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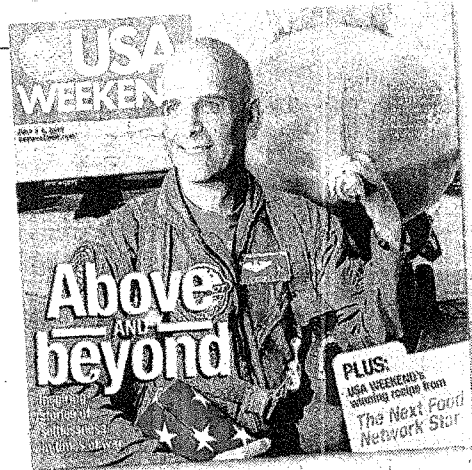
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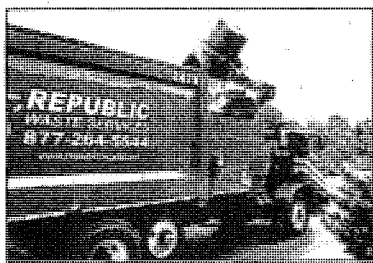
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A Republic Services truck empties a recycling bin put out in front of a home in the Old Pond Subdivision of Westland.

Picking up

Blue 96-gallon carts lined selected streets in Westland last week as the city kicked off its new curbside recycling program. On Wednesday, Mayor William Wild held a press conference at Ruby Tuesday's on Warren Road to mark the start of the city's first ever curbside recycling program. The restaurant is one of many businesses what are participating in the RecycleBank rewards program in which residents will earn hundreds of dollars in reward value each year through their recycling efforts.

"Working with RecycleBank and Republic Services will enable us to meet our recycling goals while giving something back to the residents who also call Westland home," Wild said. "During these hard times, getting money off groceries, clothing or even getting free movie tickets is of significant value."

Republic Services trucks, retrofitted with special technology, are tracking recycling activity. Once the pickup route is complete, the total weight of the amount of material the community recycles is divided among participating households and converted into RecycleBank Points. The more a community recycles, the more RecycleBank Points each house earns.

Re-opening

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 7, because the Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar at 6677 N. Wayne Road, north of I-75, is hosting a grand re-opening celebration.

This restaurant has undergone a complete interior remodel and features a new look and additional big screen televisions.

The festivities get underway at 11 a.m., and the party doesn't stop until the restaurant closes at 1 a.m.

The first 50 people in line for the grand re-opening will receive a voucher for free wings for an entire year. There also will be giveaways and special food offers, including Free Wing Tuesday, a current limited time offer where guests buy any number of traditional wings from the menu and get the same number of wings for free.

Also, the Westland Buffalo Wild Wings, in partnership with two local car dealerships - Lou LaRiche in Plymouth and Atchinson in Belleville - is promoting Buy American - Get Free Wings for a Year. Purchase an American-made vehicle at either of the dealership and receive a voucher for free wings for an entire year.

Buyers aim to cash in on clunkers

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite good luck with used cars, Judy and Leonard Fletcher are shopping for a new vehicle.

"We haven't bought a new car in 25 years," said Fletcher, a Redford retiree. "But now we're looking."

Like hundreds of other families in metro Detroit and elsewhere, the Fletchers have what they consider a "clunker." And like their counterparts across the country, their interest has been tweaked by the Car

Allowance Rebate System — better known as the Cash for Clunkers program — recently approved by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama.

"We have a 1995 Oldsmobile," Judy Fletcher said. "The window doesn't work, but it gets about 20 miles per gallon on the highway."

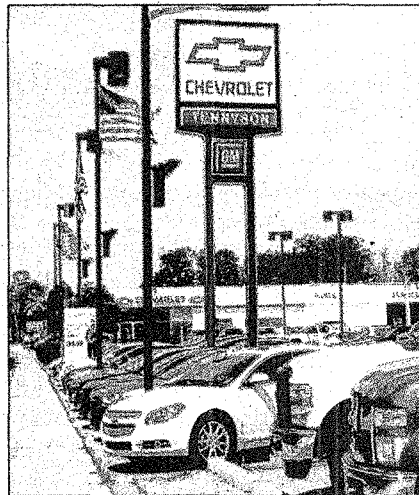
The Fletchers have turned to Matick Chevrolet Inc., in Redford, for information. "If we can get \$4,500 to trade in, we're definitely interested."

Under the cash for clunkers

program that theoretically took effect Wednesday, buyers can get a \$4,500 trade-in allowance if the fuel efficiency of any new vehicle is 10 miles per gallon better than their clunker's. Buyers can get a \$3,500 trade in if their new car is four miles per gallon more efficient than their clunker trade in.

"We've had a lot of inquires about the program," Matick general sales manager Paul Zimmerman said. "People are really interested."

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Tennysen Plymouth in Livonia is one of the dealers hoping the Cash for Clunkers program will bring more customers into local dealerships.

Fun, food, fireworks: It's at Westland fest



Maria Pizana, Amy Serrano and Camielle Pizana are ready to snag the candy tossed to spectators during the Westland Summer Festival parade.

Umbrellas were a must have Wednesday evening for the rain-soaked opening event of the 38th annual Westland Summer Festival.

A summer shower hit just as the parade started, soaking participants and spectators alike, but did little to dampen spirits.

"The dedication of the participants was fantastic," said Chad Cox, who was at the annual event. "It lasted about an hour and all the while, in the rain, the crowd stayed and watched."

Joining Mayor William Wild, the city's two Democratic lawmakers, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Sen. Glenn Anderson, and Westland's own Ashlee Baracy, reigning Miss Michigan, clowns were the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, clowns and unicyclists. Even Darth Vader walked the one-mile route from Westland Bowl on Wayne Road to the festival grounds at Westland City Hall on Ford.

"The start of the Westland Summer Festival may be off to a bit of a soggy start, but I'm sure that the weekend can't dampen the spirit of Westland," Cox said.

Today (July 5) is the festival's last day. It opens at noon and closes with the fireworks display slated to start at about 10:15 p.m.

There's plenty to do for adults and children enjoying a stay-at-home holiday weekend. In addition to the midway, food concessions, beer tent, Vegas Tent sponsored by the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, and arts and crafts, the Westland Jaycees are hosting free children's games, and the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 is doing the Michigan Child Identification Program.

There also will be a petting farm, the world famous Robinson's Racing Pigs, and a concert by Second Wind on the



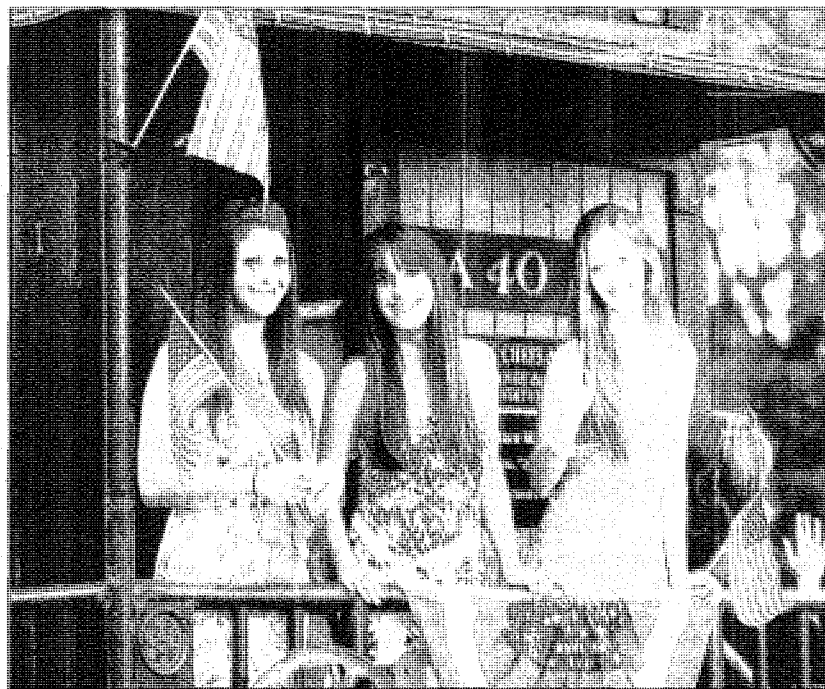
Cameron Simpson of Westland dives for candy thrown to spectators during the annual summer festival parade.



A blanket meant to sit on was turned into a raincoat by one parade watcher.

stage in the beer tent starting at 8 p.m.

For more information about the festival, call (734) 335-7943 or visit www.westlandfestival.org.



Miss Westland Caitlin Burns (center) is joined by Molly Robinett, second runner-up (left) and Emily Brennan, first runner-up, wave to the parade crowds from a trolley car.

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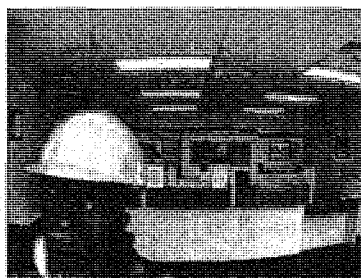
Police seek information on cash store holdup

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police are looking for a man who robbed a cash advance store at gunpoint Tuesday.

Police were called to Advance America Cash Advance, 1966 S. Venoy, just before 1 p.m. when an employee reported the robbery. The employee told police she was working alone when a man approached the door and she buzzed him in.

The man requested an application, according to the employee, who asked whether he wanted a cash advance application or an employment application. The man responded that he wanted a job application, but the employee said when she looked up he was pointing a silver handgun at her. When the gunman demanded money, the employee said she



Westland police are seeking information about this man wanted in connection with the armed robbery of Advance America Cash Advance on Venoy June 30.

gave him the cash from her register. The man then came behind the work counter and followed her to rear area safe. The employee said she was starting to open the safe when the man instead had her open a cash box that was on a shelf next to the safe.

After having the employee go into the storage room/restroom,

she said he fled through the front entrance. A estimated \$1,200-\$1,300 was reported stolen.

A witness told police she was walking between the Palace Market and Al's Beverage when she saw the suspect going west through the parking lot and then north behind the market.

The suspect was described as a black male 40-50 years old, about 5-foot. He was wearing a hard hat, a red and black flannel coat, dark pants and a white glove on his left hand.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch at (734) 467-7956. Information can also be submitted to Crimestoppers at (800) SPEAK UP. Crimestoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information on crimes.

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Cruisers ready for Michigan Avenue event

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You need only look at the Cruisin' Michigan Avenue Web site to see who plans on participating in the five-city cruise along U.S. 12 Saturday, July 11.

Al Olean, a Ford Motor Co. retiree from Westland says, he'll "be driving our 1962 Pontiac Catalina convertible. Be looking for you all!"

Dave G of Livonia "will be there in my 1972 dune buggy with my girl friend Kate (aka Butters)."

And Terry Hmoud of Roush Industries in Livonia is "buying knick-knacks related to my '92 Mustang. See ya!"

The comments come from as close as the city of Wayne to as far away as South Lyon and Auburn Hills and they're music to the ears of Don Nicholson, who organized the cruise that stretches from Wayne to Dearborn. The inaugural cruise last year attracted 4,000 cars and, with added

CRUISIN' MICHIGAN AVENUE

What: The second annual car cruise of Michigan Avenue runs through the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn and features concerts, special events and vendors along the route.

When: Starts at noon Saturday, July 11

Information: Online at www.crusinmichigan.com or www.donnicholson.net

attractions, he sees Crusin' Michigan Avenue quickly becoming Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"We have people coming in from Kentucky, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois and Ontario," the Westland resident said. "We're able to shirrtail on other cruises. We're after the Downriver Cruise and two weeks before the Telegraph Cruise and the



Hey, hey, it's the Monkees Mobile, one of several cars, Don Nicholson recently used to promote Saturday's Cruisin' Michigan Avenue cruise.

Woodward Dream Cruise. We can only hope to be second to the Woodward Dream Cruise."

Nicholson, through his Don Nicholson Enterprises, has organized the cruise and is

working with the chambers of commerce in the five communities — Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn — the route goes through and with charities and

nonprofits to be vendors along the route.

There will be five concerts along the route, including the Inkster Jazz Fest and a performance by the Six Foot Poles, the official cruise band, at the Red Apple Restaurant in Wayne. Businesses also are offering specials for cruise watchers and participants. Brownie's Diner, also in Wayne, will be serving 50-cent cones.

"Anyplace there's a dead zone, we're working with the business to show this can be a benefit to them," Nicholson said. "The only way we can survive is if businesses get on board. We could spend a million dollars, but if the businesses don't come out, we'll fail."

There also will be displays and car shows along the route. There will be an emergency response vehicle show at the Dearborn Heights Hall of Justice at Beech Daly and Michigan Avenue, featuring vintage and new police and fire vehicles. The Detroit Police Department is bring out

its armored personnel carrier and Milan Dragway's safety safari truck, Nicholson said.

He has 20 sponsors this year and many have already signed up for next year, a sign that "we're doing the right thing," he said.

Vendors will include Kid Rock's Made in Detroit Co., which will be selling T-shirts, and nonprofits like the Westland Summer Festival Committee will be selling cruise T-shirts, getting to keep the profits for the organization.

"WOMC has been promoting the cruise and we have a billboard at Michigan and Gulley," Nicholson said. "We're seeing more than 3,000 hits a day on our Web site."

Nicholson is no stranger to car shows. He's been in the business for 20 years. He started the Burger Car Show, now known as Autos for Autism, and ran it for seven years for the benefit of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. He now does a car show for the Western Wayne Skills Center. He also runs the Don Nicholson Charity Car Show and the EnjoyWayne.com Charity Car Show.

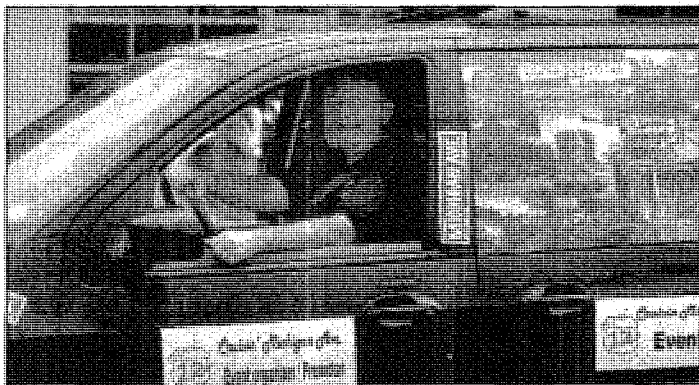
He lost \$10,000 on last year's cruise, which he said "isn't bad," and would like to see the 2009 installment break even "or come close."

"We've learned from our mistakes," he said. "We only had two months to prepare, so we did pretty good."

Eventually, Nicholson would like to see the cruise stretch from Ypsilanti to Woodward Avenue in Detroit. For now, he's hoping for an even bigger turnout.

"We hope to at least double our numbers," he said. "I'd like to go higher, but I don't want to jinx myself."

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Don Nicholson has plenty to smile about with 20 sponsors for his second annual Cruisin' Michigan Avenue that starts at noon Saturday. The cruise encompasses five communities - Wayne, Westland, Inkster Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

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House, Senate put health reform plans on the table

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau understands the new administration in Washington, D.C., has a health care plan.

He just doesn't think it's going to come fast enough or do enough to help Michigan residents who can't afford the skyrocketing costs of health care or are, worse, completely uninsured.

That's why Corriveau, the second-term Democrat from Northville who represents the state House's 20th District, is a sponsor of a health care reform package Democrats say would guarantee health care access to all Michigan citizens, prohibit insurance companies from rejecting or jacking up rates on the sick and expand coverage for Michigan children. The plan would also rein in the skyrocketing cost of health care by creating a catastrophic health care fund to protect the sickest individuals.

"We're mindful of what D.C. is trying to do ... I was of the opinion we needed to move and move quickly," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth, Canton and Northville. "I started to break it down and look at it as a state-wide problem."

The House Democrats' plan to guarantee access to health care takes aim at a key element of Michigan's health care crisis. As more and more workers lose their jobs and employer-based health care coverage, many find themselves being rejected by insurance companies because they have an existing medical condition, adding to the state's more than 1.1 million uninsured residents. Michigan leads the nation in unemployment — 12.6 percent in March, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Some businesses decide to drop it (to save money) and people are suddenly without health care," Corriveau said. According to Corriveau, the



Dillon



Marc Corriveau

House Democrats' plan will, among other things:

- Guarantee access to health care by requiring insurance companies to cover people who have pre-existing conditions, such as diabetes or cancer.
- Prohibit insurers from raising rates on individuals who become sick.
- Ban unfair market practices like cherry picking the healthiest individuals to cover, which drive up insurance rates and prevent some of the most vulnerable residents from obtaining care.
- Expand the state's MICHild program to help cover every child in Michigan.

"Our plan requires all insurance companies to guarantee health care coverage to Michigan citizens, and ends the outrageous practice of insurance companies refusing to cover the sick or elderly," House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) said. "Health care reform is too important to wait for Washington to act — we need to take action here in Michigan to guarantee access to protect each and every Michigan citizen."

Senate Republicans have a plan of their own in committee. Central to the plan, according to Republicans, are its two programs to expand coverage for the uninsured. MI Access covers uninsured patients earning under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, while MI Coverage protects those earning between 200 and 300 percent of that level.

State Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy), one of the sponsors, said the MI Health package is an innovative approach that provides consumer protections and

has the potential to cover half of the more than 1.2 million uninsured people in the state.

"This legislative package will help expand health care coverage to more of Michigan's uninsured people," Pappageorge said. "The Senate plan also will allow consumers to retain choice while keeping costs down, which is of paramount importance to me."

MI Health is the result of a series of bipartisan work group meetings chaired by Sen. Tom George that led to a four-bill package of reforms.

Among the chief differences, according to Corriveau, are what to do about "cherry picking" (insurance companies offering health insurance only to the young and/or healthy), and the funding source to address uninsured and low-income residents.

"Our package guarantees all carriers must not use health (as an insuring criteria), and thus no one will be rejected because they have diabetes, heart diseases, etc.," Corriveau said. "The Senate's package has a 1.8-percent tax on all claims paid. This would include all self-insured businesses such as Ford, Chrysler and GM. The hospitals are taxed and Blue Cross Blue Shield is asked to contribute their tax-exempt value."

Corriveau said he plans to meet with state Sen. Tom George (R-Kalamazoo), one of the Republican sponsors, to "see if a compromise can be forged." If not, Corriveau said he'll move the House package to the floor for a vote.

"Too many of our friends and neighbors have become victims of a broken health care system that allows insurance companies to deny coverage for people who are sick at the very time they need coverage the most," Corriveau said. "Our plan guarantees health care access for anyone who needs it and bans the shameful practice of rejecting the sick and cherry picking the healthy."

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Jeep linked to break-in, purse snatching

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A suspect driving a distinctive Jeep Cherokee is being sought for breaking into a Westland house while the owner slept, stealing her purse and using her credit card in Livonia.

The break-in occurred overnight June 14-15 at a home in the 32600 block of Bertram in the area of Joy and Merriman. The woman reported the purse containing \$60 in cash and her credit card missing the next morning.

Westland police were able to track the suspect's activities after the theft as the woman's stolen credit card was used to charge more than \$380, said Sgt. Steve Borisch.

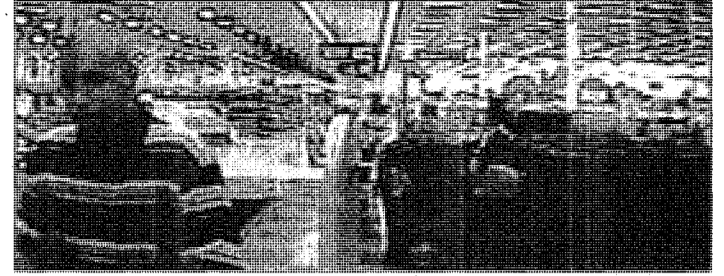
At 2:43 a.m. June 15, the card was used at White Castle on Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt, Borisch said. The card was used again at 3:36 a.m. to buy about \$340 worth of clothing at the Livonia Meijer store located on Middlebelt at I-96. The suspects used the card a third time at 3:48 a.m. at that Sunoco gas station on Warren at Merriman.

Police were able to obtain security camera photographs of two men and/or the vehicle at each of the stops. The gray Jeep Cherokee has a chrome grill and chrome wheels.

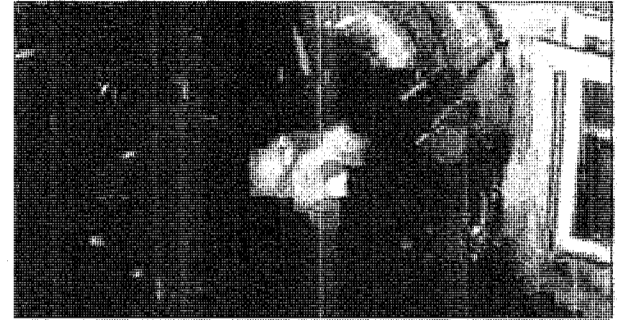
"Those are five-spoke wheels. Those are not Jeep wheels," said Borisch, who has put out photos and a description of the suspects and vehicle to area police departments.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to call Borisch at (734) 467-7956.

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Security cameras at the Livonia Meijer store captured a picture of this man when a credit card stolen from a Westland woman was used to spend over \$340 early June 15. Westland police are looking for information about this man and a second man, who was driving a Jeep Cherokee with a custom chrome grill and wheels.



Westland police are looking for information about this man in connection with a June 14-15 home invasion in which a resident's purse was stolen during the night. Police said the man and a companion used the credit cards during the overnight hours before the theft was discovered.

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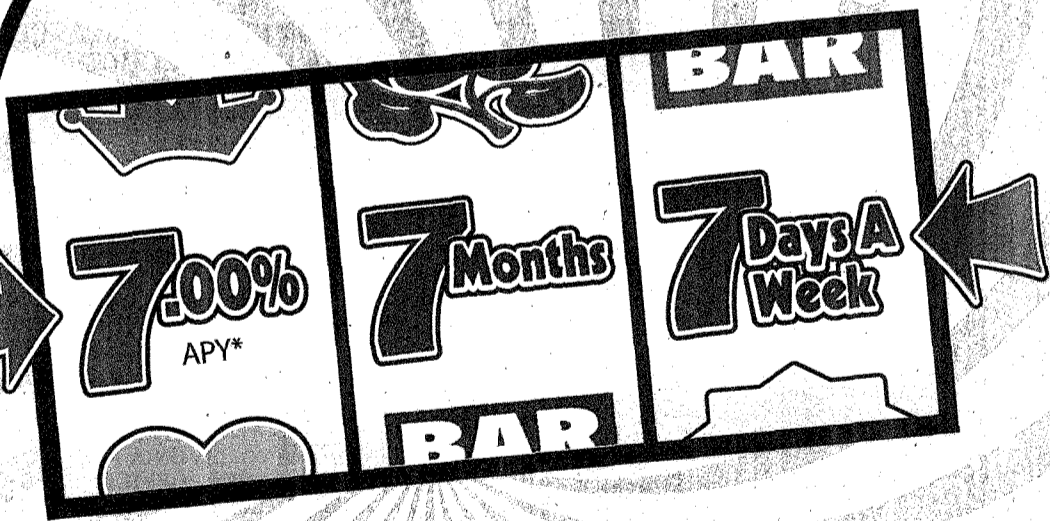
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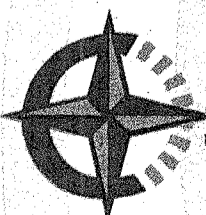
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Community excited to open Riley Skate Park



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Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis (center) and George Riley (right) cut the ribbon to open Riley Skate Park officially on Monday.

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Only a certain number of people know how to use it, and even less are brave enough to use it — but just about every aspect of the Farmington Hills community jumped on board to build it.

The 29,000-square-foot concrete Riley Skate Park — with its deep bowls, bubbling mounds and dare-devil rails and ridges — is officially open.

The skate park, slated to attract competitions from around the state and the country, has been in the works since it was merely a dream back in 2005. Seed money was set aside for a skate boarding facility from the Farmington Hills parks and recreation millage 10 years ago.

Dave Boyer, director of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, said he and Recreation Supervisor Bryan Farmer began meeting with young people in the community and an architect, to get the project rolling.

"We really didn't know where to go with that," he said.

Enter, the "Grand Dude," the nickname given to Farmington Hills philanthropist George Riley, who saw the skate park story in the newspaper and decided his foundation would become the naming sponsor.

The Riley Foundation donated more than \$500,000 toward the cost to

build the \$850,000 skate park, which is located at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile between Farmington Road and Halsted.

Riley, who was honored at Monday's official grand opening, said it was a project he knew was needed in the community.

"I really appreciate the good planning the city of Farmington Hills has done in laying it out and contracting it out," Riley said. "I know it's one of the best parks money can buy, and it solved a problem with our young people, as far as having a place to go. The alleys, streets and sidewalks didn't seem to be working out too well for them, as a place to really hang out."

Donations came rolling in from the local business and residential communities, with support from the Mayors Youth Council, the Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corp., the Hills city council and more. Fund-raisers were held and engraved brick pavers were sold to raise money for the park.

"The mission was to establish a premier, concrete skate park, where skaters could exercise in a clean and safe environment without endangering people or property," Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis said. "This truly is a community project."

A team of 200 volunteers worked to

raise money for the skate park. One of those volunteers was Rob Woelkers, who had a lot to offer, as a longtime skater and owner of downtown Farmington's PLUS Skateboarding shop.

"Rob stepped up and got the kids to tell us what they wanted," Farmer said.

Woelkers was happy to advocate for the state-of-the-art skate park.

"I represent all of the skateboarders and the users of this park," Woelkers said. "I've been skating since 1986; it's a passion of mine. On behalf of all the skaters and all the users of this park, I want to say 'thank you' to George Riley."

Woelkers said he's also thankful that the city of Farmington Hills didn't shoot down the idea, like many communities have, when approached with a skate park proposal.

"It's just a testament of how great a city and community Farmington Hills is," he said. "It really is one of the best parks in the country and to have it our community is incredible."

He urged skaters to respect the park by keeping it clean.

"We worked really hard to get this and we want it to be an example," he said. "Hopefully, we will have 10 of these all around southeast Michigan in the next 10 years."

"(I'm) pretty stoked!"

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Pluskateboarding Skate Camp

Date: July 20-24

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Riley Skate Park

Contact phone: (248) 473-1805

Skateboard Competition & Saturday Market

Date: July 25

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Riley Skate Park

Contact phone: (248) 473-1805

Pluskateboarding Skate Camp

Date: Aug. 10-14

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Riley Skate Park

Contact phone: (248) 473-1805

Skateboard Competition & Saturday Market

Date: Aug. 15

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Riley Skate Park

Contact phone: (248) 473-1805

Skateboard Competition & Saturday Market

Date: Aug. 15

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Riley Skate Park

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Thrive Music Festival & Carnival

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan as owner, until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the City Clerk's Office at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor
City of Livonia

Publish: July 5, 2009

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INVITATION TO BID MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS TYLER/WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to construct (2) maintenance buildings and install a new concrete sidewalk located at Tyler/Webster Elementary School in the Livonia Public School District.

Specifications and proposal forms can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 for a \$50.00 non-refundable bidder's fee (per set) in the form of a check made payable to Livonia Public Schools.

Your proposal marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - TYLER/WEBSTER MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS" will be accepted NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009 TO: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, Attn: Rodney Hosman, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154. IF MAILING YOUR PROPOSAL VIA THE POST OFFICE, SEND TO: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the Livonia Public Schools Board Offices located at, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No pre-bid walk through is scheduled, but contractors may visit each site by checking in with the front office of the school.

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$20,959 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Ray Raymond
Administrator of Operations
Livonia Public Schools

Publish: June 28, 2009

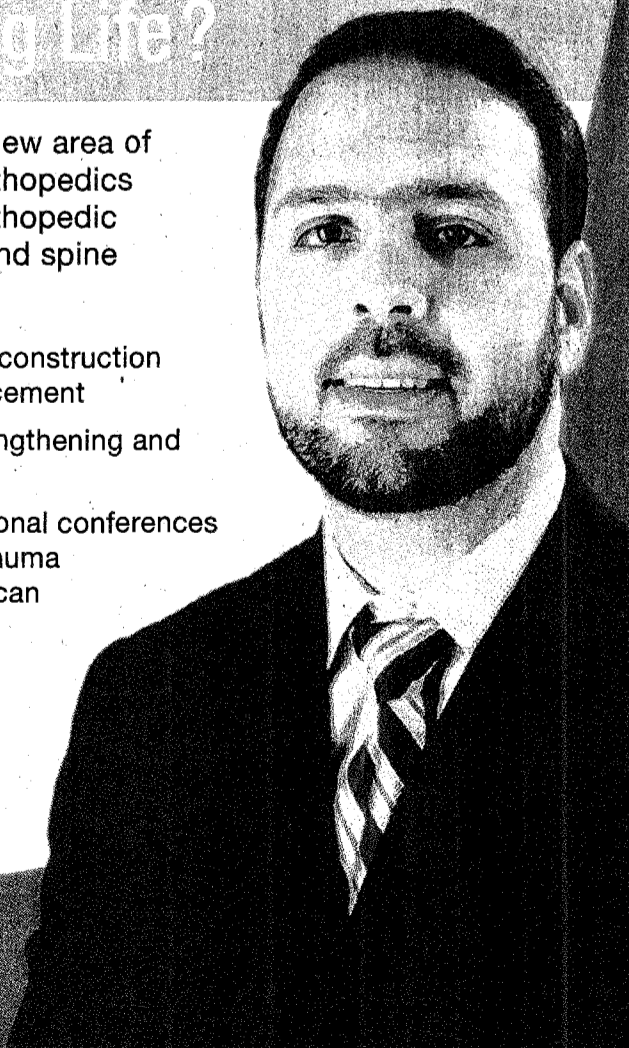
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Madonna offers week of filmmaking

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This is the Detroit-area's third annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-Fest) — an entirely free digital media festival where participants create everything from cell-phone movies to six-minute digital films. The events and competitions are open to people from all walks of life — no filmmaking experience is necessary.

Members of the community are invited to participate in the Digi Portrait, Tone Poem and Cell Phone Art competitions. Professional coaching is provided and software and cash prizes will be awarded. Throughout the week, pre-selected teams will write, produce, shoot and edit six-minute movies for Mobiflicks, the festival's main event. The movies are screened and prizes are awarded for all of the competitions at the closing night ceremony.

"PAH-fest has been held in Motown, at Madonna University, more times than any other city," said PAH-fest creator and filmmaker Christopher Coppola. "The interesting stories of the hardworking residents and close-knit communities make the Motown event unique." Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage, plans to be on campus again this year for the festival.

Exciting new additions to this summer's PAH-fest include a presentation by award-winning Detroit filmmaker Harvey Ovshinsky, and a seminar on film animation by digital creative director and animator Eric Bruneau. Ovshinsky's work spans the universe of print, broadcast television and radio, and digital storytelling. Nominated for four Academy Awards, Bruneau has been recognized for his composing and supervisory work on such technically challenging films as Star Trek: Nemesis and Stealth, Spielberg's Minority Report and Artificial Intelligence, and Sony Pictures Imageworks' Contact, Starship Troopers, Stuart Little, Godzilla and Charlie's Angels.

For more information about PAH-fest Motown, visit www.pahnation.com, or call (734) 432-5578. All events are held at Madonna University, I-96 and Levan Road.

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2008 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

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

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734) 728-1770.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

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

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

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Wayne road to Newburgh and Palmer to Glenwood. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2009 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

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

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

People with Special Health Concerns

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

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2008, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedence of a MCL or health standard.

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

Additional Information

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

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

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

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1984 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

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**Springwells Water Treatment Plant
 2008 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	9/9/2008	ppm	4	4	0.89	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	9/9/2008	ppm	10	10	0.26	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/2008	ppb	50	50	1	n/a	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	80	17.7	4.1-31.5	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	60	10.0	4.4-16.5	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2008	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2008 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.16 NTU	100 %	No	Soil Runoff

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

2008 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 1	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive.	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	3 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	.16 ppm	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

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

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2008 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.80	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2.) All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008 were undetected.

Key to Detected Contaminants Tables

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

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

RECREATION

For summer recreation, you don't have to go far

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If your kids are singing the "I Don't Have Anything to Do" blues, there's plenty in the area to keep them busy this summer.

Whether it's a chance to shine on stage, learn about animals or pretend they're chemists, kids on summer break have more options than sitting in front of the television, playing video games or texting friends all day.

Some programs are free while others come with a fee.

"It gives them something to do during the day and it helps build team work," said Danielle Pasiuk, Livonia Family YMCA membership and marketing specialist. "They do a lot of activities focused on character development," she added.

The Y has hundreds of kids' programs ranging from sports lessons to day camps and enrichment activities.

Participation levels this year have fallen because of the economy, said Barb Gamber, Livonia Community Recreation Center assistant facility manager.

On the other hand, the city's outdoor pools, and the Community Center's splash pad, she said, are always busy.

One way to fight the economic decline is to offer new and more interesting programs, according to Theresa Burgess, youth services adviser for Redford Leisure Services.

"We're trying to get the word out that our programs are expanding," Burgess said. "We know the economy is bad, but we try to keep our programs affordable and it's a great way to keep adults and youth active in the summer months."

Kids aren't bored at Real Life Day Camp and Farm in Canton, which provides

wholesome farm adventures with lessons in horseback riding, archery, BB guns, arts and crafts, woodworking and animal care. The camp is geared for children ages 6-14 and a nursery school is available for children 36 months to 5 years old.

"It gives them a chance to enjoy the outdoors," said Mary Ann Fraser, who owns Real Life Day Camp with her husband, Don. Don's father, James Fraser, founded the camp in 1948.

"It gets them away from the TV set," says Fraser. "We don't allow video games at camp."

Cows, ducks, chickens, turkeys, a goat, sheep, kittens and other animals roam the farm, and kids are invited to take an animal home overnight.

"It's really a good summertime place to be," Fraser said.

Tell a kid they can get as dirty as they want, in a class called "Sticky Fingers" and you've got an instant hit, according to Elaine Kennedy, executive director of New Morning School in Plymouth Township, which offers a variety of summer camps and classes for children from preschool to age 11.

"They're making all kinds of messy things you'd rather have your children do somewhere else," Kennedy said.

Other class themes that stand out year after year are about dinosaurs; princesses and transportation.

One of the most popular is Lego Robotics, which lets kids build structures with the connective pieces equipped with specialized sensors that make the parts movable.

A lot of classes and camps are still open, but many require pre-registration and some fill up quickly. It is recommended to call ahead before you start filling in your calendars.

Check out these programs for kids

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For ages 6-14 all summer in Canton. Ends Aug. 26. Call (734) 495-0822. For more information about Canton Recreation Department programs, go to www.cantonfun.org.

GARDEN CITY

Crochet with Tia

Ages 9-12, Saturdays, through Aug. 29; 9:30-11 a.m.; Garden City Recreation, Maplewood Center, \$5 per student per class. Bring your own yarn and learn to create scarves, handbags, hats and more. (734) 793-1850.

Nature Craft Adventures

Ages 7-10, Mondays, 3-4:30 p.m., Garden City Recreation, Maplewood Center; \$5 per class or \$40 for all 10 classes. Join an interactive fun class of themed activities. Snack will be provided. (734) 793-1850.

Crazy Crafts for Busy Bodies

Ages 4-6, through Aug. 28, Fridays, 2-3 p.m., Garden City Recreation, Maplewood Center, \$4 per class or \$30 for all 10 classes. An interactive fun class of themed activities includes crafts, stories, music and snack. (734) 793-1850.

Peter Pan & Pixie Party

Ages 4-8, Saturday, July 11, 1-3 p.m., Garden City Recreation, Maplewood Center. Cost is \$8 per person.

A Peter Pan and Tinkerbell adventure filled with games, crafts and a pirate obstacle course. Lunch provided. (734) 793-1850.

Lil Chef Classes

Ages 3-5 with a parent or guardian, 1-3 p.m., July 21, Maplewood Center. (734) 793-1850.

Pizza Party

July 28, Maplewood Center. (734) 793-1850.

Junior Chef

Ages 6-7 with or without an adult participating, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. (734) 793-1850.

Pizza Party

July 30; Maplewood Center. (734) 793-1850.



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Dominic D'Angelo, 7, and Ben Greene, 7, both of Plymouth, enjoyed getting down and dirty at last year's Wayne County Mud Day. This year's event is set for July 7 at Nankin Mills.

Mommy and Me Little Princess Tea Party

Ages 4-8, Saturday, Aug. 15, 1:30-3 p.m., \$7.50 per person. Dress up your little girl as a princess and enjoy crafts, a "glamour" session, table etiquette and a princess dance. Refreshments are included; Maplewood Center. (734) 793-1880. Go to www.gardencitymi.org for more programs offered by Garden City Parks and Recreation.

LIVONIA

Robotics

For ages elementary through high school; July 13-31; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College. (734) 462-4448. www.schoolcraft.edu/ces.

Career Explorations

Camp Scrubs, an adventure in medicine, July 13-31; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College. Make it Work, structure and design, July 13-31; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College. Aviation and Aerospace, July 13-31; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College (734) 462-4448.

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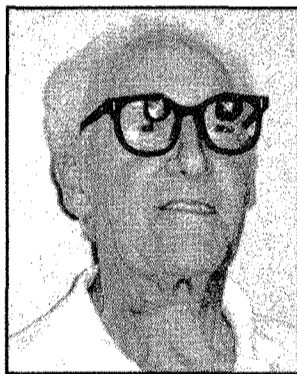
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You can reach Dr. Sheldon Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan by calling:

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NASA camp

Sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Community Center. The cost is \$135 for residents and \$145

for nonresidents. (734) 466-2410.

Mad Science/Crazy Chemworks
Aug. 3-7; 9 a.m. to noon, at the Livonia Community Center. The cost is \$135 for residents and \$145 for nonresidents. (734) 466-2900.

Nature Camp

July 13-16, 20-23, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Rotary Park, Livonia Parks and Recreation. The fee is \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. (734) 366-2900.

Wacky Water Week

For age 5-14, July 13-17, includes a field trip to Red Oaks Water Park, Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Channel Surfing

Ages 5-14; July 20-24; Game shows, reality shows and a field trip to the Detroit Shock Game. Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Circus Week

July 27-31, for ages 5-14; Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Great American Pastimes

Aug. 3-7, for ages 5-14, baseball themes. Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Wild Wild West

Aug. 10-14; for ages 5-14, Cowboy fun with a field trip to Child's Place Buffalo Ranch. Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Go Green

Aug. 17-21; for ages 5-14. Learn about taking care of the environment and take a field trip to YMCA Camp Ohieysa in Holly. Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Good Vibrations

Aug. 24-28; for ages 5-14, Music and art appreciation including a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Livonia Family Y. Fees vary. (734) 261-2161.

Road Trip

Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, Ages 5-14. Celebrate the summer spent together and take a field trip to Zap Zone. Livonia Family Y. Fees

vary. (734) 261-2161.

For more information about City of Livonia parks and recreation programs, go to www.ci.livonia.mi.us. For more information about Livonia Family Y programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

For more information about Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College, go to www.schoolcraft.edu/ces.

PLYMOUTH

New Morning School Day Camps

Discovery Days, Junior Explorers and Science Camps, Plymouth Township. Call (734) 420-3331 for more information.

REDFORD

Creative Crafters Camp

For ages 5-12; learn fun and simple arts and crafts, Redford Community Center, July 7-9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; \$35. (313) 387-2650.

Art Rocks! by Abakadoodle (ages 6-12)

Combine fun music and energetic art for a wildly creative adventure. July 13-16, 9 a.m. to noon; \$120 plus \$15 material fee due the first day of class; Redford Community Center. (313) 387-2650.

Mad Science of Detroit

"Crazy Chemworks" Camp (ages 5-12) July 20-24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$150 (includes take homes and T-shirt), Redford Community Center. (313) 387-2650.

Movie in the Park

July 24 at dusk at Bell Creek Park in Redford at Inkster and Five Mile. This is a Wayne County Parks and Recreation program. (734) 261-1990.

Nature Hunters Camp

Ages 6-12; July 28-30, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Redford Community Center. The cost is \$35. (313) 387-2650.

Cirque Amongus 3-Day Camp

Ages 6-15, designed to build self-esteem, and promote teamwork. Redford Community Center, Aug. 18-20, 4-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$60. (313) 387-2650

Wet & Wild Field Trip Camp

Ages 9-15. This field trip camp will be filled with a new water adventure, from water parks to local community centers; Aug. 17-21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Redford Community Center. The cost is \$125. (313) 387-2650.

For information about Redford Community Center programs, go to www.redfordtwp.com.

WESTLAND

Mud Volleyball Madness

July 7 at 2 p.m. at Nankin Mills, Westland. This is free and is provided by the Wayne County Parks and Recreation. (734) 261-1990.

Kamp Bailey

July 20-24 and July 27-31, elementary school age, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early drop-off and late pickup available. General activities. The cost is \$100 for residents and \$103 for nonresidents. (734) 722-7620.

Super Hero

July 25 at 1 p.m. at Nankin Mills, in Westland. This is sponsored by the Wayne County Parks and Recreation. (734) 261-1900.

Mad Science of Detroit Summer Camps

Crazy Chemworks Camps
For ages 6-12; July 13-17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Westland Parks and Recreation. The cost is \$130 per camper. (734) 722-7620. **Claws, Codes and Constellations**
This is geared for children 6-12, July 13-17; 1-4 p.m., Bailey Center. The cost is \$130. (734) 722-7620.

Star Factory

Ages 7 and older, July 20-30, 3-5 p.m. The cost is \$190 for Westland residents and \$193 for nonresidents. A mini-camp session that focuses on choreography, hip hop dance, vocal, rap and studio etiquettes sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation. (248) 773-1433.

Lil Miss Fashionista

July 27-30, Aug. 3-6, Aug. 10-13, Aug. 17-20, noon to 2:30 p.m. Camps will assist young ladies to remain ladies sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation. The cost is \$165 for Westland residents and \$168 for nonresidents. (248) 773-1433.

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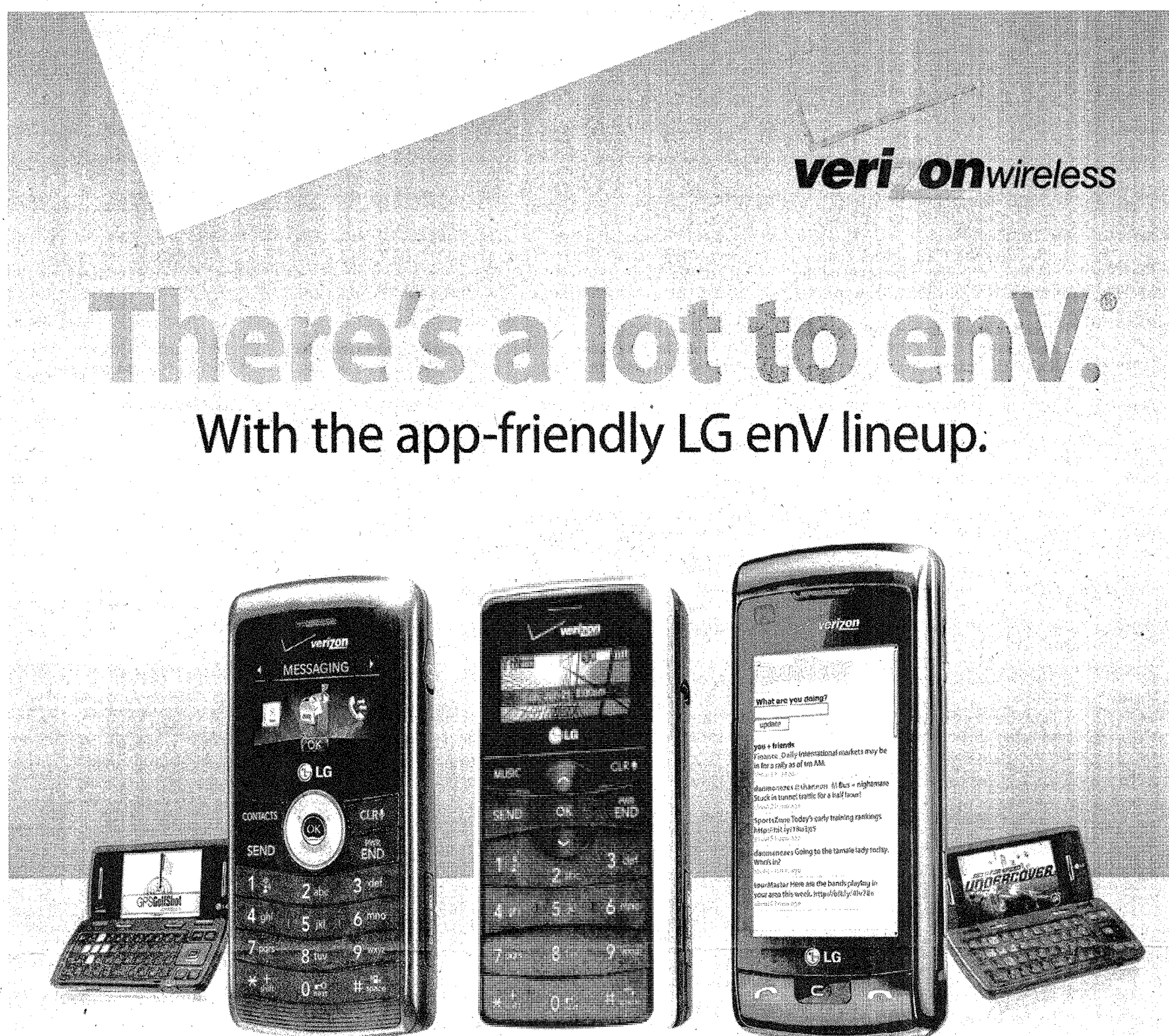
Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. at Nankin Mills, in Westland. This is free and provided by the Wayne County Parks and Recreation. (734) 261-1990.

International Camp

This is for children ages 7 and older; July 27-29, Asia; Aug. 3-5, Central America; Aug. 10-12 Africa and Aug. 17-20, Europe. The program is held 9 a.m. to noon, Bailey Center. The cost is \$70 for Westland residents and \$73 for nonresidents. Discounts available if you sign up for all four weeks. (734) 722-7620.

Mud Day

July 7, 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills, Westland. This is free and provided by the Wayne County Parks and Recreation. (734) 261-1990. For more information about Westland Parks and Recreation programs, go to www.cityofwestland.com.



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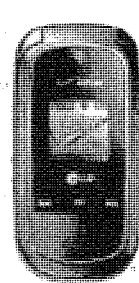
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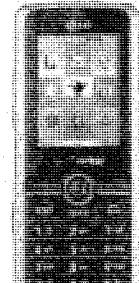
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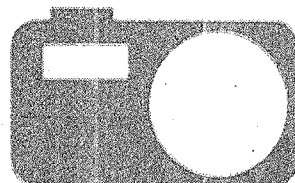
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On board

Skate park raises level of excitement among skateboarders

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No more church parking lots, grocery store entrances or neighbors' driveways. From now on if skateboarding is your theater, then Riley Skate Park can serve as center stage.

The state-of-the-art skate park, located in Founder's Sports Park in Farmington Hills, officially opened its doors Monday to thrill-seeking skateboarders of all ages during a ceremony billing the new facility as the "Best in the Midwest."

Made possible through donations from Farmington Hills philanthropist George Riley that totaled more than half of the \$900,000 price tag attached to the park, skateboard enthusiasts can experience many of those peaks of excitement professionals do as they engage in daredevil maneuvers of their own.

"It's fantastic! No complaints," beamed Bren Sungahid, 21, of Westland, after taking several trips around the 29,000-square-foot cement track. "It's big - one of the biggest skate parks around, and it's great to be seen out here."

Being noticed by fellow skateboarders seems to be just as crucial as successfully

completing a Nollie, or a Laser Flip, or even a Fakie as creativity is the engine that continues to drive the sport to new heights.

"This sport is definitely on the uprise," said Farmington Hills Recreation Supervisor Bryan Farmer, one of several city officials on hand for the grand opening. "In our research when you build a park like this, it explodes. You get a lot more kids on skateboards."

And accommodating youngsters and their needs is precisely how a park of this magnitude came to fruition.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

It was earlier this decade that Farmer and various other city officials listened to the desires of skateboarders who envisioned some day having a world-class facility closer to home.

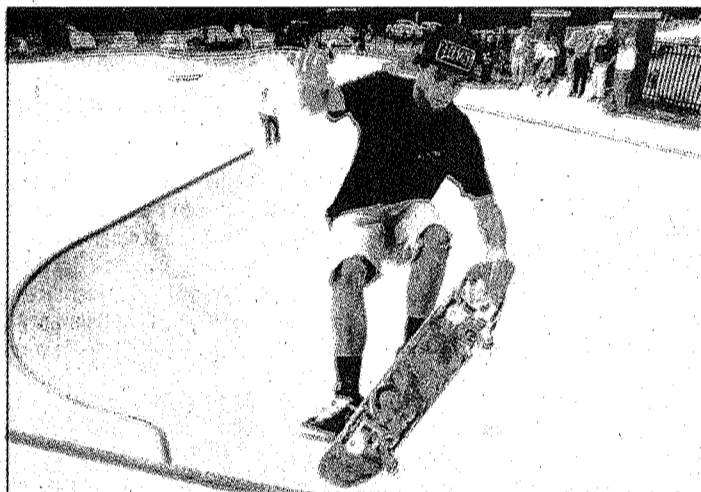
"We would get a group of kids together and take them on bus trips to different parks and we also did some skate camps," Farmer explained. "That is where we started seeing the need because we were selling out those trips, and then people started asking us when are we going to build a park?"

"We got some other projects out of the way and looked into



On the edge is just the way Caleb Downs, 19, of Farmington Hills, likes it and Riley Skate Park can provide thrills for skateboarders of all levels.

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Evan Hutchings, 20, from Redford, has been skateboarding for seven years and says Riley Skate Park has plenty to offer for participants of all ages.

this further and then people were helping getting grants and the excitement was building," Farmer continued. "The design element of this park really came from the kids as

they watched videos, took ideas from other parks they were at, and just incorporated a lot of different elements to help get what we have out there today."

Rails, ridges and a deep bowl are just some of the obstacles skateboarders like Caleb Downs or Evan Hutchings will come across at Riley Skate Park.

"I'm really excited the park is finally open," said Downs, 19, of Farmington Hills. "We've been up here before (skateboarding), but now the park is open and exciting. It's got the deep bowl on one end and rails you can always try something new on."

"This place is great because there are no other cement parks anywhere near here," echoed Hutchings, 20, of Redford, and an avid skateboarder for the better part of a decade. "This is probably the second best one, only to California (the sport's hotbed), because they have a ton. All the parks around here have the same old stuff, but this is unique with that pool area and cement ledges."

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Under-13 Hawks, Wolves garner Region II crowns

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia-based Michigan Wolves (boys) and Hawks (girls) Under-13 club teams each returned home last week with a US Youth Soccer Region II crown.

A total of 212 teams from 13 states from the Midwest competed for 14 different age-group titles at Yankton Trails Park in Sioux Falls, S.D.

In the Under-13 girls final, Justine Jahnke kicked things off in only the third minute of play to give the '96 Hawks side the early 1-0 advantage over Carmel (Ind.) United Academy.

Gabrielle LaMere hit the Carmel equalizer in the 23rd minute, but the 1-1 tie wouldn't last long as the Hawks' Jamie Cheslik broke through in the 38th minute and the score would hold for the Hawks' 2-1 win over Carmel.

The Hawks, coached by Michele Brach-Krzisnik, reached the final with a 1-0 semifinal win over Eclipse Select (Ill.) as Cheslik scored the game-winner in the 13th minute.

The Hawks' Under-18 team, qualifying for the Region II tourney for the first time in four years, fell in the finals to Ohio-South Elite, 1-0, as Ally Berry's goal in the 18th

minute was the difference.

The Hawks, coached by Doug Landefeld, reached the final with a 1-0 win over the Eclipse Select on Chelsea Hunter's goal in the 108th minute of overtime.

In the Under-13 Boys championship, Daegan DeBono was the hero as he notched the game-winner in the 48th minute as the Wolves Black '96 edged the Kansas City (Mo.) Junior Wizards, 1-0.

Goals by Alec Green (13th minute) and DeBono (52nd) enabled the Wolves, coached by Sam Cheaib, to reach the championship match following a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Ohio-South Cup Crew Juniors.

The Wolves also reached the Under-14 championship game only to be denied by St. Louis (Mo.) Scott-Gallagher, 1-0.

Keith Grieshaber's early goal in the 12th minute spoiled the Wolves' hopes of a second Region crown.

The Wolves, coached by Dave Hicklin, reached the final with a 4-0 triumph over FC Magic (Wis.) on goals by Richie Carter, Troy Dolmetsch, Jake Genrich and Ali Jawad.

Regional winners of the Under-14 through Under-19 age groups earn a berth to the 2009 US Youth Soccer National Championships to be played July 21-26, at Citizens Bank Fields at Progin Park in Lancaster, Mass.

Terek fifth in decathlon nationals

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Olympic decathlete Paul Terek's bid to earn his third trip to the IAAF World Track and Field Championships next month in Berlin fell short.

The former Livonia Franklin High and Michigan State University standout, who qualified for the 2004 Athens Summer Games, wound up fifth overall at the 2009 USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships held at historic Hayward Field at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Earning automatic spots to represent the U.S. in Germany were Trey Hardee (Nike) and Ashton Eaton (University of Oregon), who finished one-two with 8,261 and 8,075 points, respectively.

Rounding out the top five were Jake Arnold (Asics), 7,984; Chris Randolph (VS Athletics), 7,766; and Terek (unattached), 7,689.

Terek, who pulled out last June just prior to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials following knee surgery, took firsts in both the shot put (48 feet, 4.75 inches) and pole vault (16-4.75) to score 774 and 910 points, respectively.



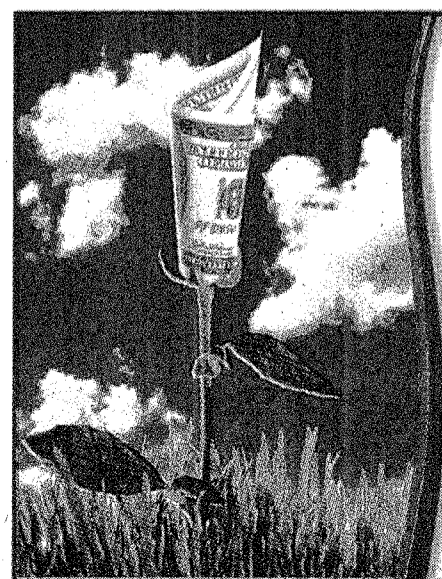
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Livonia native Paul Terek, a 2004 Olympian, finished fifth in the decathlon at last weekend's USA Outdoor Track and Field championships held in Eugene, Ore.

His other first-day marks included: 100-meter dash, eighth (11.13 seconds); long jump, 14th (21-6.75); high jump, tied for sixth (6-5); and 400, 10th (50.6).

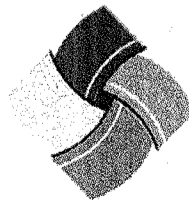
He concluded the gruelling two-day, 10-event competition on Friday: 110 hurdles, 12th

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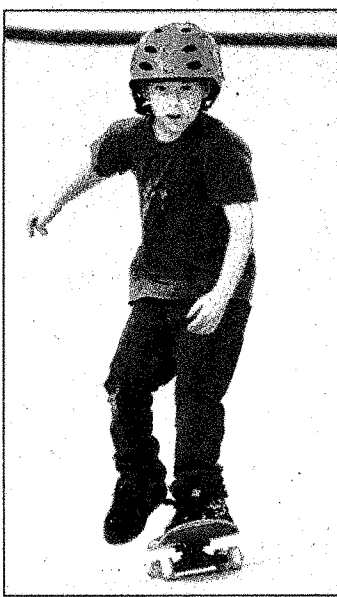
THRILL SEEKERS

Talk to skateboarders and you find out that most have an athletic background and are driven by competitiveness and the desire to achieve something new. Skateboarding incorporates all of those elements, in addition to providing thrills that so many other activities just can't match.

"Trying a trick for awhile and learning something new is really nice," said Hutchings, who participated in several sports while attending Plymouth Canton High School. "The first time you land it, it's the best feeling."

"I think there's a stigma attached to skateboarding that people are just trying to jump down stuff and hurt themselves," said 20-year-old Zac Robertson, of Plymouth, who has traveled abroad with his skateboard much to the amazement of natives in France and Switzerland. "It's kind of an extreme sport stigma attached to it and I don't really think it's accurate. I'm a fulltime student (U-D Mercy), I work and I live at home. But it's something to get out of the house on a nice day and something to keep me active in the winter."

Teenagers weren't the only ones checking out the park on day one as eight-year-old Brady Walker, of Livonia, donned his customary skateboarding attire, which includes a red helmet, and offered up



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brady Walker, 8, of Livonia, gets a first-hand look at the new track at Riley Skate Park in Farmington Hills. The park officially opened for skateboarders Monday evening.

some rave reviews.

"I like it over there on the end," said Walker, pointing over to the pool part of the park. "I'm not afraid of any of this."

Freedom to perform individual feats seems to be an underlying theme behind skateboarding as Sungahid explained, "it's not like football - nobody's telling you what to do. I kind of can do everything at my own pace and do whatever I want."

"This park is free, outdoors and cement," Robertson said. "It's going to be the most expensive one to create, but at the same time the most fulfilling one for kids."

Road Runners prepare for '09 race

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark your calendar. It may be the best kept secret of all the summer race events - the 2009 Road Runner Classic, which is set for Saturday, July 25, at historic Maybury State Park in Northville.

The one-mile run-walk, which starts at 5 p.m., and the eight-kilometer run-walk, which follows at 5:30 p.m., will be presented by the Northville Road Runners and benefit the Friends of Maybury.

"The Classic is over 25 years-old - it's gone from the

streets of Northville to the beautiful setting at Maybury State Park," said race director Gary Haf. "There are a lot of area runners that make it an annual event. The 8K run is challenging and fun. It winds through - it's a half-paved and half-trail run."

The race is also a bargain for area runners.

If registered by July 1, it's only \$3 for the one-mile fun run-walk and \$12 for the 8K. Between July 1 and July 23, the fees are \$4 and \$15, respectively. Race day registration is \$5 and \$20.

Instead of the traditional T-shirt, each participant also

has the option of purchasing a Classic technical hat for an additional \$8.

The Classic also bills itself as a family-oriented event and features a story hour, face painting and hands-on activities for the kids.

Post-race activities include live music, libations, pizza, ice cream and baked goods.

Awards will go to the overall male and female winners, masters male and female, along with the top three finishers in each age group. The event will be scored and timed by Everal Race Management.

"Some other area runs have

gone by the wayside, but the park is a perfect setting and a great get-together," Haf said. "Last year we had close to 250 and we hope to get more this year. It's a great way to spend a Saturday evening."

The entrance to Maybury is off Eight Mile Road and one-mile west of Beck Road. (Motor vehicle permit required at gate; if needed for \$6.)

Packet pick-up and race day registration begins at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org (where you can registration online); or call Haf at (248) 231-6114. Registration is also available online at active.com.

CAMPS/CLINICS

Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

• Workout Wednesdays, presented by Mizuno Running, will be from 7:30-11:30 a.m. July 8 and 29 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia; and July 15 and 22, at Ford Field in Northville.

The format includes training, nutrition and topic of the day for middle through high school senior distance runners preparing for the fall cross country season.

The cost is \$45 (registration closes July 1).

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.

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(15.42); discus, fourth (146-4); javelin, fifth (184-1); and 1,500 run, eighth (4:41.64).

Terek's personal best in the decathlon was 8,312 points en route to a third-place finish at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Parker 20th in steeple

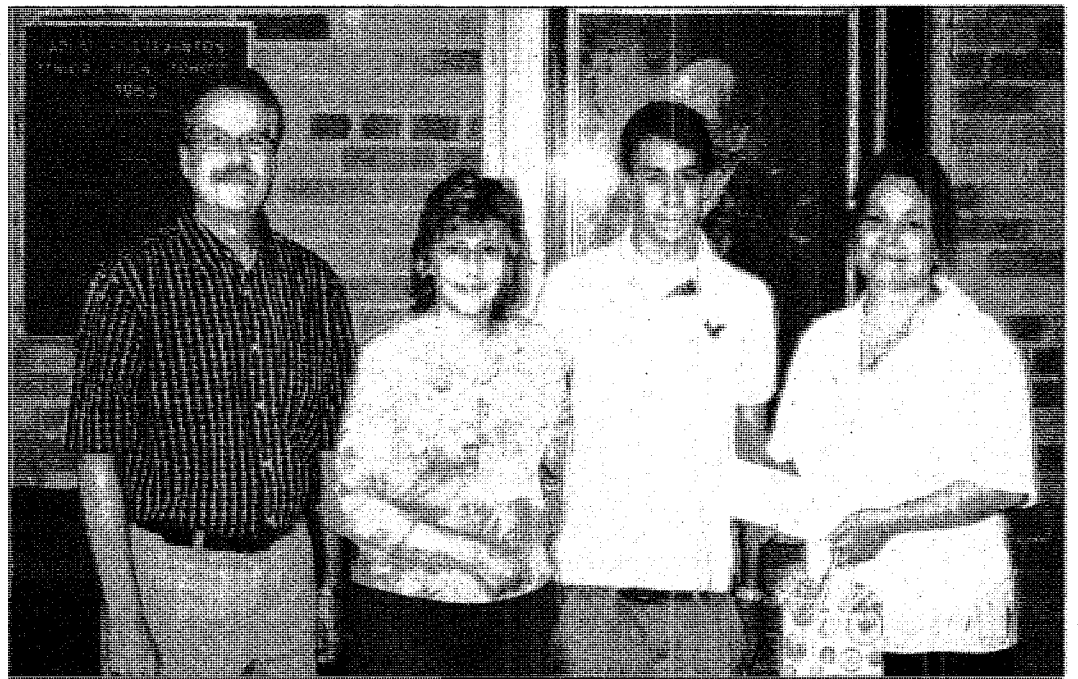
Former Livonia Stevenson High and University of Michigan standout Andrea Parker finished 20th in a first-round heat of the 3,000 steeplechase event held last Friday at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field.

Parker entered the USA Nationals with an entry time of 10:05.0.

Colorado's Jennifer Barringer captured the heat in 9:47.94 and went on to win Sunday's final with a time of 9:29.38.

"There were some unexpected surprises in the race," Barringer said of the Friday prelim on the USATF web site. "The water barrier was six inches higher than it should have been, and my waters were terrible, but I'm happy with my effort. This was just a prelim, and I just wanted to get through the race and not hurt myself."

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'Gabe' award winner

Swimmer Michael Cruce, who returned to the pool this season after open heart surgery, is the 2009 scholarship recipient of the 'Gabe' Award, given annually in honor of Stephen Gabriel, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who passed away in October of 2003. Gabriel was a student-athlete and was involved in many student activities. The \$250 scholarship was awarded by a committee of Gabriel's classmates and goes to the Stevenson senior athlete who carries a 3.0 grade-point average or higher, along with being an exceptional leader who has displayed courage or perseverance in dealing with challenges. The scholarship was presented by Robin Lux (right), a Stevenson classmate of Gabriel. Also pictured (from left) are Cruce's parents, Mick and Gail. Michael Cruce will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall.



Reds win Mustang title

The Reds won the South Farmington Baseball League's 10-and-under Mustang Division championship June 23 with a 13-12 victory over the Angels at Founders Sports Park. Coach Steve Dickson guided the team to three one-run victories in a row in the playoffs to earn the title. The Reds are (front row, left to right) Matt Newel, Luke Higley, Zack Dickson, John O'Connor, Jacob Isaacson, (middle row) Chris Barron, Jason Seegert, Jimmy O'Connor, Michael Bachleda, Hunter Firestone, Andrew Davenport, (back row) Joe O'Connor, Paul Bachleda, Steve Dickson, Kevin Isaacson and Lief Higley. Not pictured is Eric Braeuner.

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Craven-Gajda

CRAVEN-GAJDA

Charles and Gail Craven of Plymouth Township announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel Elizabeth Craven to Brandon Scott Gajda, son of Larry and Linda Gajda of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and currently works in the marketing department at Xoran Technologies Inc.

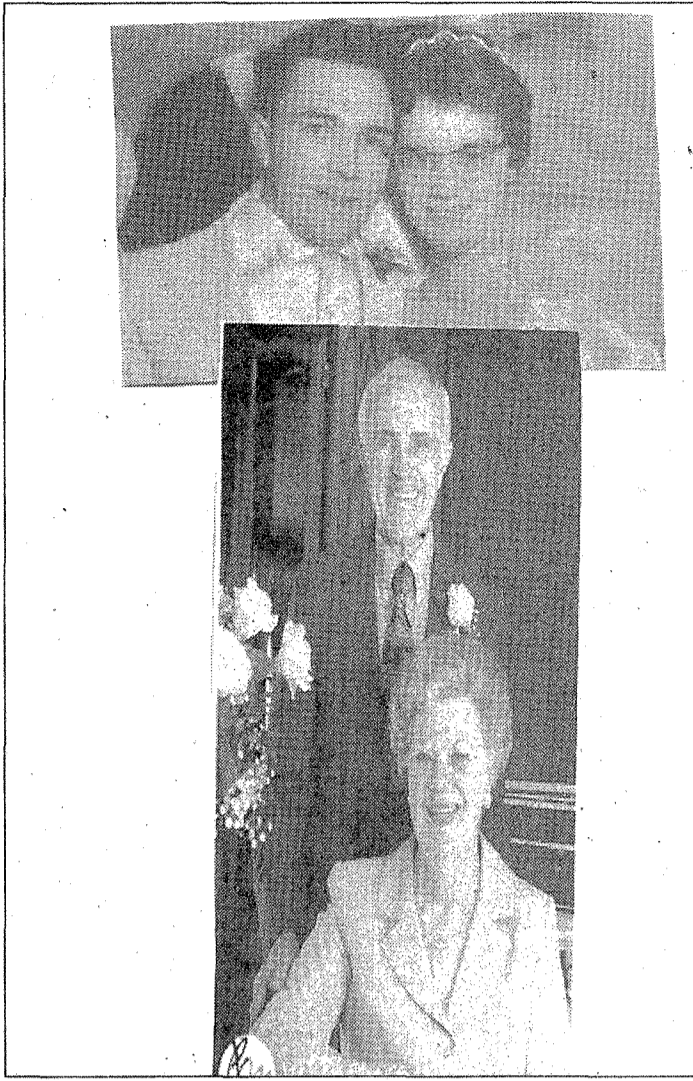
Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University, and currently works for LaForce Inc.

A July 2009 wedding is planned in Livonia.

GRIFFIN A. POWERS

P.J. and Abby Powers of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Griffin Allen Powers, born June 13, 2009, at St. Joe's Hospital.

He has one brother, Ethan. Grandparents are Pat and Paula Powers of Novi and Dave and Lorraine Brown of Milford. Great-grandparents are Theresa Biland and Jeannette Powers.



John and Joyce Weigel

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Joyce and John Weigel, of Farmington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2009. Married May 23, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wis., they have three adult children, Dawn (Kyle) who reside in Fitchburg, Wis., with their children, Evan and Micah; sons David, who resides in Farmington, and Jonathan, who resides in Inkster. The family gathered for a celebration on May 23, 2009 with dinner at Antonio's in Dearborn.



Griffin A. Powers



Bill and Corrine Clark of Canton on their wedding day.



Bill and Corrine Clark of Canton

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Corrine Clark, who have lived in Canton, for 63 of their 65 married years, celebrated their anniversary on June 27 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, Superior Township with close friends and family members.

Corrine met Bill at a dance. Her father, Walter Schifle, enjoyed taking her to all the local dances.

They were married on June 28, 1944, two weeks after Corrine graduated from Plymouth High School. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nichols of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Bill was born and raised in the same house they live in today. His parents, Glenn and Ivy Clark, moved from Syracuse N.Y. in 1918 to the 40-plus acres on Napier. Bill attended the Hanford School and graduated from Ypsilanti High School. He served in the US Air Force from 1942

- 1946 and was stationed in Harlingen, Texas. After his discharge, his father broke his back, so Bill moved his young family back home to work the farm. He was also employed at Evans Products Co. for 20 years, and retired from the Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1986. He has been a member of the Plymouth Elks Club (Charter member #11), the American Legion Post #391, Masonic Lodge #47, 32nd Degree Mason, and the Moslem Shrine.

Corrine was born and raised in Plymouth. Her parents were Agnes and Walter Schifle. After her mother's death, Corrine helped raise her younger brother, Gene. She attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth High School. She worked in retail sales in downtown Plymouth for many years, also at Fox Hills Golf Course, Brae Burn Golf Course, Fox Photo, and Edwards Bros in

Ann Arbor before retiring. She's been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, the VFW Auxiliary, the Elk's Vivians Club, the Eastern Stars, and Trailwood Garden Club. She also volunteered for years with the American Red Cross.

Together, they have loved bowling, golfing and traveling. Their adventures have taken them from Hawaii to Barbados, Alaska to Colombia in South America, Canada and Mexico.

They have two children, Terry (Susan) of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Carol (Bill) Barringer of Canton.

There are five grandchildren: Kelly (Chris) Steffen, Greg (Erin) Clark, and Brent Clark all of Indiana.

Grant (Jaime) Gardner and Mike Gardner live in Plymouth. There are also four great-grandchildren living in Indiana.

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George Rowe's garden in Westland is small but full of interesting flowers and art.



Hanging plants and art decorate the patio at George Rowe's Westland home.



Tom Lew stands amid hanging pots on his patio in Westland.

Growing small

Potted flowers, hanging plants create winning garden

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Thomas Lew always has planted flowers — first at his home in Garden City, then at an apartment in Canton and for the past 12 years at his town house in Westland.

"I always do my flowers in the spring because winter is too long. Michigan is so gray and dark in winter. When you get a chance, you've got to see flowers."

The retiree has a lot less area in which to work his green thumb these days. Holliday Park Towne Houses Cooperative restricts residents to planting in a 24-inch border around their patios. But that

didn't stop Lew from creating a dazzling display that won the first of three summer gardening contests under way at the residential complex on Wayne Road.

BEAUTY ABOUNDS

"I'm always amazed at the amount of beauty they are able to create," said Pat Moore, chair of buildings and grounds and a member of the cooperative's board of directors. She suggested choosing one winner for each month from June-August in the "All Thumbs" gardening competition. It's designed to encourage "everyone ... not just green thumbs" to beautify their surroundings at Holliday Park. Lew is the

June winner.

"I was kind of surprised," he said. "I don't think I'm very good at matching flowers. If I see something I like, I just try it."

Impatiens, petunias, hydrangea, salvia, "million bell flowers," geraniums and more make up the mix of flowers that grow in a border surrounding his patio, in pots that hang from shepherd's hooks, and in a half barrel display.

Lew likes to take his morning coffee outdoors in the summer while dead-heading, watering his plants and occasionally fertilizing with Miracle-Gro.

"You can find a place for flowers," he said, referring to

the restricted garden size at Holliday Park. "Since I moved here and started putting in flowers, I've inspired people to do it. Our court is more flowerful. The more you do the more blooms you get."

BE CREATIVE

George Rowe, a Holliday Park resident, considered three elements — color, variety and originality — when he and other volunteers judged each space.

"This is limited space gardening and you have to be creative. We had a full page of finalists that really met all three criteria. We just narrowed it down. It was very rough to pick just one," he said.

"You don't get much direct land around. You might just have a little area around the patio. There's a lot of container gardening. If you want to give it some artistic value, you've got to have garden art."

"It can be done. It's how you want to apply yourself," he added. "People have pride in this community."

Rowe, who can't enter the competition because he is a judge, added a little of everything — flowers, art, a foun-

tain — to his tiny back yard. "This is my little peace of mind," he said. "I come out here in the morning and have coffee and read the paper. It puts me at ease."

He suggests that nonresidents stroll through the complex during one of its public events — it recently held a community yard sale — and check out the residents' small-scale gardens. Or visit www.hollidaypark.com for photos and more information.

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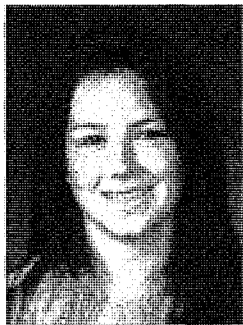
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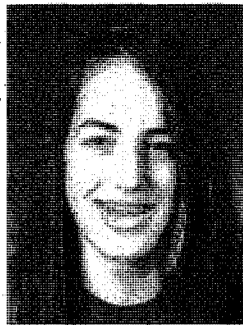
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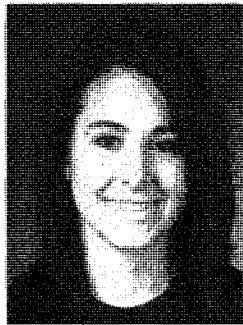
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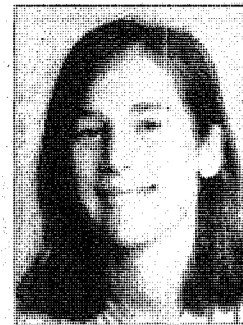
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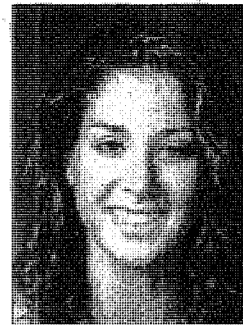
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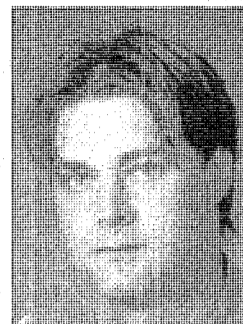
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George Tomasso Canton coach

Seniors lead season-long success on soccer pitch

FIRST-TEAM

Stefanie Turner, Sr. GK, Liv. Churchill: The first-team Division 1 All-Stater and All-Observer selection, bound for Central Michigan University, posted a total of 13 shut-outs and a career-low 0.46 goals-against average for the regional finalists.

Turner also made All-Kensington Lakes Activities and All-Region. "Stefanie is was a leader this year in both word and action," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said of the senior co-captain. "She's a complete keeper, as she is a shot stopper who can command the box and provide an outlet for defenders with her feet. Stefanie is one of the best high school players I've ever worked with. She's committed to succeeding."

Michele Ring, Sr. GK, Liv. Ladywood: The senior goalkeeper and team captain posted five shut-outs this year for the Blazers en route to All-Catholic, All-District, All-Region and third-team Division 2 All-State honors.

The repeat first-team All-Observer pick is committed to the College of Wooster (Ohio) in the fall. "Michele has been a pleasure to coach for the past two seasons," Ladywood's Ken Shingledecker said. "She's been an excellent team leader and representative of our team and Ladywood High School for the past four years."

"She played one of the finest games I've seen a goalkeeper play in my 12 years coach high school soccer against Livonia Churchill this season."

Melanie Pickert, Soph. Def., Canton: Probably the biggest factor in Canton's outstanding season was team defense, spearheaded by Pickert — named to the All-State First Team for her efforts.

"We had 14 wins on 14 shut-outs," said Canton head coach George Tomasso. "And she was a huge part of those shutouts." Pickert's play sparked the Chiefs to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division championship as well as a Division 1 district title.

She collected plenty of other honors besides All-State, earning selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region squads.

Kelsey Shapiro, Jr. Def., N. Farmington: Shapiro was the leading defender on an outstanding defense that combined with goalie Missy Quasunella to post 14 shut-outs. Shapiro still managed to score five goals, including two in the final

2009 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Stefanie Turner, Sr. GK, Liv. Churchill
Michele Ring, Sr. GK, Liv. Ladywood
Melanie Pickert, Soph. Def., Canton
Kelsey Shapiro, Jr. Def., N. Farmington
Taleen Mergian, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Karlee Derrick, Sr. Def., Garden City
Bailey Brandon, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill
Brooke Williams, Sr. MF, Ply. Christian
Kirsten Evans, Soph. MF, Farmington
Kayla Kimble, Jr. MF, Liv. Stevenson
Kristina Klusek, Soph. MF, Salem
Alyssa Mira, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill
Jordan Mueller, Sr. F, Farm. Hills Mercy
Tracy Rymph, Sr. F, Canton
Kelly Dobbs, Sr. F, Plymouth

SECOND TEAM

Missy Quasunella, Sr. GK, N. Farmington
Marissa Williams, Soph. GK, Plymouth
Kelsey Rothermel, Soph. Def., Churchill
Ariel Hovey, Sr. Def., Redford Union
Meehan Hughes, Jr. Def., Plymouth
Deidre Ratliff, Sr. Def., Farm. Hills Mercy
Lauren Booth, Jr. Def., Salem
Laura Bremer, Sr. Def., Farmington
Lisa Pierce, Sr. MF, Canton
Leslie Weisz, Sr. MF, Canton
Ella Blowers, Sr. MF, N. Farmington
Kendal Wong, Sr. MF, F.H. Harrison
Alessia Yagnini, Sr. MF, Liv. Ladywood
Alena Alessandrini, Sr. MF, Red. Thurston
Megan Nikula, Sr. MF, Westland Glenn
Andrea Grove, Jr. F, Farmington
Hannah Otto, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Tori Bunker, Sr. A-L, Clarenceville

COACH OF THE YEAR

George Tomasso, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Darcy DeRo, Callie Mack; Franklin: Lexi Smith, Courtney Smith, Brooke Killeen; Stevenson: Alexandria Harbowy, Renee Boudreau, Ashley Welch, Shannon Merritt; John Glenn: Melissa Mezaros, Jenna Williams, Jennie Humbach, Ashley Bailey Alexis Gaglear; Wayne: Alyssa Escobar, Samantha Dye, Avalon Felan, Jessica Kuder; Ladywood: Caitlin Szczyka; Lindsay Maier, Allison Krueger, Allison Bielski; Clarenceville: Kristen Jolly, Teresa Parent, Jordan Fyffe; Lutheran Westland: Allyson Yankee, Miranda Kasprowitz, Abi Gieschen, Lauren Gieschen; Plymouth Christian: Annette Somercik, Brianna Harris, Kim Cleary; Garden City: Cara Braun, Stephanie Nichols; Salem: Lindsey Roy, Katelynn Krause, Torrie Kaye; Plymouth: McKenzie Hengesh, Elizabeth Roy, Jessica Heck, Jen Babcock, Katie Moss, Casey Webb, Katie Krajewski; Canton: Megan Staub, Lauren Peeler, Jessica McClendon; Farmington: Shannon Costello, Katie Williams, Jessica Williams, Natasha Ivanac; Harrison: Riley Steen, Allison Liberty, Lisa McFarland; Mercy: April Mesick, Kara Weber, Elana Weber, McKenzie Williams; N. Farmington: Morgan Moffatt, Stephanie Wald, Sami Roumayah, Vicki Yu, Halilee Kansman; Redford Union: Jessica Busuito, Lindsey Gehlhausen, Courtney Gustafson, Chelsea Marlow; Redford Thurston: Jessica Ingold, Shannon Melvin, Elaine Nelson, Ashley Wheeler, Renee Wright.

eight minutes of a regional game to rally the Raiders past Grosse

Pointe North. A junior who will be a two-term team captain, Shapiro has verbally committed to play at Ball State. She is an All-OAA player and Division 1 All-state honorable mention.

"She has been my central defender for three years, and we have had a goals-against average well below one per game in all of those seasons," coach Tim Russell said. "This season, she was a key reason why we had so many shutouts. She currently plays at the highest level with the Michigan Hawks in her age bracket. Kelsey is the consummate team player, helping with everything from training to playing to fundraising to team-building."

Taleen Mergian, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The honorable mention All-Stater is a four-year varsity starter and two-time captain, All-Conference and All-District selection.

Mergian, bound for Ohio University in the fall, also plays for three-time Michigan Youth Soccer Association Cup champion '91 Michigan Hawks. She is a three-time Scholar-Athlete.

"Taleen is a very versatile player, she played just about everywhere on the field since coming in as a freshman four years ago," outgoing Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the Spartans' MVP. "She led our back line the last two years and she's one of the best leaders I've had since I've been coach at Stevenson."

"One of the things that separates Taleen from other is her work away from her, the extra running she does on her own, the intangibles. She's a true leader, organizes, sorts, picks up, and never puts herself above anyone while doing it."

Karlee Derrick, Sr. Def., Garden City: A four-year stalwart for the Cougars, Derrick enjoyed another outstanding season of play as a sweeper. Possessing great anticipation and playing with a tough and aggressive attitude, Derrick keyed the back-line play by making life miserable for offensive opponents. Durability and reliability were two great assets as Derrick, who is headed to Siena Heights to play soccer, was a starter in every game for the Cougars the past two seasons.

"She really improved as a leader on the field and organized everything we did in the back row," said Garden City coach Bill Torni. "She did a nice job of delegating duties back there and made everybody around her a stronger player."

Bailey Brandon, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill: The senior midfielder, a captain, capped her senior year with

25 goals and 19 assists.

She is a two-time first-team All-State, All-Region and All-Observer selection.

"Her physical presence, coupled with her superior technical ability, allowed Bailey to run the midfield for us this year," Hebestreit said of the All-KLAA selection. "She was a threat both in the run of the play and on all dead ball situations."

Brandon is also headed to play at CMU.

Brooke Williams, Sr. MF, Ply. Christian: The high-scoring Williams again was an offensive force for the Eagles, scoring 14 goals and adding 13 assists to spark the team to a 13-1-3 record in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Head coach Nathan Yates said Williams was expected to be a big scorer, but she welcomed additional responsibilities as team captain and made it a priority to set up teammates around the enemy goal.

"She really took on the leadership role," Yates said. "It was great having her on the field because not only was she looking for goals for herself, she was trying to get other players involved."

Williams was named MIAC Most Valuable Player and was MVP in the Division 4 districts. In addition, she was an All-Region selection and was named to the All-State First Team.

Kirsten Evans, Soph. MF, Farmington: The offensive midfielder was her team's leading scorer with 19 goals, and she also had six assists to help the Falcons post a 12-6-3 record and finish second in the OAA White Division. A two-year starter for Farmington, Evans is an ODP player and member of the Michigan Hawks club team. She's the second in her family to earn all-area honors. Her sister, Lindsey, will be a senior forward at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"(Kirsten) was our one-two punch offensively with Andrea Grove," coach Glenn Breuhan said. "The comment from other coaches at the all-league meeting was 'You guys sure have a lot of the best strikers in the league.' Obviously, she's one of the premier players in the state."

"Comparing (Evans and Grove) to the teams we've played, I would take them as my No. 1 and 2 attacking players. I didn't see anybody who was a better player in the OAA offensively."

Kayla Kimble, Jr. MF, Liv. Stevenson: The junior midfielder is a three-year starter who has already

accepted a scholarship offer to play at Grand Valley State.

Kimble, who had five goals and two assists, also earned All-KLAA and All-District honors this season. She plays for the '92 Michigan Hawks club team.

"Kayla was my most versatile player, she played everywhere for us this year and was equally effective," Pinta said. "Kayla was the most marked player each game, drawing the most attention from our opponent. We were not the same team without her on the field."

Kristina Klusek, Soph. MF, Salem: The sophomore midfielder showed plenty of scoring punch for the Rocks, tallying 14 goals and chipping in with six assists.

Klusek was rewarded for her strong year with selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams along with being an All-State honorable mention pick.

"Kristina made our offense go," said Salem head coach Joe Nora. "She was our leading scorer this year and really took her game to the next level."

"Her greatest strength is her speed. She has a knack for getting into dangerous places on the field to set up her shot."

Alyssa Mira, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill: The senior midfielder was also a four-year starter who ended her senior season with 15 goals and 13 assists.

Mira also made second-team All-State, All-Region and All-KLAA.

"She was our most dangerous attacking presence this year," Hebestreit said. "Her speed and technical ability on the ball made her a concern for every team we played this season."

"She is off to Grand Valley State to play and will likely make an immediate impact."

Jordan Mueller, Sr. F, Mercy: The senior forward was a first-team, all-state selection in Division 1, and she's one of only two players to receive a full scholarship to play at Michigan State. Mueller scored 16 goals and had 10 assists to lead the Marlins this year, capping a four-year prep career with 60 and 36, respectively. Mercy needed her offensive skills at the striker position, but Mueller can play anywhere on the field, including defense.

"She came in with a lot of acclaim that she was a great player," coach Butch Babler said. "She turned out to be not only a very good player but a very good team player. When she had the right group around her, she could help that group elevate

its game. She's one of those athletes you're lucky to work with once or twice (in a career). She's a great kid, a great athlete and a very good leader. If I had a daughter, she's exactly what I'd want her to be."

Tracy Rymph, Sr. F, Canton: A valuable, clutch performer and team leader for the Chiefs, Rymph scored 22 goals — many in key situations — and added 11 assists. She tallied a goal and an assist in Canton's district championship victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Rymph earned All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region honors while also being an All-State honorable mention pick.

"She scored in big games," Tomasso said. "She was our leading scorer and she really did a good job for us."

Kelly Dobbs, Sr. F, Plymouth: The Wildcats offense could count on Dobbs to make things happen, and she didn't disappoint head coach Jeff Neschich with a school record-setting 19 goals while contributing nine helpers.

It was the third consecutive season Dobbs led Plymouth in scoring.

Dobbs collected plenty of post-season kudos with selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region teams. She capped it off by being named an All-State honorable mention performer.

"She had a great career at Plymouth," Neschich said. "She was just a good finisher, she had a good shot with either foot and she had deceptive speed."

COACH OF THE YEAR

George Tomasso, Canton: The Chiefs took on the persona of their head coach, a all-state goalkeeper at Canton in the mid-1990s, with 14 shutout victories en route to a 14-3-1 record and KLAA South Division and Division 1 district titles.

The Chiefs knocked off Livonia Stevenson 3-0 in the district championship match at Northville and took an early 1-0 lead against defending state champion Ann Arbor Huron before losing a 2-1 heartbreaker on a disputed penalty kick.

But it was another outstanding year for Canton, which has reached the district finals four times during Tomasso's five-year tenure there.

"This is the type of award that I can only achieve with my players and their performances," said Tomasso about the Observer Coach of the Year honor. "I want to thank every one of the players for a successful and memorable season."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Outing seeks golfers

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours 3rd annual family golf outing will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start Saturday, July 18, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

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A package deal includes 18 holes with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch and steak dinner. The cost is \$125 per golfer; for those 18 and under, \$100 per golfer. Registration is

at 7:30 a.m.

Foursomes and individual golfer registrations will be accepted, as will gift certificates, golf apparel and hole sponsorships.

Registration forms can be found at notredamedebonsecours.typepad.com or by calling either Jim Romine at 248-787-1592 or Paul Beaubien at 586-419-8955.

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SUSAN V. (Worthington) FOOTE
 Age 94, of Coldwater, MI died Monday June 29, 2009 at Maple Lawn Medical Facility in Coldwater, MI. Susan was born June 18, 1915 in Kalamazoo, MI to William and Adelia (Adams) Worthington. She married Howard E. Foote, Sr. June 27, 1936 he preceded in death in 1990. Susan was a member of the Metropolitan Club Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star, and Pythian Sisters. She retired from Birmingham MI School system. Survivors include sons: Howard E. Foote, Jr., David P. Foote, Robert (Robert) Foote, daughter: Carol S. (Robert) Lowmaster, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday July 2, 2009 at the White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy Michigan. Memorial may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by the Gillespie Funeral Home Inc., Coldwater, MI. Visit www.gillespiefh.com to leave a message or condolences to the family.

CONSTANCE JOAN JACKSON
 Age 75. June 29, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Robert Kyle, Theodore Kilanowski and Chester Stolarczyk. Loving mother of Sandra (Janey) Kyle and Randy (Mary Allen) Kyle. Grandmother of Jennifer. Sister of Joyce Blackwell, Thomas Earl Jackson, Doyle Jackson and the late Albert Claude Jackson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A private gathering of family and friends was held. Memorial contributions may be made to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C. 20090-6929 or to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

REV. PHILIP RODGERS MAGEE
 On June 21, 2009, Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee, of Parkville; beloved husband of Dorothy Magee (Fuchs); dear uncle of Kathryn Seider and her husband Michael, Barbara Brown, Elizabeth Beck and her husband Michael, Dorothy Fuchs and her husband Gareth Vaughan. Also survived by ten great-nieces and nephews and two great-great-nephews. Rev. Magee was ordained, June 14, 1952 where he was an assistant minister at First Presbyterian Church of York, PA. He then was an assistant minister at 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City. He later was a senior minister of First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, MD. Lastly, Rev. Magee was a senior minister at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Michigan. A memorial service will be held 10 AM Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Oak Crest Village Chapel. Interment West Nottingham Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions in Rev. Magee's name may be made to Princeton Theological Seminary School "Philip Rodgers Magee Scholarship Endowment Fund", P.O. Box 821, Princeton, NJ 08542-0803. Memory tributes may be sent to the family at: www.evansfuneralchapel.com

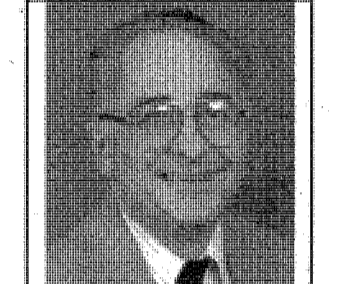
GLENN A. MacKELLAR
 Age 86 of Bradenton, Florida and Midland, Michigan passed away at his home on June 27, 2009. He will be dearly missed by his wife Jean, of 64 years, his children Susan J. MacKellar (Ed Morris), David L. MacKellar (Elizabeth Joy) and Stephen W. MacKellar (Barbara). His nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren will treasure the wonderful love and memories he has left behind. His passing was preceded by his beloved granddaughter Casey Ann MacKellar. A memorial service will take place at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009 from the Ware-Smith-Woolver Funeral Home, 1200 West Wheeler Street, Midland, MI. Rev. Wallace H. Mayton III officiating. Glenn's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, please consider The Casey Ann MacKellar Memorial Fund Benefiting Children's Leukemia Foundation 5455 Corporate Dr. Suite 306 Troy, MI 48098. If you are unable to visit with the family in person you may send your condolences through: www.waresmithwoolver.com

NEIL JOHN McINTOSH
 Age 79, of 900 Doubloon Street, West Union, SC, passed away Monday, July 29, 2009 at Oakmont East Nursing Center in Greenville, SC. Mr. McIntosh was born May 12, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan, son of the late Edna F. Sarns and the late John A. McIntosh. He was retired from the Detroit Edison Company after 40 years of service, where he worked as a lineman. Mr. McIntosh was a graduate of the Aero Mechanics High School in Detroit, Michigan and also served in the US Navy Reserves. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Jakust McIntosh; daughters, Terri (Bill) Graham and Laura (Scott) Belue; daughter-in-law, Trish McIntosh; grandchildren, Lyndsay (Matt) Paruch, Kristin McIntosh, Alec Shick, Logan Shick, Kelci Belue, Amanda Belue and Cheyenne Belue. He was also blessed with two great-grandsons, Jeffrey McIntosh Paruch and William Dale Childers. Mr. McIntosh was preceded in death by his son, Dale John and daughter, Linda and will return home to Michigan for eternal rest. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Bob Hope Rd, Miami, FL 33136-1494 or to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, Bingham Office Center, 30400 Telegraph Rd, Suite 150 Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

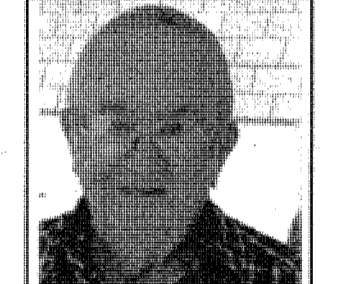
DORIS REED
 Died June 28, 2009, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Roy. Dear mother of Richard (Lorain), William (Sally), Donald (Mary), Diane (Mike) Harris, Janis (Robert) Fillion, Kathleen Reed, Sandra (Bill) Rowe, Carol Martin, Dennis (Deborah), (Carl Reinking) and the late Sharon Reinking. Grandmother of 20, great-grandmother of 26. Sister of Delmer, Isabelle, Irene, Wilber, Jean, Joan and the late Dale. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile), Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service Friday at 2pm. Family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society. Online Guestbook: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



VIRGINIA "Neno" SAMMUT
 Age 77, June 29, 2009 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Survived by six children, 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three sisters. Funeral Service Thursday 11 AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Wednesday 12-9 PM. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com



STEVE A. TROHER
 June 26, 2009. Beloved husband of Roberta R. Dear father of Michael (Lori), Thomas (Athena), Julie Troher and the late Mark. Papa of Stephen, Michelle, Nick and Vince. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd. (at Joy Rd.) Thursday 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Prayer service at 7 p.m. Instate Friday 10:00 a.m. St. Theodore Church, 8200 Wayne Rd. (N. or Warren Ave.) until 10:30 a.m. Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions accepted. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



LEONARD "Bud" WEST Jr.
 Passed away on June 30, 2009 at Angelia Hospice in Livonia at the age of 94. Proud World War II veteran, he was the beloved husband of the late Helen (Downing) West. Loving father of daughters Diane (Stanley) Skavery, Kathleen Zalewski and Leonard (Karen) West. Proud grandpa of Robert (Christine), Michael (Kathryn), Nicole (Brian), Jessica, Alison and David (Angie), Great Poppa to Jacob and Samantha. Brother of the late Shirley West. Visitation and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial donations may be made in care of Angela Hospice, ALS of Michigan or to the Leonard West family. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

CHARLES B. WOLF, MD
 Died at home, June 29, 2009. He was 77 years old. Dr. Wolf was born July 26, 1931, in Ray, Arizona to Joe and Ricka (nee Backstein) Wolf. Dr. Wolf was a 1953 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and attended St. Louis University Medical School. After graduation, he joined the United States Public Health Service, providing medical care on a Navajo reservation in Tuba City, Arizona. He began his pediatrics practice at the Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque, New Mexico, before moving to Michigan, where he made his career as a pediatrician with Henry Ford Hospital from 1965 until his retirement in 1998. Dr. Wolf also served as the first medical director of Henry Ford's West Bloomfield Clinic. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and compassionate physician, he touched many lives and will be missed greatly. Dr. Wolf is survived by his children, Amanda (David Turner) Ricka "Patty" Williams of San Diego, Charlotte (William) Pratt of Seattle, and Philip (Mary) Wolf of San Francisco, as well as four grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Joan Hemingway, and his son, Timothy Wolf. A Memorial Mass was held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. Memorials appreciated to the Wolf Memorial Fund, Cabrini Clinic, 1234 Porter St., Detroit, Michigan 48226. Condolences at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DORIS ZERBY
 Age 74 of Brighton, June 27, 2009. Beloved wife of Roger. Loving mother of William (Ann), Kenneth (Diane), and Linda Zerby. Proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of one. Doris was an elementary school teacher at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth from 1974 until 1990. She was a member of the Plymouth Symphony Society, United Methodist Women's Group and the Delta Kappa Gamma. She has lived in Brighton since 1996. Doris enjoyed sewing, knitting and candle making. She was an avid reader and loved the movies. A Memorial Service will be 11 AM on Monday, July 6 at First United Methodist Church 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48076 or to the Church. To share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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 STAFF WRITER

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The Raes' koi pond is among the water features at eight Northville area homes that will be open to the public during the 11th Pond and Water Garden Tour presented by the Michigan Koi and Pond Club. The event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11, rain or shine. Koi is a type of Japanese gold fish found in many garden ponds.

Cost is \$10 per ticket per adult or \$5 per ticket for children ages 5-15.

Each home on the tour has a water feature. Many of them are stocked with fish, frogs and various kinds of water garden plants. This is a self-guided tour, with participants receiving a wristband and a tour booklet upon purchasing a ticket.

The Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road, in Milford is sponsoring the event.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John and Sandy Rae stand at the edge of their Koi pond at their Main Street home in Northville. The Raes will be part of eight homes in town that will open up their ponds for the Koi Pond Tour on Saturday, July 11.

A LABOR OF LOVE

It's obvious after talking with Rae, and fellow club member Mike Conrad of Northville, Rae's mentor in the club, that their koi ponds are a labor of love.

"We try to create a restful, meditative kind of place," Rae said. "The fish are very relaxing to watch."

However, maintenance issues do exist.

"I used to have gravel in the bottom, which looked nice, but I learned that it held all of the residue from the overhanging trees, so I just took it out," he said. He's had his koi pond in his front yard for three years.

"This is one of the reasons I'm an advocate for being a member of the club," Rae said. "You can get advice."

FISH HABITAT

A waterfall tumbles over tiered slate and stirs the water below in Rae's pond.

"The water has to circulate," he said. "The koi need oxygen."

He said many koi ponds contain about 6,000 gallons of water, but smaller ones can be built.

Rae suggests that beginners start out with relatively inexpensive fish; his fish were about \$10 each. The fish remain in the ponds year-round. Fish need to be quarantined for about a month before they go into a pond to make sure they are disease-free.

A Japanese garden surrounds Conrad's koi pond, which is in his front yard like the Raes'. His koi are large — at least 20 inches long — and very colorful.

"I enjoy looking at them from inside the house," Conrad said. He feeds them several times a day.

Koi owners need to protect their invest-

ment from predators such as blue herons and raccoons. It's recommended to fence the area around the pond, if possible. The pond should be deep enough to prevent birds from standing in it and have sheer sides to stop animals from getting into it.

HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Michigan Koi and Pond Club was founded in 1996, after Gil Orris took some advice from a local pond supply store which resulted in the death of all of his fish but one.

Orris realized that there had to be a better way to learn and promote the hobby, so he formed the club. This is one of the oldest and largest such clubs in Michigan with about 100 family memberships. The club is also part of the Associated Koi Clubs of America.

"We have had more than 5,000 people learn about our hobby through our tours," said Modetz. "We have also produced three educational programs using slides, videos and computer technology on our hobby that have been presented to various groups and are available to other groups at a modest fee."

Annual dues are \$25. Owning a pond isn't required for membership.

Modetz and Ron Kardynski, vice president of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club, are co-sponsoring the July 11 event.

"I think having a pond is an extension of gardening," Rae said.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

- JULY 6-12**
- Blood drive**
 The Farmington Freeway Industrial Park blood drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, July 6, Holiday Inns and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., (on the service drive). For an appointment call (877) 505-9437. Blood needed because of low inventory after Fourth of July holiday.
- Suicidal behavior lecture**
 The U-M Depression Center holds its Third Annual Prechter Lecture Series, noon, Friday, July 10, at the U-M Depression Center, 4250 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., a national expert on bipolar disorder, will discuss risks and prevention measures for suicidal behavior. (734) 936-4400
- Cancer prevention forum**
 The Bharatiya Temple and the Michigan Association of Physicians from India offer the Annual Southeast Asia Cancer Prevention Forum, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at the Bharatiya Temple, 6850 N. Adams, at South Boulevard, Troy. Beaumont cardiologist Dinesh Shah, M.D., will moderate the discussion. Topics include cancer of the breast, prostate, colon, cervix and ovaries. There will be free clinical breast exams and free prostate cancer testing available, with registration for free mammograms for those who qualify. Lunch will be served. Call the Beaumont Cancer Institute at (248) 551-0243, the temple office at (248) 879-2552 or the temple secretary, Minal Engineer, at (248) 788-4886 to register. There is no charge to attend, but early registration is encouraged.
- Fibromyalgia support**
 See a demonstration of light touch therapy at the group's next meeting, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, a block south of Ford. The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. No dues, but donations are accepted. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.
- JULY 13-19**
- Childbirth education**
 St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a one-day workshop, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the experience more rewarding. The class is open to all expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org. The hospital also offers the class from 7-9 p.m., Mondays, July 20-Aug. 17.
- Golf benefit**
 Second Annual All Ladies Swing Golf Invitational, on Monday, July 20, at Twin Beach Country Club, 7625 Glascoct, West Bloomfield. This nine-hole, four-person scramble will benefit ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Cost is \$95 per person, and includes 9 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, prizes, and a silent auction. Individual players will be matched to a foursome. Sponsorships are also available, and include many benefits including golf. For more information or reservations call (800) 882-5764, Ext. 225, or visit www.alsomichigan.org.
- ONGOING**
- Fitness classes**
 Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail: jeanieweaver@charter.net.
- Overeaters Anonymous**
 Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.
- Breast cancer support group**
 Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.
- Caregivers support group**
 St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers 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. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
- Wayne metro caregiver support**
 Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.
- Parkinson Support**
 Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

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Canton woman changing the world one diaper at a time

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Marybeth Levine knows everything there is to know about diapers.

She collects diapers, fund raises for diapers, gives them away and then asks for more.

The Canton mother of three — yes, her youngest still wears diapers — keeps track of diaper prices, availability, sizes and more with spreadsheet accuracy. She can tell you the difference between an inexpensive, but quality diaper and a cheap, inferior product, identify brands, sources and cost.

And she's learned it all in a few short months. Levine founded the Detroit Area Diaper Bank in April to fill an ongoing need among the elderly, babies and individuals with disabilities.

Since then, she also has given more than 12,590 diapers to Wayne and Oakland County nonprofit agencies and shelters.

"I'm delivering another 500 or 600 on the 1st (of July) and have another 1,000 or so to move in the next week or so," Levine said. "About 10 agencies officially signed up to be partners and I've taken diapers to them. I'm trying to grow it organically to meet their needs. I try to give everyone at least something. Some need phenomenally more than others."

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank is similar to a food bank in that it delivers donated goods to shelters and other nonprofits, which in turn distribute the items to their needy clients.

Starfish Family Services received the first Detroit Area Diaper Bank delivery — 3,000 diapers — in May. The bank also serves Care



Marybeth Levine's sons help deliver diapers.

Net Pregnancy Info center in Berkley, the Senior Alliance in Wayne, Matrix Human Services in Detroit, the Salvation Army in Plymouth, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Outreach Center in Wayne, Fishes and Loaves in Taylor and the Haven in Pontiac, among others.

FAMILY-ORIENTED

"It's been fun and rewarding," said Levine, who works out of her basement office, sometimes recruiting her boys, ages 7, 5 and 3, to help with simple tasks. "I could easily work 80 hours a week at this, but I need to balance it."

Her oldest son helped her distribute refrigerator magnets at Canton Liberty Fest last month.

"He was walking table to table with the magnets, saying diapers are expensive and that we help people who can't pay for them," she said.

Levine is quick to point out that needy families can't buy diapers with food stamps. Medicare doesn't pay for adult diapers. And needy families have no access to less expen-

sive diaper sources, such as warehouse clubs like Costco, because they can't afford the memberships.

"It's a crippling expense ... a bigger stressor on families."

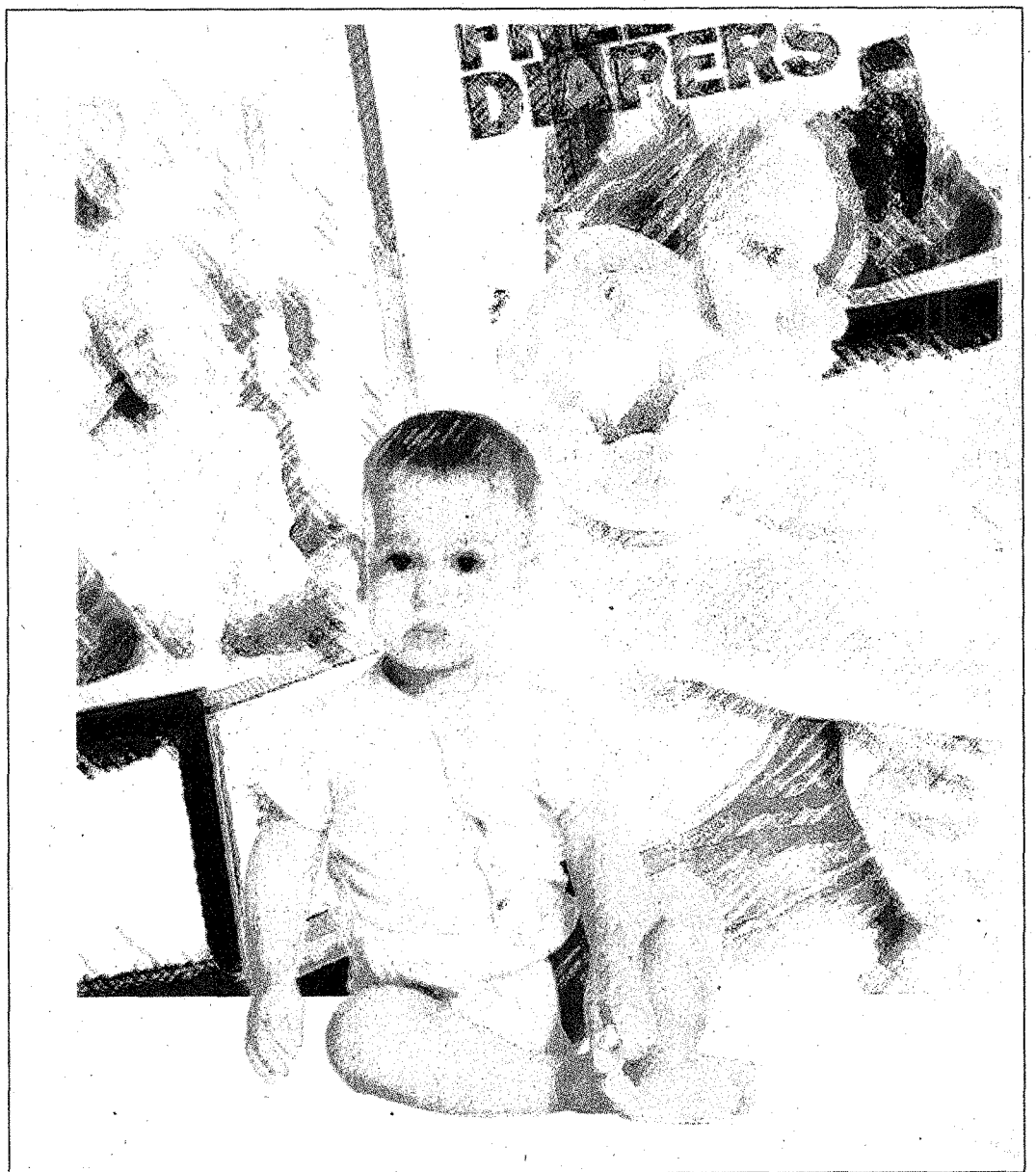
HEALTH RISKS

Faced with the choice of buying food or diapers, parents and caregivers sometimes reuse soiled disposable diapers or change them less frequently, risking rashes and other skin diseases.

Cloth diapers, although longer lasting, require access to laundry facilities.

"Not all laundromats let you wash diapers. The big kicker is you can't leave cloth diapers at day care. If you can't afford (disposable) diapers you can't take your children to day care, and if you can't drop them off at day care, you can't go to school or work."

Levine had her "light bulb" moment about the never-ending need for diapers while living in Tucson, Ariz. She heard a public service announcement for as local diaper bank, the first in the nation. When her husband's employer, Ford Motor Co., transferred him



to Michigan in 2003, Levine thought about starting a similar bank in her new home.

"I had a 5-month-old at the time and we quickly had two more children. Just this spring I had more control of my time and decided it's time to start on a small scale."

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

She used Facebook and Twitter to make connections,

find resources and launch the organization. She also relied on skills learned in past job experiences.

Levine earned a degree in political science from Penn State and worked for a congressman in D.C. before taking a job with a nonprofit. She eventually opened her own recruiting and staffing firm.

"I'm using little pieces of everything I've done. It links

it all together. At 40 I'm finally where I want to be.

"The feedback we've had is phenomenal. I think it's the kind of thing that everyone sees value in. There's no downside."

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank will hold a fund-raiser 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Cici's Pizza in Garden City. Visit www.detroitareadiaperbank.org.

Mom's mind: Reading my growing kids between the lines

The Tooth Fairy fluttered out of my 9-year-old's life last night, taking with her not just Sophia's incisor, but a little bit of her childhood innocence as well.

Hubby Don had assumed Soph was fast asleep when he reached under her pillow for the 10th tooth to have

wriggled free from her smile. He tiptoed the ceramic fairy box back to our room to trade the tiny pearl inside for a crisp dollar bill. As he clanged the top back on, I cringed at

the noise and silently vowed to find a soft-sided model for little-brother Jackson before he lost his first tooth.

Don tucked Soph's box back in place as I brushed my teeth. We were collapsed in bed when our little, big, girl shuffled down the hall. She stood sniffing in our doorway for a moment and then whimpered, "I heard Daddy in my room. I know the Tooth Fairy isn't real."

I stalled for time by pulling her into bed with me and drying her tears with the palms of my hands. What was I supposed to say in this situation? The response, "You're right — we've been lying to you for years," just didn't feel comforting enough.

Back when our kids were babies, I was always with my

nose in a book, reading up on what to expect at each stage of development and how to handle every new challenge. Why did infant Sophia wail whenever we tried to give her tummy time on the floor? My Baby Bible, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, had a reassuring explanation and tips to ease the way. Were those red bumps on tiny Jack's bum more than diaper rash? Dr. Benjamin Spock kept me calm while I waited for an opening at the pediatrician's office.

These days, though, I tend to fly by the seat of my pants, guided not by expert advice, but by experience and memories of my own childhood. If something happens to Jackson — say, his first bee sting — my initial thought is how we handled it with Sophia. With my oldest, I think about what my parents did when I was 9 — and either do the same thing or improve upon the original, depending on how successful the 1970s-era effort turned out to be.

I no longer subscribe to those advice-filled parenting publications that delivered guilt monthly, with their colorful craft suggestions I'd never in a million years dream of engineering in my own home. And I'm pretty sure that the last how-to book I bought addressed the issue of potty training.

Come to think of it, perhaps it was "Toilet Training in Less Than a Day" that turned me off self-help parenting books

forever. The cover promised, "A tested method for teaching your child quickly and happily." Well, we tested the method on 3-year-old Sophia. Happily? Not even close. Quickly? I'm pretty sure the trauma of the day guaranteed us an extra two months of diapers.

I thought about that book last week when I heard Jackson getting ready to play the Wii with his friends. None of the 7-year-olds gathered knew how to play that particular game, and Jack kept insisting, "We need to read the instructions." His combination of the words directions and instructions made me laugh. Indeed, some of the child-rearing advice I've read and faithfully followed ended up being truly destructive! Anyone who's ever attempted the "Babywise" bedtime method can attest to that — everyone in the house ends up crying it out, not just the crib-bound members of the family.

The realization that I no longer turned to the publishing world for advice hit me while doing research for a story I'm writing for a parenting magazine. Ironically enough, my job is to pen advice-filled

articles for parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. That day, the expert I had on the phone was making her point by giving me a big-kid example. This Oakland Schools educator told me that my kids' working memory isn't the same as mine because it's highly correlated to motivation. In order to complete a task, kids (even up through high school) need to want to complete the task. So when I give Sophia orders to clean the basement play area and then I walk away, I shouldn't return 10 minutes later expecting every last Barbie shoe to be in its place. The virtue of responsibility isn't something we're born with, it's something that's developed through years of getting yelled at about the messy basement!

Shortly after that interview, the reality of puberty crashed upon our house. I found myself stumbling from the purchase of strawberry-scented Teen Spirit deodorant to issues hairier than I care to divulge in print, all the time making notes for Soph's yearly doctor exam. I was feeling very much like the mother of a newborn, not quite sure what to do with this strange creature. And then I had a forehead-slapping

moment. I didn't have to wait until I was in front of a pediatrician to ask my questions. Not when I had the World Wide Web at my fingertips.

I logged on to assure myself that everything happening to Soph's body was age-appropriate. Unfortunately, I neglected to Google "What to say when your child figures out you've been faking the Tooth Fairy for the past three years."

So last night I punted. I relied upon all I've gleaned about Sophia in the past nearly 10 years. No, I hadn't read a book on this situation, but I could read my daughter's mood. And I could respond accordingly.

I'm not saying this will work

every time, but I had her giggling and sighing with relief in minutes. Amazingly, and knock on wood, the correlated question of Santa Claus never came up. If Sophia is anything like I was at her age, then she has chosen to be selectively logical about the realization that her parents have been sneaking small bills under her pillow. Maybe the Tooth Fairy didn't whisk away all of her childhood innocence. But just in case, I'm going to read up on how to respond to Santa Doubt well before December.

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Angela Hospice grows to meet community needs

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Angela Hospice in Livonia was the first in Michigan to open an inpatient hospice facility in 1994. The center, on the Felician Sisters' grounds off Newburgh, north of Schoolcraft, is undergoing expansion.

"Within just a handful of years, we were full," said Bob Alexander, business development manager for Angela Hospice. He's managing the capital campaign for the expansion, with a \$10 million goal through 2011.

"We have a portion of it raised, I'd say nearly 30 percent," he said. Ground-breaking took place in the spring of 2008, and construction work is going well.

The current hospice, which provides care for loved ones nearing the end of life, has 16 inpatient beds. There's been great community demand over the last decade or so, with a waiting list of 17 to 30 or more patients, Alexander said.

The new hospice will double beds to 32, with all beds and the new larger patient rooms in the newer area of the center. That'll free up office and meeting space in the older portion.

Angela Hospice does a lot of work with families after patients have died. "We've had groups meet here that have had nothing to do with hospice care," Alexander said, noting such efforts require meeting space.

The current two-story building has 34,858 square feet,

with the new facility adding an additional 46,000 square feet.

"We're going full speed ahead by whatever means we can," said Alexander, adding construction should wrap up in about a year.

INCREASING NEED

Demographics show that aging baby boomers will need more care as they age, increasing the need for hospice services. Most Angela Hospice patients remain in their homes, homes of loved ones, or nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Some need inpatient care, including some long-term patients in the building, Alexander said.

There's also a trend toward smaller families, also impacting hospice care. "We'll have fewer people to help us while we go through that," he said of aging baby boomers. People also are moving from Michigan for jobs elsewhere, leaving fewer behind to care for aging loved ones.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

These are challenging times, but Alexander's confident the fund-raising goal will be met. "I know there are key people in the community who rally to what we do. We're supported by so many people in the community," he said, adding that donations are accepted online at www.askforangela.com. Click on the link to the "Building for Life" campaign to donate.

In addition to the larger patient rooms, there will be several new family gathering areas. Angela Hospice opened in 1985 and was founded by Sister Mary Giovanni, who remains president and chief executive officer.

"We opened the Angela Hospice Care Center (for inpatients) in 1994 and by 1999, we were at 100 percent capacity," Sister Giovanni said in a statement. "For nearly 10 years we dreamed and prayed for an addition to our facility, and now it is finally under way. Given the nation's current financial crisis as well as the particularly difficult employment situation in this region,

some may feel that a \$10-million building project and capital campaign is ill-timed. Timing however, won't keep us from seeing this mammoth undertaking to a successful conclusion.

"For an ever-growing aging population, for an expanding group of terminally ill individuals without caregiver support, and for the many people with nowhere else to turn, the time to increase our capacity is now," Sister Giovanni said. "We are counting on the compassionate and charitably minded people in our community to come alongside to the absolute best of their ability and help us see this through. I can say that now, in the midst of building and fund-raising for this expansion, we have found our own organization filled with vigor, hope, and an abiding sense of the importance and magnitude of the work we are doing.

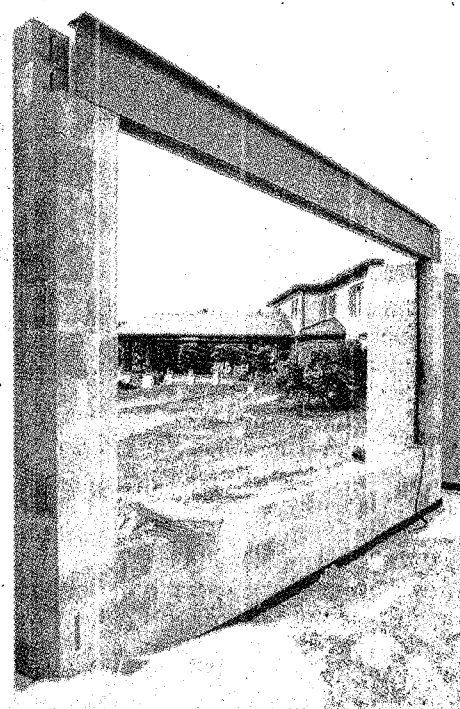
"This construction is a brick-and-mortar testimonial to our community that we will

do whatever it takes to support and help families during the most challenging and fragile time of life."

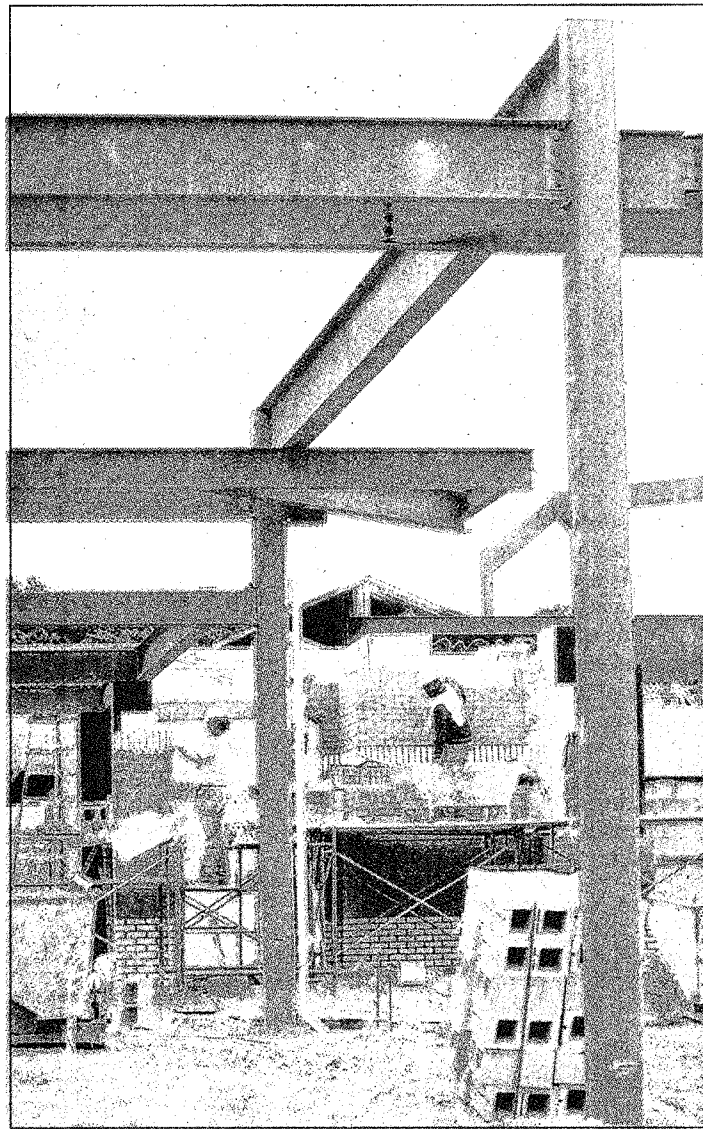
Also contributing is Mary Beth Moning, executive director of Angela Hospice. Her husband, Rory, is the hospice building manager and is overseeing construction work.

The couple has a construction background, and Mary Beth is well-versed in hospice operations, Alexander said.

Jobs are on the mind of many these days, and Alexander agreed there will be additional hiring when the new facility's done. To check, visit the Angela Hospice Web site, where job openings will be listed.



The existing facility is a large building, but will be dwarfed by the expansion.



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The Angela Hospice project will double the number of patient rooms.

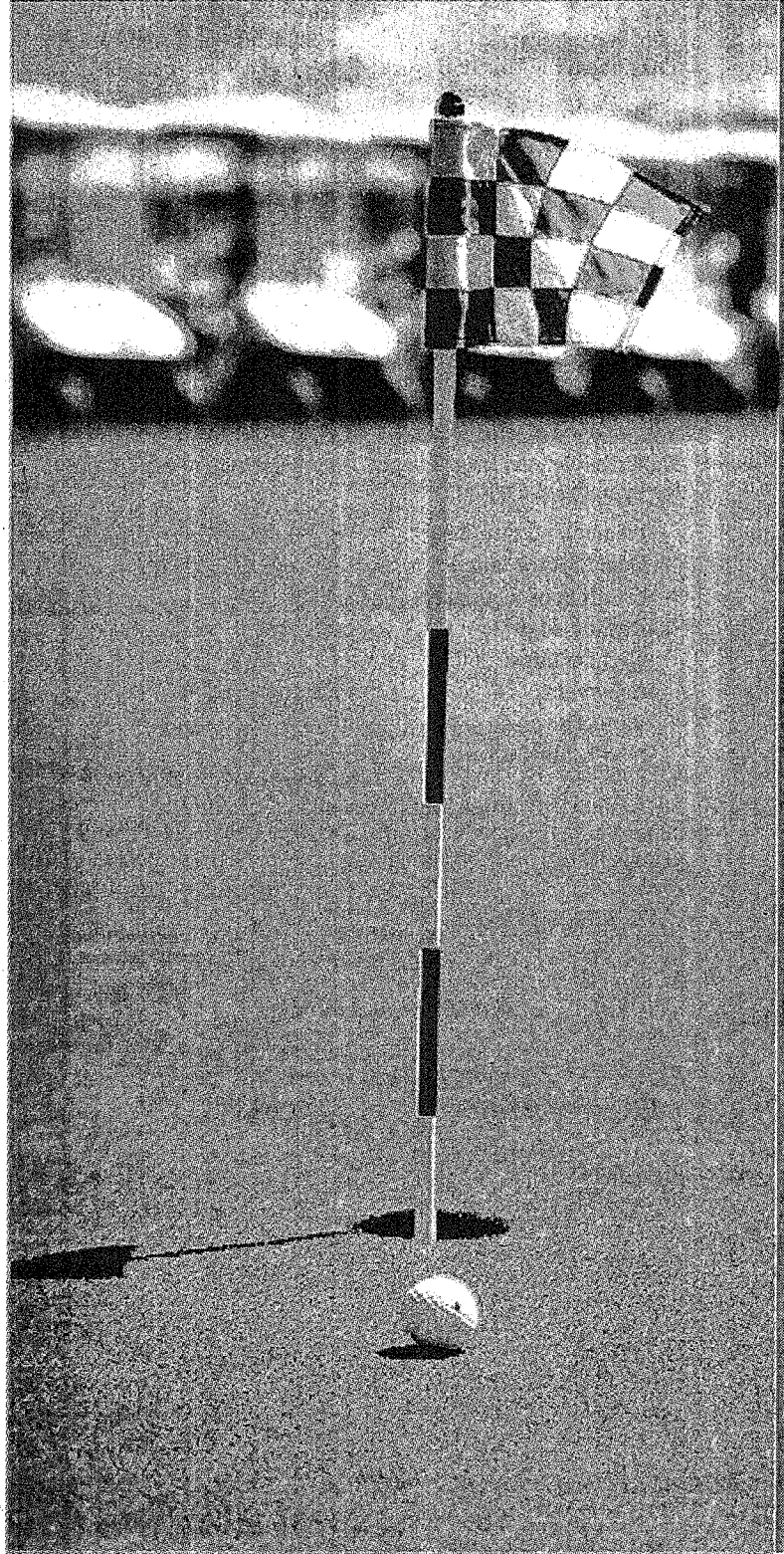
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