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IN BRIEF

Trunk sale

Got a car? Got a car with a trunk? That and some goods to sell are all that's needed to be a part of the annual trunk and Mom2Mom sale, clothing sale and bake sale at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The rain date is Saturday, Aug. 28.

Stop by to get some baked goods, the proceeds (100 percent) of which will benefit the church's many local service projects. People can donate clothes to sell, or fill a bag the church provides with clothes for \$2. It is not accepting nor is it selling dresses or high-heeled shoes.

For the trunk sale, park your car in the parking lot, open your trunk, set your tables out, and sell Mom2Mom stuff and other household wares. Prince of Peace members can rent one space for \$10 and non-members for \$15. The price includes one parking spot for your car and one spot for your wares. Additional spots (one parking space) are available for \$10 each for both members and non-members.

The church also is accepting donations for its charitable work; make checks payable to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

You keep the money from what you sell. Prince of Peace uses 100 percent of parking space money for service work at organizations such as the local Salvation Army, Bolde Food Depot and Clothing Center, Wayne County Family Center and to fill Thanksgiving baskets and provide Christmas gifts to needy children in the Wayne-Westland school district.

Contact Mary Rose Cartright at (734) 722-4363 to donate clothing and/or to reserve a trunk sale parking space or for more information or leave a message by calling the church office at (734) 722-1735.

Energy upgrades

Money from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant awarded to Westland earlier this year is being used to upgrade heating and cooling equipment in three municipal buildings.

The upgrades will make the buildings more energy-efficient. Projects include replacement of the refrigeration system with a new industrial-based refrigeration system at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, replacement of air handlers at the Bailey Recreation Center, and replacement of existing boiler with a more efficient model at the Westland Police Department.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the federal government as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awarded to the city of Westland totals \$731,000. The program aims to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use and to improve energy efficiency in transportation, building and other sectors. The city expects to reduce energy costs by approximately 28 percent or \$127,000.

Judge orders trial in festival shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Words exchanged after someone stepped on someone else's shoe triggered two altercations that ended with gunfire during Westland's July 4 fireworks display.

That was the testimony from a youth who was shot and his friend during the preliminary examination Thursday in

18th District Court for Justin Michael Morgan, a Belleville man facing seven felony charges over the incident.

Using crutches to walk, Ramadan Morroc-Bey, 18, of Canton, testified he had gone to the carnival at the Westland Summer Festival accompanied by several friends. Initially, he said the fight involved his friend Cortez Grimes and Morgan.

"He (Morgan) left and then came back about 20 minutes later. Another fight broke out. After the fight was when I was shot," said Morroc-Bey, who seemed annoyed at having to answer questions to clarify his testimony, much of which was monosyllabic and mumbled. "I was running. Then I turned around and got shot."

Morroc-Bey, whose femur was shattered by a bullet, tes-

tified that Morgan shot him and that he saw him holding the gun, but didn't see where Morgan had gotten the handgun. After being shot, Morroc-Bey said he fell to the ground with Grimes standing nearby.

Defense attorney Carl Jordan questioned whether Morroc-Bey had gone to the carnival with the intention of getting into a fight, something Morroc-Bey denied.

Under further questioning from Jordan, Morroc-Bey agreed that a number of people had joined Grimes in fighting with Morgan, who was on his own at that point.

"Did it appear that Mr. Morgan was getting beaten up by (Grimes) and the others?" Jordan asked. Morroc-Bey agreed with that, adding that

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Joanne Schwab of Westland lets her dog, Dutch, rest under shade trees after a romp in the new Wayne County Dog Park in Westland.

Free to run

New county dog park gives pooches plenty of space

BY SUE MASON
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For Pat Gaden of Livonia, Jen Rogers of Romulus and Angie Whinnie of Redford, it was man's best friend that made them best friends.

Standing Thursday morning in the new and improved Wayne County Dog Park in Westland, the three women recounted what they call a "good dog park story."

"We started bringing our dogs up here and we met," Whinnie said. "Now it's turned into a wonderful friendship — there's eight in the group

and at least 10 dogs."

The women were among dog lovers who gathered with their pooches to watch as Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano cut the ceremonial leash to officially open the park, located at Hawthorne Ridge along Hines Drive west of Merriman in Westland.

The dog park features two fenced enclosures — one for small, one for large breeds — plenty of shade trees, exercise equipment like a Hound Hoop, agility wall and wall jump. There's plenty of room for dogs to run and play with each other while their owners talk.

"I come here all the time. The dogs really like it, and this is much better than the old dog park," said Kim Dowdlat of Garden City, who was there with her three dogs: Mackenzie, a Hurricane

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After 21 years, Engstrom looks forward to new challenges

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Retiring Westland Deputy Police Chief Mark Engstrom

While he is looking forward to a new position, Westland Deputy Police Chief Mark Engstrom has mixed feelings about retiring from the department after 21 years on the job.

"It's so exciting to be able to walk into a new opportunity but it's like leaving family. There is such camaraderie in police work," said Engstrom. "You literally put your life in each other's hands. A lot of people don't understand that relationship."

Engstrom's retirement came exactly 21 years after he started with the department on Aug. 7

— he is taking advantage of the city's early retirement program. He has a new job as director of security at the Frankel Jewish Academy, a 250-student private high school in West Bloomfield.

"This is an opportunity I'm excited about. I will work in a job keeping people safe but also in administration," said Engstrom, 43. "I like to work with a team and will develop policies for the school to be the safest place it can be. The challenge is exciting to me."

Until he was 8 years old, Engstrom lived in New Buffalo in western Michigan. Then his father, a Michigan State Police trooper, got a promotion

and transferred to Livonia. Engstrom graduated from Livonia Churchill High School where he met his future wife, Sharlene. The couple have four daughters — Kirsten, 18, twins Caitrin and Reagan, 16, and Marin, 10.

"Because of my dad being in law enforcement, I had an admiration for police and police work," said Engstrom, who worked store security jobs trying to get enough experience to be hired by a police department.

A friend's father was a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter and Engstrom was planning to enlist to serve as a military police officer. Instead, he

applied and was hired as a Westland police officer in 1989.

"With the city and way I was able to be hired, I was in the right place and time for promotions — it's been a blessing. Leaving is bittersweet," said Engstrom, deputy chief since January 2009.

During his first five years with the department, Engstrom worked road patrol, then spent three years as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer before being promoted to sergeant in 1998. Engstrom was promoted to lieutenant in 2002 and in 2005 took over supervision

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Pair charged with robbery are suspects in shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Two Detroit cousins have been charged with robbing a Westland cash advance store and are suspects in a string of armed robberies including one that left a Garden City smoke shop owner shot.

Antwann Baker, 26, was arraigned Aug. 4 on charges of armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and being an habitual offender in Westland 18th District Court. He is

being held in lieu of \$1 million cash/surety bond.

Johnny Junior Baker, 23, was arraigned Aug. 2 on armed robbery and unlawful imprisonment charges. He is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash/surety bond. Not guilty pleas were entered for both defendants.

The pair are charged with robbing Approved Cash Advance, 8367 N. Wayne Road, on April 23. The clerk was held up at gunpoint and left bound with duct tape.

"They are suspects in the Garden City shooting and multiple armed robberies in Wayne County," said Westland Police Sgt. David Zucchetto.

The men were arrested based on information developed by Garden City police in their investigation of the July 8 holdup at the Smoke Shop, 6737 Middlebelt. The store owner was handcuffed and shot during the robbery. The

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Council: Tax abatement request has merit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A Westland manufacturing company should be able to take advantage of a 10-year tax abatement for an expansion that would add 20-25 employees locally.

The city council took no official action on the tax abatement for Harvey Industries, which produces automotive powertrain components, but gave an informal consensus after hearing a presentation at a study session.

Harvey Industries currently

leases office space in a building at 1021 Manufacturers Dr. The firm is purchasing a long vacant 40,000-square-foot building at 1210 Manufacturers, off Hix north of Ford.

The building, which is being purchased for \$500,000, would house the company's sales staff and a research and development facility, said Forest Warren, corporate controller. An additional \$950,000 worth of equipment is expected to be placed in the facility.

Under Public Act 198, Harvey Industries could

qualify for a 50-percent tax abatement for 10 years. The abatement would apply only to the equipment, Assessor James Elrod said.

"The 198 abatement isn't available on an existing building. They would get a 50-percent exemption of the millage rate on the personal property — the equipment and tools," Elrod said.

Based on a true cash value of \$950,000, meaning a state equalized value of \$425,000, the abatement would save Harvey Industries \$11,687 in city taxes. However, the

abatement wouldn't affect Westland's general fund.

"There would be no hit to the general fund. This property is located in the LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority district)," Elrod said.

Property taxes within the LDFA are captured for public improvements and, under the proposed abatement, Harvey Industries would pay \$2,762 in taxes on personal property which would go to the LDFA.

With corporate headquarters in Westland, Harvey Industries has foundry and machining

facilities in Wabash, Ind., and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Warren said sales projections recently were increased to \$97 million with a customer base that includes the Big Three automakers — 72 percent of its sales come from General Motors — and automotive suppliers, such as Magna and Arvin-Meritor.

"These are first-class individuals. They have a successful operation in Westland and they are expanding in Westland," Mayor William Wild said. "This building has been vacant for a long time. These are the

kind of people we want to attract to Westland. If there is a consensus, they will work with us and move ahead to lock up the building."

Council members were positive about the proposal. "I like to see new manufacturing," Councilman Bill Johnson said.

In addition to occupying a long vacant building, Wild said he also had talked with Warren to see if there was any way the company could give preference to hiring Westland residents.

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Westland man faces hearing in fatal accident

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A preliminary examination for a Westland man facing four felony charges in connection with a fatal head-on collision has been scheduled for Aug. 12 in 18th District Court.

Thomas Rada, 55, was arraigned July 29 on charges

of one count each of homicide-manslaughter, one count of operating with a suspended license causing death, operating under the influence of alcohol causing a death and drunken driving.

Stanislaus "Stan" Zielinski, 69, of Waterford was killed in the June 9 accident on Cherry Hill near Wildwood. Zielinski

was driving a Chevrolet Metro Cab minivan eastbound on Cherry Hill when he was struck head on by a westbound Ford Explorer driven by Rada.

Police reported that Rada had struck a vehicle stopped for a red light before careening into the eastbound lanes.

Zielinski was pronounced dead on arrival at an area hos-

pital. Rada was hospitalized after the accident and subsequently moved to a physical rehabilitation center.

Immediately following the accident, Westland police indicated that alcohol was suspected to be a factor. Filing charges against Rada had been delayed by a lengthy wait for blood alcohol test results.

There was an additional delay in Rada being arraigned and scheduled for preliminary examination.

On July 14, 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli signed the warrant charging Rada but the arraignment was delayed to allow Rada, who had been brought to court by police, to return to the

physical rehabilitation facility where he has been receiving inpatient treatment for injuries suffered in the June 9 accident. The arraignment was rescheduled after Cicirelli indicated she would order Rada remanded to jail once he was arraigned.

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SUSPECTS

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store owner survived.

"Because there were so many robberies — I would guess at least 10 — the FBI is going to take over and get federal indictments," said Zucchetto. "Our case was charged because it was the strongest case. While they are being held on those charges, the FBI will put Garden City, Detroit, Redford and the rest into one big case. We're holding the defendants pending."

Using the information provided by Garden City police, Zucchetto said a photo lineup

was prepared and the cash advance store clerk picked out the suspects. The defendants are also suspects in the February robbery of the Smokers Avenue store near Warren and Merriman in Westland.

Antwann Baker had a girlfriend who lived at Woodcrest Villa Apartments in Westland, Zucchetto said, which brought the cousins to the area.

Garden City police didn't respond to a request for comments other than confirming they had developed information that resulted in the arrests.

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TESTIMONY

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Morgan had run away during the first fight.

Grimes testified that he was walking around the carnival with Morroc-Bey and several other men when Morgan stepped on his shoes.

"I was like 'Damn.' He (Morgan) said something, but I didn't hear what he said," Grimes testified. "I saw him (Morgan) again and he said something again."

One of his companions started the altercation with Morgan, Grimes said, which ended when the defendant ran

away. When the second fight began, Grimes said Morgan had brought about 15 people with him.

"I didn't see him (Morgan) fighting. He ran away. Then he came back and pointed a gun. He was waving it back and forth like he was too scared to shoot," said Grimes, who testified he saw Morgan pull the gun from his waist band.

Judge Mark McConnell ordered Morgan bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial on two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, two counts of felonious assault and one charge of felony firearm.

Jordan had argued that the testimony didn't support the charges of assault with intent to murder.

"You have to have a plan or thought to kill a person. There was nothing to prevent Mr. Morgan, who was about seven feet away from shooting at the head or torso," Jordan said. "Mr. Grimes testified that it looked like Mr. Morgan was scared to shoot."

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Kimberly Hesse responded that person doesn't have to be shot in torso to be killed and that Morgan had been pointing the gun at a crowd of people.

"I can't think of any intention except murdering someone for firing at the victim"

McConnell said.

Held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond since his arrest several days after the shooting, Morgan is scheduled for circuit court arraignment Aug. 12.

Using the description of the shooting suspect, police were able to locate him on a videotape of the crowd which had been recorded periodically during the festival. Wayne-Westland Schools officials were able to identify the suspect as a former John Glenn High School student.

Once police had a name and photograph of the suspect, the victim was shown a photo lineup and identified the shooter.

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ENGSTROM

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of the Special Investigations Unit and the Metro Street Enforcement Team.

"Definitely my favorite job was being the SIU lieutenant. I worked with phenomenal investigators who worked tre-

mendously hard on some really big cases," said Engstrom. "I had the privilege of sitting in the cat bird seat watching them do tremendous work. It was an exciting three years."

Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden is sorry to see Engstrom leave. "I learned more about being an administrator from Mark than from anyone else. He's an incred-

ibly good administrator and leader," said Ramsden. "It's hard to replace him — I really mean that."

Along with his full-time position, Engstrom and his wife also teach an interdenominational community Bible study course in Farmington Hills. About 150 people attend the weekly class, which allows Engstrom to put to use his master's degree in theology from Heritage Theological Seminary.

"This is something truly that is a lifelong benefit. It was important to me that I still have the ability to teach that class," said Engstrom.

Lt. Greg Angelosanto is scheduled to replace Engstrom as deputy chief, joining the other Deputy Chief Dan Karrick.

"I'm so proud of the guys and girls who work here. Not just the officers but the dispatchers and support staff," said Engstrom. "They do so much with so little. They do it so well but that doesn't get said enough."

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DOG PARK

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Katrina survivor, Sadie and Hunter. "The old park was hidden, you had to go over a bridge and there were no shade trees."

Gaden, Rogers and Whinnie and the rest of their dog park friends also met at the old park. The group comes from all walks of life — from a machinist to a tenured professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn — and most have huskies as pets. They have gone on hikes together, had dinners at each other's homes with their dogs present and even had birthday parties for their dogs.

When Rogers got married, she invited her dog park friends and had special favors so they knew where to sit for the reception — small dog dishes filled with dog food.

"That shows just how much I like my dog park friends," she said.

"I've been teased over the years, but this has turned into a wonderful thing," Whinnie said.

"We have a lot of fun. We never would have been friends if not for the dogs and the dog park," Gaden added.

Dogs of all shapes and sizes ran around the enclosures or played with other dogs. Others ambled about, and one even sprinted up and across on the picnic tables conveniently placed under the trees.

Carol Clayton of Redford visits the dog park at least once a week with her dog Ella, who was hanging out with her "boy-friend," Oliver.

"She was scared the first time, but the more I brought her, the more relaxed she became," Clayton said. "This is a much better park and closer to the road."

Dog owners pay a \$5 fee and provided proof of vaccinations and a current dog license to use the park. Access is by way of a keypad that unlocks the outer gate. An inner gate prevents dogs from getting out.

"This is really good for her to socialize with other dogs," Clayton said. "We have a fenced in yard, but it's not as big as this."

Sue Ostrander of Livonia was riding her bike with her



Shari Ebel of Garden City waits for the Dog Park to open.



A water bowl was welcome treat for dogs using the Dog Park Thursday.

two Italian greyhounds, Daron and Luca, when she spotted the park. Her first time visiting, she was impressed.

Ostrander uses her bike to exercise her dogs, who do lure racing at different metroparks.

"They're either on (the go) or they're calm," she said. "They're a little tired because we've probably done four miles already. I do it to keep them in shape. It doesn't work with walking."

Standing in the midst of dogs who were running or chasing each other, Joanne Schwab of Westland bent her knees as two came careening toward her.

"I've gotten bowled over by then a few times," she said.

Schwab was there with her dog Dutch. A veteran of the old dog park, she describes the new setup as "wonderful."

"It's out in the open and it only costs \$5, you can't beat it," she said. "Most of the dogs and people are friendly. Usually, the older or smaller dogs go over there (to the small dog area)."

One of the small dogs enjoying the big dog area was a red miniature pinscher named Lexus. Don Boshaw of Livonia and his son Blake sat in the shade as Lexus walked around

the park, not in the least bothered by the larger dogs racing around her.

"She's used to being around big dogs. We have a group in our neighborhood that walks around Churchill High School and she's in with a couple great danes and other large dogs," Boshaw said.

Boshaw is a member of the new dog park. He used to use the old park without a membership because the lock was broken.

"I don't come here that much," he said. "I came in the early summer, but the mosquitoes were bad."

Josie the Australian shepherd was happy to be at the park. According to owner Leanna Reif of Redford, her dog "loves it."

"It gives her a chance to play with other dogs. She's much happier here," Reif said. "We have a small yard, but here she can get more exercise. She can run."

People interested in more information about the dog park can call (734) 261-1990 or go online to www.waynecountyparks.org.

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What's your bid? W-W online auction starts

Online auction company Hoff-Hilk Auction Services is in the process of liquidating machinery and equipment from the closed curriculum of Computer Aided Manufacturing at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

Bidding began Aug. 3. It continues through 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time Tuesday, Aug. 17, at www.hoffhilk.com. A public preview of the items will be held noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the Career Technical Center.

There are more than 400 lots of machinery and equipment available. Lots include CNCs, lathes, EDMs, mills, inspection tooling, and much more. Items also can be viewed 24 hours a day at www.hoffhilk.com with

detailed descriptions and photos.

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center on Marquette in Westland offers high school students and young adults several different curriculums fields including automotive, health care and computer technology. The Computer Aided Manufacturing curriculum was closed due to declining enrollment and to make space for growing programs.

"The declining enrollment of the Computer Aided Manufacturing curriculum shows the real pressure manufacturing is under in the greater Detroit area," said Russ Hilk, vice president of Hoff-Hilk Auction Services. "With limited job prospects for graduating students, it is

not surprising to see once-popular programs like this closing."

The school is using an online auction to make this machinery and equipment available to buyers on a national and international basis.

"It is definitely a buyer's market in Michigan right now," Hilk said. "By selling online, bidders are not limited by geography. Anyone can participate in the auction. This leads to higher selling prices and more money for the school."

Hoff-Hilk Auction Services was founded in 2001 by Dennis Hoff and Russ Hilk. A full-service auction company, Hoff-Hilk Auction Services specializes in the liquidation of industrial machinery.

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Costs for soccer complex out of bounds?

School board to mull options for old school site

BY KAREN SMITH
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After a year of working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Livonia school administrators are coming up with alternative game plans for the proposed soccer complex at the former Cooper School site.

Supt. Randy Liepa said costs to develop the site, which was

a landfill prior to the school being built, are projected to be \$2.5 million to \$3 million, not about \$2 million as originally thought.

He said during the next month, the school board will decide on what's the best way to proceed. Administrators are preparing optional plans for the board's consideration.

"There were additional costs we didn't anticipate a

year ago," he said, adding the MDEQ came back with five to six pages of comments on the original plan.

That plan, a cooperative agreement approved by the board in a 5-2 vote in August 2009, called for using \$1 million from the district's sinking fund and \$800,000 from a MDEQ grant to grade the property, cap the landfill, erect a soccer dome, plant grass, build a retention pond, install an irrigation system and add a parking lot and lights.

The plan called for leasing about half of the 40-acre site to Breeze Sports Management of West Bloomfield for 35 years, which would pay the school district about



\$2 million over that time period. The company would provide the soccer dome.

The plan called for four outdoor soccer fields, a couple of training fields and the dome for indoor soccer.

Because of environmental concerns, the number of outdoor soccer fields has been reduced to three, Liepa said.

With the increased costs, the superintendent said there may be a way to increase the revenue to the district, including possibly having school employees manage the complex instead of having a private company to do it. Liepa said under that plan, the district would have to hire the personnel to do the managing.

School board President Lynda Scheel said "lots and lots" of questions remain, given the fluctuating costs. "We need to see a business plan; we need to see numbers on paper. We need further information before we want to say go ahead or not go ahead."

She said she wants to make sure that if the costs increase, the revenue from the project also increases.

Liepa anticipates the district will make some improvements

to the site since it has grant money for the project, even if that means simply capping the property.

"Ultimately it's a landfill over there; we want to do something positive."

Cooper School, built in the 1960s, was closed in 1991 because of contamination. The district has since torn it down. A fence surrounds the site, located across from the new Cooper Upper Elementary School on Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Over the years, different developers have come up with three plans for the site, Liepa said. Those plans have included a senior center and a larger soccer complex than the one now proposed. Those plans fell through, primarily because of the economy.

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BY DARRELL CLEM
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Canton officials are expected to know by mid-September if they will succeed in a second effort to secure as much as \$20.3 million in federal stimulus funds for a project to reshape the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road interchange.

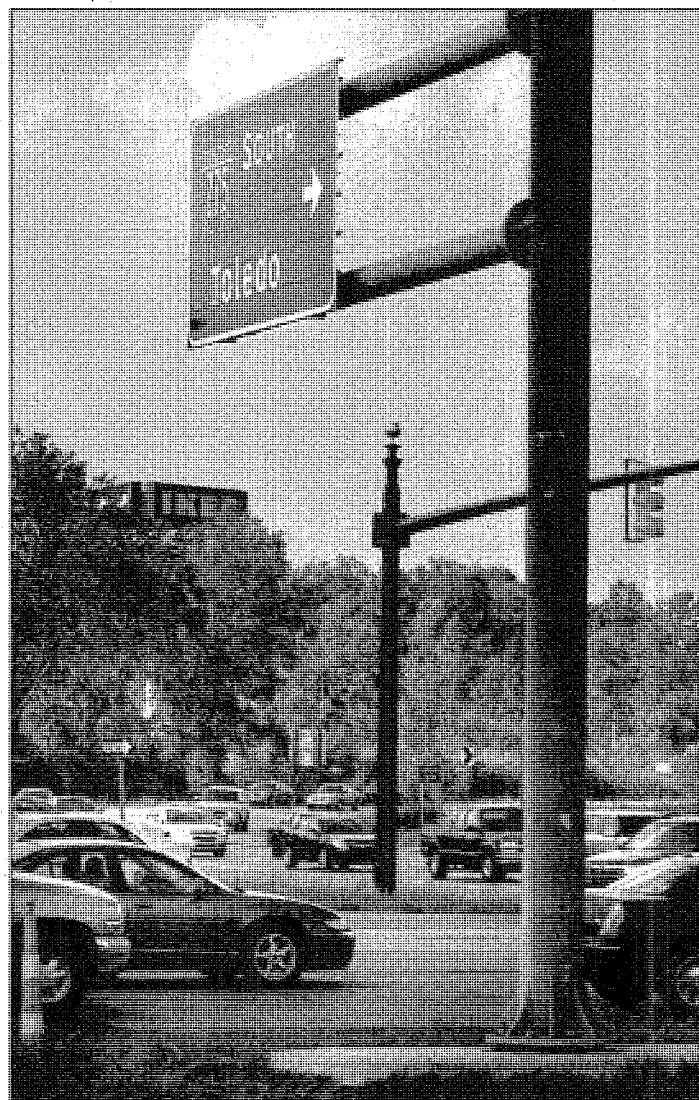
Township officials have long said the project could ease traffic bottlenecks along bustling Ford Road, especially during peak, rush-hour times when accidents are more likely to occur near crash-prone intersections such as Ford and Haggerty.

Already, Canton has submitted a preliminary, second-round application to the U.S. Department of Transportation as it competes with communities across the nation for a new share of \$600 million in TIGER — or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — grants, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Moreover, local officials face an Aug. 23 deadline to follow up the 54-question preliminary document with a formal application to the federal government, Faas said.

Canton lost out in February when federal officials awarded \$1.5 billion to first-round TIGER projects — a crushing blow township Supervisor Phil LaJoy called "extremely disappointing."

Yet federal officials announced a new, \$600 million round in TIGER grants amid hopes of spurring addi-



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Canton is looking for money to improve the I-275 and Ford Road interchange.

tional projects — and jobs — tied to road proposals that had merit, but missed out on funding.

However, it's possible that

Canton, Wayne County and the state of Michigan could somehow have to find some matching money, such as nearly \$1.4 million in land costs, to help pay the tab for the I-275/Ford Road project, a thorny issue as all levels of government face worsening budget woes.

Federal officials have indicated that TIGER proposals are likely to receive more serious consideration, Faas said.

"That allows them to spread the (federal) cash over more projects," he said.

Meanwhile, LaJoy also has confirmed that local officials plan to seek other sources of funding that could potentially offset some of the Canton project's costs.

During the first round of TIGER proposals, money to improve the I-275/Ford Road corridor was sought through the Michigan Department of Transportation with strong political support from Wayne County, Canton and other communities.

This time, Faas said, Canton will directly apply for the TIGER grant, though support from other levels of government has remained intact.

Here's a recap of earlier-reported details of the TIGER proposal:

- Motorists exiting southbound I-275 could use a new access ramp, or slip, to get onto northbound Haggerty without ever having to get onto Ford Road. The slip would be built north of Ford without displacing any local businesses.

- Similarly, drivers exiting southbound I-275 could access south Haggerty using another ramp south of Ford Road — again, without actually traveling along Ford Road.

- Drivers from the area of Cherry Hill Road could access north I-275 by using a northbound service drive along the interstate, bypassing Ford Road and then merging onto the interstate.

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1. visit www.aitcanton.com
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The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:
Cobra radar detector, Toro snow blower, Craftsman generator, Cub Cadet lawn mower, Laser Mark Wizard, Ice fishing shelter, Pioneer 73" TV, Sony Bravia 52" TV, and Panasonic 42" TV.

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

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WILLIAM D. FORD CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Each year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center offer career/technical programs to the high school districts of Wayne-Westland, Melvindale-Northern Allen Park, South Redford, Redford Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, Van Buren and area private schools. These programs are designed to prepare high school students for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and co-operative education coordinators. For further information on course offerings and admissions, please call (734) 419-2100 or visit our website: ford.wwcsd.net.

The following is a list of programs being offered during the 2010-2011 school year:

Alternative Energy Technology, Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Business/Computer Technology, Child Day Care, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts/Hospitality, Digital Media, Electronics/Robotics Technology, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Game Design and Programming, Graphic Design, Graphic Printing/Communications, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC), Mathematics, Media Production, Medical Assisting, Welding Technology.

All career-technical programs comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center that no person on the basis of race, color, disability, or limited English proficiency shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. Furthermore, the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center will encourage participation by all of the above. Questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, Title II and Title VI, should be directed to the Deputy Superintendent/Educational Services, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 (734) 419-2015.

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, should be directed to the coordinator (734) 419-2645.

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Teen arrested for arson in van fire

Arson
A resident of an apartment at Woodbridge Pond, 37212 S. Woodbridge Pond Circle, called police early Aug. 2 to report her son set her van on fire. The woman's son, 15, was standing near a van holding a clear plastic bottle which he dropped when officers arrived, police said. There was a fire in the interior of the van, police said. The officer noted the teen had a strong smell of gasoline about him. The teen later told the officers he had stolen the gasoline from a home on Newburgh and inhaled the fumes, police said. After he began to hallucinate, the teen said, then set the van on fire but couldn't say why, police said. The 1999 Dodge van, registered to the mother's boyfriend, had been locked, but the youth said he was able to open a window, reach inside and unlock the doors, police said. The woman, 34, told police her son has been in so much trouble, including three break-ins, that she no longer allows him to live with her, police

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said. She said that she and her three daughters, ages 14, 13 and 5, are afraid of her son due to his aggressive behavior, police said. The woman moved from her previous apartment so that he wouldn't know where she lives but then ended up needing his help with the move, police said. The son stopped by the apartment around 7 p.m. Aug. 1 but his mother wasn't home and his sister told him he couldn't come inside. About 1:30 a.m. Aug. 2, he returned and his mother said she wouldn't let him inside. The son began yelling and pounding on the windows after finding they were locked, she said. The woman told officers she hid in a bedroom with her daughters. The woman later heard a noise outside, she said, then looked outside to see her son in the van. A few seconds later, the woman said she saw her son get out of the van and noticed the fire. Westland firefighters extinguished the fire which had spread throughout the interior of the van. The son was arrested for

arson and transported to the youth home.

Shoplifting
Police were called to Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, Aug. 1 about two women fighting with store security personnel. While en route, officers were told one of the women and two males were leaving in a vehicle, which was stopped. The second woman was reported to have fled on foot to the nearby Golden Corral restaurant. Store staff told police the two women entered the store with children. The pair reportedly selected large purses from a display and began walking around the store putting items into the bag, as well as the shopping cart. After about one hour, the employee reportedly said the women went through a U-Scan self checkout but only pretended to scan items and never paid for anything. When confronted outside the store, the employee said the women began to argue. One

employee reported being able to retrieve the purses which contained numerous items of clothing and jewelry. The items, valued at \$470, were returned to the store, police said. One woman, an 18-year-old Romulus resident, was driving the car stopped by police. She was arrested for retail fraud and driving with a suspended license. The second woman, a 20-year-old Romulus woman, was reportedly located hiding under a table at Golden Corral where she is employed. An officer found her work identification card at Meijer. She was arrested for retail fraud. The two men in the vehicle weren't involved in the retail fraud and were released.

Stolen vehicles
On Aug. 1, a Westland woman told police she stopped with her family to eat at Taco Bell, 6925 N. Wayne Road, and parked her 2000 Chrysler

Concorde in a handicapped parking spot near the north door. About 40 minutes later as they left, she said that the car was gone. The woman said she had the keys to the vehicle, valued at \$5,000. She also reported that a book bag and child's oxygen unit were in the vehicle. A resident in the 8600 block of Ingram told police Aug. 1 that she thought she heard her car start around 6 a.m. but didn't check. About 9 a.m. the woman said she noticed the 2007 Chevrolet truck was missing. Before the officer arrived, the woman had contacted OnStar which located the vehicle on Western south of Avondale in Inkster. Inkster police reported no one was with the vehicle, which wasn't damaged, so the officer drove the woman to pick up her truck. She told the officer she must have left the vehicle unlocked with a second key inside. The battery in the vehicle remote had died and

she said she'd left it in the console intending to replace the battery.

Larceny from a vehicle
A resident of an apartment at 116 S. Hubbard Court told police July 31 that someone had stolen the catalytic converter, valued at \$500, from her Chevrolet Cavalier. When she came out to the vehicle, the resident said she noticed the exhaust pipe hanging onto the ground. The officer recovered a Milwaukee reciprocating saw blade near the damaged exhaust pipe. Also on July 31, police were called to the Hawthorn Club Apartments, 7670 N. Merriman, when a resident reported the catalytic converter missing from his Chevrolet Cavalier. The man said he hadn't used the car in over two months and was alerted by a neighbor who noticed the muffler hanging down.

By LeAnne Rogers

Woman reports stranger at her home

A Garden City woman called police twice Aug. 4, reporting a suspicious man at her front door. She said the man pulled in front of her house in the 32000 block of Barton in the late afternoon and sat for a time in his car. He later came to her front door, she said, knocked for a long time and then went back to his four-door dark blue Cadillac, and sat for at least 20 minutes more before leaving. The woman left for a doctor's appointment and returned about 6:30 p.m. She said the man was back at her door in 15 minutes. She went to the door and told him that she was calling the police. "Go ahead," the man reportedly responded. "I work with the police." When police responded the second time, the Cadillac was gone and they couldn't locate the man. The woman described the suspect as a white man, between 30-45 years old with brown hair, about 200 pounds, and about 5-foot-10.

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The mother of the 16-year-old came to the Garden City police station Aug. 4 to report the theft. She said that her son's wallet and Garden City High School identification card were stolen. No license acquired When the police stopped a Garden City driver at 10:30 p.m. for going through a light at northbound Merriman and Ford, they learned that the driver was only 15 and therefore had never acquired a driver's license, police said. The car belonged to his 17-year-old passenger, also a Garden City resident. The 15-year-old told vehicle owner he was old enough to drive, police said. Drunken driving Police responded to a traffic accident at Cherry Hill and Merriman on Aug. 3. A 29-year-old Commerce Township woman reported a man in a 1999 Jeep Cherokee pulled in front of her causing her to strike his vehicle. After questioning the 51-year-old Westland man, police said he told them that he drank a large rum and coke, which contained three to four shots of rum. After the police administered his preliminary breath test, the man scored .16 which is over the legal limit. He was arrested by Garden City police. The man said that he was coming to Sparks Auto to get a belt put on his motor. -Reports compiled by Sue Buck

Theft
Two Garden City teens, 16 and 17, reported that they had their wallets stolen from the center console of the 16-year-old's 2001 Ford Explorer Scout while they were inside the Taco Bell, 28993 Ford about 11:30 a.m. Aug. 4. The car was unlocked.

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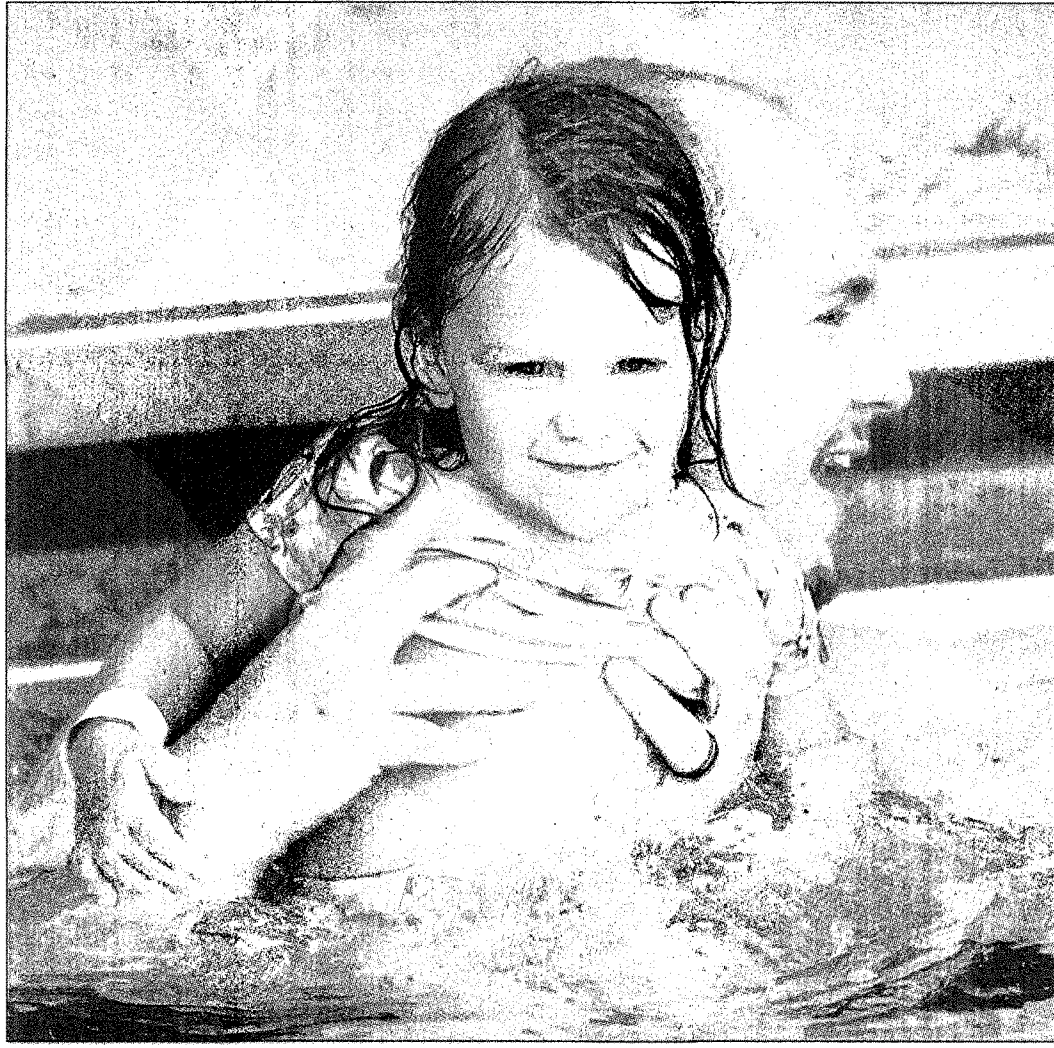
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Preston Yagame pauses to look around as he scales the climbing wall at the Bailey pool.



David Nash and his daughter Claire beat the heat while enjoying the fun at the Westland Parks and Recreation Department's annual Magic Monday.

Families enjoy 'magic' at annual swim event

Families had a chance to enjoy some magic at the latest installment of the Westland Parks and Recreation Department's Magic Monday Family Night.

Magic Monday was based at the Bailey Center's outdoor pool, experienced the water slide and climbed the rock wall. There also was a chance to fly paper airplanes, with the help of the Westland Jaycees, from the Bailey Center deck and get a good jump in a Moonwalk



Ryan Belmont enjoys the Bailey pool during Magic Monday.



Hemanth Velan prepares to hit the water after a quick trip down the slide.

provided by Bobby's Bouncers. For the more creative guests, there was chalk drawing on the pool deck and face painting provided by Face Flair.

Families who missed out can still cool off at the pool during open swim sessions

now through Sept. 7. The hours are noon-3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. daily. There's also a Therapeutic Recreation Program swim session 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays.

Single session rates for residents are \$4 for children and

\$5 for adults and \$6 and \$7 for full session respectively. Non-resident single session rates are \$5 for children and \$6 for adults and \$7 and \$8 respectively for a full day. There's also a \$2 per session charge for visitors (non-swimmers) on the pool deck and \$2 per person charge for the wading pool.

Youngsters must be 48 inches or taller to ride the waterslide, and children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The city also has the H2O Zone in Tattan Park, located east of the Bailey Center. The splash park is free of charge and open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

Bird watchers united

Spring and summer are for the birds... well, bird watchers. Between 2007 and 2008, there were 727,734 individual birds observed in the state of Michigan by the Michigan Audubon, a society that's mission is to preserve bird populations across the state. On average, each year there are 145 different bird species observed in Michigan by the Audubon.

Pictured in this article is the rare Kirtland's warbler, which breeds only in Michigan. Michigan also has endangered predatory birds like the Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon.

The state is also home to several bird watching festivals. The fourth annual Hummingbird Festival took place on Saturday, July 31, in Colon, Michigan. There is also CraneFest, which will take place Oct. 9-10 of this year outside of Battle Creek.

What should you bring with you on a bird watching trip? It's recommended that you take a camera, binoculars, a guidebook, a notebook and pencil, water and a snack. Also, wear layers of clothing and good walking shoes because you'll be out in the wilderness. You can also put up bird feeders and observe in your own backyard.

The Public Library of Westland owns a number of guidebooks, including "The Bird Finding Guide to Michigan" by the Michigan Audubon Society and "Great Birding in the Great Lakes" by Tom Powers. For the more travel-hungry bird watcher, check out "Follow That Bird! Around the World with a Passionate Bird Watcher."

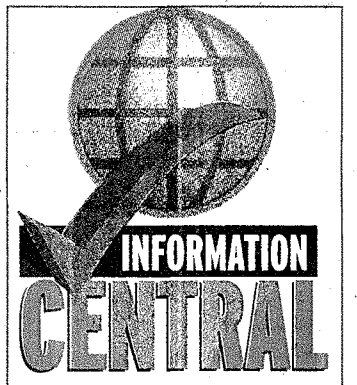
For more information on bird watching, visit the Westland Public Library or call (734) 326-6123. You can also search the only catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 9
Homeowners can schedule a private, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure.
Massage Therapy and You: 7 p.m. Aug. 11

Kick back and relax while enjoying a talk about massage therapy with Brett Randall, certified massage therapist. Learn about the benefits and techniques associated with the art of massage. A question-and-answer session will follow. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by to sign up.

Summer Concert Series: Tyrone Hamilton All-Stars. 7 p.m. Aug. 12, the Library Pavilion
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Concerts, Tyrone Hamilton and his All-Stars band bring their Ray Charles-influenced R&B to the library for an evening of covers and originals. Come early to get a seat. Limited seating, so bring a chair if you're late. For a complete list of Summer Concert performers, stop by the library or check out westlandlibrary.org

Friday Night Movie Cult Classics:

7 p.m. Aug. 13
This week's selection is "Welcome to the Dollhouse" (Rated R). Insightful look at an unattractive seventh-grader as she struggles to cope with un-attentive parents, snobbish classmates, a smart older brother, an attractive younger sister, and her own insecurities. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All movies start at 7 p.m. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

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

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Computer Classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

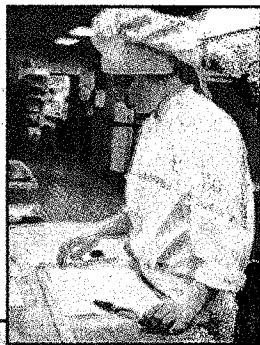
Library Summer Reading Program - Adults readers you still have time. Deadline is Aug. 21.

Information Central was compiled by teen librarian Liz Waun. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Alive in the Park

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its fourth annual "Alive in the Park" event Sunday, Aug. 22, at the main pavilion in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill at Merriman.

Joining in the celebration this year is Garden City Presbyterian's "daughter Church," Kirk of Our Savior in Westland which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

There will be a worship service at 10 a.m., followed by barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks and chips live music by Sweet Crystal from Canton and Thresh-Hold from Pontiac. There will be family and children's activities going on all day long with games, bouncers, kids crafts and a Beauty Shop/Rock-N-Roll dress up.

The event is free and open to all the public.

Fibromyalgia meeting

Metro Fibromyalgia and the CFS support group will have Dr. Katherine Gothard, a psychologist, speak at its Thursday, Aug. 12, meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The meeting will be 1-3 p.m.

The group has no dues, but donations are accepted. For more information, visit their website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

At the market

Stop by the Garden City Farmers' Market to buy by fresh Michigan products and connect with local farmers and the community. Visit the Farmers' Market website at www.gardencity.org and click on farmers market to print off a coupon, valid through Aug. 11.

Market hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For more information, call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

Stitching social

Stop by Maxwell's Arts and Treasurers for its Stitch Away Social 6-8 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Crochet, knitting, hand sewing and needle art welcome. Bring a project that is currently in the works, or get some advice on how to start on something new. The cost is \$5 per person.

Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7.

Preschool enrollment

Garden City Preschool housed in Lathers School has fall openings for children who will be age 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 2010. There's morning classes two days a week for three-year-olds and morning and afternoon classes two or three days a week for four-year-olds.

The tuition-based program runs for 34 weeks. FIA families welcome. For more enrollment information, call Linda at (734) 762-6362.

The program is also hiring early childhood staff. For staffing information, contact Sonya at (734) 762-8440.

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA? If you answered yes to any of the aforementioned questions, Project SALUTE from the University of Detroit Mercy has the answers.

On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166; 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Bring your DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate

your current position.

Flea markets

The outdoor flea market season is in full swing at the Straight Farmhouse where people can sell their goods between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. the second and third Saturdays of the month.

Spaces are available inside the farmhouse for \$15 which includes the table. Outside spaces are \$10 and sellers have to bring their own tables. Sellers can register and pay the day of the sale.

The flea market helps support the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, and the Maplewood Center. The markets run through Sept. 18.

For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

Shop online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com.

Simply follow the link at the bottom of the district's Web site - www.gardencityschools.com. A portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Public Schools. Products do not cost any more by using the link, and residents don't have to do anything more than click on the link to start shopping.

Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker? You'll find him Tuesdays at Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660.

AROUND WESTLAND

Foreclosure meeting

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program 5-8 p.m. Monday in meeting room C at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is free. The Wayne County program provides an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure.

Farmers market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, sausages and flowers will be offered at the Westland Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. Look for the market on the east side of Westland Shopping Center along Wayne Road just south of Ashley's Bar and Grill.

Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The preschool offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years. For more information, call (734) 729-7222.

Coffee Hours State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fireside chat

6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Aug. 9. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1975 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information, contact Loren Zeidman at (248)877-0909 or by e-mail at l_zeidman@americancredit1.com.

Child ID program

The Wayne Lodge Masons also will sponsor their free Child ID program 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29 at the 2010 Wayne Wheelfest in Goudy Park in Wayne. More information about the Masons' Child ID program is available at www.michigan-childid.org.

Blood drive

The Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

All donors will be entered to win two Cedar Point tickets, and everyone will get a free hat from the Red Cross. People can sign up for a blood donation appointment by calling Mary McGraw at (734) 748-8515. Walk-ins also will be welcome.

Bollywood

Come see what all the excitement is about and experience the vibrant energy of Bollywood music with Shirika Dance Center. The SDC have put together a fun-filled Bollywood workout session, involving the different aspects of Indian dances from classical (Kathak) to folk. No dance experience needed and all fitness levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes.

The classes are for age 16 and up although children under age 16 may attend with a parent and with teacher's permission. Upcoming six-week sessions are Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 28 (no class Oct. 14) and Nov. 4-Dec.16 (no class Nov. 25).

The cost is \$30 for Westland residents and \$35 for non-residents. The drop-in rate is \$7 per person per class. For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

Vendors needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is looking for sales consultants from direct selling companies to display and sell their products at a sales event Oct. 18.

Rental space is \$20-\$30 for the sale which will be held at the Salvation Army building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The event is a fund-raiser for two of the corps' youth groups which are working toward a week-long trip to the Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minnesota.

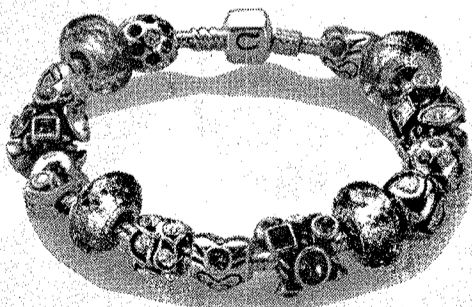
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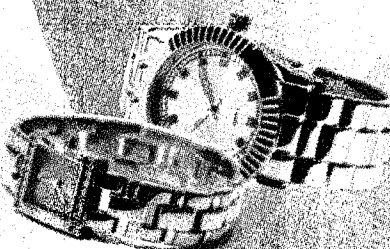


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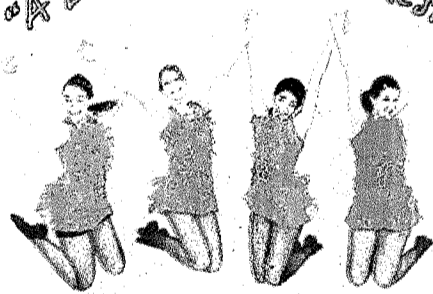


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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smaison@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School physicals

Time/Date: Wednesday mornings, Aug. 11, Aug. 18, Aug. 25 and Sept. 1

Location: Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2001 S. Merriman Road, Suite 100, Westland

Details: Officials at Oakwood Healthcare Inc. want to help get children ready for school, help their parents save a little time and help out with shopping, too. The Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland on Merriman Road is offering back-to-school physicals during the next four weeks to ensure children are ready for the new school year. Physicals will be offered Wednesday mornings. Appointments are required; parents can expect to be in and out within approximately one hour.

Children will receive a free school supply gift bag after their physicals. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Contact: For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-1000.

Lions Club Car Show

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11

Location: Culver's, 6500 N. Newburgh, just west of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Cruising with Culver's and Memories in Motion Car Club is holding a benefit car show for the Westland Lions Club. A \$15 donation guarantees a goody bag and dash plaque to the first 100 classic cars registered by Aug. 1. Send your name, address, daytime phone number, model make and year of the vehicle with a check made payable to the Westland Lions Club to 35013 Cadly St. Westland, MI 48186.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 522-0411

Baby Shower

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park

Details: The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting tips and growth and development. To be eligible, parents must be low-income and reside in out-Wayne County (Wayne County, excluding Detroit). Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. On-site childcare will be available for children over the age of one. Space is limited and the event does fill up quickly. Registration begins on Monday, Aug. 9, and continues until spaces are full.

Contact: Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave one message with their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

Mental health program

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

Location: Oakwood Heritage Hospital, 10000 Telegraph, Taylor

Details: National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro is presenting a program on mental health education and legislative issues parents, professionals, and caregivers, anyone who wants to learn and understand more about mental illness. The topics of discussion include Signs and Symptoms, Stress, Dual Diagnosis, Dealing with the Difficult, Communications and Legislation Issues Impacting Mental Health. The speakers will be Milton Mack, chief Wayne County probate judge and Leon and Mary Ellen Judd of NAMI Metro. The program is free of charge and a light lunch and certificate of attendance will be provided. The program is sponsored by Oakwood Heritage Hospital.

Contact: Reserve a spot by Aug. 19, by calling Mary Ellen at (248) 348-7197 or by e-mail at tamera.varkas@oakwood.org

Craft show signups

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is accepting signups for its fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421, voicemail 10.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

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Safe Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.
Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

Adult Day Services

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

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Home ice advantage

Modano comes full circle, dons Red Wing jersey

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite being on the end of an illustrious NHL career, the Detroit Red Wings hope this 40-year-old Little Caesars youth product from Westland will be hot and ready for one more season.

Mike Modano, the latest Red Wing signee and the all-time leading American-born scorer in the NHL, was introduced Friday at Joe Louis Arena to a large media gathering.

Modano, who wore the No. 9 jersey during all of his 20 seasons with the Minnesota/Dallas Stars, donned his new Red Wing jersey for the first time.

"Where's our star?" Wings owner Mike Ilitch said as Modano walked up to the podium.

The Wings signed the unrestricted free agent to a one-year \$1.25 million contract where he is expected to center a line that includes Dan Cleary and Jiri Hudler.

"The opportunity to win is always



Gordie Howe's No. 9 is taken, so Westland native Mike Modano (center), the newest Red Wing for owner Mike Ilitch and general manager Ken Holland, will don No. 90 this season.

something you're chasing when you're older," Modano said. "Quite frankly, if I didn't have a chance to win I probably wouldn't have come. I was finished and retired. At this stage you want

to have fun; you want to win. The last few years were draining and we weren't as successful as we had hoped in Dallas.

"Obviously the opportunity to play

with world-class players and this team changed that. If Detroit didn't come calling, I'd be done. The experi-

Please see **MODANO, A3**

Derby's fence-clearing hit for Miracle League

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Much more than baseballs were elevated July 25 at the first annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Home Run Derby.

Also on the rise were awareness about the planned Miracle League of Plymouth baseball field for special needs children, and dollars to support the \$1.1 million project.

"I thought it went really well and we exceeded our expectations," said event co-chair Chris Kordick, a 2010 Salem grad who participated in the derby. "I just want to thank everybody for coming out and showing their support."

More than \$4,200 was generated at the event, held on the Salem varsity baseball field and attended by 100-to-

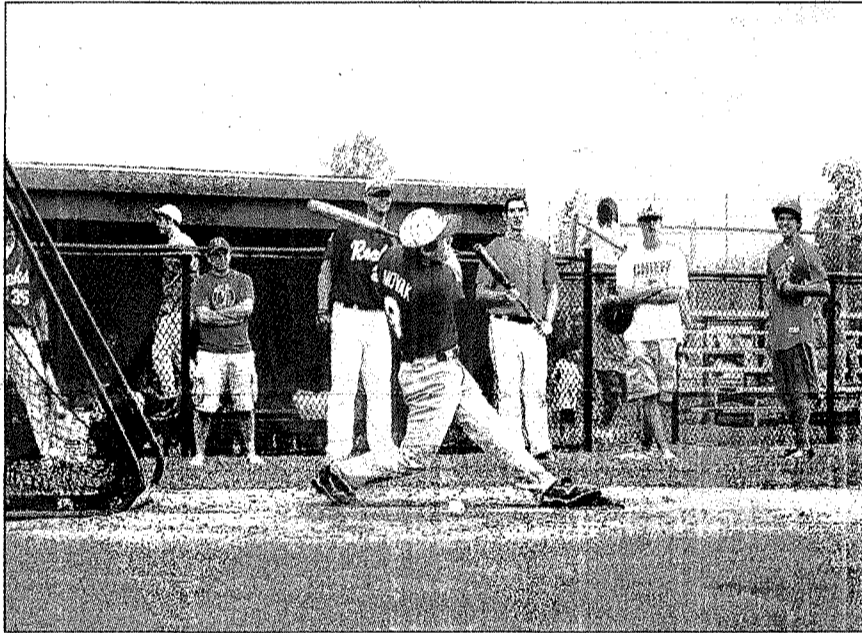
200 fans, said Ted Barker, an event co-chair (as was his wife, Tonya) and member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

As for the derby itself, there were 10 players on the 2010 varsity teams from Salem, Canton and Plymouth who participated in one division and another five batters in a separate contest for alums and coaches.

Victorious in walk-off fashion in the 2010 division was Canton's Joe Galanty, who with one out to go broke a tie with Salem's Ken Novak with a homer to left-center field.

"It was a nice blast, it was hit with authority," Barker said. "It was kind of cool... My man Novak, he kind of got through the round. There weren't a lot of home runs hit. But he and Galanty duked it out."

Please see **DERBY, A3**



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem's Ken Novak swings for the fences during the final round of the July 25 home run derby, a fund-raiser to generate dollars and promote awareness for the Miracle League of Plymouth project. Novak and Canton's Joe Galanty came down to the wire in the division for 2010 varsity players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Pummill's summer play heats up

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Here's a quiz for all golfing enthusiasts: Who has recorded more tournament victories this summer, Tiger Woods or Ron Pummill?

If you answered Mr. Woods then guess again because it is indeed the young Pummill who holds the upper hand with three victories to his credit. Granted, it may not be on the same level of play as the World's No. 1 golfer faces week in and week out, but they are championships nonetheless and something Pummill can hang his hat on in his attempt to continue to improve his overall game.

"My goal was to at least win two of these tournaments, so to win three is pretty exciting," said Pummill, whose trio of victories, along with one second-place showing, have come during Carl's

Golf and Huron-Clinton Metropark Summer Golf Tournaments. "Winning these tournaments and the experience I gained last year playing in college (Schoolcraft) have helped me because now I know I can compete with the best players on the best courses. The way I hit the ball really hasn't changed much, I'm just playing with a lot more confidence now."

Pummill's impressive run began with a round of 69 he carded at Willow Metropark Golf Course July 14 against fellow 17- and 18-year-olds in the initial tournament he entered. Despite an inauspicious beginning — Pummill started the day with a double bogey — the former Garden City High standout found enough fairways and greens in regulation to record his first sub-70 round in tournament play.

As often is the case in golf, one day can

make a huge difference and that's what Pummill experienced 24 hours later when he teed it up at Huron Meadows Golf Course. A second round of sub-70 fell by the wayside early on, but Pummill managed to scratch and claw his way through to the finish where his 75 left him only one stroke from the lead.

Proving breaking 70 was no fluke, Pummill bettered his 69 by one stroke when he took top honors against a competitive field July 19 at Kensington Golf course.

"I hit almost every fairway and I birdied all four of the par 5s," Pummill said of that day's action.

Pummill's third win of the summer came shortly after when his 74 at Stoney Creek Golf Course topped the field by one stroke.

"Once you start winning you start believing in yourself a lot more," said



Ron Pummill, a graduate of Garden City High School, proudly displays his three first-place medals racked up this summer during play in Carl's Golf and Huron-Clinton Metropark Summer Golf Tournaments.

Pummill, who has spent much of the past six Michigan summers employed at Westland Municipal. "My putting has always been the best part of my game, but I've worked hard practicing my putting and I made more four- and five-foot putts in these tournaments than I had before."

SIDELINES

O&E men's golf sign-up

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tourneys, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

Borsa places ninth

Philip Borsa of Redford earned a ninth-place finish Saturday in the FLW Bass Fishing League Michigan Co-Angler Division on the St. Clair River. Borsa's five-bass limit checked in at 15 pounds, 8 ounces.

The winning take of 18 pounds, 12 ounces was shared by Jay Ahonen of Ortonville and Adrian Avena of Vineland, N.J.

The next BFL Michigan Division tournament is slated for Saturday, Aug. 28, on the Detroit River in Trenton.

For more information on FLW Outdoors tournaments, call (270) 252-1000 or visit at www.flwoutdoors.com.

Junior golf tourney

The Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club's third annual junior boys and girls golf tournament will be Aug. 21-22 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The free event is on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to the first 144). Lunch and T-shirt included. Trophies will be awarded for each boys and girls division winners. Registration for ages 10-12 and 13-14 - a nine-hole event - is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m. Registration for ages 15-16 and 17-18 - an 18-hole event - is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. Tee times are at noon. Golfers can only register at www.wolverinesports.org. Call Bob Murray, (734) 751-4466.

St. Mary Mercy 5K

Registration is on for the fourth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12. The race begins at 9 a.m. on the hospital grounds, Five Mile and Levan. The cost is \$22 for runners-walkers who register on or before Sept. 3 (race T-shirt guaranteed). It's \$27 for those signing up after Sept. 3.

Awards will go to the first-, second- and third-place overall male and female finishers in each age group of the 5K. Following the 5K, a Community Open House 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. offers music, games, food and health screenings. Register at Active.com or by visiting stmarymercy.org.

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More pool gold for Canton's Schmitt at California meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt brought home another coveted title Wednesday as the 20-year-old captured the women's 200-meter freestyle at USA Swimming 2010 ConocoPhillips National Championships held in Irvine, Calif. The 2008 Beijing Olympics bronze medalist, now swimming for coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatics Club (Md.), was clocked in 1:56.84, but nearly two seconds off



Allison Schmitt

her American record of 1:54.96 set at last year's nationals (July 29, 2009). Top-seeded Dana Volmer of California Aquatic was runner-up in 1:56.93. "I saw Dana up when I took a flip," said Schmitt, who trailed for nearly 150 meters. "I tried keep up with her, I was just going forward and put my head down. You just have to swim your own race

— so that's what I was doing. I saw her (Vollmer) right there (at the finish) and I knew it would come down close. I just put my head down, closed my eyes and touched the wall." By finishing one-two in the 400 freestyle, both swimmers will represent Team USA, Aug. 18-22, in the Mutual of Omaha Pan Pacific Championships, an event that will attract competitors from 20 different nations including Japan, Australia and Canada. That meet will determine Team USA spots for the 2011 FINA Worlds

in Shanghai, China. At last year's World Championships in Rome, Schmitt was a silver medalist in the 200 freestyle. "It's amazing," Schmitt said of her 200 freestyle win. "I'm really excited to go to Pan Pacs and represent the U.S." On Tuesday, Schmitt earned her first Pan Pacific team berth with a runner-up finish in the 400 freestyle. Katie Hoff, the American record holder, touched the wall first in with a time of 4:05.50 followed by Schmitt in 4:06.19. Chloe Sutton of Mission

Viejo (Calif.) was a close third in 4:06.33. Schmitt, an NCAA All-America from the University of Georgia, finished ninth at the 2008 Summer Olympics in the 200 freestyle and won a bronze medal as part of the Americans' 4 x 200 freestyle relay team. The 20-year-old is a two-time NCAA champion in the 500 freestyle who helped the Bulldogs last spring to an SEC Championship and a fifth-place team finish in the NAAs. bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851

MU golfer Quitquit runner-up in Mich. public links event

Madonna University golfer Brett Quitquit continued what has been an amazing year last week with a runner-up finish in the 2010 Michigan Public Links State Match Play Championship at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek. The State Match Play is one of the oldest continuous amateur tournaments conducted in the state. A 36-hole qualifier places contestants into 64-man flights based on score. Each player then competes in single elimination individual matches. The champions of each flight can play as many as six matches. Quitquit started his run on July 23-24, earning medalist honors after carding back-to-back qualifying rounds of 69 at Bedford Valley and Stonehedge Golf Club North. The tournament's top seed, Quitquit then moved onto single-elimination and defeated Chris Bailey 3-and-2. The Highland native from Milford High then faced off

with fellow MU senior-to-be Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill) and the two Crusaders dueled to an extra hole before Quitquit came out on top, 1-up. In the tournament's third round, Quitquit faced off with Scott Jaschuk and won 5-and-4 before a semifinal showdown with Plymouth's Bill Zylstra, winning 3-and-2 to move into the championship match against No. 2 overall seed Russ Cunningham. The two finalists went head-to-head for 18 holes, but it was Cunningham who prevailed, 1-up. Quitquit's success last week comes on the heels of his 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference individual title last fall as the Crusaders earned the program's first WHAC title and advanced to the 2010 NAIA National Championships. The MU junior continued his hot streak at NAIA's, coming in second place nationally after four rounds of play at



Quitquit

TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. By virtue of his second-place finish, Quitquit will receive an invite to the 2011 National Championships regardless if the MU squad qualifies or not. Quitquit placed in the top 20 in 13-of-14 events he played last season and posted seven top-five finishes and was named first-team All-WHAC. Lucko and Quitquit were two of the five Crusaders who advanced to the final 64 of the championship. Joining the duo were senior Jimmy Uelmen (Royal Oak Dondero), along with juniors Nick Sears (Flint Powers Catholic) and Ronnie Pollack, Jr. (Southgate Anderson).

Backstroker Douglas on the precipice after leg cramp

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kayla Douglas believes there's a lesson to be learned in every race she swims. In Sunday's Girls Open 200-meter backstroke final at the Michigan Long Course State Championships held at the Holland Aquatics Center, the incoming senior at Livonia Franklin High School appeared to be a lock to advance to next week's USA Swimming Speedo Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif. Douglas was comfortably ahead by 15 meters with less than 25 meters to go and was on target to break the cut of 2:20.99 in a meet hosted by Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics. Inexplicably, Douglas suffered a rare leg cramp and settled for second place in 2:25.69, while Melissa Scott of the Oakland Live Y'ers won the event in 2:23.2. (Douglas' previous best time was 2:22.23 on July 25 in a meet hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers.) That disappointment came after Douglas captured the 100 backstroke final on Saturday in 1:06.65, just missing the pool record of 1:06.43 set in 2001 by Amy McCullough, also of the Live Y'ers. "The best way to put it is that it will make me more hungry and more excited to train," Douglas said. "It's going to



Kayla Douglas

make me work twice as hard. Had I made it, I'd always be happy and I'd have nothing to work for. Maybe it's not so bad that I'm not completely satisfied. Everything happens for a reason." Kayla's mother Alicia, one of her biggest supporters, said "she never had a leg cramp before." "It was a heart-wrenching thing to watch, but there's a lesson to be learned out of everything," Alicia added. Kayla Douglas has made great strides since joining the Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine 15 months ago. It's a club that has spawned several Olympians, most notably Michael Phelps. "The intensity is higher when it comes to training," said Kayla, who is coached by Bailey Weathers. "At my old

club I got a taste, but I really didn't know what it meant to work. The team is very close. We're a big-time family. We pull for each other because we all know what it means to suffer and all the pain it brings." At last year's MHSAA Division 1 state finals, Douglas was runner-up to Novi's Andrea VanderMey in the 100-yard backstroke (57.6). Douglas was also 15th in the 100 butterfly (1:00.23). She is currently taking two weeks off before starting with her high school practices on Aug. 23. "I'm running, biking, lifting weights — recovering — not too intense," Douglas said. Douglas is not sure whether she will continue workouts in the fall with Club Wolverine. She already has a U.S. Open Senior Nationals cut in the 200 backstroke along with qualifying times in both backstroke events for the USA Swimming Short Course Junior Nationals. Douglas, meanwhile, is attracting interest from several NCAA Division I schools. She plans to take all five official recruiting trips including a visit to Michigan. "Michigan is in my blood, but I also like Ohio State," Douglas said. "We'll see how the cards play out." bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851

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MODANO

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ences other players had here and talking to them, it just all added up.”

Modano's roots run deep dating back to his youth hockey days in the Caesars organization – something the Wings owner hasn't forgotten. “I had him as an amateur,” Ilitch said. “That was great. He won me my first Midget national championship (1985) and we went nuts. In all of America we were the best and that was a big thrill.”

Modano attended Livonia Franklin High School before going to the Prince Albert Raiders (Alberta, Canada) as a junior at age 16. “The (Caesars) coach kept raving, ‘He's going to make the NHL, he's going to make the NHL,’” Ilitch recalled. “I said, ‘OK, slow down, slow down.’”

At age 18, Modano was the first pick overall in the 1988 Entry Draft and went on to rack up 557 career goals and 802 assists while appearing in two Stanley Cup finals (winning in 1999). “The other thing that's great is that we've only had (Lee) Norwood and one of the Hatchers (Kevin) – only two Detroit boys, or local boys,” Ilitch said. “It couldn't have wrote a better script. He (Modano) starts here and ends up here. I think that's terrific. It's a big thrill for us. Mike has leadership abilities as we all know. He reminds me of Stevie (Yzerman) from the standpoint that you've never heard anything bad about him. Highly respected by everybody. He's a down-to-earth, sincere person – and a great hockey player, so I'm very, very happy as an owner to have Mike back and relish this year. I don't want to talk too much, but ‘Cuppy, Cuppy, Cuppy,’ I do feel it.”

NHL free agent negotiations got started July 1 and Modano came to Detroit shortly after and spent a day with the Red Wings brass. He and his parents, Michael and Karen, were guests in a suite at a Tigers game at Comerica Park.

“Mike was a handful whenever we played the Dallas Stars,” Holland said. “So it's certainly an exciting day to bring Mike home. Mike was going to be an unrestricted free agent. We thought it was going to be the perfect fit to bring Mike back home. We've had a lot of success with older players playing real good hockey for us. We all thought it was a tremendous fit.”

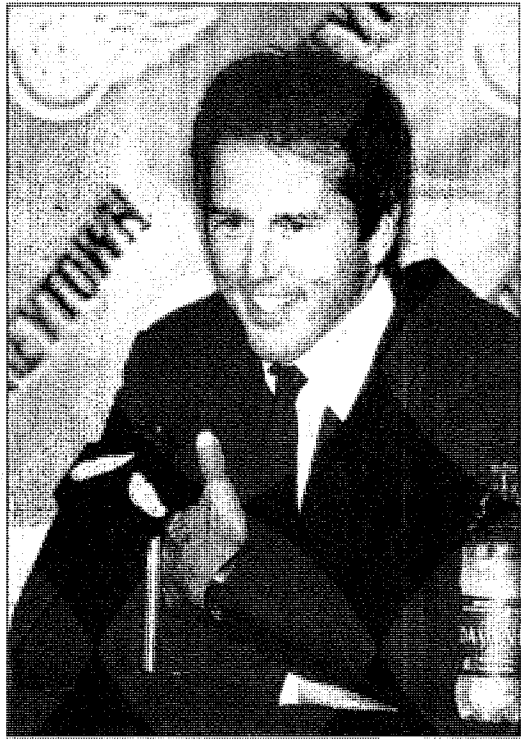
“To announce that Mike is going to be a Red Wing is a very, very exciting day for me and the franchise.”

Modano, who had 14 goals and 16 assists in his final season in Dallas, not only can help the Wings as a third-line center, but also on the power play. “Mike probably knows his role here is going to be a little bit different than it was in Dallas,” Holland said. “But I think we have a lot of different weapons in the locker room that on different nights can give us a chance to win. And Mike is going to be one of those guys.”

Modano reflected on his days as a youth, which included playing and practicing at Joe Louis Arena.

“I'd like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ilitch,” he said. “As a 10- and 11-year-old I started a foundation of hockey with them. I grew up watching Reed Larson, Dale McCourt and all those guys back in the day.”

The Stars have missed the playoffs the last



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Westland native Mike Modano is excited about his opportunity to play at home for the Detroit Red Wings.

two seasons, so the chance to play with a contending team like the Wings was enticing.

“I thought I was emotionally and mentally finished with the game after last year,” Modano said. “I think the last little while in Dallas has taken a toll on me in those aspects.”

“Coming here to visit with these guys and talk to them certainly does get you excited about the opportunity you have here. The talent and the players they have here, and of course, the organization, the way they're operated. I'm just elated. I think it's exciting to come home. Obviously I'm probably going to be as nervous as I've been in years. The opportunity I have to play in front of my parents, and if this is obviously my last year playing, they have an opportunity to see a lot of games with a lot of friends and family locally. I'll have some high expectations, that's where the nervousness will come. Hopefully we can live up to the hype.”

Modano said his wife Mandy, along with his parents, were all supportive during the free agent process.

“I told my mom (Karen) in passing that Kenny Holland called and had ask me what I thought?” Modano recalled. “She said, ‘About what?’ I said, ‘About playing hockey in Detroit,’ and she was pretty shocked and ecstatic about it. She couldn't believe it. And they weren't going to believe it until they started watching it now.”

“I talked to my wife and she was excited. She's my number one fan and she encouraged and pushed me to keep playing.”

The Westland native believes he has come full circle.

“Having the Red Wings uniform on in a Pee Wee tournament in Quebec as a 9-year-old was the greatest thing in the world,” Modano said. “I also thought the Caesars jerseys, the blue and orange, were the best jerseys out there.”

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DERBY

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Batters were given eight outs per round (as opposed to 10 in the MLB All-Star Derby). Galanty and Novak got through the opening two rounds, but Kordick managed just one homer in the opening round.

“It was a bad day for me, I looped a lot of stuff in the air,” Kordick said.

Winning the alums/coaches division was Canton varsity coach Mark Blomshield, with five fence-clearing shots. Also in that final was Salem alum Kyle Powell.

Other participants in the 2010 division (players who were on this year's varsity teams) included: Salem's Evan Gambino, Tate Thiesen, Devin Price, Brett Ramirez, Tommy Rodriguez; Canton's Kevin Delapaz and Plymouth's Erik Lee.

Going up against Blomshield and Powell in the alums/coaches division (just a two-round contest) were Salem alums Dave Loos and Heath Parling and Canton alum Adam Powers.

Doing the bulk of the batting practice pitching was Salem head coach Dale Rumberger.

BIGGER IN 2011

The derby – pushed back from July 24 to July 25 because of thunderstorms – lasted about two hours. But Barker and Kordick are looking at ways for the 2011 derby to exceed that.

Instead of eight outs per round, batters might be allowed 10 outs. Participants also could be automatically moved into the second round regardless of first-round results.

“I think we can give guys more opportunities to hit home runs,” Barker said. “We might extend the rounds a little bit. ... Next year, I think we'll go with 10 outs and carry everybody to the second round and do a cumulative (total), like the pros.”

That would allow more time for concessions sales and bidding on silent auction items,



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton head varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield (foreground) shares kudos with other participants at the recent home run derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth. Blomshield won the alums/coaches division after clubbing five homers.

Barker explained.

Meanwhile, Kordick said there is the possibility of expanding the derby to include other teams in the Kensington-Lakes Activities Association as well as Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. All three PCEP fields also could be included.

According to Kordick, who was instrumental in organizing the first derby along with Salem student Natalie Zazula (a 2010-11 senior), having the chance to suit up again and return to his home field was a great experience.

“The alumni, their willingness to come back was absolutely amazing,” Kordick said. “And it was fun being able to put the spikes on again, walk into the dugout and reconnect with something I thought I'd wouldn't have again for a while.”

Barker made sure to praise the efforts of Kordick and Zazula for showing an entrepreneurial vision and work ethic that helped “blow away” early projections for media attention and dollars raised.

“I am ecstatic (with the results) and hope to do it again,” Barker said.

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TRYOUTS

RU soccer tryouts

Redford Union High School will be conducting boys soccer tryouts Aug. 11-13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch.

For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4235.

GC tennis tryouts

Tennis tryouts for the Garden City boys team this fall will be held at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m.

For more information, call (734) 762-8350.

St. Fabian tryouts

Tryouts for St. Fabian's girls volleyball, boys soccer and coed cross country teams are scheduled for Aug. 11-12.

Volleyball tryouts will be held at Instant Replay, 24016 Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills for fifth- and sixth-grade girls (7:30-9 p.m.) and seventh- and eighth-grade girls (6-7:30 p.m.).

Soccer tryouts will be conducted at Soccer/Soccer, located on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads, for both fifth- and sixth-grade and seventh- and eighth-grade teams from 6-8 p.m.

Cross country tryouts will be held on the Oakland Community College grounds for those in grades five through eight at 6 p.m. both days.


For more information, contact Bob Abraham at (248) 207-7058 or Lee Suurmeyer at (248) 476-7615.

Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

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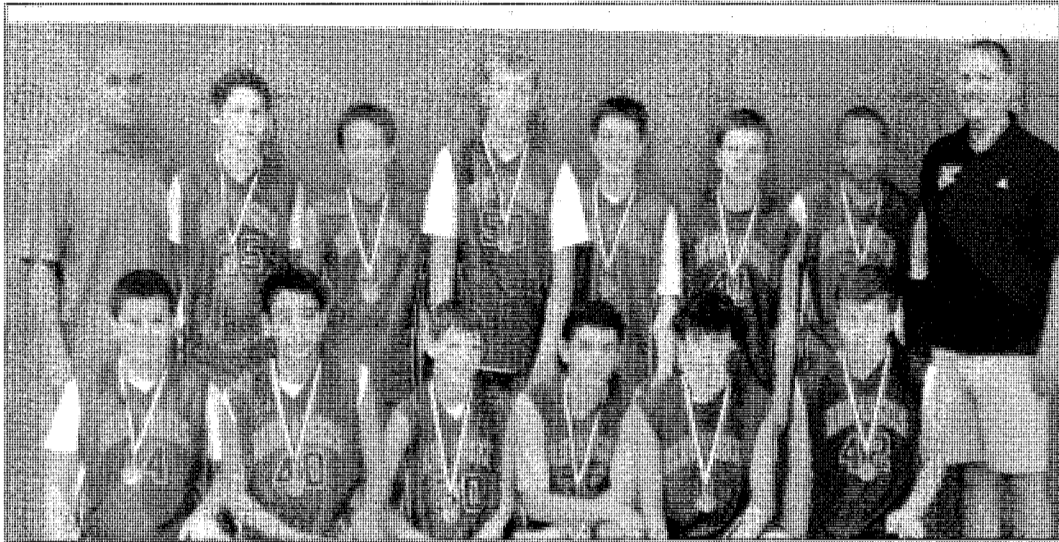
Cards deck foes

The 9-and-under Canton Cardinals, a travel baseball team, wrapped up its 2010 season by capturing the Livonia Summer Showdown. The Cardinals topped the 12-team field with a 5-0 record. Team members include (front row, from left) Jimmy Knittel, Thomas Harvey, Ben Spencer, Jacob Kash, Guido Costantino, Robby Begley; (middle row, from left) Aaron Dolney, Adam Pitcole, Kyle Aniol, Ryan McAuliffe, Ryan Zeron, Michael Kruszka; (back row, from left) assistant coaches Bob Begley and Rich Harvey, and head coach Pat McAuliffe



Bulldogs put bite on foes

The 12U Motor City Bulldogs, comprised mainly of players representing Wayne, Westland and Garden City, registered another outstanding summer of play, compiling 40 victories in 49 tries. Included in the team's achievements were first-place finishes in the 12U Northwest Suburban League, Northville Early Bird Tournament, USSSA South Farmington Blues Invitational and USSSA AA World Series. A runner-up showing in the BPA State Championship earned the Bulldogs a bid into next year's BPA World Series. Pictured above (back row, left to right) are Bulldog coaches Ron Hollenbeck (Wayne), Al Ledesma, Ken Montroy (Garden City), Jason Wetmore (Wayne) and Rob Moyers (Garden City) and players (middle row, l-r) Sammy Hollenbeck, Jake Ledesma, Miles Molnar, Cody Montroy, Brendan Wetmore, Robbie Moyers, (bottom row, l-r) Vinnie Bakerian, Austin Atwood, Chase McKitrick, Travis Kidd, A.J. Monti and (front center) batboy Nick Wetmore.



Blue Angels runner-up

The Livonia Blue Angels posted a 7-1 record and finished runner-up at the American Youth Basketball Tour national tournament, July 17-20, in Fort Wayne, Ind. The seventh-grade squad lost in the finals to the host Spiece (Ind.) Wolfpac, 36-32. The tourney consisted of teams from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Members of the Blue Angels include: Nolan Bradford, David Daskal, Mario Ferrera, Michael Kenney and Jailen Webber, all of Livonia; Joe Fanning, Bobby Lavalley, Anthony Oasawa and John Rexroth, all of Farmington Hills; Anthony Schleuntz and Tyler Schleuntz, New Hudson; and Eddie Szczypka, Novi. The team was coached by John Bradford and Safaa Oasawa. (Not pictured are coaches John Kenger, Tim Jeter and Pat Fanning.) Oasawa also captured the tournament three-point challenge, sinking 11 triples in one minute while beating competitors from 103 other teams.



Titans remembered

The Livonia Titans, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, defeated the Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks to capture the Livonia Summer Showdown, July 23-25, at Bicentennial Park. The Titans also placed first this season in the Milan Spring Classic and the Mayor's Tournament in Battle Creek, along with a second place finish at the Pinckney Pirates Baseball Classic. Members of the Titans include (bottom row, from left) George Ferguson, Matthew Smith, Connor Beck, Jake Beaune, Joe Kubeshesky; (second row, from left) Cody Kanclerz, Carl Clapp, Devon Dunn; (third row, from left) Walter Walker, Christopher Fazica, Danny Morris; (back row, from left) coach Dave Kubeshesky and manager John Fazica. Other team members not pictured include Ian Juszczyk, Jacob Kenward and Alex Reeves.

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Plymouth, Canton grads spoof on vampire movies in musical

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Find more humor than heartthrob in the *Twilight* vampire saga?

Tyler Dean does too. The 2010 Plymouth High School graduate pokes fun at the current trend in teen vampire romance books and films with an ambitious project — *Love Sucks: A Vampire Musical Parody* — that debuts Thursday, Aug. 19, on the DeBois Little Theater stage in Canton High School.

"My friends and I joke about vampire books and movies a lot," said Dean, who began writing dialogue and song lyrics last year. "I had some material and thought about it one day."

As a high school senior, Dean had taken classes at Schoolcraft College and didn't get a chance to see his friends as much during school. Writing and producing a musical seemed like a perfect way to bring everyone together before heading off to college.

"This was something we could all work on and bring our friendship back together. I didn't think it would go anywhere," Dean said. "Getting the venue was a huge hurdle. Even going through the audition process ... I don't think it truly hit me yet that the thing was actually going up. The fact that we're in the rehearsal process horrifies me because I know it's happening. There's a lot of expectation riding on this. I'm mortified, but at the same time I'm loving it."

MAKING MELODIES

Dean finished the script in February, including song

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Contact: www.facebook.com; search for "Love Sucks: A Vampire Musical Parody"
Cast: Tyler Dean, Olivia Rhoades, Molly Wallace, Rachel Palgut, Jack Gruszczynski, Roxana Gamble, Lynn Tofil, Becca Levergood, Meg Larsen, Connor Rhoades, Kyle Scanlon, all from Plymouth High; Francesco DiNicola, Kyla Westmoreland, Zack Smith, Jeffrey Selewski, all from Salem High; Michael Albert, Jon Peck, Cory Thomas, Jennifer McCay, all from Canton High; Mike Tooman from South Lyon; Dee Gross from Gabriel Richard, and Lori Cairo and Rachel Curtis
Crew: Katina Donoghue, Sarah Spencer, Geoff Landis, Julia Salata, Rachel Sandoffsky, Nathan Brown, Vicky Galanos, and Sam Phillips

lyrics, and began collaborating on music with a friend he'd made at Schoolcraft. Mike Tooman, a 2008 South Lyon High School graduate, plays keyboards and is lead singer in the band, Avienne. He writes original songs for the band, but penning musical theater-style tunes was a departure for the rock musician.

"Definitely it was a different kind of music," Tooman said. "We totally came from two different worlds when we started collaborating. He came from the theater world and I was coming from the background of music, more rock music than theater."

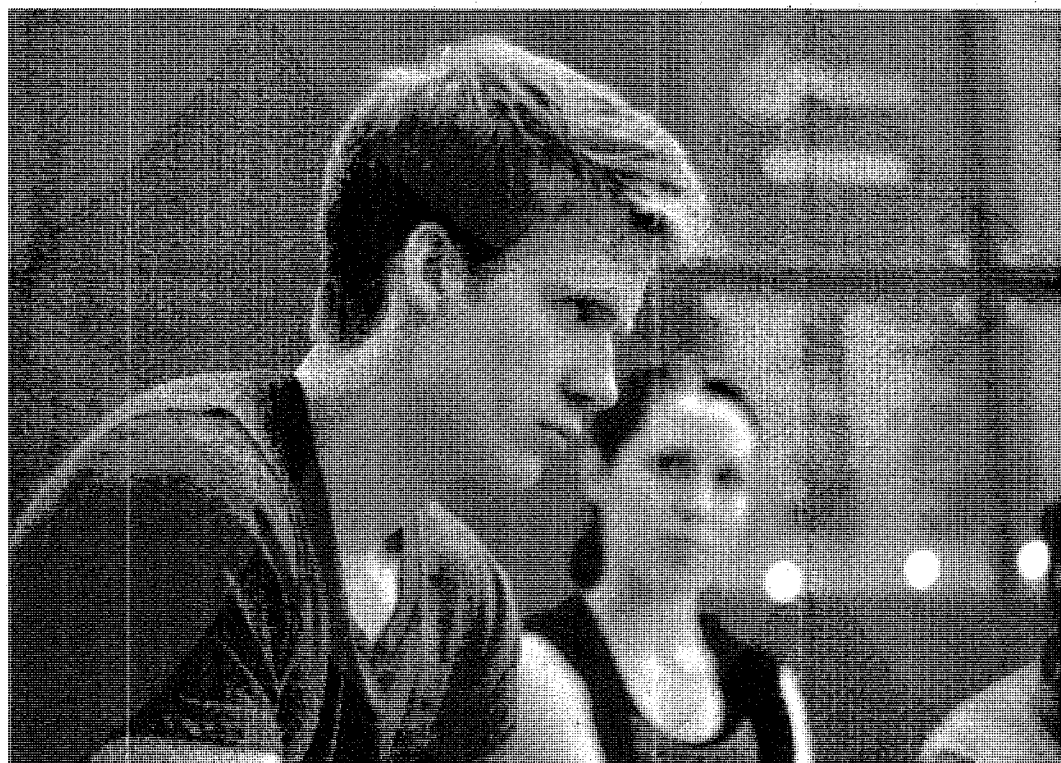
But the pairing clicked. Dean would sing a stanza or two of a tune and Tooman would compose on keyboards. "We'd have vague ideas for melodies and then flesh them out until they became full songs," Tooman explained.

Cast members will sing about 20 songs, including *The New Dork in Sporks* and *Blood Drive Hand Jive*. The story parodies the *Twilight* book "pretty strongly," Dean said, borrowing from its plot and characters and then twisting the tale. *Twilight's* Bella and Edward become Annabella Song and Edmund Cromwell in Dean's skewed version.

"I wouldn't say people should come and expect to see 'Twilight the Musical.' While we strongly parody it, we take a ton of creative liberties," Dean said.

In one scene, for example, Edmund's father speaks at a class assembly during a blood drive at the school — "a vampire's worst nightmare" — and ends up singing the *Blood Drive Hand Jive*.

Tooman, who was involved with a few shows in high school, plays the father,



Tyler Dean directs and acts in a musical parody about vampires. He also wrote the script and song lyrics. Olivia Rhoades (background) plays his vampire sister, Allison.



Frankie DiNicola, (clockwise from left), Tyler Dean, Roxana Gamble, Michael Albert, Dee Gross and Olivia Rhoades, gather for rehearsal.

Carleton Cromwell. Dean, who has been accepted into the University of Michigan's theater program to study acting, plays Edmund Cromwell, the play's main vampire. Although Dean said he learned "a ton" about organizational skills and communication while producing and directing *Love Sucks*, his

heart is in acting, particularly comedy.

LENGTHY RESUME

He was in fifth grade when he performed in his first show through the Plymouth Arts Council. More than 20 shows with Forever After Productions in Canton followed over the next several

years. Dean performed at Plymouth High School his senior year and has worked as an extra in a few of the feature movies that have been filmed in Michigan.

He recently directed a Forever After Productions show at the Village Theater, but had never written, produced, directed and acted in a play until *Love Sucks*.

"It's hard to watch a scene and direct while being in it. But the cast is a group of all-stars. They know what they are doing, they have great voices and they are naturally hilarious," he said.

Tooman hopes it all adds up to a great experience for the audience, too.

"We're having fun with it. It's a parody. It's not very deep, but it has some really catchy songs and funny lines," Tooman said. "We really do want people to walk away just having enjoyed the time spent watching the show."

Free program focuses on feeding infants

When, where and how should parents start feeding a baby solids? Experts involved in Hiller's markets new community outreach program will help parents navigate store shelves to find the appropriate cereals to give babies and the best fruits and vegetables to introduce — along with instruction on how to prepare them.

Also, Hiller's will highlight the range of ready-prepared baby foods that can make life easier for new parents. The baby-focused food tour is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Hiller's Commerce Township location, 39950

W. 14 Mile. Dr. Daniel Schnaar, a pediatrician at Child Health Associates in Farmington Hills and Troy, and registered dietitian Julie Feldman, who specializes in pediatrics, will be on-site to provide valuable dietary advice for feeding little ones.

"I think it's a great idea that Hiller's is having a baby foods tour. I can picture parents standing in front of the baby food aisle and being unsure what to reach for," Schnaar stated. "When babies start solid foods, it's a learning experience for both them and their parents. I'm happy to help parents have a healthy and devel-

opmentally appropriate approach to infant feeding."

Last month, Hiller's launched Hiller's Health Tours. The program is staffed by nutritionists, doctors, food specialists and other medical experts. It offers a series of free tours at various Hiller's locations to highlight the dietary needs — and foods to avoid — for people at different stages of life, or for those with various health conditions. Hiller's has stores in Plymouth, Berkley, Ann Arbor, Northville, Union Lake and West Bloomfield, in addition to Commerce Township.

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Hot water, vinegar remove mineral buildup

Hi, folks, I'm back after a little medical problem that caused me to say hello to God. Thanks so much to all of you who called and wrote and please know that it was appreciated. I begin this column with an e-mail from Tom, who has a common problem:



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"Hi Joe, when my 14-year-old washing machine is in the water discharge cycle or spin-dries cycle, there is a noticeable odor emitted by the discharge hose. There is no odor in the machine itself, either when dry or full of clothes. Likewise, there is no odor in the laundry tub into which the machine discharges. It's

definitely coming from the discharge hose. I dumped a gallon and a half of bleach into the washer drum and ran the machine through a five-minute spin cycle (unfortunately, water also sprays into the machine during this cycle, which dilutes the bleach). This treatment eliminated the sewer-type odor for about two months, but it's back. Is there anything I can do to eliminate this? Thanks for any advice you can offer."

Well Tom, let me give you a remedy for odor problems in top load washing machines that I have prescribed for years. It is a good practice to perform this task at least once a year from the time you purchase a new washer. Fill the tub with the hottest water possible. Turn up the hot water heater if necessary or even boil some water in a pot and add it to the already filled tub. The hotter the water, the better it works. Add two gallons of vinegar and set the timer for 10-14 minutes of agitate cycle. Turn on the machine and let it agitate but stand by to shut it off when the agitate cycle is complete. You do not want to let any of the hot water and vinegar pump out of the washer. Now let the machine sit in the off position for the next 24 hours and then turn it on and let it go through the rest of the cycles. This cure has proven to be very effective in removing the mineral build-up that occurs in the outer tub of a washing machine.

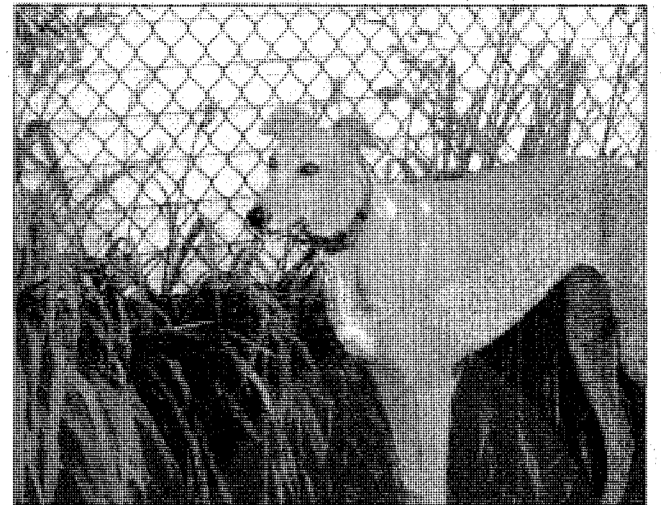
MARKING CLOTHING

You may be asking what mineral deposit he is writing about. In the old days when I used to rebuild old washing machines and sell them to customers who couldn't afford a new one, I stripped every washer down to bare bolts. We

would clean the inside of the outer tub and use a small fireplace shovel to scope out the layers of harden mineral deposits. There was so much of this mineral that in time it breaks off into chunks and begins to travel into the wash load leaving marks on your clean washed clothes. Many people go out and purchase a new washer thinking their transmission is leaking oil and putting marks on the clothes.

On the subject of odors let me inform you of an area seldom thought about by homeowners. It's the standpipe that the drain line from the washer goes into. If you don't have a laundry tub you have a standpipe. The drain hose fitting into this pipe must not fit tight. It must have some play or fit loosely or else the washing machine will act as a vacuum while it is operating and suck into the washer the odor that is in the household drain system. You can correct this by purchasing a little extension piece to match the necessary sizes. Once again, nice to be back. Enjoy each day. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com



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Group seeks diapers for needy kids

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank, a nonprofit charity providing diapers for people in need in Southeast Michigan, has launched its second annual Fall Diaper Drive in hopes of collecting 100,000 diapers or the funds to buy them by Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25

No federal assistance programs pay for or provide diapers. Nonprofit organizations and state agencies working with families and individuals in crisis consistently list diapers as an ongoing and top need.

An average infant uses up to 12 diapers per day. Toddlers use up to eight per day, but

in low-income households, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems from skin disease to hepatitis. Parents who can't afford diapers can't leave their child at day care to go to work or school. Some children with disabilities never outgrow the need for diapers and seniors who can't afford incontinence supplies often become homebound or end up in a nursing home.

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank exists to address this largely unknown and chronically unmet need.

"Our goal for the '100,000

by Thanksgiving' Diaper Drive is of course primarily to bring in resources that we can distribute to our partner agencies working with our neighbors in need. But we also hope it helps to raise awareness about the diaper issue and engage the community in our mission. We are always in need of individuals, businesses, schools, community organizations and places of worship to run fund-raisers and diaper drives to support the Diaper Bank, whether it's before Thanksgiving or not," stated Marybeth Levine, executive director and founder of the Detroit Area Diaper

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Bank. "The diapers go out just as quickly as they come in, so we are looking for year-round partnerships and support to help us really make a difference with diapers."

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We're looking for photos of local gardens, now at the height of their summer bloom, to run in an upcoming issue. Show us what you've toiled at all summer and share it with readers. E-mail a jpg of your garden or flowering landscape and include a garden tip. Send to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. For printed photos mail to her at *Observer Newspapers*, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Don't forget to include your name, community and a contact phone number or e-mail address.

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Tell us about your book club and it may be featured in an upcoming edition of *Hometownlife Woman*. Photos with people and the club identified are also welcome at jcbrown@hometownlife.com (jpegs, please). For more, call presentation editor Julie Brown at (313) 222-6755.

Butterfly film scheduled for Aug. 18 in Westland

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will show a film about backyard butterflies at its next meeting, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

The event costs \$3 for nonmembers. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. SEMBA is dedicated to educating individuals about lepidoptera and their habitats, instilling and fostering a passion for nature in others

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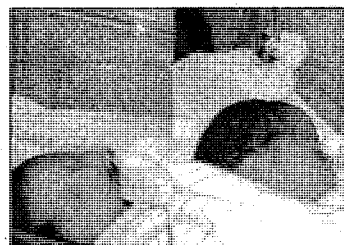
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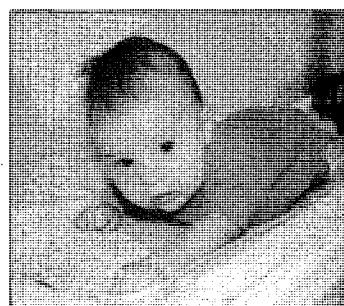
Dan and Nancy Anthony of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Christine, to Matthew John Korona, son of Jim and Jean Korona also of Canton. Sarah is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is enrolled in graduate school at the University of Cincinnati. She is employed as an assets protection executive. Matt will graduate in December 2010 with a degree in criminal justice. The wedding will be held in February 2011 at Ste. Anne's Church in Detroit.



Kylie and Kenzie Mellis

TWINS BORN

Kylie Lynn Mellis and Kenzie Lauren Mellis were born July 8, 2010, in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. They joined proud parents Brent and Tara Mellis and Tyler, 28 months, at home in Brighton. Grandparents are Steve and Marilynn Ditchkoff of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Jim and Barb Mellis of Canton. Great-grandparents are Doris Hartnell of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Cameron and LaRue Mellis, Farmington Hills.



Flynn Martin Poullélaouen

FLYNN MARTIN POUILLELAOUEN

Flynn Martin Poullélaouen was born May 18, 2010, at EuroClinic, Bucharest, Romania. Proud parents are Colleen and Guy Poullélaouen of Livonia. Big brother is Liam Martin, 2. Grandparents are Barbara J. Karamon of Livonia and Guillaume Poullélaouen of Kerguen, France.

WOMEN EARN MEDALS FROM SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Two Canton women were among the top three winners in their competitive events last month at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games held in Lincoln, Neb. Emily Campbell, 20, competed in aquatics and placed first in the 25-yard butterfly, earning a gold medal. She also took a gold medal in 50-yard freestyle, placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle and the 4-by-50-yard medley relay. Campbell enjoys playing Wii and computer games, listening to music and dancing, when she's not swimming. Julie Trublowski, 22, has been involved with Special Olympics for 14 years. At the National Games she placed third in the 100-meter run, the 200-meter run, the long jump and the shotput. In her spare time Trublowski likes to play with her dog Chopper, ride her bike and exercise.

ALBERT "AL" LEO LEONARD

Age 84, passed away August 4, 2010 in Tawas City, MI. Al was born October 12, 1925, in Corning, Arkansas, son of Betty and Willie Leonard. Al worked 35 years at the Ypsilanti Ford Plant and owned and operated Leonard's Gutter Co, Ypsilanti, MI. He married Christine Vinson of Popular Bluff, MO & they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary March 4th, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Christine, seven children: Larry (Janet) Leonard, of Belleville, MI, Gary Leonard of Ypsilanti, MI, Linda (David -d) Morin of Oscoda, MI, Brenda Leonard of Ypsilanti, Charlotte Wilson of Westland, MI, Angela Leonard of Ypsilanti, MI and Amy Cousino of Perrysburg, Ohio, one sister Dorothy (Bill) Farquharson of Bellaire, MI and one brother Kenneth Ray (Jewel-d) Leonard of OK. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. Al will be deeply missed by his two loving cats, Tommy and Bobby. He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and four brothers. Al will be missed by his many friends of Oscoda St., his friends at Zubeck Ford Dealership and the many children who "adopted" him as their grandpa. Al was a simple man with a loving heart and endless patience and will be missed by his family and friends, but never forgotten. May he rest in peace! Dad is now working on his biggest house - The House of the Lord. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 11:00 till 2:00, with funeral service the same day at 2:00 at the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home, of Oscoda. Burial will follow at Pinecrest Cemetery in Oscoda. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, in hopes that a cure will be found soon for this unforfeiting disease.

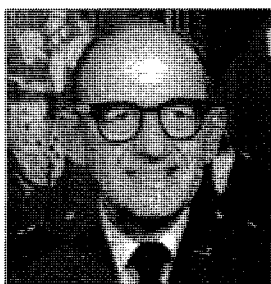
ANNEMARIE LILLY VAN VOORHIS

April 2, 1932 - August 5, 2010. Loving wife of Tom Van Voorhis, mother of four, Oma to ten grandchildren. "Great is Thy Faithfulness." In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Beaumont Cancer Center or Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville located on Haggerty and 6 Mile. Family will greet friends at 1:00 on Monday, August 9 at Ward Presbyterian Church followed by a celebration memorial service at 2:00. Serving the family Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at: LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com

ARTHUR J. TROMBLY

August 4, 2010 Age 95 of Southfield. Arthur grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and attended St. Ambrose Catholic School grade school and high school. He graduated from University of Detroit with Chemical Engineering degree. During college in the mid-1930s, he was a pickup musician for several big bands that would come into town and need a trumpeter. He worked regularly at the Grande Ballroom, Eastwood Gardens, and others. One of his more regular gigs was with the Bobby Grayson Band at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. He always believed that the trumpet saved his life. Drafted in 1941 (before Pearl Harbor, the result of a pre-war draft lottery) in the Red Arrow Division of the National Guard. While this division was sent to Germany early in the war (and decimated), he was pulled out of active service to play trumpet in one of the army bands. Soon he was enlisted on the Manhattan Project, not at Los Alamos but at Columbia University in New York City. Awarded the Legion of Merit for "work on the Atomic Bomb" from President Harry Truman. During the 1950s and 1960s, he worked for Dupont in Wilmington, Delaware, where he was instrumental in the creation of Mylar and Corfam, the former used in the space program. Arthur moved to Birmingham, Michigan in 1973. He was an avid gardener. Husband of the late Agnes. Brother of Anna Mae Downes, Rosemary Monaghan and the late Robert. Uncle of Mary Paulus. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held Saturday August 8, A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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MAJ. GEN. NAIFF H. KELEL

US ARMY (Ret.) August 5, 2010 Age 90 of Farmington Hills. Proud officer and veteran of the US Army, retiring in 1979 after 36 years of service. Founder, president and former owner of Greenfield AMC/Jeep and Kelel Dodge. Beloved husband of Anita E. (nee. Sherron) for 64 years. Dear father of Kathie Kelel Brown, James Kelel (Elen) and Robert Kelel (Cindy). Also survived by nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Brother of Mary Bennett, Frieda Hartunian (Gordon), James Kelel (Carole), Charles Kelel (Shirley) and the late Joseph Kelel (Mildred), Fred Kelel (Christine) and Lillian Johnson (Bud). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile Sunday 2-8p.m. Prayers Sunday 5p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 10a.m. at National Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward Ave. at Twelve Mile Rd. Visitation begins at church 9:30a.m. Memorial tributes to The Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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DELORES V. BEZIRIUM

Age 93 beloved mother of Sandra (deceased) Jerry Buehler and Karyn (David) Sager and Jim Bezirium died peacefully in her sleep July 31st, at Heartland Healthcare Center. She was born on Dec. 29th, 1916 in Cherokee, OK. She spent most of her growing years in the small town of Center, MO, where she went to high school and played the French Horn. She graduated in a class of 17. Delores left home at the age of 18 and moved to Lansing, MI to be with her sister, and subsequently to Ann Arbor where she met her beloved husband, John Paul Bezirium. (John was killed in a plane crash, while in the U.S. Army, in March of 1945). She became one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1955, so in addition to raising three children, she also devoted her life to serving God, Jehovah, teaching others about God's Kingdom. She loved her children and grandchildren very much, and also had 13 great-grandchildren. Karyn describes her mother, as not only a faithful example of how to live, but as her best friend!! She also loved her friends in the Avondale Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, especially when they would bring her Cappuccino's, and joke around with her. One of Delores most favorite things to do was to travel up to the Leelanau Peninsula with her family in the summer. Some of her other favorite things were picnics with her family, art fair in AA, country music, lilacs, and pumpkin pie. Her family will miss her very much until they are reunited with her in the resurrection back to a paradise on earth. The family would like to thank all of her wonderful friends, and the staff at Westhaven Manor for all their support (especially Marty, who says Delores "made her laugh everyday"). Her memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 18th, 11:30 am, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Westland, MI Russell Clark, minister, will deliver the memorial address. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Worldwide Preaching Work of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Kingdom Hall. Arrangements entrusted to Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

GENEVIEVE DRENNAN

Age 88, passed away peacefully among family on July 25, 2010. Longtime resident of Swanton, Oh., formerly of Plymouth and Kalamazoo, MI. Beloved wife of the late Howard (Spud) Drennan. Survived by children Bill, Mike (Glenna), Cheryl (Darrel) Baker, Patti (Denny) Wesenberg, John (Lyn), and Howard Lee (Paula). Also a very proud grandmother of 14, and great-grandmother of 7. Family and friends will gather for a "Celebration of Life" on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the American Legion Hall on Hallet St. in Swanton, Ohio at 3:00 P.M. A brief memorial service will be followed by music, food and drink. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted by Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or The Salvation Army.

JACK D. PERRY

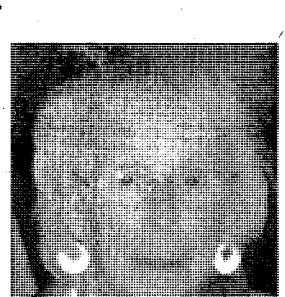
Age 60, passed away, July 31, 2010 at his home in Naples on Friday, July 30. He was a Renaissance man. His library reflected his interest in classical music, art, philosophy, history, photography, biography, luxury yachts, trains, and everything pertaining to the piano. Widely traveled, he was regarded by friends and acquaintances as elegant, urbane, witty, gentle, and generous of spirit. Despite his reserve and code of "never complain, never explain," he was fun; his company a delight. Jeanne says he was the most interesting man she ever knew, her compass, the wine in her glass, a feminist who provided the support that made it possible for her to have a career. As her husband of 41 years, he said it made him a virtual jewel. His children, whom he acquired as teenagers when he married Jeanne, say whatever civility, style, and social decorum they possess, they learned by his sterling example. His professional life included automotive advertising - on both sides of the desk - at the Ross Roy agency and American Motors in Detroit. Father-in-law of Kathleen. Grandfather of 13. Great grandfather of 11. Great great grandfather of 1. Brother of Doris Greider, Lois Hivest and Kenneth (Phyllis) Cable. Private services were held. Memorials suggested to Detroit VA Medical Center, Attn: Voluntary Services. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARION F. CABLE

Age 88, August 5, 2010 Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Edward, Delane, Daniel (Phyllis), Mary Gail, Henry (Elizabeth), Franklin, John (Kristin) and the late Nick. Father-in-law of Kathleen. Grandfather of 13. Great grandfather of 11. Great great grandfather of 1. Brother of Doris Greider, Lois Hivest and Kenneth (Phyllis) Cable. Private services were held. Memorials suggested to Detroit VA Medical Center, Attn: Voluntary Services. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

MILDRED FREEMAN

Age 85. Long time resident of Livonia MI., passed away peacefully July 19th 2010 in Carlsbad CA. She is survived by her husband Donald and Sons John of Albuquerque NM. and Alan of Irvine CA. Sisters Lillian Schenden and Margret Fusco. She was preceded by her brother Stanley Dobis of Livonia MI. A proud mother and devout catholic, Mildred (Birdie) worked in retail and volunteered countless years at hospitals in Livonia MI, and Menifee CA. She will be dearly missed and never forgotten. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at Riverside national cemetery Monday Aug 9th at 10:30 am. In Lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted by San Diego Hospice.

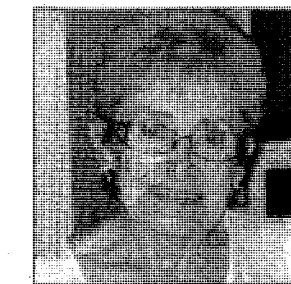


GRACE L. WAACK

Age 88, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2010. Spending her entire life in the Farmington/Livonia area, Mrs. Waack was retired from the Farmington school district. She resided and was actively involved in the Newburgh Village retirement community. She also volunteered at the Livonia Senior Center. Predeceased by her loving husband Russell, children Douglas and Michael, and 7 brothers. Survived by children Ruthann, Russell (Rettia), Judith, daughter-in-law Kay, John (Dawn), Tim (Crystal), Jeff (Mark), and Ann (Liz); 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Also survived by her brother Harvey Chapman. Visitation Friday 3-9pm, In State Saturday 10:00am until Funeral Mass. Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Farmington. Interment at Clarenceville Cemetery, Livonia.

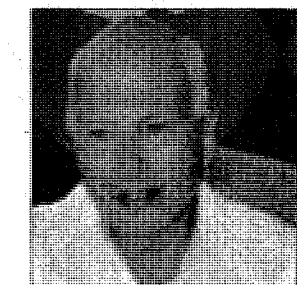
HELEN O. KEHOE, NEE EDWARDS

Of St Charles, MO formerly of Canton, MI, passed away peacefully July 21, 2010. Daughter of the late William J. and Martha E. Edwards, wife of the late Clifford M. Kehoe and beloved mother of Charles (Gail) Kehoe of St. Charles, MO and Karen Kehoe of Poisy, France. Cherished grandmother of Donna (Michael) Jeffries and Kevin (Patti) Kehoe. Great Grandmother to Michael, Hannah, Nathan, Jonathan, and Stephen Jeffries; Lucas, Rachel, Koltan and Aiden Kehoe. Her two sisters, Hazel Holston and Ila Long preceded her in death. Mrs. Kehoe worked at the Daisy Air Rifle plant in Plymouth and at Associated Springs of Plymouth Twp. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Westland. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association through the Vermeulen Funeral Home. To Share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



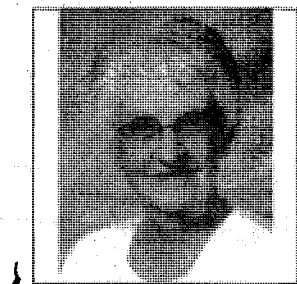
PATRICIA MAY SNYDER

Age 80, of Tavares, FL and formerly of Southfield, died Sunday, August 1, 2010 at the home of her daughter in Traverse City. Patricia was born on Sunday, August 18, 1929 to the late Charles and Virginia (Mulvey) Carney in Highland Park. She married Floyd W. Snyder, Sr., on October 1, 1955. Patricia was a member of First Baptist Church of Tavares, FL and formerly of Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. She enjoyed shopping, dining and a movie, as well as sightseeing. Having attended college to study interior design, Patricia enjoyed the opportunities to decorate and furnish her homes. Patricia is survived by her children, Carol (Christopher) Blouch of Traverse City, Steven (Chao) Snyder of Waterford, George (Christina) Snyder of Lake Orion, John (Rebecca) Snyder of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, James (Debbie) Snyder of Lake Orion, and Floyd Snyder Jr. of Apopka, FL. Also surviving are her nine grandchildren, Amanda and Garrett, Jacqueline, Joy and Desiree, Lauren, Sarah and Hannah and Ty Snyder; her Great Aunt, Marion Snyder of Tavares, FL, a step-brother, Charles Rose of Jupiter, FL, a step-sister, Virginia Smith of Raleigh, NC and a nephew, Robert Smith, also of Raleigh. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her step-father, Carl Rose. Services were held Thursday Aug 5 in Traverse City. Patricia may also be remembered through memorial contributions to a Hospice or Cancer organization of your choosing. Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City, MI.



RICHARD FINDLATER 1930-2010

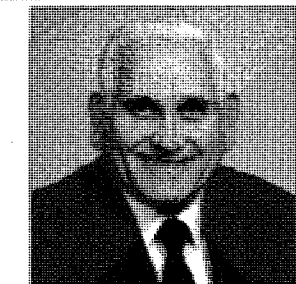
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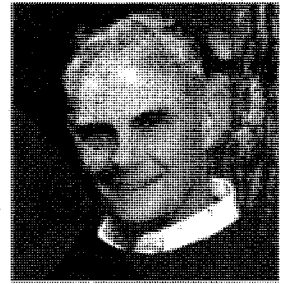
Age 80 of Westland, July 30, 2010. Loving wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Patricia (James) McCloud, Brenda (Randy) Cleveland, Thomas (Mara), Randa (LeeAnn) and Karen (Chris) Johnson. Also leaves 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 1 sister Ruth Crain and 1 brother Merle Schrepfer. Visitation and services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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ERIC ELWOOD CHILDS

March 26, 1920 ~ August 3, 2010. Died in his home in Plymouth, MI at the age of 90, surrounded by family. Eric was born in Jacksonburg KY. One of 5 children. Eric made sure to take care of his family, from new teeth to a new furnace. Eric always placed family first. Eric, along with being an excellent Corsair pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, took his place among the well-known names of the flying world by having met Orville Wright, flown with Charles Lindbergh and gone to school with John Glenn. During his years at Hamilton High in Ohio, Eric took the field as an award winning tight end and on the court as an outstanding guard in basketball, accomplishments which led to his induction into the Hamilton High School Hall of Fame in 2006. Eric was a lifelong employee of the Ford Motor Company, where he was instrumental in designing, test driving, and overseeing the manufacturing of numerous vehicles. Eric would say his proudest accomplishment was the courtship of his wife, which upon meeting Mary, Eric stated to his brother Claire, "I'm going to marry that Mary Brennan!" Eric and Mary led an amazing life together, filled with trips to Africa, India, France, and many other breath-taking places. Eric was preceded into his death by his wife, Mary Childs in 1996 and is survived by all three of his sons: Mike (Mary Beth), Jon (Corinne) and Peter (the late Andrea), and his grandchildren Clarke, Audrey, Robert, Bradley, Eric and Lauren. The viewing was held Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. The funeral service was held Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia MI 48154. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com. Eric would want his life to be summed up in three simple words, "He Loved Mary".



HUGH LEROY MORRISON

Age 81 of Farmington Hills. Died August 3, 2010. Beloved husband of Naomi for 59 years. Loving father of Michael (Sara) Morrison, William (Karen) Morrison, and Karen Chiles. Cherished grandfather of Sarah, Jennifer, Rachael, Christopher, and Nathaniel. Dear brother of Margaret (Marvin) Larson. Funeral Sunday 5 p.m. (in state 4 p.m.) at Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, 27996 Halsted Rd., Farmington Hills. Rev. Doug Walker officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 3-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

IRIS V. MONTGOMERY

July 29, 2010 age 83 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Donna Mae Swain, Kathryn Ann (the late Bill) Blair & Ginny Bradley. Sister of Helen (George) Sears, Wanda Angel & the late Kinard Snider. Sister-in-law of John (Stella) Montgomery. Also survived by 6 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Funeral was held at the Utd Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family requests memorials to Hospice of Michigan. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhthf.com



VIRINGIA M. MOTTO

November 22, 1926 ~ August 1, 2010 Passed away at her home peacefully with her family at her side following an extended illness. She is survived by her loving husband Louis, 3 sons Jeffrey C. Motto, Michael J. (Mary) Motto, their children, Anthony L. and Christopher A. Motto, and Martin J. (Sherry) Motto, and their children Morgan M. and Mallory M. Motto. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 10:30 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, Michigan 48116. The family will begin receiving friends at 9:30 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a memorial contribution in Viringia's name, to the favorite charity of your choice. Arrangements by Kechn Funeral Home, Brighton.

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ment benefits for mid-career adults whose employers have switched from defined benefit retirement plans to less costly alternatives, such as 401(k) defined contribution plans. While participants know how much they have contributed to their 401(k) plans, they will not be certain of their retirement income because of the unpredictable nature of stock market returns and bond interest rates. However, through a DFCGA retirement income may be accurately predicted, because payments are contractually guaranteed by the American Cancer Society. Annuitants may defer the payments as long as they wish, understanding that the longer they wait to receive payments, the larger the income will be. Multiple DFCGAs plans enable individuals to increase their retirement income incrementally to match their needs.

TRUSTS

Charitable remainder trusts allow donors to convert low-income assets into higher income streams, while they avoid capital gains taxes on the sale of the assets. Charitable lead trusts offer a vehicle for transferring estate tax-free assets to heirs.

For owners of closely held businesses, gift-purchase agreements enable them to address short- and long-term issues regarding transfer of ownership to children or key employees.

With careful planning, donors are empowered to recession-proof their retirement savings while benefiting the American Cancer Society.

"The American Cancer Society pledges its best in people and resources to work with investors' financial and legal advisors to research and structure planned gifts that fit each donor's objectives," Rosen stated.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Sugar habit

Learn where sugar is hiding in your food and why it is a danger to you when too much is consumed, at a workshop, 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer. For more information call TLC Holistic Wellness at (734) 664-6310. Diabetes support Dawn Crane from the Michigan Department of Community Health will talk about "action planning" and setting goals, along with other strategies to stay on target, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11, in the hospital auditorium, at St. Mary Mercy, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. She will teach participants how to set small and achievable goals to help manage diabetes on a daily basis without feeling overwhelmed. The session is free. (734) 655-8950

Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a combined class on the basics of infant care and breastfeeding, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, in Classrooms 1&2, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding and their lunch. There will be a 45-minute lunch break. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. To register, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162. www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, in the hospital Auditorium. Donate blood and receive a free ice cream bar. Donors will be entered into a drawing for Cedar Point Tickets. Two tickets will be drawn for those who participate between 6 a.m. to noon and two tickets for those who participate from noon to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE

or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan in Livonia.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15885 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 information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

State offers free nicotine patches, gum, lozenges

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is encouraging smokers who want to quit cigarettes, cigars, pipes or chewing tobacco to take advantage of free nicotine replacement products by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline phone number is (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669) and registration is available around the clock.

The program will provide a two-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges to all tobacco users who are age 18 and over and meet basic health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status. The community health department also will continue to provide the same products to the uninsured on a regular basis. The nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available now through Sept. 30 or while supplies last and are provided on a first come, first served basis.

To be eligible, callers must enroll in cessation services with the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at (800) QUIT NOW. When Michigan

residents enroll with the Quitline, they will receive a personal coach who will assist them in setting a quit date and making an individualized quit plan. The personal coach also will offer on-going support with up to five telephone coaching sessions around the caller's quit date.


"Callers using nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) along with support through a telephone-based service like (800) QUIT NOW can increase their chances of remaining smoke-free by 28 percent compared to quitting cold turkey," stated Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"Providing access to free NRT during this promotion will greatly enhance MDCH's mission to take steps to prevent disease, promote wellness and improve quality of life."

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline has received nearly 34,000 requests for assistance since it was launched in October 2003. For more information visit www.michigan.gov/tobacco.

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BURSAS

A bursa is a sac that separates a tendon or muscle from underlying bone. The presence of the bursa allows that tendon or muscle to move without friction over the hard, bony surface. For reasons that are unclear, a bursa may become inflamed. The bursas where such irritation commonly occur are:

- The subdeltoid bursa in the shoulder
- The trochanteric bursa at the upper thigh
- The anserine bursa below the knee medially, and
- The fibular bursa below the knee laterally

Another bursa, the olecranon bursa by the elbow, may enlarge with fluid, but it rarely is inflamed.

Pain from bursitis is intermittent. For example, thigh discomfort caused by a trochanteric bursitis, may give a sharp pain when the person starts to walk, the pain will ease, but not disappear, as walking and movement continues. The trochanteric pain disappears on going to bed, but if the person turns at night onto the involved bursa, the resulting bursal pain will cause a rude awakening.

Injection of steroid into the inflamed bursa is the treatment of choice. Over the counter remedies do not penetrate deep enough to stop inflammation, and medications by mouth may dull the pain, but despite being called anti-inflammatory drugs, are rarely able to stop the underlying irritation.

A bursitis once resolved can return again. Physicians cannot recommend measures to prevent the problem, as the cause is not clear. However, it does appear that heavy people are more prone to bursitis than thin individuals.

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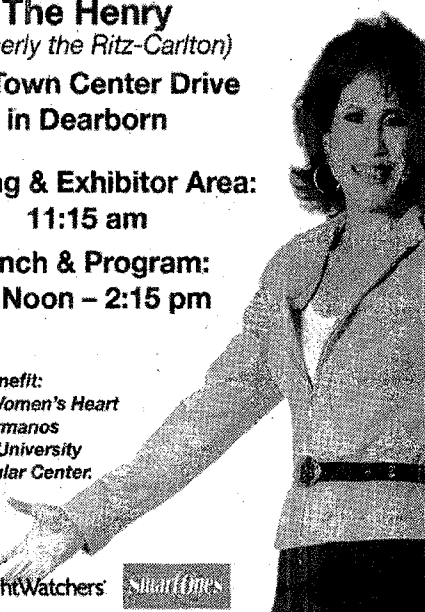
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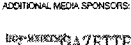




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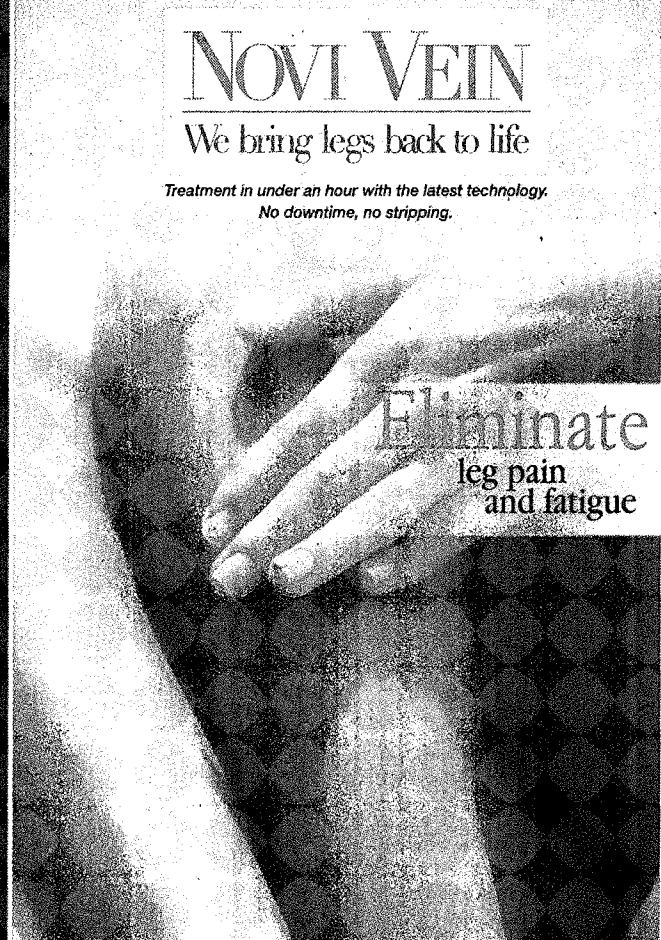
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