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Serial robbery suspect arraigned in Westland

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A defendant who was arraigned Friday on charges of robbing a Westland drugstore has confessed to three similar incidents in Wayne and Canton, a detective said in court.

Michael James Stachowski, 28, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he's convicted of robbing the CVS store near



Stachowski

Stachowski was arraigned on the Westland charge Friday in front of

Wayne and Palmer around 3:40 p.m. Wednesday.

Stachowski also is suspected of robbing Richardson's drugstore in Canton along with CVS and Rite Aid stores in Wayne, police Sgt. Thad Nelson said.

18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot, who set a \$500,000 cash bond, entered a not-guilty plea and ordered the defendant back in court for an Oct. 2 hearing to determine whether he should stand trial.

Stachowski had been staying in Wayne with a sister who, according to police, is suspected in some of the robberies outside of Westland.

Police arrested the pair around 11:30 a.m. Thursday after an alert

Westland officer, Steve Jaworski, saw a suspected getaway car, a Pontiac G6, at Curtis Woods Park on Palmer near Carlson, police Lt. Dan Karrick said.

"It was great police work on his behalf," Karrick said. "If he hadn't been looking for that vehicle, we may never have captured them."

In court Friday, Nelson said Stachowski went into the Westland CVS, put several items on the counter, handed a robbery note

to an employee and implied that he had a gun under his shirt. The worker complied by putting money in a bag, and the bandit fled the store.

Stachowski said little Friday when asked by Vandersloot if he had anything to say before the \$500,000 bond was set.

"I have no idea," the defendant said. "My head is just spinning."

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'Passionate about her job'

New Wayne Memorial principal aims to nurture students

BY SUE MASON
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Ask Valerie Orr about Wayne Memorial High School and she talks about it feeling like home.

As a student, the school was her "second home." With all the activities she was involved in, she spent more time there than at her family home on Franklin Street in Wayne.

"My favorite part was the warmth and the relationship with the students, the staff and the administration," she said. "It was a safe place to be where people cared about you."

Fifteen years after she graduated, Orr is focusing on continuing that nurturing as the high school's new principal.

"I know what it meant for me as a student, and it's important for me that the students know they have that here," she said.

Orr replaces John Albrecht, who moved to the district's administrative offices as the executive director of student and legal affairs.

It was Albrecht who brought Orr to Wayne Memorial as an assistant principal. Her knowledge of Wayne Memorial, her candidness in her answers and genuineness about herself led him to "want her on my staff."

"Pretty much everything I gave her to do, I didn't have to follow up on," said Albrecht. "She did an awesome job."

And he believes that will continue



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Valerie has come full circle at Wayne Memorial High School. A 1993 graduate, she served as an assistant principal before taking over as principal this year.

ue with her move to principal. "I don't think I know anybody as passionate about her job, she loves Wayne Memorial High School," said Albrecht. "I believe she could pretty much overcome anything to lead that building."

Wayne-Westland has been a part of Orr's life since kindergarten. She grew up in Canton and attended Walker-Winter Elementary. In eighth grade, her family moved to Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial in 1993.

While at Wayne High, she played softball and was involved in student government and the yearbook. As the yearbook editor, she would run from her AP calculus class on the first floor to the third floor "to keep up with what the staff was doing and then run downstairs to get her calculus notes."

She also served on the school improvement team when accreditation was coming into vogue.

"I wanted to be on the team, I loved being on the team," she said. "When I left for college I didn't want to give it up, so they made me the community member."

An opportunity to tutor a middle school student led her to becoming a mathematics teacher. It took eight years and two universities for her to get her degree. While in school, she worked as a dispatcher for the Wayne Police Department and a waitress at Wayne Bowl. She also sold Princess House products on the side. When she was hired by the district in 2000, she took a pay cut to go into teaching.

Orr found out she got the principal's job in time to tell the staff before they left on summer vacation.

"The staff was so supportive," she said. "When it happened, it felt like I had my own cheering section."

She admits that giving up the classroom has been hard; she loves being with the kids. But she has realized the impact she can have as a principal on 2,000 kids, the kind impact she experienced as a student at Wayne High.

"I've been very blessed in this district, it's opened doors for me," Orr said. "Every one that opened I've stepped through. This district has been good to me since kindergarten."

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2 men charged with vandalism

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Two vandalism defendants are accused of breaking into a Westland charter school and damaging books, desks, computer monitors, chairs, audio-visual equipment and water fountains, resulting in flooding.

Damage to the Academy of Westland, on Henry Ruff south of Cherry Hill, topped \$35,000 during a break-in that happened shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday, police Sgt. David Dinsmore said Friday afternoon in 18th District Court.

"That's kind of senseless in my mind," Dinsmore told 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot.

Vandersloot arraigned Zackery Taylor Harrell, 17, and Anthony Ivan Byrd, 22, on charges of breaking and entering the school and causing malicious destruction of property.

Dinsmore told Vandersloot during a Friday afternoon arraignment that the defendants removed an air conditioner in the principal's office, dismantled a security camera, ransacked the office and caused damage throughout the building, but a passerby alerted police and helped officers make arrests at the scene.

"I'd just like to apologize," Harrell said in court, saying he had been laid off from a job earlier in the week.

Vandersloot entered not-guilty pleas for the defendants and ordered them back in court for an Oct. 2 hearing to determine whether they should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Harrell was jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond, but Vandersloot set Byrd's bond at \$100,000 cash because he is a repeat offender with a 2007 conviction for home invasion.

If Harrell is convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison. Due to his status as a second-degree habitual offender, Byrd could face 15 years in prison.

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City Council OKs revised Ecorse Creek flood plain study

BY DARRELL CLEM
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In a move that could cost homeowners on the city's far southeast side about \$16 a year, the Westland City Council has approved a revision for an engineering study to address flooding along Ecorse Creek, which flows through the Precinct 28 area.

However, city leaders indicated they want Wayne County officials to seek federal dollars

to help offset any flood-mitigation costs that residents could face.

Some officials fear that the multi-year price tag could approach \$1,000 a year for some Westland property owners — a figure Councilman Dewey Reeves has called "ridiculous." Many residents in the Precinct 28 area are retirees with fixed incomes.

Many questions remain about the flood-mitigation plan, how much it could cost and what exactly would be required of residents under a

plan by Wayne County.

Earlier this month, the Westland City Council voted against a resolution supporting a study, but a revised measure won approval Monday amid projections it would cost \$16 a year for each of the nearly 1,000 city property owners who would be affected.

Councilman Charles Pickering suggested that the city pay the tab, estimated around \$16,000, for local residents, rather than have them face a special assessment. He asked City Attorney

Angelo Plakas to study his request.

Council President James Godbout said Pickering's suggestion could be discussed as the city prepares for its new round of budget talks early next year.

Moreover, Plakas cautioned Monday that it could be awhile before the city has an idea of the costs that Westland residents would actually face for any flood-mitigation efforts.

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Westland man faces trial in attack on wife

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will face trial amid accusations he held his wife to the floor and tried to stab her to death with a steak knife. Jason Michael Corp, 28, faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he decided Thursday to waive his right to a preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos — a decision that averted testimony.

Corp could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he's convicted of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated domestic violence and being a second-time offender.

He remains jailed with a \$500,000 cash bond, and a not-guilty plea has been placed on record as he awaits trial.

Corp is accused of attacking his 30-year-old wife during a Sept. 5 incident that police say erupted while the couple was staying with a friend at Hickory Green Apartments, near Yale and Warren a few blocks south of Westland Shopping Center.

The couple, married only several months, had argued about their relationship when Corp is accused of getting a steak knife, throwing his wife to the floor, getting on top of her to restrain her, and trying to stab her in the chest as she fought him off, according to police Sgt. Michael Harhold.

"She held her arms up, and she was stabbed in the forearms and hands multiple times," Harhold has said.

The couple's friend began yelling, and Corp fled the apartment. He was seen in the neighborhood a short time later by a passerby who noticed the defendant was bleeding. Harhold has said Corp apparently inflicted injuries to his own wrists and throat.

Corp and his wife were treated for injuries and have since been released from the hospital.

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3 men await hearing on robbery charges

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Three men charged with robbing a Taylor man while he was visiting a Westland apartment complex will have to wait to learn whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The defendants — residents of Hawthorne Club Apartments near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail — had been scheduled for a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

However, a court clerk confirmed that the hearing has been delayed until Oct. 2 for Anthony Shane Jones, 21, Anton DeAngelo Mills, 18, and Stephen Louis Riley, 20. All three men are jailed with \$250,000 bonds as they await court proceedings for armed robbery and felony firearm charges.

Westland police Sgt. Todd Adams has said that Jones arranged for the 24-year-old Taylor man to visit Hawthorne Club Apartments and that the

two men were walking outside when the robbery happened around 11:30 p.m.

Riley is accused of supplying a stolen handgun for the holdup, and police have alleged that Mills approached the victim and robbed him. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

One woman who knows Jones has told the *Observer* that she doesn't believe he was involved in robbing the Taylor man. She said Jones, too, was robbed.

However, Adams has said police believe the three men arranged the robbery.

Early on, Jones had been described as a cousin of the victim. But Adams has since said the two apparently aren't related.

The Oct. 2 hearing will decide whether the three men should face trial. If convicted as charged, they could face penalties ranging from two years to life in prison.

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Boy author, 'trained monkey' encourage Rosedale writers

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With his trained monkey by his side, 11-year-old author Reese Haller talked to Rosedale Elementary students on Tuesday about how they can become writers themselves.

"You don't have to wait until you grow up," he said. "You can do it now."

Reese, a seventh-grader from Bay City, published his first book at age 8, and has since turned *Fred the Mouse* into a series. He started writing at age 3, but his first book, *Stinky Stuff*, was never published.

Considered America's youngest published fiction author, Reese has been named Ambassador of Literacy for the Youth of Michigan by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The Rosedale PTA asked him to speak at their school's first assembly of the year.

Reese doesn't really have a trained monkey. It's a stick he performs with his dad, Tom Haller, who is also an author.

When Reese lectures at schools, his dad is at his side, playing the role of "trained monkey" to make children laugh. Reese has talked to 15,000 students in the past year. Reese's 8-year-old brother,

Parker, writes too. Their mom is a kindergarten teacher. They live on a horse rescue farm, where Reese came up with the idea for *Fred the Mouse*.

Reese showed the Rosedale students how to make an eight-page minibook from a single sheet of paper and told them the eight steps to becoming a successful writer.

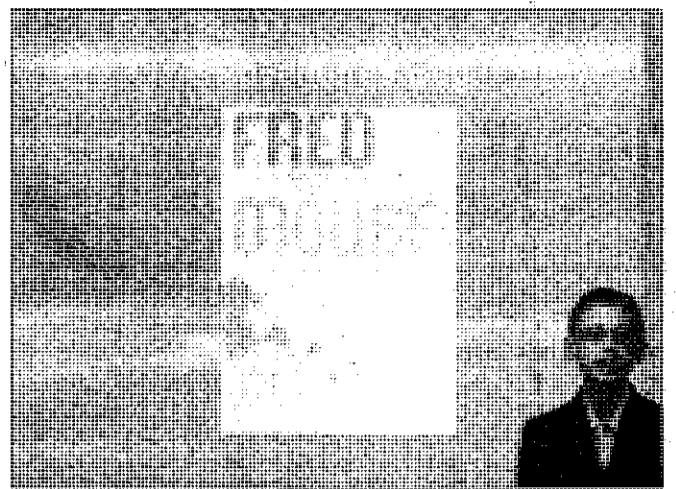
"You have to believe that you can write," he said. Second, authors need experiences to write about, like bodysurfing or riding a bike. "It can be anything. We have experiences all day long."

Putting things in the order they happened comes next. Then comes "spicing" things up, with fancy words to describe the picture in your head. At home, the Haller family plays the "Million Dollar Word Game," coming up with synonyms for various words.

The fifth step is personalizing. "The key to this step is to put something about yourself in your writing," Reese said.

Next is flowing, making the sentences smooth sounding to the ear. It's a good idea to read the work out loud, Reese said.

The seventh step, editing, takes a long time. Reese said he wrote his first *Fred the Mouse* book in two weeks, but it took



Author Reese Haller tells Rosedale Elementary students the eight steps to successful writing. Haller is considered the youngest published author of fiction in America. He wrote his first book, 'Fred The Mouse,' at 8 years old.

him four weeks to edit it.

The final step, showcasing, involves sharing your work.

"I think the presentation was absolutely amazing," said third-grader Olivia Clymer. She liked the idea of playing the "Million Dollar Word Game."

Reese then issued what he calls the "D.E.W. challenge." Everyone in the school should make it a point to "drop everything and write" for 15 minutes per day. The first topic he suggested was tips that kids would give their parents. He is working on a parenting book written by kids, and asked that everyone help out.

"I love the idea of D.E.W.," said Principal Tammy Spangler-Timm. "We'll have to drop everything and write."

To find out how to make an eight-page minibook from a sheet of paper, go to youtube.com and search for "Reese Haller folds a book."

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LPS calls back laid-off teachers

Just about all of the teachers who were laid off in June are back on the job in Livonia Public Schools. At Monday's school board meeting, human resources director Dorothy Chomicz reported that 34 more teachers were recalled, mostly at the elementary level.

The process began in August. Sixteen secondary teachers were recalled earlier this summer. The district tried to place the teachers at the schools they taught in prior to layoff, Chomicz said.

One person remains on the layoff list from this past June and two people are still on the layoff list from 2007. Three people refused positions and were removed from the recall list.

Count looking up

Livonia Public Schools may get some good enrollment news.

It looks like the loss will be "less than we had anticipated," said Supt. Randy Liepa. Students will be counted later this

month for the twice-yearly official enrollment report. "We'll look forward to those numbers," he said.

The district had expected a loss of at least 400 students.

Bounces boost funds

Bounce Back To School events helped raise more than \$15,000 for the LPS Foundation's Competitive Edge campaign, Supt. Randy Liepa reported.

Camp Mirage in Plymouth donated the use of inflatable structures for students to play on prior to parties marking the start of the school year. Participants paid \$5 each, and all proceeds went to the charity.

"We could not have done this without our business partner," Liepa said. Donated food and drinks were also sold.

Reading camp lauded

Kyle Lewandowski said he used to get distracted when reading, and he struggled with books at a sixth-grade level. He

was one of 55 students who attended a summer reading program called Camp Emerson. It helped.

Lewandowski is now in seventh-grade at Emerson Middle School.

"I'm reading a book called *Fahrenheit 451*," he told the school board, pointing out that it's at the 10th-grade level. "I hope that kids can experience what I experienced at Camp Emerson."

Camp Emerson met four times per week in July. Students were given reading instruction using the Read 180 program, as well as art and physical education lessons. The program was free for the students, paid for with Title I funding.

"We put books in the hands of students who probably would not be reading this summer," said teacher Katrina Wrzesinski, who was involved in Camp Emerson.

The Read 180 program and software will be used at Garfield Elementary, and possibly Emerson Middle School this year.

AROUND WESTLAND

Historical event

The Westland Historical Society will present The Petticoat Ladies during an event scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The Petticoat Ladies, a group that dresses in period costumes, will give a presentation called "Mothers of Invention" that will highlight the contributions of women.

The cost is \$6 for seniors and \$9 for others. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Historic Park Village on Wayne south of Marquette.

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There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 522-3918, (734) 729-1605 or the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628. It is recommended to buy tickets in advance.

Flag ceremony

It's been a long time coming, but the Westland Youth Athletic Association will raise its new U.S. flag on its

new flagpole during a ceremony scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at WYAA property, 6050 Farmington Road north of Ford.

WYAA leaders are inviting the public and have issued a special invitation to past WYAA board members, players, coaches, military personnel and veterans, longtime member Bud Somerville said.

Salad luncheon

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will hold a "Bon Appetit" Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the church, 32500 Palmer east of Venoy, Westland. Tickets cost \$8, and proceeds will go to the building fund. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Council sessions

The Westland City Council

will have two public study sessions on Monday at City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh. The first, at 6 p.m., will be a discussion of fine-tuning some city zoning ordinances. The second, at 7 p.m., will be talks about whether to revise the city's vicious dogs ordinance.

Cancer screening

Affiliates in Urology is offering a free 10-minute prostate cancer screening and blood test noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, as part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Screenings are by appointment which can be made by calling (734) 595-1487. Affiliates in Urology is in the Cherry Hill Medical Center, 33545 Cherry Hill, Westland.

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Expert: Great leaders, time of change define '60s decade

BY JULIE BROWN
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When Heidi Ardizzone shows photos of 1960s leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy, her University of Michigan students have no trouble with recognition.

"Obviously the '60s are defined by some great leaders," said Ardizzone, a visiting assistant professor of history at U-M. "Some of these leaders remain controversial today."

Images of Malcolm X and President Richard Nixon appeared Wednesday, Sept. 17, as Ardizzone, also on the American studies faculty at the University of Notre Dame, spoke at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. She tries to give her students, born long after the '60s, a sense of the decade's complexity.

A photo of The Rolling Stones in their younger days drew a laugh.

"They're looking very prim and proper by today's standards," she said, adding of her students, "They find Sonny and Cher hysterically funny."

Music was among topics Ardizzone covered Sept. 17 in the kickoff to the library's yearlong series on the '60s. She noted that folk music, which had had an earlier resurgence, became more political and rock "more electric and louder" with Motown emerging here.

She covered the hippies, whose origins were in the 1950s Beat Movement. Ardizzone also looked at the conflict, violence and war of the era, including the continuing Cold War involving primarily the U.S., the Soviet Union and China. There was and is growing concern about nuclear war, she noted, adding the Westland library will show the classic movie *Dr. Strangelove*.

Questioning of the American way of life became more common, although there were always exceptions.

"I think conservatism often gets overlooked in our memories of the '60s," Ardizzone said.

TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Her students are drawn to college protests of the 1960s, which extended into the early

'Obviously the '60s are defined by some great leaders. Some of these leaders remain controversial today.'

HEIDI ARDIZZONE, U-M faculty member

1970s. They often speak of ideals and wanting to change the world.

Ardizzone noted the civil rights movement predated the '60s, with work on the landmark 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on school desegregation going back some 10 years earlier.

The black power movement has been both glorified and simplified, she said, adding that "they wanted to appear threatening to a white America." The Black Panthers carried guns to patrol black neighborhoods, but also offered breakfasts for schoolchildren, along with after-school care. They also fostered the "black pride" movement that lives on today. Cultural values in the black community were impacted, Ardizzone said, citing names and clothing with African origins.

She cited Cesar Chavez and his organizing of Chicano farmworkers, which evolved into a cultural pride movement, as did that for native Americans.

For women, Betty Friedan's 1963 publication of *The Feminine Mystique* marked the start of the modern women's movement. Radical feminists talked about sexual harassment, marital rape and women's control of their own sexuality, issues the mainstream movement later picked up. Many of Ardizzone's female students believe in their equality but shun the feminist label.

"They're divided on the issue of abortion, as is our country," she said.

Gay rights activism also began in the 1960s, focusing on psychological definitions of homosexuality and police harassment at gay bars.

"My students say, 'Wow, I didn't know they were around then,'" she added.

PROTEST THE WAR

Ardizzone's father was a student protester in the Vietnam era, and she went to protests

as a child, with the Robert Kennedy assassination her first strong memory of the decade. Her father-in-law studied at U-M, then taught in Detroit and realized his working-class community had many sons at war in Asia. He moved to Windsor and Ardizzone's husband was born in Canada.

It's debatable as to whether protests ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam, she said, noting support for the war here dropped. At the same time, many thought protesters were "un-American, out of control and generally distasteful."

Ardizzone, who holds a doctoral degree in American studies from U-M, has been asked by reporters why there aren't widespread war protests now. She said the anti-war movement didn't really begin until the mid-'60s and heated up later, after years of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

"We'll see," she said about future protests.

Cheryl Napsha, library director, wanted to do an extended series at the library. She and colleagues have planned a year involving book discussions, a '60s movie and a program each month. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, Craig Ruff, senior policy analyst at Public Sector Consultants of Lansing, will speak on "The Making of a President 1968/2008."

Napsha noted Bobby Kennedy's impact on the 1968 election, which has been compared to Barack Obama's current impact.

"It should be really interesting," she said.

Registration at (734) 326-6123 is encouraged, but walk-ins also are welcome at the library on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

Napsha remembers the '60s well. She was in third grade when JFK was killed.

"History changed so rapidly," she said.

November's program will look at pop art. January's program will be on civil rights, followed by a February program on the British invasion and Motown music. March will look at women's liberation and April folk music and poetry.

Someone to talk to

Group aims to help those with loved ones in prison

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When a member of Bonnie Hilberer's family was sent to prison earlier this year, she figured her family could get some support from someone in the state, and contacted the Department of Corrections to find out who that might be.



Bonnie Hilberer

To her surprise - and chagrin - state officials only had three words for Hilberer: Seek private counseling.

And when she did, she was further exasperated by the discovery there really wasn't any private counseling available to those who had loved ones in prison.

But rather than sit on her exasperation and do nothing, Hilberer, an Ann Arbor resident and a member of the Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club, did something about it.

She started her own support group.

"Hope 4 Healing" is a seven-week workshop designed specifically for people who've had loved ones in prison. The workshop is set to start Oct. 13 at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland.

"When I found my family needed help I started doing some research and kept hitting dead ends," said Hilberer. "I want to touch anyone who has a loved one in prison, knowing there isn't any other help out there."

Hilberer's original intent was to start an on-going support group, having some personal knowledge about the needs of such people. She eventually decided, though, to make it a workshop with a specific length, in her mind adding more meat to the subject matter.

"It isn't a matter of need, it's a matter of interest," she said. "Is there an interest in going on?"

The workshop is designed for adults with a loved one in prison who haven't found support anywhere and who could use a sympathetic ear. The idea, according to

Hilberer, is to help such people learn to understand their feelings and learn from the experiences of others.

It's not unlike the work she has done at the New Hope Center for Grief Support, where she facilitated support groups for people who suffered the death of a loved one.

"It's a loss," she said of having a family member incarcerated. "It's not a death, but it's a loss, and grief is triggered by loss."

The workshop was approved by Kirk of Our Savior officials a couple of weeks ago. Pastor Neil Cowling has been at the Kirk for nearly 23 years, and said Hope 4 Healing will be a good program.

"It's a way to outreach to families that are in deep emotional trouble," Pastor Cowling said. "It'll be a worthwhile program."

The first week of the workshop will be devoted to getting to know each other, what Hilberer calls the "who are you, who am I, why are we here?" stage. The last six weeks will talk about the grief, embarrassment, the personal issues (financial, housing, creditors, etc.), the life changes, and the biggie: Anger.

"Most importantly, we have to learn to forgive the person in jail," Hilberer said.

"They're so angry they put their family in this position, it becomes impossible to reach forgiveness. And without forgiveness, you can't find peace."

The most important thing Hilberer wants participants to know is they aren't alone. The group will give people someone to talk to, someone who understands the position and the emotions it brings.

"How can you share that with neighbors and friends?" said Hilberer. "Besides, even if you can, you can only tell your story one or two times and then (friends) don't really want to hear it again."

"Here (in the workshop), you can share it over and over again," she added. "As with any grief loss, you get over it by being able to talk about it."

Hilberer stressed one important aspect about the workshop: It's not designed to be clinically therapeutic, though she said she would certainly help arrange therapy for anyone she thinks needs it.

"Mostly, the workshop is simply going to be a seven-week chance to talk."

"They need help, and that's what we'll be here for," Hilberer said. "There will be no judgment."

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Livonia man wins Stone Soup car

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the classic children's story "Stone Soup," an enterprising traveler gets a meal out of an unsuspecting farmer by claiming to be able to make a pot of soup with nothing but a rock in a pot. He borrows a few extra ingredients for garnish, a few more for seasoning, and eventually has a pot of soup to share.

In the classic/custom car community, the J.J. and Lynne Stone Soup Project is a collaboration of 94.7 FM WCSX, area businesses and individuals who put together a hot rod out of spare parts. Not everybody got to ride in the car, but the money generated by raffling it off will feed thousands of needy people in the Detroit area this coming year.

Brian Gnagey is an equipment technician for the City of Livonia, a job he's held for 20 years. He's also a street machine enthusiast and takes his 1972 AMC Javelin AMX to cruises and car shows all over the Detroit area. He was at the annual Telegraph Cruise when he saw the 2008 Stone Soup car up for raffle at Kelly's Bar.

"I bought one ticket," he said. "I like GM cars, my dad worked for Chevrolet. One ticket is enough, with only about 6,000 tickets sold I thought I had good odds."

After all, he said, if there's only one prize, there's no reason for more than one ticket. That was July, and his stub was pulled on the Friday before the Woodward Dream Cruise. They called him that night to tell him he had won the rebuilt 1969 Chevy Camaro.

It's no stock Camaro. The body might be late 1960s but the package under the hood is strictly new millennium. The engine is a GM LS3, the basic engine in the new Corvettes. Attached to that is a blower (supercharger) donated by Eaton Performance. All said and done, Gnagey's new car

cranks out about 550 hp.

"If you've got enough time and engineering skills, you can make anything fit," Gnagey said. "I once saw a (Mazda) Miata with a V-8."

He said he was impressed that builders at Kustom Creations was able to put it together considering they started in February and were done by August.

The Stone Soup promotion was a fund-raiser for Forgotten Harvest, a charity that distributes unused food from restaurants and farmers to organizations like the Salvation Army and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The organization's director of communications and events, Monica Luoma, said Forgotten Harvest heard about the raffle last year and wanted in.

"We approached WCSX last year and told them we wanted to take part," she said. "We raised a lot of money, but we also got an astronomical public awareness benefit."

In all, the raffle raised \$154,000 by selling more than 6,000 \$25 tickets. The charity also got mentioned in the same breath as the car every time it was mentioned on the air. The money represents approximately 900,000 meals (six meals per dollar). Virtually every dollar, she said, is spent



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Brian Gnagey of Livonia stands alongside the 1969 Camaro from the WCSX Stone Soup Project he recently won.

on the road.

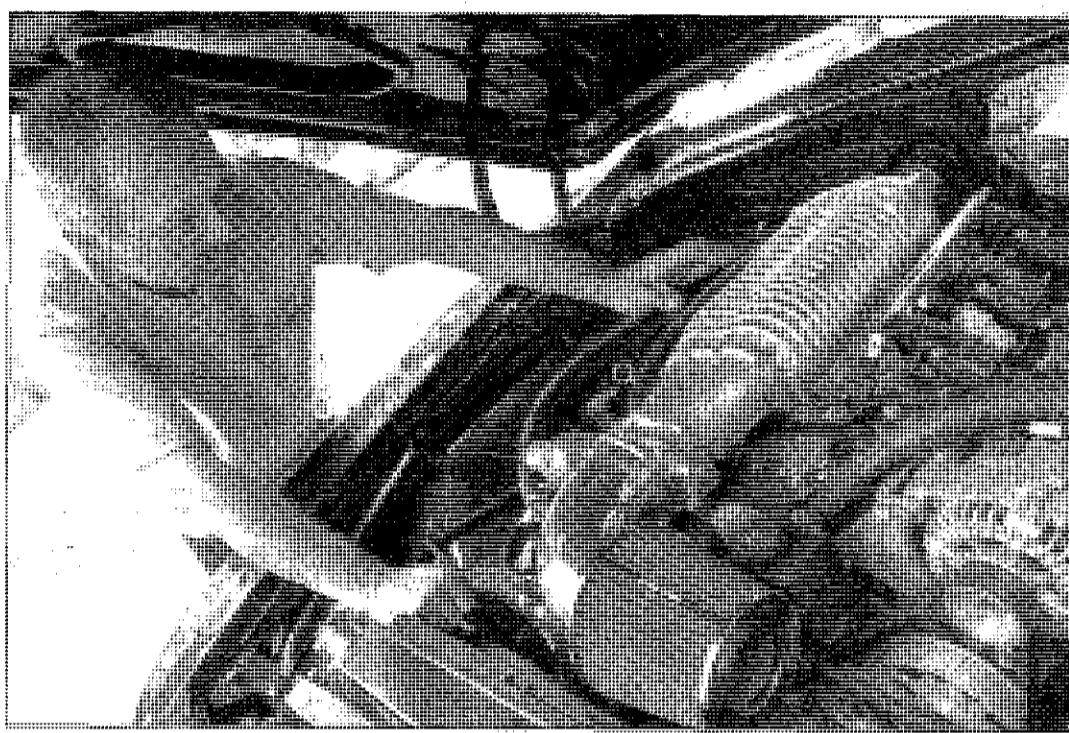
"We rescue surplus food from grocers, farmers, restaurants and caterers and deliver it free of charge to providers," Luoma said. "Almost all of our costs are diesel fuel, insurance and maintenance on our fleet."

Forgotten Harvest provides an estimated 9.5 million meals a year.

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The interior of the 1969 Camaro Gnagey won from the Stone Soup Project is decked out with logos.



Brian Gnagey of Livonia looks over the engine in the 94.7 WCSX Stone Soup Project 1969 Camaro he won at the Woodward Dream Cruise in August.

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It's back! The *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heckled, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 955 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

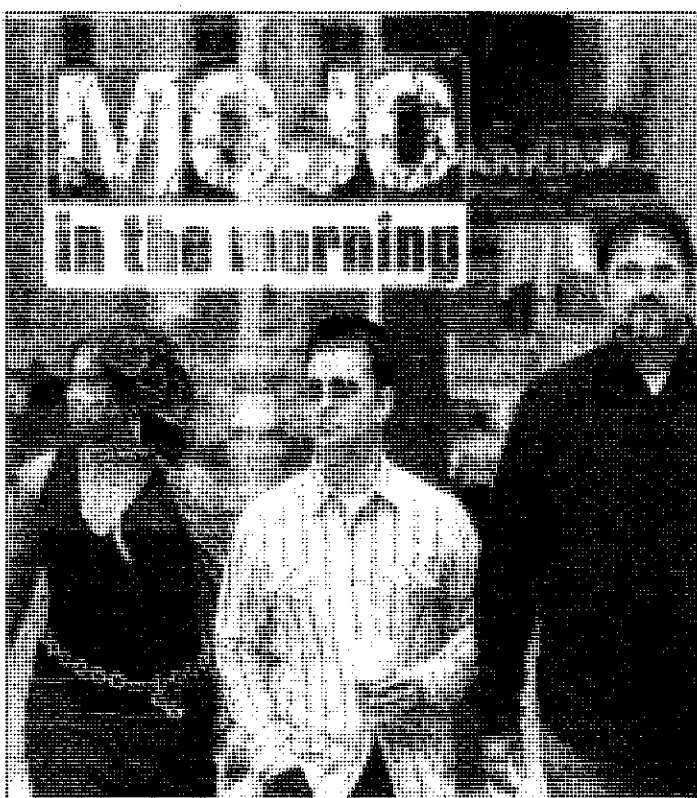
"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new

language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made it."

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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Childbirth Education (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 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. 23
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

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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

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Yoga (third 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

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden City Hospital, in partnership with the American Diabetes Association, is sponsoring a free Diabetes Foot Screening Day. If you have diabetes, it's important to inspect your feet every day. People with diabetes can often lose feeling in their feet, leading to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. Certified podiatrists will be available to examine participant's feet and teach them how to conduct important daily self-examinations to prevent some of the most serious complications of diabetes. This year the event will be held at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 458-4330 to schedule an examination time.

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

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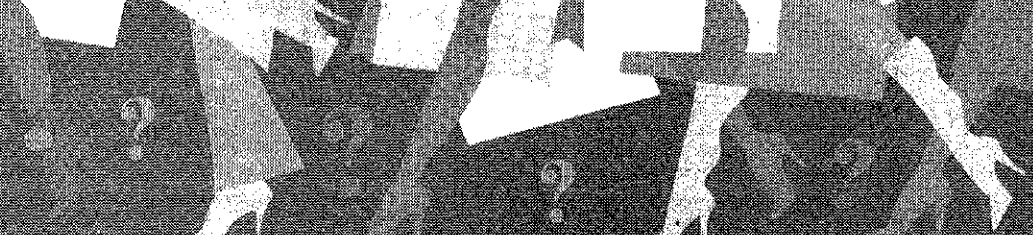
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Sheriff warns about posting videos online

To a proud parent it may seem innocent enough: Your child is doing something completely adorable while taking a bath or while in their "birthday suit," so you take some video and post it online to share it with the world. No big deal, right?

Not so fast, according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, who says that there are a lot of concerns - and even potential risks - that parents might not be considering.

"Not everyone who can access these videos is a model citizen," Evans said. "The Internet is a big candy store for pedophiles and posting nude or semi-nude videos of your children can give them something that may cause them to become fixated on your child."

Recently, an individual came to Evans with concerns about this issue when she learned that a co-worker had noticed a strange phenomenon: Of the videos she had posted of her child on YouTube, the one that had been viewed a disproportionately larger number of times was the one that suggested the child may have been partially nude (which he wasn't).

"That set off alarm bells, as it should have with any good parent," Evans said. "We did some quick searches online and

it is apparent that these types of videos are being viewed by a large number of people. That suggests to me that people are searching them out, rather than simply stumbling upon them. Unfortunately, it's only safe to assume that some of these individuals are pedophiles."

Besides the obvious feeling of creepiness that any mom or dad would feel about their child being viewed in an impure way, Evans said that parents inadvertently may be giving these video voyeurs clues on how to find a child on whom they have become fixated. With that in mind, Evans is providing parents some practical tips to help keep their kids safe:

1. A child with no name. Keep your child's name a secret. If you have a video of your child on YouTube, don't include his or her name in the file name or the related video summary information that you provide when posting a video. Also, don't add titles that appear during the video that include your child's name. "An identity is the first, most important clue someone needs to find someone else," Evans said.

2. Live in Anywhere, USA. Never put up any video of your child that has information in it as to where you or they live (name of the town, child's school name, etc.)

3. Restrict Access: Videos on YouTube don't have to be publicly viewable. If you want to share them with friends and family in an online format, there is a way that you can YouTube it, but have it accessible only to those you personally invite to view it and who have a direct link or password to access it.



4. Kids post videos, too. As your children get older and tech savvy, they will be able to post videos as well. Parents need to scrutinize any videos their children are posting online and make sure they do not contain any images or information that could put them at risk. Evans pointed out that within just a few minutes, one of his officers was able to identify by name, city and the school she attends, a high school girl who had posted a suggestive video of her and a friend dancing in her home.

"That's all the information a predator needs to find someone they've become fascinated with," Evans said. "The bottom line is that parents need to use good judgment when posting videos of their kids online and they need to screen any videos that their older kids may be posting online. Don't your child's safety to chance."

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Prosecutor Worthy shares tales of her fast-paced legal life

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
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Michigan's most celebrated attorney is a single mom who barely has enough time to put on her lipstick.

"I'll tell you what's scary," Kym Worthy said. "This parenthood is scary."

The Wayne County prosecutor was the guest speaker Friday for the monthly meeting of the Women Officials' Network in Bloomfield Township.

Worthy told the audience how her day starts around 4:30 a.m. so she can drive her 11-year-old daughter, Anastasia, to morning figure skating lessons in Canton. She then heads north to drop Anastasia off at school in the Bloomfield district, before turning back around and heading to downtown Detroit.

"Now when I was on the bench I didn't have a lot of sympathy for people who didn't appear on time," she said with a smile. "But now I can see the

other side ... as a mother you have to try and balance everything."

Worthy believes most women jump through more hurdles than their male counterparts when it comes to running for public office. Admitting she's not a "makeup and fashion person," Worthy said she has nonetheless received dozens of letters over the years in regards to her appearance during some of her more high-profile cases.

"This is something I don't think men

get," she said, placing some of the blame on the media. "They talked about my hair, my nails and how I was going to dress for the trial."

She also referred to what she felt were unwarranted personal attacks during her prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, noting there were stories about her social life, her daughter — even a report indicating she had fallen behind on her property taxes.

"They don't mention you pay \$60,000 in taxes ... they just mention the amount you didn't pay," she said.

She told the crowd to watch their health, especially during stressful times.

Most of all, she emphasized the importance of putting family first. "We need to learn how to deal with our jobs and how to deal with our family life," she said. "Because our children are watching us and we owe it to them to do the best we can."

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Women get help heading back to work

JVS will again offer its Women To Work program, designed to help women enter or re-enter the paid workforce. The next session will begin Monday, Oct. 6, at JVS offices in Southfield.

"I've gotten some excellent candidates, especially from the Plymouth and Canton area," said Judy Richmond, Women To Work coordinator, speaking of past *Observer & Eccentric* coverage. She asks that you call her at (248) 233-4232 in advance if you wish to participate.

The Oct. 6 session will be an informational meeting, followed by 10 group sessions Oct. 13 through Nov.

13. Sessions will be at the Southfield office, 29699 Southfield, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads.

In some cases, women have been home caring for family members when they need to begin working for pay.

There's no limit on age or geographic requirements to meet. Richmond agreed this tough economy, with many parents losing their jobs, has impacted JVS services.

"I'm seeing twice as many people as I ever have before," she said. "Families are going through very difficult transitions, to say the least."

Participants, who can be male, will learn to conduct a job search; work on a resume; handle job interviews; cope with stress; find success in the workplace; and more.

"We do have an employer forum," said Richmond, adding that although that's for practice people have been hired after doing well in the informal meeting with employers.

"People have had jobs as a result," she said.

The program is free to participants and is sponsored by Charter One Bank.

- By Julie Brown

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Schoolcraft College

Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

Wednesday, October 1 College Night
Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.
8:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4428 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano
Noon to 1 p.m.
The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4403

Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble
The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"
From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center
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Information: 734-462-4443

Fraturdays and Saturdays October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15 Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department
This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.
Dinner Theatre Performances: October 24/25 and November 7/8
6:30 p.m.
Admission: \$24
Theatre Performances Only: November 14/15
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$12
Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building
Information: 734-462-4596

Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble
Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
Information: 734-462-4403

Save the date
November 8 (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)
November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)
November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)
November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)
December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)
December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)
December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)



McMorran

Woman competes

Ginette Nathan of Westland is among women competing for the title of Miss Michigan USA at the McMorran Place Theater in Port Huron this weekend. The daughter of Mack and Gina Nathan, she is a student at Eastern Michigan University. She is a math and science tutor for high school and college students and has been on the EMU Dean's List for the past two years. Her interests include dancing, singing, scrapbooking, tennis and photography.

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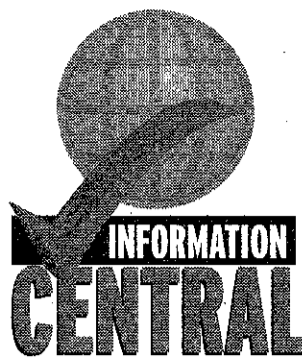
Jewelry making is a timeless and valuable art. Consider all the rings, earrings (and other such piercings), bracelets, and necklaces that adorn faces, necks, and arms throughout your week. Jewelry doesn't make the person, but unique jewelry combined with the right outfit can make a long-lasting impression - and help any wearer feel more beautiful.

In tough economic times like these, many women will bargain hunt for jewelry at lower-priced venues, but many don't consider buying jewelry from trusted local jewelry-makers.

Back in the day when we were hunting for wedding rings, my wife excitedly picked a favorite ring-maker from Traverse City to create our unique wedding bands. Not only did we NOT have to take out a second mortgage, but we were able to give our input as he created these lasting mementos.

While it is no longer summer time, there are still a number of regional art fairs to peruse both the traditional and funky artisan jewelry making that can make certain you are noticed, including the Sugarloaf Art Festival in Novi Oct. 17-19.

If you are less of the buying kind and more of the do-it-yourself kind, the library has a number of resources from the vintage to the modern to the funky to help you round out your outfit - or to give or sell them to others. Just a few of the titles we have include "The Complete Jewelry Making Course" by Jinks



McGrath (739.27 McGra) and from the "Teach Yourself Visually" series, "Jewelry Making & Beading" by Chris Franchetti Michaels (739.27 Mic).

In addition to the above-mentioned book options, the library is offering an earring making program with Eastern Michigan University jewelry professor Gretchen Otto 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 24. Unfortunately, the event filled up quickly, but we are currently working with Professor Otto to schedule another session for those who could not take this program. Keep your eyes open for future postings by visiting the library Web site at <http://westland.lib.mi.us/> or call the library at (734) 326-6123 and ask for the Reference Desk with these and any other questions.

Highlighted Activities

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

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.

Saving for College: 7 p.m. Sept. 22
Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, to learn how you can get started in developing a plan to help pursue your family's educational goals. Find out how to estimate college costs, calculate how much you need to save to meet the costs, learn more about savings and investment tools and review where to go for more assistance. Sign-up at the Reference Desk to reserve your seat.

1960s Book Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 24

Join us for a book discussion of Harper Lee's '60s classic, "To Kill a Mocking Bird." Though her story explores big themes, Harper Lee chooses to tell it through the eyes of a child. The result is a tough and tender novel of race, class, justice, and the pain of growing up. Please read the book before the meeting. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Sept. 27

This month we're reading Pierre Boulle's classic "Planet of the Apes." In a shocking climax that rivals that of the original movie, Boulle delivers a masterpiece of adventure, satire, and suspense. Please read the book before the meeting.

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

Here's the scoop: Culver's get political with its custard election

Even the most conservative taste buds will be asking for a liberal scoop. Voters can cast their ballots early this election season - and they can do it with a custard sundae and \$1 ButterBurger™ in hand.

The presidential election isn't until Nov. 4, but the polls for the Culver's Restaurants Custard Election open on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Culver's of Westland.

Vanilla custard, peanut butter, heath, toffee, caramel and fudge are contenders in the race to become the leader of the free (custard) world.

"Having our own in-store version of the 2008 election is exciting," said Bob Fitzpatrick of Culver's of Westland. "It's fun for our guests to see how their votes directly affect the outcome of the national custard election."

Culver's Custard Election is based on two new politically influenced sundaes: Republican Reese E. Buttercup, vanilla custard with the traditional toppings of hot fudge and Reese's peanut butter cup chunks, and Democrat Heath Toffeebits, vanilla custard with the alternative toppings of caramel and Heath bar.

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Culver's guests can participate in the Custard Election by purchasing their favorite candidate's sundae in-store or by voting online at www.votecustard.com. Results from in-store purchases make up the "electoral college" vote and online ballots are tracked as the "popular" vote.

Votes will be collected and results will be released on Oct. 27, one week before the national presidential election. Although it might create a political custard uproar, Culver's also is attempting to "buy votes" by driving

voter traffic in-store with the second annual \$1 ButterBurger Customer Appreciation Day held on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"This has been a very intense political season, and in an effort to provide guests with a fun outlet we created an election based on one of our signature menu items - frozen custard," said Chris Contino, Culver's vice-president of marketing. "Regardless of political views, we hope voting in October is persuaded by taste buds. And we're excited about playing into the political theme with an attempt to 'stuff the ballot' using our annual \$1 ButterBurger day."

The custard election also features "The Custard Debates" and "Custard Talk" with the candidates on the campaign trail available at www.votecustard.com.

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Dear Rick: I have a CD maturing for \$10,000 at 5.5 percent interest. I owe \$10,000 on my home at 6.25 percent interest. Should I use the money to pay off my house or leave it in the CD? I can't itemize on my tax returns so the interest on the house is not worth the write-off.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The mortgage is costing you 6.25 percent. You are not going to receive that on a CD. Keep in mind that the CD is subject to income taxes. Therefore, it makes sense to

use the proceeds from the CD to pay off the mortgage. **Dear Rick:** A couple years ago I put money into a variable annuity. I know you do not like variable annuities but my adviser told me it was a great investment. I have lost a lot of money and if I cash it out I have to pay a penalty. Can they do this and is this fair? My accountant said even though I have a

loss, I can't deduct it on my taxes. **Is he right?**
You are correct. I am not a fan of variable annuities and what you're experiencing is one of the reasons that I do not like them.
First, the annuity company can charge you a penalty to terminate. In the majority of variable annuities, if you terminate the policy before a specific number of years, the

company can legally charge you a penalty. The reason annuity companies have such high penalties is because they pay high commissions to salespeople who sell them. One reason variable annuities are pushed by financial salespeople is because they pay some of the highest commissions in the financial world. In addition to the high up-front commissions,

many companies also offer salespeople a variety of sale incentives.
When the variable annuity insurance companies give sales people free trips for selling their product, who do you think is actually paying for the trip? You — the investor.
In addition to up-front commissions and back-end penalties, variable annuities also charge high on-going fees.
Is it fair to charge high fees? I don't think so, however, fairness does not enter into the equation when it comes to the financial salespeople or the variable annuity company.
There are some variable annuities issued by companies such as Charles Schwab and Vanguard that have very low fees and no exit penalties. You can take your money out any time without penalty. Of course, these policies don't pay commission or give sales incentives.
As to the tax consequences, your accountant is correct. One of the downsides of this product is you cannot deduct losses from your tax return.
In today's difficult market, the negatives of variable annuities are certainly highlighted. However, even in a good market, variable annuities still are a poor investment choice for the great majority of investors.
Dear Rick: Do you have any idea when the market will begin to go up?
I wish I had a crystal ball. I don't. No one does. However, I do know that we have experienced many downturns and the market has come back from every one.
As difficult as it is, my recommendation is — for investors who have well-balanced and diversified portfolios — don't panic and bail out.
History has shown that investors who maintain a discipline during difficult markets are rewarded.
No one has been successful in timing the market and as Warren Buffett, one of the nation's greatest investors once said: "The hall of fame of market timers is empty."
For the portfolios that my firm manages, we have always maintained a position, not only in equities, but also fixed-income investments. It cushions the blow when we go through difficult times. Of course, the allocation in fixed income investments depends upon the individual investor's time horizon.
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Autumn in Michigan is a season second to none

Tomorrow the autumnal equinox will take place, one of two times during the course of the year when the sun crosses the equator, and the day and night are of equal length. It will also mark the official end of summer. But do not mourn its passing.

Here in Michigan, we are about to enter a glorious time of year, when our state puts on a show that can steal your breath away, when our forests light up in a blaze of color that can make any artist jealous with envy. A time of invigorating cool days and crisp nights that draw out our sweaters from their summer slumber. A time of hay rides, trips to the cider mill and football games.

There is nothing like autumn in Michigan.

Even though gas prices are high, you don't have to travel far to get a glimpse of Michigan at its finest. A tank of gas will get you to most places in the state, whether you want to travel to our magnificent northern forests or farm country closer to home.

If you don't want to burn a whole tank of gas, you actually don't even have to leave metro Detroit. There are plenty of places to take a nice drive close to home — places like Hines Park in Wayne County or through one of the many Huron-Clinton Metroparks. And, of course, you can also visit one of the many cider mills that call our region home — there aren't many better



updates, places for scenic driving tours and a calendar of autumn festival highlights around Michigan.

Truth be told, you don't even need a car to enjoy the splendor of fall. Get out and take a walk or ride your bike.

Most communities have plenty of public parks that put on a show of their own. Even a stroll down Main Street can soothe the soul when autumn colors are in full bloom.

Perhaps the only downer about autumn in Michigan is that it is too short. And we all know what comes next.

But let's not think about that other season. Let's enjoy autumn while it's here.

ways to celebrate fall than with a glass of hot cider and a fresh doughnut.

If you are looking for ideas about where to take a drive, a good place to start is by visiting the Web site www.michigan.org. The site includes weekly fall color

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inconvenient truth

Behind the fusillade of faulty arguments proffered by the Amethyst Initiative in support of lowering the minimum legal drinking age to 18 lurks an inconvenient truth: doing so would only exacerbate the current epidemic of underage drinking, further jeopardizing young lives at a critical juncture in their physical, social, and emotional development.

What we know is that alcohol is already used by young people more frequently and more heavily than all other drugs combined and that the average age for teens to start drinking is 13. Bad news considering that the earlier one starts to drink, the more likely it is he or she will experience alcohol problems later in life.

Add to those sobering statistics the fact that close to 1.5 million college students are killed, injured, or assaulted each year as the result of alcohol and you can see why a rallying cry to maintain the current law can be heard across the land.

Lined up against the small band of college presidents publicly endorsing the Amethyst debate is a broad swath of citizens, experts, and public servants. According to an ABC News poll, 78 percent of Americans do not believe that lowering the minimum legal drinking age is such a good idea. Neither do the American Medical Association, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, National Institutes of Health, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the U.S. Congress, to name but a few.

Amethyst acolytes argue, however, that a lower minimum legal drinking age will permit parents to teach their teens to drink responsibly before they head off to college — when their professors can pick up where Mom and Dad left off, perhaps offering students a glass of red wine over a meal of pasta, as suggested by one college president.

Uh huh. First of all, the experiment of promoting responsible drinking at home has been an unmitigated failure: according to SADD's Teens Today research, more than half of teens who say their parents allow them to drink at home report that they also drink with their friends, compared with just 14 percent of kids whose parents do not allow them to drink.

Further, it seems unlikely — if not folly — to believe that binge-drinking college students are going to suddenly reverse course and engage in more civilized drinking simply because they can do it "out in the open."

And even if they did, this argument bypass-

es important scientific evidence of the deleterious effects of alcohol on rapidly maturing adolescent and young adult brains.

This data, from some of the most respected neuroscientists in our country, is either dangerously downplayed or simply dismissed by Amethyst academic leaders who, according to some of their own colleagues, just don't want to have to deal with the problem anymore. As Harvard's Henry Wechsler told MSNBC, "It's a nuisance to them, (but) I wish these college presidents sat around and tried to work out ways to deal with the problem on their campus rather than try to eliminate [it] by defining it out of existence."

No doubt, dealing with the problem of underage and binge drinking is a complicated, arduous task. But there are, in fact, strategies that seem to be working — especially those that track the National Academy of Sciences' call for a coordinated, consistent approach at all levels of society.

Such has been the case at the University of Rhode Island, which, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, moved aggressively to crack down on underage drinking, and at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, which realized a drop in high-risk drinking among first-year college students from 61 percent in 2005 to 43 percent in 2007.

Achieving success in preventing underage drinking on college campuses has an added benefit: older teens setting a positive example for their high school counterparts — students who would only gain greater access to alcohol at younger and younger ages should their 18-year-old classmates be allowed to purchase legally. After all, Teens Today reveals that the number one reason young people don't use alcohol is the 21-year-old minimum legal drinking age.

This debate is important to the future of young lives already at risk from the multiple mixed messages they absorb every day from a culture — and media — that glamorizes drinking, not to mention other risky behaviors often linked to alcohol. So, it's not the discussion that is discouraging but rather a predetermined prescription by some that comes precipitously close to reversing years of progress in understanding and addressing underage drinking and the thousands of lives it affects — or ends — each year.

And all in the interest of ignoring yet another inconvenient truth.

Stephen Wallace
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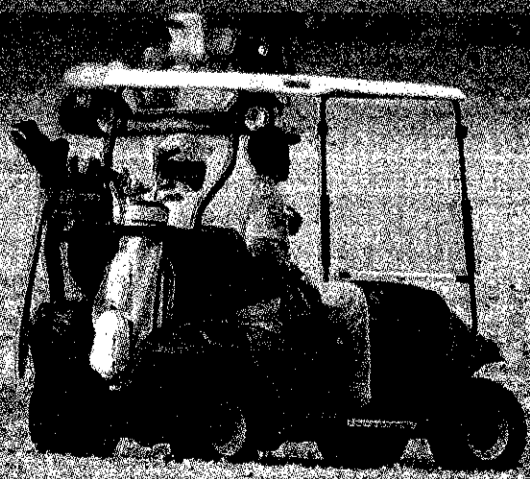
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Glenn's 2-point OT gamble pays off vs. Canton

Westland John Glenn raised more than a few eyebrows Friday night, rolling the dice with a two-point conversion play in overtime to stun state-ranked Canton, 36-35.

The host Rockets, who scored just six points after starting the season 0-2, have won two straight and are now 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (tied with Livonia Franklin for the lead).

Canton (3-1, 1-1) sent the game into OT with a nine-play, 80-yard drive capped by

PREP FOOTBALL

Rohn Gaudi's 3-yard touchdown run with 2:28 left in regulation followed by Dan Stoney's fourth-straight extra point to make it 28-35.

Glenn won the coin flip and elected to go on defense in OT. Canton scored on Gaudi's 6-yard run and Stoney converted the point-after to make it 35-28, the Chiefs' first lead of the night.

Glenn answered on the second play of its offensive series when quarterback Jerome

Scales scored on a 5-yard run.

The Rockets' rookie coach Tim Hardin then took a page out of the Mike Shanahan playbook by going for two and the win. Junior running back Jeremy Langford was able to find a gaping hole in the Canton line and scored the game-winner, sending the Rockets' players and fans into a wild celebration.

Langford, a 6-foot, 185-pound junior, finished with a team-high 117 yards rushing on 21 carries. He also caught five passes for 81 yards. Glenn bolted out to a

14-0 first-quarter lead on Langford's 11-yard run, capping an eight-play, 80-yard drive followed by Scales' 40-yard TD burst after the Rockets recovered a fumble at the Canton 40.

In the second quarter, Canton got on the board when quarterback Kevin Delapaz hit Arron Boudreaux on a 19-yard TD pass with 6:36 left, but Glenn took a 21-7 lead into intermission when Langford scored on a 12-yard run followed by Anthony Reakoff's PAT.

In the third period, Canton

pulled to within 21-14 when Delapaz scored on a 5-yard run and the Chiefs pulled even at 21 with 8:38 left in the game when Kiere Daniels scored on a 1-yard run to cap a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Glenn's Kyren Boyd raced 91 yards for school-record TD (tying the mark held by Brandon Pratt set in 2005).

Canton had the edge in total offense, 308-271, as Gaudi rushed for 126 yards on 21 attempts.

The Chiefs also had the edge in first downs, 16-13.

Sidelines

Lady Ocelots tie 2

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team played back-to-back ties at home - 3-3 Tuesday against Davenport University JV and 1-1 Thursday against the Albion College JV.

For the Lady Ocelots (4-0-2), the deadlock against Davenport was tough because the opponent scored two late goals to draw even.

"We broke down mentally and lost our focus," noted Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman. "It was a tough blow for our players, because of the hard work they put in and the quality of the goals (they) created."

He singled out a 25-yard "screeamer" by Kate Gilbert as one of the Schoolcraft highlights. Assisting on the goal was Stephanie Gutowski. Also scoring for Schoolcraft were Canton's Claire Baptist (Plymouth) and Tara Pietela.

Against Albion, Ally King (Livonia Stevenson) scored from Katie Shull (Canton/Salem) late in the first half to even the match at 1-1 and both teams played a scoreless second half.

"We had several chances that we just didn't capitalize on," Shivraman said.

Hole-in-one club

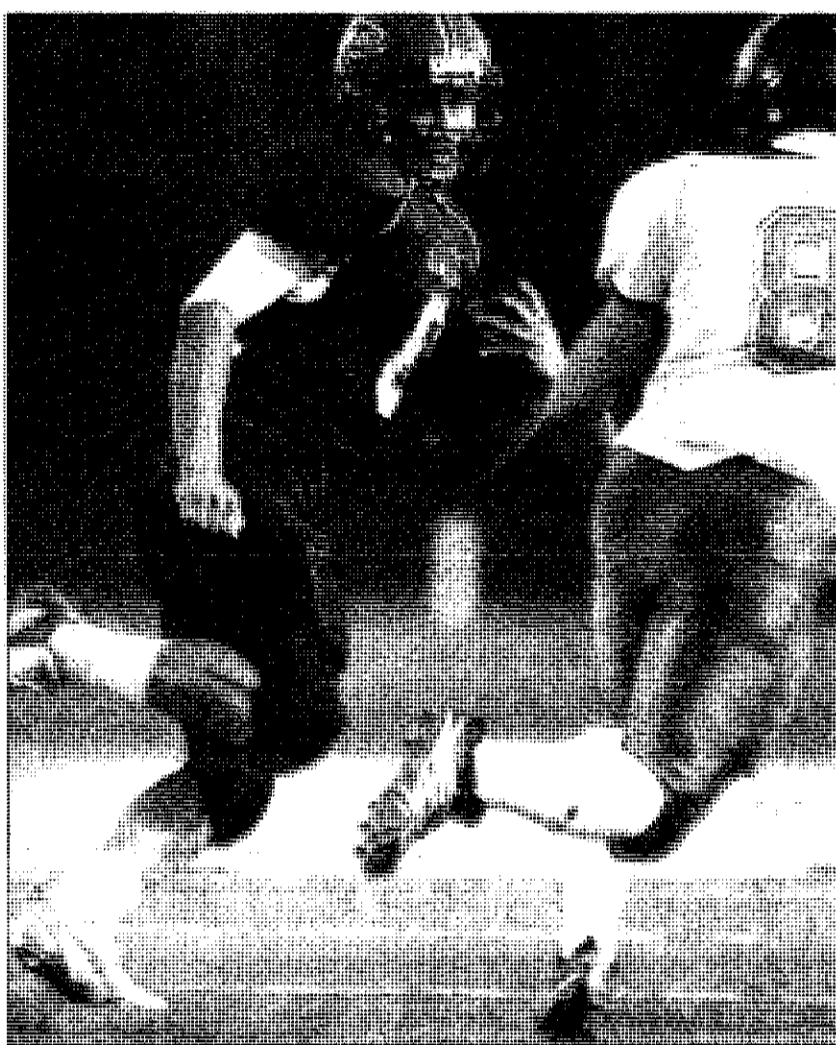
John Zielinski, 58, of Livonia, used a 6-iron to ace the 146-yard, No. 17 hole, Sept. 10, at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course.

Zielinski, who carded his first hole-in-one in 42 years, shot an 81 for 18.

Baseball tryout

Tryouts for the 11-and-under Michigan Titans travel baseball team will be 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at Anderson Field (No. 2), located at Annapolis and Howe roads, in Wayne.

For more information, call coach Don Justice at (734) 895-6194.



Franklin quarterback Mark McRobb (left) looks for daylight as he is being pursued by Churchill's Matthew Kowalis during Friday night's KLAA-South Division tussle.

Franklin prevails

QB McRobb leads Pats by Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's high-powered offense - averaging 47 points per game - had been running with the bulls during first three games of the season.

But the host Patriots needed a bailout plan Friday night after meeting a determined Livonia Churchill football team as quarterback Mark McRobb connected on 13-of-20 passes for 207 yards and two touchdowns in a hard-fought 24-13 triumph.

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior also rushed for 35 yards on eight carries as the Patriots, getting their third straight win, improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (tied with Westland John Glenn).

Churchill, which fought valiantly to the end, falls to 1-3 and 0-2.

"I kept telling our guys what they (Churchill) looked the previous games didn't matter," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "Their backs were against the wall and I knew they'd come out fighting and we did not match that coming out. It took us awhile to figure out what worked. We got things started with our counter plays and our short passing game. From there we were able to loosen them up and

get down the field."

McRobb was on the mark over the final three quarters after going 2-for-6 in the opening period.

"The first quarter Mark was a little off, but he made his adjustments and he played very well," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He's our steady hand and he doesn't make bad decisions. He's had no 'picks' now in four games, which says a lot."

The Patriots went three-and-out on downs three times and fumbled the ball away at their own 35 (recovered by Shay Slatin) after going scoreless in the first period.

But in the second quarter, Franklin put together scoring drives of 67 and 63 yards, resulting in a 12-yard touchdown run by senior running back David Fortin and a 1-yard TD toss from McRobb to tight end Tyler Short with only 28 seconds left in the half after Churchill tied it on Jeff Ricketts' 4-yard TD run with 3:30 to go until half.

After a scoreless third quarter where Churchill failed to take advantage of a Patriot fumble - recovered again by Slatin at the Chargers' 33 - Franklin mounted a 16-play, 77-yard scoring drive that resulted in a 19-yard field goal by Jordan Williamson to make it 17-7 with 6:35 left in the game.

Please see **FRANKLIN, B3**

Marian spikers halt Blazers

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's volleyball team motto this season is "All out, all the time."

And in their Catholic League opener Thursday, the host Blazers gave it their all, but came up short against last year's state Class A runner-up Birmingham Marian in three games.

Marian, now 21-7 overall, returns 10 of its top 12 players from a year ago, while Ladywood dresses just three seniors.

Despite the discrepancy in experience, particularly on the front row, the match proved to be competitive.

Marian trailed 21-20 and 22-21 before pulling out the first game, 25-23, thanks to a block by junior Alexandra Cocklin for game-point.

The Mustangs had an easier time in the second game, getting four blocks from senior setter Abby Lovell and four kills and two blocks from sophomore Alex Lovell to subdue the Blazers, 25-

17. In the third game, Marian bolted to a double-digit lead, only to have the Blazers fight back to 20-18 before falling 25-21.

"I thought we played with them on the outsides, we served tough and played good defense for the most part," said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose team fell to 10-8-5 overall. "But we need to work on our blocking. They (Marian) have a quick attack and we're inexperienced. They started keying in on that (outsides) instead of us going elsewhere."

Cocklin finished with a team best 12 kills, while Alex Lovell finished with 10 kills and two blocks. Erin Cooney, also a junior, finished with seven kills and three blocks.

Abby Lovell also played a strong match with 31 assist-to-kills, four blocks and three aces serves, while junior defensive specialist Rachel Melcher had a team-best 12 digs and four aces. Junior libero Rachel Charles added 10 digs.

Marian was coming off a semifinal setback Saturday to defending Class A state champion Jenison in

the East Kentwood Tournament.

Marian coach Irick Gardner is still trying to get a read on his squad during the early stages of the 2008 season.

"What did I learn? As a team not that much that I haven't seen, but maybe I saw a player or two that I know a little better," he said. "We did not come out like that the last tourney. We were not focused. But it's always good to win when you're not focused."

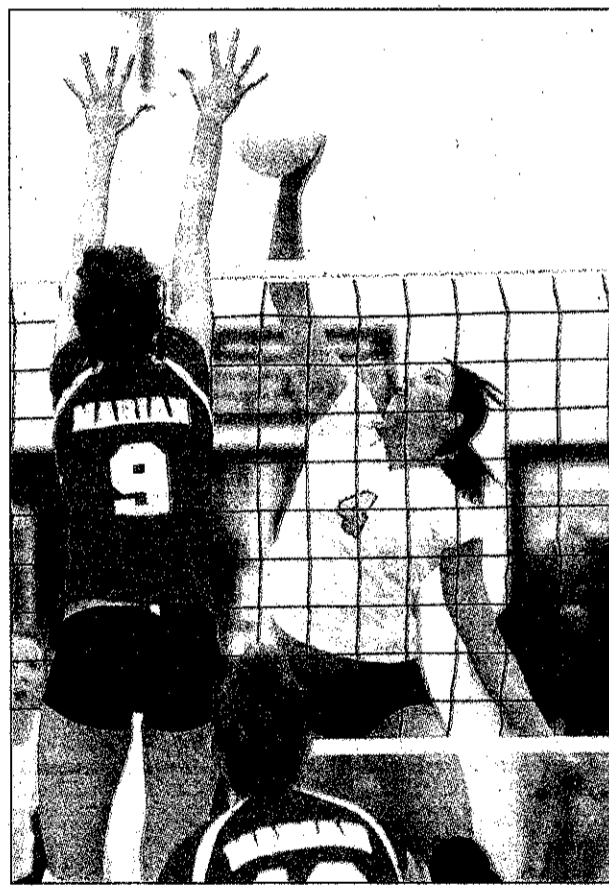
"We were able to make less mistakes than they did, but they're a lot better team last year - by far. They always are good team but this year they're pretty darn good."

"I don't know yet (about the lineup changes). I can make changes and we might be better, but it's up to the team."

Ladywood's top attacker was senior outside hitter Rachael Fuller, who finished with a match-high 14 kills. Junior outside hitter Claire Dezelski added eight.

Defensively, senior Alexandra Mirabitur had a team-high 16

Please see **SPIKERS, B2**



Ladywood's Rachael Fuller, who had 13 kills, goes high over the block of Marian's Abby Lovell during Thursday's Catholic League opener.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 Sept. 19 at Wayne No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (L) defeated David McCown, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Alex Clos (L) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Zwin Deng (L) def. Jesse English, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Kevin Sample (W) def. Mike Appel, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Erik Newman-Dan Landstrom (L) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Eric Slusarski-Rishi Patel (L) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); No. 3: Mike Houghan-Vishal Joshi (L) def. Stephen Gush-Michael Battaglia, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Eric Stromberg (L) def. Justin Iller-Jacob Bean, 6-0, 6-2; No. 5: Pat Moroney-Matt Czecz (L) def. Stephen McNamara-Josh Higgs, 6-1, 6-0. Dual match records: Churchill, 6-3 overall, 4-2 KLAAsouth Division; Wayne, 2-7 overall, 1-6 KLAAsouth Division.

Hagan (N) def. Kevin Francisco, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Lee Schechter-Nick Kalweit (N) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Evan Gatz-Albert Chen (N) def. Josh Rochette-Simjae Holman-Rayos, 6-0, 7-5; No. 3: Mike Bucarik-Jay Jay (N) def. Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Matt Satterfield-Andrew Ginnard (N) def. Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5: Anthony Rossi-Amol Kamat (N) def. Josh York-Lukas Rudis, 6-2, 6-3. Dual match records: Northville, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAAsouth Division; Stevenson, 2-5 overall, 0-4 KLAAsouth Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Sept. 18 at Churchill No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (L) def. Zach Ernst, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Alex Clos (L) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Zwin Deng (L) def. Kharl Starogel, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Eric Slusarski (L) won by default. No. 1 doubles: Mike Appel-Erik Newman (L) def. Zach Edwards-Mitchell Dean, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Ryan McPherson-Vishal Joshi (L) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tejada, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Mike Houghan-Rishi Patel (L) def. Jacob Tearmina-Shane Wiechert, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Eric Stromberg (L) def. Tommy Ruark-Nick Stone, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Pat Moroney-Matt Czecz (L) def. Wayne Woodard-David Wilton, 6-0, 6-0. Dual match record: Churchill, 5-3 overall, 3-2 KLAAsouth Division; John Glenn, 0-8 overall, 0-6 KLAAsouth Division.

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 Sept. 17 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Pat Onoro (P) defeated David McCown, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Jesse English, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Kevin Sample (W) def. Wen Ning, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Mitchell-Alex Berk (P) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Tom Egleston-John Lopus (P) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) def. C.J. Kulas-John McTigue, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Cheng Chen-Grant Senkbeil (P) def. Mike Toms-Stephen McNamara, 6-0, 6-0. Wayne's dual match record: 2-6 overall, 1-5 KLAAsouth Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4 Sept. 17 at Churchill No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (L) defeated Akshay Moorthy, 5-2 (retired); No. 2: Stephen Payne (L) def. Zwin Deng, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Mike Geraci (L) def. Vishal Joshi, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 7-5; No. 4: Mike Appel (L) def. Joe Kosinski, 6-1, 6-3; No. 1 doubles: Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (L) def. Alex Clos-Erik Newman, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Eric Slusarski-Dan Landstrom (L) def. Walt Afonso-Nate Warrick, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Mike Houghan-Rishi Patel (L) def. Peter Lee-Bill Shafer, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Eric Stromberg (L) def. Mike Kaplan-Alex Wood, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Pat Moroney-Ryan McPherson (L) def. Aaron York-Joe Trudell, 6-0, 6-3. Dual match records: Churchill, 4-3 overall, 2-2 KLAAsouth Division; Franklin, 2-5 overall, 2-3 KLAAsouth Division.

SOUTH LYON 5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 Sept. 16 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Chris Martin (LS) defeated Kim Doonak, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0; No. 2: Erik Koch (LS) def. Willie Spears, 6-2, 6-3; Clayton Northey (LS) def. M. Detizio, 6-5 (default); No. 4: Kyle Gordon (SL) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-2, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: C. Johnston-A. Martella (SL) def. Giang Nguyen (K) def. Pat, 7-6 (9-7); No. 2: Kyle Sitar-Alex Whybra (SL) def. Josh Rochette-Simjae Holman-Rayos, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6); No. 3: G. Wellmer-Jared Timm (SL) def. Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini, 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5; No. 4: Lukas Rudis-Josh York (LS) def. K. Wilson-M. Verbiscus, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5: T. Slankard-Eric Quang (SL) def. Jeff Sondergaard-Paul VanGilder, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Stevenson's dual match record: 2-4 overall, 0-3 KLAAsouth Division.

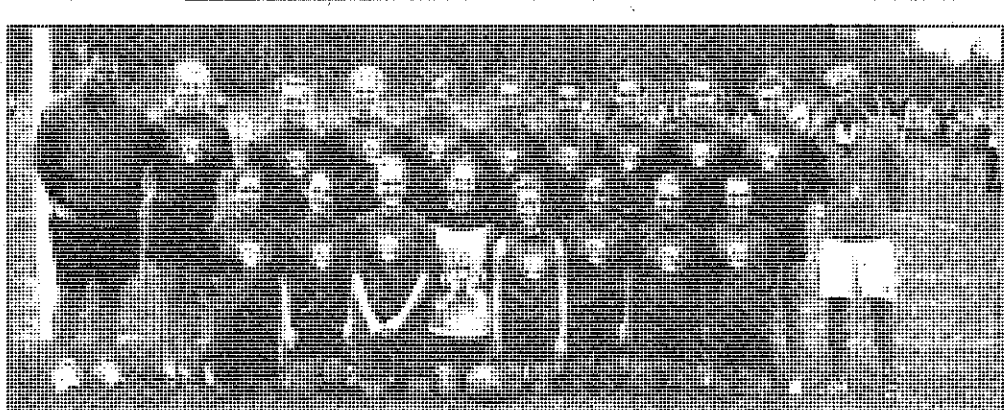
NORTHVILLE 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON O Sept. 17 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Tim Wasielewski (N) defeated Chris Martin, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Melvin Joseph (N) def. Erik Koch, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Steve Irvine (N) def. Clayton Northey, 6-1, 6-6; No. 4: Mike

CANTON 9, WAYNE MEMORIAL O Sept. 16 at Wayne No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) defeated David McCown, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Leidel (C) def. Brandon Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Jesse English, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Riley Hoerschmeyer (C) def. C.J. Kulas, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindlbauer (C) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Adam Payne-David Ding (C) def. Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Santosh Shanmuga-Abhi Katti (C) def. Stephen Gush-Josh Estep, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: John Mosley-Jimmy LaFontaine (C) def. Justin Hier-Jacob Bean, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Austin Payne-Steve Lee (C) def. Michael Battaglia-Josh Higgs, 6-0, 6-1. Wayne's dual match record: 2-5 overall, 1-4 KLAAsouth Division.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

MONROE ST. MARY CC 210 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 214 Sept. 17 at St. John's G.C. Individual medalist: Ashly Skibski (Monroe CC), 42. Ladywood scores: Val DiMilia and Marissa Briden, 51 each; Amanda Molin, 55; Katelyn Papier, 57; Marissa Lay, 60. Dual match records: Monroe CC, 6-4 overall; Ladywood, 0-2 overall.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 197 WAYNE MEMORIAL 233 Sept. 17 at Idyl Wyld G.C. Individual medalist: Berylann Beaver (Wayne), 45. Franklin scores: Samantha McAtee, 46; Mackenzie Meyers, 47; Becki Keeler, 51; Georgia Patrick, 53; Natalie Polakowski and Samantha Nesbitt, 54 each. Other Wayne scorers: Avalon Felan, 60; Taylor Tuttle, 63; Jane Thayer, 65. Dual match records: Franklin, 3-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAsouth Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAsouth Division.



Autumn Blast champs

The Plymouth Reign '94 Premier Green won four straight games, Sept. 5-7, to capture the Petoskey Autumn Blast Tournament. The Reign defeated the Clarkston Shadows, 5-4, in the finals and the Petoskey Breakers, 2-1, in the semifinals, both games going into double-overtime and penalty kicks. Other victories came against Huron Valley (1-0) and the Rochester Lightning Blue (4-0). Members of the Reign include (bottom row, from left): Megan Gilson, Claire Reno, Kristen Klavon, Rebecca Bubenheimer, Lindsay Dean, Paige Brennan, Melanie Baker, Gusto Kummer; (top row, from left) assistant coach Bob Sutton, Maggie Deloy, Casey Sutton, Alex Richards, Sarah Dillon, Taylor Shaw, Sarah Hussein, Jamie Olson, Victoria Skeeters, Melissa Kulczycki and coach Miki Djersilo.

Trojans derailed, 29-13 N'west QB Rolf stars in battle of unbeatens

BY DAN O'NEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest won the battle of unbeaten Metro Conference football teams Friday for two reasons.

The first was the play of senior quarterback Matt Rolf, who rushed for all four of his team's touchdowns in a 29-13 win over host Livonia Clarenceville.

Rolf was the beneficiary of superior line play by the Crusaders, who exploited their size advantage and controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

Northwest, now 3-0 in the Metro and 4-0 overall, jumped to a 21-0 lead in the first half as Rolf scored on draw plays of 11, 10 and 11 yards.

The blocking of Stephen Adler, Kevin Hohnstadt, Aaron Sircy, Nathaniel Tapling and Jack Wallace made it possible for Rolf to rush for 174 yards on 27 carries.

"The best thing about Matt is he's a leader," Northwest coach Don Justice said. "All summer,

when we needed kids to get in the weight room, he took them on his own and conditioned them. He's just a leader, a gamer. He looks forward to the competition. He's taught the other kids a lot about determination, not giving up."

Many of the same Northwest linemen stifled the Clarenceville running game and made it difficult for the Trojans to generate offense and get back in the game.

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Northwest came right back on its next possession to seal the victory at 9:18 in the fourth quarter. A short kickoff gave the Crusaders the ball at their 42, and they scored nine plays later on a 2-yard run by Rolf, who also passed to Stephen Miscovich for the two points.

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Rockets earn win over Plymouth

KLAA BOYS SOCCER

It was a signature win Thursday for the Westland John Glenn boys soccer program.

The Rockets earned a 3-2 victory over visiting Plymouth to improve to 4-8-1 overall and 3-3 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

All the scoring came during the second half as Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the 42nd minute on Sergio Pavan's goal from Jacob Gates. At the 56th minute, Khalid Sulieman scored from Nelson Kenne to make it 2-0 before Plymouth's Vinh Nguyen answered two minutes later on a penalty kick.

Kenne's unassisted goal with 23 minutes left, a free kick inside of 18 yards, proved to be the game-winner.

Plymouth's Daniel Jasewicz cut the deficit to one-goal with 20 minutes remaining.

"This is our first surprise, it's the best game we've played in three years since I've been here," said first-year Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada. "We played very strong defense. The second half we controlled it. I'm very

happy and it's an important win. Zach Redden stood out in goal for the Rockets, who averaged a 4-0 setback to the Wildcats (5-7-1, 2-3-1) back on Sept. 2.

CHURCHILL 5, FARMINGTON O: Livonia Churchill (8-2) won its eighth straight Friday with a non-league win at home over the Falcons (9-2-1) as Etienne Lussiez, Tim Devine and Tyler Varney each had a goal and assist.

Adam Bedell and Max Washko (from Chris DeNapoli) also tallied goals for the Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime.

STEVENSON 2, SOUTH LYON 1: Senior Chris Long scored a pair of goals Thursday as KLAAsouth Division leader Livonia Stevenson (8-1-2, 5-0-1), ranked No. 3 in Division 1, rallied past the host Lions (6-6-1, 1-5).

South Lyon's Mike Rickard scored from Jordan Selva with 11:45 left in the first half to stake the Lions to a 1-0 lead, but Long answered off an assist from Ricky Chrzasz five minutes later to knot the count at 1-1.

Long scored the game-winner midway through the second half off an assist from Adrian Fylenko. Junior Conner Burton was the winning goalkeeper for Stevenson.

CHURCHILL 8, WAYNE O: Max Washko pumped in four goals Thursday as KLAAsouth Division leader Livonia Churchill (7-2, 6-0) beat host Wayne Memorial (1-11-1, 0-6).

Etienne Lussiez chipped in with a goal and assist for the Chargers, who invoked the eight-goal mercy rule with 20 minutes remaining.

Other Churchill goal scorers included Adam Bedell, Matt Regan and Tim Devine.

Erik Bird and Chris DeNapoli also added two assists each. Goalkeepers Christian Adams and Adrian Motta combined on the shutout.

CANTON 4, FRANKLIN O: Four different players scored Thursday as the Chiefs (7-3-3, 5-1) stayed in the KLAAsouth Division title hunt with a win at Livonia Franklin (1-9-1, 1-4-1).

Scott Zech, Joe Krizanek, Sherif Hassanien and Matt Edwards tallied goals for Canton.

Goalkeepers Nick Turnbull and Kai Walthers combined for the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Franklin starting goalkeeper Brad Mangune left the game with 30 minutes remaining when he took a knee to the ribs. Josh Sheppard finished up.

The Patriots got strong play from sweeper Steve Trapp, along with center-midfielders Zain Qureshi and Chad Dorton, according to coach Vic Rodopoulos.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 26 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 1 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 23 Ladywood at Warren Regina, 6:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 A.A. Greenhills at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Portage Northern Tournament, 8 a.m. Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 23 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 5:30 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 5:30 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27 Country Day at Ijevans, 12:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 23 Franklin vs. Wayne at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m. Churchill vs. John Glenn at Cass Benton Park, 5 p.m. Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East at Cass Benton Park, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Center Line Invitational, 10 a.m. Ypsilanti Invitational, 10:15 a.m. Divine Child Fall Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Sept. 23 John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m. Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Salem Invitational, noon. Wayne Invitational, noon.

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Spikers FROM PAGE B1. Article about a youth football team's success, mentioning players like Julie Rhodes and their performance in the preseason.

FRANKLIN

FROM PAGE B1

But Churchill refused to fold, answering with a 58-yard, nine-play drive engineered by sophomore quarterback Jordan Grohoski capped by a 5-yard TD pass to Jordan Sytsma.

But the Chargers had the extra point attempt blocked by Franklin's Justin Dean, leaving the score at 17-13 with 3:45 remaining in the game.

"We're a really young team and I think we got into the excitement of the game and missed an assignment," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "We got carried away and they (Franklin) were able to maintain their focus."

Franklin put the ballgame away after recovering the ensuing onside kick as McRobb teamed up with Connor Leidal on a 51-yard TD strike with 2:50 left to put the game out of reach.

"On the touchdown play I thought we were in decent position and our guy got turned around and they made a play," Filiatraut said. "Any time you play guys like Chris Kelbert and Tim Gabel (of Stevenson), they're going spread you out to take their five or six shots down the field every game."

Franklin had 361 total yards, including 154 on the ground as Fortin finished with 42 yards on 11 carries in his first game back after injuring his leg in the opening game (a 41-40 overtime loss to Livonia Stevenson). He also played full-time at middle linebacker.

"With Fortin we tried to ease him back in, but they (Churchill) didn't allow us to do that," Kelbert said. "We hope to get him back at 100 percent. He tweaked his leg late, but he was able to finish. You can't keep him off the field."

Churchill had 199 yards total offense with Grohoski, making his first start, hitting 11-of-28 passes for 109 yards. His favorite target on the night was Ricketts, who caught seven passes for 47 yards.

It was a far cry from the previous week performance as the Chargers gave up 411 yards rushing in a 26-0 loss to John Glenn. Senior linebacker Devin Moynihan made a season-high 20 tackles to lead the defense.

"We played much better than last week, but we didn't come here for any moral victories, we came here for a different outcome," Filiatraut said.

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Bulldogs on tourney tear

The Motor City Bulldogs 8-Under baseball team recently concluded an outstanding season in which they won five tournaments and finished second in two others while finishing with a record of 29-5. The Bulldogs are from Garden City, Westland, Livonia and Wayne. Members of the squad, pictured following a tourney title, are: (front row, from left) Aaron Taylor, Justin Hollenbeck, Justin Perrin, Robert Ujkaj, Devin Puckett; (middle row, from left) Matt Elrod, Jon Montie, Timmy Leighton, Dylan White, Austin Donaldson, Michael Brown; (back row, from left) coaches Dave White, Jim Elrod, Hoss Emerson and Andy Taylor.

Warriors boot N'west, 3-0

State-ranked Lutheran High Westland continued its strong play in the Metro Conference Thursday with a 3-0 triumph Thursday at home over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Gage Flanery's goal from Austin Baglow in the 38th minute proved to be the game-winner as the Warriors improved to 8-2-1 overall and 4-1 in the Metro.

Josh Kruger's free kick from 20 yards out in the 46th minute put Lutheran Westland ahead 2-0 and Laith Francis completed the scoring in the 60th minute from Baglow.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch (three saves) notched his fourth shutout

of the season for the Warriors, who were ranked No. 7 in the latest statewide coaches poll.

The loss drops Northwest to 4-10 overall and 0-5 in the Metro.

CRANBROOK 4, CLARENCEVILLE 2: On Thursday, Metro Conference leader Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (6-0-1, 4-0) needed a pair of goals, including a penalty kick, during the final 25 minutes to fend off upset-minded Livonia Clarenceville (4-6, 1-4). Alex King scored twice, while Andy Holmes and Jeff Hammond added one goal apiece for the victorious Cranes, who led 2-1 at halftime.

Both Clarenceville goals came from penalty kicks off the foot of Phil Strachan.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Garrett Gregg (14 saves) stood out despite the loss.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

- WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 112 PLYMOUTH 75**
Sept. 16 at John Glenn
- 200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:01.21; 2. Plymouth, 2:01.83; 3. John Glenn, 2:13.35.
- 200 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:08.39; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 2:14.89; 3. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 2:16.94.
- 200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:20.19; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:20.19; 3. Kalli Aloisi (WJG), 2:35.78.
- 50 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 26.48; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 26.98; 3. Chantelle Cote (P), 27.74.
- 1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 210.00 points; 2. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 170.80; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 157.60.
- 100 butterfly: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:07.41; 2. Sijia Hao (P), 1:17.48; 3. Margaret Wright (WJG), 1:15.7.
- 100 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 59.02; 2. Maslyk (P), 1:01.5; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:01.18.
- 500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:34.65; 2. Matsui (P), 5:36.07; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 6:06.45.
- 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Palczynski, Matsui, Maslyk, Abby Kelly), 1:49.87; 2. John Glenn, 1:53.84; 3. John Glenn, 1:54.1.
- 100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:07.46; 2. Hao (P), 1:10.28; 3. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:10.7.
- 100 breaststroke: 1. Palczynski (P), 1:10.86; 2. Peterson (WJG), 1:14.55; 3. Tustian (P), 1:19.57.
- 400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Aloisi, Sells, Sparks, Burgess), 3:58.77; 2. Plymouth, 4:01.21; 3. John Glenn, 4:27.14.
- Glenn's dual meet record: 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A-South Division.

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6 p.m. September 23, 2008

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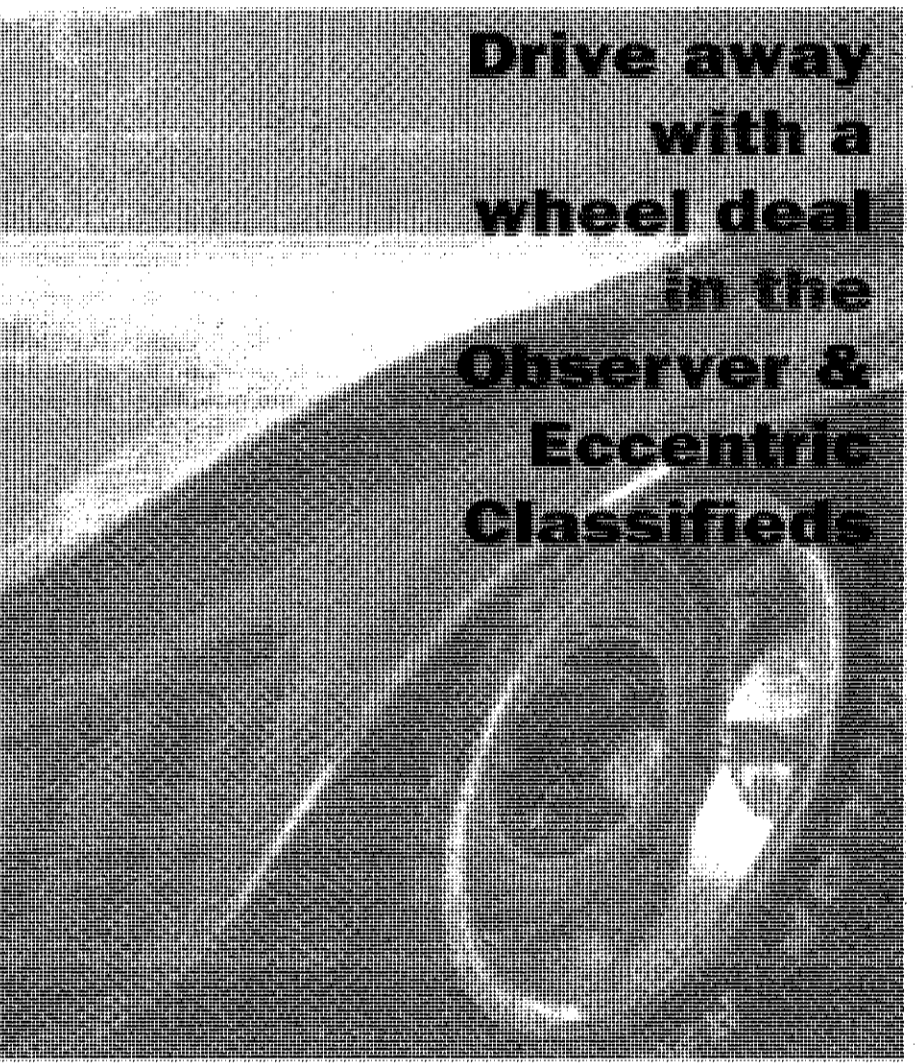
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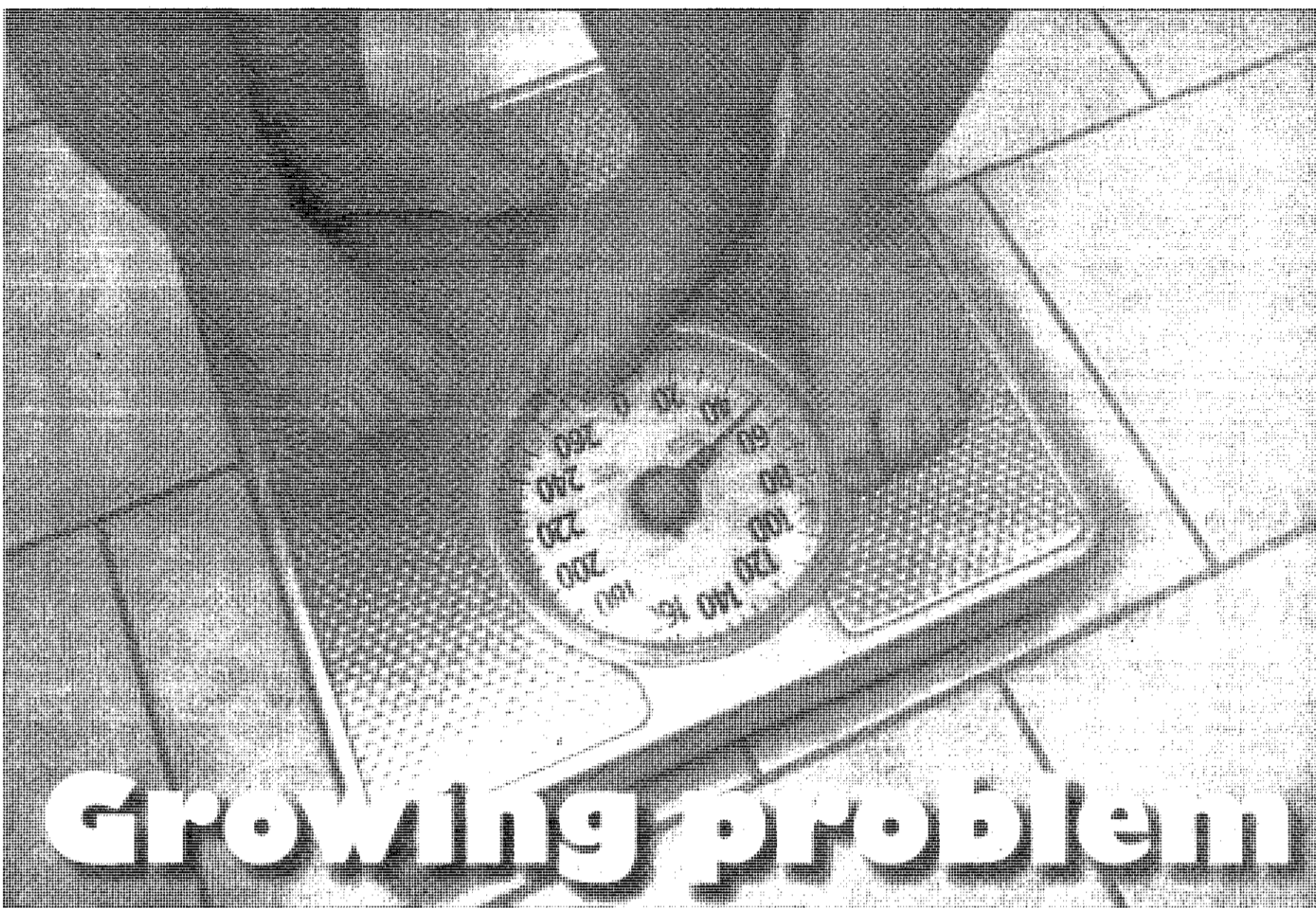
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Conference addresses increase in childhood obesity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dr. Thomas Robinson says the increase in childhood obesity is nothing less than scary when it comes to the issues of health and economics. The trend, which many have called an epidemic, effects everything from the cost of larger chairs and desks in schools to more than \$2 trillion for health care, not to mention the growing number of people suffering with preventable diseases.

An internationally recognized authority on childhood obesity, Robinson is a widely respected researcher at Stanford University as well as a pediatrician. He talks about the subject as keynote speaker for the Fighting Childhood Obesity conference Saturday, Sept. 27, at Oakland Schools in Waterford.

Robinson is professor of pediatrics and medicine in the division of General Pediatrics and the Stanford Prevention Research Center at the School of Medicine, and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Stanford University and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Calif. "It's not just a cosmetic issue," said Robinson. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prediction is kids being born this decade, 1 in 3 is projected to have diabetes in their lifetime, an African-American or Latino girl is 1 in 2, and that's just one of the health consequences. In addition we're seeing non alcoholic fatty liver disease, which in a quarter of cases can progress to cirrhosis, indistinguishable from alcohol cirrhosis and the number one reason for liver transplants in the not too distant future."

Marcia Gershenson is so concerned about the ramifications of increasing childhood obesity the Oakland County Commissioner is working with government, schools and hospitals to find a solution. She's inviting parents, children, teachers and health care workers to attend the sessions on nutrition, fitness and the psychology of overeating. A scholarship is available for those who can't afford the \$10 conference fee.

"We want to show how do you shop economically and healthy when both parents work," said Gershenson, a former school teacher. "This is a population we really need to get to. This is the first generation of children facing adult diseases like heart



Robinson

has also made it easy for children to eat fatty, processed foods. India and China are experiencing similar problems because of Westernization of their lifestyle.

"There are thousands of causes but in general we've created a society in which we have very inexpensive, highly palatable, tasty food that's everywhere, 64-ounce sodas packed with calories, and we've engineered opportunities for less physical activity. Because of the invention of the microwave we have food that didn't exist 20, 30 years ago.

"The food industry is spending over \$6 billion a year to advertise to children, McDonald's alone spent \$1.7 billion. We did a study with ages 3 to 5 in Headstart who were given identical foods packed in a McDonald's wrapper and a plain wrapper. Overwhelmingly asked if one tasted better, they said if they thought it was from McDonald's it tasted better, that was the case for hamburgers, chicken nuggets, milk or carrots."

Since Robinson completed his medical residency in 1991, he's watched the numbers of obese children rise and decided to make the crisis the focus of his life's work.

"Obesity is manifesting earlier and earlier and carrying into their adults lives," said Robinson, who grew up eating fresh vegetables and fruits in Birmingham. He's a product of Cranbrook's Brookside School in Bloomfield Hills. "Kids at the upper spectrum are much larger and heavier. A child comes in and we measure and weigh them and parents don't realize they're overweight because they look like other kids. Parents worry because they look too thin. It's obvious to most people we've seen a dramatic increase in the population as a whole to the point where people look at kids who seem to be quite heavy and they seem to be the norm."

For too long, Robinson said, medical authorities have preached about the consequences of obesity without seeing results.

"We have to come up with meth-

ods that are fun and rewarding and promoting health," said Robinson. "We've done some work to get kids excited about watching less TV which reduced the amount of eating in front of TV and was replaced with more activity. We're doing after school ethnic dance classes for girls in Oakland with hip hop and traditional African dance, in Redwood City with Mexican folklorico. We started an after school sports league for just overweight kids who are usually the last one picked and slowest one on the field, and compared them to other kids on a regular sports league and they lost more weight."

Robinson blames the fast food industry for part of the increase in obesity, but technology such as the microwave

Robinson tries to apply his beliefs to his life as well. "I don't go to the gym, I like activities like mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding in winter," said Robinson. "It's important parents expose kids to fresh fruits and vegetables. I enjoy gardening and growing my own food so that makes it more fun to eat. It's as much about saving ourselves as saving the planet. If we eat more fruits and vegetables and less meat it's a smaller carbon footprint. The environmental damage from hamburgers alone in the U.S. is greater than that from all of the sports utility vehicles because of all the land required, all the methane released. Some people may not change their lifestyle because of their health, but may change their diet because it has an impact on the environment. It's certainly in the best interest of the auto industry to look for ways to reduce the rate of obesity and in so doing the cost of health care."

Dr. Paul Ehrmann is as concerned as Robinson about the growing number of obese children. As a family physician he's seen weight skyrocket over the last 27 years. That's why he founded the Children's Health Initiative Program (www.chipkids.com), the topic of his session on Sept. 27. Ehrmann, a West Bloomfield resident, was recently honored as one of Crain's Health Care Heroes. His book, "Generation XL - The Childhood Obesity Pandemic: A Community Based Solution," tells how to implement the no-cost, 5-week CHIP program. It is due out at year's end. So far three pilot programs have involved himself, a psychologist, registered dietitian and physical therapist covering the topics of nutrition, positive lifestyle modi-

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fication and the psychology behind weight gain.

"It takes a grassroots core of people to develop and implement the ideas," said Ehrmann. "I tried to get people at the table from four different areas in the community — health, business, education and municipal government — to get a no cost program that would be delivered by our health instructor team. The beauty of the program is it's not a grant based program. It's funded by voluntary business donations through the local chamber. So far it's been done in Royal Oak, Southfield and Flat Rock. It's all voluntary. The community has to be engaged. We get them started and then get out of the way."

Ehrmann admits the CHIP program is a start not a solution.

"Five weeks doesn't make a lifetime. We need to sustain the information we give to the kids and parents, but we need first to get mom and dad on board. I'm going to take people through the program, hopefully inspire people there to say, 'hey we want to get involved.'"

Ehrmann says he's like the bottle carrying the message.

"We need to get involved with this issue because it's going to affect our children," said Ehrmann. "25 to 35 percent of our children are overweight or obese. There are 10 to 15 million children that need help. The amount of overweight children has quadrupled over the last 40 years. I think it has to be a national movement in terms of cost and health. They're projecting \$4 trillion in health care costs. 70 percent of all chronic illness is preventable. Prevention is much easier than treating disease."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPTEMBER

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Health fair/open house

1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Crohn's fund-raiser

In memory of Jessica Rowe who died from complications of Crohn's disease a little over a year ago at age 25, Mini-Golf Outing 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at PUTTERZ miniature golf and games, 2675 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. All proceeds donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Call Pat at (734) 434-283, Roger (313) 608-4903, or Sharon (734) 788-6391 for information.

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Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 23, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, (734) 432-5804 or www.madonna.edu. For information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Mothers, daughters, sisters luncheon

Geraldyn Lucas, a 13-year breast cancer survivor and author of "Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy," is the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Shenandoah Golf, Banquet & Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. Proceeds benefit the future Françoise & Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, opening spring 2009. Tickets \$100; boutique shopping and valet parking included. For tickets or details, call (248) 853-3636.

Free foot screenings

Some 82,000 Americans lose feet or limbs to diabetes each year. The American Diabetes Association offers free foot screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 23 Michigan locations. Local podiatrists volunteer time to conduct exams and answer questions. To find a site or for information, call 1-888-DIABETES or visit diabetes.org/detroit.

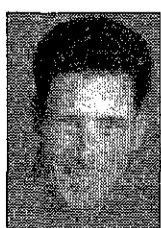
Autism open house

Enjoy a free evening of food, education and networking for families and friends affected by autism and other developmental disabilities 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Autism Connections, 42627 Garfield, Suite 214, Clinton Twp. Come hear presentations, tour the facility and learn about resources and services offered. Children's activities also available. Judson Center and The Detroit Institute for Children (DIC) partner together to provide comprehensive services for families of children with autism and other developmental disabilities through Autism Connections. For information or to RSVP, call (313) 578-4514 or e-mail keiper@detroitchildren.org.

Heart to heart du Vintage

Gala fund-raiser with strolling dinner, live auction, music by Simon Vitale band, and a chance to view limited edition classic cars from Peter Ministrelli's private collection 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Franklin Hills Country Club. The evening helps uninsured and underinsured women receive care at the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak as well as contribute to the development of women's heart services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. Tickets \$275 per person. Patron-pair tickets \$1,000. Sponsorships available. For information, call (248) 551-9951.

An easy exercise for upper body, and quick and healthy snack options



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Vic from Royal Oak e-mailed for tips on maximizing upper body strength.

Vic, here is one that is sure to fit the bill! One arm dumbbell rows build the biceps, forearm flexors, lats, traps, rhomboids and deltoids. Just stand to the side of a bench that is elevated 30 degrees at the upper end. Kneel on the bench with the inside leg and hold the dumbbell in the outside hand with your arm extended. Using a rowing

motion, pull the dumbbell toward your chest. Lower it to the starting position.

Exhale when you lift the dumbbell and inhale when you return it to the starting position. Do 3 to 5 sets of 10 reps of this exercise using both arms. It is excellent for isolating muscles on each side of your body and developing balance in your upper torso. It just shows that rowing is good for a lot more than just moving a boat through water.

Karen from Walled Lake gets snacky in the afternoon while at work. She wonders if there is anything good she can eat instead of chips.

Karen, try some pistachio nuts or sunflower seeds. They are a great afternoon snack and good for you. In fact, a recent study found both pistachio nuts and sunflower seeds lower your cholesterol and are good for your heart. But remember, too much of a good thing can be bad.

Nuts and seeds pack 150 to 200 calories per ounce, so limit your snacking to only 1 or 2 ounces. Also, many nuts and seeds can be very salty, so look for those marked unsalted. They are better for you.

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



Meteoric champions

The Livonia City Soccer Club Meteors, an under-11 boys soccer team, captured the Gold Division title, Aug. 22-24, at the Dearborn Soccer Club Invitational. Team members include (back row, from left): Matt McGilivray, Jake DeMoss, Andrew Bambach, Dante Toppi, Brian Cox, Ian Henzi, Brendan King, coach Dan Mellors; (front row, from left) Valgon Qejvani, Kyle Benedict, Luke Yakuber, Max Waun and Tony Asimady.

Stahl spurs Spartans to 51-15 rout of Lions

Livonia Stevenson's football team walked into South Lyon's "Jungle" Friday night and tamed the host Lions to the tune of a 51-15 triumph.

The Spartans are now 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, while South Lyon falls to 1-3 and 0-2.

Senior Wade Stahl had 318 all-purpose yards and junior Austin White scored four touchdowns to spark the Spartans, who led 24-7 at half-time before putting it away by outscoring the Lions 27-8 during the third quarter.

Stahl had an 80-yard kickoff return for a TD with 8:56 left in the third period after South Lyon had cut the deficit to 30-15 on an 85-yard TD run by Wayne Memorial transfer Anthony Baskin, who led all rushers with 153 yards on nine carries.

Stevenson's Mike Beyer then scored a 5-yard TD and

Ben Beaman contributed a 15-yard TD run to complete the Spartans' scoring.

South Lyon scored first with 7:52 left in the first period on Justin Butler's 20-yard TD pass to David Loveland, but Stevenson answered with five consecutive scores including a 32-yard field goal by Jonny Myshock, who was 6-for-7 on PATs; and four TDs from White, including runs of 2, 16 and 4 yards, along with a 16-yard TD catch from quarterback Jacob Gudeman. White finished with 95 yards on 16 carries, while Stahl also had a kick return for 44 yards and a punt return for 52 yards.

Stevenson outgained the Lions in total offense, 450-327.

Senior Mark Grisa had three interceptions on the night, including a key pick inside Stevenson 20 just before halftime. Teammate Bryan Koessler also recovered a fumble to thwart a South Lyon drive in the third period.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

METRO CONFERENCE JAMBOREE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Sept. 16 at Macomb Lutheran North
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran North, 28 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 42; 3. Lutheran Westland, 82; 4. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 118; 5. Livonia Clarenceville, 129.

Individual winner: Daniel Suber (Cranbrook), 16 minutes, 43 seconds (5,000 meters).
Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Spencer Lyle, 17:15; 18. Alex Kemp, 19:49; 21. Theodis Washington, 20:20; 26. Jeremy Kohtz, 21:29; 28. Joshua Kirk, 21:37; 29. Bob Schwartz, 21:38; 35. Zechariah Robinson, 22:59.
Clarenceville finishers: 22. Alex Molnar, 20:38; 23. David Gibson, 20:53.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran North, 16 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 70; 3. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 75; 4. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 103; 5. Livonia Clarenceville, 129.

Individual winner: Kayla Pfund (Lutheran North), 20 minutes, 13 seconds (5,000 meters).
Lutheran Westland finishers: 7. Sarah Maynard, 22:26; 13. Erin Lyle, 23:05; 14. Miriam Pranschke, 23:20; 22. Ashley Pniowski, 24:31; 29. Amber Pniowski, 24:58; 34. Danielle Voetberg, 25:59; 42. Jessica Rice, 26:50.
Clarenceville finishers: 11. Shelby Dermire, 23:02; 31. Tara Hernes, 25:23; 63. Amber Clare Moreland, 31:13; 65. Paige West, 31:42; 66. Marguerite Fowler, 32:12; 69. Danielle Rice, 33:50.

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS

Sept. 16 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park
TEAM SCORES: Livonia Ladywood 25, Harper Woods Regina 32, Ladywood 22, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 37.

Individual winner: Gina Valgoi (Regina), 20:53 (5,000 meters).
Ladywood finishers: 2. Julia Kenney, 20:45; 5. Meredith Houska, 21:09; 6. Cathy Wojtanowski, 21:13; 8. Becky Babon, 21:22; 12. Morgan Zuziak, 22:30; 14. Shannon Scarlett, 22:47; 16. Siobhan Aldridge, 23:21.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-0 overall, 2-0 (Catholic League).

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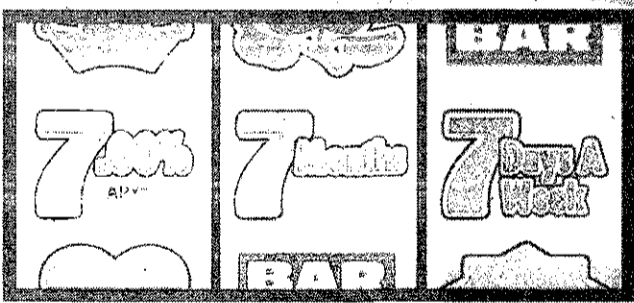
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Club keeps its Italian culture alive

Someone in the Ukrainian community asked me not too long ago what part of the country my father's parents came from. I wish I knew so I could research my ancestry. I'd like to know more about the cultures my grandparents left behind in their native countries.

When we were younger my brother and sister and I were able to learn about the Ukrainian art of hand-painted eggs from Grandma Chomin, but Grandpa and Grandma Dietrich had died by then and taken the family traditions from Germany and Austria with them.

We probably wouldn't have been able to hear German spoken anyway. In those days immigrants like Grandma and Grandpa Dietrich only spoke English and were almost ashamed of their heritage and the ability to be bilingual.

Times have changed and Vito Guarano is making sure his two young children keep their family heritage alive by joining the Italian American Club of Livonia. By the time Francesca, 2, and Giovanni,

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER DANCE

What: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by family style dinner and dancing to Eclipse. Formal evening attire required
When: Sunday, Oct. 12, doors opens at 4 p.m.
Where: Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile
Tickets: \$50 per person, no charge for children under age 5. Reservations must be received by Monday, Oct. 6. Call (248) 980-5419 or mail check payable to Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation, Sybil Taddia, 14510 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154

10 weeks, reach elementary school age they'll be able to take advantage of the Italian language classes and a variety of activities at the club.

Guarano became interested in the club when he and his soon-to-be wife Kathryn were looking for a place for their wedding reception. After

only three years as a member, he is chairing the 81st annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance featuring an array of Italian foods from pasta to "lots of bread" on Oct. 12. The Italian of the Year will be honored as well.

"I wanted to really have a place where I can take my wife and children for them to be a party more to their heritage," said Guarano, 37.

Family is very important to Guarano, who grew up in Farmington Hills and still lives there.

"Both of my parents, Cristoforo and Guisseppe, are from Sicily so I already know a lot of the old Sicilian dialect which is not spoken any more," said Guarano. "The club is a place where we can go and be a family at a social club and the culture doesn't get lost in translation."

Guarano is doing his part to preserve his heritage by taking a more active role in the membership and cultural committees. He's extremely proud of the organization that will reward 10, \$1,000 scholarships to high school students at the dinner. Among the recipients are Angela Tomassini, Robert Lagerstrom, Hannah Heedum, and Nicola Canzano of Livonia; Vincent Mocerri of West Bloomfield; and Paige Aiello of Rochester Hills.

"I want to try to understand more about the club, why we don't attract younger people. There is a teen club in the early stages of trying to get started," said Guarano. "My crusade is to build that younger crowd."

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Participants watch as local celebrities walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

Strutting their stuff

Redford Suburban League members promise another spectacular fashion show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Pat Rutenbar admits she's a beggar when it comes to asking for money and items for the 30 baskets she assembles every year for the Redford Suburban League's celebrity fashion show. A benefit for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City, the Oct. 15 event includes a luncheon, craft boutique, and raffles of at least 100 prizes including Rutenbar's gift baskets.

Last year the Redford woman found so many bargains her husband built her a barn to house the items.

Raffle tickets are \$1, or 6 for \$5, and available at the fashion show in Burton Manor in Livonia.

"I shop all year long for the theme baskets for Halloween to Thanksgiving and Christmas. I get what's on sale," said Rutenbar, the Redford resident who co-chairs the event with Carol Herrick. "I spend about \$1,500 to \$1,700. The ladies in the League are very generous. They donate the money. If I don't have enough my husband says to put some in. It takes four people to load up the baskets. Over the years the event has raised nearly \$600,000."

Now in its 35th year, the League has donated to a variety of children's charities but decided after last year's show to make Burger the sole beneficiary of its efforts. Members from Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Garden City, Southfield, Waterford, Commerce, and Port Huron

FALL FESTIVAL OF FASHION

What: Celebrities modeling the latest designs for women and men, luncheon, craft show, and raffles to benefit Burger School for Students with Autism

When: Boutique opens at 9 a.m., luncheon at noon

followed by fashion show, entertainment and raffles

Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets: \$45, and available by calling Miriam at (734) 981-6003

work for months to ensure the success of the Fall Festival of Fashion.

This year Lord & Taylor in Twelve Oaks and Men's Wearhouse in Novi are providing the latest designs for the show hosted by Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher.

In addition to Rutenbar's baskets, the first prize being raffled is a two-week stay at a Orange Lake Country Club condo in Orlando courtesy of Cynthia Jamieson. Second is \$1,000 cash in memory of Robert J. Howes. Orin Jewelers donated the third prize of an 18K gold necklace and earrings.

Even though the event has always sold out, Herrick is concerned about filling seats since many more women work outside of the home compared to when the show started. The League has

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WDIV meteorologist Paul Gross, left, pairs up with Tracy Gary of WNIC as the two walk the runway during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.



Audrey Sommers of the Catholic Television Network walks the runway with actor Robert Paul during the Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion in 2007.

Local job fair aimed at helping veterans

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Gregory Hallman has been looking for a job since returning to Michigan after four years in the U.S. Army. The Redford man was discharged in July 2006.

Hallman is among an ever increasing number of veterans in search of employment. He saw combat in Iraq and suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome.

Although not all vets have disabilities, each seems to encounter barriers once back home. It's Reneé Brzeg's job as a veteran employment specialist for the State of Michigan to help these men and women. Last Tuesday, she and Lori Howard, a veteran employment specialist in Lansing, were busy organizing a job fair to hook up employers and potential employees on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the V.F.W. Post 345 in Redford.

Hallman has a wife and children, ages 9 and 4, to support. He said his PTSD doesn't hinder his ability to perform a job.

Hallman had come into the Michigan Works Livonia Service Center to work with Brzeg on his resume. He has worked construction but was hoping for a clerical position while he attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Hallman never thought about a career in nursing until he saw combat in Iraq. He hopes eventually to work with veterans at a V.A. Hospital.



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Marine veteran Sheryl Lamarand talks about the skills she has developed while serving as a Marine that she is trying to parlay into a job in the private sector.

"I've applied at every Home Depot, Lowe's," said Hallman, who was a staff sergeant and squad leader. "When I first came out I started in a construction business. People were calling in sick. They were going to be late. There is no excuse for being sick or late in the Army."

It's that kind of discipline and dedication, said Brzeg, that sets veterans apart.

VETERAN JOB FAIR

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25

Where: V.F.W. Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford

Call: Reneé Brzeg at (734) 513-4900, ext. 101

"They can work unsupervised because they're used to taking charge and getting things done," said Brzeg, a disabled Army veteran who lives in Waterford. Brzeg was injured during training for the Desert Storm operations of the First Gulf War.

"Greg is a typical veteran. They've come back home when unemployment is 8.9 percent in Michigan. We want to make sure

all needs are being met, that they're utilizing VA benefits, are registered at the VA Hospital, and if need be know how to apply for disability," said Brzeg. "They did a service to our country. They're already disciplined, have a skill set. We go over skills, if any federal positions are available. We see a lot of men and women coming back from Iraq. We want to make sure they get the best services in Michigan so they're aware of all their options and benefits. We want our veterans to work and stay in Michigan."

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Michigan is hosting the event where employers such as the Michigan State Police, F.B.I., Pepsi, Immigration Customs Enforcement, Wal-Mart, FedEx, Jacob's Technology, Valassis, ADT Security, Michigan Civil Service, Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Homeland Securities Customs and Borders Protection, among others, will be on hand.

Howard suggests veterans bring at least 20 copies of their resume, DD214 separation papers and any other military transcripts. This is the only veteran job fair in the area, although 10 other events will be going on during the week throughout the state.

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Friends to host big used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Library is sponsoring a three-day used book sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Civic Center location, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The prices for books are \$1 hardcovers, 50 cents paperbacks, and 25 cents romances. CDs

and videos are priced as marked. On Sunday, Oct. 5, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. Proceeds go to all three Livonia libraries for programs including summer reading, and various items depending on needs. For more information, call the library at (734) 466-2495.

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"When someone comes back we enter their information so we can mail things to them about job fairs, these are the services available, welcome home letters," said Howard, a Marine veteran. "They're looking for jobs that pay enough to sustain a family."

Brzeg says the transition from military to civilian life can be an arduous process. Veterans Services of Michigan offers a program at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township to help men and women go from deployment to re-employment.

Don Chaney of Westland is still looking for a job to fit the skills he learned as a logistician while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from August 1999 to November 2007.

"It's extremely tough finding a job," said Chaney, 28. "Since my separation I've worked as a cable technician, also did tele-marketing."

Sheryl Lamarand of Canton has worked retail for the last several years in order to raise her three children. The young-



Veterans employment specialists for the State of Michigan Renee Brzeg, left, and Lori Howard go over a list of employers that will be available at the upcoming Veteran Job Fair.

est is just finishing elementary school and she's looking for a challenge.

Lamarand was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991 then earned a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis, Prior to becoming a mother she worked in courts and family services. Her dream was to go into law enforcement, but is looking into every profession.

"The hardest part is selecting an area to keep me challenged," said Lamarand who worked on

F-18 Hornets as a hydraulics mechanic. "I learned attention to detail, organization. As a mom of three I use that every day to run my household. I can use the same skills for handling travel itineraries for CEO's. I have been a floral designer, In fact I teach floral design in community education classes. The Marines taught me to adapt and overcome. I will survive because of the skills I learned in the Marine Corps."

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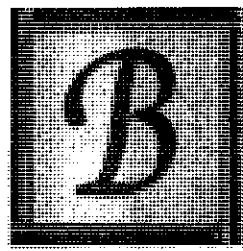
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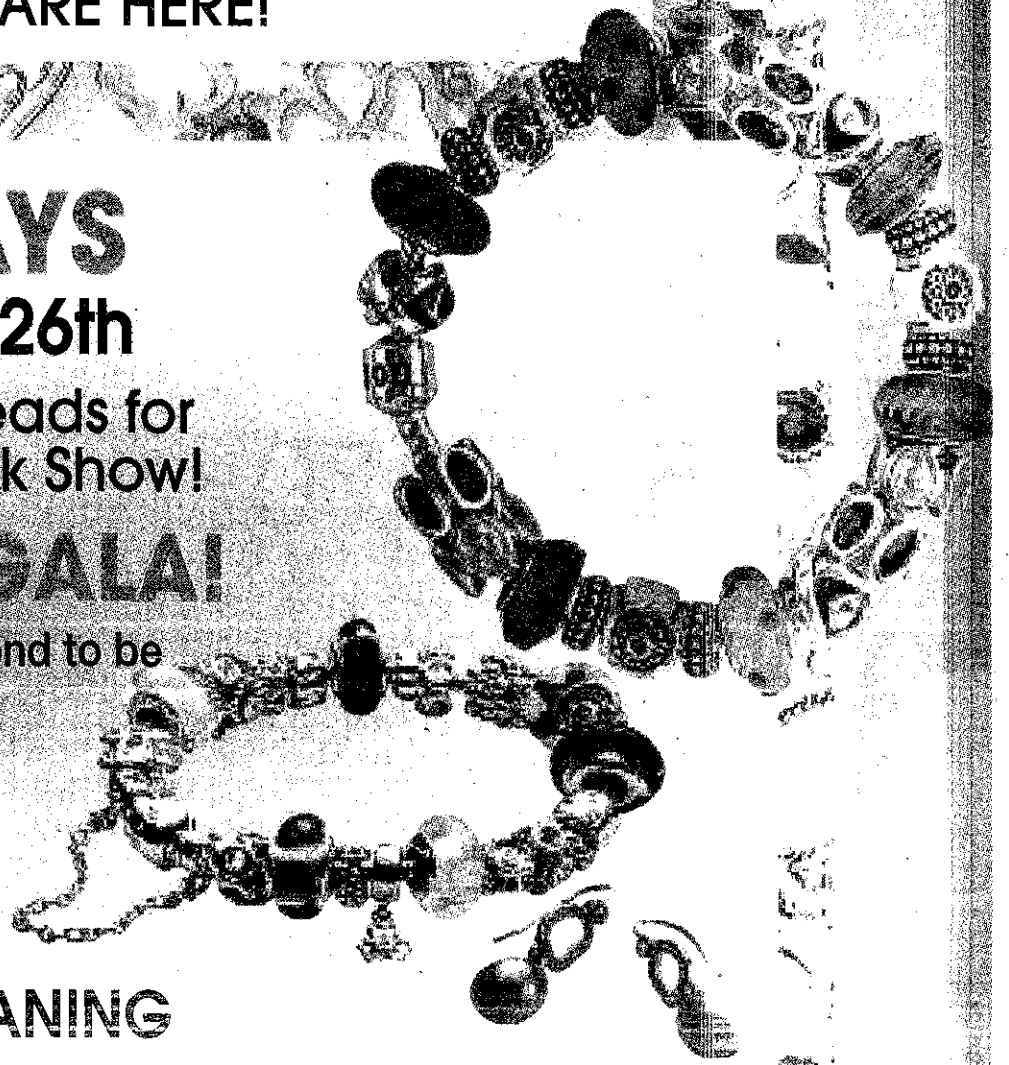
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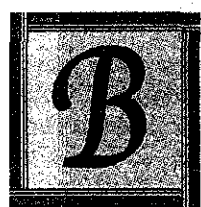
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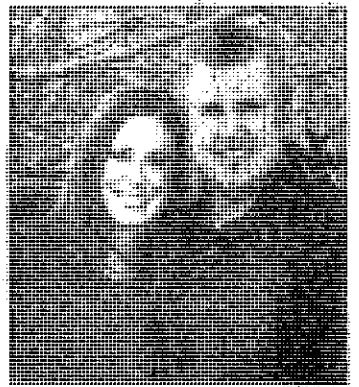
Benedictine High School Class of 1973
35th anniversary class reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.; family-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Advance reservations are required. Contact Jody Hrymak Kirsch, (734) 522-0661, or benny-high73@twmli.com.

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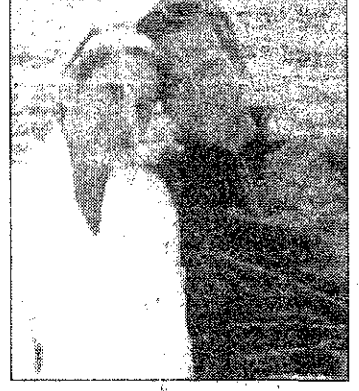
ENGAGEMENTS

Jaggi-Anderson
Tod and Nancy Jaggi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Jaggi, to Jeremy Anderson of Redford. He is the son of Roger and Mary Anderson of Wesley Chapel, Fla. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as a substitute teacher for Livonia Public Schools. Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Gaither High School in Tampa,



Fla. and works for Knight House Networks. The couple is planning a July 2009 wedding.

Vukovich-Price
Dennis and Nanci Vukovich of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lauren Vukovich, to Andrew Joseph Price of Muskegon. He is the son of David and Nancy Price of Muskegon.
The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned degrees in business management and fashion design. She works as a product development assistant for Women's Softlines at Meijer, Inc. headquarters in Walker, Mich.
Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Muskegon Catholic Central High School and a



2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned his degree in finance. He is vice president of McKenzie-Price Insurance Company in Muskegon, Mich. The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

WEDDING

Wiard-Luongo
Harold and Deborah Wiard of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Amber Nicole Wiard, to Joshua Allen Luongo of Colorado Springs, Colo. He is the son of John Luongo and Terri Luongo of Texas. Amber is a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics education. She works as a high school math teacher for the Classical Academy in Colorado Springs. Joshua is a 2008 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He is currently completing courses to serve as a firefighter in the Colorado Springs area.
The couple wed on July 18 at Warren Valley Golf Course before James MacKenzie. The



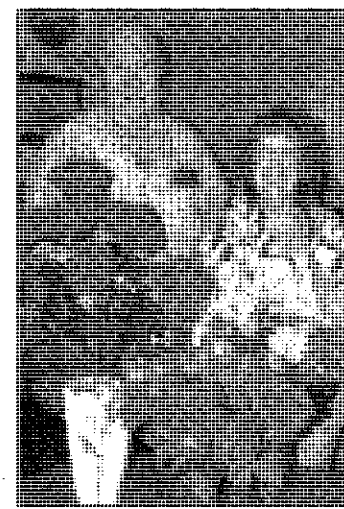
bride was attended by maid of honor Rachel Wiard, and bridesmaids Jessica Stollings, Jessica Braham, Jennifer Brophy and Sarah White. The groom was attended by best man Zach Hagar and groomsmen Brooks Luongo, Adam Luongo and Spencer Wiard. The couple spent their honeymoon in Cancun and will make their home in Colorado.

ANNIVERSARIES

Rooke
Robert and Winnifred Rooke of Livonia recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple wed on Aug. 21, 1948 and have lived in Livonia for 55 years. They shared the celebration with daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Kurt Wasler of Livonia (pictured center), who celebrate 25 years, and Robert and Susan Rooke of Livonia (back, center) who celebrate 20 years of marriage this year.
The Rookes took a Caribbean cruise to commem-



orate the occasion and a family celebration was held, also commemorating Winnifred's sister Beatrice's 100th birthday this year.



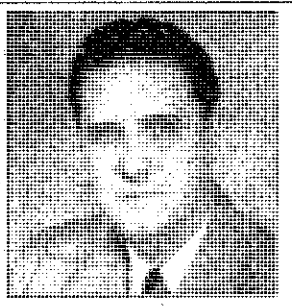
Vroman
Robert and Nellie (Petre) Vroman of Garden City are celebrating 60 years of marriage. The couple wed Sept. 4, 1948, at Mt. Hope Lutheran in Allen Park. They have lived in Garden City for 55 years. They have 5 adult children — Cindy Edwards of Garden City, Bobby of Garden City, Chris (Jean) of Trevor, Wis., Daniel (Dee) of Westland, and Victoria (Gary) Fincher of Lincoln Park.
They are also grandparents

to eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a new one due in October.
Robert worked at Ford-Wixom for 30 years. They enjoy bowling, playing cards and spending time at their second home near Traverse City and of course spending time with their children and grandchildren.
Their fifth great-granddaughter, Cassidy Louise Overholt, was baptized Aug. 24, at Christ the King Church in Southgate.

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FRED CHEKAWAY
September 15, 2008. Age 87, of West Bloomfield. Proud veteran US Navy serving during WWII. He practiced law for 53 years in Detroit and the downriver area. Beloved husband of Virginia B. Chekaway (nee Schwantzer) for 40 years. Cherished father of Nicole Fredrica Chekaway. Also survived by his dog Abby. Memorial services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to St. John Hospice, 1371 Twelve Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20484 Anglin, Detroit, MI 48234. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

WILLIAM & GLORIA DEVLIN

Bill, 85, and Gloria, 84, formerly of Farmington Hills died on September 16 in Kalkaska, Michigan. They were married on June 4, 1948. The Devlins are survived by their three children: Kathy Taraba of Conifer, Colorado; Susan (Chris) Janowicz of Farmington Hills; and James (Denise) Devlin of Bloomfield Hills; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Bill was a design engineer at Ford Motor Company. Gloria worked for the Farmington Public Schools Vocational Education Department. They were charter members of North Farmington Baptist Church. In their retirement years, the Devlins were very active at the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, September 22, 11 am, at Highland Park Baptist Church (28600 Lahser Road, just south of 12 Mile Road) in Southfield. Private condolences to the family may be sent to: 23719 Cora Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or janowicz57@yahoo.com.

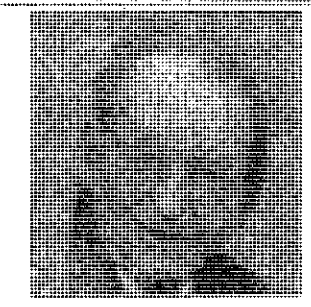
EILEEN MARIE KIRBY

Age 78, of Bay City, formerly of Livonia. Died September 16, 2008. She was a retired executive at Ford Motor Co. Beloved sister of Eugene P. Kirby, James M. (Shirley) Kirby and the late John J. Kirby. Dear sister-in-law of Ann Kirby. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and special friend, Bill Wisniewski. Funeral services were held Friday, September 19, 2008, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association. To leave a condolence: www.schrader-howell.com



WILLIAM J. MANGIN

Age 48, September 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Melanie for 13 years. Dear father of Austin, Hunter, Kyle, step-father of Shauna Nicholson and Ashley Nicholson. Dear brother of Mary Lou (Fred) Almond, Mike (Becky) Mangin, B.J. (Mark) Craig, Karen (Peter) Zuck and the late C. Fred Mangin, Ralph Mangin, and Dick Mangin. Son of Virginia (and the late Charles P.) Mangin. Funeral services Monday 11 am (in state at 10 am) at Brightmoor Christian Church, 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi, MI. Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave. (one blk. West of Farmington Rd.), downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions to an Education fund for his boys. www.thayer-rock.com



HOWARD W. McLELLAN, SR.
Age 77, of Plymouth. September 17, 2008. Beloved husband of Joann. Loving father of Patricia (Robert) Frigerio, Kathryn (Mark) Moore, Denise (Richard) Vigil and Howard Jr. Dear brother of Mary Ann McLellan. Proud grandfather of Jeremy, Jessica, Leah, Eric, Steve, Lisa, William, Chase and the late Brent. Mr. McLellan was a long time member of Knights of the Columbus Council #3292, the American Legion Post #1780, the Plymouth Elks Lodge #3191 and the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780. Visitation Sat. 3-9 pm and Sun. 3-9 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btw Sheldon & Beck). Rosary service Sun. 7 pm. In state Mon. 10 am until Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. Interment Lapham Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Kids With Cancer c/o Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48226. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

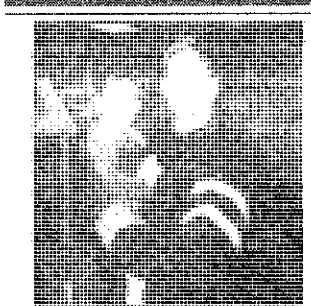
MARION ELEANOR POSTLER (LaLonde)

Beloved mother of Sherry (Patrick) McMahon, Richard (Kathleen) Postler, Daniel (Ann) Postler, Karen (Donald) Convery, Kelly (Darlene) Postler, and Keith (Renee) Postler. Died at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008. She was 80. A lifelong Detroit sports fan, she was especially fond of the Tigers and often watched or listened to multiple games at home when sports seasons overlapped. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1997 and her granddaughter, Nicole, daughter of Karen and Donald, in 1993. She is survived by 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Viewings are Saturday, Sept. 20 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm and Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 with Scripture Service at 6:30 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford Township, MI 48239. Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22 at 10:00 am at St. Hilary Parish, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township, MI 48239, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034. Donations in her memory may be sent to The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI.

JON F. RENO

September 11, 2008 of Westland. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

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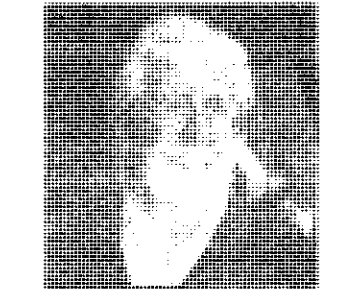


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Because of victims like you, little Isaac and Rick, laws are being changed and the guilty - we'll convict.
Our hearts are broken and may never mend. We think of you daily and will till the end.
With Love Always, Your Daddy, Sister Chrissy, Grandma and Papa Newman Aunt Becca, Uncle Bob and Cousins, Hannah and Zach

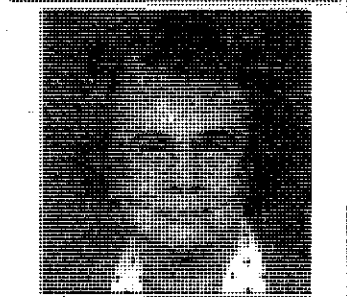
GLENWOOD PARSELL

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JOHN M. ROSSO

A lifelong Birmingham resident. Died Wednesday, September 17, 2008. He was born December 13, 1924 on the corner of Henrietta and Frank. He was a graduate of Birmingham Baldwin High School and the University of Michigan College of Engineering. He was in the United States Army in WWII, serving in both Europe and the Pacific. He opened Birmingham Lumber in 1948, and ran its operation through 1972 when it was merged into Erb Lumber Company. He was active in the property management and development business in the Birmingham area for his entire career until his death. He founded and managed Rosso Development Co. John was an active U of M Alumnus with a passion for Wolverine basketball and football. He was a past President of the Detroit Lumberman's Association, as well as being a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club, Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham Senior Men's Club, and the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Carol Peterson Rosso. He is survived by his children Sarah (McCaughy), her husband Peter, Abbey Rosso, John Rosso, his wife Kate, and five grandchildren, Emily, Jennifer, and Caitlin Rosso, and Andrew and Laura McCaughy. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 pm at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Memorial Service Monday 11 am at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers you are encouraged to make a gift to the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



VIRGINIA RUTH SCHOEN

Age 88. Passed away September 16, 2008. She was born on July 8, 1920 in Detroit, the daughter of Henry Harry and Helen Emma (Newman) Fedraw. Memorial contributions may be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Braun Chapel, where family will receive friends on Friday, September 19, 2008 from 2-5 pm. A Traditional Farewell will be on Saturday beginning at 10:30 am at the Funeral Home with Pastor Kelly Smith officiating. Interment Highland Cemetery. Please sign Mrs. Schoen's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900



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Carol Herrick and Pat Hubenar are co-chairing this year's Redford Suburban League celebrity fashion show.

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lost members over the years as well. They're always looking for women and men who might want to join the nonprofit organization.

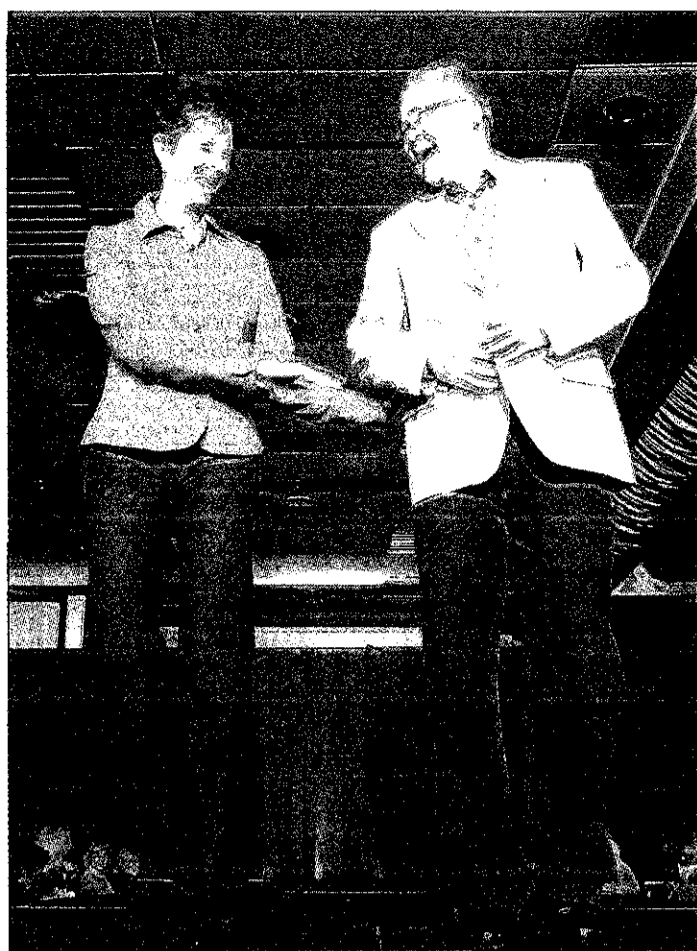
"Back when John Kelly and Marilyn Turner (former Channel 7 TV personalities) were involved 1,200 people came," said Herrick, a League member since 1989 and president last year. "We need to sell at least 700 lunch tickets, but can hold 1,000. We have 26 crafters but would like 40. We're still looking for crafters and to sell tickets. We want to keep it going as long as we can. We don't want to let those kids down. The more people come the more we can give to Burger."

"We were very strong the first 25 years," said League member

Lillian Malley of Farmington Hills, "We're hoping we can keep it up. The show has been wonderfully accepted, it really is nice."

Cynthia Jamieson is as excited about the fashions as the celebrities this year. Lord & Taylor showed designs at a spring meeting of the League. Men's Wearhouse is perennial in supporting the cause. New this year as far as the models go are Detroit Demolition player Shannan Schlusler, Miss Wayne County 2008 Nicole Blaszczyk, and Brooke Brennan VanBelle, Miss Wayne County 2003 and Miss Troy 2005.

"The first outfit is casual, the second outfit dressy. We told Lord & Taylor we would like lots of color," said Jamieson, celebrity chairwoman. "We're still getting models just responding. Jo-Jo Shutty-McGregor and her sister Sharon Shutty-Wright are coming back. Larry Janes is always a favorite. There's



Nancy McCauley of Ford Motor Broadcast News and Todd Sukuda of the Burger School model fashions during the 2007 Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion.

Terry T. Brown, Beth Fisher and Michael Collins from WWJ Newsradio, and Robin Sullivan from WMUZ. Audrey Sommers returns as does actor Robert Paul, and Sheila Sigro, 1993 Mrs. Michigan International, who also runs the Miss Redford

pageant and usually brings along Miss Redford. Rich Luterman (Fox 2 chief meteorologist) returns as does Tracy Gary, WNIC. George Young is going to be entertaining again before the show and we're going to have some of the staff from

Burger School."

Betty Tessmer is looking forward to bringing a young girl and boy from Burger School to model. Tessmer works with the students as a speech language pathologist and is grateful for the money raised by the show.

"It's extremely important," said Tessmer of Livonia. "The speech department uses the money to buy tests and technol-

ogy we probably wouldn't be able to get the money for. I used to buy my own curriculum and books. We do a lot of creating of materials because some of the levels of our students are low it's hard to find anything appropriate for them. We use programs to create materials."

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The answers are not so clear cut if a patient on suppression therapy develops a viral infection such as influenza. At present, whether or not to stop the arthritis medication is a decision the doctor makes assessing the patient's total health picture.

The question of stopping medication also arises when a patient with arthritis goes to the hospital for an operation such as a hip replacement. While in the hospital, that person is at added risk for infection. Should arthritis medication be stopped? Again, the doctor decides based on assessing the patient's total health status.

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Annual show

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual show through Sept. 30, at Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. About 25 members will display paintings which are for sale. Pictured is Gorda, a watercolor by Elbert Weber of Canton. The work features a restaurant he visited near Caracas, Venezuela. Gorda is Spanish for fat lady which describes the owner who sat in a booth by the window and left no doubt about who was in charge.

These hands can talk in workshop


Redford Community Center hosts Sign Language workshops entitled, "If These Hands Could Talk" Thursdays and Saturday Oct. 2 through Nov. 20, at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. To register, call (313) 387-2650. Participants will learn finger spelling, expressions and interactive skills. For more information, visit www.detroitrising-stars.org. Sign language was developed to enable more people to obtain the ability to communicate

with the hard-of-hearing and the deaf community to allow an enriching intermingling of deaf and hearing within our society. Deafness and hard-of-hearing are becoming an ever-growing statistic in this country. The goal of the workshop is to decrease the language barrier between the deaf community and those that can hear and enhance possibilities for people to communicate love, friendship, emotions, and jokes with friends, family members and organizations.

Art faculty to host opening reception

The Madonna University art department faculty hosts an opening reception for an exhibition of their work 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the gallery on the second floor of the library wing on the campus at 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The artists include Doug Semivan, chairman of the art department; Ralph Glenn, Mary Rousseaux, Robin Ward, and Laura Williams. The show continues through Friday, Oct. 10. For more information, call gallery director Jeanne Moore at (248) 875-7332.



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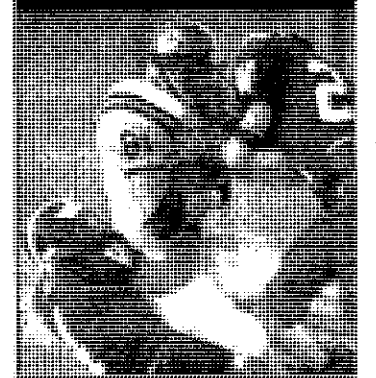
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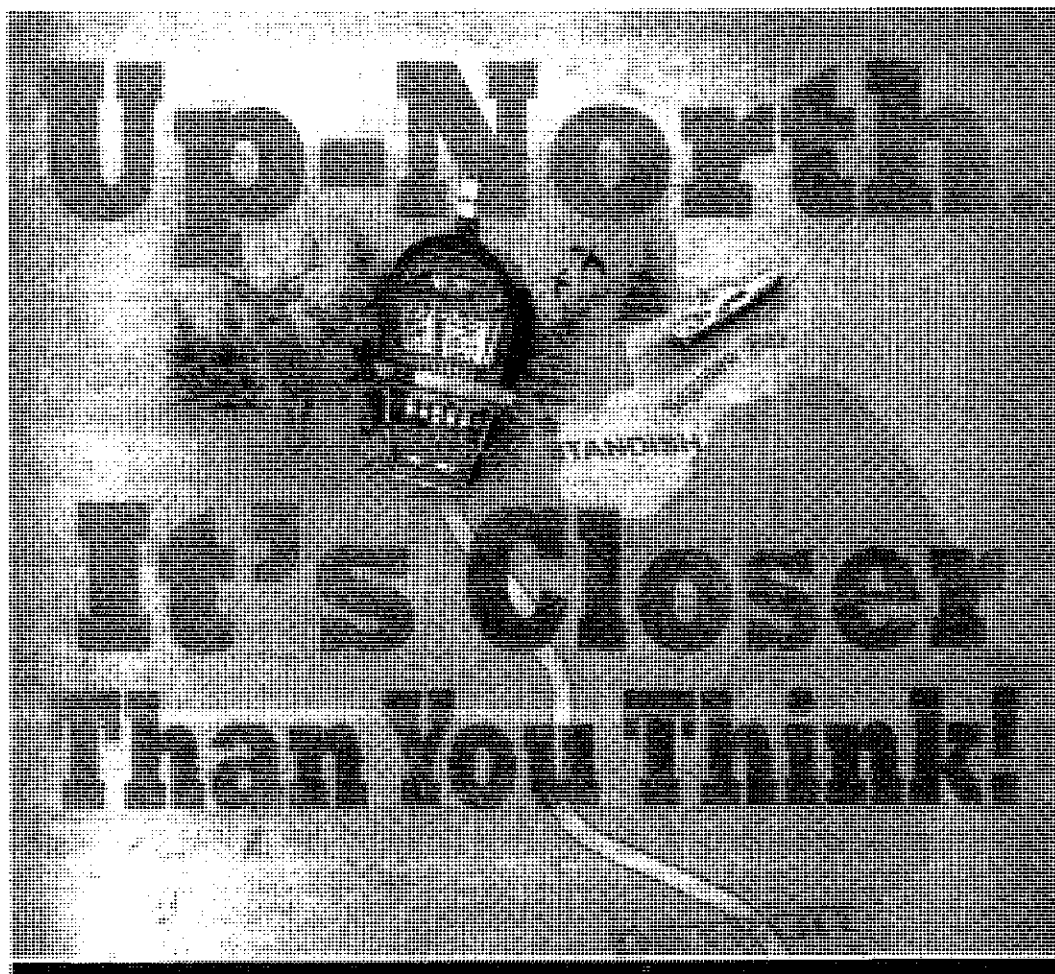
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The Journey Continues

Cancer survivor captures peace in photography

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Hoyer doesn't need a map to know where he's going. He's far more interested in the journey than the destination.

Hoyer, of Farmington Hills, a three-time cancer survivor, finds solace in the way clouds move across the massive sky, throwing shadows in different directions over an expansive landscape.

He's at peace listening to robust plumes of water fall off the edge of closely nestled boulders, deep in the middle of the woods. His eye catches the details engraved in a centuries-old, marble structure in a bustling European city — details that are likely overlooked by most passers-by.

That's the journey for Hoyer, as he absorbs his surroundings and lays them down on film for a lasting memory of that moment when things are just perfect.

But, things have been far from perfect for this 52-year-old businessman, father and husband. At age 36, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer; at age 44, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and at age 50, a colonoscopy revealed he had colon cancer.

Somewhere in between these battles, he reconnected with photography, a hobby he picked up back in high school. He bought camera equipment and darkroom supplies and taught himself how to shoot and develop film, mostly black and white.

It quickly became a therapeutic hobby for Hoyer and soon, he had a collection of nature photos he compiled into an exhibit he called The Journey, four years ago at the Assarian Cancer Center on the campus of Providence Hospital in Novi.

Hoyer's work, an expanded collection of 30 photographs, is again on exhibit at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, inside the Assarian Cancer Center. It's the largest show he's had so far.

"This one is called The Journey Continues," said Hoyer. "The first one was called The Journey, when I first got cancer. This is a continuation. Life is about the journey, not the destination."

Hoyer said his photography has helped him deal with the stress cancer brings. He encourages others who are diagnosed with cancer to face their fears through creative outlets.



Mark Hoyer's love for photography has helped him get through three bouts with cancer. His work is exhibited at the Nancy Fox Gallery inside the Assarian Cancer Center on the campus of Providence Health at Grand River and Beck in Novi.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

What: The Journey Continues Photography collection by Mark Hoyer
Where: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, at Providence, 47601 Grand River, at Beck, in Novi.
When: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Oct. 31.

"The main thing is that too many people are so afraid of cancer. They need to do things that will make them think about other things," he said. "This is a great outlet for people who are going through something."

He brings his camera every time he leaves town on business or he when he and his family go on vacation. He said he gets up at daybreak to photograph, wherever he is at the time.

One of his favorite places to photograph nature is Acadia National Park in Maine, where he and his family went camping three years ago.

He also loves the landscape and the architecture in Italy.

He has remarkable images from Death Valley, Calif., Yosemite National Park, Monument Valley, Utah and European cities of Venice, Paris, Dublin, Koln, Germany and Rome.

While on vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, he parasailed with his camera and took shots of rock formations in the sea,

from 500 feet in the air.

"And, I'm scared of death of heights!" he said.

A color image of his excursion is included in the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 31.

He hopes it brings some peace to patients at the Assarian Cancer Center.

"There are people who go up there to the doctors' offices and they're getting chemotherapy," he said, pointing from the gallery to the center's hallways. "What better thing than to have a gallery, so people can look around and maybe be reminded of something good."

Hoyer loves photography because he can share his experiences with other people. Traveling allows him meet interesting people from around the world.

It has taken his mind off his worries.

"It's easy, in the nighttime or when it's quiet, to be concerned," said Hoyer. "But, being able to do something you enjoy helps get you through it."

He credits his wife, Lita, for keeping him strong.

"Without my wife, I wouldn't be here," he said.

Hoyer said early detection is so important to surviving cancer.

"If you catch it early on, you will live," he said. "I've had friends who didn't make it, because they found out they had cancer, at stage four. Life is shorter than most people think."

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The skies were sunny for the Sarah Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who met recently at the Plymouth District Library. Here on the library steps, they read the Preamble to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Local chapter celebrates National Constitution Week

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated National Constitution Week at the Plymouth District Library. Members of the group gathered on the Library's front steps to read the Preamble to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Library has a special Constitution display on the main level for the duration of the week.

Chapter consists of approximately 40 women who reside in Plymouth and Northville. They meet every month and rotate meetings between the Plymouth District Library, Northville District Library and Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. The group serves as a historical resource as well as a genealogical one. For more information, call Jackie Kenyon at (734) 459-4764.

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

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 42, 5'11", loves Italian food, music. Looking for a WM, 32-35, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **2284915**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent SM, 35-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282116**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **2282559**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SBF, 60, looks young, blonde/brown, 5'9", average built, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 160lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/S, enjoys movies, boating, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SM, 39-51. **2284388**

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

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, 40, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-55, N/S, clean-shaven, HW, professional, for friendship first. **2282549**

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/M, 47-55, N/S, clean-shaven, HW, professional, for friendship first. **2282549**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 38, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2282860**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SM, 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. **2289947**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'2", seeks a man, 50-58, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2289125**

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 man please. **2282317**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54, 120lbs, like parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2285807**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SM, 27-43, who no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2286834**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

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

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

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

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

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to be acquainted with a woman who is to be ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273603**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", like action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289151**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 160lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lovely handsome man, 20-30, nice body, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2282913**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SM, 23-45, for companionship. **2283178**

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

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, easygoing, pretty, BF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230994**

HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SM, who enjoys life's simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the park, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241288**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 39, 5'7", N/S, short hair, in search of SM, 35-50, who enjoys activities, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 38, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75, **2281372**

ARE YOU LONELY?
Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 55-75. **2286147**

HAVE A GOOD HEART?
WF, 33, 5'8", N/S, high schooler, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves NASCAR, classic rock. Looking for SM, 35-75. **2281372**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other. **2287187**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WWF, 62, seeking golfing, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2278914**

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

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. **2271971**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'7", 120, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks sou-mate, call me; serious replies answered. **2283677**

IN SEARCH OF
A man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 38, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snow-shoeing, and more. **2288888**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 51, 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 SWM, 30-50, children ok, for friendship first. **2284832**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287856**

FORMER RUNWAY MODEL
Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285813**

FUN & OUTGOING
BF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2287609**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2213198**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2280808**

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. **2284846**

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and reading, seeks a SM, 48-58, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2287284**

ONE ME A CALL!

SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river, looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-30, with great sense of humor. **2285090**

LOOKING FOR MY RIGHT

WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2285444**

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72, I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, talking, etc. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **2275970**

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2282943**

A SPECIAL GUY!

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDWF, wifeless of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2286846**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

Your investment. SM, 39, female, mature, level-headed, down-to-earth, Italian, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **2285165**

SEMI-RETIRED

SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-53, with similar interests, to settle down with. **2285952**

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?

SWM, nice-looking and friendly seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. **2282844**

LONELY AND READY

SWM, 65, average build, Italian, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Ready to date. **2285952**

A WALK AND 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. **2280890**

GOOD GUY WITH A BIG HEART

WM, 5'10", brown/blond, likes music, boating, going to movies, dining out, camping and having a good time. Seeking outgoing, fun WF, 28-38, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **2282659**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Educated SWM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-36, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. **2282523**

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. **2244291**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?

WM, 66', 285lbs, seeking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-60. **2289482**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

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

CALL THIS MAN!

Attractive, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **2212288**

SEEK LOVAL WOMAN

SM, 61', 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports, comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy, patient BF, 34-50, petite/medium build, to enjoy life with. **2283546**

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

SWM, 64, 5'8", N/S, never married, lives outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind caring, non-smoking lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2281990**

LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! **2282839**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 45, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **2280459**

EASYGOING

Sharp, approachable SWM, 43, good character and pleasant personality. Likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports, etc. W/MT SWF, for dating and fun times. **2216714**

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, fun, great listener, great relationship, enjoys conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2212692**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for a serious, professional, for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, outdoors at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2286218**

TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. **2283604**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SM, 44, 180 romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SWF, for companionship, possible LTR. **2286147**

COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, like-hack, good sense of humor, seeks warm, sexy, exciting, etc. who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2242850**

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'9", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, right to the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2273774**

JUST ME AND MY DOG

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller skating, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2273774**

GIVE ME A CALL

SM, 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. **2212120**

WARM AND FRIENDLY

Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, HW proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **2279036**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, N/S, good-looking, sophisticated, enjoys boating, good music, writing, etc. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-43, nice appearance, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **2280508**

WORTH A CALL

Attractive SM, 55, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, outgoing, fun, dating, friendship. You won't be disappointed! **2280815**

WORTH THE CALL

SM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, outgoing lady, 21-33, to spend some time together and get to know. **2285815**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWM, 5'10", 180lbs, active, nature lover, looking for kind or Asian female, 30+ for long-term relationship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, movies, health clubs and more. For possible LTR. **2287199**

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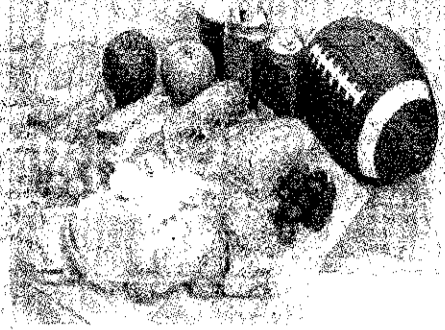
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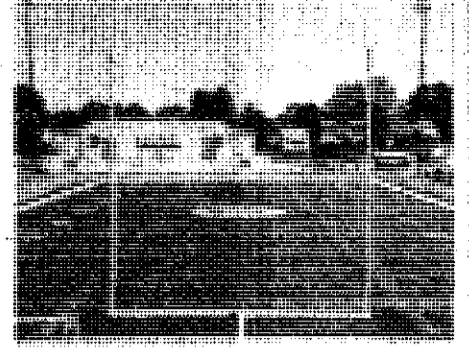
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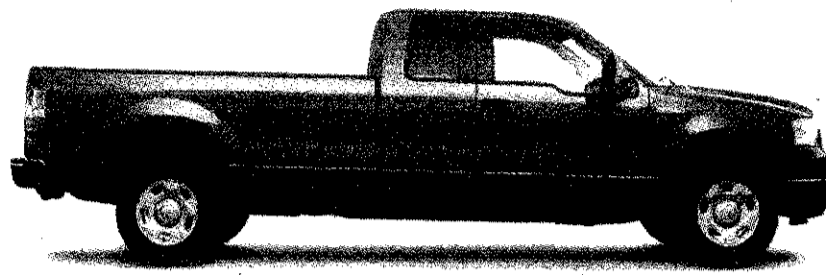


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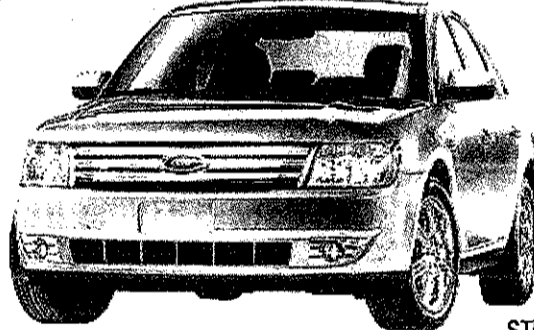
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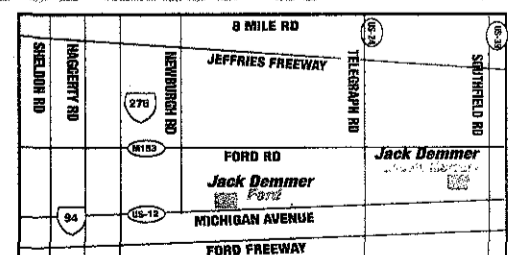
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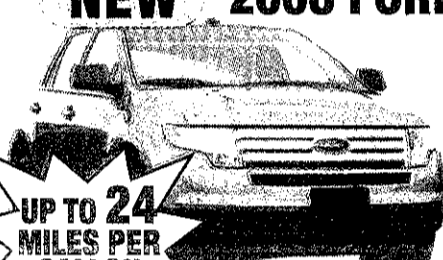


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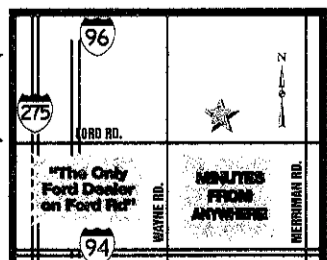
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