable.

Shaw has announced he hopes to meet with select residents on Aug. 7 for private, invitation-only talks to discuss the latest changes for Nankin Mills Village, a development he has proposed south and east of Sts. Helen and Constantine Church on Joy east of Newburgh.

"I'm hoping for a positive resolution," he said.

Shaw also has invited Mayor William Wild and Westland City Council President James Godbout to attend the talks.

Shaw told *The Observer* his team has created a bigger buffer between his proposed development and neighbors. He also said he has settled on some architectural changes and implement-

ed new landscaping ideas.

His original plans called for 54 stand-alone homes, 20 duplex condominiums and a 147-unit, three-story apartment building with certain amenities, such as a hair salon, a theater and a restaurant.

Shaw has described Nankin Mills Village as a place where seniors could enjoy a day of activities without straying from home, but residents have repeatedly blasted his plans and said it is too large for the neighborhood.

In a 4-3 vote in June, the council approved two measures — a rezoning and a planned unit development proposal — for Shaw's plans. Those decisions fueled criticism from residents of Ravine and Gray streets.

Moreover, a newly formed group hopes to recall Wild, Godbout and three other council members who support the plan, including Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves.

Shaw said he still hopes that, with the latest changes, he can win over most residents. He and some city officials also have pointed out that the project will bring in some much-needed tax revenues as Westland continues to weather an economic slump.

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Hearing continued in Laci Greene case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland couple whose daughter was strangled to death near their home will have to wait — again — to learn whether the accused killer will face trial for first-degree murder.

Barbara and Edward Green had testified in June that their daughter Laci's ex-boyfriend, Robert James-the-First Howard, was outside their house early May 7, the same morning their daughter was found dead near the south side of Millpointe subdivision.

Barbara Green even testified that Howard, 25, told her, "I hope you don't think I had anything to do with this."

As Howard's preliminary hearing resumed Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, a newer friend of Laci Green, Paris Baynes of Detroit, testified that Laci Green had dropped him off at home before she returned to her parents' house. The two of them talked

on the phone when Laci Green got home around 12:50 a.m.

That's about the same time that taxicab driver Michael Tabb earlier testified that he dropped Howard off on Westland's southwest side, not far from where the Greens live on Dunn Court.

Baynes has told police he didn't kill Laci Green and that he was at home when she was murdered. Police don't suspect him of any involvement.

In court Thursday, defense attorney Bertram Johnson asked 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli for more time to review an audio and video tape of police interrogating Howard, among other potential evidence. As such, Howard's hearing will continue Aug. 28.

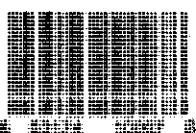
In the meantime, the defendant remains jailed without bond. If convicted as charged, Howard will face life in prison.

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Coming Thursday in filter



West Bloomfield High grad Brandon T. Jackson stars alongside Dan Siller and Jack Black in the upcoming comedy 'Tropic Thunder.'

Hayes Jones: Gas prices make bus riding a SMART choice

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes. In 2007, gas was selling at around \$2 a gallon and Hayes Jones was wondering how to fill the empty seats on SMART buses.

This year, gas has doubled in price and SMART bus ridership is skyrocketing. So much so that SMART, short for Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, has a primer for bus riding neophytes on its Web site.

"We've been praying for this moment," said Jones, SMART's general manger. "We have an opportunity to show doubting Thomases that we can drive passenger buses that can provide services."

In a speech before the Garden City Rotary Club, Jones, SMART's general manager, said he seems to be "running over hurdles" his whole life. The latest has been building ridership for SMART. A lot of the increased ridership has been the cost of gas, but Jones is on a mission to hang onto the new riders when gas prices decline.

"We had nine million riders in 1994 when SMART formed, we plan to exceed 15 million this year," he said. "We tried to convince city fathers and councils to join SMART to no avail. All of a sudden gas prices went up and now people are



FILE PHOTO

Hayes Jones has two passion - sports and regional transportation - both of which he recently discussed with members of the Garden City Rotary Club.

knocking on our doors and we have standing room only on our buses. Now we're cheek to cheek and we've had to create a 101 (class) on how to ride the bus."

According to Jones, the bus system carries some 250,000

riders per week. The larger buses, which until recently had been averaging some 27,000 riders per week, have exploded to more than 42,000 riders per week as people look for alternatives to the high gas prices.

But while the increased ridership

"is a blessing," it's also a curse, according to Jones. With the state's faltering economy, the transit system hasn't received the money it needs from the state, and federal government also isn't giving it out. That leaves SMART to find ways to keep going without having to cut services.

"I tell the staff that we're not passing on the costs," he said. "We've been praying for this moment. You pay \$1.50 to ride the bus and we're going to hold the line. We're looking internally to reduce costs while we maintain services."

"We're going to wring the towel," he added. "We did it last year, we'll do it again this year."

BECOMING RIDER FRIENDLY

To be rider friendly, SMART has partnered with Google to have the entire transit system online at zero cost to SMART. People need only go to www.smartbus.org and click on Google.

"We have MapQuest, put in your address and destination and it will tell you walk to here to get the bus and where to get off," Jones said.

SMART also is in the process of adding video cameras to its buses so that passengers, especially women, feel safe and is using money it saved from the feds to purchase GPS technology, so riders can use their Palm Pilots to find out where their bus is.

"If you can bring those kinds of services to people, you can get them to want ride the bus," Jones said. "I feel our customers should have the best."

Jones also wants SMART to go green. The system is starting to purchase hybrid buses and try one at a time to find the best fit. Use of hybrid buses like ones that are diesel and electric can save the transit system money.

"For every one-cent increase in diesel fuel, it costs us \$33,000 a year," he said. "With the increase in customers in May, we made an extra \$1 million, but it cost an additional \$3 million."

Jones admits that SMART has been hurt by the ability of communities to opt out of SMART in Wayne and Oakland counties. While communities like Garden City and Westland continue to support SMART, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton have bowed out.

"It definitely hurts SMART in providing service," Jones said.

To show the Rotarians what a good transit system can accomplish, Jones talked about his own household. He has two cars and did the math. The cost to the family was \$1,600 a month.

"It's something you don't think about," he said. "Can you imagine what you could do with \$1,600, if you had a real transit system? The economy could really grow, if we had all

the discretionary income."

MAKING IT WORK

Jones added that a demonstration project in the works that would connect Ann Arbor to Detroit with a connection to the airport. If organizers can prove citizens would support such a service, "the federal government will support it," he said.

"Howell to Ann Arbor, up Woodward ... we could put together a system and connect it with the rubber rail," he said. "And that would open up this area economically."

And while SMART can get people to and from jobs and shopping, club member Steve Kelly asked Jones about the transit system providing transportation from Westland Shopping Center to a Detroit Lions game or Comerica Park.

"It seems to me, given the cost of transportation and parking, it might be a popular service," Kelly said.

Jones agreed, but said that up until a few months ago a federal regulation prevented the bus service from doing charters. SMART's attorneys are now looking into the changes.

"I want to thank Garden City for being a partner with SMART," Jones added. "I can tell you that for the money you give, you will get the most out of it."

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Steakhouse collects backpacks for students

A Westland steak house hopes its customers will sink their teeth into a charity project aimed at collecting back-to-school backpacks for students in need.

Texas Roadhouse, on Ford east of Newburgh, has started a project that will continue through late August to help Wayne-Westland students.

Customers who bring in new, unused backpacks will get a \$5 coupon off their next visit, restaurant managing partner Eric

Hughes said.

Patrons who fill the backpacks with school supplies will get another \$5 coupon.

"It's a good way to get kids ready for school and get people to start thinking about school supplies for some of the needier kids," Hughes said.

Customers who buy school supplies are encouraged to fill the backpacks with pencils, notebooks, paper, pens, markers — anything that students might use, regardless of what

grade they're in, Hughes said.

Texas Roadhouse is planning a luncheon for school principals near the end of August, and restaurant managers hope to give the backpacks to them at that time.

The backpacks will be turned over to the school district's Family Resource Center, which provides a wide array of services and programs for families, particularly in the low-income Norwayne subdivision.

AROUND WESTLAND

15th anniversary

Come out and join in the celebration at Electric Stick Billiards which will be celebrate its 15th anniversary 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. The event will feature inflatables by Bobby's Bouncers, the Westland Fire Department and the Westland K-9 units there from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m., Westland Mayor William Wild at 1 p.m., former Detroit Red Wings captain John O'Grodnick 6-10 p.m., two live bands - Bionic Velvet and Nessie - from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There also will be a drawing for prizes at 11

ON THE WEB

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p.m.

Electric Stick is at 6581 N. Wayne Road at Hunter. For more information, call (734) 467-1717.

Silent auction

Breast Friends Walking is

hosting a Silent Auction along with a Wine and Beer Tasting at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the Wayne Senior Center, 35000 Sims at the corner of Wayne Road in Wayne, to raise money for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in September. Some of the items to be auctioned include Detroit Tiger tickets, romance packages, family fun packages, Silver Lake package and golf.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. All the proceeds go to breast cancer. For more information, call Sharon Bailey (734) 513-6854 or by e-mail at slapbailey@yahoo.com. For more about Breast Friends Walking, go online to <http://08.the3day.org/> go to/Sharon.Mary.Bailey.



Dazzling time

More than 200 people attended the Westland Community Foundation's "Champagne & Diamond" event, held July 25 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, foundation President Glenn Shaw Jr. said. Among the highlights, he said, the foundation awarded a dozen or so \$1,000 scholarships to local students and provided \$10,000 for The Salvation Army. Moreover, Shaw said the foundation has now reached the \$500,000 mark in money it has put into the community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2846-D. Honeycutt-33124 Ann Arbor Trail
Request for a 1,360 square foot detached accessory structure variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 28' x 54', 1,512 square foot detached accessory structure at the rear of the home which comprises 960 square feet, resulting in a total of 2,320 square feet of accessory structures on the lot, whereas Section 7.4.3 states that all accessory structures cannot exceed the floor area of the main building.

Petition #2847-Westland Hunter Investments, 6551 N. Wayne Road
Request for a use variance from Ordinance 248 in order to operate a driving school out of a lease space located within the Westland Plaza whereas Section 7.4.3 does not list the proposed use as a permitted use within the CB-3 district.

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Having a little fun on the Entertainment Express trolley after leaving Dario's Italian Eatery in Garden City during the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Restaurant Rally are Jessica Strickler of Westland (from left), Michele Schiffer of Livonia, Gwendolyn LeBlanc of Westland, Tina Strasser of Garden City, Melinda Dixon of Livonia and Anthony Fall of Livonia, all from Parkside Credit Union of Livonia.

RALLY

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"It's fabulous, all this wonderful food and a T-shirt for just \$20," Hayward said. "It's good friends and good food."

Red Hat Society members from as near as Westland and Livonia, and from as far away as Downriver, joined the Restaurant Rally fun.

Famous Dave's manager Jeff Shadick said the event provided exposure of his restaurant to some first-time customers who hopefully will return. He also said it fostered involvement in the Westland community.

Chamber President Brookellen Swope said this year's event drew about 550 people and was a sellout. In addition to Famous Dave's, Qdoba and Starbucks, participants also visited Applebee's, Ashley's Beer &



During a stop at Texas LongHorn Steakhouse, the Prieskorn and Stockdale families sample Philly cheese steaks, Texas T-onion and strawberry cheesecake. From left are Ann Prieskorn of Wayne and Kayla Stockdale, Megan Prieskorn, Mike Prieskorn, and Glenn and Karen Stockdale of Westland.

Grill, Beaver Creek, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dario's Italian Eatery, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's, Marvaso's Italian Grille and Texas Roadhouse.

"I think overall it went really well," Swope said. "Everybody seemed happy, and I know everybody's belly was full."

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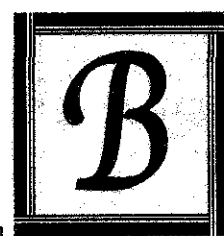
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Career Tech teens win national honors

Three students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland won honors at the recent National Leadership and Skills Conference and SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo.

Michael St. Anotone of John Glenn High School received a bronze medal after placing third in the nation in CNC milling (computer-aided manufacturing). Fellow Glenn student Justine Kollar placed fourth in technical drawing (computer-aided design), while Lee Pierson, a student at Catholic Central High School placed eighth in CNC turning

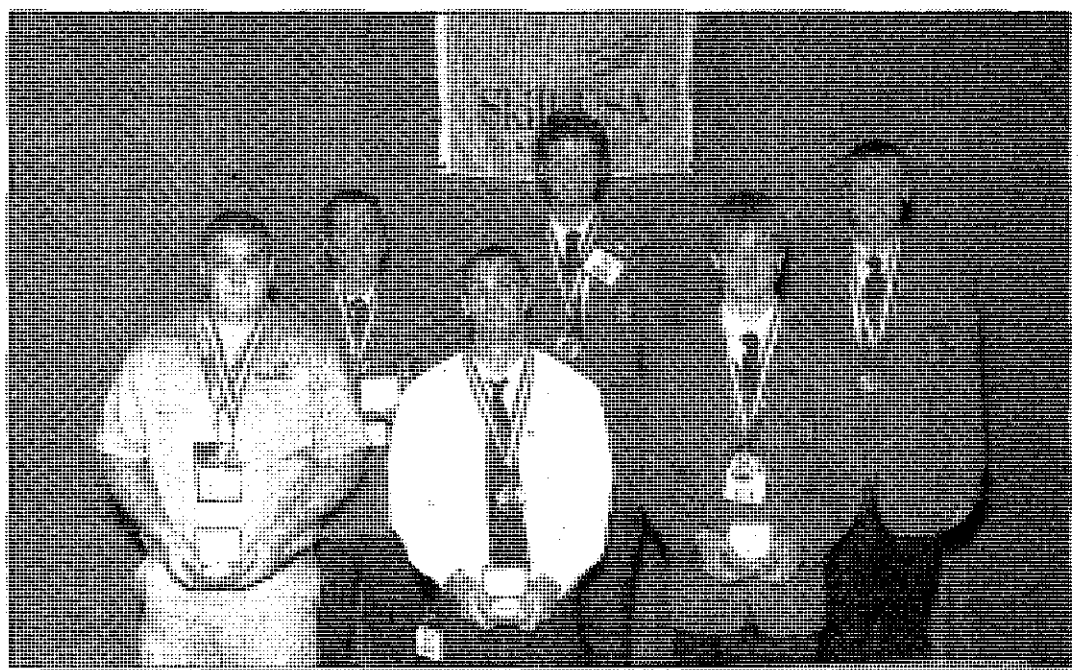
technology (computer-aided manufacturing).

SkillsUSA, formerly known as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the national-level competition for public high school and college/post-secondary technical students, and it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America every

year at an estimated cost of more than \$30 million. Each SkillsUSA Championships contestant is a state-level gold medalist.

Begun in 1967, the SkillsUSA Championships has grown from 54 competitors in three contests to more than 5,000 competitors in 91 hands-on skill and leadership contests this year. SkillsUSA adds contests to the SkillsUSA Championships to meet the demands of new and expanding occupations. SkillsUSA affiliated instructional programs represent 130 different occupational areas.



Posing with the medals they won in the Skills USA national championships' CNC machining - milling are high school medalists Fyan Barrett (front row, from left), silver, of the Greene County (Ohio) Career Center, Andrew Alvares, gold, of the Diman (Mass.) RVTHS, and, Michael A. St. Antoine, bronze, of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Postsecondary/College medalists are Scott Ringo (back row, from left), silver, of the Canadian Valley (Okla.) Technical Center, Ryder Carson, gold, of Idaho State University, College of Technology, and Josh Monson, bronze of Alexandria (Minn.) Technological College.

Holiday meals program needs volunteer drivers

As the long summer days get shorter, many of us are making plans to celebrate Labor Day, the last official holiday of the summer season.

Enjoying a hot meal and the company of family and friends is something most of us take for granted. Unfortunately, not every senior citizen has family or friends nearby to share the holiday. For some, the added burden of being disabled or homebound makes participating in even this very basic occasion a struggle, if not impossible.

To help ease this burden The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals Program was designed to provide hot meals to seniors and adults with disabilities on four holidays out of the year.

Volunteers are crucial.

Without them, the holiday meals program would not be possible. Currently, The Senior Alliance (TSA) is facing the same challenge many other health and service agencies are dealing with - recruiting volunteers. Many volunteers have supported holiday meals program for many years, and despite tough economic times and rising fuel costs, continue to stay committed to help those less fortunate.

TSA is a non-profit organization that provides a comprehensive network of programs and services to older adults, caregivers, and adults with disabilities residing within 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County.

One of the many programs coordinated by TSA is Meals

on Wheels, which most people don't realize does not operate on holidays. The holiday meals program provides hot meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Labor Day delivered by dedicated volunteers. Each meal costs \$5 and is financed entirely through private donations, as well as various fund-raising activities, such as holiday card sales and the annual Golf Classic. Ninety-three cents out of every \$1 raised goes directly to senior programs and services.

People who would like to make a difference in the life of a senior this Labor Day, or would like to make a donation, call Lori Tooles-Carrington, program specialist, at (734) 727-2063.

Get organized

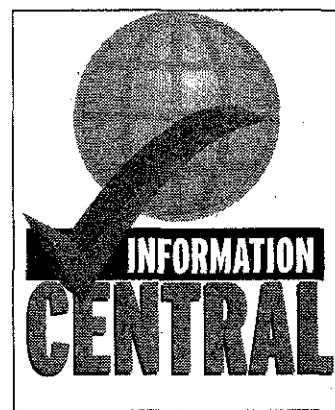
Although the season has long since passed, it's never too late for a little spring cleaning. While creating clutter does not take much effort, finding solutions to fix the damage can be demanding.

For some serious tidying inspiration, look no further than the Westland Public Library. As long as you can pardon our temporary clutter as we undergo a restructuring of the collection, come on down and we'll be glad to show you some books and DVDs that are sure to urge you into action.

Choose from a selection of books like Harriet Schechter's "Let Go of Clutter" or Paige Gilchrist's "Stylist Storage" that will give you tips and tactics on how to let go of excess clutter and arrange your things in such a way that is not only practical but also fashionably impressive.

The methods covered in the books range from small solutions to big projects. Change the tone of an entire room by altering the arrangement of a collection of items on a tabletop, or by storing small things in strategically stacked covered boxes.

"Cut the Clutter and Stow the Stuff" even offers tips for well-placed storage for library items and video rentals that will help to avoid late fees. If you're in the mood for a big change, though, you could even follow the directions for assembling your own



built-in book shelves to save floor space.

Our collection reaches outside of the home as well. Even if the garage isn't your top priority, it's always a nice feeling to actually have room to pull your car into it. For project ideas, watch the DVD "Garage Organization" or read "Organize Your Garage ... In No Time" by Barry Izsak. Unclutter your mind and workspace with Ronni Eisenberg's "Organize your Office!" and become more productive in your professional life as well.

Feeling overwhelmed by all of the junk that is fast invading your personal space? Escape it by making a trip to the library and begin to take steps toward a permanent solution! Stop by the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123 or search our catalog

any time of the day online at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

Adult Poetry Group: 3 p.m. Aug. 3. For ages 19 and up.

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

Do you Wii? 1-3 p.m. Aug. 7.

Teens in sixth-12th-grades are invited to try out the library's new Wii system. Bring a friend or meet a new friend at the library.

Capital Market Outlook- Second Quarter Market Review: 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, who will help you put current market conditions in perspective to help you become a better informed investor. Topics include economic outlook, market outlook and diversifying your investment portfolio. Sign up to reserve your seat by calling (734) 326-6123.

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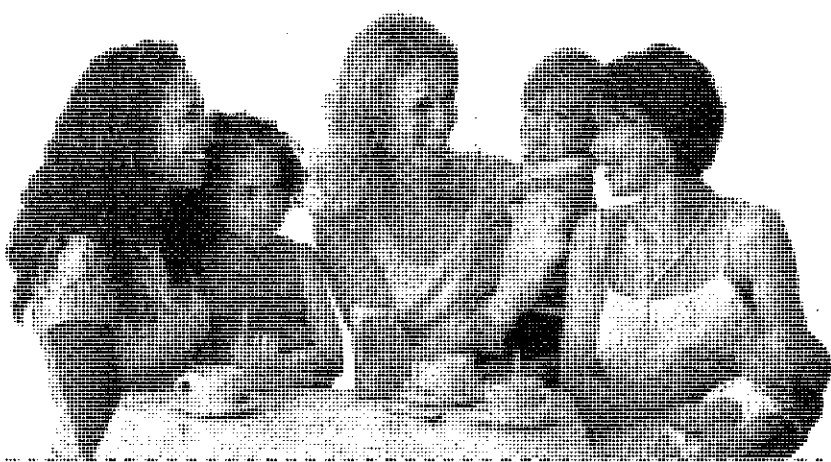
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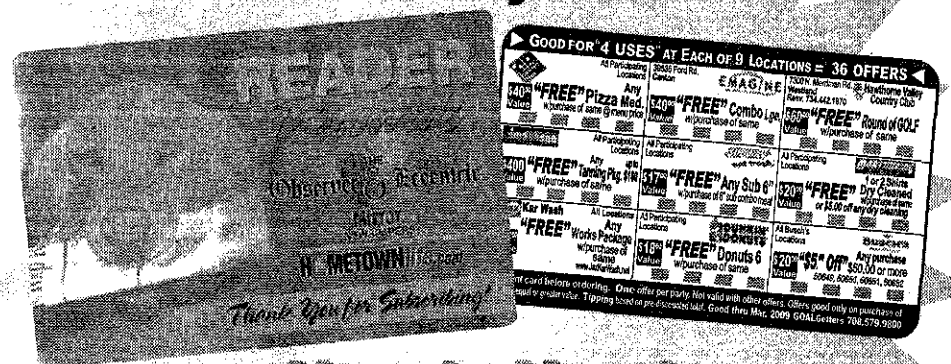
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PAH-fest honors Livonia team's 6-minute film

The second annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest) Motown'08 has come to a close after a week of events, contests, filmmaking, and concerts. Area artists stepped into the limelight as their stories were showcased during an awards ceremony at Madonna University's Kresge Hall, on Sunday, July 20. The ceremony, featuring movie-viewing, awards and celebration, was hosted by WXYZ Channel 7's Dennis Neubacher.

The main event at PAH-fest is Mobi-Flicks, a competition where participants create and produce a six-minute film in four days. This highly anticipated award — \$1,000 cash and a digital recorder — went to a team of Livonia residents: Christina Harris, Ryan Brown, Ashley Harris, Matthew McFerris, Susan Knighton, and Madonna instructor Chuck Derry (coach). Their film, entitled 'Espranza,' told the story of Detroit's Angela Reyes, founder of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC), which provides a fun, safe environment for local youth.

PAH-fest creator Christopher Coppola was so inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of the children involved with Circus Vision, a PAH-fest event that took place near Hart Plaza, he made an unscheduled visit to the DHDC so the children there could participate in Cell Phone Art, which had been scheduled to take place at Madonna's campus in Livonia only.

The other competitions that took place throughout the festival were: DigiPortraits, two-minute portrait shot with a cell phone; Circus Vision, a smart phone digital treasure hunt for kids 14 and younger; Cell Phone Art, one-minute movie on a cell phone; Cellular Tone Poems, images that visually express an original musical composition are recorded using a cell phone.

The awards ceremony recognized creative minds of all ages and from all walks of life. Rozell Clay of Detroit won the Circus Vision contest, receiving \$100. Mary Fairgrieve took home a \$250 prize for her Cell Phone Art entry. Nancy Boyd, 13, and Megan Griesbeck, 12, from Highland Township, won the DigiPortrait competition and also received a \$250 cash prize. Detroit resident, Lisa Dorough, was awarded a digital recorder for her Tone Poem.

Coppola, who officially has become a member of the Madonna broadcast and cinema arts faculty, presented the University with the first Spirit of PAH award, for its enthusiasm and dedication to helping make Hollywood accessible to all. In receiving this award, Madonna University sets the bar for all other PAH-Fest hosts around the world.

The second annual PAH-fest Motown took place throughout the week of July 14-20 at Madonna University's main campus in Livonia, as well as in Detroit. The free, digital media festival travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, giving people of all walks of life a chance to tell their stories through movies. PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

Coppola was at the main campus of Madonna University (www.madonna.edu) at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, throughout the festival. The University also has centers in Southwest Detroit, Orchard Lake and Gaylord.



PAH-Fest award winners, left to right: Chuck Derry (coach) Susan Knighton, Matthew McFerris, Ashley Harris, Ryan Brown, Christina Harris and, PAH-fest organizer Christopher Coppola.

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Poison ivy is bigger and badder than ever

First: an annoying little itch. More likely than not, you pay no attention. Next, tiny blisters appear. And if you are not particularly sensitive, that may be all that happens. But for many Oakland County residents, itching intensifies, your skin may become inflamed and fluid filled oozing rashes become unbearable and sink summer fun. You scream out "Benadryl" and race for the dermatologist. Your misery lasts for weeks. You are just one more victim of an extreme case of rhus dermatitis. Poison ivy got you good!

And it is not your imagination that poison ivy of today is bigger and badder than back in



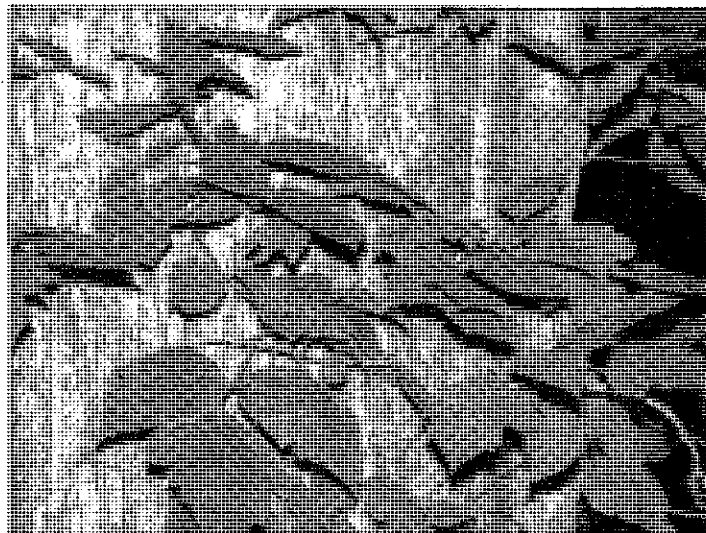
On Nature
Jonathan Schechter

entists were suspecting. Rising levels of carbon dioxide are producing more potent, more vigorous poison ivy. And that is not good news if you are part of the 85 percent of the popu-

the days when granny would strip you down after your backwoods romp, sponge you with that rough bar of laundry soap and leave you to soak in an oatmeal bath. Studies are confirming what some sci-

lation that is sensitive to this plant. If all you know about poison ivy is the old adage, "Leaflets three, let it be," the summer of '08 may be your downfall. Many plants have three leaves; one of my favorites is wild strawberry. And poison ivy takes on many different forms. Poison ivy can be found on the ground, but it also takes on thick bushy forms in open fields. In woodlands and along park trails it is often an enormous high climbing vine thick as your arm. And from that vine monstrously large face-slapping leaves reach out on branches five or six feet long. I think back to the worst case of poison ivy I ever saw. It was an area fire chief about 15 years ago. You had to feel for that guy, for after his exposure his face looked like the Pillsbury Doughboy with sunburn and measles. He was one miserable guy. But a few days later I cut fire wood and failed to notice a poison ivy vine clinging to a log. It rubbed against my bare belly as I hauled wood resulting in a

raging rash of misery that also appeared in locations where the sun never shines. I still remember the look of puzzlement on my doctor's face, "You got this how?" Here's the hard facts. Urushiol is the active ingredient in poison ivy. No one is immune. Sensitivity varies and an allergic reaction is usually only a matter of time. Urushiol can retain potency for up to five years on dead vines and hand tools. And if your dog romped through a poison ivy patch today and you stoke his fur tonight, that annoying little itch may join you tomorrow. And as many wildlands firefighters have discovered this fire season the oil readily bonds to smoke particles and cause serious skin and lung irritation. Avoidance is the best prevention, but we've progressed a long way from the days of "Where's that pink lotion?" Many linemen and forestry workers use both pre-contact and after-contact lotions. Now for my true testimonial. Last summer while backpacking on a sweltering day in Ohio's



Face-slapping high poison ivy vines cling to tree trunks in the Ortonville State Recreation Area.

Zaleski State Forest my trail partner and I suddenly discovered we were entering a kingdom of poison ivy of all shapes and forms. With no turning back, it was time. We rubbed on "IvyX Pre-contact Towelettes" (www.forestrysuppliers.com) and plodded on past potent ankle-embracing, leg-hugging, face-slapping, urushiol-oozing ivy leaves. And after making camp we slathered on a post-exposure cleanser: Technu (tecnuex-

treme.com). Two days later back in Michigan the only rash I had hatched from other summer wonders: mosquitoes and stinging nettle. My summer day pack now contains both pre- and post-exposure towelettes along with the usual compass, matches and mini-tarp. Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way and is certified in Advanced Wilderness Life Support by the Wilderness Medical Society. Reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

is late. In addition, although it is rare, the IRS can also assess you with a penalty for a late payment. The 2008 due dates for taxpayers required to pay quarterly are April 15, June 16, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15, 2009. If you miss an estimated tax payment, there is a possibility the penalty can be waived. Form 2210 is the form that you would file with your 2008 tax returns to take advantage of one of the exceptions to the rule. Q: What is your opinion on the Westcore Plus Bond as opposed to bank CDs? Is the difference in yield worth investing in this bond fund?

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13 candidates vie for county treasurer

Nine candidates have filed to run against incumbent Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary. Two Republicans are seeking the GOP nomination. The county treasurer serves a four-year term. The position pays \$128,768 a year.

All candidates were asked to respond to an online questionnaire by Gannett Newspapers in Michigan for our online voter guide. Three Democrats, Wojtowicz,

County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh and Beverly Kindle-Walker and two Republicans, former county auditor Brenden Dunleavy and Timberly Robinson responded.

Kevin Kelly of Grosse Ile, Thomas Marciniak of Plymouth, Robert John Nozicka of Dearborn, Brian O'Donnell of Dearborn, Catherine O'Meara of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sigmunt John Szczepkowski of Riverview, Keith Windham of Detroit,

and Linda Kay Zebrowsk of Garden City did not respond to the questionnaire.

These are the responses of the Republican candidates to the questionnaire. Answers from the Democratic candidates who responded ran in Thursday paper.

For responses in this and other contests, go to the Voter Guide at www.hometown-life.com.

Foreclosure process is major issue

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1. Property Foreclose Process
2. Dwindling County Revenue and Investments. I would meet with legislators in Lansing to amend current laws governing delinquent property taxes. I would work with city officials countywide to establish specific policy or procedures to maintain and physically safeguard properties held in the county's name.

As the number of properties foreclosed and/or owned by the county increases, it is imperative that controls are developed to safeguard and maintain properties. To assure that all appropriate process and procedures are followed with respect to county investments.

I would make informed, impartial recommendations regarding the investment and management of county funds to insure the largest yield possible with the least amount of risk. The appointment of honest, competent and qualified deputies and staff will be one of my first priorities in assure that all the functions of the office are performed properly and timely.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book

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Age: 48
Marital Status: Married to Eileen M. Dunleavy

Family: Kathleen 18, Colleen 16, Brendan 15, Maura 14, Molly 12
City/Town: Plymouth Township
Education/Degrees: B.A. Accounting, Michigan State University, Masters of Science-Finance, Walsh College
Occupation: Senior Financial Advisor
Experience: EXPERIENCE October 2004 to Present-- Michigan Financial Companies, Southfield Michigan, Senior Financial Advisor. September 1997 to September 2004 -- Wayne County, Wayne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan July 1991 to September 1997 -- Wayne County, Wayne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan October 1984 to July 1991 -- Ernst & Young, Audit Manager, Detroit Michigan June 1983 to October 1984 -- Star Line Corporation, Williamston, Michigan
Community Involvement: Active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth Michigan.

Passion is to see neighborhoods restored

What makes you the most qualified to hold this position?

I have worked for Wayne County for five years and understand the diverse needs of the communities. Individuals who have not spent much time driving from Belleville to River Rouge then to Hamtramck might not spend too much time thinking about accessibility of services. My diverse background has given me experience working with local and federal government in addition to experience in the private sector.

I will be able to oversee operations effectively because I have performed responsibilities in human resources, information systems, vendor payments, finance and organizational operations. My passion is to see neighborhoods restored. It's not just a dream, it must be a reality or the quality of life for our residents will diminish.

What are the two most important issues facing the office you are

running for, and how would you address them?

Improving Customer Service is essential.

I will analyze current operations to determine a method for adding evening hours because it's difficult for residents to conduct business between the hours of 8-4:30 p.m. Providing "Wayne County Tax 101" workshops will be implemented with the assistance of educators and the business community.

My goal is for every high school student to understand how taxes should be incorporated into budgets while considering whether or not a house is affordable. I want the County Treasurer's Office to launch some of these workshops at large corporations like DMC, Oakwood, Henry Ford and factories during "Brown Bag" lunches. Protecting homeownership is a top priority. Meet with city leaders

TIMBERLY ROBINSON



Party: Republican
Age: 41
Marital Status: Single no children
Family: Mother, 2 brothers
City/Town: Detroit
Education/Degrees: BS, Biology, Wayne State University, MBA, e-Business, Davenport University
Occupation: Project Coordinator (WSU) services in support of Perinatology Research Branch/National Institutes of Health/ Eunice Kennedy Shiver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH/NICHD)

Experience: WSU (2003 - present), Risk Management Consultant, DPS (2002-03), Wayne County (1997 - 2002), Human Resources, Detroit Newspapers (1995 -1997)

and university professors who specialize in acquiring funds to address social and urban development issues. As a collective body, more resources may be available.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

I'm actually reading "Never

Again" by John Ashcroft.

What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

Ironman is at the top of my list. I loved the cast. A well written script that had a social message. The action scenes were fun and the ending definitely made me want to see a part two.

Baseball writer wins Michigan Author Award

Tom Stanton, author of award-winning books on baseball and American life, has been awarded the 2008 Michigan Author Award.

Sponsored jointly by the Michigan Center for the Book (a program of the Library of Michigan) and the Michigan Library Association, this annual award honors a Michigan writer for his or her contributions to literature based on an outstanding published body of work.

The Michigan Author Award will be presented this fall at the Michigan Library Association "Shaping Our Tomorrow" conference at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Tickets are \$25 to hear Stanton speak at the award presentation luncheon on Friday, Oct. 24.

For more information, visit the Michigan Library Association Web site at www.mla.lib.mi.us/events/annual and access the conference registration.

Stanton writes about the memorable players and places of baseball, but most of all, how baseball is part of American life. His newest book is "Ty and the Babe: Baseball's Fiercest Rivals," the story of Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb's rivalry and friendship.

"The Final Season" was named Baseball Book of the Year as the winner of both the Casey and Dave Moore awards. It is a memoir of the last year of Tiger Stadium. In "The Road

to Cooperstown," Stanton fulfills the dream of a family trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. "Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America" tells the compelling story of one of sports most historic moments.

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Brothers make commitment to community with US-12

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For John Goci and Scott Gocaj, running their business is about more than just making a profit. The two brothers, who own and operate the U.S. 12 Bar & Grill in downtown Wayne, see the business as a commitment to family, their Albanian roots and to the Wayne-Westland community.

Regulars at the bar on westbound Michigan Avenue have witnessed major changes at U.S. 12 over the course of the last six months or so. John and Scott have made major renovations to the 8,500 square foot bar, which has been in the family for about two decades. While it now features a new 50-foot

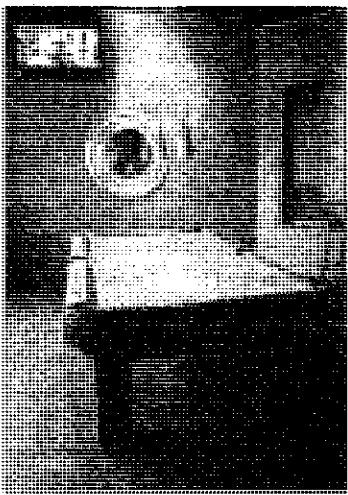
granite bar, 26 plasma televisions, a new facade, three VIP areas, a new kitchen, and a new dance floor, the bar wasn't always so sleek. Before the current renovations, it was more of a hodgepodge of different rooms.

Their father and uncle purchased the bar, which at one time was called The Funny Farm, in the mid-1980s and turned it into the Omega restaurant. When the neighboring Wayne Hobby store closed, the family bought it and John Goci turned it into a bar called the Wayne Brewery, opening the doors in 1994.

"The bar did really good, and we kind of grew from there," said Goci, a 38-year-old Westland resident.



Brothers Scott Gocaj (left) and John Goci, with Goci's daughters Violetta Goci, 7, and Vanessa Goci, 11, in the renovated U.S. 12 Bar & Grill.



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The brothers had custom-designed railings made for the bar, as well as large booths that can be used for private gatherings.

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So good in fact, that in the late 1990s, the family decided to close the restaurant and expand the bar, doubling its size. But it was kind of two bars. On one side was the Wayne Brewery and on the other was U.S. 12, which was more of a club featuring live music and dancing.

There are still two distinct sides to the bar. The U.S. 12 portion of the establishment has received the lion's share of the renovations. But, according to Scott Gocaj, 31, they have the ability to open up some large sliding doors and make it into one bar when they bring in larger, national bands.

"The great thing about this place is that we have two different atmospheres going on simultaneously. But we also have the space to bring in bigger bands," said Gocaj, who lives in Canton with his wife

and three children.

During the day, the bar attracts a working crowd which comes in for lunch. During the evenings and weekends, a younger crowd takes advantage of the lively atmosphere. Live music is featured Thursday through Saturday. Other nights typically feature a DJ.

They are also really trying to promote their new menu, which features everything from salmon and steak, to an array of sandwiches and appetizers.

"We hired a new chef that helped us come up with the menu. We really want to be a place where families can come in and eat a nice meal," John Goci said.

The brothers were born in Kosovo and have strong Albanian roots. They came to America when they were very young, though they do have memories of the old country. They attended Wayne-Westland schools and ultimately graduated from John Glenn High School.

A third brother, Skender Gocaj, who was killed in an automobile accident in 2003, was a distinguished Westland

U.S. 12 BAR & GRILL
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Owners: Brothers John Goci of Westland, and Scott Gocaj of Canton
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police officer (named officer of the year in 2002). While he is no longer of this world, he is an important part of the business. There are signs in the bar honoring his memory. John and Scott often bring him up in conversation, and many longtime patrons of the bar can recollect stories about the former police officer, who took a leave of absence to join the United Nations civilian police force in Kosovo in the months after a civil war ravaged the disputed territory in the Balkans, which was once part of Serbia, but has since declared its independence.

When the two brothers discuss their deceased sibling, it is clear how much family means to them. According to John Goci, who a couple years ago ran for a seat on the

Westland City Council, they also have the same kind of passion for the community, which he says is evident when you look at how much they have invested in the business. He estimates he has spent several hundred thousand dollars to improve both the inside and outside of the building.

"In today's economy, we probably overspent, but it is worth it. We're a family-owned business. We invested in the city of Wayne, because we believe in it. When people drive by, they will notice us," Goci said. "Wayne-Westland has always been good to my family, and we felt it was important to invest in the community."

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Paige Bawcum of Wayne Memorial High School, **Gregory Wirick** of Churchill High School and **Breanna Luckett** of John Glen High School each received a \$500 scholarship towards his or her academic future. The students had to demonstrate their drive for academic achievement, while overcoming challenges throughout their high school careers.

Three Westland residents were among 1,630 students to receive degrees from Ferris State University at the end of the May 2008 semester. Receiving degrees were

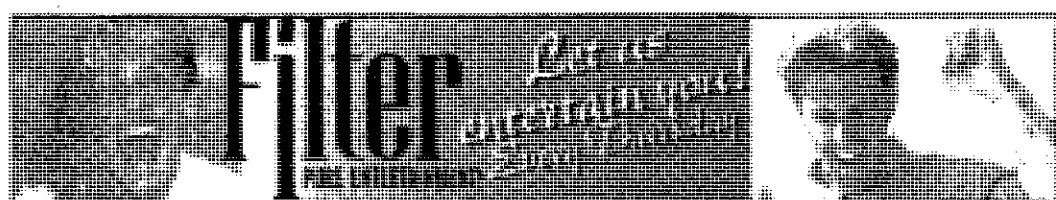
George Avgoustis, bachelor science in criminal justice; **Julie Masters**, doctor of optometry with high distinction, and **Kevin Minier**, bachelor of science in business.

Named to the Academic honors list for the May 2008 semester was Garden City resident **Marty Williams** and Westland residents **Evan Collins**, **Julie Masters**, **Kevin Minier**, **Saralyn Wilhelmi** and **Jennifer Burke**. To be eligible for the honor, students had to accumulate at least at 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of course work.

Lily Zahor of Garden City has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Michigan State University after achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Garden City residents **Amanda Lillard** and **Mary Pritchard** and Westland residents **Erin Cassidy**, **Meghan Griffith**, **Julie Harris** and **Ashley Romanczuk** have been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2008 semester at Grand Valley State University. They had to maintain at 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits to be named to the list.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Lawrence Technological University were Westland residents **Heather Dimitrievski**, **Jeremy Ferack**, **Robert Lange**, **Matthew Leright** and **Jacob Nabozny** and Garden City residents **Natasha Benchick**, **Devon Eyerma** and **Christie Mouzourakis**. They had to maintain at least 3.5 grade point average to be named to the honor roll.





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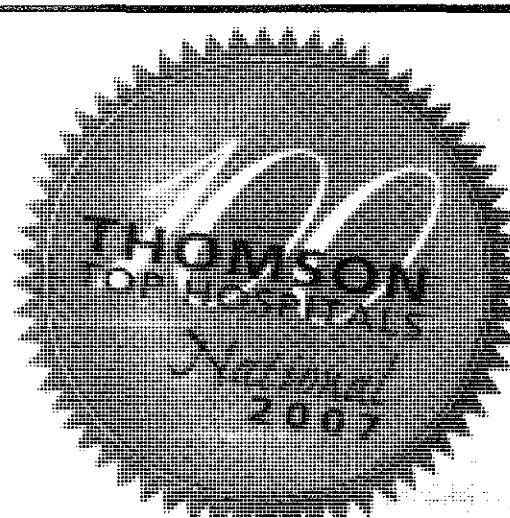
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Hospital's programs focus on wellness

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

Childbirth Education (sixth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

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

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major

muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 6

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

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

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

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

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Friday, Aug. 8

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Volunteer at Garden City Hospital Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed.

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To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

Volunteers also Aug. donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The group raises funds to support patient care. Members staff the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and deliver mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.

Knitters get creative as they make scarves, hats for kids

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A few years ago, Norine Ladd decided to knit scarves and hats to help the children at the Flint elementary school where her daughter teaches.

By the smiling faces in pictures and thank-you letters they sent, Ladd knew it was appreciated.

Hoping to help more children, she told some fellow knitters and quilters at the Livonia Senior Center about the project, and even recruited a woman at a yarn store.

"I thought if they did one, I'd be tickled pink," Ladd said, looking over a table containing dozens of colorful scarfs, patterned hats and fleece mittens in a variety of sizes. Alongside the table, about 10 women worked yarn and needle. "They are very generous," Ladd said. She'd given them only one suggestion: "Be as creative as you'd like."

The Busy Knitters meet Wednesdays, from about 10 a.m. to noon. Everybody shares ideas and develop skills.

Darlene Hartman of Northville plans to donate 100 pairs of fleece mittens.

"I think it's a great cause, that 100 children will have warm hands. I like that idea," she said. When people have remnants from blankets and other projects, she puts them to use. "When you have extra material, it feels good to pass it on."



Knitters Barbara Shrader of Livonia (from left), Janice Terwin of Plymouth, Bonnie Wells of Wayne and Edith Burnett of Livonia knit warm hats and scarves for elementary school children.

"Everyone has grandkids, and we know how kids are with mittens and scarves," said Suzy Golden of Livonia.

Mary Schoepflin of Plymouth has knitted 40 scarves. "The ladies this year have gotten fancy with their stitching," she said. "When you get those (thank-you) letters, it's worth it."

One lady who plays cards at the senior center donated a few crocheted hats. She told Ladd that the knitters always looked like they were having fun.

It's fun to give and knitting is calming, said Helen Centofanti of Livonia.

Many of the women also put their skills to work making things like lap robes for veterans, hats for newborn babies

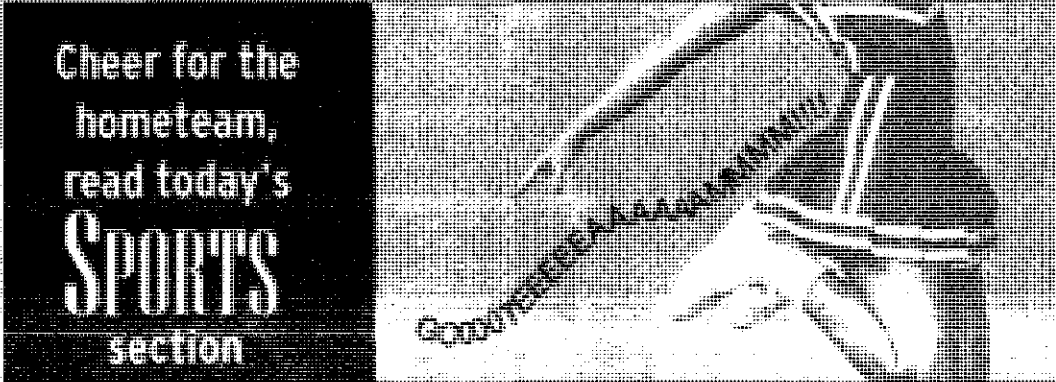
and blankets for Project Linus. This Christmas, they plan to make mittens for the giving tree to help Livonia-area residents.

Ladd's daughter, Nancy Murphy, who will teach third grade at Williams Elementary in Flint this fall, said the extra donations will be appreciated.

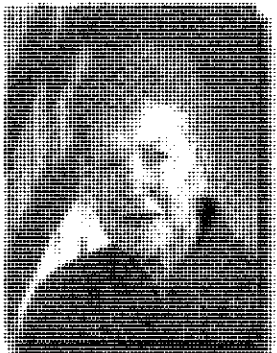
"I started having kids come to my door" asking for a hat or scarf, she said. "Now I can just take them to several classes."

Anyone who wants to donate yarn or fleece can bring it to the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Wednesdays, between 10 a.m. and noon.

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Our picks in Tuesday's primary election

According to the Webster's *New World Dictionary*, the word vote means "a decision by a group on a proposal, resolution, bill, etc., or a choice between candidates for office, expressed by written ballot, voice, show of hands, etc."

On Tuesday, residents in Garden City will have an opportunity to do just that — vote to select the candidates they believe should represent their respective political party in the November general election.

The ballot isn't a lengthy one, but some important decisions will be made. One of them is the formation of a Wayne County Zoological Authority.

ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are being asked to vote on a 0.1 mill property tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and the Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. A yes vote would create tax authorities in each county to levy the zoo tax.

The Detroit Zoological Society needs the projected \$12 million raised from the tax to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over zoo operations to the society.

We believe the zoo is an important cultural and educational institution for the metro area and recommend a yes vote on the zoo millage. The ballot proposal would create taxing

authorities in each of the three counties.

Also at the county level is the selection of Democratic candidates for Wayne County Sheriff, Treasurer and Registrar of Deeds as well as the Wayne County Commission's 9th District.

12TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

For the first time in many years, voters in the county's 12th Commission District have a choice in both the Democratic and Republican races. Eight candidates are vying for the Democratic spot in the November general election, while two candidates are running on the Republican side.

It's refreshing to have a choice in a district that Kay Beard represented for 30 years and it's also refreshing to hear candidates talk about the issues facing the district and the county.

Beard did an admirable job during time in office, but the need now is for a commissioner who will work to get more of a county investment in the district.

On the Democratic side, we believe James Godbout is the best choice. He has served on the Westland City Council for almost eight years and has proven to be capable and hard working. He has a good grasp of the issues facing the district and the county.

We believe he will get a "fair shake" for the district and like his focus on improvements

in the 12th District portion of Hines Park. He also has a good working knowledge of the problems with Westland's Central City Park contamination and will be an asset in lobbying for the cleanup of the contamination.

Two candidates are seeking the Republican spot on the November ballot. The most serious candidate is former Westland council member David James.

James brings a varied background to race. In addition to the council, he served on the Westland Planning Commission and as a member of the Wayne Westland school board. He also has been active in a variety of civic organizations.

James has done his homework and has a working knowledge of county programs that could benefit the district. He also isn't afraid to talk about faith-based initiatives to help residents weather these difficult economic times.

We believe **James Godbout** and **David James** are the best qualified Democratic and Republican candidates on Tuesday's ballot.

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

In the Democratic primary for the 11th Congressional District, Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin and former longtime Novi city manager Edward Kriewall are competing to face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter in the November general election. McCotter of Livonia is running unopposed.

Neither Larkin or Kriewall have ever run for elective office. Kriewall has extensive government experience. He cites several road and development projects in Novi as examples of his leadership and ability to work with others. Larkin is a private practice lawyer with no government experience.

But Larkin offers voters a clearer alternative to McCotter's staunchly conservative views. Though he describes himself as a pro-life Catholic Democrat, Larkin makes a stronger case against the war in Iraq, for alternative energy, fair trade and proposals to deal with the foreclosure crisis.

Whoever wins the Democratic primary will have an uphill battle in the Republican-leaning district against a three-term incumbent who has moved up into a leadership position among House Republicans. We recommend **Joseph Larkin** as someone who will offer voters a clearer choice.

We also urge voters to time to cast their vote in the nonpartisan judicial race. Eleven candidates are vying for a non-incumbent seat on the 3rd Circuit Court.

And we also urge voters to be a part of the election process. The last time we looked, the United States of America is a democracy, and in a democracy, people select candidates for office by voting. Be a part of this democracy. Take the time to go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 5. They'll be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LETTERS

Troubled by endorsement

Your endorsement of James Godbout shook my confidence in your, or any newspaper, endorsing candidates. You felt that because Mr. Godbout made all these contributions to the city, that he is worthy of election. You did not pay attention when the citizens of Gray and Ravine streets presented evidence and provisions against the development on Joy Road. You did not pay attention to the fact that Mr. Godbout voted for something which was against the Westland Master Plan.

Mr. Godbout's relationship with developer Glenn Shaw is, if nothing else, questionable. Lord Acton said, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men

are almost always bad men."

Godbout does not have absolute power, nor is he a great man. However, he does exhibit the rest of the statement.

Curt Gottlieb
Westland

Elect Sullivan as judge

With the August primary elections coming up on Aug. 5, I wanted to remind the voters not to forget about the nonpartisan portion of their ballot, more specifically the judicial section.

One race in particular I would like to mention: the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court. I would like to invite the voters to join me in casting a vote for John J. Sullivan for judge.

I have personally known John Sullivan for a number of years and consider him a great friend. John Sullivan has previously served on the Wayne County Commission for eight years, and during that time he has also served in the position of vice chair.

I have come to know John Sullivan as hard-working, dependable, honest, trustworthy, dedicated, fair and very knowledgeable of the law. I know that these are qualities that we want in our judges who serve on our benches in Wayne County. A voter needs not to look any further than John J. Sullivan with these qualities. John Sullivan IS the BEST choice to serve as our judge on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court!

As a Wayne County commissioner, John served the constituents within the 11th

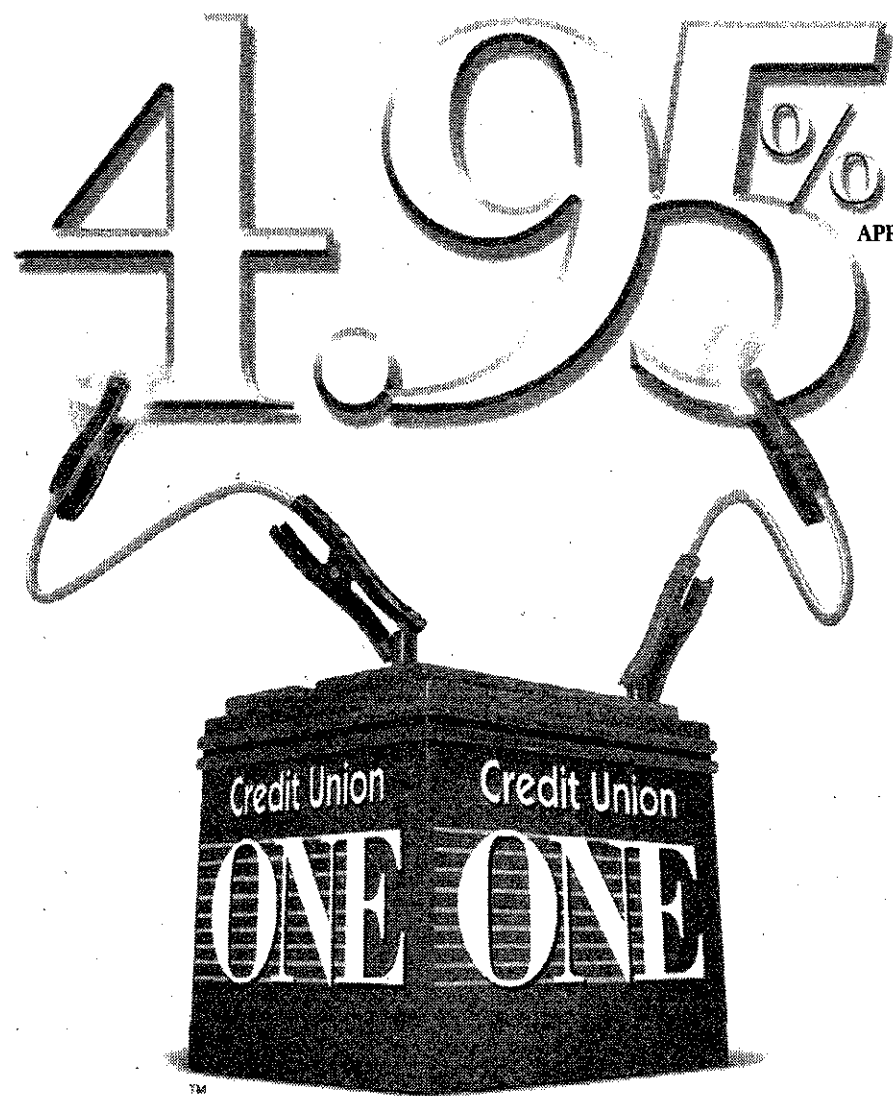
Commission District with great dedication, commitment and hard work. Just ask any resident or elected official that John represented during his terms in public office. John Sullivan is not a politician, he is a true *public servant*.

As your judge on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, you can expect the same hard work, dedication, and commitment from John J. Sullivan. Nothing less!

Please join me on Aug. 5 and cast YOUR vote for John J. Sullivan for judge of the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court and again on Nov. 4 in the general election.

Thank you.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne



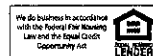
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Plymouth's Eric Duprey, the Boys 14-15 winner with a 79, reacts to just missing his putt on the eighth hole during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship held Wednesday at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

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Sudden victory

Johnson rules Motor City Jr. in playoff

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Jimmy Johnson thought he was "a goner" as he watched opponent Matt Keast stand over a 4-foot birdie putt during the first playoff hole in Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

Johnson, who will be a junior at Livonia Franklin High School, got reprieve when Plymouth's Keast rolled the slippery downhill attempt past the cup as pair — who ironically are both left-handers — settled for pars as the playoff continued.

Despite a tee shot into the woods on the 390-yard, No. 2 — the course's No. 1 handicap hole — Johnson played a layup, scrambled back nicely with a 7-iron placing his approach just 12 feet from the pin and settled for a bogey.

Meanwhile, while the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central junior took a double-bogey as Johnson earned the Boys 16-17 age division title.

"I got a little lucky," admitted Johnson, who carded a 76 along with Keast with back-to-back 38s over 18 holes in regulation. "But I don't think I missed a putt inside of 5 feet all day. It was definitely my putting and I drove the ball pretty straight."

Johnson split time last spring on Franklin's varsity and JV squads, but has improved his game by practicing at nearby Idyl Wyld, one of Livonia's three public courses.

"I've come close, but have never won," Johnson said of his tournament conquest.

Keast, however, was kicking himself afterwards after missing the 4-footer.

"I was so nervous that I didn't concentrate," said Keast, who hopes to



Twelve-year-old Brian Sexton of Livonia studies his line as he prepares for his putt on the No. 15 hole during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

land a spot on CC's varsity next spring. "After missing that putt, I was pretty upset."

"I played all right, but I bogeyed (number) three, four and five (holes) and I was mad. But I was able to par-out on that nine."

Keast, who also plays hockey as a center on the Fountain Park Flyers, a Midget A team which plays out of Compware Arena, has spent the summer honing his game on the Adams and Top 50 junior tours, as well as play-

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Sidelines

Free junior tourney

Wolverine Sports will sponsor an 18-hole free junior golf tournament for boys and girls ages 9-17 on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by stroke play with foursomes at 12:30 p.m. (Free hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided at the turn.)

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

Titan Tune-Up

The fourth annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The women's cross country race begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's cross country race at 7:15 p.m.

The long course will consist of one college loop and one high school loop approximately 5,600 meter. The short course will be a college loop of 3,300 meters.

Individual rants are \$5 per entrant; \$25 (6-14 athletes); and \$50 (15 or more).

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy cross country coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murrayg@udmercy.edu.

Bint rules tourney

Brian Bint, a 2008 Livonia Churchill High graduate who played four years of varsity golf, captured the Boys 17-18 division with an 18-hole round of 77 in the Metroparks Tournament held July 17 at Huron Meadows.

Bint will be attending Schoolcraft College in the fall.

Wolter qualifies

First-place finisher Kyle Wolter of Canton led the way among a quartet of area qualifiers in the Boys 9-10 age division in the Mutual of Omaha's Drive, Chip and Putt and The Golf Channel's regional competition held last weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wolter, who qualified locally in Plymouth, advances to the national finals next month in Orlando, Fla.

Canton's James Piot took third in the regional after qualifying locally in Plymouth.

Joshua Stein of Plymouth added a fourth after besting a field of 35 in a local qualifier held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Canton's Jack Boczar, who placed first out of 46 in a Pittsburgh local qualifier, added a seventh in the regional which attracted competitors from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.

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Pair of aces

Hole-in-ones gobble up Whispering Willows

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

So much for closest-to-the-pin.

Apparently the par-3, No. 17 was the place to be during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf because not one, but two hole-in-ones were recorded on the 154-yard hole, both witnessed by ranger Dennis Neidy.

Austin Harris, an eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, used a 5-iron to put '1' on his scorecard. Harris also captured the Boys 13-and-under age division title with an 89.

Steve Hendershot, 17, of West Bloomfield, also aced the same hole using a 9-iron on his way to an 88.

"I saw it disappear — it came

to the side of the pin and I thought I was seeing things," said Hendershot, who played JV golf this past spring at West Bloomfield High. "My dad (Bruce) tells me it's mostly luck even though the law of physics says that only five percent of even the best golfers are able to do it."

Steve Hendershot now owns bragging rights along with his father, who carded his ace at St. Clair Shores Country Club.

"I knew that if I had the same chance, God would have to develop a sense of humor," Steve said. "Or maybe I thought I was going blind after seeing it go in the bottom of the cup."

Harris, meanwhile, said he has come close before.

"I've been within five feet," said the 12-year-old, who earlier this summer carded an 84 on

a Meijer's Junior Tour stop at Arbor Hills in Jackson. "I hit it good, but at first I did not believe it because it never goes in. It bounced two times and went into the hole. It disappeared, rolled and stopped."

Austin Harris can now boast of his accomplishment along with his dad Mark, who recorded a hole-in-one in 1992.

Harris' older brother Avery, 13, who will be a freshman this fall at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, was skeptical when he heard his brother's claim.

"I didn't believe him," Avery said.

Well, Avery, it just didn't happen once, it happened twice — on the same hole.

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Stevie Hendershot (left) of West Bloomfield and Austin Harris of Livonia both have keepsake balls after recording aces on the 154-yard, No. 17 hole Wednesday at the Motor City Junior Golf Invitational held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Beijing fireworks? Have U.S. Olympians lost their nerve?

With the Beijing Olympics only five days away, this promises to be a Summer Games like no other.

Foreign journalists, who have already set up camp at the main press center, may have



Brad Emons

had the preconceived notion that they'd be choked first by the dense, thick smog rather than by the Chinese censorship control freaks who have already begun placing restrictions on Internet access to certain Web pages which allude to China's human rights violations and other issues which ruffle the feathers of the Communist government.

After Beijing was awarded the

Games, International Olympic Committee president Juan Rogge promised that China would be an open book and that reporters would be allowed unfettered access.

But as some have already learned, the Great Wall has already become a giant Fire Wall.

Before the first nation marches into the Olympic stadium for the opening ceremonies on Friday, weightlifters from Bulgaria, track and field athletes from Russia and even a women's swimmer from the U.S. have already been flagged for doping violations. (I guess the East Germans weren't the only ones.)

The Chinese, who plan to blanket the country with security to thwart off any acts of terrorism, also have developed a "code of conduct" for the visit-

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ing fans as well. (I assume that means you can't get drunk and act like a British soccer hooligan.)

Of course, the large U.S. delegation of athletes — nearly 600 — have been given their marching orders as well as not to embarrass their country or their own president, who after much careful planning, is scheduled to make a cameo appearance at the Games.

It's become a broken record in recent months and weeks that "politics and the Olympics should not mix."

My question remains: Then

why was Iraq out and now they're suddenly back in?

"Let's put aside our differences" for the 16 days, they say, and enjoy the spirit of the competition.

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Let's face it, George W. would rather us be politically correct than politically charged.

And that refrain has been trumpeted by more than a few prominent U.S. athletes over the airwaves, so much so that it almost seems like we've become the Russian robots of the 60s, 70s and 80s Olympics.

Ironically, it's been 40 years since U.S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos took their defiant stands on the Mexico City medals podium

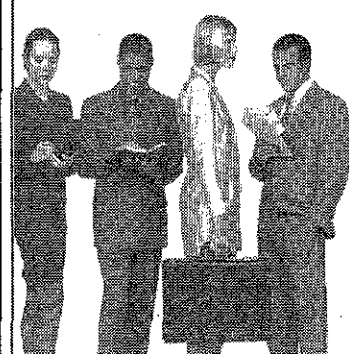
raising their fists to the sky while wearing black gloves during the playing of the National Anthem.

Smith and Carlos, whether ill-advised, coerced or sincerely adamant in their views about racial oppression, certainly paid a heavy price emotionally for their actions in the following years.

A former Olympic gold medal boxer — Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay) — gladly received the baton from Carlos and Smith and ran with it.

Ali was cutting edge and debunked the notion that sports and politics can't avoid each other.

So how ironic is it that 40 years later Smith and Carlos, estranged from one another following the fallout from their



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Pitching prowess sets up well as Rams head to Johnstown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman has something the Tigers' Jim Leyland would kill for right now – quality pitching.

After starting their summer schedule 5-5 in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, the Rams finished 20-5 the rest of the way and moved all the way up to third place in the standings.

As the top 20-and-under team finisher in the MCBL, the Rams, boasting a team earned run average of 1.87, qualified again for the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) National Tournament, which is set to begin Monday, Aug. 11 in Johnstown, Pa.

Only a pair of 22-and-under teams, the first-place Michigan Monarchs (29-6-1 overall), headed to the National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament this week (Aug. 6) in Toledo, Ohio, and the Michigan Bulls (28-6-1), placed ahead Berryman's squad.

"The strength is in our pitching – from the starters, to the closers, to the middle relievers," said Berryman, who also serves at the Livonia Stevenson High varsity baseball coach during the spring. "This is probably the best staff I've ever had. We have two hard throwers who can also get guys out with good breaking balls."

A pair of right-handers, Western Michigan University's Derek Mosher and Wayne State's Brett Shankin, have been the leaders of the Rams staff.

Mosher, who played high school baseball at Ann Arbor Pioneer, adapted nicely from

a closer to a starter's role and won his last four games. In 33 innings this summer, he is 4-0 (including one save) with 47 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.06.

Shankin, meanwhile, has been equally impressive with a 6-3 mark and a 1.42 ERA. He has 60 Ks in 54 innings of work.

One of the keys to the Rams' success, according to Berryman, has been the defensive play of the outfield led by Madonna University's Shawn Little (Canton), who is flanked by WMU's Tim Cross (Walled Lake Central) and Oakland University's Dan Augustine.

"Shawn is our fastest outfielder, he's played an unbelievable center field," Berryman said. "Those guys cover a lot of ground and they have strong arms."

The Rams' offensive attack is led by a pair of catchers by trade, Brad Herman (Spring Arbor) and Brett Mazmanian (WSU), who are hitting .411 and .402, respectively.

"We have some very good starters and we're hitting the ball O.K.," Berryman said. "It's allowed us to keep us in games."

During the summer season, Berryman carried 17 players on his roster and was able to add three more from the MCBL including Blue Knights infielder Tony Pounders, a former Stevenson High standout who now plays for Concordia University.

The Rams manager also added Detroit Eagles right-handed pitcher John Tibaud, via Saginaw Valley State, along with Michigan Dodgers right-hander Tom Whiting, via Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep and Worcester Poly Tech Institute (Mass.).

The Rams remain relatively young with only four 20-year-olds on the currently squad with the rest being 19 – something that bodes well for the future.

"We're rebuilt from last year and we're fortunate we recruited some good kids," Berryman said.

In an exhibition game tune-up Wednesday at Ford Field for the postseason tourney, the Rams defeated the Monarchs, 7-5, in nine innings as Mazmanian, Little, Aaron Wick (OU) and Josh Kirsten each collected two each hits.

Frank Persichio also knocked in three runs, while Mazmanian added two. Pounders and Wick also had an RBI each.

Former Ram Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne/Spring Arbor) tripled and scored two runs, while Rob Wendzicki, Dave Brelinski and Mike Wiseman also knocked in runs for the Monarchs.

Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder (Stevenson/Kalamazoo College) allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits and a walk. He fanned four beging giving way to Whiting, who went the final two innings to earn the save.

James Bertakis and Matt Tuttle (Stevenson/Adrian College) also worked two innings apiece in middle relief for the Rams.

Kasey Furala, who gave up five runs on eight hits in three innings, took the loss for the Monarchs.

The Rams continued their pre-tourney exhibition schedule with a double-header Friday night at Mott Community College in Flint.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Patriot volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Franklin volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (varsity), 12:30-2:30 p.m. (JV) and 4:30-7 p.m. (freshman) on Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school fieldhouse.

All players must bring a current physical exam form.

For more information, e-mail coach Linda Jimenez at ljwestland@sbeglobal.net.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the

Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Storm girls fastball softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (10- and 12-and-under) and from 1-3 p.m. (14- and 16-and-under), at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

Additional inform is posted on www.livoniastorm.com; or e-mail Ken Jewell at kjewell@

livoniastorm.com.

For more information, call Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or (313) 350-5183.

The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold tryouts for 2008-09 on Aug. 16, 17 and 23 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10U), 10 a.m. (11/12U), 11 a.m. (13/14U) and noon (16U/18U).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based non-profit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 years.

For more information, contact Ray Barnes (734) 927-4739 or Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

OLYMPICS

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actions, reluctantly took the stage together in a rare appearance last month at the Espys when they were saluted and given a standing ovation after receiving ESPN's Courage Award?

In this Olympic era of Team USA Basketball players staying at luxurious resorts and Nike-anointed marketing heroes, I yearn for somebody at these Summer Games to come out and make a bold stand or statement.

The timing or the venue couldn't be better.

How about somebody coming out and not only spitting in the eye of the Tiger, but putting their foot on the neck of what is naively perceived as that lovable giant Chinese panda?

Isn't it true that all U.S. Olympic athletes believe in the inherent principle of freedom of speech?

I'm waiting for someone like Tommie Smith and John Carlos to come full circle.

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AREA SUMMER OLYMPIAN FACTS & BEIJING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Allison Schmitt, 18, Canton (swimming):

Has recorded the third fastest time this year in the 200-meter freestyle (1:55.92) and is considered a serious medal contender. She also finished third in the 400 freestyle last month's Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. after and winning four MHSAA individual Division 1 state titles as a prep. Will swim one of eight preliminary heats in the 200 freestyle from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. (ET) Monday, Aug. 11. The two semifinal heats follow at 10 p.m. (ET) with the finals set for 10:11 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, Aug. 12. Schmitt will also be a member of the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team with the preliminary heats starting at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 followed by the finals at 11:29 p.m. (ET).

Sheila Taormina, 39, Livonia (modern pentathlon): The Stevenson High grad and former University of Georgia All-America swimmer, now residing in the Ann Arbor area, is making Olympic history by competing in her

third different sport – swimming, triathlon and modern pentathlon – in her fourth Olympics. She swam a leg of the USA women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team which captured a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games and had a sixth-place finish and a 23rd-place finish, respectively, in the triathlon at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Games. Her quest in the modern pentathlon will begin at 8:30 p.m. (ET) Thursday, Aug. 21 followed by fencing at 10 p.m. (ET), swimming 2:30 a.m. (ET), Friday, Aug. 22; equestrian riding, 5 a.m. (ET) and running, 8 a.m. (ET). She was ranked 25th in the final pentathlon working ranking list for the Olympic qualification period and ninth in the UIPM World Cup standing. Considered a longshot for a medal, her best World Cup performance was March 2007 when she won a silver medal in Cairo, Egypt. Is she being considered as the U.S. flag bearer for the opening ceremonies?

MOTOR CITY

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ing in a Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) qualifier.

"I've worked a lot on my short game, I've been going to the range and going out and hitting just about every day," said the lanky 6-foot-2 lefty.

Also in the Boys 16-17 age group, Livonia Churchill's Adam Yarber and Livonia Stevenson's Tom Cullum tied for third with 79 each.

In the Boys 14-15 age division, Plymouth Eric Duprey shot 38-41-79 to take the crown, one shot ahead of Riley Butcher of Tecumseh, Ontario and two strokes ahead of his brother Brandon Duprey.

In the Boys 13-and-under division, Livonia's Austin Harris took advantage of a hole-in-one on the 154-yard No. 17 (see related story) to win with an 89, two strokes better than Alexander Watson of Commerce Township and three shots ahead of Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff.

Jones rules Girls 15-17

One of the happiest golfers who returned to the clubhouse Wednesday during her 18-hole round was Redford's Adrienne Jones, who carded a personal best of 93 to win

JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

July 30 at Whispering Willows G.C.
BOYS 16-17: 1. Jimmy Johnson, 76 (won 2-hole playoff); 2. Matt Keast, 76; 3. (tie) Thomas Cullum and Adam Yarber, 79 each; 5. Jake Smith, 82; 6. (tie) Jordan Chisholm and Connor Sexton, 83 each; 8. (tie) Kenny Banach, Brian Bini, Charles Perry, Greg Van Gorp, 84 each; 12. Erik Newman, 86; 13. Robert Louwers, 87; 14. Steve Hendershot, 88; 15. Ryan Cloch, 91; 16. Michael Hilliegands, 94; 17. Adam Smith, 99; 18. Adam Skubik, 107.
BOYS 14-15: 1. Eric Duprey, 79; 2. Riley Butcher, 80; 3. Brandon Duprey, 81; 4. (tie) Cam Humitz and Joshua Perrin, 84 each; 6. Ben Proben, 85; 7. Brandon Kozy, 87; 8. Jeff Thomas, 90; 9. (tie) Drake Hermann, Eric Perry and Cameron Tetrault, 93 each; 12. (tie) Ryan Carpenter, Eric Hill and Derek Pohlmeyer, 94 each; 15. (tie) Karl Allan and Andrew Newman, 95 each; 17. Nick Lagerstrom, 96; 18. (tie) Cody Nalecz and Chris Thelle, 97 each; 20. Nick Proben, 99; 21. Jake Allen, 101; 22. Ryan Findlay, 102; 23. (tie) Kevin Louwers and Chris White, 103 each; 25. Daniel Kulakowski, 105; 26. (tie) Dominic DeLisi, Chris Mireles and Brian Roulier, 106 each; 29. David Belt, 107; 30. Nick Nelson, 114.

the Girls 15-17 age division, 10 shots ahead of Northville's Val DiMilia, who attends Livonia Ladywood.

Southfield's Carmela Hawkins, who attends Farmington Hills Mercy, shot a 104 to tie Churchill's Jessica Burdette for third place.

Jones, who will be a junior at Thurston, juggles two sports, including swimming, during the fall.

"It was definitely a good day," said Jones, who made second-team All-Observer last fall.

"I was driving the ball

long off the tee all day long." Jones, using a Cobra Speed LD driver and Adams irons, averaged "250 (yards) plus" off the tee. She had a birdie and four pars during her round.

In the Girls 14-and-under division, Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who will be a freshman at Churchill, carded a 121 to win the title followed by Maggie McGee (Farmington Hills Mercy) with a 123 and Laura Shureb (Livonia) with a 141.

A total of 80 players competed in the Motor City Junior Championship.

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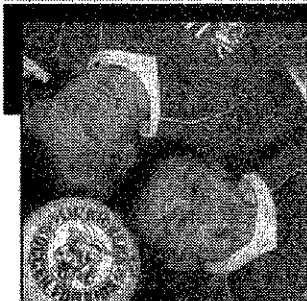
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Both Sill and Mullen have adopted six animals between them. It is a great event to support the care, respect and adoption of animals in need. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit FFDAS and MAAN.

I adopted a rescued cat a year ago and it has added a great deal of pleasure to our own household. Sill is bowling's first lady to

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Sill is the only woman bowler to win the pro tour triple crown twice in her illustrious career.

Both Aleta and Michelle have retired from the tour and are now devoting their energies to helping other become more skillful at the sport via individual or group lessons.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060; or you can go online at michellemullen@att.net.

■ It is not often that I will enthusiastically boost any product but this one deserves mention.

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■ O&E area bowlers garnered

five of the top 16 places in the Budweiser Michigan Majors as the 42nd season concluded recently at Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Garden City's Terry Haines and Larry Walker led the way with third and fifth-place, including a 300 game in the process, bringing home \$500 and \$300, respectively.

Other top finishers included Doug Spicer, seventh (\$200); Terry Mariucci, 13th (\$130); and Pat Brown (Canton), 16th (\$100).

The Michigan Majors will take a short summer break and resume competition on Aug. 23 with the new season opener at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc.

Those interested in joining should contact the tournament office at (586) 775-2414; or go to the web site at www.michiganmajors.com.

■ The Alro Steel Michigan Junior Masters Association awarded two \$1,000 scholarships at the seasons end in the name of the founder Dan Ottman.

The recipients included Michael Kiel of Livonia, a pre-law student at the University of Michigan, and former Livonia Ladywood High standout Sarah Jaeger of Highland, who will be a senior at the University of Detroit Mercy.

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Falcons unbeaten

Make that 60 victories in a row for the Falcons, a boys under-10 team in the Western Suburban Soccer League following an 8-0 season thanks to a late second-half goal in the season finale. The Falcons, founded in 2004, include (front row, from left): Lucas Dorazio, Justin McChristian, Zeb Noble, Nick Joseph and Justin Barr; (second row, from left) Josh Kornaga, Sean Pastor, Brandon Gabrielson, Joe Soave, Emilio Garza and Joey Lajcay. The team is coached by Steve King (back row) and managed by Diane Kornaga.

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If you don't want an iPhone, alternatives exist

Question: I'm in the market for a new phone, but I don't want an iPhone. What else can you recommend?

What? Are you crazy? Everyone wants an iPhone! Well, OK, maybe not. After all, it does force you to become an AT&T customer for at least two years and pay a minimum of \$70 monthly for the privilege.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

That said, I recently had the chance to take several "iPhone killers" for a spin, and let me be brutally honest: Not one came anywhere close to matching the iPhone's elegance, ease of use, stellar Web browser, superb music and video capabilities, and dazzling library of third-party applications.

On the other hand, if you take iPhone comparisons out of the picture, some of these phones are quite exceptional. Start with the Samsung Instinct from Sprint, a real bargain at \$129.99 (with contract and after rebate).

The Instinct sports an iPhone-style touchscreen and interface, iPhone-style visual voicemail (meaning you can browse messages onscreen and choose which ones to play), and world-class GPS navigation.

And despite the low price, Samsung bundles a bunch of worthwhile accessories, including a 2GB memory card for storing music and whatnot, a spare battery, a travel charger, and a USB cable.

The Web browser is just so-so, and the Instinct lacks instant-messaging software. But otherwise I think it's an incredible phone for the money.

I also came away impressed by



Though priced at just \$129.99 (with a two-year contract), Sprint's Instinct gives the iPhone a run for the money. It also doubles as a superb GPS navigation system.

traffic updates), but you'll pay extra for it: \$2.99 per day or \$9.99 monthly.

Finally, I looked at AT&T's LG Vu, which is noteworthy for its slim and sexy design. Priced at \$299.99 (with contract and rebate), it costs more than similar models, but lacks a key feature.

Namely, GPS. Don't expect the Vu to help you find your way. Furthermore, it can't sync with Macs or PCs (something the Dare is no champ at either, actually), and its Web browser feels especially cramped owing to its smallish screen.

The Vu does let you watch TV on the go thanks to AT&T's optional Mobile TV service, which is excellent. And I found call quality to be excellent as well, even when using the speakerphone.

Before buying a new phone, do your homework. Read every review you can find, then visit stores so you can get a little hands-on time with each model. I can bluster about them all day, but ultimately you have to pick the phone that's best for you.

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Because of Patrick, Debbie Dayton was able to seat herself at Culver's restaurant in Westland.

Golden moment

Leader Dog restores Westland woman's life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Patrick seems to know he has some big paw prints to fill. Debbie Dayton's first Leader Dog, Josh, knew instinctively that she was the center of his world.

At 2½, Patrick is still a puppy but one with big responsibilities. Dayton's life and well-being depend on him. When Josh died in October the Westland woman lost her independence once again. She still was able to volunteer her time to help out at the Halloween walk in Westland, but it wasn't easy.

"Every one of those nights it was just ripping me apart standing there with my cane without my dog, what a blessing those dogs are," said Dayton. "It wasn't easy going through the parking lot trying to feel my way along with a cane. Josh was 6½ and it happened so suddenly it ripped my heart out."

With Patrick's help Dayton moves around the parking lot at Culver's with confidence. She knows his sudden stop is to save her from tripping over an obstacle, in this case a curb. Dayton is organizing a classic car show at the restaurant with owner Bob Fitzpatrick and the Motor City Muscle Car Club to benefit the Westland Lions Club.

Josh made it possible for Dayton to coordinate the organization's two major fund-raisers, including the golf outing being held the last Saturday in September. Ten percent of the day's receipts from the Aug. 13 car show at Culver's goes to charities supported by the Lions including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Penrickton School for Blind Children, Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, and to provide glasses for individuals in financial need.

"When Josh died it was a



Debbie Dayton of Westland wouldn't be able to lead such an active lifestyle without her Leader Dog Patrick. She is pictured here with Pat and Orville Butzin of Canton (left); Norm Leist, White Lake; Jeff Ward, Motor City Muscle Car Club president; Jamie Bell, Culver's general manager; Dave Henwood, Livonia, and Bob Fitzpatrick. Ward, Leist, Henwood, and the Butzins show their classic cars in the Aug. 13 benefit.

CRUISING' WITH CULVER'S

What: A classic car show to benefit the Westland Lions Club

When: 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13

Where: Culver's, 6500 Newburgh, south of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-4216

heartbreaker," said Dayton. "I lost my sight a little more than 10 years ago and realized how easy it is to take your sight for granted. When I lost Josh it was right back to the day I lost my sight, being dependent on everyone, holding onto everyone's arm. I lost part of me."

Debbie and her husband Bill both cried for days after losing Josh. By December she was back at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester for live-in training with Patrick so she could regain her independence. Josh would have wanted it that way.

"We're still working on being a seasoned team. It takes a year or more," said Dayton, Westland Lions Club president. "He already knows where the card store is in the mall. He's learning quickly. I am so blessed to have two dogs so well matched to me. When I got

Patrick I didn't realize I got lax with commands because Josh was reading my mind."

Pat and Orville Butzin make it possible for individuals like Dayton to receive the dogs that increase the mobility and safety of blind and visually impaired individuals. The Canton couple raises puppies for Leader Dogs. Their 11th dog, Juki, is a 10-month-old Golden Retriever. Before retiring as a counselor for the Plymouth Canton District, Pat used to take the puppies into Pioneer Middle school to socialize the dogs and teach the kids about volunteer work and helping others.

"We're getting so much pleasure from it," said Pat. "You're giving somebody the opportunity for independence."

"And you get to meet the people," added Orville. "One

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First Step celebrates 30 years of helping

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

When Judy Ellis first volunteered at First Step 29 years ago, battered women had nowhere to turn for help. Only one year earlier the Wayne-Westland National Organization for Women had started the agency to provide services such as temporary housing to those fleeing abusive spouses in the middle of the night.

Thirty years later Ellis is looking for survivors and everyone who made a difference in the lives of these women and their children. A Tribute Book is being assembled for celebrations in September and October.

First Step became a private, nonprofit agency to assist victims of domestic abuse and sexual

assault in 35 communities in western Wayne County and downriver in 1978. Originally located in offices in Westland City Hall, First Step eventually moved to Plymouth. Today the agency also has outreach offices in Redford and Taylor.

"Women felt they didn't have much of a chance. There were no laws on the books," said Ellis, now the executive director. "The reason I started was because of a woman I went to court with. I didn't want her to go alone. She had her ear cut off, her face slashed and tendons cut in her fingers. He got probation."

It wasn't long after that First Step started a

comprehensive volunteer program and opened the first shelter. Today in addition to offering a 24-hour help line, counseling for women and children, support groups, violence prevention programs in schools, in-court victim advocacy, and on-call assault response teams to meet with survivors at hospitals, police departments and schools, First Step is planning to replace the old shelter with a new building in the next 18 months.

"Until opening the first shelter we would put women and children up in hotel rooms," said Ellis. "We didn't have pagers or cells. An answering service called us at home. These were the days when you could be called back at a pay phone and we did. We had arrangements with various hotels and the next day got them to a shelter out of the area. In 1983 we opened a shelter at Five Mile and Sheldon. Everybody slept in one big room, 20 women and children, but it was safe."

Thirty years ago police officers would respond to incidents of domestic violence at the same home 10 to 15 times but their hands were tied if the victim wouldn't press charges out of fear of retaliation. Today, because of changes in the laws, it's possible to prosecute a batterer without the victim's consent.

"There were no victim's rights," said Ellis. "What's changed is a greater awareness on the part of the public but it's still difficult for people to grasp the kind of fear families face when they're exposed to this domestic terrorism. We saw acts of torture 30 years ago."

Associate director Theresa Bizoe witnessed the changes as well. She began working on the crisis line as a Eastern Michigan University student intern in 1983. Bizoe was later hired as First Step volunteer coordinator. She's now an associate director involved with raising money for the new shelter while trying to gather the stories of people

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Judy Ellis and Theresa Bizoe, of First Step.

Bowling event to raise funds to benefit homeless animals

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen will host the 3rd Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9 Mile, west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. One hundred percent of proceeds from the event benefits the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and

the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. Reservations required. Call (248) 615-9060.

The evening also features raffles, door prizes, karaoke, and auctions for computer, digital cameras and more.

Aleta Sill is bowling's First

Lady \$1,000,000 Player, a Detroit Dream Team Legendary Athlete (along with Joe Louis and Gordie Howe) and was most recently inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Stan Musial, Alan Trammell and Mike Ditka. She and Mullen have adopted six animals.

Meeting to focus on marriage, family

The Family Rights Coalition of Michigan's August Meeting will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the Oakland County Commissioner's Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Dr. Michael Ross, founder of Defending Our Father's House, will be speaking on "Marriage and Family: What Happens Next?"

The meeting is free and open to the public. The Family Rights Coalition of Michigan is dedicated to safeguarding marriage and the parent-child bond through fellowship, education, community involvement, and political activism.

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Have faith in emotional intelligence

How do we manage our emotions? Author Daniel Goleman introduced this idea in a book he wrote several years ago. His idea is that the better we



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Paul Melrose

even relates to one's success in getting a job, and correlates to how well one does on other psychological testing.

Some of the practical spin-off of being "emotionally intelligent" is that one has a basic positive approach to living.

In this way one can be on top of one's impulses and direct them appropriately. We can be sensitive to the emotions of another we are in a relationship, or a conversation, with.

From this angle one can look at problems in relationships, even in organizations,

and wonder what the emotional climate is like and whether or not it fosters, much less sustains the kinds of emotions that contribute to not only love and compassion and the deeper emotions often related to an intimate relationship, but also a spirit of cooperation, collegiality, even toleration that is needed for larger groups to make steps forward.

I just recently read an article in which a leader in the Evangelical religious movement, Joel Hunter, a former United Methodist Pastor who became Senior Pastor of Northland Church in Orlando, Fla., felt that the impact which certainly the evangelical wing of Christianity, and by implication probably other faiths, do well when they find ways to bring people together and not find themselves advocating points of view which seem to keep people apart. Here, I think, is one example of emotional intelligence at work.

It is interesting, and this is a point that Goleman does not address, that studies indicate a strong correlation between regular belief and participation in a religious community and more posi-

tive relationships. No, I don't think that one can say that you get faith and all is right with the world.

But I think that this points us to examine those core values and beliefs that do guide our lives. Because that is what the intimate relationships and the people we see each and every day will benefit from:

Our approach to how we get along with others.

We find in the consulting room that strained, trapped, and troubled emotions contribute to lives that have problems.

Emotions can bubble up destructively like a volcano eruption or flow quietly and softly like a flowing stream. If yours feel like a volcano pay attention to what they are telling you about painful and troublesome places in your life. You and those around you will benefit from the care you find for yourself.

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Welcoming a second baby, disciplining kids

I am an expecting mother and also have a daughter that is two and a half. I am worried that I will not be able to accept the new baby or love him as much as I love my daughter. My husband doesn't seem to have these same concerns and I'm afraid to tell him directly how I feel. I mean, we both were so excited when



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Terry Wilamowski

matter. Am I a horrible mother?

Listen carefully, you are not a horrible mother. I think that you are experiencing normal parental doubts and anxieties. Once the joy of the new birth subsides a little, we are forced to deal with the concrete realities that come with it. Sometimes we over-think these realities and scare ourselves. I think that this is what you are doing.

As with any anxiety, the more we keep it to ourselves, the more power it seems to have over us. By not talking to your husband, you are providing support for the idea that you are a bad parent for feeling the way that you do. But if you spoke to him, I'm sure that he would disagree with this notion. He may even have similar fears about the new baby. The only way to know is to talk with him.

Secondly, it is vital for you to remember those times before your daughter was born and the doubts and fears that you may have had then. These will probably seem silly and misguided from this vantage point. What do you think will happen to these current fears after the new child arrives?

I would also suggest that you talk to other parents with more than one child and see how they felt before and after the second child was born. I bet that most of them can relate to the anxieties that you feel and can attest to how the additional child fit in perfectly and added a sense of completeness to the family. Within moments of birth, I know that your concept of your family will have changed forever ... for the better.

So relax, you are not a bad parent or a horrible person. You've just let your anxieties get the better of you on this matter. Once you talk to your husband and others, you'll see that you're not the only person that has ever felt this way and that the new child will enhance rather than detract from your family. If you don't believe me now, wait a few months and let me know.

My husband and I are on different pages as far as discipline is concerned. I am the bad guy and my husband never backs me up. He thinks that he does but he really doesn't. My son knows that if I tell him "no" on something, he can

go to his dad and he will get to do it. And when I confront my husband about this he says that he didn't know that I had said "no" or that it was against the rules. How can we learn to work together because my son is using this rife to get his own way all of the time.

Assuming that this is a matter of miscommunication, the strategies that we can employ are relatively simple and effective ... provided that they are enforced by both parents.

First, I suggest that a set of household rules be written down and posted in a public area. This will eliminate the argument that one person or another is unaware of the rules. It works best if every member of the family participates in the writing and clarification of these rules, but only if this participation is genuine and not an attempt to argue or undermine the effort.

Next, I would make it a rule that all major parental decisions will require the involvement of both parents. This will decrease the amount of exploitation that can be accomplished. One parent cannot be used against the other.

Also, I recommend that all parental discussion be conducted in private and the decision be presented in a unified manner. This will further diminish your son's ability to pit you against one another.

"We made this decision and we will enforce it."

Finally, I strongly encourage you to be firm and consistent in your parenting decisions. Each time that you let something slide or fail to follow through appropriately, your rules and authority are weakened.

Remember, these suggestions will only help if the two of you work together and want to share in the responsibility of parenting. When one parent or the other is unwilling or feels unable to be an authority figure or a disciplinarian, the whole plan falls apart. Children can identify and exploit the rifts between parents with ease. And the only effective way to counter this is to eliminate such rifts. Good luck and keep me posted.

What's the difference between a psychiatrist and a psychotherapist?

A psychotherapist is a professional that treats emotional, cognitive, social and behavioral concerns. There are a number of different types of psychotherapists ranging from psychologists, counselors and social workers. These professionals do not prescribe medications.

A psychiatrist is a medical doctor and can prescribe medications. They do not usually provide therapy but serve as the medication expert that works in conjunction with a therapist.

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helped by First Step for the anniversary celebrations.

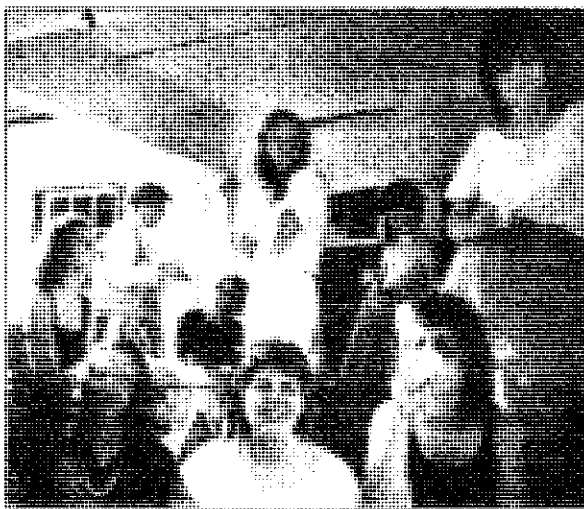
"We've come a long way in 30 years with police and courts," said Bizoe. "We have advocates in several locations, the Westland Police, which helps us reach out to people who don't speak English, the elderly. Violence seems more prevalent than ever on TV. It seems like we're in a much more violent culture. It's more important than ever to take a stand against it."

First Step has set a Sept. 5 deadline for the Tribute Book featuring survivors, volunteers, board members and supporters of the agency including anyone who might want to purchase an ad. A fund-raiser kicks off the celebration on Sept. 18 in Canton followed by a free family event Oct. 23 in Southgate. A video will highlight the stories of more than a half-dozen survivors.

"The stories are extremely powerful," said Ellis. "The anniversary book is an opportunity to make a statement and is a vehicle for people to be part of the written history if you played a role at First Step. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We want to remember those who died. We want to applaud survivors for the strength and courage they show and to thank volunteers. It takes thousands of people."

The help offered by First Step is needed now more than ever.

"We're seeing women we know have been killed because of domestic violence," said Ellis, referring to the Tara Grant murder. "In some cases it's become more lethal and all too common.



A Polaroid photo from the early 1980s show staff and volunteers at the Hines Park office.

Most of us know someone or are a victim ourself. The ramifications are not great enough. You can do a lot of damage and it's not a felony.

"Those who would abuse, they disguise it more. There's not enough outrage and outcry. I don't know if people have been desensitized to violence, but children grow up damaged. There are generations part of that whole chain of events."

Ellis would like to pull the community together to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault.

One of the newest groups that's formed to take a stand is Men Speak. First Step considers men allies in the struggle. All men do not use violence, says Ellis, it's not a women's issue although perpetrated primarily on women and children.

"We need to pull the community out of apathy, to hold people accountable, to continue to bring people into the movement. We've come this far because of community support," said Ellis. "We need to bring groups together, to bring understanding to youth. It's a very big challenge."

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If you need assistance immediately, call the 24-hour help line at (734) 459-5900 or toll free (888) 453-5900.

"We always need help from volunteers to financial support to in kind gifts for the families," said Ellis.

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DOG

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gentleman lived in the country and could finally get to his own mailbox, things we take for granted."

It's not unusual for individuals like Dayton to receive multiple dogs and that can be costly. The estimated value of a Leader Dog is \$38,000 (www.leaderdog.org).

According to Carrie Pryce, the average working life of a dog is 8 to 10 years depending on their health. Josh died of unknown causes.

"Once a graduate becomes accustomed to working with the dog it's like working without your left hand or your right hand always feeling empty, but it can be a difficult decision to come back and get a new dog because they can feel guilty," said Pryce, an instructor and apprentice coordinator. Dog

trainers must serve a 3-year apprenticeship.

"When students first arrive on Sunday, we spend time getting to know them, their lifestyle, where they work, daily activities, their expectations and get to know their personalities. A bubbly, active person might not want a laid back dog. A college student needs a different dog than an elderly person. A person in New York City needs a different dog than someone living in a small town in northern Michigan. Then they're given their dogs Wednesday afternoon."

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fic and if necessary use intelligent disobedience if it's unsafe to cross the street.

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"Magic things happen every day," said Pryce. "The bond between the human and the dog is unlike any other bond."

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What are possible side effects of the medication? You should know the risks that accompany the medication as all medications come with possible side effects. A related question is: with what other medications is the new prescription known to interact?

In rheumatology, we obtain laboratory tests on a monthly basis to check that no interaction has occurred in the liver, kidneys, or are ongoing to the red and white blood cells or platelets. With any medicine you should expect that similar tests are needed to monitor drug effects.

What is the cost of the medicine? In today's environment, asking what a drug costs is not an impertinent question. Because cost is such a common inquiry, doctors often know the answer. They may not know what your co-pay is, since that figure depends on the prescription coverage details of your health care contract. If your estimate leads you to believe you cannot afford the drug, you should ask if a less expensive alternative exists.

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A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fitt: (734) 722-4453.

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

**Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991**

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Groves High School

Class of 1978
30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008 at D'Amato's Restaurant, 222/224 S. Sherman Dr., Royal Oak. Tickets, \$35 per person, \$45 at the door, include hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.groves1978.com. Call Kathy (tepanian Albertson) (248) 851-0777.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin**Class of 1969**

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini1@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson**Class of 1978**

A 30-year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734) 637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com

**Milford High School
Class of 1968**

A 40th reunion 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at the American Legion Hall in downtown Milford. Members of Milford High School classes 1960's through 1970's who would like to join us in a walk down Memory Lane are also invited. Reservations must be received by July 1 and are needed to guarantee your admittance. \$20 per person covers food, beer, pop and live entertainment. For more information or tickets, call or e-mail: Marti Colegrove Marikovics, (810) 629-5002, Marti2000@aol.com; Ruth Ann Clay Stover (419) 235-0446, RuthAnn@hrrservicesinc.com; or Carolyn Tyler Wisniewski, (248) 684-6068, carolsw@med.umich.edu.

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

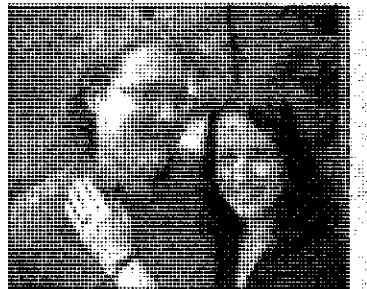
Plymouth-Canton high schools**Class of 1973**

Searching for classmates for 35th reunion, 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 6 (Fall Festival Weekend) at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cash bar, business casual, light hors d'oeuvres, donation at the door to cover expenses. E-mail Roxanne (McTurner) Gill at gillroxanne@yahoo.com or Curt Horton at curtis.horton@hortonplumbing.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

Myers-Schiller

Douglas and Geraldine Myers of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Taryn Alyssa Myers to Brian David Schiller of Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of George and Mary Schiller of Cleveland. Taryn is a 2000 graduate of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 2004. She earned her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio and works as assistant director of the Kent State Psychological Clinic. Brian is a 2001 graduate of St. Ignatius High School

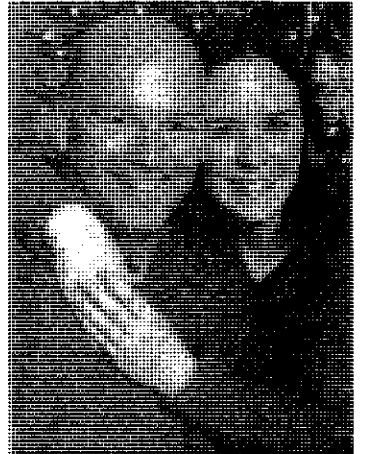


in Cleveland and earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Kenyon College in 2005. He received his master's in Urban Secondary Education from Cleveland State University in 2007 and works as a high school mathematics teacher at St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford, Ohio.

The couple is planning a June 6, 2009 wedding in Akron, Ohio.

Bernard-Orsini

Jim and Judy Bernard of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Bernard, to Michael Orsini of Huntington Beach, Calif. He is the son of John and Elaine Orsini of Niskayna, N.Y. Lisa is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as senior manager at Crosswalk in California. Mike graduated from R.I.T. and is an engineer at Boeing, also in California. The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding in Ann Arbor.

**Maxwell-Shade**

Rick and Debbie Maxwell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of Stacey Ann Maxwell to Steven Christopher Shade of Pikesville, Md. He is the son of Don and Joan Shade of South Williamsport, Penn. Stacey is a 1999 Farmington High School graduate and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She received a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and works as an athletic trainer for Maryland SportsCare and Rehab in Eldersburg, Md. Steve is a 1999 graduate of South Williamsport Area High School. He graduated from the University of Delaware in



2003 and earned his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. He works as an athletic trainer at The Training Room in Towson, Md. The couple is planning an Aug. 15 wedding at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Koch-Gregory

Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Koch of Dearborn Heights to Jason Gregory of Dearborn Heights. He is the son of Ralph Gregory of Westland and Josephine Kujawa of Gaylord. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English and Sociology. She works as a teacher at University Prep High School in Detroit. Jason is currently completing his



degree in music therapy at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. The couple is planning a July 4, 2009 wedding at Wellers in Saline.

**Nastase-Lambert**

Sam and Kathy Nastase of Algonac announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Marlene Nastase to Chad Robert Lambert of Macomb. He is the son of Jean Lambert of Clinton Township and Ron Lambert of Fraser. The bride is a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia and of Kalamazoo College, where she graduated with honors in 2002 and was a four-year soccer starter. She works in pharmaceutical sales. Her groom is a 1994 graduate of Henry Ford II in Sterling Heights and a 1998 graduate of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., where he earned a four-year basketball scholarship. He works in medical sales. Stacey and Chad's three dogs, Weimaraners Kobe and Kase, and black Labrador Arnie are a "huge part of our lives." The couple is planning a Sept. 19 wedding at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester and a honeymoon to follow in the Greek Islands.

**Murphy-Lawrie**

Nancy and David Lawrie of Birmingham announce the engagement of their son, Reed Elliott Lawrie, to Meghan Marie Murphy, daughter of Tina Murphy of Gaylord and the late Dr. Blair Murphy.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Albion College and is employed as an orthopedic sales associate by Zimmer Great Lakes Inc. in Plymouth.

Her fiancé attended Northwood University and is an account manager at Central Screw Products in Detroit.

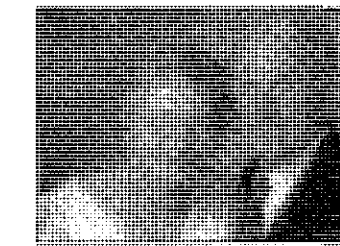
The couple will wed in September 2008 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, where they met.

Osebold-Patterson

Tom and Marcia Osebold of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Osebold of Novi, to Eric Patterson of Novi. He is the son of Micki Patterson of Warren. Amy is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She currently works for the DeMaria Building Co. as a marketing manager. Eric is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., where he earned a bachelor's degree in food service management. He works as an information technology technician. The couple is planning a September wedding in Canton.



ANNIVERSARY

**Hames**

Herbert R. Hames Sr. and Kathleen J. Hames of Rochester Hills will celebrate 60 years of marriage this month. The couple wed Aug. 7, 1948 in Rochester and have lived in the area ever since. Herbert is retired from his work at the Lear Siegler Corp. and Kathleen retired from Rochester Community Schools. They both enjoy spending time with family and gardening. In addition, Herbert can often be found working on the computer while Kathleen spends time volunteering at a soup kitchen.

They have six adult children: Herbert Hames Jr. of Howell; Penny Briscoe of Vicksburg; Cherri Glowe of Kalamazoo; Denise Baker of Kalamazoo; Mike Hames of Metamora and Kevin Hames of Oakland. The couple are proud grandparents of 11 children and great-grandparents to seven children.

Smith

Bradley and Cassandra Smith of Livonia announce the birth of their son Clark Sullivan Smith. He was born July 4, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Clark weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins brother Harvey Dennis Smith, 2, and his grandparents are Peggy and Gary Gray of Livonia, Sue Gilling of Livonia and Dennis Smith of Plymouth.

**Meeks**

Bill and Molly Meeks of Plymouth welcomed their son Garrett Matthew Meeks on June 23, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is grandson to Walter and Mary Menard of Plymouth, and Larry and Jane Meeks of Dalton, Georgia. His is great-grandson to Doris Menard of Canton; Mada Garrett of Cedartown, Georgia, and Lessie Meeks of Macon, Georgia.



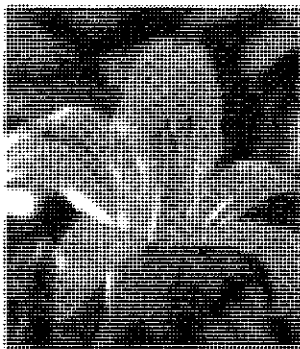
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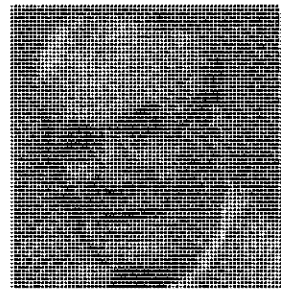
Age 26, July 24, 2008 as result of an accident. Beloved husband of Ashley. Loving son of Robert and Gail. Dear Brother of Bryan, Shawn, & Amanda. Dear Father of Joshua Goy. Son-in-law of Rich and Ann Hinrichs. Funeral Service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday, August 1, 2008. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

**GERARD "Rod" A.
HORTON**

Age 81, formerly of Birmingham, passed away July 28 in Spring Hill, FL after a wonderful life. Survivors include wife Joan of 56 years; three children: Todd of Clearwater, FL; Drew (Tertie) of Harrison Twp., MI; Dana (Larry) Dafee, Holiday, FL & seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren.

**HAROLD ARTHUR
MERRIMAN**

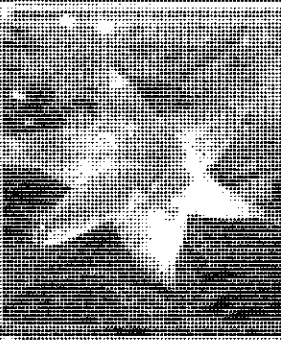
Harold passed away peacefully on July 26, 2008 at the age of 91 in Colorado Springs, CO. He was born August 12, 1916 to Frank and Ruth (Pohr) Merriman in Nepolean, Ohio. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret Waara Merriman of 45 years, his son William Merriman and three brothers, Jim, Clarence and twin, Donald. Harold lived at the Southgate Co-op Apartments for twenty years where he met his second wife, Florence Geigler and was married four years before she passed away in 1990. Harold was active in the Southgate Co-op community, starting as the Doorman in 1987, driving the community van, helping with maintenance and serving as Vice-President on the Board. There he had made many life long friends and enjoyed many activities. A special Thank-you to his very dear and close friend Ann. He is survived by his daughter Doreen Elliott, son-in-law Lance Elliott of Colorado Springs, Colorado, his three grandchildren, Eric and Rachel Elliott of Colorado Springs and Jamie Merriman of Coldwater, MI. Harold graduated from Ecorse High School in 1935. After high school he was accepted into Ford's Apprentice Program as a Tinsmith, he worked for the Ford Motor Company for 38 years. He retired in 1973 and soon after fulfilled a dream of owning his own farm. He purchased 80 acres in Bronson, MI, where he helped with the crops and enjoyed raising cattle, sheep, pigs and several horses. Harold enjoyed harness racing in the 1950 and 1960's with his older brother Jim Merriman and raced at Northville Downs. He moved to Colorado Springs, CO in November 2007 to be closer to his daughter and family to enjoy the beauty of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Harold had a compassion for life and he will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews, friends and all who were touched by his gentle and giving spirit. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008 from 3:00-8:00 at John Santeiu & Son, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI. Celebration of Harold's life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2008 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy Rd., Garden City, MI at 10:00am.

**JAMES N. ISHAM**

July 31, 2008 Age 86 Beloved husband of Jacqueline for 62 years. Dear father of Aimee Seiler (Wayne), Michael (Kathy) and Andrew Isham. Grandfather of Matthew, Jennifer, Jason, Kelli and Courtney. Also survived by several great-grandchildren. Brother of Nancy Troy. Funeral service Wednesday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Tuesday 3-8pm. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Mercy Hospice, 281 Enterprise Ct., Ste 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

**LILLIAN G. PARKE
(Cruickshank)**

Age 76 of Oxford, at Peace with her husband Jack Parke July 22, 2008. Beloved mother of Jean Marie (Jim) Guiles, John Philip Parke, Nancy Ann (Paul) Empkie, Richard William (Sharon) Parke, Barbara Gail Parke, David Jerome (Carrie) Parke, Robert Walter (Stacy) Parke and Susan Diana (Bob Hider) Parke; loving grandmother of Scott Dennis, Jennifer Ann, and Brian Paul Empkie, Jessica Rene and Jean Marie Parke, Paul Christopher & Stephanie Gail Hayes, Tiffany Anne, David Jerome Jr., and Darren Lee Parke, Linden Bee III, Dillen Thomas and Jessica DeLin Markel Cook, John Patrick and Jacqueline Nicole Parke, and Kayla Marie Parke; sister of Dr. Barbara Jean (Lars) Bolz, aunt of Anne Marie (Vince) Trampus, Christopher and Thomas Pellegrini, Lara and Adam Bolz. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Funeral was held from St. Joseph Catholic Church 715 N. Lapeer Rd, Lake Orion on Saturday July 26, 2008 at 10 AM. Memorials may be made to University of Michigan, C.S. Motts Childrens Hospital-Cardio-Thoracic Unit. For further information please visit: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

**PEARL F. PABARUE**

July 30, 2008, age 81, of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late James A.A. Pabarue, M.D. Dear mother of James A.A. Pabarue, Jr. (Eleanore) and Gail D. Pabarue. Loving grandmother of Emily, Kathryn, Laura and Jay. Memorial service Wednesday, 2p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to The National Kidney Foundation. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROGER VAN DORPE

Age 95, formerly residing at 1819 High Street, Iowa City, died Sunday, July 6, 2008 at Windmill Manor Care Center in Coralville, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Iowa City with the Reverend Michael Phillips officiating. Visitation will also be on Monday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of St. Wenceslaus Church. Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington, Michigan. Online condolences may be sent for his family through the web @www.gayandcda.com. Roger was born on June 4, 1913 in Ghent, Belgium, the son of Albert and Caesarine (Bontinck) Van Dorpe. He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Linn on August 2, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. The couple lived in Detroit until moving to Farmington, Michigan in 1971. They were happily married for 61 years until Betty Jean's death in 2002. Roger worked for the J. L. Hudson Company in Detroit. He was active in his church, singing in the choir and belonging to the Knights of Columbus. Roger and Betty Jean both enjoyed bowling leagues, playing in card clubs, swimming, and socializing at the Senior Center. Roger had a gift for writing poetry; his work was published several times, especially in "The Hudsonian." In Iowa City he was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was a lifetime supporter of many charitable organizations. His family includes his son, Paul Van Dorpe and his wife Jill (Kramar) of Iowa City; grandchildren, Alexander, Rex, and Darlene Angelique; brother, John Van Dorpe and his wife Marion of Phoenix, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty Jean, and brother Carl. Gay and Cita Funeral and Cremation Service is caring for Roger's family and his services.

RUSSELL E. EVERETT

Age 96, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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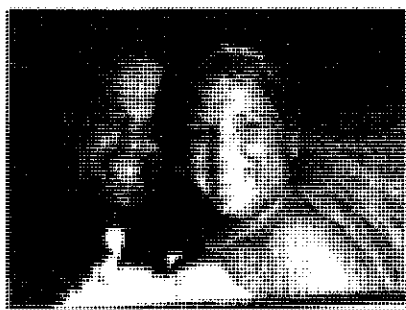
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WEDDINGS

**Balko-Ianitelli**

Ms. Denise Balko of Westland and Mr. Richard Balko of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Ann Balko to Andrew Kenneth Ianitelli of Staunton, Virg. He is the son of Andrew and Susan Ianitelli of Westland. Lisa is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia Public Schools and a 2007 graduate of Madonna University. She works as a direct services associate at The Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. Andrew is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Institution of Aviation and Technology. He works as an A&P Mechanic at Dynamic Aviation.

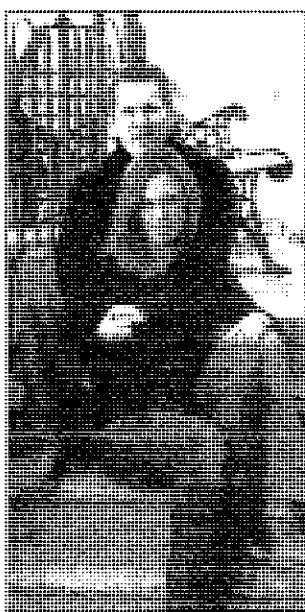
The couple wed June 14 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church before the Rev. Kurt Lambart. The bride was attended by maid of honor Dawn Balko and bridesmaids Jody Seitz, Sara Ianitelli, Carly Ferguson, Tiff O'Kane and Jess Price. The groom was attended by best man Shaun Ianitelli and groomsmen Dan Watt, Greg Sturdy, Mike Kovacs, Adam Buchanan and Karl Gallagher. A reception followed the service at Sacred Heart Conference Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls and will make their home in Staunton, Va.

Esser-Czerniawski

John and Sherree Esser of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Michelle Esser, to Timothy Allan Czerniawski of Salem Township. He is the son of Jeanie Allan of Dearborn and Alexander Allan III of Westland.

Lisa is a 1999 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree in finance from Western Michigan University in 2003 and her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2006. She is an associate attorney for Sommers Schwartz, P.C. in Southfield and specializes in medical malpractice. Timothy is a 1995 Canton High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works in home improvement sales in Canton.

The couple wed on June 28 at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club in Clarkston. The bride was attended by maid of honor Alison Morency and bridesmaids Natalie Esser, Krista Skillman and Melissa Marisco. The groom's best man was Scott Allan and his groomsmen included Sean Allan, Rocco Foggio and Ryan Esser. The couple took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, St. John and Virgin Gorda. They will make their home in Salem Township.

**Mizak-Baumgardner**

Richard Baumgardner and Katrina Mizak-Baumgardner of Livonia wed on Aug. 25, 2007 in Canton and are about to move into their new home. Katrina works as a medical assistant and Richard serves in the U.S. Army.

**Five generations**

Pearl Rowe (right) turns 101 on Wednesday, Aug. 6. The Livonia woman is pictured here with her daughter Dee Dee Dittmar on her left; Dittmar's daughter, Wendi Stull; Wendi's daughter, Jessica Stull and her 4-month old son Tanner Stull. Wendi, Jessica and Tanner were in town from Casper, Wyoming for visit at Dittmar's Livonia home.

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Games celebrate organ donation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

David Hebestreit gets chills thinking about one special moment on the basketball court at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh when his team's supporters were cheering and yelling.

"It reminded me of when I was really sick because the support I got from the community and co-workers in Livonia Public Schools was tremendous," said Hebestreit who received a heart transplant in March 2006. "I almost quit at two months and came home. If I didn't have the support waiting I probably wouldn't have made it."

The truth is Hebestreit wouldn't have survived if a heart donor hadn't been found in time. He waited 90 days for his transplant but some patients die waiting.

Dr. John Magee has seen it happen. He's part of the transplant team at the University of Michigan Health System which was able to give life to 250 kidney and 80 liver recipients last year.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, there are more than 2,500 people waiting for a kidney transplant in Michigan, and nearly 3,100 waiting for all types of organs.

"The people needing an organ are either going to die from complications from their organ being ill or sick, or receive transplantation which gives them the opportunity of living a complete life," said Magee. "Dialysis is not an ideal therapy (for kidney failure). Transplantation offers people the hope and chance at life. That's why organ donors make the largest difference. Lack of donors is the largest problem. Many people think about organ donation when they're in line to be a recipient."

Sherry Johnson tries to honor her heart donor every day by taking care of her health.

Her own special moment occurred as Team Michigan walked into the arena for the opening of the U.S. Transplant Games in July. Johnson competed in cycling, one of a dozen sports. Team Michigan was sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"I'm never going to let Sue think she didn't give her heart to a worthy person," said Johnson of Farmington Hills. "We want to honor our donors, living or deceased. At the track there were people of all different ages. Everybody's healthy. Everybody was not like that before their transplant. All these people were like me — sick — and they're not anymore. We're not even patients anymore."

Terry Gould was happy just to see the three brothers of his heart donor in the stands at the games.

"It was a big deal for me and for them to see me compete," said Gould of Plymouth. "They were really taken in to see so many people in the same category as I was competing. It gave them a big uplift. The games are primarily to bring to light the need for organ donation and that recipients can do so well. It was so gratifying for me to be able to compete, to see other recipients compete, to see all these athletes compete in all these events."

While organs like hearts need to come from deceased donors, kidneys, bone marrow, partial liver, lung, and pancreas can be donated by those still alive. For information about becoming an organ donor or to register, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

To learn more about the U.S. Transplant Games or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, visit www.nkfm.org or call (800) 482-1455.

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David Hebestreit of Livonia won a bronze medal in the U.S. Transplant Games.

Transplant recipients celebrate life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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David Hebestreit went to Pittsburgh thinking he was going to compete in ping pong and bowling, but ended up winning a silver medal for basketball. In 2010 he's going for the gold. While that's a formidable goal for any athlete, Hebestreit is a heart transplant recipient. He never thought he would be able to play soccer again let alone compete in the Olympic-style U.S. Transplant Games along with more than 1,300 organ recipients from 50 states.

Hebestreit has not only been able to return to teaching English and coaching the varsity girls soccer team at Churchill High School, men's club soccer team at University of Michigan and U-16 girls for the Canton Soccer Club, but recently won the Michigan Soccer Association State Championship with the Canton Celtic.

It wasn't long after he took a bronze in individual golf and competed in volleyball and the 5k at the 10th U.S. Transplant Games sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation July 11-16. Next year he's considering going to the 2009 World Transplant Games in Australia which like the U.S. games occurs every other year.

"Next time I'm entering everything — swimming, field and track," said the 37-year-old Hebestreit, who received a heart transplant March 6, 2006. "It was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. Everyone is out to live a quality life and the games give them the opportunity to showcase that."

Transplantation was all about survival when Dr. John Magee was in medical school 20 years ago. Today organ recipients are living life to the fullest. Forty-Four Team Michigan athletes came home from the U.S. Transplant Games with 54 medals.

Chris Klug, a professional snowboarder, helped set the standards for recovery by being the only transplant recipient ever to compete and medal in the Olympic Games. Klug received a bronze at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"We're taking people less able to compete and make them able to compete. The goal is to make people as healthy and productive as possible,"



Terry Gould (right) of Plymouth is shown here with his donor's brothers Brandon, Trevor and Lon Coleman at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh.



Sherry Johnson of Farmington Hills won a bronze medal in the 20k cycling event at the U.S. Transplant Games in July.

said Magee, a transplant surgeon and director of the pediatric transplant program at the University of Michigan Health System. "Survival rates are getting good enough that we can encourage people to be active. That's actually our goal of transplants although that doesn't always happen. It depends on the organ and age of the person. We want people to be able to work and move around after the transplant. That's what we strive to achieve."

Like Hebestreit, Sherry Johnson won her first medal in her first U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh. The 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman won a bronze in the 20K cycling event. Johnson played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

"I was not into cycling before my heart transplant, but never thought I wouldn't be athletic again. That was a goal for me," said Johnson who continues to bike 10 miles a day and runs the bleachers at Farmington High School. Johnson received a heart transplant Oct. 16, 2006.

"The 20k was not easy. It was very, very hilly in Pittsburgh. I didn't even think I'd finish. It was an incredible experience. Right before crossing the finish line I got very emotional, grateful for this strong heart. I was crying. I just got this rush of emotion, just being able to finish this course, the hardest I'd ever been on. I was so happy and grateful to be able to do this. I was very athletic before and missed that part of my life."

Terry Gould was on the swim teams at Plymouth High School and Schoolcraft College, but by age 48 could hardly go up and down the stairs. He won three silver and three bronze medals and can't ever remember feeling as good as he does today. Gould, 56, received a heart transplant May 11, 2003. This was his fifth Transplant Games which include the 2005 competition in Ontario and 2007 in Thailand. He's won a total of 28 medals.

"For me personally it's mentally and physically better for me to keep in shape," said Gould of Plymouth. "It gives me a better attitude knowing I can continually do these things. I'm still training and keeping in shape, but not as much or as hard."

"It really isn't fair if you don't take care of your organ and your health," said Hebestreit. "People are dying for that organ."

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Program to educate school personnel about diabetes

The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital present Diabetes in the School 101, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor.

The educational session is for school personnel and provides information about caring for a child with diabetes.

School staff with medical training, as well as those without, are invited to attend.

The cost is \$20, continental breakfast and lunch included. Registration is limited to the first 150 participants due to the size of the facility.

The program includes the basics on diabetes, glucose monitoring, legal issues, nutrition, insulin, hypo and hyperglycemia, and exercise. There will be question and answer as well as hands-on time with monitors, pumps, insulin pens and glucagon.

To register or for more information, call Jennifer Schwab at (734) 615-4596 or send e-mail to schwabja@med.umich.edu.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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Free Running Group

Couch Potato to 5K racer in 9 weeks? You can do it with new free weekly running group that starts 8 a.m. Aug. 3 in Plymouth. Led by Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates studio, the running group will follow the Couch 2 5K training program structured as interval training. The group will meet at the Pilates studio at 829 Penniman, Plymouth. The run should take about 45 minutes. Call (734) 233-5268, e-mail coresportinfo@yahoo.com, or visit www.coolrunning.com/engine/2/2_3/181.shtml.

Cool Blue Monday

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Fund-raiser takes place 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Seldom Blues Supper Club, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit. All proceeds from the event support programs and services to prevent and treat kidney disease. Evening includes strolling buffet, cocktails, live jazz, and silent and live auctions. Tickets \$100. Call (313) 259-1574.

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. 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 overlooking the 10th and 17th greens and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. Call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/miq.

Holistic Moms Network

Launching a new chapter in the Metro Detroit Area and will hold an Open House 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The Holistic Moms Network is a national nonprofit organization connecting parents who are passionate about holistic health and green living. Through an e-mail discussion loop, members of the group share life-changing information and advice on a variety of topics including pregnancy, breastfeeding, natural childbirth, positive discipline, alternative medicine, and green living. Moms, dads, grandparents, partners, and other caregivers welcome. Local businesses have donated gift certificates and products for a door prize drawing. The Metro Detroit Area Chapter will meet 9:45-11:45 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the library and welcomes volunteer guest speakers on holistic lifestyle topics. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at (313) 220-4592 or e-mail amstevens14@juno.com. Holistic Moms Network Web site is www.holisticmoms.org or call (877) HOL-MOMS.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features Intro to Integrative Medicine including massage, Reiki and guided imagery 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, in Room 312 of the Professional Office Bldg. at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

An evening with the mystic

An evening of wisdom, meditation and bliss 4 p.m. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Talk, 6:30 p.m. Book signing Sunday, Aug. 10, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi. Visit www.midnightswiththemystic.com or contact (248) 601-6362 and Detroit@ishafoundation.org. Free and open to the public.

Inner Engineering

Program for self-discovery with interactive discussions, meditations and a balanced set of powerful yoga practices continues to Aug. 5, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. Program runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday. Contact (866) 424-4742 or detroit@ishafoundation.org.

Mental illness seminar

In cooperation with the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Michigan, Oakwood Heritage Hospital presents an educational seminar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Ford Senior Center, 23555 Goddard, Taylor. The seminar is for parents, professionals, caregivers or anyone who wants to learn and understand more about mental illness. No charge, a light lunch provided. To RSVP, call Elaine at (734) 981-2282 or Tamara at (313) 295-5385.

Lupus walk

The two-mile Amster Lupus Butterfly Walk takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Civic Center Park on Hall Road in Woodhaven. Registration begins at 10 a.m., the walk at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. A pancake breakfast will be held during the registration time. Registration is \$15 per person or \$50 for a team of four members. Team Sponsorship and Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are available until Aug. 5. For information about lupus, to register or how to donate, call (734) 671-2367 or (248) 582-2727, e-mail butterflies@wowway.com or visit www.amsterlupus.org.

Donor registration/fund-raiser

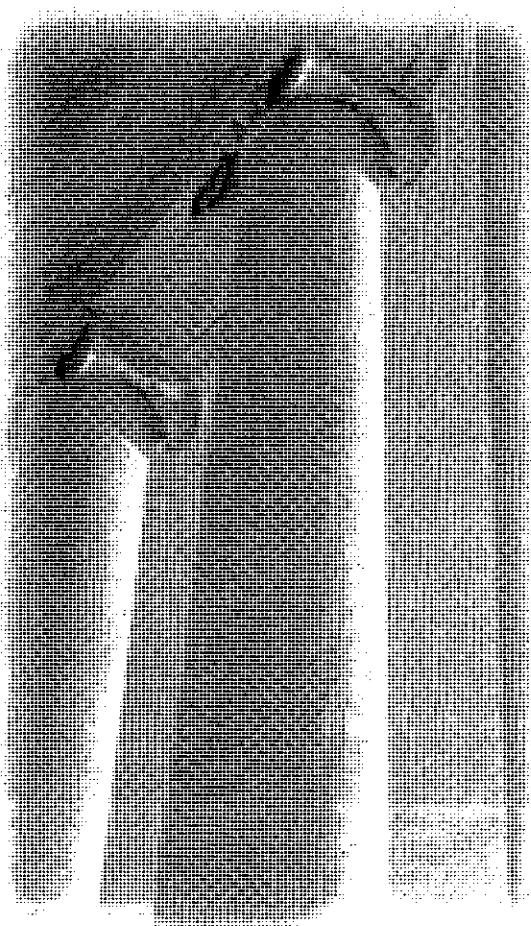
A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

Kidney cancer symposium

For patients and families 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Michigan Bioscience Research Building, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor, www.umich.edu/urology. For more information, contact Steffanie Fineman (734) 615-9843 or ssamuels@umich.edu.

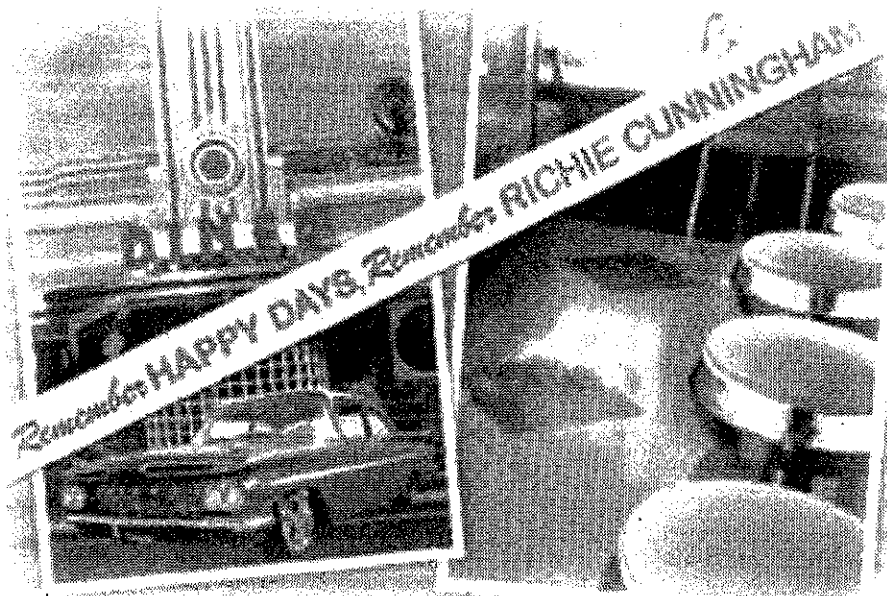
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Richard Cunningham is currently an attorney in private practice. His 29 year legal career includes service as an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, a trial court judge, an ethics prosecutor for the Attorney Grievance Commission, and staff attorney for the Veterans Administration. Michigan Lawyers Weekly named him an "Attorney Of The Year" in 2000. His exemplary judicial service was recognized by a major newspaper, which noted that he was among the 10 Michigan judges least likely to be reversed.

Richard Cunningham serves as an elected member of the Board Of Commissioners (the board of directors) of the State Bar of Michigan. He previously served two terms on the State Bar Representative Assembly. Other professional leadership positions include a term as President of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar and three terms as Chairperson of Criminal Law Section of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is a Trustee of the DMBA Foundation, and a Fellow of the State Bar Foundation.

Richard Cunningham is dedicated to the principle of "due process" for those accused of crimes, but has demonstrated his sensitivity and concern for crime victims. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Save Our Sons And Daughters (SOSAD) and on the National Board of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Richard Cunningham is involved in the community. He is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for U-SNAP-BAC, a non-profit housing corporation. He is a graduate of Belleville High School, and was recognized in 2004 with a "Distinguished Graduate" award. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Henry Ford Community College.



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WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **2287167**

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 28-49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **2274819**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 42, 5'1", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 32-59, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **2284915**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **2281726**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2282317**

LOVE IS THE GOAL
DWCF, 71, looks younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks faithful SWM for LTR. **2285624**

STARTING OVER
DBF, with two teens, 5'3", 140lbs, short hair, would like to meet a nice, honest, down-to-earth man for friendship, possibly leading to LTR. Race open. 40-50. **2277626**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2280979**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys shopping, more. Looking for a SWM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, two, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7", 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling for friendship first, leading to LTR. **2214708**

WHY NOT CALL?
SWF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BIF, 25-40, race open, D/F free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **2271863**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6', smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2284442**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 38, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **2284368**

TRADITIONAL VALUES
Well-educated DWF, 58, dark blonde/grey, full-figured, interested in finding friendship leading to with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. **2283327**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, LTR. **2282115**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canoeing, exercise, theater, working out. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2287057**

EARTH BABY
DWF, 52, 5'10", 200lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygoing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/DWM, 46-60. **2285168**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL
Attractive SBF, 51'0", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking Arab male, 25-36, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285613**

FOLLOW THIS HEART
DWF, 59, 5'2", attractive, sincere, lovable, is waiting for you, loves life in general, likes doing anything with that someone special. Call me, you won't be disappointed. **2276729**

BEAUTIFUL SBF
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271693**

LOADS OF FUN
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dancing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. **2283342**

OVERGROWN TOMBOY
SBF, 54, 115lbs, easygoing, straightforward, honest, enjoys playing pool, photography, working on cars, reading, writing. Looking for muscular SM, 24-50, for casual relationship. **2281155**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 18, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2276798**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SWF, 37, 5'7", long brown hair, full-figured, two daughters, loves all kinds of movies, being outdoors, beaches, playing catch. Seeking SWM, 32-40, for possible relationship. **2285934**

CUTE AND CUDDLY
SF, 45, tall, long brown hair, big baby blue eyes, tall, looking for fun, down-to-earth guy, 39-55, who enjoys camping, travel, big trucks, Harley's. **2279724**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54, 115lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2285607**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2286634**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **22134425**

IN THIS BOX I CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call **2224748**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 38 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241298**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. LTR. **2245846**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 45-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **22113901**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **2282578**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 160lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2257908**

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **2280725**

HIT THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **2268278**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2273294**

STILL SEEKING
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **22113198**

COUNTRY GUY
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **2283845**

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving. 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281197**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2296370**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-63, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2270254**

I NEED A LOVE...
BF, 58", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **2284318**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 58", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **2284318**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **2284317**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWBM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284932**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishes to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-80, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 42, intelligent, romantic, independent, caring, lovable, looking for SBM, 30-50, with same characteristics, who knows what he wants out of life. **2287880**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SWM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273503**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-55, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2286866**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **22891247**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingstone county. **2210247**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", H/WP, and I enjoy walking, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **2288866**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! **2235172**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **22630808**

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. **22113835**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **22176487**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shy, independent and know what you want in life. **2282418**

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. **2260205**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **2266147**

A LOT TO OFFER
SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. **2278442**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **2274599**

IMMATURE
WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interested in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63, glasses a plus. **2278002**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **22531308**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM, 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **22128302**

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2292435**

RETIRED
SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. **2284754**

SINGLE DAD
WM, 57", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **2284933**

WELL-ROUNDED
DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. **2284909**

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
I love to hold; love to be held. Love to laugh, paint, write, sing. N/S. Give me a sign. It will be fun, I promise. **2286066**

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Self-employed SWM, 41, 6'2", athletic build, smoker, construction worker, seeks woman, 24-50, for LTR. I enjoy perfs, time with family. **2281784**

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON
SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-80, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. **2251226**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced SM, 43, 5'8", 202lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2267088**

SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE
Attractive SBM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, medium build, light complexion, N/S, seeks slender BF, 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princess! **2267553**

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART
Hardworking WM, 62", 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing W/ WF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. **2285231**

NEW TO THE AREA
SWM, 35, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. **2269861**

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-skating, surfing, the outdoors, and more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

LAID-BACK GUY
BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes, looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. **2272875**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2285646**

LET'S CHAT
SBM, 32, student, employed, light smoker, looking for a woman, 25-46. I enjoy basketball, time with my kids. **2284005**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygoing, loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel and sports etc. ISO a nice lady, who enjoys active lady to share talks, good times, friendship! fun. **2250719**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Single, middle-aged male seeks SWF for casual dating. She should be attractive, pet-friendly, financially independent. Prefer Oakland County. **2286732**

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, handsome and secure, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, H/W proportionate. **2218827**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WMM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. **2286866**

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and nature. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever I go. **2208980**

ALWAYS FAITHFUL
Gentle SWM, 44, 5'11", 185lbs, healthy young man, N/S, 5'11", 185lbs, likes roller skating, hiking, loyal, humorous, desire nice-looking SF, 55-68, slim/medium build, similar qualities, for LTR. Let's talk. **2280614**

SEEKING THE RIGHT PERSON
SWM, 35, 5'11", short dark/green, 175lbs, enjoys rollerblading, hiking, running, outdoors, fishing. Seeking SWF, 24-37, similar interests. **2280418**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF for fun. Age/location open. **22587540**

SEEKS SOULMATE
SWM seeks brunette, 23-55, who is a little on the shy side, knows how to have fun. **2286860**

AM I YOUR MISTER RIGHT?
SM, 28, 5'8", 165lbs, two tattoos, muscular build, goatee, nice smile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friendship or more. **2287140**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MT SWF, for dating and fun times. **22187614**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
WM, 6'8", N/S, interests include candlelight dinners, car shows, bike riding, the beach and more. Looking for SWF, 35-47, N/S, preferably tall, to hang out with. **2283522**

HONEST MAN
CARING SWM, 42, likes camping, fishing, travel and more. Looking for a supportive, honest, down-to-earth woman, 25-40, for LTR. **2283624**

IF INTERESTED, CALL ME
WM, 40, 6'5", enjoys movies, sports, concerts, dining out, travel. Looking for an honest woman, 30-60, who likes to go out and have fun. **2285510**

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2244280**

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
Attractive SWM, 63', 165lbs, N/S, N/D, shy, fit, enjoys carpentry, riding my bicycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-58, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2248074**

SEEKS A GOOD WOMAN
DWM, 52, auto worker, N/S, sociable drinker, enjoys drama and action films, bowling, golf, plays and more. Seeking SWF, who's kids ok, to share life's little pleasures. **2251015**

HARD-WORKING
SBM, 20, 5'8", slim build, N/S, seeks BF, 20-26, for friendship, possible romance. Call me! **2289003**

ARE YOU MARRIAGE-MINDED?
SBPM, 52, 6', 200lbs, athletic build, salt-n-pepper hair, enjoys travel, exercise, music, cooking, romance, walks, deep conversation, more. Seeking independent, sexy, supportive, intelligent SBPF, 45-60, who seeks a monogamous relationship. **2273373**

HAPPY GO LUCKY!
SWM, 33, educated professional, seeking female, 25-36, who enjoys sports, social drinking, coffee houses, concerts and having a good time. Open to all races. **2274366**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 27, 5'11", 185lbs, nice athletic build, smoker, seeks financially secure woman, 18-41, for friendship, possible romance. **2274475**

PLAY YOUR SONG?
DWM, 52, D/D-free, east area, great SOH, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening, romantic evenings by my fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **2202143**

LET ME BE THE ONE
SWM, outgoing, very versatile, open-minded, loves sports, the outdoors and indoors, music, dining. Looking for similar woman for possible relationship. **2276022**

LET'S HANG OUT
SBM, 29, 6'8", slim build, smoker, seeks nice woman, 25-28, to chill with and get to know. **2277837**

OPEN-MINDED SF WANTED
SM, 6', 185lbs, short brownish-blond/blue, muscular build, no tattoos, N/S, social drinker, loves art museums, craft shows, music, concerts, quiet times, movies, dining. Seeking slender woman, similar interests. **2277654**

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 30, 5'8", 140lbs, down-to-earth, open-minded, hard-worker, likes fishing, hunting, climbing. Seeking SW/AF, 18-40, for possible relationship. **2278555**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 52, seeks slender female, 40-50, who likes fishing, the outdoors, hunting, gardening, cooking. **2279847**

VERY ROMANTIC
Honest, open, faithful SWM, loves cooking, cleaning, writing poetry. Looking for SBPF, 18-36, who needs passion and love in her life. **2280643**

DON'T HESITATE...
call for a date! SWM, 65, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. **2282685**

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape. SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. **2278855**

SOLID MORALS?
BM, 40, 5'6", 200lbs, athletic build, enjoys volleyball, fishing, swimming, skating, walks in the park, more. Looking for a woman, 40-45, 5'7"-5'9", who is church-going and has similar interests. **2274290**

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **2211238**

LAID-BACK GENTLEMAN
BM, 6', 185lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, nice sense of humor, likes dining out, bowling, some travel and having fun. If you would like to join me, please call. 20-40. **2278643**

HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, hiking, boating and some old movies. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. **2258268**

GIVE ME A CALL
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, N/S, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. **2271820**

WARM AND FRIENDLY
Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, H/W proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **2273036**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE
SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **2285048**

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBM, 45, 5'6", medium build, wonderful personality, looking for special, laid-back, college-educated SF, 30-40, 5'5"-5'7", slim/medium build, outgoing, non-smoker, non-drinker. **2280827**

RETIRED GENTLEMAN
Fun-loving DWM, 59', 160lbs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking W/HF, 55-63, slim to medium build, hopefully LTR. Dark hair a plus. **2284471**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **2200459**

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. **22176478**

LET'S MEET SOON!
I have a good job, seek nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **2247784**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWM, 5'10", 160lbs, active retiree looking for Black or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relationship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health clubs and I'm social-drinker. **2287100**

SEEKING A LADY
SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes roller skating, walks, movies, travel in the W/ will respond to all. **2276462**

NO COUCH POTATOES
SM, 53, 5'9", 220lbs, brown/brown, loves the outdoors, cooking, dining, dancing, outdoors. Seeking independent SF, 45-63. **2282358**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SWM, 50, looks and feels younger, 6'1", health-conscious, exercises, swims, likes life weights, loves music, movies, the outdoors. Seeking gorgeous woman with a zest for life and looking. **2282649**

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", graying brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation no romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, WF to share these. **2223744**

READY FOR RELATIONSHIP
SM, 29, 5'6", light smoker, hazel eyes, looking for SF, 21-40, for friendship or more. **2279902**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
SWM, 70s, 5'9", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72, I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **2275970**

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Affectionate DWM, 71, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping. The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. **2292099**

LOVES THE OUTDOORS
WM, 78, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, looking for a lady around the same age, for dinner, movies, travel, tv and walks. **2273731**

MOTORCYCLES AND FUN
DWM

Recognize warning signs for teen suicide

My friend tried to commit suicide and I'm not sure how I feel ... I feel like I should've known she was this sad and that I could've done something to prevent this. I think I'm even a little bit angry ... I'm not even sure how to act around her now ... what do I do?
Emotional Roller Coaster in Garden City

You are not alone ... I have had many letters and e-mails about this due to the recent teen suicide and suicide attempts in our area. So, I'm dedicating this entire column to teen suicide and those of us affected by it.

Monica Fulton

U.S., thousands of teenagers commit suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

It is a final attempt to end pain. Someone who attempts or commits suicide has been experiencing a lot of pain for a long time. Teenagers experience strong feelings of stress, confusion, self-doubt, pressure to succeed, financial uncertainty and other fears while growing up.

For some teenagers, divorce, the formation of a new family with step-parents and step-siblings, or moving to a new community can be very unsettling and can intensify self-doubts.

For some teens, suicide may appear to be a solution to their problems and stress.

Many of the signs and symptoms of suicidal feelings are similar to those of depression. Teens who may try to kill themselves might change their eating and sleeping habits or pull away from friends and activities they normally enjoy. They may run away from home or act violently.

Drug or alcohol use and neglecting their appearance are common, too. You might notice a change in their personality and that they are constantly bored, are having problems concentrating and are letting their grades slip.

A teenager who is planning to commit suicide may also complain of being a bad person or feeling rotten inside. They might give us hints with statements such as: "I won't be a problem for you much longer," "Nothing matters," "It's no use," and "I won't see you again."

A teen planning suicide might put his or her affairs in order by giving away favorite possessions, cleaning his or her room or throwing away

important belongings.

If a friend says, "I want to kill myself" or "I'm going to commit suicide," always take the statement seriously and immediately tell a teacher, parent, or other adult that can help.

It would be nice if everyone who was thinking about suicide gave us these types of warning signs, but they don't always.

If you know your friend suffers from depression or another psychological disorder, has attempted suicide, or is being physically or sexually abused, you might want to talk to your friend about his or her feelings even if they aren't giving any other warning signs. These types of factors increase the risk of suicide among teens.

Other factors that increase that risk include a lack of support, poor relationships with parents or peers, social isolation, and coping with homosexuality in an unsupportive family or community.

We usually feel uncomfortable talking about death. However, asking your friend whether he or she is depressed or thinking about suicide can be helpful. Rather than putting thoughts in your friend's head, asking this tough question will show that somebody cares and will give your friend the chance to talk about problems.

If one or more of these signs occurs, your friend's parents need to know so they can get your friend professional help from a physician or a qualified mental health professional. With support from family and appropriate treatment, teens who are suicidal can heal and return to a more healthy path of life. If you're not sure what to do, or you think your friend might be in crisis, you can call (800) SUICIDE for help.

What do you do when someone you know attempts or commits suicide? First, know that any emotion you experience is normal. Some teens say they feel guilty — especially those who felt they could have known their friend's actions and words better. Others say they feel angry with the friend who committed or attempted suicide for having done something so selfish. Still others say they feel no strong emotions. All of these reactions are normal; there is no right or wrong way to feel. When a friend attempts suicide and survives, you may be afraid of or uncomfortable about talking with him or her about it. Resist this urge; this is a time when your friend absolutely needs to feel connected to others.

When a friend commits suicide, the pain and grief may be overwhelming. Although these feelings may never completely go away, we can take steps

to begin the healing process.

It's important to maintain contact with others. Find supportive people to talk with about your friend and your feelings. It's also important to keep in mind that other people around you are grieving, too, and that everyone expresses grief in their own way.

Be there for each other through the tears, anger, and silences — and, if necessary, get help and support together.

You should expect that anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays may be difficult. Important days and holidays often renew a sense of loss and anxiety. On those days, do what's best for you, whether that means surrounding yourself with family and friends or planning a quiet day of reflection.

Most of all, understand that it's normal to feel guilty and to question how this could have happened, but it's also important to realize that you might never get the answer. Healing will happen over time and will come from reaching a point of forgiveness — for both your friend and yourself.

It's important to recognize that suicide is NEVER the answer. The pain and grief family and friends endure is incredible.

Family is left with guilt beyond words and friends are left with pain that will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Allergic reactions: Fabric softener has negative side

I heard an alarming news story on CBS radio the other day concerning fabric dryer sheets. It was reported that there are chemicals in these sheets that are not listed and these sheets will cause people to suffer allergic type reactions.

I went to the store and purchased a box of them and tried burning one in the driveway. Amazingly it didn't catch fire! Under an open flame, it melted as if I was burning a piece of plastic.

I don't know what date the fabric softener sheet came onto the market but I do know that any service technician who works on clothes dryers will tell you that he finds them everywhere inside the bowels of the clothes dryer.

They seem to get through seals and crevices and end up in the blower housings or the gas and electric heat chambers and are a concern to us in regards to a clothes dryer fire. Have you ever gone to work only to have someone smile and tug a fabric softener sheet out of your shirt collar or sleeve?

Diane Armstrong who writes for the *Timmins Times* newspaper in my hometown recently expressed her views on dryer sheets. Once consumers learned that the same sheet can be cut in half and used several times, they bought fewer boxes of dryer sheets. To boost sales, the consumers were told that they have more uses than originally thought.

Did you know you can put them in your clothes hamper to cut down on the odor of dirty socks? Put one in your garbage can. A dryer sheet just might mask the smell of that rotting, week-old chicken carcass. No one likes the smell of skunky sports equipment, so a dryer sheet in with those

stinky running shoes and sweat-soaked jerseys should eliminate the problem. I don't think so, but that's what the dryer sheet manufacturers suggest.

These little dryer sheets come in a wide variety of scents, very few of which I could identify blindfolded. I wonder what "rain" really smells like. Or "spring"?

Is there anything wrong with clothes out of the dryer or off the clothesline smelling just like clothes?

I recently wrote a column about the advertising you see and hear which is designed to lead you to purchase certain products. Caution was stressed and everyone needs to use sheer diligence to determine what is right or wrong. I once used these dryer sheets tucked into my baseball cap while on a fishing trip to repel mosquitoes. It didn't work; they ate me alive.

I was asked if the spray fabric softener was a

better product to use. Whatever chemical is in the spray product must be awful powerful as well. For years I've been warning consumers that if you use this spray around your washer and dryer and some of it comes in contact with the console of these products you can expect the lettering and numbers to disappear.

When I hear a story coming of CBS headquarters in New York, I tend to pay close attention. It really shocks me that a product so commonly used by homemakers in America can contain harmful chemicals and there is no requirement that the manufacturer has to list those harmful agents. Stay tuned.

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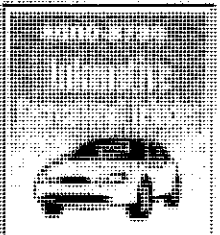
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Recent research by Harris Interactive Inc., for Randstad Holdings n.v., finds that the time is ripe for taking on more work. Its survey of 3,494 business professionals -- 1,295 employers and 2,199 employees -- finds that an enormous 68 percent, up five percent from last year, favor increasing responsibilities. Looking for a new job with a higher salary fares poorly -- down to 50 percent from 54 percent last year.

Most people don't view their companies as a "markets," but people in marketing-related functions can provide real insight into how to create opportunity on the job. Dan Schawbel, personal branding expert in Waltham, Mass., maintains that "a regular 9-to-5 day is not enough during this recession. Workers should take on more work these days to provide more value within their organization or build a brand outside of work that may secure them, in case of downsizing."

You benefit by being "perceived as a contributor and a hard worker instead of someone going through the motions," he continues. "If you're content on taking the

easy route, you'll be replaced by someone willing to work harder for (less)." He advocates social networking while doing the best job you possibly can, because your current work becomes "a case study" for your next opportunity.

SOLVING PROBLEMS

You probably agree that self-promotion is essential at this time. Mark Roberts, managing director of Scottsdale's Pragmatic Marketing Inc., advocates the approach of the book "Tuned In," by Craig Stull et al. (Wiley, \$27.95). Take Roberts' concept that market-driven companies will be the survivors and become market-driven within your company to determine exactly how to take on more work. Just loading up your desk with new projects isn't the best strategy. Identifying or developing ones that solve problems for your employer is.

Roberts points out that businesses are being hampered by the loss of their "go-to cheap resources," or vendors. This situation in your company -- the equivalent of your market -- presents opportunities for you to fill in gaps by taking on some of the work expendable employees used to do. However, if you're already feeling overworked, Schawbel says that you must "work smarter and smarter. Punching a clock

won't do it."

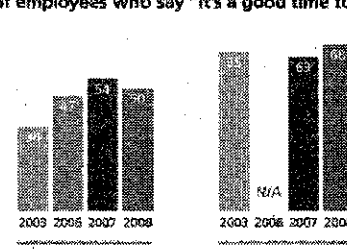
He emphasizes that remaining relevant to the company's mission is essential. In other words, don't look for projects to clean up compulsively. Instead, hunt for problems to solve that contribute to the future of the company, which will contribute to your job security. An avid technophile, Schawbel encourages Gen Y to become tech-savvy, an area in which he finds this cohort coming up short, because "other skills might help you get a job elsewhere in the company."

COMPANY AS MARKET

How can you convince your company that even though you're overloaded now you could contribute even more by taking on more work? "Sort your priorities," Roberts says, to focus on problem-solving. You can help companies cut costs, increase revenue or "accomplish more with less," Schawbel says. "Take a small amount of money and accomplish a lot with it (assuring) large impact."

Such tactics might not be effective if your company is willing financially. Company financials can tell you a lot. However, even if they do, Schawbel, the social networker, recommends that you ask around to weigh the scuttlebutt: "Everything is through people now. Spend the most amount of time networking with

% of employees who say "It's a good time to..."



Randstad Holdings n.v., recently released information about a survey finding that a large group of participants considers the time optimal for employees to increase their job responsibilities. They think that people have only a 50/50 chance for securing a new job.

others." The end result might well be a new opportunity that evolves through what he calls "the laws of attraction" when, while researching your current company, you're also extending the reach of your personal brand.

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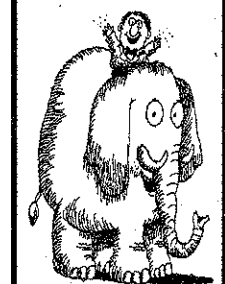
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