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Group admits recall effort is a 'big endeavor'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A recall group has started circulating petitions in hopes of collecting enough signatures to oust five Westland city leaders for supporting a controversial senior housing development on the city's north side.

Recall leader Rosemarie Rembisz conceded that "this is a big endeavor," but she said several volunteers have agreed to help her and another organizer, Donna DeWitt, collect signatures of registered voters.

Recall petition language was

approved by default Sept. 29 when only one of three Wayne County Elections Commission members showed up for a meeting to discuss the proposal. Under the panel's rules, failure to have a quorum for the session meant that the wording was automatically accepted.

The recall group, Save Our Neighborhood, hopes to recall Mayor William Wild and Councilmen James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves for supporting a \$35 million development that critics say will create overcrowding condi-

tions and hurt property values on Joy east of Newburgh. The plan calls for a three-story apartment building, duplex-style condominiums and single-family homes in an area long defined by larger lots.

City officials have defended their decision to support developer Glenn Shaw Jr.'s rezoning proposal, saying it will boost tax revenues and provide quality housing in a city with a growing senior population. They have cautioned that Shaw still has to conduct marketing studies and seek funding.

The recall group will have to col-

lect 6,818 signatures of registered voters within a 90-day window. That time period can fall within a larger 180-day window approved by the county.

Recall supporters and critics spoke out Monday during a Westland City Council meeting — the first such meeting since the petition language was approved. "I sincerely hope that it fails," recall opponent Mary Murphy said.

Murphy called the recall campaign "frivolous" and said residents should merely wait until the next round of city elections to make their

voices heard.

DeWitt and others said the recall isn't strictly about the senior development, but also stems from a larger concern that city leaders don't listen to residents.

Recall supporter Judy McKinney agreed and vowed that "we'll get the signatures."

Wild and other city leaders have said they hope the recall campaign will not detract from the positive efforts they have initiated to try to improve Westland.

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Attendance was close to normal Friday at schools in Wayne-Westland following a four-day teacher strike.

W-W will need to make up days

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School is back in session in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, but the question now is when the four days lost to a teachers' strike will be made up.

"These days have to be made up," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Unlike the union lawyer's analogy that these days were equivalent to a snow day, they were not an act of God. It was a strike, and these days will have to be made up. We may have to use one of those long breaks to do that."

Baracy made the comments Friday morning just hours after students returned to classes following an end to a four-day strike by members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen MacDonald issued an injunction Thursday, ordering an end to the walk-out.

The teachers have been working without a contract since Aug. 25. The union and district had agreed to a 30-day extension which expired Sept. 30, just six days before teachers walked off the job.

Michigan law prohibits teachers from striking and those who do could face fines and firing. However, MacDonald in her decision put the district on notice that it cannot take disciplinary action against the

teachers who walked out.

"I'm disappointed by that stipulation," said school board Vice President Skip Monit, who was in the courtroom Thursday morning. "This sends a bad message to students that you can break the law and get away with it."

He added that MacDonald's decision leaves school boards "being held hostage by teachers."

In a statement issued by the Michigan Education Association WWEA President Nancy Strachan said that teachers were able to make the community aware of what was going on in negotiations.

"The purpose of the work stoppage was to put the board on notice and make the community aware of the egregious and illegal behavior of the board's bargaining team. We accomplished that today," Strachan said.

Parent Kathy Huffman of Wayne also is glad her son Zach and daughter Stephanie, students at Wayne Memorial High School, are back at school.

"This has been hard on the kids," she said. "It's been hard on everyone, but ultimately it's hardest on the kids."

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Woman, 64, charged with shooting husband

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 64-year-old Westland woman faces a court hearing Thursday following accusations she shot her estranged husband in the face at Parkcrest Apartments, northeast of Warren and Newburgh, police Sgt. Thad Nelson said.

Mary Alice Teague's hearing in Westland 18th District Court will determine whether she should stand trial on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felony firearm and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

If convicted, she could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Teague was arrested following an incident that Nelson said occurred around 10 a.m. Tuesday, during an argument that erupted when her estranged husband went to the apartment. He had been staying in Detroit, and the couple had separated.

"He claimed he was sitting on the couch when she pulled the gun out and shot him," Nelson said.

Teague is accused of firing multiple shots from a .22-caliber revolver, and Nelson said one bullet struck the victim on the left side of his face before it became lodged in his neck. The victim was taken to a hospital.

Teague was arraigned in front of 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos, who entered a not-guilty plea, set a \$50,000 cash bond and scheduled Thursday's preliminary hearing.

Teague had no criminal history, Nelson said.

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Man faces robbery trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he tried to rob a 71-year-old woman outside the Kmart store on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Wayne roads.

Gary William VanHorn, 53, was ordered to stand trial after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

If convicted of assault with intent to rob while unarmed, VanHorn could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

VanHorn was charged after the 71-year-old woman told police she fought off a suspect who rode up on a bicycle and tried to rob her of her purse after she left the Kmart store, police Sgt. Thad Nelson has said. The victim was putting bags in her car when the incident happened around 9:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

The alert woman noticed a suspicious-acting man, braced herself and held tightly onto her purse when he approached her, Nelson said. The suspect fled without the purse after a witness drove up, saw what was happening and started honking a car horn, the detective said.

Police officers searched the area and, with help from witnesses, found the suspect at an apartment on nearby South Parent Street, Nelson said.

VanHorn's bond had been reduced Thursday from \$10,000/10 percent to \$5,000/10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$500 for his release.

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LeBlanc: MBT surcharge needs to be eliminated

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



LeBlanc

"so successful so quickly," even though he acknowledged the state has had to spend money on the effort.

Seeking his second two-year term, Democratic state Rep. Richard LeBlanc singled out economic problems as the No. 1 issue facing legislators, and he cited several measures that he believes could potentially help to address the crisis, albeit gradually.

Even so, LeBlanc conceded that he hasn't found a panacea for the myriad of problems facing Michigan, although he vowed to continue working diligently to find solutions.

To that end, LeBlanc, 50, had a meeting on Tuesday with about 30 business people to hear their concerns, and he said he has become convinced that a surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax — part of last year's solution to a huge state budget shortfall — has had a detrimental impact. "I'd like to see it eliminated," LeBlanc said, saying the surcharge has hampered the ability of local businesses to retain and create new jobs.

LeBlanc is facing Harold Dunn, a U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate, in the Nov. 4 election for a job that has a base pay of \$79,650 a year.

LeBlanc, a former Westland City Council member and Wayne-Westland school board trustee, also said efforts to lure the film industry to Michigan by providing tax incentives has been

He indicated that state leaders should consider other job-creation measures, such as trying to tap into the wind and solar energy industries and alternate fuels. He said Michigan will need to look for new ways to create jobs while protecting as much as possible its core employers, such as automotive companies.

Broad issues aside, LeBlanc said one of his proudest accomplishments in Lansing has been his and his staff's ability to get answers and help for constituents in the 18th District, which includes only Westland.

"Most people who contact our office do so because of a matter that is very personal to them," he said, adding that he has kept in close contact with those constituents.

LeBlanc has prided himself on driving home every day to his district and personally responding to e-mails and other correspondence from 18th District residents. He also said his relationships with other government officials, such as Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne County

RICHARD LEBLANC

Age: 50
Residence: Westland
Education: Bachelor's degree in labor relations, Concordia College, some graduate work at Wayne State University, Police Officer Reserve Training Academy at Schoolcraft College.
Family: Married to wife Cheryl with two adult sons
Community involvement: Westland City Council, Wayne-Westland school board, Canton reserve police officer, Westland Historical Society, Westland Library Board, among others

leaders, have proved beneficial. When he served on city council, LeBlanc was viewed by his critics as a sometimes-polarizing politician who often refused to compromise. While he still holds strong to his beliefs, he conceded that he has developed a sense of "political maturity" during his two years in Lansing.

As such, LeBlanc said he has earned a reputation for working with both Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

"My service is proven," he said. "I don't have a bias, and I don't have an agenda."

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Dunn: Restoring tariffs will help bring back jobs

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Dunn

U.S. Taxpayers Party candidate Harold Dunn surprised many political observers when he declared his campaign against Democratic incumbent state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, who didn't face any re-election opposition within his own party or from Republicans.

Dunn, a 76-year-old retired automotive engineer, said he decided to seek a two-year state House term because the major political parties have failed to listen to the people.

"My party is waiting for the American people to wake up to the fact that Democrats and Republicans have sold them out," he said.

Dunn has lost earlier campaigns for the U.S. Congress, state House and Westland City Council, but he has continued to push his ideas in hopes that voters will see in him a candidate who shares their concerns. His latest campaign is in the 18th District that includes only Westland.

Dunn acknowledged that many of his ideas need dealing with at the federal

level, such as restoring tariffs on imports in an attempt to bring back U.S. jobs that he said have been lost because politicians supported free trade measures. "They shouldn't have been messing with it and they did," he said. "They still won't talk about it."

Unless the country restores tariffs, he said, "we will continue to go downward until we go bankrupt." Dunn accused Democrats and Republicans of representing their political parties rather than their constituents, saying "they don't care about the average person anymore." He vowed to try to change that if he's elected.

Dunn revived another issue of his — trying to get fluoride out of drinking water amid concerns that it poses health risks. He said the proposal has been mostly ignored even though he and many others believe it warrants attention.

Dunn also called for reducing taxes that he said have placed too much of

HAROLD DUNN

Age: 76
Residence: Westland
Education: Master's degree in automotive engineering from Chrysler Institute, bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Tech
Family: Married to wife Shannon with seven adult children and 18 grandchildren
Community involvement: Longtime activist in third-party organizations such as U.S. Taxpayers Party

a burden on people, and he also said he supports making Michigan a right-to-work state — a measure that he said would let workers decide if they want to opt out of a union.

"Small businesses would start moving here, and they would grow," he said.

Dunn has aligned himself with Constitution Party presidential candidate Chuck Baldwin, and he encouraged anyone who wants more information to go online to www.baldwin2008.com.

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NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Wayne-Westland school board Vice President Skip Monit described Thursday's session with a state mediator as "pretty much a stalemate." According to Monit, the district offered a counter to a union proposal of retaining MESSA health insurance at no cost to members. The district countered with its modified health care proposal that would tie the employee's cost to the percentage of increase in money the district gets from the state. The offer was "flatly rejected by the union," Monit said.

The Wayne-Westland Education Association said the district "failed to respond" to its written proposal, but instead presented on that "provided zero dollars" of its fund balance to pay for class size reduction. According to the union, the district "indicated that any class size reduction would have to come out of the teachers' contract."

Times and dates of negotiations are determined by the state mediators who have asked the two sides to prepare proposals to bring to the table when bargaining resumes at 5 p.m. Monday. The Wayne-Westland school board plans to meet in closed session at noon Monday before negotiations resume.

Parents held a rally at the school board offices Thursday evening to show support for the teachers and students and an effort has started aimed at recalling members of the school board. Petitions have been pulled with the Wayne County Elections Commission to start the process. Ballot language will have to be approved by the commission before organizers can begin gathering signatures to force a recall election. People can send an e-mail to waynewestland-recalltheboard@yahoo.com for more information.

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Huffman added that she is sympathetic to the teachers because of class sizes, especially after talking to people from other districts. "With the new curriculum the kids need that one-on-one, especially kids who are freshman," she said. "That one-on-one is extremely important for them and I don't think they get it."

The ruling came on the heels of a Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) decision Wednesday, ordering both sides into expedited fact-finding. A MERC-appointed fact finder will take testimony and review proposals from both parties, then issue a report addressing the areas of disagreement.

The MERC has also asked the union and school district to continue bargaining in good faith to resolve outstanding issues. The two sides met Thursday afternoon and have another session scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday.

"We're very pleased that MERC is directing this expedited fact-finding," said Baracy. "We believe this will advance the bargaining process, and help us resolve our differences with the union. We're looking forward to productive negotiations, and to arriving at a fair and equitable contract with our teachers."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Flu Shot Clinic

The Visiting Nurse Association will be at St. Matthew Lutheran Church noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, for a flu shots clinic. Flu shots will cost \$25. Medicare Part B, HAP, Priority Health, Blue Care Network, cash or check are accepted. VNA will immunize children age six months and older as well as adults.

St. Matthew is at 5885 Venoy, north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 425-0260.

Band festival

Music will fill the air when John Glenn High School hosts a MSBOA Festival Monday, Oct. 13. Thirteen bands will be vying for a coveted rating of one (best) at the event which gets underway at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 each. There also will be a 50/50 drawing, bake sale and concessions.

The high school is on Marquette, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Author visits

Author Cecil Castellucci will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland. Castellucci has authored four young adult books, including *The Queen of Cool*, *The Plain Jeans* and *Boy Proof*, and has a fifth book coming out later this month. She will

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deliver a short lecture and hold a question and answer session, and do a book signing. People can either bring their own copies or purchase them the night of the event.

People should register for the lecture by calling (734) 326-6213 or going online to www.westland.lib.mi.us. Walk-ins will be welcome, if there is room. William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

Ring the bell

Christmas may be more than two months off, but the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps is already putting out the call for volunteers. People can give a few hours or a day. They can be bell ringers during the annual Red Kettle campaign, adopt a family or a child or help with Christmas in-take assistance.

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Treasurer candidate presses for answers and reform

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In 2004 Brendan Dunleavy as Wayne County auditor general did an audit of the Wayne County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. The audit began in 2002 and then at the request of the Treasurer's office was postponed and then restarted in 2003.



Dunleavy

According to the audit, released in June 2004, "the Treasurer's office has either not provided requested information in a timely fashion or not at all, which has significantly postponed our audit effort."

The report challenged the accounting practices used in the Treasurer's office and the awarding of no bid contracts and the use of wire transfers.

Now, Dunleavy is challenging longtime Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz for his seat and to get answers to those questions.

"When it came to getting information out of Mr. Wojtowicz, he wouldn't give me the information," Dunleavy said. "I found things that would make Kwame Kilpatrick blush."

Dunleavy was county auditor from 1997 to 2004 when he was forced from office. Dunleavy filed a whistleblower lawsuit against the county and eventually reached an out of court settlement with the county.

"No one has ever answered my questions," he said. "You had a situation where a guy was in a position for 31 years with absolute power, the operation needs to be revamped."

Wojtowicz said the audit was politically motivated and "wrong." (See related story.) Dunleavy said he is running

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 48
Marital status: married, wife Eileen, five children
Residence: Plymouth
Party affiliation: Republican
Profession: Financial adviser, Michigan Financial Cos.
Education: Master's degree in financial services, Walsh College; bachelor's degree in accounting, Michigan State University; CPA since 1987.
Background: Wayne County auditor general 1997 to 2004

as a Republican to extend the campaign into November and make Wojtowicz confront the questions. He said he would have liked to have seen Wayne County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh defeat Wojtowicz in the primary.

"This is the first time he'll have to answer questions until the first week of November," he said. "By running as a Republican I could shed a different light on it then fellow Democrats could on problems in his operations. People should be aware of them."

Dunleavy said there is a major problem with the delinquent tax revolving fund, which is a series of funds set up annually to account for collections of delinquent tax payments.

"One of the major things that we discovered was that he was transferring money to the tune of \$4.6 million and \$3.8 million was going to a former employee of his," he said. "I asked for supporting documents. Not only were they wire transfers but they were being paid out of revenue, which short circuits expenses but also under represents revenue."

Dunleavy said such actions are hard to detect. Dunleavy said contracts was

just one of many problems in the department.

"He doesn't have a policy in place or a system in place to handle the vacant buildings he's getting (from tax foreclosures). He's the largest slum landlord in Wayne County," he said.

Dunleavy said he would use a graphic imaging system to locate properties, determine where the city, county and state have properties. He said properties could be traded and then nearby properties could be bundled and sold together rather than sold at auction as is currently done.

Dunleavy said Wojtowicz was instrumental in getting the law changed on foreclosures. Previously, delinquent tax payers had five years to pay their taxes and were compensated for their houses after they were sold and taxes and fees paid. Now delinquent taxpayers have only two years to pay their taxes and all proceeds from the sale go to the county.

"He adamantly was after this law, he designed it and it's one of the things that's causing us major problems," Dunleavy said. "Why isn't he up in Lansing putting some sort of sunset provision on this?"

Dunleavy said Wojtowicz has done some good things. He said he has done a good job investing taxpayer dollars, receiving better than average returns on low-risk investments. He said he has also done a good job in keeping people with foreclosure problems in their homes, rather than adding to the county's vacant properties.

Dunleavy said he understands that his chances of winning in heavily Democratic Wayne County are slim to none, but that he's concerned about how the department is run. He said he wants more transparency, an end to "buddy contracts" and better accounting methods.

Treasurer cites collection record, foreclosure help

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A spike in tax foreclosures, a steep drop in investment markets and a huge deficit in the county budget have put a strain on the Wayne County treasurer's office.

Raymond Wojtowicz, who has been the treasurer for 32 years, has also been facing some stiff competition in this year's election. In the Democratic primary, he faced a strong challenge from Wayne County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford, one of several candidates in the primary. In the general election, he faces former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, a Republican.

Wojtowicz stands by his record, citing a high 90 percent collection rate on delinquent taxes while offering outreach programs to keep people facing tax foreclosures in their homes.

"Prior to today's economic conditions, we have been ahead of the curve," he said.

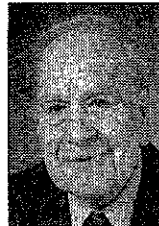
The Wayne County treasurer handles more than 850,000 taxable parcels in Wayne County, with more than half in the city of Detroit.

"Last year we had overwhelming amount of tax delinquencies compared to past years, frightening to an extent that the total aggregate delinquencies in dollar value was over \$300 million," he said.

Wojtowicz said that while he has been aggressive in

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 79
Marital status: Married, five children, nine grandchildren
Residence: Hamtramck
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Education: Graduate of St. Ladislaus High School, Great Lakes College
Profession: Wayne County treasurer, 1976-present



Wojtowicz

pursuing delinquent taxes, his department has also offered help to those facing tax foreclosures. He said unlike mortgage foreclosures, the county doesn't put a sign up at a foreclosed property.

"Our outreach program has been moving forward so that over time we have developed a partnership with nonprofit organizations," he said.

Terrance Keith, deputy county treasurer who sat in with Wojtowicz on his interview, said that in November a supplement in the *Detroit Free Press* listed 18,000 parcels in foreclosure.

"From that list we have reconciled either by payment or hardship application, 78 percent of those parcels, some 3,800 by way of hardship applications or other arrangements made with our office," Keith said.

He said a lot of those properties were vacant, with about 1,600 occupied.

The county currently holds 8000 parcels. There is a procedure for auctioning the properties once they go into foreclosure. Owners have a two-year period to settle their tax debts. Keith said no occupied properties were auctioned this year.

Wojtowicz said the

county's budget problems have been affected by the current financial downturn. He said he has accepted the 10 percent cut in his department budget requested by County Executive Robert Ficano.

In 2004, then-county auditor general Dunleavy issued a scathing audit of the treasurer's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, charging accounting irregularities and questionable contracts. He said Wojtowicz refused to cooperate with the audit.

"He's wrong, he was wrong then and is even if he makes that statement today," Wojtowicz said.

Keith said Dunleavy was politically motivated because he supported an opponent of Wojtowicz.

"The treasurer has been audited three to four times since then in regard to what he alleged to complain about," Keith said.

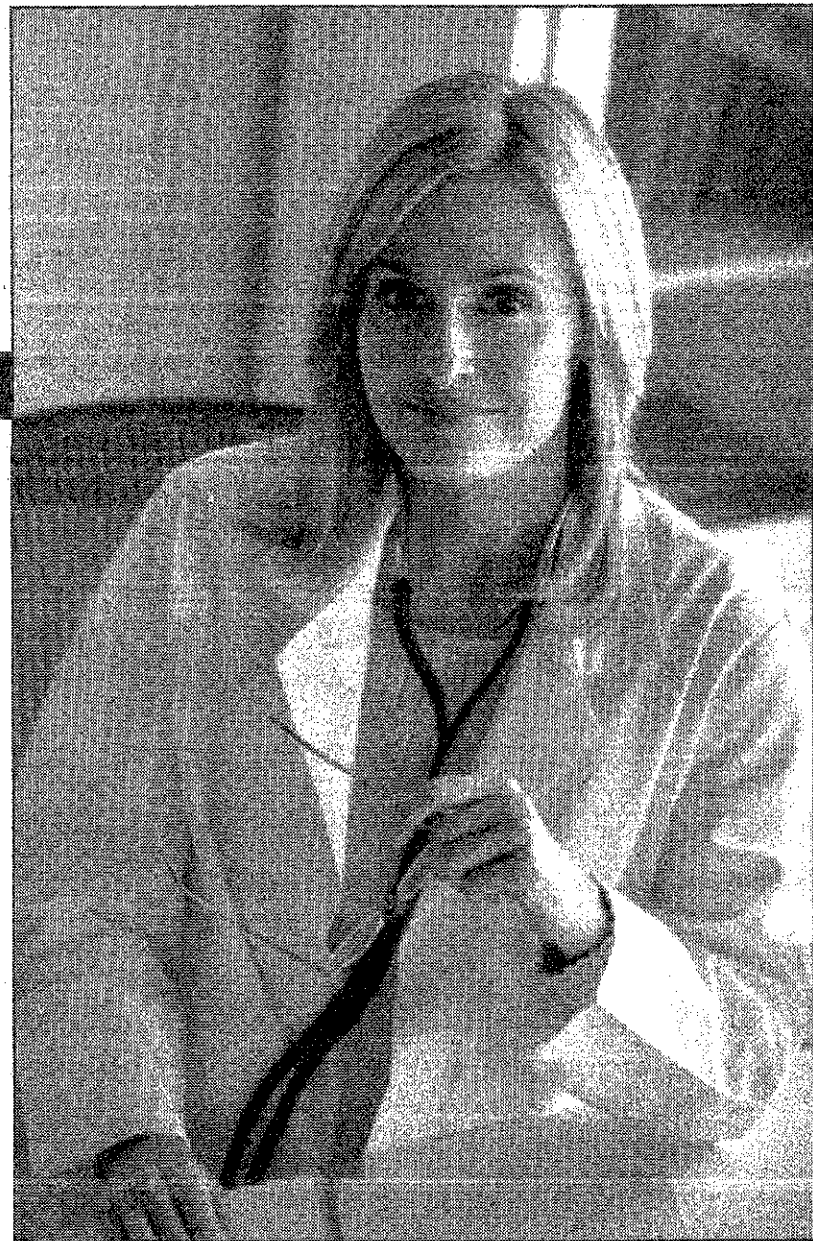
He added that practices at the office have been changed.

"In addition auditors have come through and given us very healthy reports," Wojtowicz said.

Wojtowicz said his department is looking at programs to use the vacant property in their possession. He said he has met with the director of the Urban Farming Program. Under that program, vacant lots could be used as small produce gardens. Some of the produce could then be donated to local soup kitchens and food banks.

Keith said the department is also trying to work with the county and city land banks to move some of the property.

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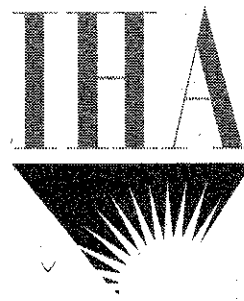
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Current financial crisis shouldn't be compared to Great Depression

Dear Rick: My portfolio has taken a beating over the last year. I've started to take more of an interest in my money. The articles I read compare what is happening today to the Great Depression. Do you believe the conditions today are similar to what they were before the Great Depression?

There is no doubt we are going through difficult times. We have seen an unprecedented change in the financial markets, not only here but around the world. However, it is important to recognize that even though these are unique times, we have been through prior crises in the past.

Over the last 20 years we have seen the crash of 1987, the meltdown in the technology markets, the savings and loan crisis in the early 1990s and the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Although each one was somewhat unique, the common thread was that some commentary was comparing it to the Great Depression.

Although I don't know when this current crisis will end, there is very little similarity to the Great Depression. First, during the Great Depression unemployment was at 25 percent. And there was a 50 percent foreclosure rate. Although foreclosures have been on the rise, they don't come close to what was happening during the Great Depression. And although Michigan has the highest unemployment rate in the country, it basically is a third of what it was during the Great Depression.

At the time of the Great Depression, we did not have security laws to protect investors, nor did we have insured savings accounts through banks. Although our regulatory structure has changed dramatically over the last 20 years, in reality there were no regulations at the time of the Great Depression.

Another fundamental difference is today's economy is totally different. In the 1920s our economy was a manufacturing/agriculture

economy. Today, our economy is service-based and international in scope. We do not live in an American economy, we live in a world economy.

I believe it is irresponsible for people to compare the economy today to the economy back in the 1920s. Many commentators bring up the Great Depression because of the shock value.

I wish I could give you a date when the markets will turn around. I do know that we've gotten through financial crises in the past and there is no doubt that we will get through this one. The key is not to make short-term decisions for comfort that will cost you in the long run.

Dear Rick: Like everyone else, I am nervous. I have a

401(k) plan for retirement and some IRAs. In about two years, my mortgage is going to adjust. I owe a little over \$100,000 on the home. I would like to pay the house off by the time the mortgage adjusts. I just received a settlement of about \$75,000. What should I do with the money? My mortgage interest rate for the next two years is 6.5 percent.

Since your goal is to pay the house off over the next two years, use the \$75,000 to pay down the mortgage. This won't lower your monthly mortgage cost, however, the bulk of the money will no longer be used for interest but rather to pay down the principal. When the mortgage adjusts, you will have already paid off the mortgage or will owe a few remaining dollars.

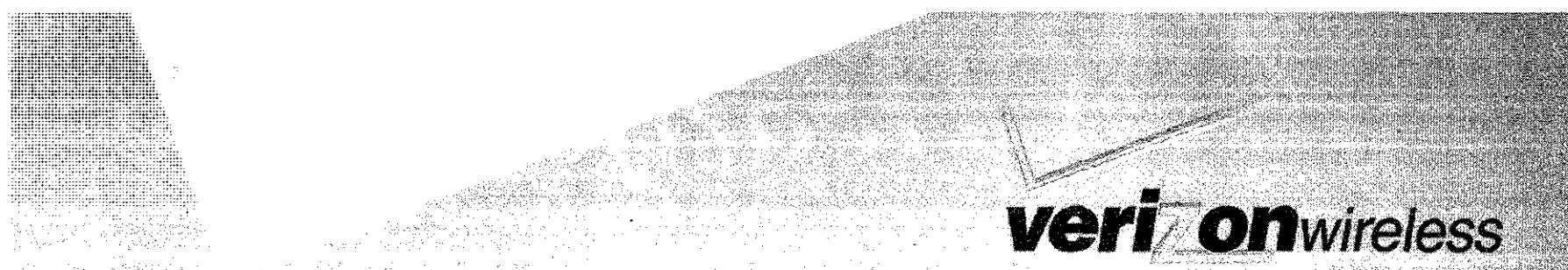
Factoring in all the tax consequences, paying down the principal on the mortgage is the way to go.

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Photo entries will be accepted through Nov. 3. Contest rules and entry information are available at www.metroparks.com.

Anyone can enter up to four images in any of the following categories: wildlife, plant life, scenic and recreation/education. Photographers will be grouped by age: 5-12, 13-17 and adults.

Color or black and white digital images will be accepted, and must be at least six megapixel resolution. Cell phone photos will not be accepted. All photo entries must have been taken within the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Entries will be judged by members of the West Oakland Camera Club, who publish in *Audubon*, *Sierra Club* and *National Geographic*.

Winning photos will be part of a traveling display within the Metroparks. Prizes will be awarded, including the grand prize, an educational photo shoot at Kensington Metropark with a nature photographer from the West Oakland Camera Club.

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We look forward to returning to the classroom and reconnecting with the students. We will continue to fight for a fair and equitable contract and for the best learning environment for your children.

Thanks so much,

*All of the teachers and members of the
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New citizens take oath of allegiance

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thomas Mathai's expectations of the United States were far different from what he found.

From Kerala, India, Mathai came to the U.S. 20 years ago, to study. He lived in Missouri, in America's heartland, and quickly realized he had found a second home in this new land.

"I came here with this 'Hollywood' view of the United States and it's completely different," said Mathai, who now lives in Farmington Hills with his wife, Sheena and two children. "I was completely blown away by the acceptance of the people here."

After two decades in America, "it was a natural progression" for him to seek U.S. citizenship.

He was among about 40 immigrants to take the oath of citizenship during a naturalization ceremony Friday at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The annual swearing-in event is part of the city's Heritage Festival, which culminates today, Sunday, with a free family festival, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Costick Center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

With a wide smile of excitement, Chinwe Ugonna, who came from Imo State, Nigeria, also became a U.S. citizen Friday morning — and, she knows exactly what she'll do first.

"I'm going to get a passport and I'm going to register to vote," she said.

Ugonna came to the U.S. nine years ago and went to college to become a nurse. The Farmington Hills woman is a registered nurse at Providence



Ken Christian takes the Oath of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony Friday morning at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Christian immigrated to the United States from England.



Participants stand for the National Anthem, performed by Linnea Anderson during the start of a naturalization ceremony Friday morning at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Hospital.

"I felt there were more opportunities for me here," she said. "And, the ability to vote motivated me to apply to become a United States citizen."

She missed the voter registration deadline for the Nov. 4 election, but she's looking forward to voting in subsequent elections.

Mick Dedvukaj, district director for the U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services, could relate to the excitement the new citizens were feeling. The Albania-born Dedvukaj became a U.S. citizen 14 years ago.

"In this country, anything is possible," he said. "Being an American citizen is more than a piece of paper; it binds us together and we are instantly equal."

"There is no real difference between one who was born here and one who chose to come here."

The group of new citizens, sworn in by United State District Judge Robert H. Cleland, came from Lebanon, Iraq, New Zealand, Romania, Jordan, the Philippines, Canada, Yemen, Poland, China, Mexico, Togo, Honduras, Israel, India, South Korea, Bulgaria, England, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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Krichbaum and Coleman will receive the Humanitarian of the Year Award, and Wheeler will receive the William Beckham, Jr. Community Service Award. Dave Brandon, CEO of Domino's, will be the honorary chair of the event.

The Humanitarian Tribute will begin at noon. Tickets are \$120, and reservations are required by calling (313) 870-1500. The Tribute includes six levels sponsorship opportunities, as well as individual sponsorship tickets at \$250. For information, contact Erica VandenBerg at (313) 870-1500, Ext. 114, or vandenbergerica@gmail.com.

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Anderson supports bill ending MBT surcharge

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, took an important step to improve Michigan's business and economic climate by voting to pass legislation to reform the Michigan Business Tax.

"Last year I voted against imposing the surcharge and from day one I have heard the concerns from small and medium-sized business owners who are struggling to stay afloat," he said. "These bills

will strengthen our ability to keep and create jobs right here in Michigan. The legislation passed yesterday creates a much more equitable and competitive tax system to help rebuild Michigan's economy and support the creation of more jobs."

Senate Bill 1242 will phase out the Michigan Business Tax Surcharge over the next three years. The surcharge, which is currently levied at 21.99 per-

cent, will be reduced by a third each year and finally eliminated in its entirety in 2011.

Senate Bill 1038 removes the sales tax, among other taxes that businesses are mandated to collect from customers, from being included in the gross receipts tax base that is used in calculating a business's tax liability under the Michigan Business Tax. By removing these collected taxes from the gross receipts tax

base, this bill eliminates what is essentially a "tax on taxes."

"These bills embody the bipartisan, common sense approach that Michigan both needs and deserves," said Anderson. "Returning Michigan to its full economic potential requires that we all come together to work toward this common goal. I will continue to do everything in my power in order to accomplish that."

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- 5006- Todd Harbin - Box, Bags, Totes

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- 9054 Dave Watt - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 9074 Troy Jackson - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 7012- Sheila Williams - Box, Bag, Tote

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE VA 08-002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 110, Public Acts of 2006, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2008** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed variance from Section 154.022 subsection C that requires detached accessory buildings to be located in the rear yard only.

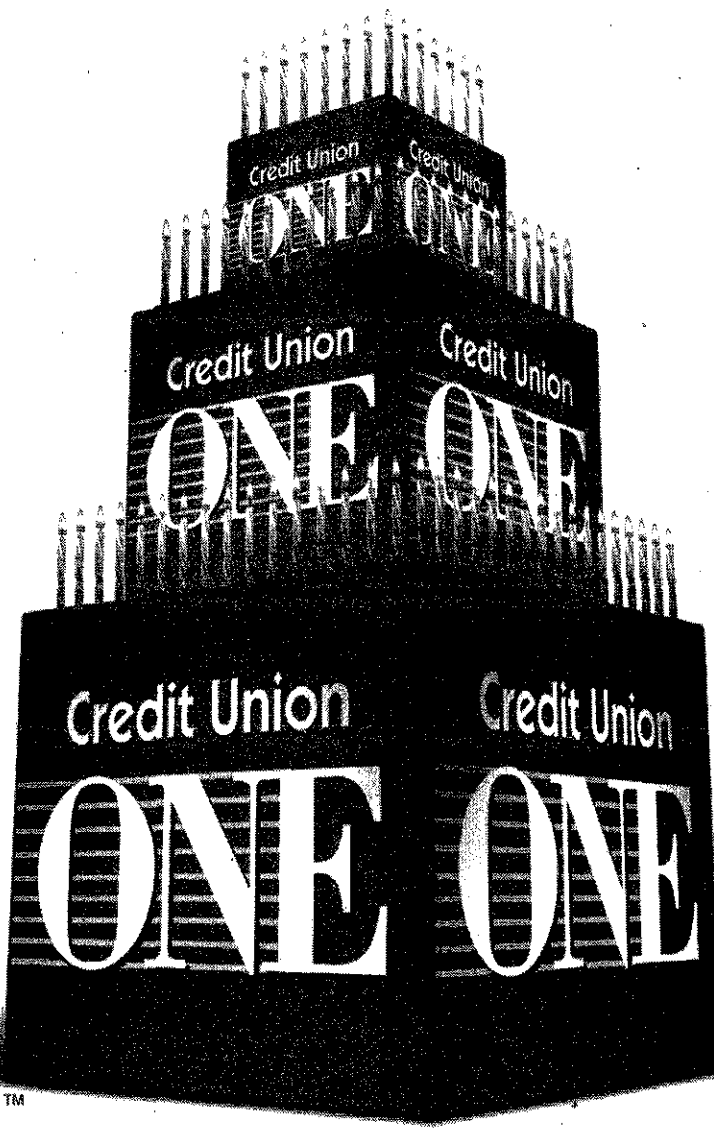
The subject property is located at 1734 Belton, south of Ford Road, west of Inkster Road.

A variance to requested to allow a detached garage to be located in the side yard setback.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application and site plan may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

David L. Harvey
City Manager

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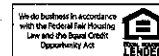
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SEMCOG sets transportation goals through 2035

Local elected leaders of SEMCOG member communities are emphasizing preserving pavement and enhancing transit in developing Direction2035, the region's next long-range transportation plan extending through the year 2035.

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, adopted the following guide for spending transportation funds:

- Transit capital — 5.6 percent;
- Transit operations — 17.9 percent;
- Pavement — 23.8 percent;
- Bridges — 4.0 percent;
- Congestion relief — 7.6 percent;
- Safety — 0.6 percent;
- Nonmotorized transportation — 0.8 percent;
- and
- Road operations — 39.7 percent.

This investment guide, combined with an analysis of transportation needs and priorities, will be used by SEMCOG and state and local road and transit agencies as projects are proposed for inclusion in Direction2035. SEMCOG is hoping to achieve results in the following performance levels:


- continued operation of the existing transit system plus construction and operation of three rapid transit lines;
- 69 percent of pavement in good or fair condition;
- 91 percent of bridges in good or fair condition;
- 2.8 hours of travel delay per 1,000 vehicle miles traveled;
- 0.74 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- 58 percent of people and jobs within ½ mile of a non-motorized facility; and
- continued operation of the

existing road system.

SEMCOG's elected leadership adopted a statement that they find current levels for both highway and transit systems to be woefully inadequate to support needed improvements and that they support efforts to raise additional revenues at both the state and federal levels to address needed transportation improvements in Southeast Michigan.

Results of a Transportation Public Opinion Survey conducted in spring 2008, and public outreach meetings held in summer 2008 (both initiated by SEMCOG) were considered in the decisions made by SEMCOG's elected leaders.

More information is available on SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org/Long-RangeTransportationPlan.aspx.



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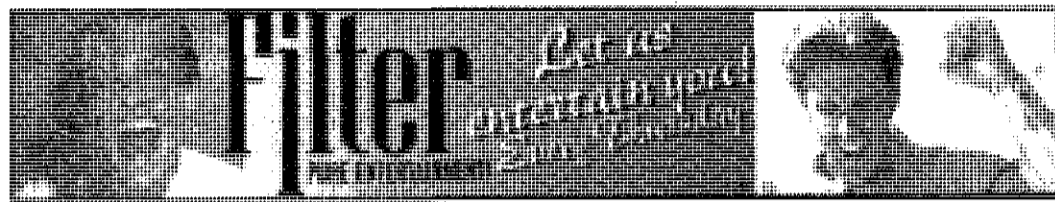
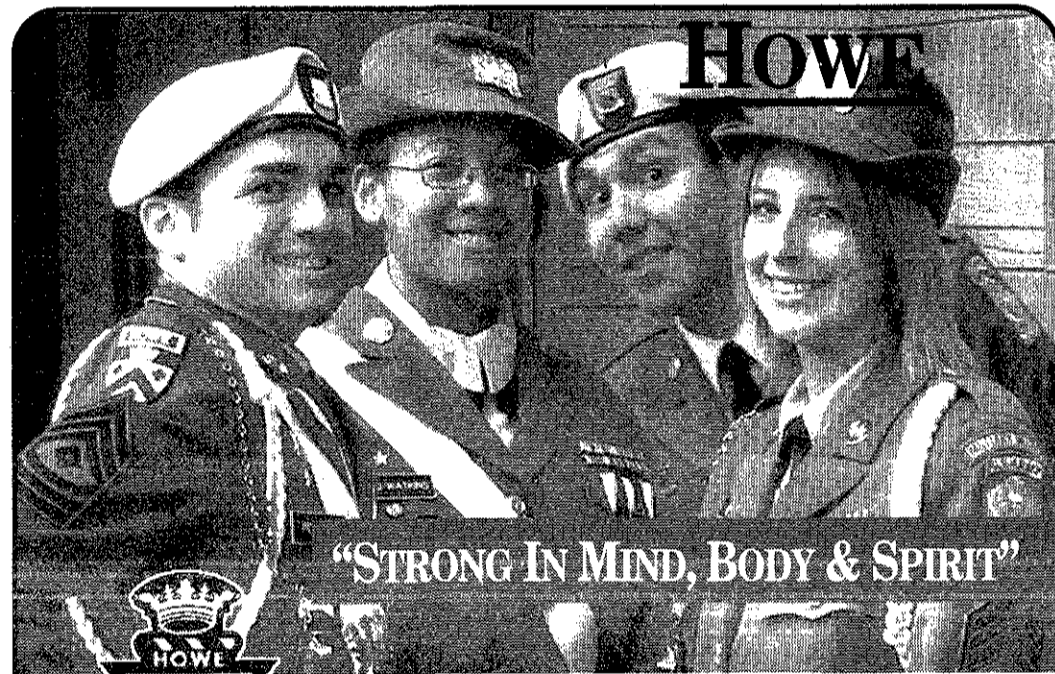
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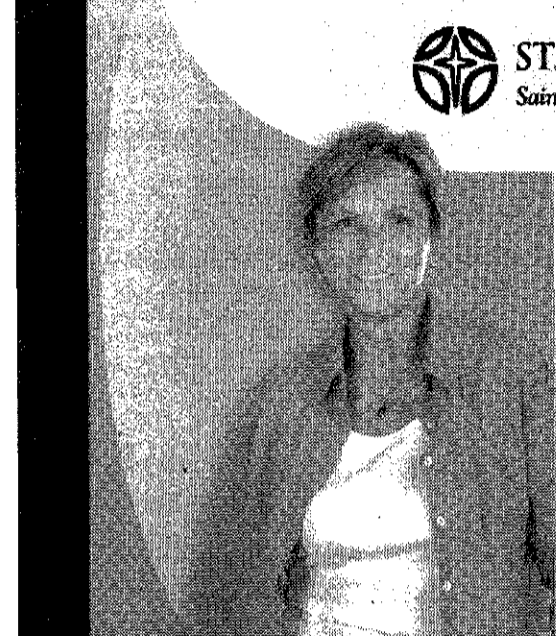
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Madonna Future Teachers give backpacks to Detroit children

Excitement was in the air at Sherrill Elementary in Detroit this week as Madonna University students in early childhood education brought smiles, stories and surprises to two pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Madonna students and faculty had stuffed 32 backpacks with school supplies and a Beanie Baby toy to help get the young learners off to the right start.

The backpacks and supplies were donated by Costco and the Beanie Babies were donated by the Society of Future Teachers and the Madonna Early Childhood Club.

Madonna students, Katie Adams of Livonia, Allison Hughes of Northville, Traci Anderson of Canton, and Paula Wilson of Garden City, distributed the stuffed backpacks. In addition, Anderson purchased napping mats and Tia Silva, director of Madonna's SWEEP program, donated winter hats and scarves for each child.

"Having Madonna University as a partner to Sherrill Elementary has meant the world to our students," said pre-k teacher and Madonna alumna Deborah Stanislawski.

The students curiously explored their backpacks as they pulled out journals, pencils, tissues, rulers, glue and construction paper.

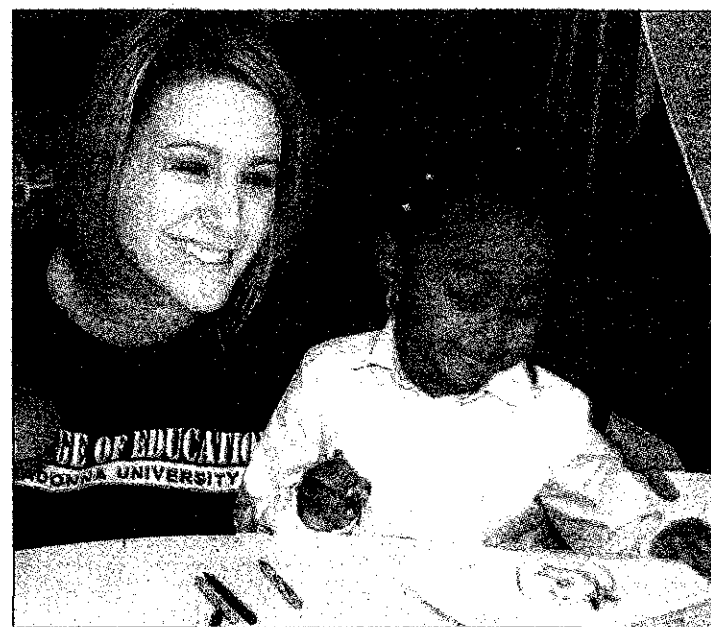
"I am excited to bring my backpack home!" exclaimed Seanna Taylor, preschooler, when she realized that the gifts were for her to keep and use.

"Its cool!" said classmate Kayla Jackson about her new backpack.

Following the distribution of backpacks, the Madonna students read the children a story about apples and gave them their own box of crayons, donated by Madonna student Stephanie Tadjewski of Livonia, to color an apple picture. Afterwards, the Madonna students helped



Deborah Stanislawski's pre-kindergarten class after receiving their backpacks from Madonna students.



Madonna student Katie Adams of Livonia helping Sherrill Elementary student Kayla Jackson color her apple picture.

them make their own caramel apple treats.

"You are making memories for the children," Stanislawski told the future teachers.

The College of Education at Madonna University is dedicated to preparing students to be teachers and educational leaders.

"This regular, ongoing ser-

vice experience to Sherrill Elementary school provides our students with experience in the 'real' classrooms of today. They are able to put into practice the skills that they are learning in their Madonna University classes," said Yvonne Miller, instructor in Madonna's College of Education.

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OUR VIEWS

Compact just first step to protecting Great Lakes

With a stroke of his pen Friday, President George W. Bush completed a decade-long effort to ratify the Great Lakes Compact, an eight-state (and two Canadian provinces) agreement that protects the Great Lakes from large-scale water diversions.

The compact, officially known as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, sailed through Congress almost unanimously. It prohibits new or increased out-of-basin diversions except under special circumstances; establishes uniform standards across the Great Lake states for evaluating new in-basin uses of Great Lakes water; and requires all the states in the basin to develop water conservation and efficiency programs.

Most environmental groups have lauded the compact, which was approved by Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, as well as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, before it was sent to Congress.

"This is an historic day for the protection of a Great Lakes system that is a global treasure," James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said Sept. 23 when the U.S. House of Representatives approved the compact.

There is no question that the compact is a monumental step in preserving the Great Lakes basin, which possesses 90 percent of the surface fresh water in North America and nearly 20 percent of the world's fresh water. The agreement means our thirsty neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast won't be siphoning off our water any time soon.

However, now is no time to rest on our laurels. Certainly the compact won't stave off all the challenges facing the Great Lakes. For one thing, some lawmakers aren't completely happy with the compact. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, whose district encompasses much of northern Michigan, actually voted against the measure, because of his opposition to a loophole that allows diversions in the form of bottled water (containers smaller than 5.7 gallons). His fear is that the exemption will lead the courts to declare bottled water an economic commodity and off-limits to regulators.

There are many other challenges as well, such as cleaning up toxic sediment that plagues many areas of the lakes, as well as banning large ships from dumping their ballast water in the lakes, and the incessant invasion of exotic species that are causing havoc throughout the basin.

The point is, there is much still to do to make sure we are protecting our greatest resource for future generations. It is one of the great challenges of our generation.

Obeying the law

We applaud the Wayne-Westland teachers who did the right and honorable thing by obeying the law and remaining in their classrooms during the recent illegal strike. Those men and women are the positive role models our children need to have as teachers. Obeying the law is what keeps our country from being ruled by a mentality.

Bruce and Judy Foulk
Wayne

Lack of commitment

I've never been a fan of this superintendent, administration or board, but their conduct this fall has made clear their lack of commitment to the quality of education in Wayne-Westland. As someone who attended Wayne-Westland schools, K-12, and as the son of two people who taught in our public school system for more than 30 years each, I'm well aware of the decline experienced by our students and the demoralization afflicting our educators.

The WWEA and its members are not out to bankrupt the system. That's why they agreed to the ridiculous class sizes that Mr. Gabriel and, presumably, the rest of the board find so acceptable in the first place. I'm certain that if the board and administration would check their egos at the door and open the books to the WWEA's negotiators, allowing both sides to be candid regarding budgetary priorities, an agreement could be reached quickly. We can't afford to reduce class sizes to what they should be or compensate our teachers and other Wayne-Westland staff appropriately, let alone do both. I'm sure that this fact hasn't eluded one Wayne-Westland employee. Instead of being constructive, our board and administration have decided to try to discipline the very teachers they've been refusing to work with.

To the parents, and others, who are complaining about the work action: When was the last time you felt so strongly about something that you were willing to forgo any income? Unlike the UAW, the EA has no strike fund. They're ineligible for unemployment. Right now, these men and women are getting nothing and they're putting their careers on the line. They deserve a level of respect and consideration of which this board and administration seem incapable.

LETTERS

tion seem incapable.

Mort Potter
Westland

Reflect on the issues

Mr. Becher, After reading your commentary on the district Web site, I felt an overwhelming need to address some of your points. Like your children, I graduated from Wayne-Westland Schools and am now a well-educated, successful adult. Like you and your wife I am also a teacher in Wayne Westland Schools. I, like you, was a lifelong resident of the Wayne-Westland community, until moving five years ago. However, I still have family and friends who will forever tie me to this community.

For the reasons stated above I am sickened by the recent round of negotiations between the WWCS and the WWEA. Your position on negotiations is clear in your statement, but I feel I must address a few of your points.

First, you made a point to mention, not once but twice, the fact that you were the WWEA past president. However, you fail to mention the date of your tenure; I feel it is rather important to point out that your presidency ended with your retirement in 2001. Anyone familiar with district history is aware that the contact you "successfully negotiated" offered the last early retirement incentive and began the two-tiered insurance system that is so troubling to many of the WWCS teaching staff. Additionally, it may be of interest to WW community members that the "successfully negotiated" contract of 2001 was one under which you never worked, and guaranteed \$70,000 in retirement incentives in the Becher home.

Second, you discussed the issue of class size. Having worked in the district with you and your wife, I am aware that you never were forced to deal with the large classes we currently have. You pointed out that "class size is lowered in the second and third year of the proposal," however, that is misleading. The overload is lowered, not the actual class size, meaning that the class cap in high school will remain at 34 in most classes. I'm confident that most of my students' parents would not consider this lowering class size.

Finally, you mention that "NO ONE" will lose health-care, but you fail to mention that those hired after your "success-

fully negotiated" contract of 2001 will be forced to take a lesser insurance than those fortunate enough to hire in prior to your presidency. It is the hope of most that all teachers in WWCS will be treated as equals and professionals.

Tracy Vaughan
Livonia

It's about health care

As a recently retired school labor relations administrator, I have followed with interest the job actions currently being undertaken by Wayne-Westland MEA teachers. I was most interested in their claim that the strike is totally over class size (*Detroit Free Press*, Oct. 8). In my discussion with administrators of the district, they assure me that class size is not at the crux of the dispute and is not even a discussion item at this point. Interesting that all picket signs in the news photos show class size as the issue when the real issue is the district's attempt to provide health insurance at a much lower cost.

I have been bargaining with the MEA groups for 20 years (and still do on a part-time basis). Please be clear about the issue. MESSA insurance is the MEA's cash cow and their field representatives have marching orders to protect that revenue stream. While no one will dispute the quality of the product, it comes at a premium cost, affecting the ability of school districts to maintain educational programs and maintain reasonable class size. The district knows it can provide comparable health coverage at a lower cost. The legislature passed laws last fall to try and break this logjam in schools but the MEA vows to not go down without a fight.

It is interesting to note that a number of Michigan districts have been bargaining over this same issue with contracts that expired over a year ago, and have not chosen to break the law and go on strike. The Wayne-Westland MEA teachers have chosen this route with a contract that just expired this summer. It would seem that the students of the district would deserve more. The outcome of this job action will have an impact on the district regardless of who prevails. It is important that the residents of the district get the FACTS and understand that this strike is only about money and MESSA insurance — not class size.

Terry Serbin
Monroe

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BBB warns about 'grandparent' scam

The Better Business Bureau is warning senior citizens to be aware of an emerging telephone scam that is preying on grandparents nationwide. BBB has recently received reports about grandparents from California to New Hampshire who thought they were aiding their grandchildren by providing money for an emergency situation but were in fact giving thousands of dollars to Canadian con artists.

Generally, the scam works like this — the grandparent receives a distressed phone call from who they believe is their grandchild. The supposed grandchild typically explains that they are traveling in Canada and have been arrested or involved in an auto accident and need the grandparent to wire money to post bail or pay for damages — usually amounting to a few thousand dollars. While many seniors have reported the scam without falling prey to it, unfortunately, many others have been victimized. One

well-meaning grandmother in Wisconsin sent \$15,000 to scammers, thinking she was helping a grandchild who had been in an auto accident. Another woman from Ann Arbor, was recently stopped by a wary bank teller from making a \$10,000 withdrawal that she planned to wire to con artists in Windsor, Ontario.

"This scam is just despicable because it preys on the emotions of seniors who want nothing more than to ensure the safety of their grandchildren," said Tim Burns, BBB spokesman. "The key to avoiding this scam is to remain calm despite the 'emergency' nature of the call and to verify the identity of the caller."

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre is reporting a significant increase in complaints for this scam. In 2007, the Centre received 128 complaints about this type of scam; since the beginning of this year, nearly 350 complaints have been filed, and about half were filed in July

and August alone.

Law enforcement officials are not certain how perpetrators are obtaining phone numbers for so many senior citizens across the U.S. However, it is believed that scammers are most likely calling random numbers until they happen to reach a senior citizen. The scammers' basic tactic is to pose as a grandchild and let the unsuspecting grandparent fill in the blanks. For example, the scam caller might say, "It's me, your favorite grandchild," to which the grandparent will guess the name of the grandchild it sounds the most like, and then the call proceeds from there.

To protect themselves from this scam, and other scams that may use a distressed loved-one tactic, BBB is advising seniors to confirm the status of the individual by calling them directly or verifying the story with other family members before taking any further action.

BBB also advises that any

request to wire money through Western Union or MoneyGram should be seen as a "red flag" and an immediate tip-off that the call may be part of a scam. Funds sent via wire transfer are hard to track once received by scammers and are usually not recoverable by law enforcement or banking officials.

For anyone victimized by this type of distressed loved-one call, BBB recommends reporting the incident immediately to your local police department and contact your local Better Business Bureau by visiting www.bbb.org or calling (248) 644-9100. If there is a request to wire money to Canada, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre has established the PhoneBusters hotline and Web site to report such fraud. Reports can be filed easily online through the PhoneBusters site at: www.phonebusters.com, or by phone, toll free at, (888) 495-8501.

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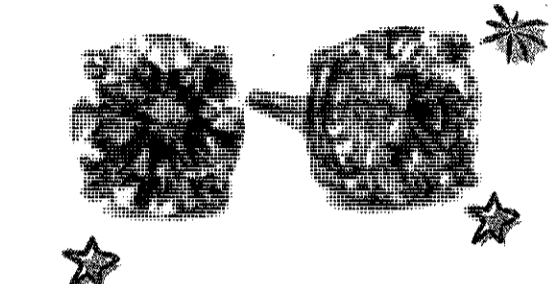
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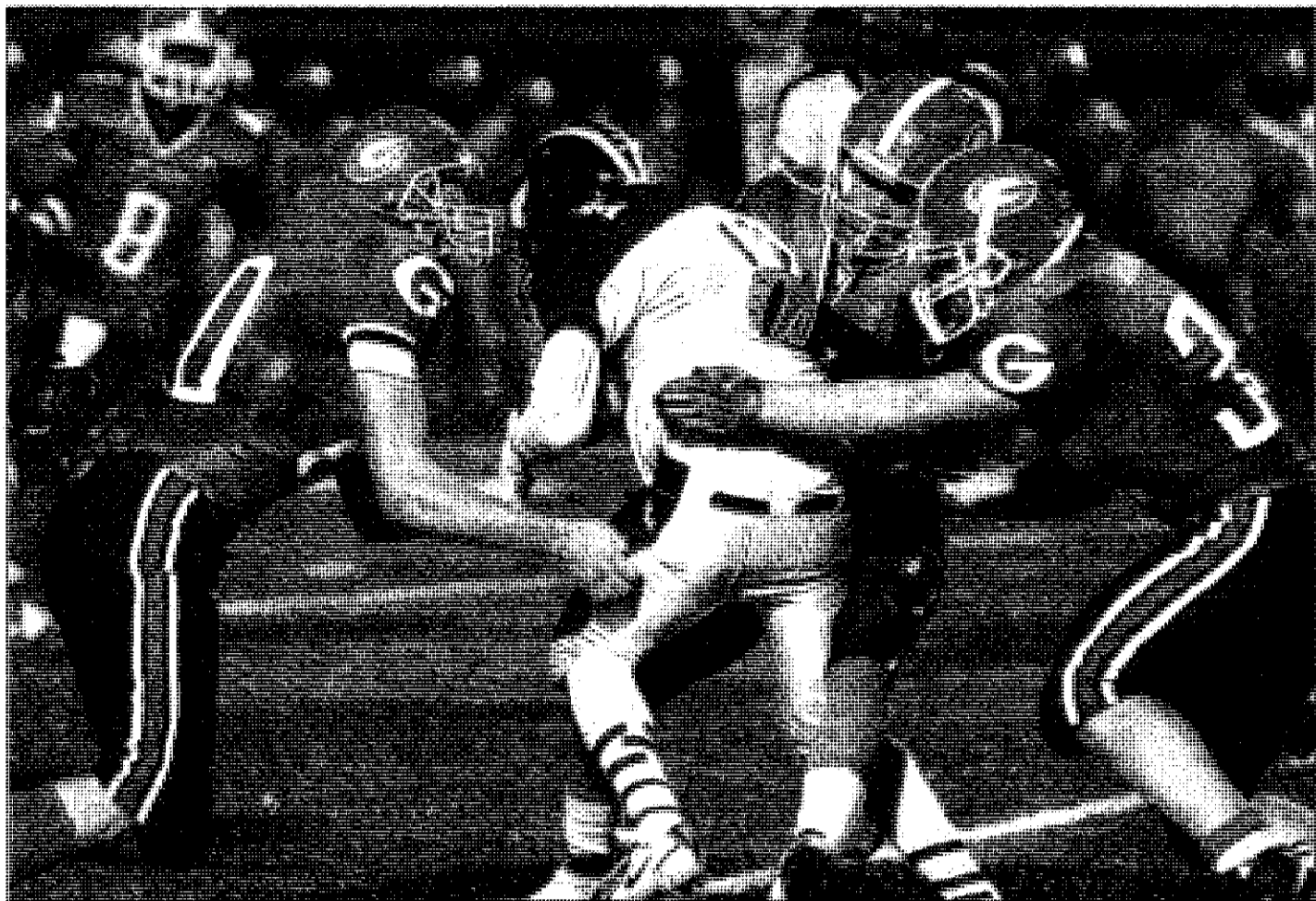
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Glenn's Steve Smith (left), Steven Murphy and a teammate bring down Wayne's Renaldo Powell during Friday's KLAA-South Division tussle.

Tipping the Scales

Glenn quarterback, defense blank rival Wayne, 39-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a Scales of one-to-10, this one ranked pretty high for the Westland John Glenn football team.

The host Rockets snapped a two-game losing streak Friday night with a 39-0 win over rival Wayne Memorial as senior quarterback Jerome Scales scored three touchdowns, while rushing for 161 yards in 14 carries. He also completed 4-of-6 passes for 85 yards.

Glenn is now 3-4 overall and finishes 3-2 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Wayne is winless in seven starts with rookie coach Kevin Weber still seeking his first victory.

Glenn now leads the Wayne-Westland Schools series, 29-8.

The 5-foot-11, 201-pound Scales, who scored on TD runs of 9, 41 and 75 yards, played his sophomore year at Wayne before transferring last year to Canton spent part of his junior year.

He landed at Glenn this year as the

starter and has been a pleasant surprise. Many of his runs were improvised off scrambles.

"He's played that way all year," Glenn first-year coach Tim Hardin said. "He has good feet, and when you think the play is dead, he can make something out of nothing. Most defenses don't account for the quarterback running the ball."

Glenn led 13-0 at the half on a 16-yard TD run by Jeremy Langford (16-for-81) and 31-yard TD reverse run by Kyren Boyd.

Scales then enjoyed a big third quarter, rushing for 135 yards and three TDs.

"We knew Jerome when he played at Wayne, we were familiar with him and prepared for his abilities, but we didn't do enough," Weber said.

Glenn's final TD of the night came from Harry Bello on a 15-yard run with 56 seconds left.

The Rockets had a total of 386 yards rushing to Wayne's 130. The Zebras completed only one pass in seven attempts. "I thought our defense played out-

standing," Hardin said. "Coach (Matt) Howton did a fantastic job getting us prepared. In spite of Wayne's record, they've moved the ball and have scored points. This is the first time they've been shut out and that says something for our defense, which has played well all season."

Mistakes plagued the Zebras, who lost three fumbles and failed to score three times inside the red zone. Wayne was outgained 471-168 in total yards.

Richard Haley was Wayne's leading rusher with 99 yards on 21 carries.

"We give up way too many opportunities," Weber said. "We had our shots, but did not capitalize. We're starting two sophomores up front on the offensive line and two others were starting for the first time. Four of our five offensive line first-time starters and we knew it to be tough. We're just trying to learn from it and get better. We were forced into making some big plays and that leads to turnovers."

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15-14 win puts C'ville in playoffs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There couldn't be a sweeter 90-mile bus ride home than Friday night's was for Livonia Clarenceville's football squad.

The Trojans edged host Birch Run 15-14 in a classic nailbiter, enabling head coach Ryan Irish's squad to earn a postseason berth. Clarenceville improved to 6-1 with the victory, qualifying for a playoff spot for the first time since 2004 - the season before Irish took over at the helm.

"To get that sixth win and make it into the playoffs is big for

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Clarenceville," said an understandably happy Irish. "I'm proud of my kids and I'm proud of my coaches. This is an exciting time for Clarenceville."

Irish, senior quarterback Darryl Whitaker (220 all-purpose yards and 1 TD) and the rest of the team had to nervously count down the seconds, however.

With about three minutes to go and nursing the one-point lead that would hold up, Clarenceville junior Corbin Orchard got off a clutch 36-yard punt despite a fierce attempt by the Panthers to block it.

Birch Run tried to win the game on a last-ditch hook-and-ladder play, but senior Jeremy Gainer drove the receiver out-of-bounds near midfield to finish off the game.

"What it came down to was we stopped them a few times on fourth down," Irish noted.

The Clarenceville defensive effort was led by sophomore middle line-backer D'Ondre Hogan, with 17 tackles. He had big-time help from junior defensive back Leonard Hogan (10 tackles) and sophomore lineman Anthony Page (8 tackles).

The Panthers (3-4) got off to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter but Clarenceville went up 8-7 in the second when a six-yard touchdown run by junior Levonte Brooks capped a 62-yard drive and was followed by senior Jeremy Gainer's two-point run.

Irish said Gainer's "swinging gate" play was huge. Gainer was holding

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CMU spikes EMU

A pair of former first-team All-Observer volleyball standouts faced off Thursday night in a Mid-American Conference match.

Lauren Krupsky (Livonia Churchill) had eight kills as host Central Michigan University downed Eastern Michigan in four games, 27-25, 21-25, 25-17, 25-20.

CMU improved to 10-7 overall and 4-1 in the MAC.

Jennifer Swartz (Westland John Glenn) also had eight kills for the Eagles, who fell to 7-12 and 2-3.

Match postponed

Madonna University's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball match Thursday night at Indiana Tech has been postponed following the death of defensive specialist Liz Lykowski, who passed away unexpectedly due to a congenital heart defect on Oct. 5.

The match will be rescheduled at a later date.

MU entered the match ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA national poll with a 20-1 overall record and a 7-0 mark in the WHAC.

Indiana Tech, No. 17, was 20-0-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the WHAC.

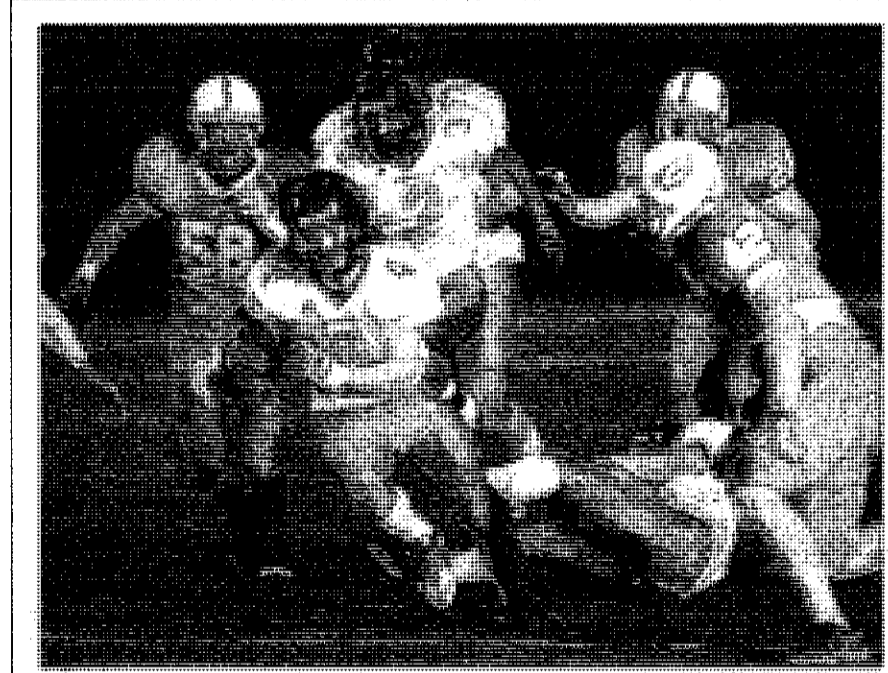
All-WHAC golfers

Madonna University placed pair of women's golfers - Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) and Sara Simnitch (Swartz Creek) - earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Bathurst averaged 86.71 and Simnitch 87.29 in seven fall WHAC matches. Teammate Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) made second team, while Jillian Kloc (Belleville) was named to the Champions of Character squad.

On the men's side, MU's Steve South, who averaged 73.7, made first-team, while teammate Kyle Lawrey (Grand Blanc) was second-team.

Both Elliott Oscar (Reedsburg, Wis.) and Justin Taurence (Wyandotte) earned All-WHAC Academic honors. Taurence also made the Champions of Character team.



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Breaking fee

Churchill's Jeff Ricketts (4) breaks through the Canton defense during Friday's 57-43 KLAA-South Division setback. Ricketts had 10 catches for 216 yards in the loss. See story on page B2.

Spartans: KLAA kings, 4-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson provided all the pomp and circumstance Wednesday night in the inaugural Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship match.

The Kensington Conference representative continued their dominating display with a convincing 4-0 victory over Lakes Conference champ Brighton.

The host Spartans improved to 14-1-3 overall by scoring a pair of goals in each half to down the Bulldogs, who enter Division 1 district play at 11-2-4.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes and we haven't played a team like this in awhile," Brighton coach Rob Williams said of the No. 2-ranked Spartans. "We've had 12 shutouts and only conceded two goals the last 12 games - we doubled that tonight. Team defense is what we stress and tonight we were not getting back and tracking guys. You can't give a team like that time and

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space or they'll shred you."

Senior David Simor, coming off a two-goal performance in Monday's 6-1 conference championship match win over rival Livonia Churchill, continued his sterling play with pair of first-half goals - the first coming in the 13th minute off an assist from Joey DiDomenico followed by another less than five minutes later when he rifled home a point-blank rebound shot past Brighton goalkeeper Mark Binkley.

"He (Simor) missed four or five games (with an injury), but he's been a big part of our attack and it helps when you put a couple early in the net," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "He's certainly getting hot at the right time."

The Spartans continued their assault in the second half when Reilly Mullett scored in the 49 minute from midfielder

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Stevenson gridders roll past KLAA newcomer East, 55-15

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Both teams could legitimately find their share of positives after Friday night's football game at Livonia Stevenson, a rarity for a one-sided affair that featured the Spartans defeat South Lyon East, 55-15.

For Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, the positives were obvious and numerous, beginning with 434 yards of total offense, including 390 on the ground, as well as bouncing back from a last-second 28-27 loss to Novi the previous week.

But Gabel was particularly pleased to be able to give his reserves plenty of action, some of them beginning in

the second quarter.

"We got to play everybody," said Gabel, whose team is 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA-Central. "That was our goal. We worked a little bit on the backup kids, so they got a chance. We had a couple kids score that haven't scored previously."

Even though Friday's contest was lopsided by the time most of the Spartans' reserves took the field, Gabel noted that "they all played real hard as a unit. That's what we were really looking for is those kids to go out and play with some pride in themselves and know that it's not just mop-up duty. They were going to get a chance before the game was over."

For the winless Cougars (0-7, 0-5),

coach Todd Pennycuff could point to improvements in East's first-ever varsity football team, a squad that includes no seniors.

"You know what to expect when we're starting nine sophomores on defense and on offense we're starting six sophomores, a freshman and then the rest are juniors," Pennycuff said. "The kids are playing hard and we're taking our lumps, but hopefully we'll get in the weight room this coming winter and spring and we'll turn it around a little bit. But we're really playing with a JV team."

In the opening quarter, Stevenson scored on a 10-yard pass from Jacob Gudeman to Charlie Deacon and a 45-yard run by Wade Stahl.

Austin White's 9-yard TD run made it 21-0 in the second quarter, followed quickly by a special teams score when Steve Eideh blocked a Cougars punt and Bryan Wilkie ran it 12 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the quarter, Johnny Pauley's 6-yard TD carry was the first of three consecutive plays from scrimmage that finished in the end zone.

East gained possession on its 2-yard line on the ensuing kickoff but quarterback Collin Hochberg gave the Cougar fans something to cheer about by taking an option keeper 98 yards for a touchdown.

Stevenson answered on its next play from scrimmage as White dashed 53 yards for his second TD. Jonny

Myshock added his sixth extra point for a 42-7 halftime lead.

The 35-point margin triggered a running clock for the second half, during which the Spartans had touchdown runs of 63 yards by Mike Beyer and one yard by Osama al-Haymi.

The Cougars scored in the closing seconds on a 23-yard pass from Patrick Powers to Alec Sturos.

Beyer led Stevenson's 11 ballcarriers with 102 yards on just four rushes. White ran four times for 71 yards, while Stahl had 62 yards on two tries. Gudeman completed all three of his passes, for 44 yards.

Hochberg ran for 158 yards and passed for another 47 for East.

Plymouth goes leg up on Pats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth kicker Kyle Brindza proved Friday night that it's difficult to ice a cool customer.

Brindza calmly drilled a 31-yard field goal with no time on the clock - seconds after Livonia Franklin tried to ice the sophomore by calling a pair of timeouts - to lift the Wildcats over the Patriots, 17-14, in a drama-filled contest played at Franklin.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

More importantly, the tension-packed triumph earned the Wildcats a ticket to the Division 1 playoffs (Oct. 31).

The Patriots' second-straight home setback dropped them to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the division.

Brindza said he tried to keep his mind clear during the moments leading up to his game-winning kick.

"I've never been in a situation like that, with a kick to win a game," he admitted. "I just tried to block everything out, keep my eye on the ball and put it through."

"Kyle's a weapon, so we work a lot on snap-hold-kick, snap-hold-kick," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuck said. "We work

on it three times a week and then Kyle will come in and work on his own."

Spearheaded by their incredibly elusive senior quarterback Mark McRobb, the Patriots nearly seized a late-game lead.

After Plymouth tied the game at 14-all on quarterback Matt Skubik's 5-yard quarterback sneak, Franklin marched from its 20 to the Wildcat 4, where it faced a fourth-and-goal with 5:40 left.

With visions of a missed 27-yard field still fresh in his mind from earlier in the game, Franklin coach Chris Kelbert elected to forego a 21-yard field attempt for a shot at a touchdown.

It nearly worked, but McRobb's play-action pass bounced in-and-out of the hands of his intended target in the end zone.

McRobb racked up 147 yards rushing - most on spectacular, Steve Young-like scrambles - and 118 passing yards.

"Mark's been doing that for us all year," said Kelbert. "He plays hard every play."

"We were worried about containing John Glenn's quarterback last week," Sawchuck said, "but (McRobb) was even better than him. He's a slippery son-of-a-gun."

The game had the earmarks of a shoot-out early on when Plymouth scored just 50 seconds into the game on a Skubik-

to-Travis Mewton 33-yard scoring pass. Brindza's PAT made it 7-0.

The Patriots drew even at 7-7 with an impressive 13-play, 74-yard drive to start the second half. The possession culminated with Mike Baumgardner's 2-yard plunge and Jordan Williamson's extra point.

After forcing a Plymouth three-and-out, Franklin grabbed a 14-7 lead on its next possession on Christian Vantuyl's 6-yard TD run with 1:46 left in the third quarter.

The play was set up 10 plays earlier when Baumgardner broke loose for a 38-yard sprint that advanced the ball from the Franklin 17 to the Plymouth 45.

Plymouth answered on its next possession, driving 46 yards on five plays before scoring on Skubik's up-the-middle sneak.

Franklin outgained Plymouth, 403-294 in total yards. Baumgardner churned out 72 yards on nine carries, while Vantuyl picked up 60 on 12.

Kyle Kopja was McRobb's favorite receiver, hauling in a pair of passes for 71 yards.

Skubik completed 9-of-18 aerials for 185 yards. Terrance Guthridge rushed for 104 yards on 24 carries.

Daniel Muller intercepted a pass for the Patriots. Brennen Beyer and Tyler Grosh registered picks for the Wildcats.

Canton outguns Churchill, 57-43

It was a "Shootout at the O.K. Corral" Friday night as the Wing-T prevailed over the Spread.

Host Canton captured the top seed in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a wild 57-43 football win over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Canton, 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA-South, travels next Friday to face Novi, the KLAA-Central Division champ, for the Kensington Conference title.

The game featured nearly 1,000 yards in total offense between the two teams as Canton amassed a total of 532, including 496 on the ground led by Davion Stackhouse's 204 yards on only seven carries.

Stackhouse also scored five touchdowns - all coming in the second half.

Junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz added 145 yards on 15 carries and completed only one pass, but it was a big one, a 36-

yard TD toss on fourth-and-8 to Stackhouse with only 59 seconds remaining to salt the game away.

Churchill racked up 440 total yards, including 338 in the air as starting quarterback Grant Morgan completed 17-of-24 for 311 yards and three TDs before going out late in the game with an injury. His favorite receiver was Jeff Ricketts, who caught 10 passes for 214 yards.

It was 17-all at halftime.

Canton got TD runs from Kiere Daniels (4 yards) and Delapaz (1 yard), along with a 33-yard field goal from Dan Stoney with only 16 seconds left.

Churchill countered with a 59-yard pass from Morgan to Ricketts; a 30-yard field from Matt Andrejzewski and an 85-yard pass from Morgan to Anthony Frezzell.

Churchill took a 23-17 advantage just 58 seconds into the

third quarter on a Morgan-to-Ricketts 57-yard TD toss

But Canton took the lead for keeps on a 36-yard scamper by Delapaz after Churchill muffed a pooch kick at its own 29. Stackhouse then added TD runs of 39, 50, 51 and 65 yards and it was capped off by a Delapaz to Stackhouse TD toss with less than a minute remaining.

Churchill, meanwhile, countered with Morgan to Frezzell 3-yard pass; a Morgan 8-yard run; and a Ricketts 1-yard run.

Devin Moynihan was in on 22 tackles and recovered a fumble for Churchill, which slipped to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the KLAA-South. Eric Perlowski also recovered a fumble for the Chargers.

Bryan Gerst and David Wilcox each had seven tackles for Canton, while Pat Madish and Jason Hu contributed six apiece. Madish also had two sacks, while Gerst had one.

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for an extra-point kick but saw he could field the snap and make a run for the end zone to provide an additional point.

Birch Run then made it 14-8 at halftime on a 37-yard catch-and-run in the final minute of the half.

Late in the third quarter came the Trojans' winning drive.

Whitaker rushed 15 times for 120 yards and completing four of six passes for another 100 yards. He also faked out the Panthers' defense for a 25-yard TD with about 1:30 to go in the period.

Irish said Whitaker perfectly executed a counterplay for that score.

"He had us all faked out," said Irish, noting that the Clarenceville coaches thought a tailback had the ball. "And there he goes, running it in."

Just as important in such a close game was the extra point kick by senior Brad Pozniak, which provided the winning margin.

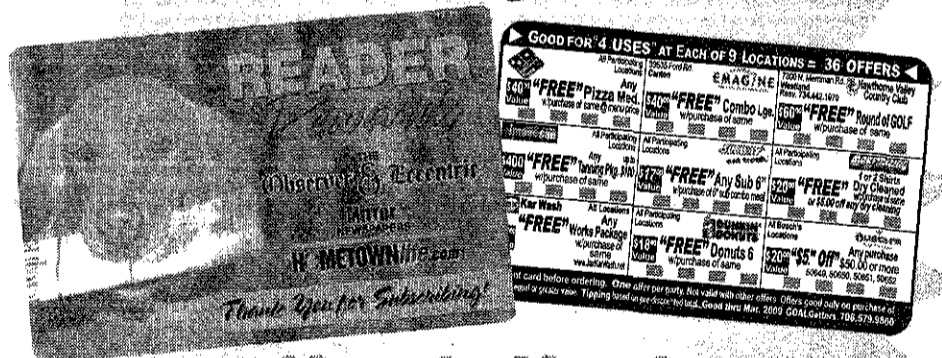
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Huron Valley spikers tied for 1st

A battle for first was renewed Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran knocked off first-place Taylor Baptist Park in four games, 15-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-23, avenging an early season loss to the Wildcats.

That leaves both girls volleyball squads with 5-1 records in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"It was a great win for us to put us back in contention," said Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth, whose Hawks are 8-6-2 overall. "It was a great effort by our girls after losing the first set, coming back and winning the next three. All were close, nailbiters at the end."

Senior setter Kayla Stockdale orchestrated the offense, with 34 assists. Taking care of things at the other end of those helpers were Leah Miller and Samantha Barber, each with 14 kills. Adding nine kills was Devon Linderman.

"The team passed superbly,"

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Ruth said. "They spread the ball around attack-wise and we had some great kills by a lot of contributors tonight."

Trojans clip Lathrup

A see-saw match Thursday ultimately swung in Livonia Clarenceville's direction in a 25-17, 21-25, 25-16, 21-25, 15-10 non-conference win at Southfield-Lathrup.

"We played good defensively tonight," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman, whose team 7-10-1 overall. "But every time we went ahead, they'd come back."

Sparking the Trojans was junior outside hitter Ashley Devon, who tallied 10 kills to lead all players. She also chipped in with 10 defensive digs.

Other Clarenceville contributors included senior setter Katie Blacker (25 assists); junior Kat Hall and senior

Marlene Azar (seven kills each); junior Morgan Tressler (10 digs) and junior Teresa Parent (six aces).

Azar played her first match since recovering from an injury, "and she did she did a good job," said the Clarenceville coach.

Ladywood triumphs

Setter Julie Rhodes recorded 37 assist-to-kills Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood defeated Warren Regina in four games, 25-13, 25-17, 13-25, 25-16.

Alex Mirabatur finished with 19 digs, while Rachael Fuller and Pippi Hogg added eight and five kills, respectively, for the victorious Blazers, who improved to 23-11-5 overall and 2-3 in the Catholic League.

On Tuesday, the Blazers fell to Division 1 state runner-up and Catholic League A-B Division leader Birmingham Marian in three games, 14-25, 18-25, 20-25.

Spartans can't tame South Lyon

Miss Volleyball candidate Kathleen Donehue finished with 18 kills as KLAA-Central Division leader South Lyon downed visiting Livonia Stevenson in three games, 25-18, 25-12, 25-20.

South Lyon is now 21-8-2 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA-Central, while Stevenson falls to 8-15 and 2-4.

Chargers bounce Wayne

Senior outside hitter Kristen Nalecz finished with a game-high 18 kills and served four aces as KLAA-South Division leader Livonia Churchill rolled to a 25-7, 25-2, 25-16 victory Thursday at Wayne Memorial.

Senior libero Lindsey Graciak added 10 digs and also served four aces as the state-ranked Chargers improved to 24-3 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA-South.

Setters Cory Urbats and Kristy DeClercq combined for 24 assist-to-kills in the victory, while other Churchill contributions came from Darcy DeRoo (two kills, two digs), Jessica

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Stroud (two kills, two blocks) and Christine Maleske (three aces, two kills).

Wayne (6-19-1, 0-6) was led by Katie Badrak's four kills, while Samantha Dye contributed one solo block and one block-assist. Emily Rudy had the lone ace.

Wildcats defuse Rockets

Meg Quinlan did it all Thursday as Plymouth downed visiting Westland John Glenn in a KLAA-South Division match in four games, 25-22, 25-21, 22-25, 25-19.

Quinlan recorded 13 digs, five kills and four blocks as Plymouth improved to 11-8-3 overall and 3-3 in the KLAA-South (tied with Glenn).

Other key contributors for the Wildcats included Dani Risi (nine kills), Kayla Bridge (eight kills), Katie Binger (seven kills, four blocks) and Erin O'Connor (12 assists).

Glenn (10-7-5) got a

game-high 15 kills and four blocks from senior Brittany Holbrook.

Stacey Truskowski paced the defense with 31 digs. She also had two aces and six kills.

Halie Baker added eight kills and a block, while Brittany Robinson had four kills.

"We're still trying to find a way to win with our revamped lineup," Glenn coach Julian Warger said. "With the loss of our junior setter Lauren Baker (broken finger), the Rockets have moved sophomore Brooke Zywick into the quarterback position. Our players are being asked to step up their game as we become more familiar with our new passing assignments."

Canton trips Patriots

In a KLAA-South matchup Thursday, Jordan Kiely recorded 14 kills as host Canton defeated Livonia Franklin, 25-11, 25-10, 25-13, to improve to 19-4 overall and 5-1 in the division. The loss drops Patriots to 6-13 and 1-5.

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Brian Klemczak following set play off a restart.

Speedy Nick Anagnostou completed the Stevenson scoring with 17:37 left when he found the bottom of the net off an assist from Klemczak, the senior midfielder headed to the University of Michigan.

Brighton couldn't mount much pressure offensively against Stevenson goalkeeper Conner Burton, who had a relatively quiet night.

"I think we panicked after they went up 2-0," Williams said. "We started knocking the ball long instead of putting the ball at people's feet. But our guys kept playing. I'm not disappointed. It shows what we need to focus on for the

tournament."

Stevenson, meanwhile, appears to be hitting on all cylinders.

"The next goal is to get ready for the state playoffs," Richters said. "I hope we're truly prepared, and with the good schedule, you hope some of your weaknesses are exposed along the way."

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Leave it to Beaver

Wayne golfer wins playoff, qualifies for 'state'

BY BRAD EMONS
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Beaver

Berlynn Beaver has come a long way in four years with the Wayne Memorial girls golf team.

On Thursday, the senior was able to garner additional qualifying berth to next week-end's MHSAA Division 1 state finals when she prevailed on the first hole of a playoff at the Region 2 tournament held at Giant Oak Golf Course in Temperance.

Beaver shot an 18-hole round of 92 to tie for seventh with Livonia Churchill senior Lexi McFarlane. The two headed back to the par-4, No. 18 hole with the third and final individual spot up for grabs and a trip Friday to Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course).

Beaver prevailed by making a 4-foot putt for par, while McFarlane settled for a bogey. "I felt I had a shot if I kept my head on straight and play the game I know how to play," Beaver said. "Today it was my middle game and putting."

The Wayne senior, however, had empathy for her opponent.

"Either way I would have been excited for her (McFarlane) or for me," Beaver said. "I've known her for four years and she works just as hard as I do."

Beaver came to Wayne as an unknown quantity, but became a quick study. "I went to try out for the team with a friend and I ended up liking it," she said.

Wayne's Dennis Chall, who returned to co-coach the Zebras this fall with Kathy Stellema, worked with Beaver during freshman and saw her potential.

"She has a pretty good all-around game, she putts well and hits her driver long - and pretty darn straight, too," Chall said. "She works on her game. This is just icing on the cake for her. She's had a great year."

Beaver plans to attend Eastern Michigan University next year and become a dental hygienist. She also volunteers her time at a local food bank (Open Doors).

When she returned home following Thursday's 18-hole round, she had some surprise news for her parents.

"My dad was working and my mom had an appointment," Berlynn said. "They couldn't be there, but they were shocked when I told them - they didn't think I could make it."

Ann Arbor Pioneer, led by individual medalist Alexis Therman's 78, captured the team title with a four-player total of 350, a whopping 23 strokes ahead of runner-up and region host Temperance Bedford.

Saline also qualified as a team with a 385 for the state finals, five strokes better than Dearborn's 390. Churchill and Monroe tied for fifth with 403 each.

Westland John Glenn, led by Heidi Irvine's 97, placed eighth with a 430. Livonia Franklin, getting a 102 from Georgia Patrick, finished ninth with 444.

Wayne, meanwhile, had only three available golfers and did not figure in the team scoring.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 17
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Det. Univ.-Prep at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Kingswood at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Yosi Calvary at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
W.L. Central Invitational, 8 a.m.

DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER DRAWS
DIVISION 1
SALEM (Host)

Monday, Oct. 13: (A) Garden City at (B) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Wayne Memorial at (F) Canton, 5 p.m.; (G) Plymouth vs. (H) Salem, 7 p.m. at Canton, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at Canton; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m. at Canton.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon at Canton. (Winner advances to the Saline regional semifinals vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion.)

NORTH FARMINGTON (Host)
Monday, Oct. 13: (A) Redford Union at (B) Birmingham Brother Rice, 5:30 p.m.; (C) North Farmington at (D) Farmington, 6 p.m.; (E) Berkley at (F) Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.; (G) West Bloomfield at (H) Birmingham Groves, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at North Farmington; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m. at North Farmington.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Berkley vs. L'Anse Creuse North district champion.)

DIVISION 3
PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP (Host)
Monday, Oct. 13: (A) Harper Woods at (B) Notre Dame Prep, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Madison Heights Bishop Foley at (D) South Lyon East, 7 p.m.; (E) Clawson at (F) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: (G) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (H) Livonia Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m. A-B winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard district champion.)

DIVISION 4
ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host)
Tuesday, Oct. 14: (A) Canton Agape Christian at (B) Lutheran Westland, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 3 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Jackson Christian vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills district champion.)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 14
KLAA-Central Meet at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
KLAA-South Meet at Cass Benton, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17
Metro Conf. Meet at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Catholic League Championships at Stoney Creek Metropark, 9 a.m.
KLAA-Kensington Conference Meet at Island Lake State Park, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 16
Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
F.H. Mercy at Stevenson, noon.

BOYS TENNIS STATE FINALS
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18
Division 1 at Midland-Comm. Ctr., TBA.

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18
Division 1 at MSU's Forest Akers, 10 a.m.

Division 2 at EMU's Eagle Crest, 10 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Ladywood at Dearborn, 4:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Wayne CCC at Schoolcraft (DH), 6 p.m.
Davenport at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17
(Lindenwood, Mo. Univ. Tournament)

Madonna vs. Ill.-Springfield, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
(Lindenwood, Mo. Univ. Tournament)

Madonna vs. Columbia College (Mo.), 11 a.m.

Madonna vs. McKendree (Ill.), 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.

Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Owens CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17
(Polk CC, Fla. Invitational)

Schoolcraft vs. Polk CC, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
(Polk CC, Fla. Invitational)

Schoolcraft vs. Darton (Ga.), 11 a.m.

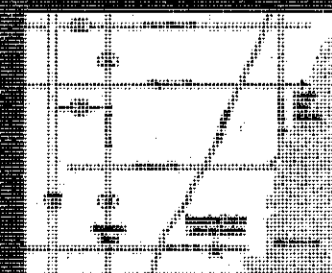
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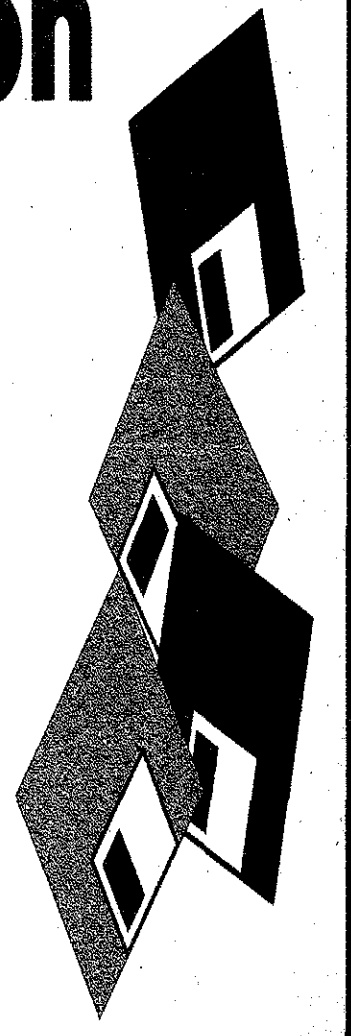
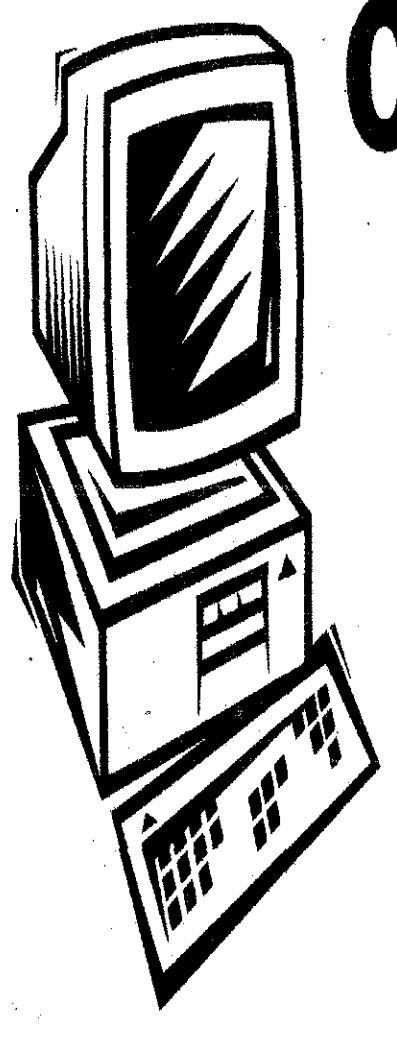
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Lightening the load



Cole and Haley Dolan before they learned about the right way to use a backpack at Inspired Wellness in Birmingham.

Occupational therapist warns parents about overloading backpacks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Cole Dolan complains almost every day about his heavy backpack so when his mother Lauri Dailey learned about a workshop at Inspired Wellness she was eager to learn how to lighten up the load. Dailey not only took 11-year-old Cole, but her daughter Haley Dolan, 8, as well as their book bags. Kelly Hale, an occupational therapist and owner of the Birmingham center, provided tips for parents at the event held in conjunction with National School Backpack Awareness Day in September.

"Cole is in middle school this year so he has a lot more books. Kelly showed how to balance the bag with a book on each side and notebooks in middle," said Dailey of Birmingham. "She tightened up the shoulder straps so the backpack sat higher to the shoulder."

Hale knew right away when Cole walked in that she could help reduce the burden the backpack was placing on his spine. For years she had seen children coming in for problems with the spine and back.

Inspired Wellness is a holistic center providing healing modalities and movement techniques. Pre-conditioning is equally as important as rehabilitation at the center, formerly known as Functional Fitness. In addition to services such as craniosacral and massage therapy, nutrition and life coaching, Inspired Wellness holds Pilates classes which can help prevent injuries in everyone from golfers to gardeners and new mothers.

"Before the workshop Cole had the backpack on one shoulder. They need it on two. I encourage double strap backpacks and if there's a waist strap they should use it as well," said Hale of Bloomfield Township. "He was

taught to properly pack it, to carry the textbook to lighten the load. In general kids were carrying a lot more weight than they should. The most common mistake is overloading. A lot of schools are not permitting rolling bags but that would of course be a great solution. Some parents are buying them a book for school and a book for home but that's expensive."

"Haley was using a Messenger Bag. That's OK because in elementary school they have less books and homework. But in the future a backpack would be better."

For those who couldn't attend the workshop Hale is offering to assess backpacks. To arrange a time, call (248) 988-8098.

During the workshop Hale also held a half-hour class on Brain Gym, one of the services offered at Inspired Wellness.

"A lot of kids come in for Brain Gym when they're having problems with concentration and focus. By using a series of simple exercises and movements Brain Gym can help a child or adult whether on the soccer field or for an exam or presentation. It's an alternative for managing ADD/ADHD."

Cole Dolan used Brain Gym movement with success.

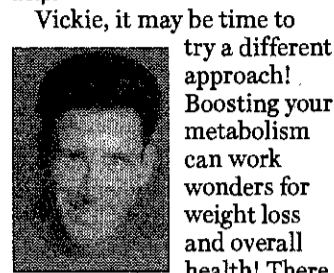
"It's simple movement designed to connect body and mind," said Dailey. "You're crossing your hands and feet at the same time and it helps you take out the excess noise and chatter of the world and focus. It helped him narrow in the world. It was his best math quiz of the year. I tried it and sometimes these things seem like voodoo but I felt it made you stay in the here and now."

For information about Inspired Wellness, visit inspiredwell.com.

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Boost metabolism with good breakfast

Vickie has tried several diets unsuccessfully and e-mailed for help.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Be sure to eat breakfast. It is more than just the most important meal of the day! Skipping food more than 12 hours will send a message to your body that it is starving

and your metabolism will automatically slow down. Also, be sure to consume at least 1,200 calories per day. Anything less will not be enough to sustain your metabolism. Finally, make sure you eat frequently. Healthy snacks like fruits and grains help prevent becoming hungry. Following these steps could help you finally win the battle of the bulge!

Gwen from Taylor e-mails that her sweet tooth is getting the best of her! She is constantly nibbling on chocolate and is having a tough time keeping off extra weight.

Gwen, I have got a cure for your problem and it is definitely easy to swallow! A study from England examines 160 subjects with

weight problems attributed to chocolate. The study finds those given vanilla-scented patches lost an average of four and a half pounds. That is twice the amount of the subjects given diet tips alone. And if you do not have any way to get vanilla patches, don't sweat it. The researchers say you can get the same effect by sniffing any natural vanilla scent. It is one more way to bring the sweet smell of success to your weight loss program.

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

Gift of Life to remember organ donors

With heavy hearts that continue to heal, donor families from across Michigan will gather Sunday, Oct. 19, as Gift of Life Michigan pays tribute to last year's organ and tissue donors at the Michigan State University Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. Through the generosity of donor families, 862 Michigan patients received an organ transplant last year, including 37 children. Thousands more received cornea and tissue transplants.

Donor family members will bring a personalized quilt square to add to a series of Michigan Donor Family Quilts at an open house at 1 p.m. These woven treasures symbolize the individuality and essence of their loved ones who gave the ultimate gift. There are currently 24 completed donor family quilts.

The remembrance ceremony

follows at 2 p.m. and concludes with a reception.

New this year, Gift of Life Michigan will provide free, chartered bus transportation to those coming from the Detroit area. The bus will pick up families at Providence Hospital's Medical Office Building in Southfield in the morning and return later in the day. There are more than 45 donor family members planning to take the bus. With the price of gas and a weakened economy, bus service will provide families who may not otherwise attend an opportunity to honor their loved ones.

This year several pediatric transplant recipients will participate in the ceremony, assisting donor families in writing personal messages to their deceased loved ones on a large felt heart which will be carried forward to begin the ceremony. The children

will also share a few words of thanks for their transplants with the donor families. Among those attending are Abigail Uranga, 12, of Ann Arbor; Sarah Gravel, 9, of Madison Heights; Marisa Hammel, 5, of Flat Rock and Shay Ziff, 4, of Bloomfield Hills.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's only full service organ and tissue recovery organization, which acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. Gift of Life Michigan, in collaboration with the Michigan Eye-Bank, provides all services necessary for organ, tissue and eye donation. To sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry or update your registration in order to receive a red heart donor sticker for the front of your driver's license or state ID, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Autism speaks walk

Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism advocacy organization, holds its Walk Now For Autism Walk Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Registration starts at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies and walk at noon. All proceeds benefit Autism Speaks. The day includes a one to two mile walk and Community Resource fair with educational sources, therapists, schools, recreational organizations, and creative child-friendly activities for families affected by autism. This year Toys"R"Us will have a tented space serving as home for Geoffrey the Giraffe. Attendees will also be able to pick up the "Ten Toys That Speak to Autism" handout, a list of toys that help build the skills of children with autism, created in collaboration with Autism Speaks. For information, visit www.walknowforautism.org.

Secret of health

With Lorraine Stefano 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.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Long term care

Presented by Stephen Moses of Center for Long-Term Care Reform in Seattle 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Jewish Community Center's Kahn Building, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Cost \$40. Advance registration required. Call Stephanie Appel at (248) 592-2667 or send e-mail to sappel@jfsdetroit.org. Deadline is Friday, Oct. 10.

Alexander technique

Free demonstration 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Ferndale Public Library, meeting room, 222 E. Nine Mile. Bring a mat if possible. For more information, call (248) 543-9453.

Hospital fund-raiser

Deadline for reservations is Friday, Oct. 17, for 6245th M*A*S*H, A Salute to the Troops, Generation to Generation, an evening of dinner and dancing to Sunset Boulevard 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Come dressed in old or new military attire. Tickets \$75.

UPCOMING

Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan will host its black tie fund-raiser 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jimenez@alam.org.

CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Rd., east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Maria Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration opens at 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Stomp out diabetes

Wine Tasting Benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling and socializing all in support of the American Diabetes Association's efforts to prevent and cure diabetes. For tickets or more information, contact Debbie O'Leary at (888) 342-2383, ext. 6636 or doleary@diabetes.org.

Fibromyalgia workshop

By Dr. Daniel Claw, director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Rd., Garden City. For information, contact Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768 or lucyrowley23@hotmail.com. No charge for the workshop presented by the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

Chocolate jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually. Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations. Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit www.alzgmcc.org for details.

It's a No Drainer comes to Livonia

Research from the United States government demonstrates that pharmaceutical chemicals are contaminating our drinking water.

Wayne County launched a program last month in accordance with a broader national campaign by the National Association of Counties to rid the environment of harmful substances.

The second drop-off site in a series takes place 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13, at the Livonia Senior Center located at 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, Livonia.

The program, "It's a No Drainer," is a health-awareness initiative promoted by the office of Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano.

Wayne County, in coming weeks, will continue to open select sites for citizens to turn in non-controlled medications and packaged sharps.

CVS pharmacists also will be on sites to provide assistance in reviewing medications for compatibility.

Beyond promoting environmental health, Wayne County is eager to clean medicine cabinets to avert the threat of children misusing pharmaceuticals.

For more information, call Community Outreach Coordinator Mike Boynton at (313) 967-6021.

Warriors lock up 3rd place with win

Lutheran High Westland already had third place in the Metro Conference sewn up, but the Warriors fortified their standing with Friday's 2-1 boys soccer victory over Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett in the third-place playoff game. "We played really well defensively and through the middle," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team improved to 12-5-1 overall. "We ran a lot of different players in today and everybody stepped up and played really well." Top players included junior midfielders Gage Flanery, Austin Baglow, senior forward Josh Kruger and junior forward Laith Francis. University Liggett (8-7-1,

5-4-0) actually took a 1-0 lead at the 17-minute mark when senior Jack Fisher scored, but Francis knotted the score just eight minutes later off a throw-in from Flanery. The eventual game-winner was scored midway through the second half when Baglow fed a pass to Kruger, who hit the target. **CC blanks Patriots** In a non-league match Friday, host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central defeated Livonia Franklin, 7-0. On Wednesday, host Franklin and Milford battled to a 2-2 draw. Franklin enters Division 1 district action 7 p.m. Monday at home against Westland John Glenn at 2-14-2 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 115 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 70
Oct. 9 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Katy Harris, Ashley Sells, Leslie Botts), 2:10.09; 2. John Glenn, 2:16.19; 3. Franklin, 2:16.34.
200 freestyle: 1. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:04.38; 2. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:05.79; 3. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 2:17.42.
200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:19.59; 2. Natalie Cote (LF), 2:24.41; 3. Kall Aloisi (WJG), 2:35.28.
50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Fielhauer (WJG), 27:13; 2. Casey Peterson (WJG), 27.36; 3. Colleen Anthony (LF), 27.61.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 219.30 points; 2. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 185.50; 3. Harris (WJG), 150.20.
100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:01.85 (state cut); 2. Kayla Douglas (L), 1:02.58; 3. Dominique Jordan (LF), 1:15.13.
100 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 57.14; 2. Kozyn (LF), 58.21; 3. Peterson (WJG), 59.45.
500 freestyle: 1. Cote (LF), 5:34.65; 2. Alholinna (WJG), 6:04.09; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 6:19.69.
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Sells, Sparks, Peterson, Burgess), 1:47.14; 2. Franklin, 1:47.66; 3. John Glenn, 1:56.89.
100 backstroke: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:03.43; 2. Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:09.11; 3. Jessica Gibert (LF), 1:18.01.
100 breaststroke: 1. Harris (WJG), 1:22.92; 2. Anthony (LF), 1:25.83; 3. Botts (WJG), 1:35.03.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Burgess, Humbach, Peterson, Sparks), 3:56.16; 2. Franklin, 3:58.96; 3. John Glenn, 4:27.9.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 4-0 KLA-South Division; Franklin, 2-4 overall, 1-3 KLA-South Division.
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 105 MADISON HEIGHTS BISHOP FOLEY 60
Oct. 9 at Livonia Community Rec. Center
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Celeigh Griffin, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:02.38 (state cut); 2. Ladywood,

2:16.15.
200 freestyle: 1. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:11.99; 2. Maddy Pelon (LL), 2:13.69.
200 individual medley: 1. Wilson (LL), 2:31.13; 2. Brinkman (LL), 2:36.19; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 2:36.85.
50 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 26.02; 2. Hannah Weaver (LL), 29.21; 3. Griffin (LL), 29.52.
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 196.10 points.
100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 57.14 (state cut); 2. Jessica Arabi (LL), 1:06.6.
500 freestyle: 1. Pijor (LL), 5:49.87; 2. Mollie Pelon (LL), 6:18.18; 3. Haley Jackson (LL), 6:50.4.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Maddy Pelon, Brinkman, Mollie Pelon, Pijor), 1:54.1; 3. Ladywood, 2:06.59.
100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:08.02; 2. Arabi (LL), 1:13.09.
100 breaststroke: 1. Griffin (LL), 1:18.5; 2. Monica Thibodeau (LL), 1:25.71; 3. Megan Vitale (LL), 1:28.64.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Maddy Pelon, Pijor, Wilson, Kelly), 4:05.9.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-4 overall, 2-1 (Catholic League).
LIVONIA STEVENSON 101 SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 85
Oct. 2 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Corinne Caldwell, Jenna Faletti, Julie Kapler, Paige Drazga), 1:55.25; 2. Stevenson, 2:00.77; 3. South Lyon, 2:09.99.
200 freestyle: 1. Drazga (SL), 2:01.2; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (SL), 2:05.6; 3. Laura Holtz (SL), 2:10.54.
200 individual medley: 1. Ashley Gordon (SL), 2:14.44; 2. Sarah Opydie (SL), 2:27.89.
50 freestyle: 1. Faletti (SL), 25.14; 3. Ashley Reed (SL), 27.02.
1-meter diving: 1. Monica Gironza (SL), 185.17 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Drazga (SL), 1:01.43; 2. Reed (SL), 1:05.03.
100 freestyle: 1. L. Holtz (SL), 58.99; 3. Allison Kellehan (SL), 1:00.34.
500 freestyle: 1. Dolinski (SL), 5:26.11; 2. Sarah

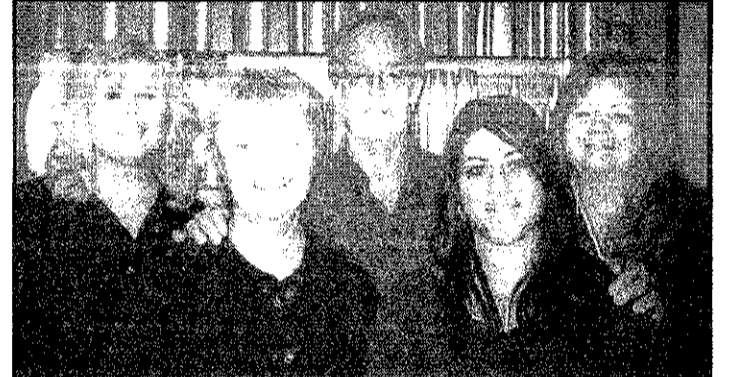
Scott (SL), 5:49.61.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Kayla Perchall, Allison Kellehan, Paige McNamara, Kaylee Dolinski), 1:49.6; 2. Stevenson, 1:53.22.
100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (SL), 1:01.98; 3. Charlotte Buckley (SL), 1:08.74.
100 breaststroke: 1. Faletti (SL), 1:09.78; 2. Perchall (SL), 1:15.7; 3. Kellehan (SL), 1:16.75.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Dolinski, Reed, L. Holtz, Gordon), 3:50.65; 3. Stevenson, 4:16.21.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 5-1 overall, 2-1 KLA-Central Division.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 111 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 75
Oct. 2 at Churchill
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Kall Aloisi, Margaret Wright, Jennie Humbach), 2:10.76; 2. John Glenn, 2:13.32; 3. Churchill, 2:19.4.
200 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:05.31; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:05.85; 3. Olivia O'Chel (LC), 2:22.95.
200 individual medley: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:25.6; 2. Katy Harris (WJG), 2:44.9; 3. Kate Moran (WJG), 2:46.58.
50 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 28.24; 2. Katrina Nelson (LC), 29.58; 3. Haley Fox (LC), 29.67.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 186.45 points; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 172.45; 3. Humbach (WJG), 165.85.
100 freestyle: 1. Reid (LC), 57.02; 2. Burgess (WJG), 57.3; 3. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 59.89.
500 freestyle: 1. Rachael Alholinna (WJG), 6:04.88; 2. Humbach (WJG), 6:07.42; 3. Moran (WJG), 6:28.56.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (D'Annunzio, Fox, Allison Mayer, Reid), 1:52.23; 2. John Glenn, 1:58.31; 3. John Glenn, 1:59.71.
100 backstroke: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:14.43; 2. Lorie Avanesian (LC), 1:17.79; 3. Alholinna (WJG), 1:17.95.
100 breaststroke: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:17.35; 2. Aloisi (WJG), 1:19.5; 3. Jacquelyn Hewitt (WJG), 1:22.25.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (D'Annunzio, Fox, Mayer, Reid), 4:08.77; 2. Churchill, 4:42.63; 3. John Glenn, 4:52.29.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
DIVISION 1-REGION 2 GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Oct. 9 at Giant Oak (Temperance)
TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 350 strokes; 2. Temperance Bedford, 373; 3. Saline, 385; 4. Dearborn, 390; 5. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Monroe, 403 each; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 442; 8. Westland John Glenn, 430; 9. Livonia Franklin, 444; 10. Canton, 451; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 468; 12. Plymouth, 479; 13. BelleWille, 496; 14. Wayne Memorial, no team score.
Individual medalist: Alexis Therman (Pioneer), 78.
AREA SCORERS
Churchill scorers: Lexi McFarlane, 102; Jessica Burdette, 100; Sarah Linder, 102; Jordyn Shepler, 109; Stephanie Panaretos, 129.
Franklin scorers: Georgia Patrick, 102; Sam McAtee, 109; Lauren Beahon, 116; Natalie Polakowski, 118; Alexis Smith, 122.
John Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 97; Courtney McKinney, 107; Justine Woodard, 112; Samantha Baker, 116; Michelle Bishop, 125.
Wayne scorers: Berlynn Beaver, 92 (sq); Taylor Tuttle, 130; Avalon Feian, 135. (sq); individual state qualifier.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CYO hoop tryouts
■ Tryouts for the JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8) St. Colette Catholic Youth Organization boys basketball teams will be Monday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29. The season runs from mid-November to the end of February. Boys from St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Priscilla are eligible to tryout out. The Cougars are also seeking a JV coach. Call Michele Belczak at (734) 953-5746; or e-mail michelebel@sbcglobal.net.
■ Tryouts and sign up for St. Genevieve CYO boys and girls basketball (grades 4-8) will begin Monday, Oct. 27. Members of St. Genevieve, St. Maurice, St. Priscilla, St. Aidan and Our Lady of Loretto are eligible to play. For more information, e-mail Tim Jeter at tjeter923@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 462-0517.

WYAA basketball
Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball begins Saturday, Oct. 11 and will continue through Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). The WYAA has openings for the following age groups: Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (13-14-15) and Senior (16-19). The cost for basketball is \$125. Right Start and Freshman level players have until Monday, Nov. 10 to register for \$125, while JV, Varsity and Senior players must sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 3 also for \$125. Call (734) 421-0640; or visit online at www.wyaa.org.



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Angela Hospice programs help entire family

Light Up a Life is always a nice event with a sit-down dinner, silent auction and entertainment, but underlying all the fun is the knowledge that proceeds go to Angela Hospice in Livonia. Dozens of volunteers and staff work hard to raise money to pay for the programs to assist terminally ill patients and their families.



Linda Chomin

Kathy Stemberger can't say enough about the help she and her two young sons received before and after her husband died. Jeff Stemberger was diagnosed with esophageal cancer Oct. 7, 2005 and was in the home care program for six weeks prior to his death on Oct. 4, 2006. Angela Hospice staff even came to their home to help Jeff arrange to donate his body to medical research at Wayne State University, where he earned his master's degree.

"They were very well in tune to the dynamics of our family and what our needs were," said Stemberger of Plymouth Township. "They would come and cut his hair, help me bathe him. People say it was pretty amazing what I

endured. It's love. I wouldn't have changed a thing. Jeff was a wonderful husband and father." About a year after Jeff died, Kathy's pain was so great she sought help from Angela Hospice in dealing with the grief. Her high school-age sons had already been seeing a pediatric counselor

there. Stemberger still goes weekly to Angela Hospice, her sons once a month.

"My children were my first priority," said Stemberger. "When I was very young I lost two uncles and noticed how these families changed drastically. The pediatric counselor bridged things for my children at school not only to educate staff but open communication. Throughout this journey as our needs changed so did the services, they gave me the tools to move forward."

Rebecca Hyman stresses the bereavement program is not just for families of Angela Hospice patients. One-on-one counseling and support groups are open to everyone in the southeast Michigan area. An adult grief seminar starts Monday, Oct. 13. For details, call (734) 953-6030.

"It's for survivors of suicide loss, for elderly. We can come to their home," said Hyman of West Bloomfield. "If they've lost a spouse, parent, sibling, friend, we have specific groups. Heartstrings we offer once a month for parents who've lost a child. We have a quilters group where they can bring clothing from their loved one and make a quilt and while they're quilting talk about their loved one."

Angela Hospice relies heavily on donations and proceeds from the gala. Last year the bereavement program assisted 1,326 families. That's why Light Up a Life is so important. Angela Hospice provides the services free and is not reimbursed by Medicare or insurance.

Barb Iovan is expecting close to 400 supporters to turn out for the event on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The theme is Diamonds and Denim.

"This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year," said Iovan, events coordinator. "We'll have entertainment at 6 p.m. by David James, a singer in the style of Neil Diamond, and the 7-piece Rick Lieder Band at 8 p.m. Our silent auction includes everything from a baseball signed by 1984 Detroit Tigers champions to a trip to Hilton Head, gift certificates for restaurants, and a chance to be on the morning show with Dick Purtan. Something new this year is a separate auction for art pieces, paintings, oil, watercolor."

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String musicians of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra gathered for a rehearsal in preparation for their upcoming season.

Season of change

Livonia Symphony opens series with afternoon concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

A buzz of excitement filled the room before the Livonia Symphony Orchestra rehearsal Monday night. 2008-2009 is going to be a season of change. The opening pops concert on Oct. 18 signals a commitment the board of directors and orchestra are making to introduce audiences of all ages to classical music. For the 36th season they're moving the series' concerts to 4 p.m. Saturdays instead of later in the evening to attract families and seniors citizens.

"We want to instill a love of music at an early age," said Rose Kachnowski, the recently elected president of the Livonia Symphony Society, the orchestra's decision making organization. She joined the LSO board of directors 30 years ago when it was known as the Oakway Symphony. "Classical music can be many kinds of music including pops. We want to make it an enjoyable concert to have music from ET. The music for kids' shows are all based on classical music. The Baby

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Conductor Vladimir Shchegolev leads the Livonia Symphony Orchestra through a recent rehearsal in preparation for their new season.



Violinist Brenda Thalacker, right, gets some direction from Concertmaster Anton Shelepov during a recent rehearsal.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

What: The LSO opens the 2008-2009 season with an afternoon of pops
When: 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
Where: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children/students, and available at the door and all Livonia libraries. For information, call (734) 421-1111

Children's opera leads off meaningful evening

Nancy Florkowski never thought she'd be producing a children's opera but was haunted by Brundibar. The work was originally performed by the inmates of the Terezin Concentration Camp during World War II in the country now known as the Czech Republic. While the opera itself is a fairy tale, it's the setting that kept calling to Florkowski every time she passed the script on the shelf of her Redford home.

The first half of the production is a performance of the opera about two children who triumph over evil with the help of talking animals, but it is followed by scenes and monologues relating to the Holocaust, which left six million Jews dead.

The Motor City Youth Theatre opens the show Friday, Oct. 17, at the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia. It is a complete departure from the musicals Florkowski usually produces. In preparation for the performance, several of the older children toured the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Brundibar was composed by Hans Krasa and written by Adolf Hoffmeister.

"I wanted our youth theater to do something very meaningful," said



Monica Nelson of Redford (center) is one of two girls playing the part of Brundibar in the children's opera by Motor City Youth Theatre.

Florkowski, youth theater founder and artistic director. "It's a big undertaking with a cast of 33 kids. I doubled and tripled some of the parts. It's only half an hour long. It's hard for kids to be serious because they're so goofy but I think it's going to make a big impact on the audience." The production has already left an

impression on Amelia Fanelli, a 13-year old student at Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills. Fanelli plays an art teacher sent to the concentration camp which was a walled ghetto for Jews from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, and The Netherlands. Her 6-year old brother William is in the chorus. Fanelli was able to identify with

BRUNDIBAR

What: The fairy tale children's opera is followed by scenes and monologues relating to the Holocaust
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 17-26
Where: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Tickets: \$12-15. Call (313) 535-8962 or send e-mail to niffo@aol.com

parts of the production, mainly the fear. It reminded her of the time when she was 8 years old and her grandmother was supposed to pick her up from swim practice, but got the time wrong and left Fanelli alone in the dark.

"I think historically it's of great significance, but I think they're going to get more out the second half," said Fanelli. "A lot of characters in my scene were real people and were totally forgotten about. My character could only pack 110 pounds and bring it to the camp. She packed almost all art supplies for the children."

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Arts council to honor citizens for contributions

The Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities will honor 10 outstanding local citizens for their contributions to the cultural environment of greater Wayne County at the annual Recognition Awards program 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Atrium of the historic Wayne County Building at 600 Randolph St., Detroit.

The 2008 honors include the County Executive Award: Rick Goward and the Henry Ford Big Band, Dearborn; Arts Educator Award: James Tatum, Detroit, jazz instructor, performer and guiding force behind the James Tatum Foundation providing support to young musicians; Volunteer Award: Dr. Noel Jackson and Debbie Jackson, Trenton, for their work on developing the Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center and restoration of the historic Trenton Theater; Patron Award: Rosalind Meyer, Grosse Ile; Humanities Award: Oswald Rivera, Detroit, for his work with

local community and human service agencies including ACCESS and the Hispanic/Latino community; History Award: Plymouth Historical Museum, for its commitment to honoring the community's past through educational programs, exhibits, workshops and community involvement; County Commissioner's Award: Irene Walt, for her commitment and advocacy for art in public places, the People Mover stations among other public locations; Artist/Performer Award: Michael Mullen, musician founding member of the Baseline Folk Society and graphic artist; and International Award: Sergio DeGiusti, a Redford sculptor, teacher and art historian whose work has been exhibited in the United States and Europe.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by harpist Catherine Heise, and flutist Dablon Jackson. A dessert reception follows the award ceremony. The event is open to the public at no charge, but guests are asked to RSVP to (248) 374-1930.

Tea based on American Girls Club series

Twenty lucky girls from ages 8 to 12 will attend the 5th annual "Tea with Felicity" event based on the popular bestselling American Girls Club series at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Northville. Girls and their American Girl dolls will take tea in the best 18th century manner just as character Felicity and her friends would have done.

Barnes & Noble bookseller Paul Cirocco and Karen Hines Dittrick with daughters Catherine, Emma and Caroline, costumed in authentic 18th century attire, host the event at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the store, 17111 Haggerty at Six Mile.

Before refreshments are served, Cirocco will discuss the history of the traditional afternoon tea as well as give a brief lesson on proper etiquette for young ladies in the 18th century.

Guests will enjoy homemade gingerbread and sugar cookies while tasting freshly brewed hot tea.

Following the tea party, Cirocco and the hostesses will treat the young guests to a special presentation of period toys and games as well as a quill and ink writing lesson with authentic goose feather quill pens.

Space is limited to 20 participants, but observers are welcome. To RSVP, call (248)



Bookseller Paul Cirocco explains the traditional afternoon tea to guests and observers.

348-0696. Bookseller Paul Cirocco began hosting this popular annual event in 2003. Cirocco and Dittrick are members of "The Brigade of the American Revolution" and "British Brigade," international organizations devoted to researching all aspects of life during the Revolutionary War era. The organizations also ree-

ate Revolutionary War scenes at museum programs and historical reenactments throughout the Eastern United States, Canada and abroad.

Cirocco and Dittrick have also participated in both the Bicentennial and 225th anniversary celebrations at sites from Lexington & Concord in Massachusetts to Yorktown in Virginia and everywhere in

between. Cirocco's interest and experience with America's colonial period have made him the resident history expert at the Northville Township bookstore, where he has been employed for just over 10 years.

For more information, contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or crm2648@bn.com.

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However, physicians circle the knee area with caution. The reason is that the knee includes a number of structures, which, when swollen, can irritate a knee joint problem. These other structures include the anserine bursa, the fibular bursa, the prepatellar bursa, and the infrapatellar bursa.

A fall or prolonged work on the hands and knees provides a ready answer as to why one or more of these bursas became inflamed. At other times, mainly the majority of cases, no such explanation is apparent.

If a doctor is to avoid an error in diagnosis, he needs to use care in examining a red and painful knee. First, he cannot assume the problem is an inflamed knee joint. Second, he should check each of the bursa surrounding the knee to confirm that one or more of these structures is or is not the source of the patient's pain.

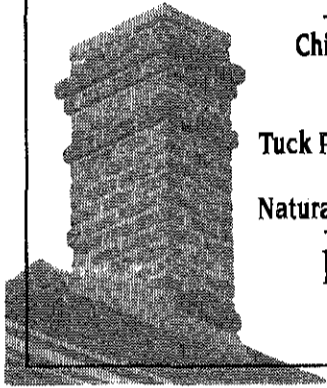
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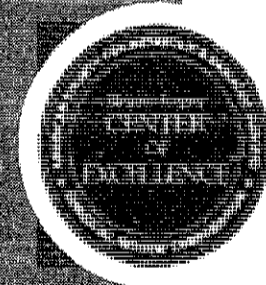
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Einstein CD's they love the Bach."

Kachnowski is equally enthusiastic about the symphony's fund raiser Friday, Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The New York Vibes evening features not only the orchestra but the chorus line of Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia.

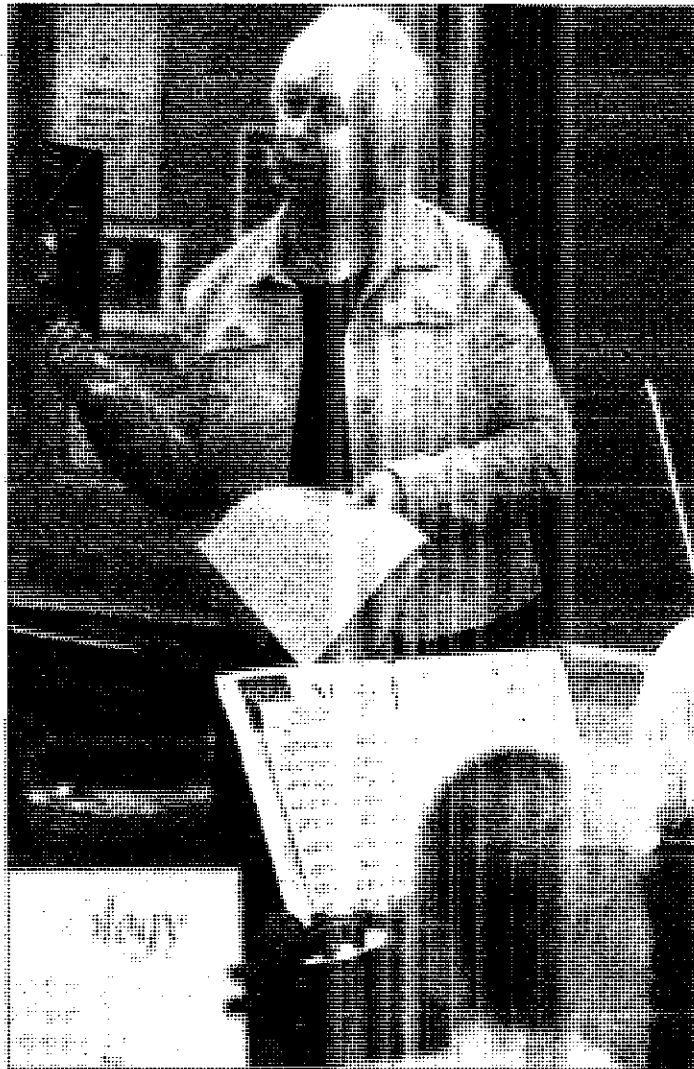
"Our major fund-raiser is always full of color," said Kachnowski. "We're going to invite people to dance at the end of the concert."

Carl Karoub is especially looking forward to the Dec. 6, program with guests that include musicians from the Livonia Youth Philharmonic. Karoub, the LSO's principal French Horn, has taught music privately for decades. The second concert of the series brings the spirit of the holidays alive with the music of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," and Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

"We want to encourage young people to go into classical music," said Karoub, personnel manager and assistant conductor. "That's the future of the orchestra."

The season continues Jan. 24 with a celebration of Viennese classics by Strauss and Haydn; Ballet Masterpieces on March 7, and music from the Romantic period with guest pianist Anna Sorkhtei performing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1 on April 18.

"We have an excellent program for each concert," said conductor Volodymyr Shesniuk of Garden City. "On the opening program are many American names, John Williams, Richard Rodgers."



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Rose Kachnowski, president of the Livonia Symphony Society, talks to members of the orchestra during a recent rehearsal.

There isn't anything that violinist Marion Gross doesn't like about the new season. This is the Garden City woman's 7th year playing with the LSO. She previously performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 50 years.

Gross regularly plays at

churches as well including Garden City Methodist and Ward Presbyterian in Northville.

"I like the pops concert with the film music," said Gross. "It's very fun. I like the conductor, his musicality, his warmth."

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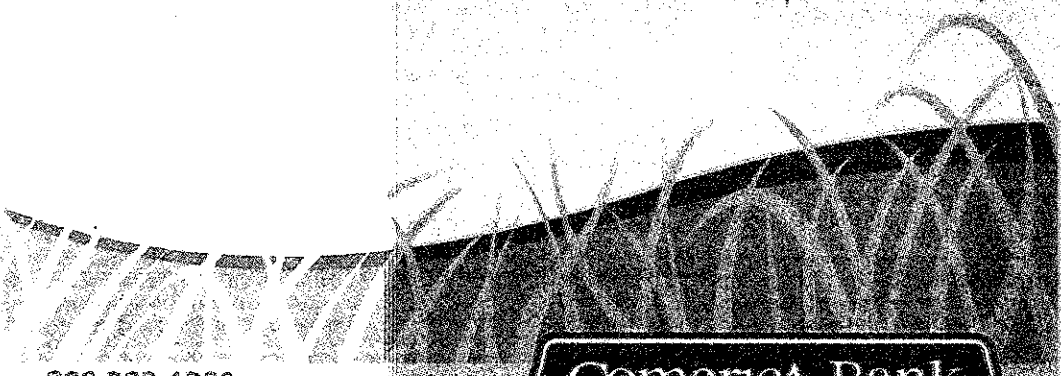
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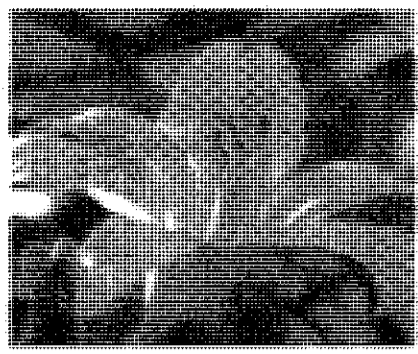
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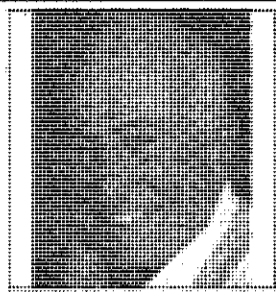
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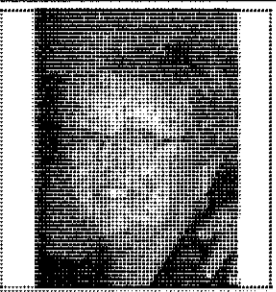


ALBERT "JOE" ALLEN

Age 85, of Canton and formerly of Dearborn. Passed away October 9, 2008. He was a resident Dearborn for over 50 years. He was an active member of the Dearborn community, having belonged to the Dearborn Country Club, the Phoenix Club, and the Dearborn Kiwanis Club, of which he was a Past President. Joe graduated from Annapolis as an officer and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He studied electrical engineering at Georgia Tech. He retired after 40 years as a manufacturer representative and owned his own Manufacturer Representative Company, Softrim Inc. of Dearborn. He loved to write and read poetry, play golf, bridge, and tennis, and he was an avid but luckless fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Robert E. (Jane) Allen, Donald J. (Charlotte) Allen, Judith C. (Susan Seaburg) Allen, Mary (Scott) Livchak, Matthew D. (Teri) Allen, and Edith (Joseph) Kwasnoski; his grandchildren, Jessie Allen, Justin (Laura) Allen, Elizabeth Seaburg, David, Adam, Christopher, and Daniel Livchak, and Laura and Emma Kwasnoski; his brother, Michael (Janet) Allen; and his sister, Patricia Brown. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, 11am, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friends may visit Monday 6pm-8pm and Tuesday 10am until service. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

RAYMOND A. GALLANT

Age 87, of Silver Lake Road and Bradenton, Florida. Passed away Wednesday, October 08, 2008 at CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh. He was born in Burlington, Vermont on December 3, 1920. Son of the late Alphonse and Rose Eva (Lafond) Gallant. He was raised in Plattsburgh, NY by his mother and step-father, Rose and Ross Plunkett. Raymond was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator. He retired from the US Naval Reserve in December 3, 1980 with the rank of Commander. Raymond graduated from St. John's Academy in 1939, received a bachelors Degree of Mechanical Engineering from RPI in 1950, and a Masters of Science and Engineering from University of Michigan in 1954. He spent his engineering career with General Motors, holding a variety of assignments, retiring in 1985 as the Advance Power Train Office, Staff Engineer. Raymond was a member of Church of the Assumption in Redford. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #255 in Plattsburgh. Although a Birmingham Michigan resident for many years, he returned frequently to the Silver Lake camp to enjoy his favorite sport of fly fishing. Raymond is survived by a son, Raymond A. Gallant of Carson City, MI, five step-daughters: Judith O'Brien of Plattsburgh, Patti A. King of Plattsburgh, Connie Giles of Morrisville, Nancy Price of Alexandria, LA, Suelien Garabedian of Swan Lake, MT; a sister-in-law, Wanda Martin of Plattsburgh, NY; nine grandchildren, Christy Durrant of Burnt Hills, NY, Tracy Snow of Tupper Lake, NY, Greg O'Brien of Barrington, IL, Becky Brady of Pineville, LA, Melissa Looney of Pineville, LA, Jennifer Drewett of Alexandria, LA, Michelle Santor of Los Angeles, CA, Daniel Giles of West Chazy, NY, Sydney Garabedian of Swan Lake, MT and thirteen great-grandchildren. Raymond was predeceased by his first wife, Dorcas (St. Dennis) Gallant (married December 12, 1943, died August 27, 1991) and his second wife, Theresa (Martin) King Gallant (married November 14, 1992, died October 24, 2001). Calling hours will be Friday, October 10, 2008 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Brown Funeral Home, 29 Broad Street in Plattsburgh. Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #255 will meet Friday evening at 6:00 pm for services. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 10:00 am from St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery in Plattsburgh with full military honors. Donations in the memory of Raymond A. Gallant may be made to Fitzpatrick Cancer Center, 75 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-9957 or Hospice of the North Country, 43 Durkee Street, Suite #200, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Please make online condolences and light memorial candles at www.brownfuneralhomeinc.com.



EILEEN MARY McGRATH

Age 62, of Ocala, Florida. Died on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at Legacy House Hospice. She was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan and moved to Ocala, Florida in 1999 from Westland, Michigan. She is a homemaker and a Volunteer Clown, known as "Nellie Belly" for Senior Groups, locally and is a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church. She loved collecting Amish figurines; loved traveling and R.V. Camping; but most of all, loved decorating her home for Halloween, Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 42 years, Edward J. McGrath of Ocala, FL; her three sons, John McGrath, Brian McGrath and Patrick and wife Lisa McGrath; her brother, Kevin Shiven; her two sisters, Kitty Anderson and Noreen Hargraves; also her five grandchildren. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am, October 16th 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Parish, 34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Michigan 48184. The family request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Legacy House Hospice, 9505 S.W. 110th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481, in Memory of Mrs. Eileen M. McGrath. Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce Chapel West, 6241 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala, FL. 34476, is in charge of local arrangements.



PAUL DONALD NORA

September 15, 1958. Died September 11, 2008. Of Kalkaska MI, since 2006. Previous residences: Detroit, MI; Harlan, IN; Big Rapids, MI; Minneapolis, MN. Son of Germaine Nora and the late Donald. Brother of Barbara Sorenson of East Jordan, MI, Donna Elmore (Michael) of Panama City, FL, Patricia Abbasabadi (Alireza) of Big Rapids, MI. Uncle of Rebecca Jorgensen (Lorin) of Panama City, FL, Karen Elmore of Pensacola, FL. Great-uncle of Alexis Jorgensen. Also many friends that Paul considered to be family. Memberships: Lifetime member of NRA and NAHC. President of the CLBC. Dr. Paul Nora died on September 11, 2008 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City after a 1 1/2 yr battle fighting Multiple Myeloma and its resulting complications. Paul was born and raised in the Detroit area. He graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976, Hope College with his undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry in 1980, and Wayne State University with his MD in 1984. He was a kind and caring Family Practitioner in Harlan, IN and Big Rapids, MI. He later returned to Detroit and completed his Forensic Pathology Residency and Fellowship in 2003. Paul worked in Minneapolis and the Detroit area as a Forensic Pathologist until his illness in 2006. Paul was an avid Detroit sports fan and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including hunting, hiking, golfing and fishing. He also enjoyed high performance Mustangs, reading, playing pool and cards, and being with family and friends. Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. He will be missed by all who knew him.



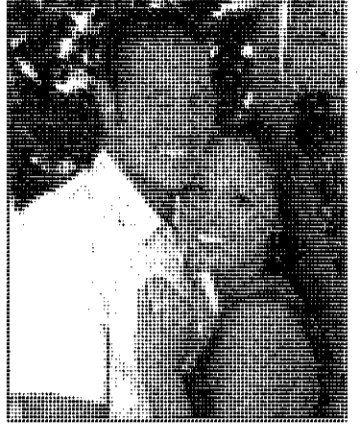
social work from Wayne State University. He is currently working in his field as a social worker. The couple is planning an October wedding at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Ridgway-Oatley

James Ridgway of Grosse Pointe Park and Karen Ridgway of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia Louise Ridgway, to Alexander John Oatley of Detroit. He is the son of Jon and Diane Oatley of Plymouth. Sylvia is a 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned her bachelor's degree in civil engineering and her master's degree in education at the University of Michigan. She teaches science at Detroit Edison Academy in Detroit. Alexander is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in computer science and religious studies from Albion College, and his master's degree in

Alexander-LeSage

Bob and Debbie Alexander of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Alexander, to Brent LeSage of Royal Oak. He is the son of Jane LeSage of Livonia and Ken LeSage of Dearborn. The bride-to-be works in retail management and the groom works as a mortgage banker. The couple is planning an October 2009 wedding in Bloomfield Hills.



BIRTH

Niemiec

Kevin and Angela (Jacovetti) Niemiec announce the birth of their son Drew Benjamin Niemiec. He was born June 7, 2008 and weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces. His grandparents are Dan and Kathy Niemiec of Belleville and Bill and Karen Jacovetti of Livonia. His great-grandparents are Bill and Arlene



Jacovetti, Lottie Marie Niemiec of Farwell and Donald Dwyer of Clearwater, Fla.

ANNIVERSARY

Schmidt

Robert and Marianne (Michaels) Schmidt of Plymouth are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed on Oct. 11, 1958 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Bay City. They have lived in Plymouth for the past eight years and have four adult children: Kim (Kevin) Carriere of Milford; Kathryn (Matthew) Zelenak of Novi; Robert (Chris) Schmidt of Lake Shannon and Michael Schmidt of Plymouth. They also have five grandchildren: Matthew and Megan Carriere, Emily and Katie Zelenak and



Zachary Schmidt. Friends and family are celebrating the occasion with a luncheon at Ernest's Restaurant in Plymouth.

WEDDING

Frizzell-Lasser

Curtis and Sharlene Frizzell of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Laurel Frizzell, to Adam Lasser of Garden City. He is the son of Kristie Jones of Garden City. The bride and groom are 2004 graduates of Garden City High School. Laurel is also a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned a degree in psychology. She works for Garden City Resource Center. Adam works for Michigan Management and is general manager of Wendy's Restaurant in Livonia. The couple wed on May 17, at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland. The Rev. Gerard Bechard officiated. The bride was attended by maids of honor Kara and Christa Frizzell and bridesmaids Kristen Buddenborg, Kelli Craft, Danyelle Pinkerton, Alyssa Frizzell, junior bridesmaid



Ashlyn Jones and flower girl Ella Gabriel. The groom was attended by best man Adam Walentowicz and groomsmen Sabelo Mnewango, Corey Brodi, Dan Finley, Rob Kania, Ken Nelson, and junior groomsmen Zachary Frizzell. The couple spent their honeymoon in Walt Disney World and took a 7-day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. They have made their home in Westland.

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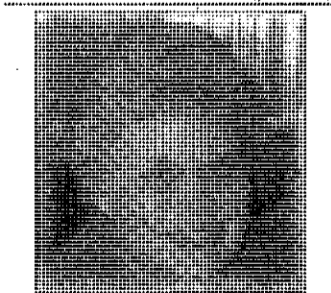
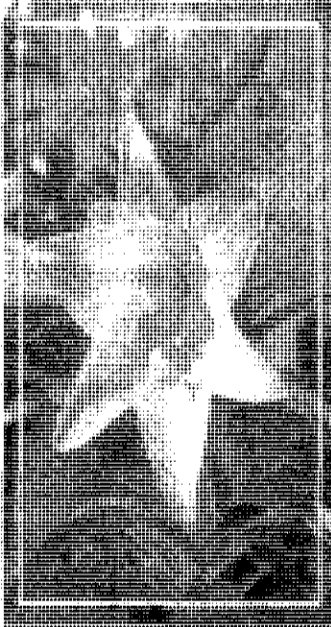
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JOSEPH M. BROWN, SR.
Age 91. Of Farmington Hills, MI. October 9, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington (one blk. W. of Farmington Rd.).

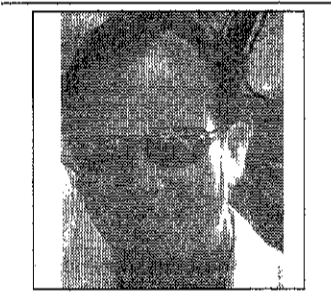
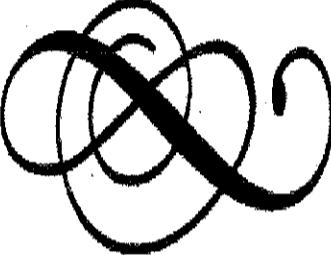
MITCHELL KENNETH BUTLER

Age 14, of Redford, Michigan. Died on Sunday, October 5, 2008, after being struck by a car when biking to officiate a youth soccer game. Mitchell was born in Royal Oak on May 4, 1994, and was the beloved son of Doug and Amy (Federspiel) Butler. Cherished brother of Andrew and Devin and loved grandson of Kenneth and Nancy Federspiel of Wheeler and Janet and the late Robert Butler of Kalamazoo. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Mitchell was an upbeat, caring young man who will be remembered as a bundle of energy who loved snowboarding, fishing, skateboarding, video games and animals (raising and hunting them). A talented and enthusiastic athlete, Mitchell enjoyed running and he especially excelled in soccer which he played for the Redford and Livonia City Soccer Clubs and Redford Union High School. In addition to athletics, Mitchell was also very involved at Prince of Peace Catholic Church where he was recently confirmed and played drums in the Praise Band. His belief in God was an important part of who he was and he was not shy about letting people know it. Funeral arrangements were made through Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia (www.neely-turkowski.com). The funeral was held on Thursday, October 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Rd., Farmington Hills, with burial immediately following at the South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mitchell Butler Memorial Fund at the Community Choice Credit Union, 25447 Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239.



MARILYN L. KOSHOREK

Age 77, of Royal Oak. Died October 8, 2008 at her home. She was born July 7, 1931 in Jamestown, N.Y. and was the widow of Clement J. Koshorek, a former professional baseball player and native of Royal Oak. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Southfield, Red Run Golf Club Royal Oak, and the Auburn Hills American Legion Auxiliary, Post 143. She was an LPN at Providence Hospital before retiring in 1973. Marilyn is survived by two sons, Stephen R. (Patricia) of Royal Oak and Gregory J. (Gail) of Berkley; daughter, Cynthia L. Elizondo of Royal Oak; one sister, Virginia Chipman of Knoxville, Tennessee; two brothers, Wallace Cheney of Falconer, N.Y., and Brian Cheney of Frewsburg, N.Y.; nine beloved grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Funeral Service Monday 11 am at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (btwn Maple and Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Sunday 5-9 pm. Burial will be at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Memorial Tributes to the American Heart Association or the William Beaumont Hospice Program. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DANIEL "DAN" MYERS

Of Redford, Michigan. Passed away October 5, 2008 due to a tragic accident. Dan is survived by his parents, Fred "Bud" Myers of Lansing, Michigan and Carolann Myers of Redford, Michigan; his son Christopher Myers of Mason, Michigan; his brother Martin "Marty" Myers of Redford, Michigan; many aunts, uncles and cousins and a special friend, Cindy White. Dan was a former resident of Lansing/Mason area and most recently Redford, Michigan. He was a graduate of DeWitt High School, and loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping. He was a great competitor, winning numerous regional and national trophies in Go Kart racing. Dan and his dad shared a love of trains and participated in numerous train shows. Dan will be remembered for his generosity and willingness to help others. He will be dearly missed by all. Memorial Services will be held at the Ball-Dunn Chapel, 621 S. Jefferson, Mason, Michigan on Saturday, October 18, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the American Kidney Fund or the U of M Kidney Transplant Center. A memory may be shared with Dan's family at harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

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About your preferences
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Not to waste, you didn't like that
You made the most out of nothing
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Helped us to go thru trials
We miss your words "you can do it"
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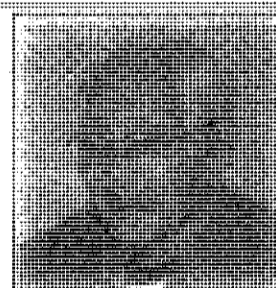


ANNA M. ROMAN

Age 107. Of West Bloomfield, MI. October 8, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington (one blk. W. of Farmington Rd.).

CECILE M. WILSON

Age 95, of Cleves, Ohio. Formerly of Plymouth, October 7, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Woodrow Wilson. Loving mother of the late James, Linda, Carol and Sandra. Proud grandmother of Denny and Cookie Wilson, Stephanie and Mike Jackson, and Cindy and Dale Fisher. Great-grandmother of ten and great-great-grandmother of three. A funeral service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road on Friday, Oct. 10 at 12:00 Noon. Interment was at Highland Cemetery in Brooklyn, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, Inc. C/O Bethesda Foundation, Inc., PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263-3597. To share a memory, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



CHRISTOPHER WILSON

Age 94, of Livonia. Died Sept. 17, 2008 in Charlevoix. Father of Robert (Vonnice) Wilson, Caroline (Don) Luttrich, Chris (Teresa) Wilson, Mary Lou O'Connell, Patti (Bob) Fitzgerald & Eric Wilson. Grandfather to 20 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren & one great-great-grandson. Preceded in death in 2002 by Elizabeth, his loving wife of sixty-three years. Retired from teaching in Livonia Public Schools in 1979. A memorial celebration of his life will be held on Oct. 18, 2008. Contributions: American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, or Eastern Michigan University Foundation for the Athletic Dept.

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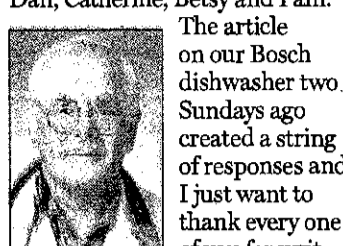
Arts council in need of items for sale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding a Rummage Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon. A nonprofit, the organization is accepting donated items. The Drop-off will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, for items including art, equipment, books, gently used coats/jackets, and household items. The arts council is a 501(c)3 so all donated items are tax deductible. All proceeds from the Rummage Sale will go to programming at the PCAC. Unsold

items will be donated to the AM Rotary Literacy Project and other local organizations. Volunteers are needed to sort on Friday and work the Rummage Sale on Saturday. If interested send an e-mail to volunteer@plymoutharts.com. For questions, call (734) 416-4278. The Plymouth Community Arts Council was founded in 1969 to provide quality fine and performing arts, and cultural opportunities for all ages in the greater Western Wayne County community. To learn more, visit www.plymoutharts.com.

Appliance Doc shares response to smelly dishwasher problem

There is nothing nicer for a columnist than to get a response to the columns he or she writes. Thank you Betsy, Christa, Rob, Dianne, Kevin, Dan, Catherine, Betsy and Pam.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The article on our Bosch dishwasher two Sundays ago created a string of responses and I just want to thank every one of you for writing and calling me. Following is some of the feedback.

and see what recommendations they may have regarding a resolution.

Reply: As you can see, ladies and gentlemen, we might just be getting some help from one of our readers. I'll be sure to pass on whatever Kevin finds out.

Betsy wrote: We too, have one of the smelly Bosch dishwashers. It seems like such a waste of water to run it just to get rid of the odor. Our solution has been to make sure you LEAVE IT OPEN after running a load, until it is quite dry (say overnight, or while you're at work). While it is rather inconvenient (especially since we have to close the dishwasher door to get to the trash under the sink!) it really helps tremendously, and is worth it. And certainly don't go on vacation and leave it closed unless it is absolutely positively bone dry!

Bosch customer service line regarding the problem, someone told me that I should be running a dishwasher cleaner through it, implying that I was an idiot for not doing this on a regular basis. Nowhere in the manual is this recommended, and my previous old clunky dishwasher never required such treatment (though of course we did use your Tang treatment on occasion). I gave up on the cleaners when I realized it only gave me a few more days of odor-free operation.

The root of the problem may be in its particular mode of operation. You may have noticed that the dishes do not dry unless you open it after it cycles? This is apparently intentional, designed to save energy, and to be easier on your dishes (by not "baking" them with a heating element to dry them) the side effect is that the dishwasher itself takes longer

to dry than the dishes. Bosch is quite remiss in not explaining this to its new and prospective owners; this whole "living green" idea takes some adjustments in the procedures people are used to.

Reply: WOW Betsy, you did a much better job at explaining the problem than I did and I thank you.

Christa wrote: Your article entitled, "Odor in new Bosch dishwashers" sounds absolutely scary. We have had our Bosch stainless steel tub dishwasher for about two years and have had no problems with it at all. My husband and I are highly allergic, so our noses would discover the odor very quickly. We try not to keep dirty dishes in there longer than two days. If people don't have decaying food pieces in there that cause the odor, do you think that perhaps acids on the

stainless surface could cause such an odor?

Things like vinegar, orange or tomato juices running down from the dishes onto the bottom surface? I know when I clean my stainless sink, some chemicals cause an odor.

Reply: My dear Christa, I am going to find out. I'm taking a ripe tomato from my first-time garden and squashing it on my

darling Valorie's new stainless steel sink. If you no longer see my column in this paper, it's because somehow my hands are broke. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to Joe Gagnon at appldr@twi.rr.com.

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SFW, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241298**

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**

LADY IN THE WOODS

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

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, children, looking for SBF, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2260950**

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, dancing, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2281298**

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

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

A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBF, 45-65, for friendship. **2289151**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

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Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2293760**

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SDFP, 52, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282818**

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'7", 120lbs, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2262549**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN

Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-size, with a great sense of humor, like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2288800**

SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle a woman's business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2255568**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, who enjoys dating, possibly LTR. **2295421**

MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 19, 5'7", plays guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **2252258**

CLASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown. I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, SM, 50+, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2292305**

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 39-45, for possible relationship. **2295026**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON

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

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**

HONEY BLONDE

SBF seeks down-to-earth SM, 25-35, with morals and values, who knows how to have fun in life, is family-oriented. **2294829**

COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, movies. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2214706**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWFP, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2278946**

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SDFP, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-40, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

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**

PETITE AND CUTE

SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 36-45, who will love me for me. **2294943**

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2211301**

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ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF, 55', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. **2284318**

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. **2287855**

KEEP COOL

SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

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. **2285613**

STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 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. **22113198**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

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

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, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2283080**

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-59, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

OUTGOING

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

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, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, HWP proportions, for friendship first. **2212123**

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/SM, 30-80, children ok, for friendship first. **2284932**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, nice open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks young, in search of a SWM, 62-68, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice BF, 60+ with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF/W/M, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2295174**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

W/WF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2276914**

ARE YOU LONELY?

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HAVE A GOOD HEART?

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOVELY, GENUINE HEART

SBM, 29, brown/blonde, muscular build, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **2287987**

STAND BY YOUR MAN

Smart SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs, employed, ISO BF, 25-35, for a real relationship. I like cooking, reading and more. **2295174**

DECENT, GOOD MAN

Faithful, humble, understanding SM, 56, N/S, with good values and morals, financially independent, looking for love with SF, 50-62, N/S. **2295850**

LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! **2262393**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBF, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-35, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **2296147**

LET'S TALK

SWM, 40, 5'5", loves to party! Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for friendship first, possibly more if it develops. **2294946**

VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE

WM, 36, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, tan complexion, financially secure, likes movies, concerts, quiet times at home, cooking, more. In search of honest, down-to-earth, easygoing WF, 25-45, to share time with. **2295800**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

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

MATURE WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 38, 6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No drama. **2295452**

SINGLE DAD

WM, 57, 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **2284893**

A SPECIAL GUY

Honest, SWF, 56, 5'11", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDFW, wisdom of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2285646**

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for whenever it goes. **2200990**

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBM, 61, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 48-63. **2295048**

EASYGOING

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GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, rights out, intelligent conversation, weekends, seeks easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2270688**

JUST ME AND MY DOG

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes rollerblading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

WARM AND FRIENDLY

Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55. H/W proportions, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **2279308**

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

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WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL

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FIT & FUN-LOVING

Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-40, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. **2286335**

A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking compassionate SWF, for conversation and connection. **2217478**

YOU NEED ME

SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **2291112**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Handsome BM, 39, easygoing, enjoys dining, movies, music, dancing, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoys life. **2290798**

ENJOY THE VIEW

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

TALK TO ME!

SM, 36, 6'2", 210lbs, muscular build, loves working out. Seeking sweet, loving, caring, kind SW/BF, 35-45. **2294942**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. **2297161**

LOVELY AND READY

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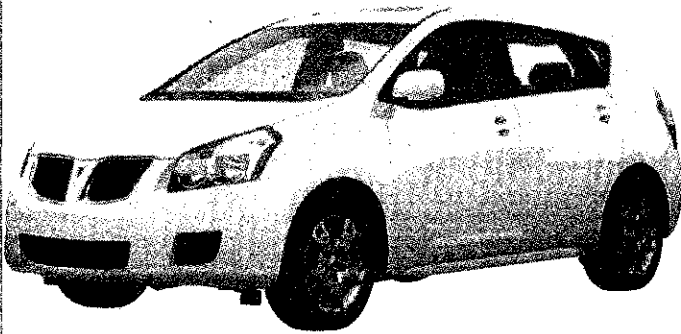
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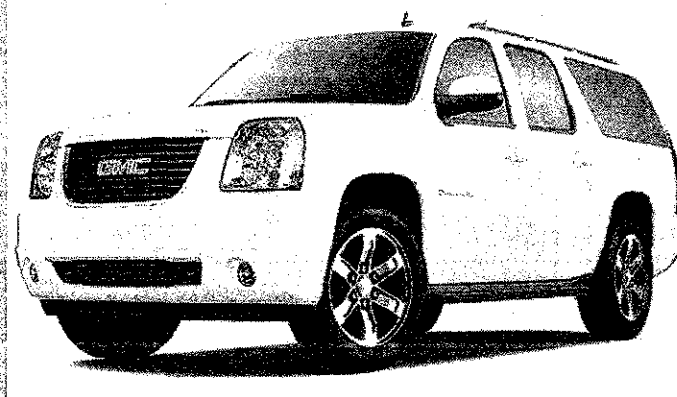
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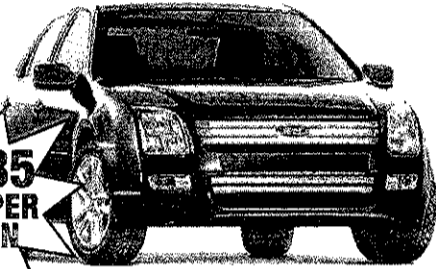
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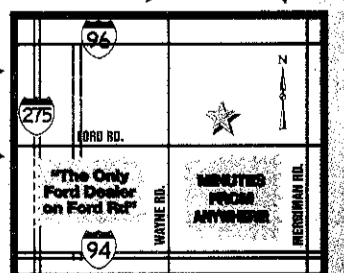
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