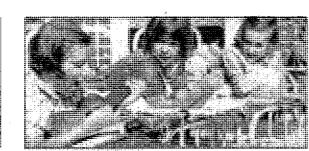


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Council says no to cost of creek's flood plan

BY SUE MASON

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Wayne County will have to go ahead with a design and engineering study of the north branch of the Ecorse Creek without the support of the City of Westland.

A majority of the Westland City Council last week voted against a resolution supporting the study, by and large, due to the project's proposed cost to residents living south of Michigan Avenue.

"I won't support this," said Councilman Dewey Reeves. "I can appreciate that this is a burden to those residents."

"We vehemently disagree with the overall cost of the project," said Council President James Godbout. "The formula is skewed."

The county is proposing a \$240 million flooding mitigation plan involving 40 communities, including Westland. The design and engineering study, which would cost \$7-10 million, would determine if the

plan is viable. But the heart of the dispute for city officials is an \$1,000 per year assessment of the Westland properties affected by the mitigation plan

About 2.3 percent of the creek, or about 1,100 feet, runs through Westland and the city would be assessed for only that portion. It would affect 960 properties, 860 of which are homes.

According to Kevin Bufford, director of public services, the county is looking at clearing up flooding along the creek downstream from Westland

by widening areas of the creek, straightening it out and making it deeper.

"There's a considerable number of homes that would have to be taken to widen the creek," he said. "The communities downstream will be adversely affected."

City officials believe Westland would be assessed for more than its fair share of the project because the city is at the "headwaters" and contributes a higher amount of water to the creek. In the resolution, the city

had demanded that by 2011 the county re-evaluate its method for determining the assessment roll, using information gathered in the study, to reflect the city's "true and actual, measurable and quantifiable impact on downstream flooding conditions."

According to Reeves, the \$1,000 figure for an assessment per home per year for 30 years would raise \$24 million, a hefty amount for having only 1,100 feet of the creek in the city.

"That's ridiculous," Reeves said. smason@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2112

A number of communities have passed resolutions supporting the study and many have vet to take any action, however, Godbout isn't sure if Westland is the first community to say no.

"In my opinion, it's unfortunate," he said. "We need to figure out a path to follow before it's mandated. At least, the resolution gave our opinion that the formula wasn't crafted properly and puts a burden on our residents."



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Dilly the Clown, AKA Grace Judd of Westland, is still making people smile at age 94. Even though she retired in 2006, she's her 'extended family,' the Clowns Around

Music, clowning fill her 2nd journey

STAFF WRITER

In 2006, Grace Judd gave up her funny clothes and red nose. At the time, she described clowning as her first journey and retirement was her second journey. Little did she know the first would become a part of the

A resident at American House on Hunter in Westland, Judd's journey today includes exercising five days a week, walks when the weather's nice, dancing and even slipping on her red nose to join her friends for some clowning.

"It's a journey and life is what you make of it," said Judd. "You can sit and let life go by or you

can have fun and make others happy."

At age 94, Judd is showing no sign of slowing down, especially when the music plays.

"When the music starts, my feet start," said Judd. "And I don't need a partner. I tell them to hold my cane, I need

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Grace Judd talks about her love of dancing, something she does regularly at American House in Westland.

Deadline is Monday to fill W-W school board seat

interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland school board.

So far, three residents have expressed an interest in filling a vacancy on the seven-member board in advance of the 4 p.m. Monday deadline. The school board is accepting letters of

Time is running out for people interest, resumés and any other pertinent information at its offices at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh in Westland.

The board is filing a vacancy created when Trustee Frederick Weaver resigned last month after taking a job in Midland and changing his primary

residence and voter registration, making him ineligible to serve on the Board of Education.

The six remaining six school board members will interview candidates at a special board meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, and then vote to select a new trustee. The candidate appointed to fill the vacancy will be sworn in in time to participate in the Sept. 22 school board meeting. He or she will serve until the term expires on June

For more information, call Superintendent Greg Baracy's office at (734) 419-2010.

Police say driver had been drinking before accident

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old Livonia man is free on bond after being arraigned on charges stemming from an Aug. 3 fatal hit-and-run accident in Westland's north end.

Wesley Sanborn faces a preliminary hearing on three felony charges related to the death of Gary Brown, 27, also of Livonia, who was struck and killed while walking along Joy Road.

Westland Police Officer Jack McIntosh testified in 18th District Court that Brown was walking along Joy Road near Ravine at about 4:54 a.m. Aug. 3, when he was struck and seriously injured by a 1996 green Chevrolet TrailBlazer which failed to stop. Brown, who sustained severe blunt force trauma, died the next day St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

McIntosh also testified that Sanborn was driving from a friend's apartment to his home to sleep, when the accident occurred. He told police he had been distracted by a cell phone and thought he had hit a

Police used pieces of the vehicle found at the accident scene to identify the make and model. A vehicle matching the description and with body damage was stopped by Westland police at 11:50 a.m. that same day on Joy Road about 800 feet from where the accident occurred.

McIntosh testified that the defendant "smelled of intoxicants and had glassy eyes" when he was stopped in his 1996 Chevy TrailBlazer and registered a 0.3 on a Breathalyzer test administered at 3:30 p.m.

"The defendant said he had consumed alcohol before the accident," McIntosh said. "He said he had consumed it up until 3:30-4 a.m."

Sanborn is charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating a vehicle while impaired causing death, and leaving the scene of an accident causing death. If convicted, Sanborn could face up to 15 years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000. A not guilty plea was entered on his court file.

Sanborn's attorney William Montgomery requested a personal bond for his client who is enrolled in the fall session at Madonna University.

"This is a terrible situation, his first offense," Montgomery said. "He has the support of his family, he's not a threat to society."

Judge C. Charles Bokos declined, citing the seriousness of the charges. Instead he set bond at \$10,000/10 percent, ordered Sanborn not to consume alcohol and to report to the probation department three times a week to be tested for alcohol while the case is pend-

"Any positive test will result in the bond increasing substantially," Bokos said. "You are not to consume alcohol while on bond, do you understand that?"

Sanborn nodded in response to the question. He also waived his right to a hearing within 14 days of his arraignment. The hearing will determine if he should be bound over for trial on the charges.

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Coming Thursday



Tent sale

Keep an eye out for the big tent at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 37775 Palmer, Westland.

The church will be holding at tent sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. Sept. 13. Tables filled with household goods, miscellaneous items and specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts will be on sale. Used clothing also will be for sale in the church for \$2 per plastic grocery bag, and there also will be a food court.

All money raised will be donated to are organizations to help people in the community. Past recipients have included the Salvation Army, Wayne County Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, World Hunger (CROP Walk), St. Mary's Outreach Center and the John Bolde Food Depot, the church's mission partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and for food baskets for Adams Middle School families.

The cost to participate is \$25, if you bring your own table, and \$35 to use one of the church's eight-foot-long tables. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Coffee Hours

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State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

For information, call LeBlanc toll-free at (888)-737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Sept. 8. He will be at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Constituents who are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-

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The Westland Garden Club will have a plant exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Friends of Eloise

In other events at the historic park, the Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House.

Golf outing

John Glenn High School's wrestling program will have its 11th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Please contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or (734) 634-4595 for more infor-

mation or to make reservations. More information also is available at www.glennwrestling.com.

Dance clinic

The Westland Stars will begin their new season with the team learning pom, jazz, hip-hop and lyrical styles of dance. Clinics will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays on Sept. 11 and 18. Try-outs will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

All classes will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center's multipurpose room. The team is open to children 10-14 years old or in fifth-through ninth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area. Those attending should come dressed to work out and bring a bottle of water.

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

ACT testing

Students interested in taking the next ACT college admissions test and placement exam must register by Sept. 19. Late registrations, with the additional fee, will be accepted until the final postmark deadline of Oct. 3. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or pick up registration packets from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require or recommend ACT's optional Writing Test score, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and uni-

versities in the United States. The test will be administered on Oct. 25.

Additional information about registration for those with special needs can be found at www.actstudent.org. Students in need of financial assistance should visit their school counselor for qualifi-

cation information and to apply for a fee waiver.

ACT's Web site (www.actstudent org) has information, free sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test preparation materials.

Preschool enrollment Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. The preschool is at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Health workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the Arthritis Foundation and American House will host a free health workshop at the American House Senior Living facility in Westland, 1660 Venoy Road. The workshop will meet once a week for six weeks to help people manage ongoing health problems.

The PATH Workshop is designed to provide knowledge and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes. emphysema, asthma, bronchitis and depression. The six-week workshop will run 1:30-4 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 11 to Oct.

Pre-registration is necessary and enrollment is limited. To register, call the American House Senior Living Residence at (734)-326-7777.

Comedy night

The Westland Rotary will present its "Comedy for a Cause" benefit 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Proceeds will support Rotary's charitable work.

Tickets for the comedy night are \$15 each and available through club members and at C&M Printing and Imaging, 5854 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road (east side) in Westland. Information is available from Mary at (734) 729-

The event is suitable for adults only.

Meals drivers needed

Residents who have the time and available transportation can help the elderly delivering meals to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels program. The route can be done in approximately 45 minutes, and mileage is paid to the driver. Half the route is a senior high-rise lobby drop-off, the other consists of a condo route.

For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

YWCA enrollment

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

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

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



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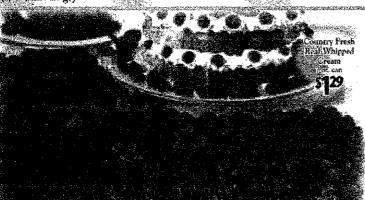


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to dance."

When a fellow resident asked her to teach her the steps, she tells them she never knows what her feet will do.

Judd's love of dance goes back to parochial school where the sisters would put on a "big revue" to raise money. She was always one of the dancers. She's thankful for that opportunity. Because of them she learned the Charleston, the Irish Jig and the Highland Fling.

"Oh, I love to dance," she said. Judd admits the transition to assisted living wasn't an easy one. She worried about the other residents liking her and was re-assured by the director who told her that she had "made a big impression" at the facility. It was what she needed to hear. Now, she jokes that they think she's the "cat's pajamas."

She's a night person and doesn't apologize if she sleeps in. After all, it was her mother who told her the best medicine is sleep.

"I've never forgotten that," she said.

And she' not forgotten her clowning. She keeps in touch with her Clowns Around Redford friends, they are her "extended family." Known for 20 years as Dilly the Clown. she still gets together with them on occasion. Last month, she was at Vicky's Homemade Ice Cream in Redford to help make a 50-foot banana split in celebration of National Clowns

"They can't get rid of me, they're stuck with me," Judd said with a laugh.

Even her children have been supportive of her clowning. One daughter thought she was a great clown - again "the cat's pajamas." And they've even learned to call her Dilly. She

doesn't answer to mom. "I say I have a wonderful

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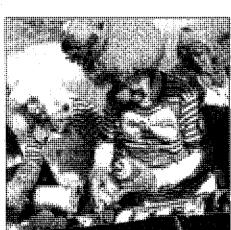
family and they end up saying they have a pretty wonderful mother," she said. "I must have done something right."

As for clowning, "it's sort of inside me," Judd said.

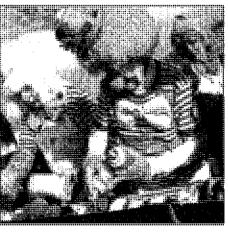
"Even though I'm retired, sometimes someone says something to me and I come back with a clown answer," she added. "I never know what's going to come out of here (her

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Dilly the Clown - AKA Grace Judd of Westland puts on the finishing touches on the 50foot banana split Clowns Around Redford constructed outside Vicky's Ice Cream in Redford in Observance





Yearlong program looks at the 1960s

The Westland Public Library will host a yearlong series of programs, titled "The Sixties @ the Library."

The series begins with "Welcome to the '60s" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17. Dr. Heidi Ardizzone, professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame and visiting assistant professor of history at the University of Michigan, will provide an overview of the decade, one of the most fascinating time periods in recent history.

Each month will feature a

movie from the '60s. The first movie is Psycho which will be shown at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

There will also be a monthly book discussion group. September's featured selection is To Kill a Mockingbird. The discussion group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24. Register and pick up your copy of the book at the library's Reference Desk.

All programs are free and open to the public. To reserve a seat, call the library at (734)

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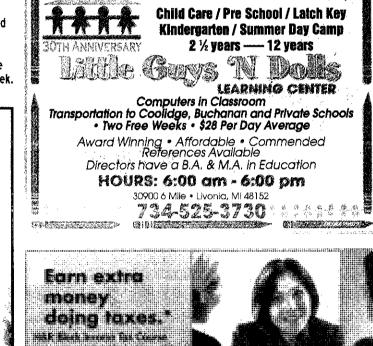
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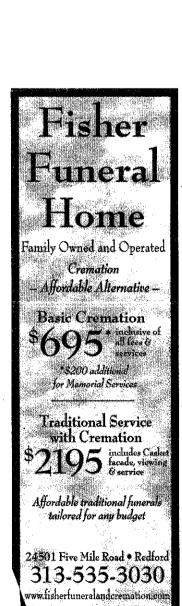
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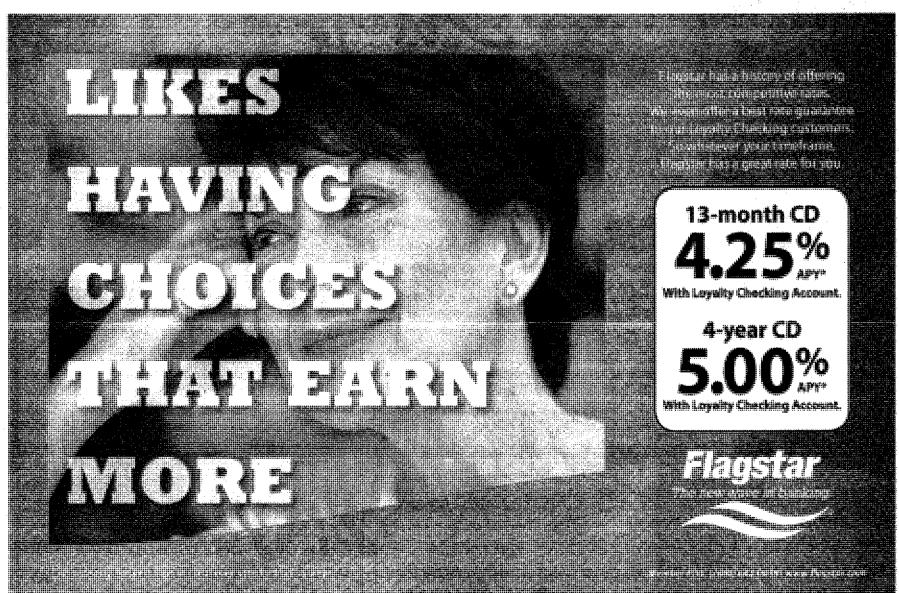
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET WAYNE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all residents of the Wayne County Conservation District, the annual budget for fiscal year 2008-9, will be presented to the District board for final approval at the Sept. 11, 2008 meeting at 7:00 pm at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne, Michigan. The public is invited to comment on the proposed budget. Copies for review are available by calling (313) 418-0700.

> Donna Petry, Chair Board of Directors Wayne County Conservation District

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be

available for review on the internet at www.gardencitymi.org

You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day. ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Westland **Notice Of Public Auction**

On Wednesday, September 24th, 2008 the following items will be available for preview at the Department of Public Service located at 37137 Marquette Westland MI, 48185 between the hours of 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm and bids will be accepted thru Friday September 26th 2008. All bids must be sent to The Department Of Public Service, attention John Blevins and the items will be sold to the highest bidder.

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All vehicles and equipment sold as is, all sales are final.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday September 7th, 2008 and end Sunday September 14, 2008. Interested persons should:

- visit www.aitcanton.com click on the "Auctions" tab
- in the right column, click on the "Click here for live

The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder: 2005 Ford Super Duty truck, 1985 Ambulance, Dewalt sawzall, torque wrench, Double Diamond slot machine, Dell laptop, cell phones, shoes, Cartier glasses, cameras, watches, Initial DVD player, Craftsman power washer, big block heads, aluminum intake,

Van Dutch jacket, fitted hats, and PS2 game system.

All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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YWCA offers parenting classes

Have you ever wanted parenting advice on tough issues, but don't know where to turn for

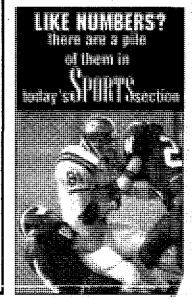
advice? The YWCA of Western Wayne County is offering a series of Parenting Classes that address controversial issues many parents struggle with!

The YWCA's Parenting 101 Program provides parents with the support and advice needed for the parenting dilemmas of today. Dorcas Smith, a recognized parenting facilitator, will be presenting a series of seven parenting classes based on the Love and Logic Curriculum. Classes will provide tips on, raising children of different age

groups. Classes will be held 6-8:30 p.m. the second or third Thursday of the month and will run from September to April. They will address a variety of controversial issues all parents must handle. Dinner and babysitting will be provided for each meeting.

Parents can choose to attend the entire series for just one class. There is no cost to participate in this program, but space is limited. Call (313) 561-4110, Ext. 14, for specific dates of program and to reserve your space.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.



Google is 10 years old

How could Google possibly be only 10 years old on Sept. 7?

What is arguably the world's most popular search engine has so infiltrated our lives and has even jumped parts of speech (see the verb. "to Google") that it sometimes seems as if it has been around forever.

If you want to learn the latest celebrity scandal, go ahead and Google the actor's name and you'll be led to thousands of sites, blogs and forums that have been analyzing the situation long before you ever knew it happened.

The stark home page of the Web site obscures the wealth of services beyond web searching that www. google.com has to offer. Not sure of the best way to get from one place to another? Accessing Google Maps allows you to not only map out and receive written driving directions, but you can also view traffic conditions and satellite images for your chosen route. Google Books offers full text viewing and downloads for an assortment of books and selections from an even greater number. You can even sign up for a free e-mail account, Gmail, through the Web site.

If you are interested in all of Google's features and how to use them, stop by the library and check



out one of our many books on the subject: "Googlepedia: The Ultimate Google Resource" by Michael Miller or "Schneider's How to Do Everything With Google."

Are you at all curious about the history of the company? Books such as "The Google Story" and "The Search: The Inside Story of How Google and Its Rivals Changed Everything" might also be of interest for the inquisitive

In the midst of the unavoidable Google mania, it's important to remember that while Google is a great tool, using it as a sole source of information is not sound research in itself. For suggestions or instructions

on various research resources, see the Reference Desk at the Public Library of Westland or explore the "Research" tab on our Web site, www.westland.

Highlighted Activities Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday eve-

ning beginning Sept. 3. Whether you want to learn to knit or are an experienced knitter, all are welcome. Seating is limited. Call the library for more information at (734)

-326-6123 **Balancing Women's Hormones** Naturally: 7 p.m. Sept. 7.

Featured Speaker Dr. Brian K. Brackney of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals will be discuss "Balancing Women's Hormones Naturally: An Alternative Approach to Helping PMS and Menopause." Stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123 to register.

Adult Poetry Group: 3 p.m. Sept. 9. 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.

Overview of 1960s history and culture with Dr. Heidi Arizzone, Dr. Notre Dame and a visiting assistant

"Welcome to the Sixties": 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

Arrizone is an assistant professor of American Studies at the University of professor of history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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MILITARY NEWS

Two Garden City residents serving in the Michigan Army National Guard have received promotions.

Samantha Ashton, a member of the 1776th Military Police Company in Taylor, Michigan Army National Guard, has been promoted to the rank of private.

Ashton, a Military Policeman, has been a member of the National Guard for one year. She attended basic training and Military Police Advanced Individual Training in 2008, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

A 2007 graduate of Garden City High School, Ashton is employed with Kroger in Garden City Michigan. Ashton is the daughter of Traci LaCroix of Garden City.

Alex Pierpoint, a member of the 1776th Military Police Company in Taylor, Michigan Army National Guard, has also been promoted to the rank of private.

A Foodservice Specialist, Pierpoint has been a member of the National Guard for nine months. He attended basic training in 2008, at Fort Sill, Okla.. and graduated Foodservice Specialist Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia in 2008.

Pierpoint is the son of Michelle Pierpoint of Garden

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Duane Penzien looks for a heartbeat and breath sounds on the SimMan with the help of nursing instructor Patricia Pawlik during the grand opening of the new Biomedical Technology Center at Schoolcraft College.

Schoolcraft's Biomed Center elevates science education

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Architects for Schoolcraft College's new Biomedical Technology Center were asked to think about collaboration, flexibility and cutting-edge technol-

This is the direction higher education is going and Schoolcraft is determined to take the lead.

Richard Weinkauf, assistant dean of science at Schoolcraft. said the new facility will be a catalyst for engaging students in science, math and technology to the fullest extent, at a time when there is pressure to get the United States back in the game as a science leader.

"It's a recognition across the country, not just in Michigan where it is being pushed, that science, technology, engineering and math is a place the U.S. has fallen behind in," he said. "We always enjoyed a lead. These areas of endeavor hold the most profinise for the U.S., as much as the state."

The building was introduced to the public at an open house Friday. It will serve to advance the STEM and GRIN curriculum. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology.

The \$13 million, 48,000square-foot Biomedical **Technology Center brings** together the science, math and medical classes with state-of-the art laboratories, a high-tech lecture theater and classroom spaces designed for flexibility.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said the building will contribute to an increased sophistication in the college's curriculum.

"This college has positioned itself not just to meet the needs of Michigan and local supporters but to anticipate the needs the state will have and business and industry will have. We've taken

the long view," he said.

COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

Bruce Sweet, associated dean of business technology, said faculty and staff were brought into the planning process from day one. He said administrators and facilities people provided the big picture and then others were brought in to address specific points.

"One of the things we were trying to accomplish was to create an environment," he said. "We learned from VisTaTech that where you have mobile furniture, less rigidity in the structure allowed them to be more creative in their teaching. It was important to build a collaborative pro-

A central idea was to integrate the various science disciplines through shared facilities and shared conversations.

"As you go through the facility, 20-30 percent of the building is dedicated to collaborative environments, student learning environments that facilitate students working as a team," Sweet said.

Bill Zaske of the SHWGroup architecture firm said a "visioning process" was the first step in working with the college staff, who had been developing an idea of what they want for years.

"From the get go, they talked about collaboration and interdisciplinary curriculum, combining math technological building," Zaske said.

Sweet said the new building has formal and informal spaces. He said faculty share the same office space and tools as part of the collaborative effort.

"I'm very impressed by how the architect was able to articulate concepts into concrete space," Sweet said. "Almost invariably

you'll get surprises. We haven't used the building yet, so we don't know what they will be. But we have accomplished what we envisioned."

Zaske said in addition to formal classrooms, the building includes breakout areas where students can mingle and work with students from different disciplines. The George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac was the construction manager for the building.

The building has an imaging and analysis lab, anatomy and physiology lab, cellular and molecular biology lab and biomedical engineering technology lab. Weinkauf said the labs are equal to those at Pfizer and Parke Davis, where he worked before coming to Schoolcraft last year.

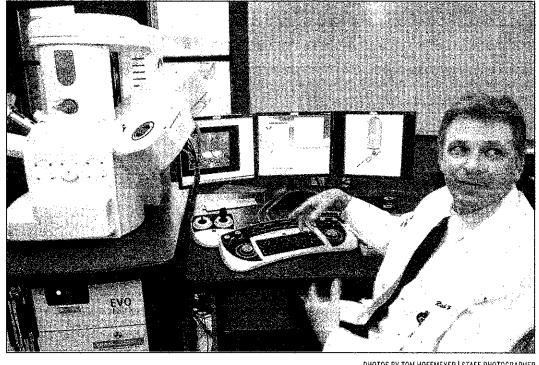
He said in the physiology lab they will have a male and a female plastinated cadaver (a preserved, and predissected human cased in plastic, showing the body structure and organs) from the University of Michigan which will provide "consistency" in teaching human anatomy. In addition individual organs will be available for study. High definition television in the Living Theater will allow more precise views of muscle fibers.

"We are in the process of installing an electronic scanning microscope by Zeiss which will be an awesome extension to what we teach," Weinkauf said.

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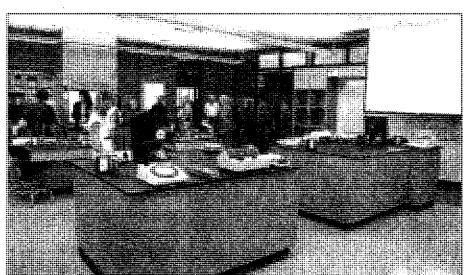
Jeffress said reports show that e need for students in STEM disciplines will double by 2015 and there will be an expected shortfall of 280,000 math and science teachers nationally by

"It's been trending that way for a decade and we've been watching it, looking at it and preparing for it," he said.



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft College Assistant Dean of Science Richard Weinkauf demonstrates the schools electron scanning microscope in the imaging laboratory of the school's new Biomedical Technology Center Friday afternoon.



Visitorsbrowse one of the labs during the grand opening of the **Biomedical** Technology Center.

GOING GREEN

In addition to providing flexibility and technology, the new building will also include several "green" features.

Zaske said the college decided

not to receive certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design because of the expense.

"But the building has been designed to reach 29 LEED credits," Zaske said.

Notable green features include two rain gardens that utilize water runoff from the roof to water the gardens; use of recycled concrete blocks; windows on the

good insulation. Zaske said the building uses very little steel. He said the door lintels are made of granite instead

east, north and west rather than

on the south to save energy; and

of steel. Sweet said this is a building designed for the future.

"We are trying to be as versatile as we could," he said. "Many of the professions we will be training people for in the future don't even

The next project for Schoolcraft is a new facility for their public safety program to train police and fire personnel. Jeffress said the college is planning to build in Northville Township but nothing has been finalized.



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Chairman Greg Stempien cuts the ribbon during the grand opening celebration of the school's new Biomedical Technology Center.

Ribbon cutting launches high-tech future

A chorus line of Schoolcraft College trustees and staff and local politicians gathered together to jointly cut the ribbon for the new Biomedical Technology Center.

This building was done on time and on budget and that's the way we like it," said Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress to the applause of dozens attending a grand opening for the \$13 million facility Friday.

Schoolcraft Board chair Greg Stempien was the master of ceremonies and lead ribbon cutter for the event.

The festivities included

demonstrations at the stateof-the-art laboratories. guided tours of the 48,000square-foot facility and food from the school's acclaimed culinary arts department.

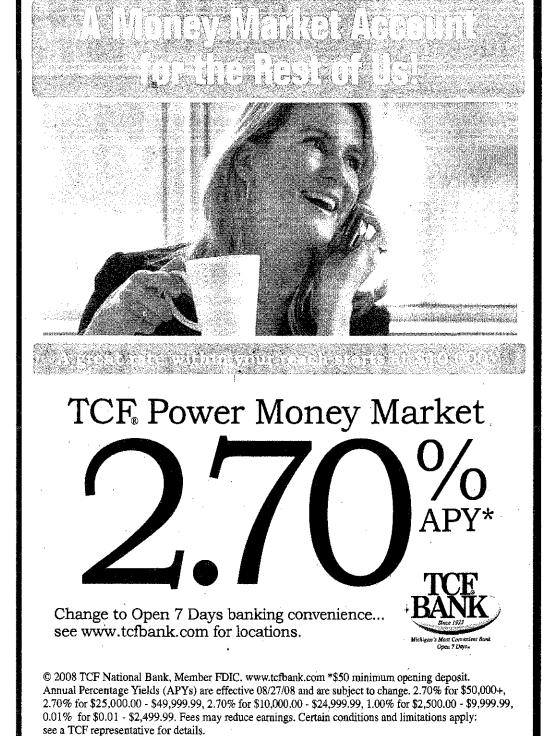
Jeffress said the building is situated between the Applied Science and Forum buildings to create an anchor for a three-building complex dedicated to math, science and medical education. He said in designing the building the college has to ask what kind of training would the school be providing for the jobs of the future.

"We've watched as jobs needing math and science

skills have grown and we've watched jobs not needing those skills shrink," he said.

He said the building is flexible and connects with other buildings on campus and globally. Behind him were three high-definition screens for television communication.

State Rep. John Pastor (R-Livonia) was joined by state Reps. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) in presenting a resolution from the state House on the opening of the building and its use of green construction technology.





Buying or leasing car depends on your situation

Dear Rick: I know you have addressed this issue in the past, but I need help. I don't know whether I should buy or lease a car. If I buy the car it will cost about \$150

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Rick Bloom

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is not economically viable. The one exception is every so often in order to push sales, car manufacturers will give extraordinary deals on leasing a car. In those situations it may pay to lease the car and at the

end of the lease buy the car. In light of what has recently happened with leases, incentive deals are going to be few and far between.

Another issue that factors into the equation is how many miles you drive the car per year. If you drive over 15,000 or 16,000 miles a year, leasing is not a viable option.

Since you plan to drive the car 8-10,000 miles a year and hold it at least five-10 years, purchasing is the way to go.

The next issue to consider is do you finance the car or do you pay cash. It is a matter of interest rates. If you can obtain a loan at a low rate - 2-3 percent - then it makes sense to finance the car. On the other hand, if you were going to pay 5-6 percent and considering that the interest is not tax-deductible, I recommend

Don't forget to shop around for financing. Talk to the car dealer, do online research and, if you belong to a credit union, check out the rates.

Decide whether to buy or lease the car before you visit a dealership. This will help narrow your decision process, allowing you to focus on which is the best

automobile to obtain. Dear Rick: Our daughter just started Michigan State University as a freshman and I tapped into our Michigan **Education Savings Plan for** tuition and other costs. It was easy to get the money from our account. My question is what documentation, if any, do I need to file with the IRS when I do my 2008 tax return?

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The beauty of the MESP is that money can be withdrawn for any qualified education expense which includes room and board, tuition and required fees.

For example, at MSU, incoming freshmen are required to have a computer. Money from a child's MESP can be withdrawn tax-free and used to purchase the computer.

The cost of college is continuing to rise. The sooner you start saving the easier the burden will be for your child.

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

Program is registering young naturalists

The Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is accepting registration for its 2008-2009 Young Naturalist Program, a four-season study of the natural world for children ages 9-12.

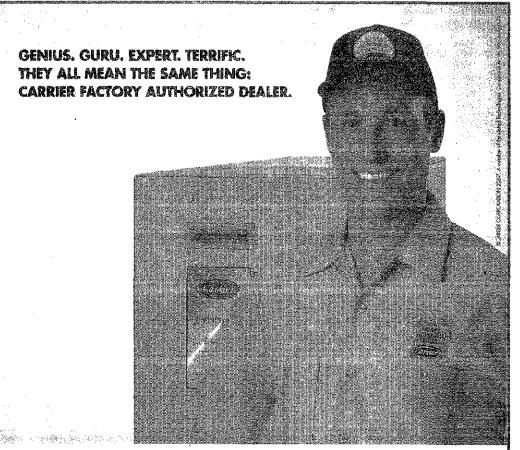
Program sessions, which are held once a month September through June, give participants a chance to combine experiences in the outdoor classroom with indoor laboratory investigations using microscopes and other scientific tools.

Each participant will receive a field pack with a journal, hand lens, bug box and field guides to use during the program. Participants will spend most of the program outdoors exploring the campus's Natural Areas with trained UM-Dearborn student naturalists.

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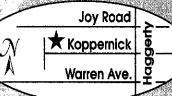
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Childbirth Education (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available.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

Tuesday, Sept. 9

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.

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-

Yoga (first 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 reaister.

Cardiac Education Support **Group** at 5 p.m. Had a cardiac event or know someone who has? Want more information about heart disease? Or just looking for a place to talk and share your feelings and concerns about heart attack or heart disease? Individuals who have heart disease and their family

and friends are welcome to join the Cardiac Education Support Group in the Health Enhancement Center. The free support group will meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss important topics and provide valuable information. For more information, call (734) 458-

Wednesday, Sept. 10

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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

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan. 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 1D3, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any ques-

tions or for more information. 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.

Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hospital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330 for more infor-

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Support Group at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every second Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

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"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge, Call 734-458-3311 for further information.

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

Friday, Sept. 12

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.

DAILY PROGRAMS

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Members of the Westland Stars Cheer and Performance team - Cydney Brock (back row, from left), Brianna Britton, Diamond Davis, Pam Milewski, Bridgette Murphy, Chelsea Dziekan (front row, from left), Carolee Mason, Haylie Kozak, Amanda Johnson, Brianna Brock - pose with their Westland Observer after picking up their credentials for 2008 Junior Olympics. If you go on a trip, make sure to take a picture with your Westland Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Michigan Military Moms walk on Sept. 13

The Michigan Military Moms (MMMs) will hold their Second Annual MMM Walk for the Troops at Dearborn's Ford Field (on Brady between Cherry Hill and Michigan Ave.) at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

Check-in tables will open at 9:30 a.m. at the large pavilion just across the covered bridge. No need to collect pledges; walkers pay a flat fee to register. Advance registration is recommended to ensure that all registrants receive a 2008 MMM Walk t-shirt.

Registration forms are available online at michiganmilitarymoms.org or by phoning Kathy Demko at (313) 919-1589.

Registration fees are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youths (ages 10-17) and \$15 for seniors (over 65).

Children 9 and under walk for free (sorry, no t-shirt) but every walker—even the little ones-must submit a

registration form. Proceeds from the Walk will be used to benefit the troops, with special emphasis on providing equipment for injured troops and purchasing care package supplies.

Participants do not need to be a member of the MMMs to participate. The walk distance is not quite two miles and although everyone starts the walk together, participants can walk it at their own pace. Last year was the first year the MMMs sponsored the MMM Walk and approximately 100 walkers participated from all over southeastern Michigan.

"Our total focus is on the troops and the families of the troops," said Kathy Demko, chairperson of the 2008 MMM Walk. "We're a nonpolitical organization, and regardless of our personal opinions about whether the war should end or the war should continue, the fact

is, the war is still going on right now! Our troops need to know that we're thinking of them and that they have the support of all the men and women in this country.' Demko, whose son is a U.S. Marine currently deployed in Afghanistan, explains that the MMMs are a great support network for Moms of troops in every phase of their military careers and all branches of the service.

Michigan Military Moms was founded in July 2002 by a small group of military Moms led by Susan Klotz, of Allen Park, whose son was in the Air Force at the time. In February 2007 the organization incorporated in the state of Michigan as a Non-Profit Organization under the leadership of MMM Maureen Van Hooser of Dearborn. It is now in the process of obtaining its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

For more information, go to michiganmilitarymoms.org.

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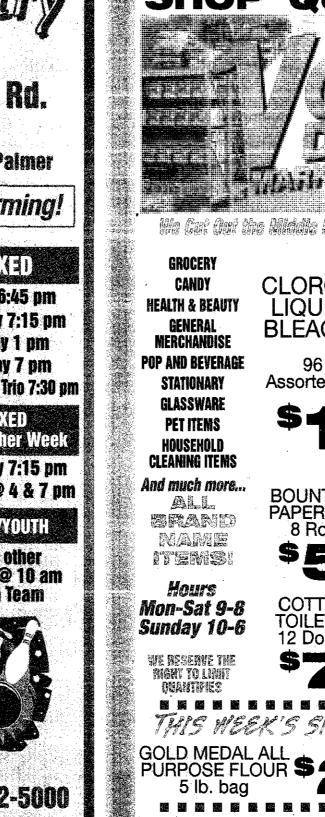
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State's residents are ahead of leaders on the need for reform

he way Michigan government works badly needs a major overhaul, but you might think the prospects seem dim

indeed. After all, the "Reform Michigan Government Now," fiasco ended last month with the courts ruling the complex amendment off the ballot.

> But it is clear that our state's top business leaders are overwhelmingly convinced that something needs to be done

- at least according to a statewide summer poll recently taken for Detroit

Renaissance, the high-powered business leadership group. The vast majority - 87 percent of those responding — say our political leaders

have done only a fair to poor job of balancing the state's budget and setting clear spending priorities. Almost as many (81 percent) believe lawmakers are making short-term taxing and spending decisions that promote their survival in office from year to year, rather

than working on policies that promote Michigan's long-term prosperity. This is hardly surprising. The poll was taken in late July, when the memories were still vivid of last fall's near-meltdown of state finances, caused in part by an

inexperienced, term-limited Legislature. Politicians are human beings, just like the rest of us. And it's simple human nature to try to duck unpleasant stuff, which for lawmakers in Lansing means

unpopular, but necessary, votes. So term-limited legislators all too often kick the can down the road by leaving the

tough votes to their successors The poll also shows deep and grim pessimism about our future. More than four out of every five Michigan voters think the state is on the wrong track, and 74 percent think Michigan's economy will either stay the same or get worse next year.

So it will come as no surprise that a solid majority — 56 percent — wants major structural reforms in Lansing. Yes, but what kind of reform? Remarkably, a half-dozen ideas all got majority support among all demographic groups surveyed:

■ Save money by finding other means of punishment for non-violent offenders, other than going to prison (79.3 percent).

■ Increase state employee health care premiums (74.5 percent).

■ Change the retirement system for new teachers (74.1 percent).

■ Increase state employee health care deductibles and co-pays. (72.5 percent). ■ Impose small co-pays for Medicaid-

related health services (63.3 percent.) Release some non-violent offenders

from prison before their normal parole date (58.8 percent). Our basic problem is this: Michigan's

state budget has suffered from years of chronic "structural deficits." That means the system is built so that the state spends more money on programs and services than it takes in from various taxes. Worse, these costs are bound to increase faster than any revenue gains arising from a more prosperous economy. Although the Legislature raised both

income and business taxes last year toovercome the \$1 billion-plus structural deficit that then existed in the General Fund, it was a temporary solution. Virtually all experts predict that structural deficits will return — with a vengeance. Left unresolved, it could reach \$10 billion by 2017!

Tricia Kinley, the tax expert at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, agrees. In a July article in *The Detroit News* commenting on "quiet" budget agreements this year in Lansing, she wrote: "We could spin our wheels all day long trying to pursue major reform in Medicaid costs, prison costs and pension reforms. But until we 'turn off the faucet' of spending increases (at least turn it down) the Legislature and administration will not be forced to come together and do what's right for the longterm health of our state's financial and budget situation."

When asked what to do about the continuing budget problems, there was much

greater diversity. Some 6.1 percent polled were in favor of solving the problem solely by raising taxes. Another 21.3 preferred to solve the problem entirely by reducing state spending. But a solid majority, 56.4 percent, opted for moving toward serious structural reforms in state government.

And when it comes to the voters, the sentiment is near-unanimous. An amazing 95 percent say reform is personally important to them.

Incidentally, the poll was taken by the Chicago-based Glengariff Group, Inc., for Detroit Renaissance, a group of top-level business executives in southeast Michigan. Though it has been around for many years, in recent months Detroit Renaissance has spurred itself to become a major policy mover and shaker, under the leadership of President Doug Rothwell and Domino's Pizza CEO Dave Brandon, chair of the Renaissance board.

Rothwell is blunt about the poll results: "The people of Michigan are ready for major reforms in the way government works and spends money. Year-to-year budget cuts and tax increases are simply making matters worse. We can't continue to postpone the inevitable: Michigan cannot work the way it has for the past 50 years, because we simply don't have the money we used to have.

And Lansing, take note: This poll provides solid support for an emerging effort to use the "lame duck" session of the Legislature — that between Election Day and the end of the year — to push farreaching structural reforms of Michigan's government.

I can't help but be mildly encouraged by all of this. We've got a long way to go, but maybe, just maybe, that glimmer you noticed this morning was, at long last, the first light at the end of the tunnel.

Phil Power is founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's and do not represent the official views of The Center. Comments welcome at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

OUR VIEWS

Drinking age must stay at 21

The presidents of nearly 130 colleges and universities. including Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan and nearby Ohio State University, have joined an initiative that asks elected officials to consider lowering the drinking age nationwide.

They maintain that 21 is not working because it encourages dangerous binge drinking.

They argue that young people ages 18-20 can enter into legal contracts, serve as jurors and join the military, but are told they aren't mature enough to drink.

The Amethyst Initiative, as it is called, encourages elected officials to engage in a public debate about the drinking age and the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, which in 1984 imposed a penalty of 10 percent of a state's federal highway appropriation on any state setting its drinking age lower than 21. By 1988, all states had adopted the new minimum drinking age.

We oppose lowering the drinking age from 21, as do Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the majority of voters surveyed and the National Transportation Safety Board, which released a statement last month.

According to MADD, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act has saved an estimated 25,000 lives since it was passed 24 years ago.

Since the early 1980s, the number of young people killed annually in crashes involving drunken drivers under 21 has been cut in half, from more than 5,000 in the early 1980s to nearly 2,000 in 2005.

Also, research indicates that when the minimum legal drinking age is 21, people under age 21 drink less overall and continue to do so through their early 20s.

According to a survey released last month by Nationwide Insurance, 78 percent of adults support 21 as the minimum drinking age and 72 percent think alcohol would be more accessible to kids if it were low-

We suspect the real reason university officials support a lower drinking age is that they want to get out from under the responsibility of policing alcohol use on their campuses. Instead of supporting the misguided Amethyst

Initiative, they should be helping to find real solutions to the dangerous problem of binge drinking. We encourage our readers to write their elected officials and urge them to keep the drinking age



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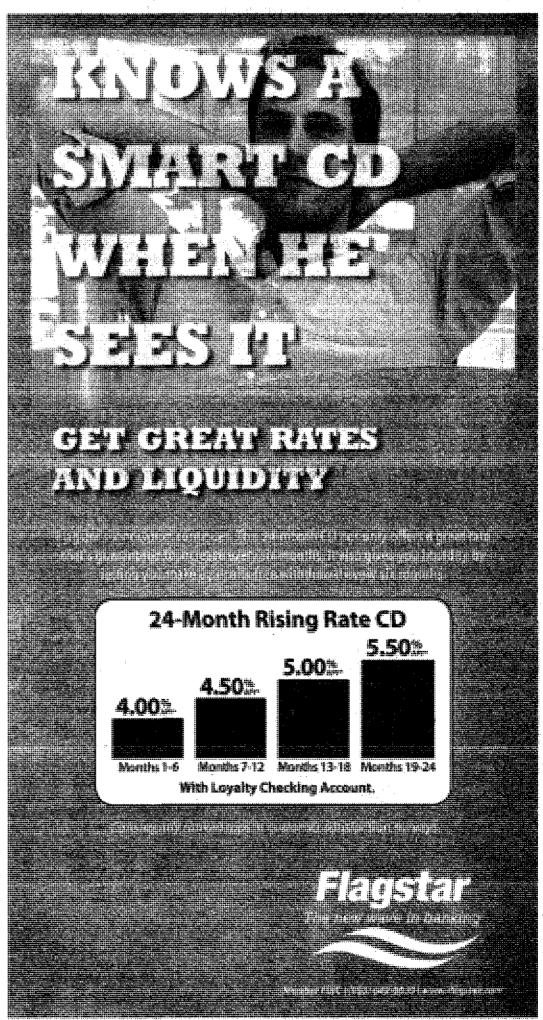
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Visiting municipal officials weigh in on Kilpatrick plea

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Joe Shumway knows the road to healing a city is a tough one.

Shumway was the mayor of Laramie, Wyo., in 1998, when the town of 27,000 residents made national and international headlines following the brutal hate crime beating death of a 21year-old gay college student, Matthew Shepard.

Shumway said he dealt with the fire storm of media coverage in a deliberate way, noting Detroit city officials should

do the same this week, as Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges

"We were up front that there was a problem and that we were going to get through it," said Shumway, who is visiting the Detroit area with a group from the National League of Cities Public Safety Crime Prevention Committee, hosted in Farmington Hills by Councilman Ken Massey. "It was a black day in the city of Laramie, Wyoming,

but we got through it." Shumway, and 28 other public officials from around the nation, paid close attention to Thursday's developments concerning Kilpatrick's guilty pleas and resignation.

"They've all asked about it," said Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis. "All we could do was tell them what we know. Obviously, this is a waste of a very talented person. There's nothing to feel good about, but at least now, the City of Detroit can move forward and this cannot adversely affect us any more."

Steve Larson, who is mayor of New Brighton, Minn., has been following

the Kilpatrick situation for awhile. He knows what the city is going through. He served on the council in Washington, D.C., when then-Mayor Marion Barry was convicted on drug charges and sentenced to six months in

jail in 1990. Larson said politicians "will always get caught" when they "think they have too much power that they'll get away

"They're human, and they make mistakes, but they're not above the law," said

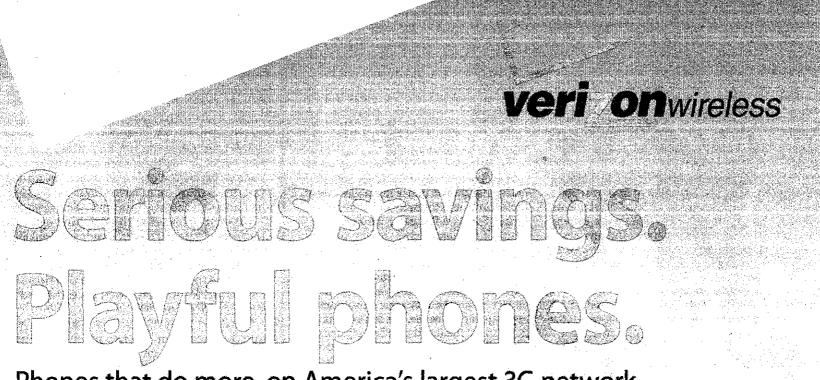
He doesn't think the Detroit area is being cast in a poor light because of Kilpatrick's actions.

"It's the individual who made a bad mistake, it's not the area," he said.

Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller, a council member in Thornton, Colo., said it's a sad situation.

"It makes us all look bad (as public officials)," she said. "It puts doubt in all citizens' minds, and makes them think we are all corrupt."

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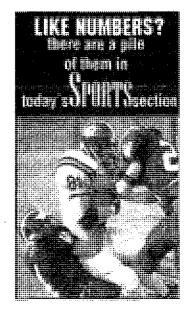
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Brooks' 238 yards rushing leads Clarenceville rout

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Clarenceville football may not be all the way back, but it's close.

It may not be quite the Tim Shaw glory days just yet, but the Trojans appear to be threat again to win the Metro Conference title following a convincing 47-27 triumph Friday night over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

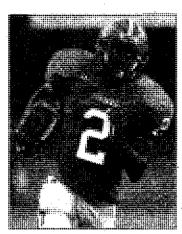
After going 1-8 a year ago, Clarenceville is now 2-0 overall. The Trojans piled up a total of 434 yards on the ground, led by 5-foot-7, 132-pound junior

Levonte' Brooks, who finished

with 238 yards on 14 carries. The Trojans led 34-0 at halftime and invoked a running clock briefly late in the third quarter by going up 41-0.

Cranbrook coach Gary Gerson, whose team slipped to 0-2 overall, left Clarenceville's field convinced the Trojans are for real.

"Their reminiscent of the (Greg) Hudkins' success and I hope their coach (Ryan Irish) takes it as a compliment, and I think he will," said the Cranbrook coach, referring to Trojans' state tournament runs under Hudkins during the 2000 and 2001 seasons. "What a dif-



Clarenceville's Levonte' Brooks races downfield on his way to a 61-yard touchdown run during the first half of Friday night's Metro Conference opener against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

ference they are from last year. They're disciplined and strong. Ryan Irish has a vision and it's taking shape."

Despite a fumble on their first drive, things took shape quickly for the Trojans during the first quarter when sophomore D'Ondre Hogan scored on their next series on a 10-yard run. Hogan added 95 yards on 11 carries before going out of the game with a bruised knee late in the second quarter.

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KLAA-Central loaded up

Cranbrook quarterback Mike Corey is swarmed by Clarenceville tacklers Dominique Jones (bottom) and D'Ondre

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Hogan during Friday's Metro Conference football opener.

After capturing 19 of 24 Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim titles, Livonia Stevenson will have to prove itself all over again after moving into the Central Division of the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Central features the Spartans, the Division 1 state runner-up; South Lyon Unified, which placed third in the same

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meet; Northville, which took fifth; and Novi, which finished 11th.

Add fourth-place WLAA finisher Salem to the mix and it's safe to say that the KLAA-Central is the toughest division in the state.

"There's going to be one good team that's going to finish fifth in our division," Stevenson coach Greg Phill predicted. "I don't know if we can win the division. It's going to be good competitive. It's a tough division. All those schools are good."

Phill embarks on the new KLAA minus his two top swimmers, both lost to graduation - Brynn Marecki, the Division 1 fourth-place 400 freestyle relay



Ashley Gordon Stevenson



John Glenn

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GREG PHILL, Stevenson girls swim

state champion in the 200-vard

yard breaststroke; and Laura Timson, who took placed in the

500 freestyle and eighth in the

But not all is lost with the

meet in the 100 backstroke

(1:00.63) and 11th in the 200

IM (2:14.13). She was also a

member of Stevenson's runner-

up 200 medley relay team and

return of junior Ashley Gordon,

who garnered fourth at the state

individual medley and 100-

schools are good.

200 IM.





Savannah Hatt Stevenson

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quartet. Also returning is sophomore Savannah

Hatt, who

took sixth in the 500 freestyle (season-best 5:08.66) and 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:58.52); junior diver Carla McNamara, who was 10th (335.45 points); and sophomore Kaylee Dolinski. who was 14th in the 200 freestyle (1:58.87) and 15th in the 500 freestyle (season-best

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5:15.2). Meanwhile, two new members of the KLAA's South Division, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin, could make waves.

Glenn has its strongest team in over a decade led by senior Ashley Sells, who was fifth in Division 1 in the 100 butterfly (58.71) and 12th in the 200 IM (2:14.13)

Franklin also has a standout swimmer in sophomore Kayla Douglas, who placed seventh in last year's state meet in the 100 backstroke (1:00.37).

Franklin's 56-34 victory is sweet

Livonia Franklin's offense was running at high octane Friday as the Patriots scored 14 points in each of the four quarters to upend visiting Walled Lake Western, 56-34, in a

Franklin, minus four starters out injured including lead fullback David Fortin and offensive line-

man Nate Robinson, had 474 yards total offense and picked

off six passes to even its record at 1-1.

"It was a great win for us," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We had a new fullback, two new middle linebackers and a new offensive guard."

Third-string running back Chris VanTuyl picked up the slack, rushing for a team-high 122 yards on 17 carries. He scored on touchdown runs of 4 yards (first quarter) and 6 vards (fourth quarter).

Senior quarterback Mark McRobb also had an outstanding night hitting 6-of-11 passes for 163 yards including a 44-yard TD pass to Mike Baumgardner in the final quarter and pair of second-quarter TD tosses of 22 and 34 yards to Mike Gadsby.

McRobb also added a 35-yard TD run on a draw play in the third period. Other TDs came from Baumgardner on a 6-yard run in the first quarter and Gadsby on a 10-yard run in the

Gadsby rushed for 81 yards on seven carries, while Baumgardner was 7-for-41.

Western quarterback Sam Welch scored on three TD runs and threw a 55-yard scoring pass to David Menoian, but was intercepted five times. He was 4-of-15 passing and rushed for 86 of Western's 149 yards.

Gilvanni Johnson also scored for the Warriors (1-1) on a 73yard kickoff return in the third quarter.

Franklin got interceptions from Don Stratz (2), Gadsby, Connor Leidal, Justin Dean and Antoine Banks.

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The defeat dropped to 2-2-0.

S'craft, MU draw

The annual exhibition women's soccer match between Madonna University and Schoolcraft College finished in a 1-1 deadlock Wednesday at Greenmead Field in

Schoolcraft alumnus Jessica Austin got the Crusaders on the board with a goal during the first half, putting a shot behind Lady Ocelots' starting goalkeeper

in the match, the Lady Ocelots tied it when Clare Baptist set up Dena Sana, who made no mistake.

"I thought our players kept fighting and were relentless even with minutes left in the game," said Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman. "We have a lot of respect for Madonna and being crosstown rivals, we really look forward to this game every year."

Madonna 13-8 in the physical, hard-fought contest. Both Donzilla and

Ashley Chandler, who each played a half in goal for Schoolcraft, were strong in stopping Madonna's offense, Shivraman added.

Glenn gets jump-started too late in loss to Pirates

It was too little, too late Friday for Westland John Glenn's football team as the Rockets fell to 0-2 on the year with a 10-6 setback to host

The Pirates (1-1) scored all 10 of their points in the second period including a 22-yard field goal with 10:05 left by Derek Kroeger followed by a 25-yard touchdown pass from Kroeger to Patrick Moore.

Glenn, scoreless for the first seven quarters this season, finally got on the board with 3:27 left in the game when Kamal Ayler scored on a 3-yard run to cap a seven-play, 60vard drive.

Ayler finished with 101 yards on 14 carries, while wide receiver Jeremy Langford caught four passes for 83 yards.

Glenn had a total of 254 yards,

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including 133 on the ground. Quarterback Jerome Scales was 9of-17 passing for 121 yards.

Pinckney had a total of 297 as Jacob Adams was the leading rusher with 99 yards on four carries. Kroeger was 5-of-11 for 84 yards. Glenn had the edge in first downs,

Mott stops Zebras, 22-14

Marc Pressley was the hero Friday as Waterford Mott (2-0) earned a 22-14 Kensington Lakes Activities Association win over host Wayne Memorial (0-2).

With Wayne driving in for the goahead points in a 14-all deadlock, Pressley stripped a Wayne ball carrier and raced 91 yards for a TD. The Corsairs then added a two-point

Wayne got on the board first with 6:32 left in the first period on Nick Mills' 48-yard TD pass to C.J.

Mott answered at the end of the quarter when Tyler Bush scored on a 10-yard run after Wayne fumbled at its own 14. But Mott missed the point-after to trail, 7-6.

With 2:03 left in the first half, Pressley scored on a 10-yard run and Tony Romero caught the twopoint conversion pass from Bush to make it 14-7 at intermission. Wayne rallied back early in the

third period when Alex Bledsoe returned a Mott fumble 34 yards for a TD and Jesse Dorow converted his second PAT knot the count.

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Sean Ogle, converted from the line, led Wayne in rushing with 69 yards on 12 carries. Richard Haley added 66 on 14 attempts.

Pressley led all rushers with 166 yards on 18 carries.

The Pirates had the edge in total offense, 276-242.

Turnovers were a big factor as Wayne fumbled six times and lost four, while Mott had three and lost



Churchill golf win

Livonia Churchill opened its Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division girls golf schedule Friday with a 199-205 win over Livonia Franklin at Whispering Willows.

Co-medalist Lexi McFarlane led the Chargers with a 46 followed by Jordyn Shepler (49), Jessica Burdette (50), Sarah Linder (54), Samantha Proben (58) and Stephanie Panaretos

Co-medalist Natalie Polakowski led Franklin with a 46 followed by Sam McAtee (50), Alexis Smith (53), Georgia Patrick (56), Heather deGuise (56) and Lauren Beahon (65).

Titans boot MU

An NCAA Division 1 woman's soccer team visited Madonna University at Greenmead Field on Friday, but the Crusaders could not spoil the visit as University of Detroit-Mercy came away with a 2-0 triumph.

The Titans (2-1-1) put plenty of pressure on Madonna goalkeeper Brittany Warner (7 saves), scoring one goal in each half and providing plenty of offensive support for goalkeeper for the shutout). It only took 3:29 for

UM-D to get on the board, as Alexandra Suschak's hard shot beat Warner. The only other tally came at 23:15 of the second half, when Selena Stanski managed to take the ball from Warner and maneuvered around her to chip a shot home.

Madonna's overall record

Livonia.

Kristen Donzilla. With just 1:03 left

Schoolcraft outshot

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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St. Colette hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia St. Colette Cougars Catholic Youth Organization boys basketball teams, both JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8) teams, will begin the week of Oct. 27.

Boys from St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Priscilla are eligible to try out. The Cougars are also seeking a JV coach.

If interested, or for more information, call Michele Belczak at (734) 953-5746; or e-mail michelebel@sbcglobal.

Hockey players wanted

The Michigan Ice Dogs Junior C Hockey Club is seeking players ages 16-to-20 for the 2008-09 season in the **Great Lakes Junior Hockey** League.

You must be registered with USA Hockey for the 2008-09 season to be eligible.

The 42-game schedule includes home games at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Those interested in a tryout should call George Dritsas at (313) 909-4304; or (313) 926-6044.

Youth baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the 13and-under 2009 American **Amateur Baseball Congress** Concealed Security travel team will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park, located a 3500 Seven Mile Road (at Wayne Road).

For more information, call Lou Pirronello at (313) 550-8119.

Tryouts will be staged the next few weeks for the 2009 WaCo Wolves, a 14-under team which will play in the 15-and-under division of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association, along with regional events.

The Wolves will start play in early April and end in late July with close to an 80-game schedule which includes the Omaha (Neb.) Slump Buster

The first day of the annual

Tournament went as well as

University, as the Crusaders

University earlier on Friday,

the Crusaders (10-1) outlasted Cedarville University of Ohio

(3-3) in a tough, four-game set.

of 25-19 and 25-22 before

in Game 3, 25-20. But the

Crusaders finished off the

fourth game.

lying 50 assists.

match with a 25-22 win in the

paced by the front-row offense

of Lubovj Tihomirova (17 kills),

Mary McGinnis (16 kills) and

with setter Inta Grinvalds tal-

Top MU defenders were

and Abby Long (10 digs).

Brynn Kerr (17 defensive digs)

Whitney Fuelling (13 kills),

As usual, the Crusaders were

the Lady Jackets rebounded

Madonna opened with wins

reeled off two match victories.

After defeating Davenport

it could for host Madonna

Julie Martin Memorial

held during the College World

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820.

Baseball Academy

The Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be conducting showcase sessions for high school players as well as skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The latest pro pitch trainer will be used and former Phillies pitcher Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Travel baseball-softball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2009 season.

There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball and softball for new and existing teams.

Baseball features multiple divisions - community, advanced, open - for under-9 through under-18. Softball divisions will be determined by interest for under-10 through under-18.

Meetings for the upcoming season will begin in October.

For more information, email Jeff David at jeff.david@ kvbsa.com; or visit www. kvbsa.com.

Men's fall basketball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a managers meeting for its sevenweek, 2008 men's fall basketball league beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (conference room), located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$320 per team (plus officials fees each game). The season starts Nov. 5.

For more information, call Erin Knieper at (734) 466-

Sarah Sheers (38 assists)

was one of the bright spots for

Madonna got off to a rous-

ing start at the tournament,

earning a 3-0 triumph over

Davenport (25-14, 25-12, 25-

the Crusaders' attack with 15

and 11 kills, respectively. They

were ably set up at the net by

Sparking the defense with

Amanda Koszela helping the

16 assists for Davenport (3-6).

Lady Ocelots triumph

to 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the

MCCAA with a 21-25, 25-15,

25-22, 25-15 win Thursday

over Flint Mott CC.

Eastern Conference of the

Kayla Vandermolen collected

Schoolcraft College improved

The Bears fall to 0-2 and 0-1.

seven digs was Kerr, with

Grinvalds (31 assists).

cause with six digs.

Tihomirova and Fuelling led

Crusaders win 1st pair

at Martin Tournament

15).

BY BRAD EMONS Livonia Churchill boys soc-

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cer coach Reid Friedrichs was ecstatic following Thursday's 4-2 triumph over Canton in an early-season showdown in Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

"They played as a team and played for each other," said Friedrichs, whose team is 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the division. "We also got paid a nice compliment from their coach (George Tomasso), who said that in his six or seven years (as Canton coach) they had never given up more then three goals. I'm really proud of the boys."

The Chargers led 2-1 at halftime. Two of Churchill's four goals came off restarts.

Etienne Lussiez had a goal and assist for the Chargers, while teammates Adam Bedell and Drew Sieber each collected unassisted goals.

Jacob Herout, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, gave Churchill a twogoal cushion in the second half after the Chiefs cut the deficit to 3-2.

"Jacob was due, he had hit the crossbar three times, once in a scrimmage and the other two against Northville and Stevenson," Friedrichs said. "If was a beautiful goal, a

BOYS SOCCER

Churchill notches key victory

against Chiefs in KLAA-South

one-time volley into the lower

Chris DeNapoli, a senior, also picked up two assists in the victory. "He played a great game,"

Friedrichs said of the outsidemidfielder. "He was exactly where he needed to be." Scott Zech and Mitch Reinhart scored goals for Canton (3-2-3, 1-1).

CLARENCEVILLE 2, HARPER WOODS 1: Phil Strachan tallied the game-winner with 12 minutes left to give Livonia Clarenceville (4-1, 1-0) the Metro Conference victory Thursday over the host Pioneers (1-2, 0-1).

Dustin Csokasy assisted on Strachan's goal, while goalkeeper Garrett Gregg (seven saves) preserved the victory. Jimmy Moody's goal from

halftime lead before Harper Woods' Egli Lika knotted the count a 1-1 with 25 minutes left in the match. GARDEN CITY 4, FRANKLIN 2: John Selinski scored a pair of goals Friday

Strachan staked the Trojans to a 1-0

to lead the host Cougars (4-0-1) to the non-league win over Livonia Franklin (0-6-1). Vaughn Frederick and Ben

Miskulin also scored for Garden City, which led 1-0 at intermission. Steve Trapp scored both goals for Franklin with Travis Matthey recording both assists.

LUTHERAN NORTH 5, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Jordan Holmes and Steve Neaton each tallied a pair of goals Thursday (3-4, 1-0) tripped up Lütheran High Westland (2-2-1, 0-1) in the Metro Conference opener for both teams.

North led 3-1 at halftime as Austin Baglow tallied the Warriors lone goal off a corner kick from freshman Mitchell Boehm.

"We couldn't match their speed of play," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said of the Mustangs. "They were fast, strong and very skilled. They moved the ball better and quicker than we did. They exposed our weaknesses. I saw some of our deficiencies that we need to work after tonight. But we'll move forward.

FRANKLIN 2, PLYMOUTH 2: Harold Blohme's goal with only 8:49 remaining Thursday enabled the Wildcats (3-3-1, 1-0-1) to earn a KLAA-South Division deadlock with host Livonia Franklin (0-5-1, 0-1-1).

Zain Qureshi's unassisted goal with 10:16 gave the Patriots a shortlived 2-1 advantage. Blohme then answered 1:27 later.

"They let them go through the middle and we got caught sleeping in the back," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "But tonight our guys realized their capabilities. They worked hard and were able to stick to the game plan and things worked out. We have something to build on.

Plymouth led 1-0 at intermission on Bradley Finnegan's goal before the Patriots' answered with their first on Steve Trapp's score from Travis Matthey.

Junior Josh Sheppard went all the way in goal for Franklin, while senior sweeper Mike Geraci "played a heckuva game," according to

Howell's Witjes burns Spartans

Robin Witjes proved to be a major thorn in Livonia Stevenson's side Friday night as host Howell upended in the Spartans, 35-21, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover football

Howell (2-0) broke a 21-all fourth-quarter deadlock with two scores including an 86yard kickoff return by Nate Riffle followed by a 45-yard interception return by Witjes with only three minutes remaining.

Junior running back Bryce Lindberg opened the scoring with a 15-yard TD run in the first quarter and Witjes converted the first of his five straight extra points to make it 7-0.

Stevenson's star running

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back Austin White, coming off a 240-yard performance in the season opener against Livonia Franklin, was limited to 40 yards on 16 carries. He scored on a 6-yard TD run in the first quarter and added a 3-yard score in the final quarter to knot the game at 21-21.

Stevenson (1-1) also scored on a last play of the first half when back-up quarterback Brendan O'Hara connected with Stephen Pollard on a 31yard pass to pull the Spartans even at 14-all at halftime. That came after Witjes hauled in a 31-yard TD pass from Justin Svatora in the second quarter.

After both teams went scoreless in the third period, Witjes

put the Highlanders ahead 21-14 on a 25-yard run before White answered with his second TD.

'We had seized momentum, but that kick-off return was the back-breaker," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "We were struggling with their defense. They blitzed a lot of and they had people in our face. That was their game plan.' The Spartans had 328 total

vards, but only 103 on the ground. Howell had a total of 288 yards, including 197 rush-Stevenson quarterback Jacob

Gudeman was 12-of-23 passing for 191 yards, but was picked off four times.

Mark Grisa also had a firstquarter interception for the

Churchill run attack smothers Kettering

Livonia Churchill's ground game chewed up Waterford Kettering for 428 yards Friday as the host Chargers rolled to a 37-14 Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover football triumph.

Jeff Ricketts rushed for a team-best 153 yards on five carries, including a 66-yard touchdown run with 11:24 left in the third period to make it 24-0 and had a 74-yard TD run early in the final period. The senior running back' 47yard punt return set up Justin Choma's 24-yard field goal early in the second quarter.

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Quarterback Grant Morgan also chipped in with 125 yards on eight carries, including a 77-yard TD run with 6:31 remaining in the first half to put Churchill ahead 17-0. He also scored on a 16-yard run in the first quarter.

Tony Frezzell's 42-yard TD run in the final period completed the Churchill scoring.

Matt Kowalis added 93 yards on 11 carries, while Choma was 4-for-5 on extra points as the Chargers evened their season

record at 1-1.

Kettering (1-1) had 291 total yards, including 142 on the ground.

Quarterbacks Kevin Truitt and Ryan Dingman were a combined 16-of-40 passing for 149 yards and one interception (by Jordan Grohoski).

The Captains scored a pair of fourth-quarter TDs via the air - Truitt on an 11-vard pass to Robbie Morimore and Dingman on a 14-yard strike to Kendall Smith.

Defensive end Bryan Lester, a senior, led the Chargers in tackles with 10.

Clarenceville spikers drop Wayne

Senior Marlene Azar came up with 11 kills and five ace serves Thursday night as Livonia Clarenceville spoiled host Wayne Memorial's season girls volleyball opener in four games, 22-25, 25-11, 25-20, 25-10. "I feel we played well as a

team," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman, whose Trojans are off to a 2-1 start

Friday:

after losing Tuesday to visiting Southfield Christian (25-18, 25-22, 25-18) following a season-opening win on Aug. 26 over host Hazel Park (25-21, 25-19, 8-25, 27-25). Other Clarenceville stand-

outs included junior Kat Hall, seven kills and six aces; senior Laisha Patterson, seven kills and three solo blocks; senior Katie Blacker, 10 assist-tokills; and junior Ashley Welch, 10 digs and seven assists.

Outside hitter Catie Badrak, right-side hitter Brittany Grubbs and middle hitter Kristen Miller each recorded four kills for Wayne. Miller also added two solo blocks and two

Defensive specialist Rebecca O'Harris had a passing average of 87 percent.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 12 John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 7 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 9
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11 Clarenceville at Ferndale, 6 p.m. Redford Union at John Glenn, 6 p.m. Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

l.C. Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Ypsilanti Fall Invitational, 8:30 a.m Warren Elite Ctr. Invitational, TBA. **BOYS SOCCER** Tuesday, Sept. 9

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4 p.m. I.C. Baptist at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 12:30 p.m. Stevenson at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 9 Churchill vs. Wayne at Cass Benton, 4 p.m Franklin vs. Canton at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. S. Lyon at Cass Benton, 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12

MSU Spartan Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 N.B. Huron invitational, TBA. W.L. Western Invitational, TBA Holly Inv. at Springfield Oaks, noon, GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Sept. 9 Wayne at Trenton, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 Liv. Public Schools Meet at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn vs. Ladvwood Friday, Sept. 12 Redford Union at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. BOYS TENNIS

Monday, Sept. 8 Wayne at Churchill, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9
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GIRLS GOLF
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at Dearborn Country (Jub, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 John Glenn vs. Churchill

at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 9 a.m. Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Canton

at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Tuesday, Sept. 9 Ladywood at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11
Country Day at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 9 Madonna at Concordia, 7 p.m., Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Findlay (Ohio) at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA.

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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 10 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 4 p.m

Friday, Sept. 12 Schoolcraft at Ancilla CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 12 Madonna at Aquinas Coflege, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 9 a.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

TRI-MEET RESULTS

Sept. 4 at Nankin Mills GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 26 points; 2. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 29; 3. Newport Lutheran South, no team score. Individual winner: Winona Krug (Lutheran South), 21 minutes (5,000 meters). Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Sarah Maynard, 22:55; 4. Miriam Pranschke, 23:56; 7. Erin Lyle, 25:01; 9. Ashley Pniewski, 26:10; 11. Amber Pniewski, 26:53; 13. Jessica Rice, 27:03; 14. Danielle Voetberg, 27:23, BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Newport Lutheran

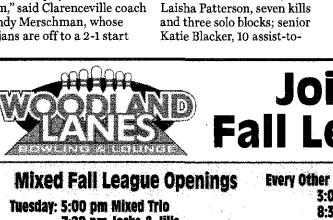
South, 24 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 34; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, no team score. Individual winner: Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 7, Alex Kemp, 20:26; 8. Theodis Washington, 20:50; 14; Jeremy Kohtz, 22:24; 16. Joshua Kirk, 22:33; 18.



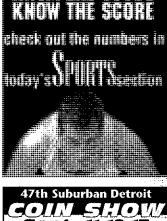
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GIRLS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Head coach: Aaron Rieder, sixth year League affiliation; Kensington Lakes Last year's finish: 11th (Western Lakes Activities Association); 0-5 (WLAA-Lakes

Notable losses to graduation: Eren Ural, Emily Hiser, Ashley Cabadas, Leading returnees: Samantha Reid, Sr., all-acquind: Kailea Stancer, Jr. diving: Katina St. Pierre, Jr. diving; Katrina Nelson, Jr., freestyle: Haley Fox, Sr., backstrokefreestyle; Stephanie D'Annunzio, Jr., distance freestyle-backstroke: Loric Avanessian, Sr., backstroke-IM; Natalie Hiser, Soph., spring freestyle-breaststroke: Alyssa Kanouse. Sr. fly-IM; Tamara Marek, Soph., IM-distance freestyle: Tara Mivnarek, Sr., diving: Olivia O'Chel, Sr. breaststroke-sprint freestyle; Emily Parker, Sr., backstroke-freestyle: Ashley Robertson, Sr., sprint freestylebackstroke.

Promising newcomers: Evran Ural, Soph., backstroke-fly; Allison Mayer, Fr. fly-backstroke; Erin Fitzpatrick, Jr., diving; Marisa Battista, Fr., all-around, Rieder's 2008 outlook: "We've made huge improvements over the last three meets. We're swimming faster now than we did at the end of last season. This team is cohesive, dedicated and hard-working. They know there's a big challenge ahead in the conference, and they're up for it. Jamie Wells, a Churchill grad, is co-coaching with me. She's really going to be instrumental in our improvement

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Kevin Hafner, second year. League affiliation: KLAA (South Division). Last year's finish: 10th (WLAA); 1-4 (WLAA-Notable losses to graduation: Katie Kent,

Leading returnees: Kayla Douglas, Soph. backstroke-fly (second-team All-Area); Natalie Cote`, Soph., freestyle-IM; Colleen Anthony, Soph., freestyle; Jordan Haymour, Sr., backstroke-IM; Jessica Gilbert, Jr., backstroke; Dominique Jordan, Jr., fly IM; Allison Gilley, Sr., diving; Catherine Studzinski, Soph., freestyle: Meghan Powers. Sr., sprint freestyle; Trisha Custer, Sr.; Marissa Riccell Sc

Promising newcomers: Kaitlyn Kozyn, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Harley Wehenkel, Soph., freestyle; Rachel Clark, Fr. freestyle. Hafner's 2008 outlook: "We return a very strong sophomore class that will look to lead the Patriots this season. We expect to be competitive in our KLAA division (South).



Kayla Douglas



Kaylee Dolinski

Stevenson Kayla Douglas returns as a state finalist in the 100 backstroke (third place finish) and Natalie Cote' returns as a multiple event state qualifier. This should help improve our finish at the state championship meet in November. The addition of Kaitlyn Kozyn and returning sophomore Colleen Anthony should help our relays, which are looking to qualify for the state finals. Jordan Haymour, Meghan Powers, Trisha Custer, Marissa Birrel and Allison Gilley will provide a great deal of leadership for the team, both in the water and outside the pool. This is one of the best

teams the Patriots have had during the past LIVONIA STEVENSON Head coach: Greg Phill, 24th year. League affiliation: KLAA (Central Division). Last year's finish: WLAA champions; Division Notable losses to graduation: Brynn (first-team All-Area): Megan Holycross second-team All-Area); Blake Holtz (secondteam All-Area), Emily Cauzillo, Nadia El-

Leading returnees: Ashley Gordon, Jr. IM-backstroke (first-team All-Area); Carla McNamara, Jr., diver (first-team All-Area); Savannah Hatt, Soph., distance freestyle (first-team All-Area): Kaylee Dolinski. Soph., freestyle (second-team All-Area); Sarah Opdyke, Jr., fly; Laura Holtz, Jr. breaststroke-freestyle; Charlotte Buckley, Sr., IM-backstroke; Kayla Perchall, Soph. breaststroke-sprint freestyle; Allison Kellahan, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Ashley Montini, Soph., freestyle-backstroke; Sara Healy, Sr., backstroke. Promising newcomers: Ashley Reed, Fr., fly-

Phill's 2008 outlook: "We can't replace Marecki and Timson. Those are two big, huge losses for us. We're not too had, but we're going have to struggle a bit until we get our

Jordan Burgess



John Glenn

depth-kids where we need to be. We have some aood kids up better as the year goes on. There's going o be one good team fifth in our division. don't know if we can win the division good schools - Salem s good, and South

Lyon, Northville right behind us at state. It's going to be good competitive. It's a tough

division. All those schools are good."
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Randy Ferguson, 10th year. League affiliation: KLAA (South Division). Last year's finish: sixth (WLAA); 5-3 overall dual-meet record.

Notable losses to graduation: Kim Raley, Danielle Gunther, Ashley Britt. Leading returnees: Ashley Sells, Sr. captain, freestyle-200 IM-backstroke (first-team All-Area); Jordan Burgess, Sr. captain, freestyle-medley relay (second-team All-Area); Casey Peterson, Jr., IM-freestyle-breaststroke (second-team All-Area); Khiry Sparks, Soph., freestyle-fly-breaststroke (second-team All-Area): Desiree Clenney, Soph., diving: Katy Harris, Sr. captain; Leslie Botts, Sr. captain; Margaret Wright, Sr. captain; Rachae Alholinna, Soph., distance freestyle; Jessica Fielhauer, Soph., sprint freestyle; Ashley Solberg, Soph., sprint freestyle-backstroke; Kate Moran, Soph., IM-backstroke; Jacquelyn Hewitt, Soph., sprint freestyle; Jennie Humbach, Soph., diving-IM-distance

Promising newcomers: Kali Aloisi, Fr., all events; Lindsey Bessinger, Fr., fly-freestyle; All Zarate, Jr. diving-backstroke. Ferguson's 2008 outlook: "This will be the best team I've coached at Glenn. Their legacy will be determined on how hard they want to work to reach the goals they have set. The South Division (KLAA) should be very exciting because of the equality of the teams in the

WAYNE MEMORIAL Head coach: Mike Grueber, 12th year; 2-9 dual-meet record. League affiliation: KLAA (South Division). Last year's finish: 12th (WLAA); 0-5 (WLAA-Western Division).

Notable losses to graduation: Chelsea Randles, Paige Bawcum, Rachel Roth-Fuller, Mari Farmer, Amanda Fill, Chelsea O'Mara.

sprint freestyle; Krystle Crandall, Sr., IM-breaststroke; Kara Windsor, sprint freestyle breaststroke; Ilsi Lopez, Jr., diving; Ashlee Szabo, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Edina Whittenberg, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Kaitlin Durden, Soph., IM-breaststroke; Kelsie Honeycutt, Soph., fly-breaststroke; Kellie Spehar, Soph., fly; Dominique Nestor, Fr., fly; **Promising newcomers:** Chole Pyne, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Amber Frost, Fr., freestyle: Alexa Girouard, Fr., freestylefreestyle; Alexa Girouard, Fr., freestyle-IM; Emily Luke, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Brieanna Wilson, Fr., freestyle-fly; Jamie Higgs, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Tabitha Grubbs, Fr., freestyle; Jennifer Tyson, Fr., freestyle; Aiyanna Moulton, Fr., freestyle. Grueber's 2008 outlook: "This is a very young team, but our senior leadership is strong. Our success will be judge more by improvements and not by wins and losses. I'm pleased by what I've seen so far and I'm confident that these girls will continue to improve throughout the season LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Leading returnees: Madelynn Bevill, Sr.,

Head coach: Jamie Perrine, eighth year. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Last year's finish: fourth (Catholic League); 6-6 overall dual-meet record.

Notable losses to graduation: Mandy Leading returnees: Shannon Kelley, Sr.

sprint freestyle; Allison Spitzley, Sr., diving; Annemarie Brinkman, Sr., fly; Brianna Wilson Jr., backstroke: Mollie Pelon, Sr., IM. Promising newcomers: Maddy Pelon, Fr., freestyle-fly; Heather Pijor, Fr., distance Perrine's 2008 outlook: "We are smaller team

for the second year in a row. Despite our smalle size we had a successful season last year and expect to continue on the same path this year. Last season one of our relays and a diver competed at 'states.' Allison Spitzley, a senior this year, placed 17th in diving. We have the potential to take a larger team to 'states' this year since we have more speed and depth across three relays and a number of individual events compared to last year. Overall, we have many challenging schools to compete against within our feature as well as non-conference schools. focusing on our individual and relay best swim times and diving scores in order to get as many girls to 'states' as possible. I will consider the season very successful with a 6-6 record and a trip to 'states' in several events. The way the team has been working in practice thus far, I am looking forward to some great swims and high diving scores down the road."

2nd-half surge lifts Rockets past Wayne

Westland John Glenn has bragging rights over boys soccer rival Wavne Memorial - at least for another 18 more days - following a 4-1 victory Thursday over the host Zebras in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division match.

Jeremy Gagliard, Sergio Pavan, Khalid Sulieman and Jacob Gates each scored goals for the Rockets, who pulled away from a 1-0 halftime lead. Nelson Kenne chipped in with a pair of assists.

"I was a little disappointed the first half - we shot, shot, shot - always high," said Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada, whose team is 2-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the division. "Wayne packed it in the box. I respect them for trying. We had a lot to lose the second half and I told them I-O was not good enough.

"We used a different formation in the second half. We took out our two midfielders and started to attack from the wings."

Jacob Hewitt's late second-half goal from Alex Balli spoiled Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden's shutout bid.

The loss dropped the Zebras to 0-5-1 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA-South.

"We played a 4-4-2, but we had a couple of injuries and had to drop a couple of people back," said Wayne first-year coach Ashley Cooley, who was without three players including Kevin Glass, Josh Hewitt and Zach Girouard. "We were definitely in position to clear the ball to our forwards, but we couldn't sustain anything.

"We have some things to work on, but the second game (Tuesday, Sept. 23) will be different."

W.L. NORTHERN 3, JOHN GLENN 0: On Friday, Walled Lake Northern (5-2-1) overcame a strong defensive effort to post a KLAA crossover win over host Westland John Glenn (2-4-1).

Following a scoreless first half, Kyle Rutz scored with 14:45 remaining from Michael Aravas.

Conner Noel and Brandon Hall scored in the 72nd and 76th minutes with assists from Colton Bartell from P.J. Tsurui, respectively.

Kyle Huismann was in goal the whole game for Northern (5-2-1) and made seven saves. The Knights had only four shots on goal.

Á.A. RICHARO 6, WAYNE O: Michael Tabers had a goal and two assists, while Patrick Myers chipped in with a goal and one assist Friday as Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (4-1) upended Wavne Memorial (0-6-1) in the firstround of the Ypsilanti Cup.

Goalkeeper Brendan Cooper posted the shutout for the Irish.

Clarenceville's offensive line - consisting of center Derek Robbins, guards Tim Siecinski and James Jaber, tackles Taylor Hall and Joseph Baer, along with tight end Dominique Jones - began to control the trenches during the second quarter.

Hogan added 7-yard TD run, while Brooks contributed three of his own on runs of 5, 13 and 61 yards.

Dan Schiffman, who added 79 yards on 10 carries, scored with 3:53 left in the third quarter to make it 41-0.

The Trojans' new no-huddle offense, which has been a key so far, is directed by senior quarterback Darryl Whitaker (69 all-purpose yards).

"We controlled things up front and we knew we could go right at them because Cranbrook likes to be a finesse team - we

did that right away," Irish said. "Joe Bodo coached the offensive line when I was at Lake Orion and it has made a huge difference. And Chase Moore, who is doing his student teaching here now, is one of my former players and he's my offensive coordinator.

"Last year we ran the full-house 'T' and now I let Chase and Joe handle everything offensively. I have faith in those two to make things happen."

Cranbrook did make things happen in the final quarter against Clarenceville's back-up defense as second-string quarterback Dakota Sherman came on in relief of starter Mike Corey, throwing for 271 yards (11-of-23 with one interception).

In the final quarter, Sherman was 10of-17 for 245 yards and four TDs - two to Ben Momon (36 and 8 yards); one to Kurt Wilhelm (15 yards) and another to Stephen Peck (25 yards as time expired).

Corey, meanwhile, was 8-of-14 passing for 60 yards. He also rushed 12 times for 42 yards.

The best run of the night came early in the fourth quarter after Cranbrook scored twice when Brooks darted down the sideline, kept his balance after almost going down, for a 60-yard gain. He then scored from eight yards out for his fourth TD of

We have a stable of guys who can make plays for us," Irish said. "Brooks going down the sideline was a great effort for us. Skill-wise this is the deepest we've been."

Clarenceville now faces it's toughest test this Friday at Harper Woods. "They're a big, physical football team,"

Irish said. "If we're going to be Metro (Conference) champs, we'll have to go through them.'

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

FARMINGTON 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Sept. 5 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Preshanth Viswanathan (F) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Brent Roberts ¹ (F) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Nikhil Kulkarni (F) def. Khari Stargell, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Suha

No. 1 doubles: Syshantha Boda-Venkata Yagadi (F) def. Zach Edwards-Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Akhii Gutta-Ashish Kumar (F) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tajeda, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Lokesh Pogadala-Joe Zimmer (F) def. Jacob Toarmina-Shane Wiechert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Joey Amis-Andy Greig (F) won by

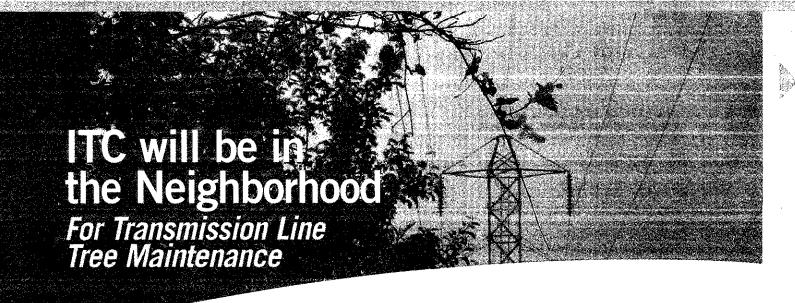
Glenn's dual match record: 0-3 overall



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Prevention still the best defense vs. pertussis

The Oakland County Health Division is reminding parents that pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, can result in hospitalization and even death of children. The good news is the contagious disease can be prevented with a series of 5 diphtheria and tetanus (DTaP) shots given from two months until school age. A pertussis booster is equally important at the age of 11 to 12 years, and for adults who have not previously received a booster.

Pertussis symptoms include an irritating cough, which after one to two weeks, causes the person to experience spasms and make a high pitched "whoop" when coughing. The cough can last one to two months or longer. Infants less than six months old and adults often do not have the whoop. A clear mucous is produced and vomiting often follows after the coughing.

To protect yourself avoid sharing objects such as pacifiers, toys and utensils if they have been in the mouth and wash objects in hot, soapy water between uses. Cover the mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing and immediately throw away used tissues, and wash hands carefully.

"Pertussis is very contagious before and 2 weeks after the whooping cough stage begins," said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, chief of medical services for Oakland County Health Division. "Prevention is really the best defense."

An apple a day and other tips to stay in the game

Tina from Rochester has been reading more and more about the healthy benefits of quercetin. She emails for more information.

Tina, quercetin is found in apples, red wine, tea and other foods. It is a member of a group of plant compounds called flavenoids. Some



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also helping to prevent heart disease by reducing LDL (bad cholesterol). Populations taking in lots of quercetin have low rates of heart disease and

lung cancer. Studies also show that eating lots of apples can improve lung function and lower the risk of respiratory diseases!

Michelle from Troy plays soccer at her school. She emails for tips on getting the most out of her game!

Michelle, it turns out soccer can be a head game, literally! Figuring out ways to build confidence and maintain it could give you the edge you need. Research shows that the most successful players are usually the most confident.

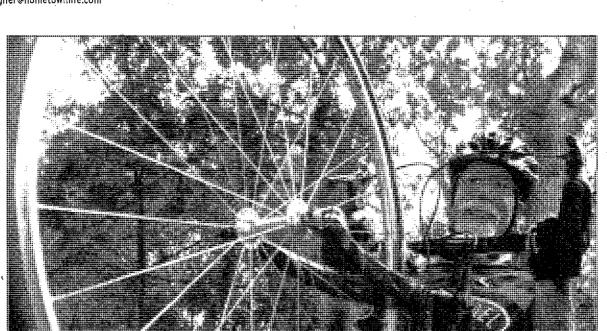
Here is a confidence checklist: Have a can-do attitude. Display good body language. Be sure to enjoy the competition. Try not to blame others if things

Be sure to concentrate on the field. Don't be a showboat.

Try to accept the strengths and weaknesses of others.

One of the most important things to trust is your own abilities! That is how you will get into the confidence cruise control you really need to suc-

Peter Nielsen is a health and fitness expert and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West 8loomfield and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield, If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.



Paul Fried of Farmington Hills stands with the bicycle he has been riding to prepare for a September 5th ride to benefit Crohn's Disease.

Lifelong learning

Updates help patients, physicians stay current on inflammatory bowel disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Paul Fried remembers the severe abdominal pain like it was yesterday even though it's been 38 years since he was diagnosed with that first flare-up of Crohn's, an inflammatory disease of the digestive tract. The symptom was just the beginning of the suffering the Farmington Hills man would endure from age 20. That's why he tries to keep informed about the latest research and treatment for the autoimmune disease for which there is no cure.

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter realizes patients like Fried are desperate to learn about inflammatory bowel disease so the nonprofit organization is partnering with the University of Michigan Medical School to present an IBD Update Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. A physician's symposium coincides with the morning-long program for patients and their families.

Fried has been able to build a successful accounting business in West Bloomfield thanks to drugs like prednisone to reduce inflammation, but the steroids left him with osteoporosis. Fried says sometimes the treatment is worse than the disease. One of the immunosuppressants caused skin cancer. Even so, he's far from giving in to IBD. Although Fried is going to Beaumont Hospital to receive intravenous treatments three times a week for iron deficient anemia due to bleeding, he remains active with CCFA. In the last two years he participated in fund-raising events in Seattle and the Detroit area. Just last week he was busy organizing a bicycle ride at Kensington Metropark to raise money for CCFA, Michigan Chapter based in Farmington

Hills. "Sometimes for hours at a time I would just double over and had intermittent bleeding from time to time when I went to the bathroom. I've been hospitalized dozens of times, had four intestinal resections, part of my large and small intestines removed. I've been on a lot of medication but have never had more than 3 to 5 months when I've felt really good.

"It's gotten so bad I'm afraid I'm headed toward another surgery but my philosophy is I will not let my illness control my daily life. I try to take a positive attitude. I know a couple of people who died from Crohn's disease who just gave up."

Dr. Ellen Zimmermann is encouraged by advances in the treatments for inflammatory bowel disease over the last 15 years. As director of the University of Michigan Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic and chairman of medical advisory committee for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation,



Farmington Hills resident Paul Fried rides down the street last week. Fried had been preparing himself for a September 5th ride to benefit Crohn's Disease.

IBD PATIENT UPDATE

What: An update on inflammatory bowel disease for patients and family members. Topics include medications, treatments on the horizon, and basics of the digestive system When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept.

Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. No charge, but reservations required. Call (248) 737-0900 by Sept. 10. For a schedule of speakers, visit michigan.ccfa.org. Patient Update coincides with symposium for physicians

she's coordinating the symposium to keep physicians up to date. The continuing medical education event is for gastroenterologists and other health care providers. Keynote speaker is Dr. Edward Loftus Jr., director of the inflammatory bowel disease program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. In addition to Zimmermann, guests include University of Michigan faculty members Drs. Jeremy Adler, Peter Higgins and Timothy Nostrant.

"I'm presenting cases of patients with Crohn's and colitis with a panel that allows teaching but in an interactive way," said Zimmermann, past president of CFFA and an associate professor

of gastroenterology at U-M. "We take cases of patients who have been seen, present all the details. This allows physicians learning to take care of these difficult diseases to have a better understanding. These are complicated diseases and how to use new technology, new potent medications safely. We choose cases that illustrate points that we want to bring out to the audience and discuss the latest literature related to diagnosis and treatment.'

Diagnosing IBD can be difficult. The abdominal pain, diarrhea and blood in the stool, can be confused with other diseases. Patients often must go through several tests from colonoscopies to MRI and CT scans.

'Capsule endoscopy is the latest. It's a pill camera to identify areas of inflammation which hadn't been previously accessible through scopes," said Zimmermann. "It's important for physicians to know how to utilize these technologies. There have been an explosion of therapies for Crohn's and Colitis, many of those therapies in immune suppressants. As such they need close monitoring so that the physician understands how the medications should be utilized and patients understand the risks and benefits. That's particularly important in kids because many of the medicines affect growth.'

Zimmermann is concerned as well about the increase in incidences of IBD. At the University of Michigan research continues not only to find a cure but a cause. Dr. Gabriel Nunez identified the first susceptibility gene at U-M.

"Fifteen years ago no one had heard of these diseases and they were considered rare, but are becoming more common," said Zimmerman. "In research, we're funded by NIH (National Institutes of Health) to study different tools to follow the progress of Crohn's disease over time in patients. We have over 30 investigators studying different aspects of Crohn's and colitis from new drugs to genes. This is a disease that starts in late teens and twenties and is lifelong."

The patient update is just one

of the ways the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter tries to educate the public about IBD. The nonprofit organization also holds walks, a movie gala, and a fashion show to raise money for advocacy, research and a special camp for children.

"The update is the first of its kind. It's important for our foundation to keep physicians and patients informed," said CCFA development director, Gilda Hauser. "Events raise funds but people with Crohn's feel isolated so this brings the people togeth-

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Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on Diabetes and Current Treatment Options with Dr. Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. No charge, pre-registration not required. For details, call (734) 655-8961.

Hypnosis for weight control

Sessions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover; 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ann Arbor. Combines power of hypnosis with behavior modification. First 45 minutes free orientation. If participant feels comfortable with program, the charge is one-time fee of \$79, includes unlimited free repetitions of hypnosis for year if needed. Save \$10 by registering at www.easywillpower.com.

Fibromyalgia support

Dr. Luis Torregrosa discusses the newest information on fibromyalgia drugs 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Metro Fibromyalgia support group meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Road, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. No dues, donations accepted. Alzheimer's Support Group

Meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Marycrest Manor Nursing Home, 15475 Middlebelt, Livonia. The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the Conference Room. It is open to all persons. For information, call Brenda or Cynthia at (734) 427-9175.

Blood Drive

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Angela Hospice's new event takes place Saturday, Sept. 13, to remember in a positive way the loved ones we've lost. Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families and community to the Walk of Remembrance on the Felician Sisters' grounds. The 3K and 5K routes will begin near the south parking lot of Madonna University and end at Angela Hospice. On-site registration opens at 8 a.m., walk begins 9 a.m. with a dove release ceremony and musical dedication. Following the walk will be activities including Music Together led by Jill Formanek of West Bloomfield, and rock painting to personalize with loved ones' names. Refreshments served. To register or make a donation, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call (734) 953-6045. Registration by Sept. 3 guarantees a commemorative T-shirt, Fees \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Day of event registration also available. Proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families as well as grief support services provided free-of-charge for all community members.

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IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322.

Asthma presentation

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Jason Paris, MD, Allergy and Asthma Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Paris will provide an overview of asthma, what works and what you can do to live a healthy life with asthma. No charge. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950. Alzheimer's and intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a workshop "intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950.

Health fair/open house Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai

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Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Speakers include Anne Thompson, breast cancer survivor and NBC News correspondent, Beverly Kirkhart, breast cancer survivor and author of Turning Setbacks into Comebacks, and Christine Clifford Beckwith, breast cancer survivor and author of Not Now... I'm Having a No Hair Day, Cost is \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities including trail walking, seated chair massage, tai chi, yoga, reiki and more. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

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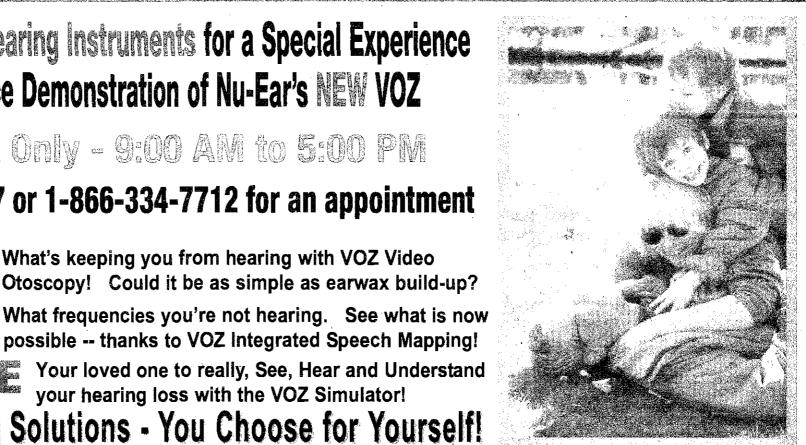
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New Casio packs widescreen lens in small space

Question: I'm in the market for a new digital camera. Any suggestions?

Answer: I've long been a fan of Casio's Exilim series for delivering slim, sexy

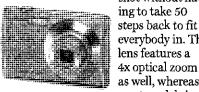


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designs at affordable prices. The new Exilim EX-Z150 isn't as slim as previous models, but it does pack in some great features. For starters, it sports

a three-inch LCD huge for a camera with a sub-\$200 price tag. I found it ideal for framing and reviewing photos. Plus, it's bright enough to be seen in direct sunlight.

Even better is the camera's wide-angle lens (28mm), which lets you snap a group shot without having to take 50



Casio's 8.1-megapixel EX-Z150 camera features a wide-angle lens, 3-inch LCD, and YouTube video recording mode—all for under \$200.

everybody in. The lens features a 4x optical zoom as well, whereas most models in this price range top out at 3x. As with all Exilims, the EX-Z150 relies on

onscreen menus that make it a snap to use. I didn't like it small, stiff control pad, but I did like its dedicated video-record button. Press it to immediately begin recording YouTubefriendly video.

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When you get back to your PC, a fairly simple Windows utility automates the process of uploading your videos to

The 8.1-megapixel EX-Z150 is available in five colors, including pink, red, and green, and has a list price of \$199.99. Definitely a good choice for those interested in a big screen and wide-angle shooting

Question: I need a scientific calculator for school. Do I really have to spend \$100 or more?

Answer: Nope. eCalc (ecalc.com) is a ree Web-based calculator that can handle everything from basic addition and subtraction to logarithms, cosines, and unit conversions.

There's also a Windows version of eCalc you can download, though it's just the basic calculator—you'll need to the hit the Web if you want all the fancy functions.

Either way, it's an impressive tool: attractive, easy to use, and designed with large buttons for those with less-thanstellar eyesight.

If you own an iPhone or iPod Touch, check out the 2D/3D Graphing Calculator in the iTunes App Store. For a mere \$4.99, it provides polynomial, exponential, and other functions I won't pretend to understand.

Question: You recently turned me on to Jott, the Web service that lets me send messages and reminders just by talking into my cell phone. But now they're charging for it! Tell me there's an alternative.

Answer: I feel your pain. I'm a longtime fan of Jott, but considering that I use it almost exclusively to send reminders to my own e-mail inbox, I can't justify paying a subscription charge (plans start at \$3.95 per month).

Fortunately, there is indeed an alternative: Dial2Do (dial2do.com). It enables you to send e-mail and text messages using only your voice, just like Jott, and it doesn't cost a dime (for now, anyway).

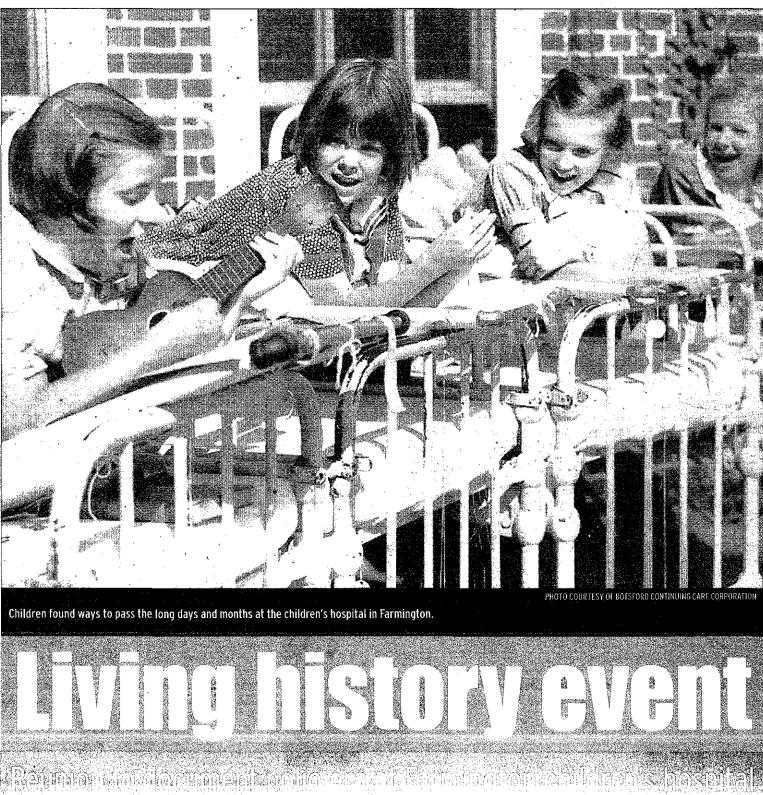
As with Jott, you simply call the special Dial2Do number, say what you want to do ("text," "e-mail," "reminder," etc.), name the recipient ("me," "Bob," etc.), and then record your message.

The service employs both computerdriven transcription technology and human operators who check messages for accuracy, but offers to turn off transcription "if you are working for the CIA or planning a major bank heist." (I like a service with a sense of humor.)

I took Dial2Do for a quick test-drive, and it delivered an accurately transcribed reminder (along with a link to the actual audio recording) to my inbox within about five minutes.

Spoiled as I am by all things free, I've given the service my Jott speed-dial slotat least until it leaves beta and ceases to

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@ amail.com.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OSE STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for Kimberly Gimmarro to reach patients who received treatment at a children's hospital in Farmington between the 1920s and early 1950s when the polio epidemic peaked, crippling and killing thousands.

She plans to record narratives during a living history event and reunion Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills, the site of the former hospital which primarily treated children with the disease sometimes referred to as infantile paralysis.

Gimmarro has spent months researching the hospital but is still uncertain about the names and changes the campus went through over the years. A Detroit News article in 1919 refers to a gift to the Michigan Hospital School for Crippled Children in Farmington. By 1922 the Farmington

Enterprise told of plans to merge the Children's Free Hospital (assumed to be Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit) with the Farmington hospital which was to be used for convalescence and

rehabilitation. Children with the disease were usually sent to hospitals such as Herman Kiefer during their contagious period then went for rehabilitation to the Farmington campus

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Garden City musician comes full circle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Scott Woolweaver is excited about returning home to Michigan for his first recital as an adult. The 50-yearold Boston violist opens the Music at St. John's series Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Episcopal church in Plymouth.

Woolweaver grew up in Garden City where teachers Peg Bunge and Doug Marsh introduced him to the viola at age 10. Woolweaver is dedicating the program to their memory.

"Doug was in charge of lower strings and put a viola in my hand. He saw I was a big kid and could handle it," said Woolweaver. "Violists don't often get the melody but are more like the engine driving the train. He was a mellow laid back person. Peg just died June 2007. Both were very patient dealing with all the kids they had to teach. Their love and passion for music was apparent. You just had to be around them. They were humble people with a great sense of community. Every Friday night Peg had us over to her house. We'd play chamber music into the night. It kept me out of trouble."

Woolweaver graduated from Garden City West High School in 1976 and won a full-tuition scholarship from Interlochen Arts Camp to the University of Michigan School of

After earning a bachelor of music in viola performance, he moved to pursue graduate studies at Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music with Walter Trampler shortly after the violist visited the university in Ann Arbor. Since then Woolweaver has played with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Massachusetts, the award-winning New England Piano Quartette, Vermont Symphony, Chameleon Arts Ensemble of Boston, and Boston Baroque, a music ensemble

in residence at Boston University. He's been teaching at Williams College since 2005 and lecturing on viola and chamber music at Tufts University since 1990. He is also director of the Adult Chamber Music Institute at Kneisel Hall in Blue Hill, Maine. Woolweaver is always on the go when it comes to music. He just returned from instructing high school and college students at a music festival in Pebble Beach, Calif.

"I travel a lot for concerts and teaching. Summer is mostly playing in music festivals all over New England, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Woodstock, Vermont," said Woolweaver, who comes to Michigan for the recital of original works by Max Bruch, Hans Sitt, Johann Hummel, Ernst Bloch and Rebecca Clarke. Joining him will be pianist Janice Weber of Boston.

"I'm very excited because a lot of my high school friends are going to come. Many of my family members have never heard me," said Woolweaver. Connie McNutt is hoping to reach

former Garden City West High School students in time for the concert she's organizing. McNutt worked with Woolweaver in many of the musicals she directed at the high school where she was a counselor.

"Back then I didn't realize how talented he was as a violist," said McNutt, a volunteer in the office at St. John's. "It's a story of a young man who made good."

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Woolweaver returns to Michigan for recitals in memory of his teachers Peg Bunge and Doug Marsh.

Scott

What: The 2008-09 concert series opens with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violist

When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For information, call (734) 453-0190

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Zang

Jack C. and Wanda I. (Lameck) Zang of Westland are currently celebrating 60 years of marriage. The couple wed Aug. 28, 1948 at St. Mary of Redford Church in Detroit. They live in Holliday Park, Westland. They have five adult children: John (Mary Ann) Zang of Castalia, Ohio; Paul (Mary Ellen) Zang of Flushing; Mari Anne Zang (Paul) Mailloux of Kalamazoo; Matt (Lisa) Zang of Clarksville, Maryland; and Greg (Janine) Zang of Canton. They are also grandparents to 13 children.



Jack worked in industrial sales and has been retired for more than 20 vears. Wanda worked as a math teacher at St. Mary of Redford Elementary School in Detroit. Jack volunteers his time at Providence Hospital and belongs to organizations including the VFW, American

John C. and Geraldine (Pierog) Nolan of Farmington recently cel-

They lived in Livonia for 31 years and have been Farmington resi-

of Redford; Beth Ann Nolan of Farmington; Geri Lynn Peterman of

Ypsilanti and Mark Nolan of Farmington. They also have eight grand-

years ago. The couple enjoys traveling, spending time in Elk Rapids in the summer and in Naples, Fla. in the winter, and visiting with their chil-

family. The couple wed on Aug. 30, 1958 at St. Alphonsus Church.

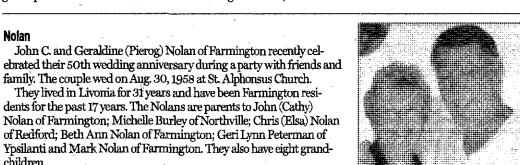
dents for the past 17 years. The Nolans are parents to John (Cathy)



Legion and the Yankee Air Force Museum.

Wanda enjoys playing bridge and participating in the Holliday Park Hospitality

They planned to celebrate the occasion with a family gathering at Greg Zang's home in Canton.



children. John C. Nolan worked for Ford Motor Company before retiring 12

Gniewek Conrad J. and Sue (Colling) Gniewek of Livonia are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed Sept. 6, 1958 in the garden of the historic Botsford Inn. They have lived in the area for 46 years and have three children: Jolie (Ed) Snow; Kyle C. Gniewek and Torin J. Gniewek, all of Livonia. The Gnieweks are grandparents to Kori and Kendall Snow, and grandparents-in-law to Owen

dren, grandchildren and friends.

Gramma and Grampa G. Conrad worked as a lithographer and supervisor for a variety of printers. Sue worked as a paraprofessional at Stevenson High School. They remain very involved in the

and Jocelyn Snow and to Alex

Hill, as well as many others who lovingly refer to them as

community. Thanks to Conrad's participation on the Livonia Arts Commission, Livonia Spree Committee, the local

Water Board, The Board of Review, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Board, and his work at the election polls, he will be inducted into the Livonia City Hall of Fame on Oct. 2. Sue has served on the Livonia Arts Commission and many school PTA groups, and has volunteered during mayoral campaigns and committees and assisted in elections as a poll worker. She is a recipient of the Golden Apple Award from Livonia Public Schools for her many years of service.

The couple are avid dancers and earned a lifetime achievement award from Round Dance Labs of America for a dance they wrote titled Spaghetti Rag.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple was surrounded by children and grandchildren at a garden party hosted at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Jolie and Ed Snow. exactly 50 years after their own garden wedding.



Shopping event raises funds to fight juvenile diabetes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Mona Brown likes to shop all year long, but one day in particular is different from the rest. For a third year, the Canton woman is coordinating the third annual evening for shopaholics Sunday, Sept. 14, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Trendevous: A Cause for Celebration is a joint effort between Parisian and the Ford Motor Co. to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

This year in addition to food from Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, PF Chang's China Bistro, Mitchell's Fish Market, Max & Erma's, Sweet Lorraine's, Coffee Beanery, and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, shoppers receive 20 percent off regular and sale price apparel, accessories, fine jewelry, cosmetics, and fragrances plus 25 percent off Better Sportswear purchases.

This is different. The atmosphere is different. It's almost like going to a party," said Brown, a customer satisfaction supervisor at Ford Credit in Dearborn. "Everybody's in a good mood and it's a great way to get out. I have a neighbor who brings her mom, It's become a tradition. You cau stop off at the food stations and get a little snack along the way. Last year I took advantage of the 20 percent discounts to start my Christmas shopping early. With the discounts I could buy more and bought a couple of fall outfits for

Suzy Brown is especially excited about the informal modeling of new fashions for the season. She is store manager for Parisian in Laurel Park Place.

"We're very excited to show off some of our vendors. The biggest thing is our Victor

TRENDEVOUS: CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

What: An evening of discount shopping, preview of the hottest fashion trends. complimentary refreshments When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

Where: Parisian, Laurel Park Place, Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$10, and available at customer service

at Parisian Livonia.

For information, call (734) 953-7500.

line by Victor Alfaro, missy and special size sportswear, shoes, jewelry and handbags designed for today's American woman, It's affordable luxury, a lot of grays and purples and tweeds," said Suzy Brown. "And for the first time this year they can pre-shop ahead of time by showing their ticket then on Sept. 14 they can come in and pick it up and just enjoy the event."

Mona Brown has been busy lining up activities to add to the fun of shopping at the Cause for Celebration. More than 15 local businesses, including Livonia Marriott, The Inn at St. John's and Orin Jewelers, have donated gift certificates for prizes.

"Detroit Ignition is involved. There will be four players and dancers for a meet and greet and to sign autographs. Indigo Salon and Spa from Canton is going to have massage chairs," said Mona Brown. "Last year we raised around \$9,000. Diabetes is a devastating disease. It runs in my family, I have friends with children with juvenile diabetes and this goes to research to find a cure."

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Madonna University celebrates Polish culture

Madonna University is hosting a day of cultural food, music and entertainment during their kickoff to Polish American Heritage Month Saturday, Sept. 27, at Madonna's University Center, 14221 Levan in Livonia.

The event will begin at II a.m. with a street rod car show and a movie produced by a Madonna alumna entitled "Dom Polski:

The Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia." The Polish culture and celebration continues with music by Melodia Trio, PRCUA Tatry Dancers, door prizes, and a buffet of authentic Polish dishes, beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks from noon to 3:30 p.m.

A tour of Madonna University's Motherhouse takes place at 3 p.m. A Mass will be held at 4 p.m. in

Madonna's chapel.

Admission for the event is \$29 for the general public, \$25 for Madonna University alumni, staff and donors, and \$20 for Madonna students. All scheduled events, the buffet and two drink tickets are included in the cost. There is reserved seating only, reservations must be made by Sept. 25 by calling (734) 432-5804.

YOUR RESUME ISN'T GOING TO

Canton artist to teach pen and ink workshop

Three Cities Art Club is hosting a free pen and ink workshop with artist who works in watercolor, Elbert Weber 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, as part of their regular meeting at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions of the guest speaker plus vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members in our monthly Popular Vote competi-

Weber is an award-winning acrylic, pen and ink, and mixed media. His subjects include landscapes, flowers, automobiles and people. Weber's work is in collections throughout the United States, Brazil, Canada, England, Scotland, and New Zealand. He has exhibited at the Scarab Club, Southfield Cultural Center, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Civic Center

Library Gallery, Plymouth Community Arts Council, and The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton. Weber, a Canton resident, studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., Purdue University and Indiana University in addition to taking many watercolor workshops. Contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123, or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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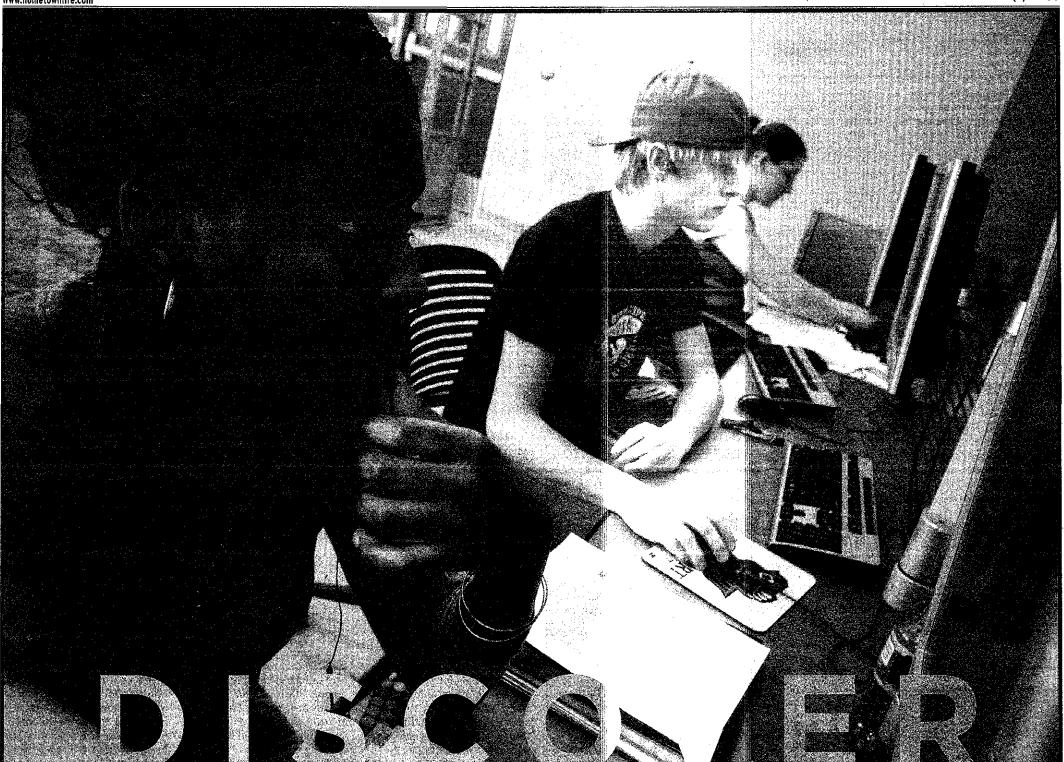
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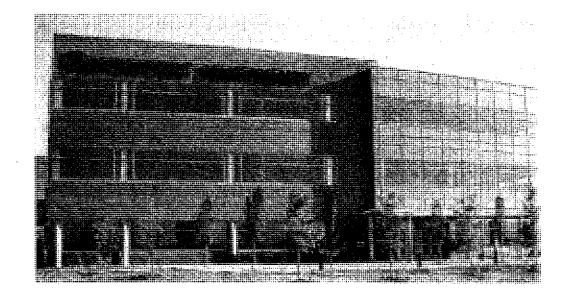
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Benedictine High School Class of 1973

35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or bennyhigh 73@twmi. rr.com

Berkley High School Class of 1958

50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1958 Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road &

Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner, Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneidt (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register. visit www.birmingham58.com.

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74 A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner

Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door, For more information visit www.88reunion. net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133. Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in

Southfield. For information, visit www. casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59. com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658. Christ the King School

All class reunion in honor of 70th anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit, includes school tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer at vvonnemover@hotmail.com, Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund.

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-

DAVID G. MILLER

Age 74, Houghton Lake, formerly of

Westland, Dearborn, Highland and

Milford, MI, died August 15, 2008

from pancreatic cancer complications.

David was born March 22, 1934, in the Village of Milford, the son of

Donald and Lizette (Hicks) Miller. He

graduated from Milford High School

and entered the United States Navy in

1952. Also in that year, he married his high school sweet heart, Rosalynn

(Rosie, Lynn) Biller, Together they

celebrated 55 years of marriage until Lynn's passing in January 2007. Petty

Officer Miller was the first document-

ed Navy SeeBee lineman to complete

the Deep Sea Divers course and was

instrumental in building U.S. Navel

Stations in North Africa and Cuba

during the Korean era conflict. Upon his Honorable discharge from the

Navy, he was hired on by the Detroit

Edison Company where he spent the

next 40 years as a loyal company man

until his retirement as an Overhead

Transmission Lines Supervisor. While

working with Edison, he was able to

obtain his undergraduate Degree as an

Electrical Mechanical Engineer from

the Lawrence Institute of Technology.

David was a proud and active sup-

porter of the Boy Scouts of America,

Disabled American Veterans (DAV),

Defenders of Wildlife, Michigan

Humane Society, MCB-6 and the

CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation

and the Lawrence Institute Alumni

family. His immediate family, sons'

and Kimberly were at his bedside when he passed to God's hands. His

children to include daughters-in-law

Sandy and Linda, seven grandchil-

dren and five great-grandchildren and

many friends and relatives survive him. May he find fair winds and calm

seas on his final journey. Donations in

his name to the Houghton Lake

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Paul and daughters' Bambi



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According to newspaper accounts, up to 300 children at a time received treatment at the children's hospital in Farmington.

which later housed the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital.

'We're working to put together the history, looking for the stories," said Gimmarro, an executive assistant at Botsford Commons Senior Community. She's started a blog for patients at www.botsfordcommons.org/ blog. "We would like to be able to gain an understanding of how polio treatment changed over the years. There was a large epidemic in 1916 then it quieted down, then epidemics in the '30s and '40s, and '50s when polio really spiked until the vaccine came out in the mid '50s.

"We found the old moldy photo collection in the basement. Through the Farmington Historical Society we were able to digitize the photos and last August connected with the Farmington Community Library, Heritage Collection. Since then we found another set of photos in the basement, close-ups of these kids, but have no idea of

the time frame." Gimmarro continues her research online and through the digital collections of the Walter Reuther Library at Wavne State University. When she's not in front of a computer she's contacting anyone who might help piece the puzzle together, like Albert Kahn Associates, the architectural firm which designed two red brick buildings on campus. According to newspaper reports at any one time there were up to 300 children at the Farmington site. An aerial photograph of the buildings can be found in the book "Detroit Hospitals, Healers & Helpers" from the Images of

America Series (2004). 'We have to talk to the kids or the narrative history would be lost," said Gimmarro. "If anyone coming to the reunion has photographs we may be able to confirm a photo in the Walter Reuther Library isn't Children's Hospital of Michigan but the children's hospital in Farmington. On the campus there's a white stucco building we don't know who built it. Later came the red brick buildings by Albert

"We spoke to the Post Polio Support Group last weekend in Troy and think the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital was on campus. A 1955 invoice confirms this. Patients want to know where their medical records are. We believe the records were given to the Sister Kenny Foundation collection at University of Michigan. The hospital closed in 1958 due to insufficient

Bruce Sachs facilitates the southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group and serves as chairman of the Michigan Polio Network (www.geocities.com/mi_polio_net/). He and his wife Dianne (Borolis) Sachs lived through the epidemic. Bruce was diag-

funds."

nosed with polio in 1940 in the Upper Peninsula where he grew up. He was only 13 months old when hospitalized at St. Luke's in Marquette for nine months. Today both he and Dianne have braces on their legs and use scooters when outside their home in Mt. Clemens.

"In 1940, before Sister Kenny treatments, I was in an iron lung. We never talked about it at home," said Sachs, who taught at elementary schools in Livonia for 39 years, mainly at Kennedy. He retired in 2003 when Post-Polio Syndrome prevented him for working any longer.

Many polio survivors suffer from extreme fatigue, new weakness in both affected and unaffected muscles and joints, sensitivity to cold, and in some cases, respiratory problems, according to MNP. The Network is a group of polio survivors in Michigan. Sachs says, there are about 12,000 alive in the state.

'We're looking forward to the reunion," said Dianne, who was hospitalized at Children's Hospital downtown then transferred to the Farmington campus. She was only 13 months old. "I've driven past it and taken pictures. I'm just curious as to where it was. My mother blocked a lot out. I had Sister Kenny treatments, hot packs with wool. I had a long brace on my right leg when little and was on crutches."

Dianne Sachs and Paula Lemieux were patients at the same time in the fall of 1952. Lemieux was diagnosed with polio at age 6. She was hospitalized about six months.

"I do remember being in a ward of probably at least 10 children. All had beds of white iron with siderails and were from ages 5 to preteen," said Lemieux, who lives in Farmington Hills. "I have a photo of a physical therapist working with me. I had Sister Kenny treatments with hot wet wool. Many post polios can smell wet wool from a mile away. There were big old wooden wheelchairs, a big community dining room. I remember my parents visiting once a week, but I could not see my sisters because children weren't allowed to visit. My sisters had to wait in the car. I remembered them showing the movie Snow White and after that going to the dining room and singing 'hi ho, hi ho it's off to eat we go' in a wheelchair. I left there walking with a back corset and wearing shoes that looked like baby shoes with high ankles. My sister told me I could not walk or sit up before treatment."

Lemieux went on to become a registered nurse, but has since retired. Unlike other children she couldn't ice skate, ski or roller skate.

"We never talked about polio again," said Lemieux. My parents are deceased now so I'm hoping to learn by going there. It was feared too because they didn't know as much about what caused it. People were afraid they could catch it from you. It mostly hit in summertime. They closed down the swimming pools

because they didn't know how it was contracted."

Today Lemieux struggles with fatigue and weakness from Post-Polio Syndrome. She wears a brace on one leg and is getting a second brace on the other leg. Outside of home she walks on crutches, but is looking forward to the reunion and touring the remaining building.

"I'm very curious and apprehensive. My mother ended up being a patient at the nursing home at Botsford so I'm not as apprehensive as I could have been, but I still become uncomfortable being in a red brick building. It's that little kid saying you don't want to go in there because they won't let you go home."

Tom Grein was in Bay City General from October 1953 to July 1954 when doctors recommended Sister Kenny treatments in Farmington. He was there until September 1955. Grein was 10 years old when diagnosed. He went to high school in 1957 in a wheelchair but eventually was able to walk and earn a journalism degree at Michigan State University. He and his wife Betsy owned Observer newspapers in Washington, D.C.

"I hadn't thought of the hospital in years. It's really strange because I never want to look back then I found out about the reunion. We just had a family reunion and I was trying to put together dates. I want to see if their history is the way I remember. it," said Grein of Whitehall. "I was full braced, both legs and back with paralytic poli Sister Kenny treatment wa very controversial. It was at therapy. The whole object vas to keep the muscles limber to move them. Kenny was an Australian nurse. In Australia they called sisters nurses. I started out being wrapped with hot packs. They would change them every hour and a half. You sometimes got blisters from them. The other part was kind of physical therapy, stretching. When I left Sister Kenny I had a short left ankle brace and was on wrist crutches and a wheelchair."

Grein continued receiving treatment until 1958. He used wrist crutches until 1965 when he switched to a cane for a blind date with his wife. By 1992 he was back in a wheelchair due to Post-Polio Syndrome.

"I lived in what amounted to a dormitory with probably 16 to 20 boys. When I left, polio had diminished and there were only two or three boys. Going back, some people may be a little leery, but not me. It's my journalism curiosity. I've always talked about polio and disabilities," said Grein, who's president of Disability Connection West, Center for Independent Living. "At the Disability Connection we help people find jobs, do advocacy work, help with access to health care, transportation. That's probably the biggest problem people with disabilities have today."

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BRUCE T. AYERS

Age 73, formerly of Livonia, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 at his Topinabee, MI home. A funeral service will be held at 10:00am, Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 at the Joy Fellowship Church in Indian River, MI. Interment will be at Burt-Mullett Cemetery in Topinabee. He is survived by his wife Jeroldene; Daughters Laurie Lewis of Phoenix, AZ., Sandy Ayers of Redford, MI; grandchildren, Nathan, Lindsay and Jon Lewis; brother, Gordon Ayers of Livonia; cousin, Delores Young of Brighton. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David Ayers. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Straits or the Outdoor Sportsman's Rangers and may be mailed to Lintz Funeral Home, 6038 Prospect St., Indian River, MI 49749. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 2-4pm and 6pm-8pm, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008.



REBECCA S. BOTTOMS

September 3, 2008, age 57, died peacefully after a five year battle with lung cancer. Wife of the late Dr. Sidney F. Bottoms. Mother of Christina Cabeen (Ted), Sid. and Sarah, Sister of Joyce, Betty, Laura, Butch, Chuck, and Jane. Former Cranbrook Upper School Librarian. Memorial Service at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Sunday, September 7, at 2:30pm. Memorial tributes to Mercy Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Drive, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com





JACQUELINE R. DUGAN

September 3, 2008. Beloved wife of Patrick. Dear mother of Michael Dugan (Katharine), Timothy Dugan (Patty), and Nancy O'Rilley (James). Dearest grandmother of Christopher, Madeline, Peter, Jack, Kellie, and Nick. Special sister of Peter Treboldi (Cathy). Sister-in-law of Joan Smith and Evelyn Dugan, Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), with Scripture Service Sunday 6pm, Funeral Mass Monday 1pm at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church at 12:30 PM. Memorial Tributes to Angels' Place or Charity of Donor's Choice. View obituary and share memories at:

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RITA JOYCE EDFORD

Sept. 5, 2008, age 64 of Plymouth. Loving wife of Gregory. Beloved mother of Steven (Sue Anne), David and Eric (Marci). Proud grandmother of Noah. Also survived by sister Bonnye (Ken) Woods, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Mon. 2-9pm with Funeral Service Mon. 7:30pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Memorials may be made to the National M.S. Society. To share a memory, visit:

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MARY CATHERINE "Bunny" GORDON

Age 86, formerly of Birmingham, passed away September 4, 2008 in Largo, Florida. She was born May 15, 1922 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, where she was very active and a member of the A.A.U. W. She is survived by her son, Byron (Diane) Gordon of Largo, Florida; daughter, Andrea (Renny) Fritz of Canton, Michigan and two grandsons, Mark and Paul. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Florida Suncoast 5771 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater, FL 33760. Private services will be in Louisville.



MICHAEL K. HUSSEINI

August 29, 2008. Age 18. Beloved son of Samy (Hanaa) Husseini and Janine Hill-Zubaidi (Abraham). Loving brother of Alexandra, Ali, Laura Sarah, and Adam. Dearest grandson of Agnes (the late Kenneth) Hill and Mounira (the late Ali) Husseini. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Funeral Services were at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road (Bet. Middlebelt and Merriman), Livonia.



KENNETH W. KRAMER

August 30, 2008 age 70 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Roberta. Loving father of Kathryn (Steve) Benedetti Mary Beth (Carlos) Najarro, Mark (Judy) and Kevin (Amanda). Also leaves eight grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Visitation was held Funeral Vermeulen Plymouth. Funeral Mass was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church Canton, Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27592 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia MI 48150; or to Covenant House of Michigan. 2959 Martin Luther King Drive, Detroit MI 48208. To view full obituary and share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

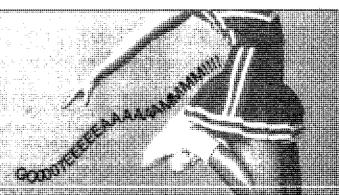
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ENGAGEMENTS

Feldpausch-Sequin

Dean and Marcia Feldpausch of Fowler, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen Feldpausch, to Jeffrey Seguin of Garden City. He is the son of Daniel and Cheryl Seguin of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Fowler High School and a 2007 graduate of the Excel Academy of Cosmotology. She currently works at a salon in the Lansing

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University.



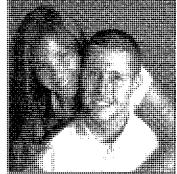
He is completing a teaching internship in the Lansing area and plans on a career as a high school social studies teacher.

The couple is arranging a May 2009 wedding.

Jesson-Henderson

Carl and Carol Pistolesi and James Jesson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay E. Jesson, to Joshua J. Henderson of Westland. He is the son of Steven and Kimberly Henderson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and works at Thompson Platte, P.C. The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University and works for LaSalle Electric







The couple are planning an Oct. 4 wedding in Brighton.

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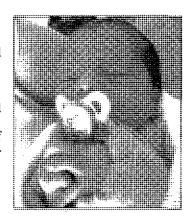
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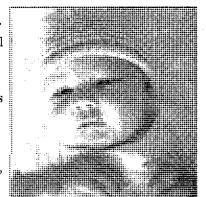
Dennis and Marissa Carino of Canton announce the arrival of their son, Ayden Jonathan Carino, born Aug. 27, at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. His grandparents are John and Herta Marion of Eastpointe and Dennis and Mila Carino of Dearborn. His great-grandparents are Karl and Maria Kass of Eastpointe and Rebecca Marion of Pleasant Ridge.



Steger

BIRTHS

Jeff and Jennifer Steger of Livonia announce the arrival of their son, Elliot Lee Steger. He was born July 27, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. His grandparents are Jack and Beverly Lee of Ray Township, Mich.; Jerry and Bernadette Steger of Midland, Mich. and Dolores and Ed Cieslinski of Auburn,



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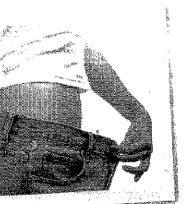
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Daniel and Cheryl Seguin of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Seguin, to Matthew Daugavietis of San Jose, Calif. He is the son of George and Nancy Daugavietis of Vacaville, Calif. The couple wed July 5, in Rochester, Mich. William

Seguin-Daugavietis

Rieder presided. Jennifer is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of the University

of Michigan. She works as a dance teacher and choreographer, and owns the Grace Dance Academy in San Jose. Matt is a graduate of Vacaville High School and the Haas School of Business at the University of California in Berkeley. He works as a financial adviser for Ameriprise Financial.

WEDDINGS

The couple spent an 8-day honeymooon in Jamaica and will make their home in San



Dillenbeck-Keesey

Larry and Sharon Dillenbeck of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Dillenbeck, to Ryan Keesey of Wayne. He is the son of Jim and Sandy Vassallo of Canton and Wayne Keesey of Canton. The couple wed on Aug. 1 at Baker's of Milford. Chaplain

Robert Bierenga presided. The bride was attended by maid of honor Kristen Dillenbeck and bridesmaids Valara Keesey, Katy Tucci, Stefanie Jarvis, Amy Ladenberger and Darcey Bouteiller. The groom was

attended by best man Jeff Hollowell, and groomsmen Jim Vassallo, Tony Vassallo, Joel Vassallo, John Marker and Russ Niner. Sybella Keesey was the flower girl. Drake Daugherty was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in 2009 with a degree in graphic arts. She works at D & M Art Studio in Canton. The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and works for DST Industries in Romulus. He is a member

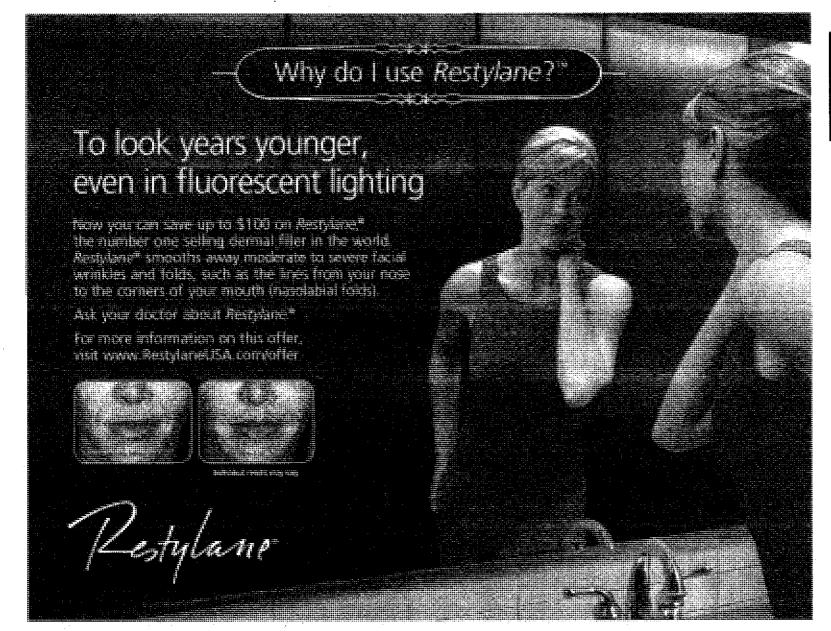


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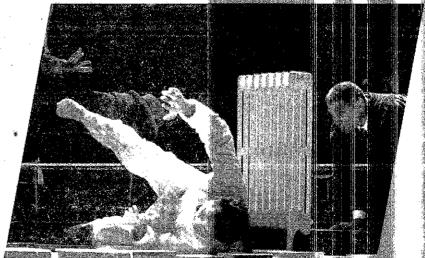
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 53", 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. \$\mathbb{T}280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, 52", 165ibs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. 22284388

VERY ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complacted, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR.

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, HW proportionate, for friendship first. 25281229

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the out-doors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. 2284371

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

GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sugar and spice and . . . attractive blonde enchantess, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more . . . seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. 17233677

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. 22147056

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. 27962317

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. \$228947 TRADITIONAL VALUES

Well-educated DWF, 5'8', dark blonde/green, ulti-figured, interested in finding friendship leading to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. 12283327

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. \$288800

A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! 2287057 SBF, 47, 5'4", Ilkes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 228915'1

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-toving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. 25891247

SEEKING SINCERITY SEERING SINCERITI
SBF, 5'4", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same inter-

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, tunny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man.

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warmhearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. \$\mathbf{2}\$235988

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. 27241298

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, locking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. \$280950

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN! Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. \$\frac{12281372}{12281372}\$

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

BEAUTIFUL SBE... 37 seeks SWM, 30-50, v enontanaoue and maybe leading to more. \$271683

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. 27287856

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canceing, sercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. 2287305 WARM SMILE SBF, 21, N/S, booking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, poesibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! \$\frac{\pices 267167}{2000}\$

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seenous SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. 2273803

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jawish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. \$\frac{\pi}{2230694}\$

EARTH BABY
DWF, 52, 5'10", 300+lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygo-ing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/DWM, 46-60. 27285168

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded women, 61 years young, 5'3', seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. 2289125

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. 22409879

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 17983760

KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. \$287598

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 52°, 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. 27530308

READY FOR A FRESH START? READY FOR A FRESH STAHL?

DWF, 47, 55°, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed.
Seeking SWM, 45-57, 61°+2, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdooreman, adventurer, manly gentieman. 27692549

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

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? 7271082

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. \$279171

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, na-ture, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. \$282578

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 2282444

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

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. 22:257808

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. 127217234

COUNTRY GIRL Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 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

LADY IN THE WOODS SWF. 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5', average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 22210247

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a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8', HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skling, snow-shoeing, and more. 1728886. IN SEARCH OF

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening er, 5'5', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with, 36-60, \$2284318

SINCERE AND HONEST Happy SF, loves country music, dancing, Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. 12284932

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL
Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kd, ilkes
clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out.
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medium build for friendship first, dating and more.
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STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122/bs, interested in fit, good-looking, conflident male, 46-59, N/5, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 25'113198

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to keep me harpy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, tun, loving, caring. 27:568059

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, 12245846

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SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have walking, and exciting conversations. good SOH and self-worth. 23282618

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 1211288

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 70s, 54", 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

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5107, handsome and secure, seeks
honest S/DWF, w/sense of hurnor, who enjoys
travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible
LTR. 17269846

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWM, 5'10", 190lbs, active retiree looking for Black
or Asian female, 50-t for long-term relationship and
possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health
clubs and I'm social-drinker. 197287100

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

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10', 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, femily time, cancile light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. 17291990

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 48, enjoys simplicity, art
fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests \$200459 YOU NEED ME

SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! \$291112

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ARE YOU THE ONE?
Handsome BM, 39, easygoing, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoys life. \$290798

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER SBM, 42, 6'3". 200lbs-r, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, mov-les, shooting pool. 27:291188

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 25692418

GIVE ME A CALL!
SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. 2289548

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WM, 6'6", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more, 30-60, \$\frac{\pi}{2289482}\$

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.
72988147

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 2645, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. 2584501 GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. 2267088

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. **17279036**

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 12113835 WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRLS
SHF, 48, 510", average build, likes going out
and having fun, movies, perties, just chilling and
relaxing. Seeking SH/AF, late 30s, for possible
relationship. 22283039

Fit & FUN-LOVING
Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. \$288335

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good charecter and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 27187614

LETS 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

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. TP244260

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

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. \$271820

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys besting, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 1205048

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! \$228615 WORTH THE CALL

SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. 2283851 LET'S CONNECT

SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SA/HF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what devel-A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun. passionate, into boating, basinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. 23176478 LET'S MEET UP

SWM, 53, brown/biue, 115ibs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. 2290675

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. 2229056 SBM, 22, 6*, 175lbs, light smoker, no children, locking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more. 27291487

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. \$\mathbf{T}\$178497

CALL ME! SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6"1", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. 27289335

SF, 40-02, to possible relationship. 27209333

LONELY AND READY

SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. 27860305 A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. \$\mathbb{T}\$200690

HANDSOME WM
DWM would like to meet SBF, 22-46, N/S, who likes to experience new things in life, has varied interests. \$2267230 INTELLIGENT & MATURE

Down-to-earth, fun-loving, positive, youthful, up-beat, energetic, exciting SWPM, 51, 5'9", 185lbs, enjoys dining, movies. Seeking similar SF, 39-55. 12287745 OUTGOING GUY
SWM, 26, 6'S', 180lbs, blackbrown, with sense
of humor, likes movies, beach walks, bowling.
Seeking SW/AF, 20-28. (\$\frac{4288652}{288652}\$)

LOOKING FOR ME? SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygo-ing loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camp-ing, travel, and much more> looking for fit, fun and active lady to share telks, good times, friendship/

LET'S HANG OUT
SBM, 29, 6'6", slim build, smoker, seeks nice
woman, 25-28, to chill with and get to know.
\$\mathbf{T}277937\$

SM, 26, 5'5", light complexion, red hair, in search of fun and friendship with a single female. Let'a talk and see if we click! \$2281335

HIT ME UP!
SBM, 19, 5'9", athletic build, smoker, no children, looking for a woman, 19-30, race open, for friendship or more. \$287807 RESPECTABLE GUY

HESPECIABLE GUY
SBM, 33, 55", IVS, no kids, goatee, looking for that one special woman, 27-43, to settle down with. 3287821 LEAVE ME A MESSAGE

SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 33, 5'9", loves going out and having fun. The one love I'm seeking must be down-to-earth, honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy. Friendship first. 2287948

LONELY, GENUINE HEART

SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. \$287987 RETIRED

SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love coolding, devoting time to a loving companion. **17284784** SINGLE DAD WM, 5'7", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working or cars, heving fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating.

WELL-ROUNDED

DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. \$284895

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP Male, 60, tali, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. 22287161

SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. 27287896

TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/folue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 25531308

GOOD BETTER BEST! SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 17992943

LOOKING FOR ROMANCE
SM, 70, 6', 194lbs, retired salesman, enjoys cycling, dining out, movies travel and life in general. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. 2253204 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

Attractive SWM, 6'3", 165lbs, N/S, N/D, shy, fit, enjoys carpentry, riding my blcycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-80, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 2248074 PLAY YOUR SONG? DWM, 52, D/D-free, east area, great SOH, in-terested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening, ro-mantic evenings by my fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR.

OPEN-MINDED SF WANTED
SM, 6', 185/bs, short brownish-blond/blue, muscular build, no tattoos, IVS, social drinker, loves art museums, craft shows, music, concerts, quiet times, movies, dining. Seeking slender woman, elmitar interests. \$7277964

HONEST AND SINCERE DWM, 52, 5'10', 150lbs, likes miler skating, computers, biking, boating and some old moves. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. 13'255289

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
Sociable SM, 57, 577, graying brownfolue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, WF to share these. 2723744

READY FOR RELATIONSHIP SM, 29, 56", light smoker, hazel eyes, looking for SF, 21-40, for friendship or more. 27279902

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWM, 52, seeks slender female, 40-50, who likes fishing, the outdoors, hunting, gardening, cooking. 27279947 LET'S TALK
SM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, very fit, loves working out, sports, movies, dining, Looking for SB/HF, 18-50, for possible relationship. **Tr282306**

JUST CHILLIN' SM, 31, looking for fun, sexy, spontaneous, down-to-earth, cool SF, 24-40, with a good attitude.

SEEKS BBW SBM, 27, occasional smoker, seeks a BBW female, who knows what she wants out of life, for possible LTR. 295878

LOOKING FOR THE "ONE"

SWM, 61, 5'9', 170lbs, blond/blue, degreed, veteran, N/S, N/D, Catholic, humorous, spontaneous, like music, outdoors, sports, seeks attractive, easy going SWF 45-65. 27278705 GET TO KNOW ME
SBM, 32, 574 in the Navy, seeks SW/BF, 2140, for friendship or whatever it may lead to.
27283786

RETIRED GENTLEMAN
Fun-loving DWM, 59°, 160lbs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking WHF, 55-63, sllm to medium build, hopefully LTR. Dark hair a plus.

LIFE AND FUN

EIFE AND FUN
SWM, 51, looking for fun, casual relationship with
a woman who is looking to begin a new path in
life. Race and age open. 22266891 SEEKS SOULMATE SHERS SOULMATE
SWM seeks brunette, 23-55, who is a little on the shy side, knows how to have fun. \$\frac{\pi}{286860}\$

AM LYOUR MISTER RIGHT? SM, 28, 5'8", 165lbe, two lattoos, muscular bulkd, goatee, nice amile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friendship or more. 2287140

DON'T HESITATE...
call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, en-loys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-69, for companionship, maybe mora. HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionata. ☎984967

Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. \$\overline{\pi} 672855\$ 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. 27587540

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