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To register or for more information, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.

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Youth of the Second Mile Center from the east side of Detroit will share their talents through signing to music during worship at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 9, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road.

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Nine seek appointment to W-W board

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has a long list of candidates to choose from fill a vacant position.

Nine residents, including three who are already candidates in the November school election, submitted letters of interest for the appointment which will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Andrea

Clawson on Aug. 15.

The school board will meet in special session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the district's administrative offices on Marquette, west of Wayne Road, to interview candidates and then select a new member. The person selected will serve until the next school election in November 2014 when voters will elect a candidate to finish out the remainder of the term. The nine candidates include:

- Charles "Trav" Griffin of

Westland. Griffin is a former member of the Wayne-Westland school board and Westland City Council and served as Westland mayor. He also served on the district's Citizens Bond Oversight and Building and Site Fund committees. He also worked as an UniServ director for the Michigan Education Association.

• Paul Futch of Wayne. He is among five candidates vying for two six-year terms in the November school election. He is the pas-

tor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church in Romulus and a chaplain at the Juvenile Detention Center in Detroit.

• Scott Davis of Westland. The general manager of Value City Furniture in Westland, Davis is making a fourth try for appointment to the board. He has worked as a substitute teacher in the Livonia Public Schools and as an assistant manager at Kmart in

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Buy the book(s)



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Volunteer Dorothy Siano talks books with Lynn Moore of Westland during the Friends of the Westland Library used book sale.

Friends use sales to help with library programs

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

When the Friends of the Westland Library hold a used book sale, some of their best customers are... well, friends, like Dorothy Siano who a stack of treasures tucked behind the check out table.

A Friends of the Library mem-

ber, her stack included cookbooks, craft books, books on travel and a few novels tucked in for her husband.

"I don't read novels, I haven't read them since the 1970s," said Siano. "I don't have the time because life is too exciting."

"I collect cookbooks," she added. "I come here looking to buy three books and find two. The

rest are for fun."

"Dorothy buys everything, we're more discriminating," said Lynne Hagmann, who was checking out a steady stream of customers who stopped by the library Thursday afternoon to look over the selection.

The Friends of the Library

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Holliday Park offers 85 yard sales at Walk About

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

It's bargain hunter's dream — more than 85 yard sales in one location.

Residents of Holliday Park Cooperative will be hosting their fourth Walk About Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

"People will set up (sales) in front of their units," said Rose Wilson, who is co-chairing the event with Alice Newman. "I'm looking forward to cleaning out the basement. There are wonderful finds — dishes, clothing and family treasures."

Located off Wayne Road north of Central City Parkway, Holliday Park has 694 residential

units.

Along with giving Holliday Park residents a chance to sell unwanted items at bargain prices, the Walk About Yard Sale also provides an opportunity for visitors to learn about the cooperative.

"We'll have greeters for two hours on Saturday, people can get more information on our lifestyle," Wilson said. "We have a short waiting list. We rely on word of mouth. We have a website and Facebook page."

With a variety of one- and two-story floor plans, Holliday Park is a nonprofit, community way of living that provides for residents to join together for their mutual benefit. The cooperative is run by a board of directors and resi-

dents participate in a number of volunteer committees.

There was a time when Holliday Park had a closed waiting list, but currently there is a short waiting list.

"It's because of the economy, that's part of it. People aren't really selling their homes for what they want," Wilson said. "This is a great place to live and a way to get people interested in the town houses. I've been here 13 years and I don't want to go anywhere else."

With its different units, Holliday Park is good for young families and also for senior citizens who don't want to handle home maintenance, she added.

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Angelosanto: Being city's top cop 'truly an honor'

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

As he looks back on his career with the Westland Police Department, Chief Greg Angelosanto doesn't think too long when asked his favorite job at the department.

"Chief was my favorite position. That's because I was in a position that allows me to create positive change," said Angelosanto, who retired Friday.

Having joined the department in 1990, Angelosanto has worked most positions in the department — road patrol, as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer for Wayne-Westland and Livonia schools, a shift sergeant, a road lieutenant, commander for the Special Investigations Unit and the Metro Street Enforcement Team, head of the Detective Bureau, deputy chief and, since May 2011, chief.

Like other agencies, Westland police are working with fewer staff and less funding in recent years.

"I believe every chief wishes they could hire more police officers, but we do an excellent job here with our present staffing," Angelosanto said.

A Livonia Churchill High School graduate, Angelosan-

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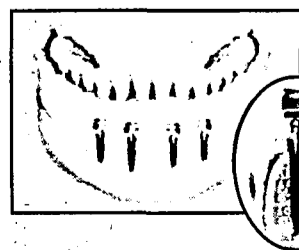


Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto has retired after more than 22 years with the department, including 1 1/2 years as the city's top cop.

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George Rauno of Westland considers a book he found in the home improvement section at the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale.

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hold four used book sales each year. The money raised goes toward programs offered at the library. According to Hagmann, the group has committed to raising \$20,000 for the past three years that benefits library programs.

"We support every program for adults through babies," she said. "Children's story times, the summer reading program, teen programs, we support them."

Five rows of tables groaned under the weight of the books that were organized by topic and, in some cases, by author to make hunting easier for shoppers. There were even more boxes under the tables for shoppers to look through.

"We have a 10-by-5 storage area and it's still half filled with books," said Hagmann.

The Friends also generate money through a book shop that's open during library hours and they work with Mission Based Books in Canton to sell books online.

Unlike some libraries that require volunteers to be there when the shop is open, Westland's operates on an honor system. Shoppers have to take their books to the counter where library employees collect the money.

Representatives of Mission Based Books come to the library once a week to go through the donated books. They scan them and if they find a market for a book, they sell it online with the Friends getting a percentage of the sale.

"We've received over \$8,000 in the past 1 1/2 years," said Hagmann. "It would take us four or five book sales to make that much money."

"They found one book that went for \$400," added Nan Borders. "They're really great to work with.

They have the expertise."

The used book sale opened with a Friends' preview sale on Wednesday. It was open to the public Thursday through Saturday. People can come and join the Friends at the preview sale and then shop for books.

"We usually get a handful of new people on preview day," said Hagmann.

The membership fees are among the lowest in the area. It costs just \$5 for individuals, \$3 for seniors age 55 and up and \$10 for a family.

"When I first started volunteering for the books sales and worked on the weekends, when I'd walk in, they'd say, 'Hey, look we have a young one' and I was 55," said Hagmann.

For those who missed last week's sale, don't worry. The Friends will a fourth installment in November, the week before Thanksgiving.

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Clerk: Special election was expensive for taxpayers

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart is standing by her original assessment of Wednesday's special primary election in the 11th Congressional District.

"This election was absolutely stupid," said DeHart. "Spending \$60,000 (in Westland alone) on this election was unconscionable. I certainly don't blame the voters - this was an election on a Wednesday, two days after Labor Day and right when school started for our children. The timing was poorly planned."

The election drew meager interest in Westland where a little over 5 percent of the city's 61,978 registered voters went to the polls to select the candidates who will vie for the vacated seat of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter. Only 3,247 votes were cast in the special primary election and of that number, more than three-quarters were by absentee ballot.

And like the other communities in the current 11th Congressional District, Westland voters favored Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford

and Democrat David Curson of Belleville.

Voters had a choice between five candidates in the Republican primary. Bentivolio received 492 votes, followed by Nancy Cassis of Novi, 383 votes, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia, 316 votes, Steve King of Livonia, 169 votes and Ken Crider, also of Livonia, 152 votes.

On the Democratic side, Curson of Belleville was unopposed. He garnered 1,672 votes.

District-wide, only 7.19 percent of the district's 354,723 registered voters went to the polls. Bentivolio was the top Republican vote-getter with 10,280 votes, while Curson received 8,825 votes.

The special election, held less than a month after the August primary election, was called for by Gov. Rick Snyder after McCotter resigned his seat in July amidst controversy over his nominating petitions. The winner of this race will be sworn in after the general election and serve through the end of the year.

While she agrees the district needs representation, DeHart pointed out that whoever wins

the election in November will serve about three weeks when the holiday breaks coming up in November and December are taken into account.

"That's an expensive ticket for our taxpayers to buy for three weeks of service," she said.

Filling the vacancy will be the end of Westland residents voting in the 11th Congressional District. Due to redistricting, the city will become part of the new 13th Congressional District and will select between current 14th District U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, and Republican Mark Sawicki of Dearborn to serve as their new representative.

DeHart praised the staff and election workers for "doing a wonderful job," making sure the election process was done in a proficient and professional manner in spite of the many disadvantages due to having two elections within a four-week span.

"As always, we do what we have to do to get the job done but sometimes you ask 'at what cost,'" she said.

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to graduated from the Eastern Michigan University police staff and command school. Married 21 years, he and his wife Kathleen have two daughters and two sons ranging in age from 6 to 19 years.

Other retirements include Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick, Lt. Scott Murray, Officer Grant Allen and Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

"I will especially miss Chief Angelosanto. We have developed quite a bond," Mayor William Wild said. "He was always a good policeman. He's a hockey dad, which I can relate to. He's a

good family man." Wild noted that during his time as chief, Angelosanto made changes to improve customer service at the police department.

"I told him he was like the mayor of the police department," Wild said.

Retiring under an incentive program that has helped the city balance its budget, Angelosanto said he has mixed feelings about retiring, with good reason.

"I have spent the last 22-plus years serving a wonderful community and getting to know the residents," he said. "I have enjoyed every position and every rank that I have held and serving as the department's 10th chief of police is truly an honor."

In particular, Angelos-

anto said it was the great people he had the opportunity to work with that makes it hard to leave.

"The officers, support staff and dispatchers at this department are totally committed to keeping Westland safe, and I have enjoyed the great things that we have accomplished together," he added.

Angelosanto will be taking the position of security director at the Frankel Jewish Academy, a private school in West Bloomfield.

Since Karrick was the only person on the existing chief promotional list, Deputy Chief Michael Match and Lt. Jeff Jedrusik will be testing to fill the chief's position.

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Rec department rolls out fall programs

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

For many people, the start of school means summer is over but continued nice weather means plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities.

"We are transitioning into fall, we have 37 parks and the weather is still good," said Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams. "We're going to update and revise the websites so you can go get a location and photos."

Adams came to the Westland Council meeting Monday to plug fall parks and recreation programs as the transition to the combined programming continues. "I think the transition is awesome. Nate (Adams) is a good guy and creative," said Robert Kosowski, who retired effective Friday as Westland Parks

and Recreation director. "People are realizing what a beautiful community center it is (in Wayne). They have a lot of good programming."

The merger continues the Neighbor Acceptance Program under which Westland and Wayne residents are treated as residents for recreation programs in each city.

Memberships at the Wayne Community Center include access to cardio equipment, a wellness area, whirlpool, open skating and drop-in hockey, swimming pool, dry and wet saunas, indoor track and the skate/bike park.

The Westland Municipal Golf Course will remain open until Nov. 1, weather permitting, Adams said.

"If the weather isn't good, we have the simulator," said Adams.

The Wayne Community Center offers a variety of recreational activ-

ities and classes, he said, along with after-school programs at Schweitzer Elementary School.

Applications are still being accepted for youth hockey at Mike Modano Arena which also features instructional classes and open skating.

With the July 1 closing of the Bailey Center, some of the equipment has been dispersed to other facilities. The council has approved donation of all of the center's Olympic weights to the Westland John Glenn High School football team.

"I thought that was cool of the city to donate that to the school. They are helping us with the use of the schools (for youth sports)," said Kosowski. "The treadmills went to the Friendship Center and to Wayne (Community Center), along with a couple of bikes."

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Belleville and Walmart in Van Buren Township.

• Jeffrey Hayton of Westland is on the November ballot. He served on the school board for five months in 2011, filling the remainder of Martha Pitsenbarg-

er's term. He is employed by the State of Michigan, performing quality analysis and systems development work for the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

• Robert Froreich of Westland. Froreich didn't provide background information with his request to be interviewed by the school board. However, he was appointed

earlier this year to serve on the Westland Parks and Recreation Commission.

• Chandra Cozart of Westland, who also is a candidate in the November school election. She is an attorney, employed with a local nonprofit organization that provides support to adults and children with developmental disabilities. She also has a practice that focuses on the welfare of children and adults.

• Christopher Staley of Westland. He is the owner/sales/operator of Entrenum which provides 3D

scanning and printing of children and families and reproductions in various mediums, including plastic and silver. He also was a GM certified Internet manager, advertising manager and assistant finance manager at Mike Van Chevrolet in Bay Minette, Ala., and assistant senior and senior producer and director for WEAR-TV in Pensacola, Fla.

• Mark Diehl of Wayne. He is chief construction inspector for Ken Buccilli L.L.C. in Westland. He also worked as project administration field

inspector for Wade Trim.

• Stacey (Robinson) Antonchik of Westland. She is the operations manager of absence and leave management at Sedgwick CMS in Southfield. She also has been the supervisor of disability and total leave management and long-term disability management for Sedgwick and the supervisor of long-term disability management for Metlife in Southfield.

The school board has 30 days from the time of Clawson's resignation to fill the vacancy. If they fail to reach agreement on

a new member within that time frame, the selection will be done by the Wayne Regional Educational Services Board.

That happened last year when the board couldn't agree on a candidate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel. The decision went to the RESA Board which selected former Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Frederick Weaver who is running for a six-year term in November.

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Colbeck pushes Ford/I-275 fix

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck isn't trying to convince anyone in the Canton area that a fix for the dangerous Ford Road/I-275 intersection is anywhere near at hand.

But Colbeck, whose Seventh Senate District includes Canton, is hoping a closer look at the state transportation budget will help provide money for an improvement project the federal government has, to this point, refused to fund.

Canton Township officials have been turned down four times trying for a federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant to produce solutions to

ease congestion around Ford Road and I-275, traditionally one of the most dangerous spots in the state.

But Colbeck has been working with state officials to try to find the funds locally. He's been working with other legislators and state officials to try to reorganize the state transportation budget.

"I don't want to give people false hope on this," Colbeck said Friday. "What we're trying to do is restructure the way the state's transportation budget is designed. We'd like to make it more transparent so we understand exactly how much it costs to maintain and upgrade our current road system, and then separate out those projects

designed to improve our current system."

State MDOT officials have already begun working on the possible solutions. MDOT already has initiated a new traffic and environmental study in Canton. MDOT project manager Gorette Yung has indicated a phased-in solution to traffic woes could come by early next year, though preliminary proposals could be identified even earlier.

The fact state officials have already taken some measures is encouraging to Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

"It looks like all that environmental stuff is going to get done; that makes the project shovel-ready," LaJoy said. "I do see some movement

there, and I think if they do some of the things they need to do in the appropriations process, especially with prioritizing safety areas, maybe we can get something done over the next few years."

LaJoy said getting federal funding would be quicker, but in the absence of federal support, he's happy to see Colbeck carrying the fight.

"I applaud (Colbeck's) efforts in the Legislature," LaJoy said. "We're a heck of a lot closer than we were."

Colbeck said he's talked with Sen. John Pappageorge, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee's transportation subcommittee, and Kurt Steudel, director

of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Because Ford/I-275 would be an improvement project, and not a deal to maintain current roads, Colbeck said it would not qualify for initial funding. First funding is going to maintaining and improving the current road system.

Colbeck said his hope would be to create another "bucket," for improvement projects such as Ford Road/I-275, that could be funded when the economy turns around. He thinks Ford Road/I-275 would vault to the top of that list because it's such a dangerous area. "The part that's really hopeful is that, for those projects that are designed to improve the system, the No. 1 priority

is going to be safety," Colbeck said. "Since Ford/275 has the No. 1 and No. 2 safety hazards on our transportation system in the state, they should get preferential treatment for funding."

"We still have to fill the bucket with money," Colbeck added. "The key thing is the first pass will focus on making sure we can keep the current roads we have in operational condition. As the economy starts turning around, we'll have our focus on how to fill the investment bucket, and we know (Ford/275) will be considered. We're teasing it up for success. We still have to find the funds to get it done."

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Two days: Big turnout expected for Blues, Brews, Barbecue

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's first Blues, Brews and Barbecue drew several thousand people, but city officials are hoping for a bigger turnout this year.

"I expect we will get at least 10,000 people by expanding to a two-day event and adding Josh Gracin," Mayor William Wild said. "I think we will have a combination — a lot of folks will come for the blues on both days. Then there will be a lot of Josh Gracin fans for his concert."

Country singer Gracin, a Westland native and former *American Idol* contestant, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday. It's his first local performance since his *American Idol* days. There have been several hundred responses to an online trivia contest to earn an entry into a contest to win backstage passes to meet Gracin at the concert.

"With the combination of blues and young country, it should be a lot of fun," Wild said. "The blues crowd last year was more like baby boomers. They will mix with the young country fans."

Food and beer are also important aspects of Blues, Brews and Barbecue. Joining returning food vendors, including Famous Dave's, Knox Restaurant and Catering and Longhorn Steakhouse, are Buffalo Wild Wings, Real BBQ, Max & Erma's, Kona Ice Michigan and Cafe Marquette from the William Ford Career Technical Center.

The classic car show will return and also expand to both days of

the event. The children's activity area won't be offered this year.

"It wasn't well-attended and, with the larger crowd expected, we needed to open more space," Wild said. "The ticket booth was outside the food area last year. We want it inside the food area. We will utilize the whole city hall grounds."

Ashley's Beer & Grill will be hosting a brew house collection of Michigan's finest beers again

this year. A change is that Ashley's will be using its new customer trailer that keeps the kegs chilled.

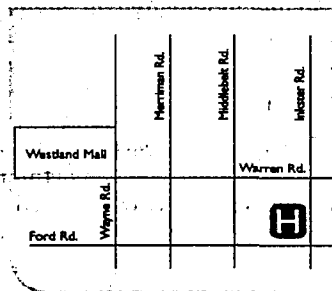
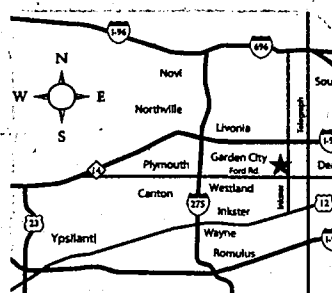
More than 13 local charities will raise money

through volunteer efforts at the two-day event, which is held at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford at Carlson. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat-

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Franklin High — 'Still Nifty at Fifty'

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin marked the start of its 50th school year when classes started Tuesday. Senior Richard Wiczorek dressed up as Ben Franklin to greet students.

"There were a lot of weird looks at first," Wiczorek said. But those looks turned into smiles as students recognized he was dressed up as the school's namesake.

Banners, decals on windows and doors and a showcase of memorabilia announce Franklin's golden anniversary.

Plans are under way for a "Still Nifty at Fifty Festival" on Friday, Sept. 28, at Franklin featuring an alumni reception, building tours and a halftime tribute during the Homecoming football game.

"We really wanted to keep things simple but yet exciting at the same time," said event coordinator Alicia Douglas, from the Class of 1987.

Principal Dan Willenborg said word is getting out that Franklin is 50 years old.

Patriot pride

"I've had over a dozen calls from different people," he said, adding he's also run into alumni at the grocery store, at away football games and "everywhere I go."

"It's inspiring to listen to all the tales and stories and the pride alums have shared," he said.

More than 23,000 students have graduated from Franklin since it first opened in 1962.

The school was built to help accommodate Livonia Public Schools' bur-

geoning student population and ease overcrowding at Bentley High School, the district's only other high school at the time.

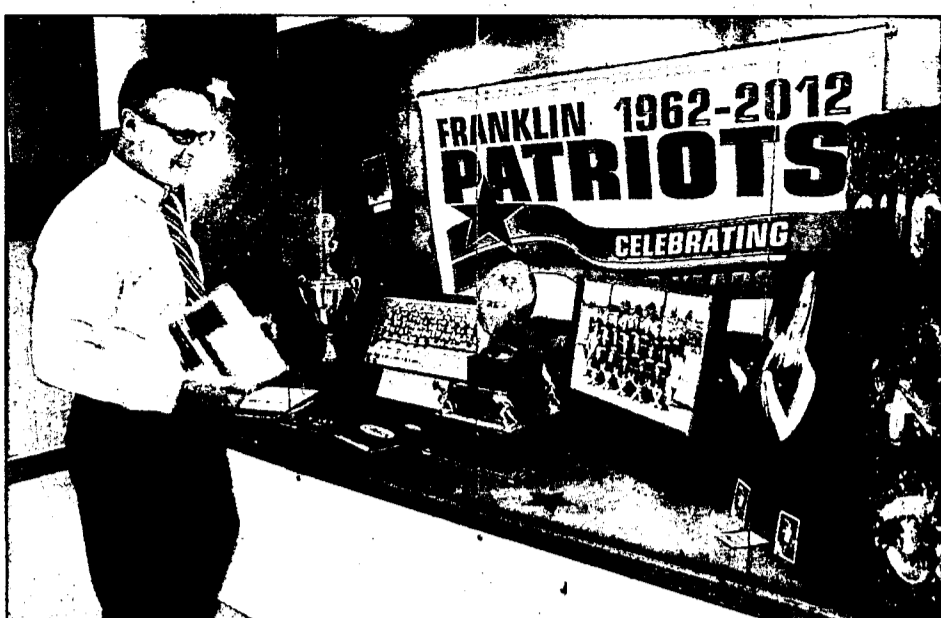
During the 1961-62 school year, Bentley students and the newly identified Franklin students attended classes at Bentley and shared the facilities at the Bentley campus. Bentley students attended classes in the morning, and Franklin students attended classes in the afternoon.

In September of 1962, sophomore- and junior-level students entered the new building on Joy Road and in June of 1964, Franklin celebrated its first graduating class. Since that time, Livonia Public Schools has opened two additional high schools (Stevenson in 1965 and Churchill in 1969) and Bentley was closed in 1985.

Student activities director Jennifer Esparza is involved in planning the anniversary festivities. "Our goal is to get alumni from every graduating class (to be recognized during the halftime tribute)," she said, adding they would also like to recognize former homecoming kings and queens.

Notable grads to speak

Douglas said notable graduates from each decade will be asked to speak a few words during the Alumni Reception at 4:30 p.m. that day in the school auditorium. They will include Fred Sievert, retired president of the New York Life Insurance Co., representing the '60s; former Livonia Police Chief



Franklin Principal Dan Willenborg places yearbooks in a display case honoring Franklin High School's 50th year. Willenborg was only 2 years old when the school opened.

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Ben Franklin is student Richard Wiczorek, with mentors Tim Crouson, Valerie Zaleski, Activities Director Jennifer Esparza, Melissa Henderson, Guidance Counselor Chris Ferrell, Nicole Bardel, Jessica Hallgath and Melissa Oudeh. There are 80 Franklin students wearing "Patriots Relate" T-shirts. Freshmen know they can call on these students for help during those first days in a new school.

Robert Stevenson, now executive director of the 900-member Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, representing the '70s; Karen (Shulz-

itski) Buscemi, editor of *StyleLine* Magazine, representing the '80s; and Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West, representing the '90s.

Fittingly, the two grads representing the 2000s

will share their comments via Skype. They are Kayla Douglas, 2010 MHSAA State Champion and All American in the 100 Backstroke who's now on the swim team at University of Michigan, and 2004 Olympian Paul

Terek, who represented the United States in the decathlon.

Killer Flamingos lead singer Michelle Caravallah, another Franklin grad, will perform the Star-Spangled Banner at Homecoming. The half-time show will be college-style with the band, cheerleaders and pom-pom team members performing together, Douglas said.

Combined reunion

This year, several classes are forgoing their individual reunions in order to have one large combined one the day after Thanksgiving at One Under Bar & Grill in Livonia. Douglas said 1,000 people are expected.

"We just all really wanted to have one party together," she said.

Willenborg and Douglas are collecting personal narratives for a 50th anniversary commemorative booklet featuring Franklin memories, a project they plan to finish by the end of the school year.

Alumni and staff who would like to contribute a story in approximately 200-400 words are requested to submit them in hard copy to the Main Office at Franklin or to send them electronically to Willenborg at dwillenb@livoniapublicschools.org or Douglas at aliciadoug@aol.com.

Wiczorek, a second-generation Franklin student whose father, also named Richard, graduated in 1972, said students are excited about being part of Franklin's historic anniversary year.

"Everyone has school spirit," he said. Go red and blue.

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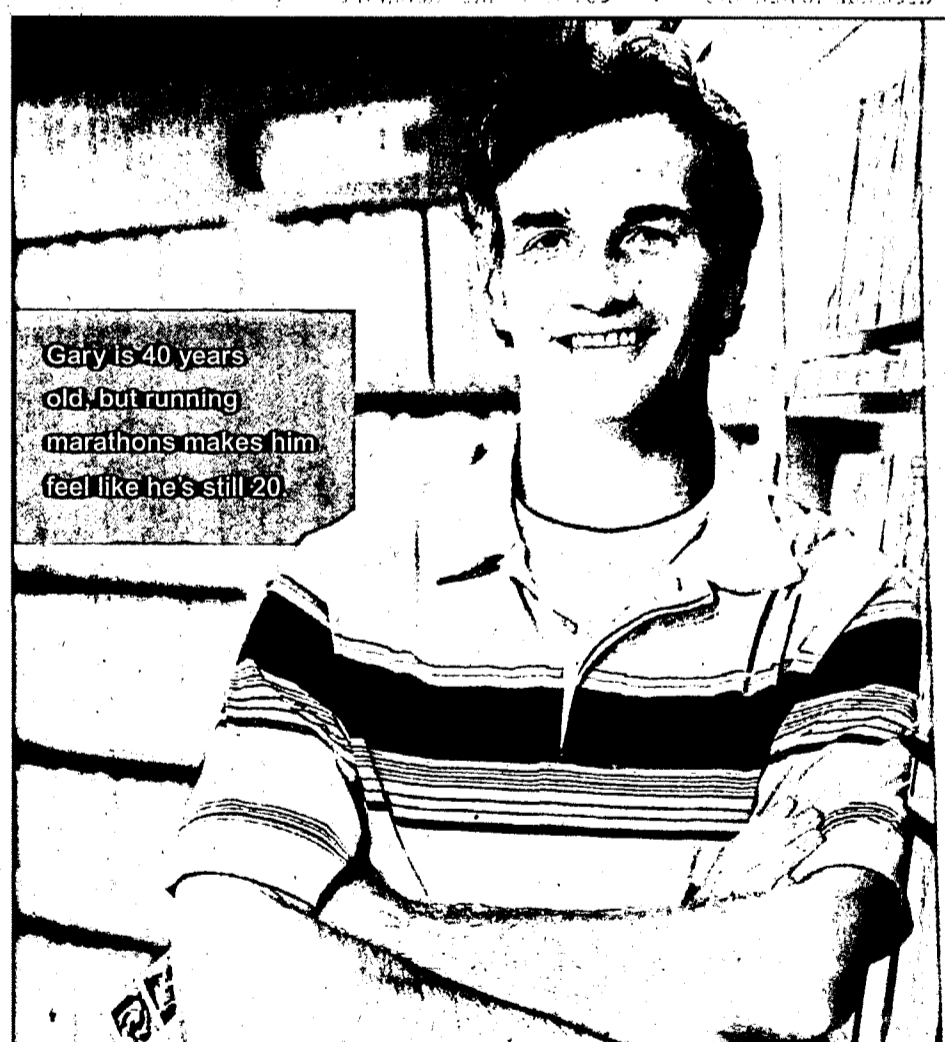
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Primary winners look ahead to November in race for McCotter's unexpired term

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Republican Kerry Bentivolio credits his victory in Wednesday's special primary election to growing grass-roots support in the 11th Congressional District.

David Curson, who ran unopposed on the Democratic side of the ballot, expects to do some door-to-door campaigning and some mailings to defeat Bentivolio in the general election Nov. 6.

Bentivolio, a war veteran, reindeer farmer and former teacher who lives in Milford, won the Republican primary with 10,280 votes. Bentivolio will face Curson of Belleville, who received 11,451 votes, Libertarian John Tatar of Livonia and U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan candidate Marc Sosnowski of Dearborn Heights in the general election. The winner Nov. 6 will complete the unexpired term of Thaddeus

McCotter, who resigned July 6, serving through the end of the year.

On Wednesday, former state Sen. Nancy Cassis of Novi finished second to Bentivolio with 8,804 votes; followed by Livonia residents Carolyn Kavanaugh, 2,654; Steve King, 1,715; and Ken Crider, 1,208.

Bentivolio credits door-to-door campaigning in western Wayne County. Bentivolio estimated that he has visited 1,500 homes. He also had volunteer help from members of his church who passed out literature at some of the polls. On Wednesday, Bentivolio visited precincts in Livonia, Milford and Novi.

Don't amend constitution

Bentivolio agrees with voters who believe the cost for the special election was expensive and costly, but he also believes that the situa-

tion calling for the special election was so rare that it didn't merit spending more money to amend the state constitution to change it.

"You have to look at the history of American politics, and this is such a rarity," Bentivolio said. "It is one in thousands of elections. Why should we spend money to change the constitution when that may never happen again?"

Curson was not surprised with the low turnout. "Most people were infuriated with the election and the huge waste of money," Curson said. "It's too bad that there could not have been a consensus candidate rather than spending \$650,000." Curson was referring to the Republican runoff between the five candidates.

Bentivolio said Wednesday's win reinforced his earlier primary victory, now that he is running in both the old con-

gressional district to finish McCotter's term, and the new district for a two-year term.

Candidate optimistic

Curson congratulated Bentivolio on his election victory, and thanked Bentivolio for his military service. Curson, who served in the U.S. Marines, said that while they both served in the military, their political views "couldn't be more different."

Curson was asked if he was concerned about running in a district that often votes Republican, but he said he was confident he would prevail. "I don't get into anything that I can't win," Curson said.

Curson said the election in the old 11th District will be confusing to voters. "It will be a different kind of campaign because it's a confusing election," he said. "If I put a sign up in my yard in Belleville, people will think I'm run-

ning against John Dingell. If I put up a sign in Dearborn Heights, they will think I'm running against John Conyers, and if I put one up in Canton, they will think I'm running against Dr. Syed Taj."

That's because those congressional candidates are running in three recently redrawn districts, redrawn due to the new counts of the U.S. Census. Dearborn Heights is not part of the old 11th District.

Curson said his experience in the UAW in negotiating disputes between workers and management trained him well for Congress. Curson said he would work on the jobs bill, and veteran and health care issues.

Bentivolio calls himself a "Ronald Reagan-style Republican," and would cut government spending and regulations. Bentivolio remembers helping out at the 1980 Republican National Convention, furnishing old apart-

ment buildings to assist and accommodate lodging needs for Republicans in town. Hotel space was scarce, Bentivolio said, for that convention.

Bentivolio has gathered the endorsements of Gov. Rick Snyder and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, the latter of whom supported Cassis's write-in campaign in an earlier primary in the new 11th Congressional District, along with tea party groups.

Bentivolio points out that as the only candidate on both ballots, should he win both elections, he will accumulate more seniority than the incoming freshmen congressmen in January.

"I will already have a staff on board, will be familiar with the bills on the table and have a chance to maximize that opportunity voters would give me," he said.

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Michigan AFL-CIO leader: Obama speaks 'honestly about challenges'

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Karla Swift listened to President Barack Obama's speech Thursday night as he accepted the nomination as the Democratic candidate for president.

Swift, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO and a Livonia resident, was attending her first Democratic National Convention. She believes the president needs to continue to make tough decisions to help the nation's economy if he is re-elected.

"President Obama's administration has made substantial progress in getting the country back on its feet after the worst economic downturn in a generation," Swift said.

Swift said Obama spoke to the nation "honestly about the challenges that we still face," and pointed out the "inherent ridiculousness in Mitt Romney's plan to cut taxes for millionaires at a time when the middle class is still struggling."



Swift

"It's true that he is more than just a candidate now — he is the president, and he's shown us that he has what it takes to make the difficult decisions that the job entails," she added.

Swift heard Vice President Joe Biden twice this week — once at the Labor Day Parade in downtown Detroit, then again at the convention.

Biden is "an honest, outspoken and unwavering defender of working families who has never forgotten his working-class roots," she said. "His support for the collective bargaining process was evident in both speeches as he talked about the resurgence of the American auto industry under President Obama's leadership."

Former President Bill Clinton's speech was probably Swift's favorite, she said. "I thought he provided a fantastic complement to the First Lady's speech the night before," Swift said. "Michelle Obama spoke to character and family values of the president, and Bill Clinton methodically laid out the numbers that support the case for

a second term." Swift said the speeches were inspiring. "But the most galvanizing and useful thing about this con-

vention was the chance to talk to fellow delegates, both from Michigan and across the country," she said.

Swift said she left Charlotte "confident that Democrats will register voters, knock on doors and fill the phone banks

and ultimately succeed in turning out the vote."

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The next new volunteer orientation will take place at the Compassionate Care office at 5730 N. Lil-

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Smiling faces greet students and teachers at GC's Memorial Elementary



Kayla Campbell was still in the summer mode. She wore her pajamas to see her sister off to her first day of school.



First-grade teacher Renee Garbutt passes out crayons to her new students.

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By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It was easy to tell that Riley Adams was a fan of the teen heartthrob Justin Bieber. She arrived at Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus in Garden City Thursday, carrying a Justin Bieber lunch box and backpack.

"I also have two posters," said Riley, who was ready to start school with her fellow first-graders. "I'm excited, I'm in Ms. (Kristy) Natwick's class."

Emily Campbell also was excited to hear the school bell ring, according to her mom, Kristy.

"She's ready to see who's in her class, she's ready to see her friends," she said. "She got up her normal time today. She has her own alarm clock."

Emily's excitement was tempered by the presence of her older sister, Kayla, who got to wear her pajamas to school. Kayla also is attending Memorial as a second-grader, but Principal Mary Pantier staggered the start of school for the two grades to have less crowding, allow parents to be with their children and have them leave with smiles on their faces.

But Zoey Mercer had



Lauren Mercer gives a last good-bye kiss to daughter Zoey.

a different way of being awakened for school. "She said I had to wake her up and tell her the

birds were singing," said her mother, Lauren. "She was very excited. She's absolutely ready for



Lauren Mercer helps her son Vincent get a drink of water after dropping off daughter Zoey for her first day of school. Vincent will start preschool at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center on Sept. 24.



Riley Adams came to school with her Justin Bieber backpack and lunch box.

school." In spite of the excitement, Zoey got a good night's sleep. According to Lauren Mercer, she and her husband did a good job of wearing her out Wednesday. Their secret: a new swing set. "We put it together, so she was excited all day," she said. "She fell asleep right away."

The students and parents followed signs held by teachers like Renee Garbutt's to the classrooms where they said one last goodbye before the youngsters began learning about first grade.

Garbutt started the school year with 22 students in her classroom, down from 28 last year. "Right now that's good," said Garbutt who had her students "freeze just like Popsicles" to listen to morning announcements.

While the youngsters were settling, parents who were leaving had a chance to reconnect with friends in the hallways. Amanda Williams was chatting with friends she made through the PTA. "Crying? It was the parents not the kids who were crying," she said.

Like other students, her daughter, Kaden, was excited about being in school, but excited about an extra day of vacation. She started school at Memorial on Friday. Alex McNeece, the district's director of instructional practices, was glad to see the smiling faces and the calm that filled the school.

"It's really exciting, it's the most exciting it's been in a while," he said. "The teachers, the principals, the administration



First-grade teacher Kristy Natwick holds up her sign for students who lined up at Memorial's main entrance Thursday morning.

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U.S. Attorney speaks at veterans' summit

Civil rights that are exclusive to veterans and military personnel will be the focus of U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade's keynote presentation at the Canton Community Foundation's third annual Veterans' Summit Thursday, Sept. 13.

McQuade's presentation builds on the strength and growing popularity of the foundation's annual forums that inform veterans about benefits and programs available through Veterans Affairs.

The U.S. Attorney will discuss the laws that protect the civil rights of service members while on active duty and on their return to civilian life. Specifically, McQuade will discuss employment rights of active military and veterans, financial protections while deployed, voting rights while stationed overseas, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As an example, McQuade said, financial protections exist that include rental agreements, security deposits, installment contracts, credit card interest rates, mortgage foreclosure and auto leases, life insurance, health insurance and income tax payments.

"We want to raise awareness to ensure that service members and veterans' rights to employment, economic opportunity and voting are protected," McQuade said. "Those who have sacrificed so much for the rest of us deserve the full protection of the law."

VETERANS' SUMMIT

What: Canton Community Foundation Veterans' Summit

When: Sept. 12-13, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

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Contact: For more information, contact the Canton Community Foundation, (734) 495-1200

McQuade will speak on the second day of the two-day Veterans' Summit. The first day, Sept. 12, is devoted to attorneys and legal advocates who work with veterans. The forum will provide updated information on veteran benefits and provide eligible attendees with continuing legal education credits that are required to obtain and maintain accreditation with Veterans Affairs.

Events on both days will be at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"We are excited that the U.S. Attorney asked

to speak at our summit," said Joan Noricks, president of the Canton Community Foundation. "Her talk about civil rights is timely as public attention has turned to problems facing soldiers returning from overseas deployment and to older veterans in need of help."

The second day, which begins at 8:30 a.m., is entirely for veterans, family members and caregivers. This portion of the event will take veterans through the available VA benefits for which they may be eligible. Veterans and their guests are invited to a free lunch during which McQuade will speak.

Veterans are encouraged to remain at the summit for the afternoon session, beginning at 1 p.m. when they can meet with a host of benefit representatives until 4 p.m. The arrival of the VA Mobile Vet Center will be an added bonus to the event. Veterans are asked to bring their discharge papers (Form DD 214). If a veteran does not have them, a benefit representative can retrieve the paperwork.

Veterans will also have an opportunity in the afternoon to meet directly with benefit representatives from the VA Detroit Regional Office, VA National Cemetery, OIF/OEF Coordinators from Ann Arbor and Detroit VAMCs, VA Educational Benefits, VA Healthcare System, VFW, DAV, MPVA, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America and Michigan County Counselors.

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Church members visit sponsored children, prayer partners in Africa

"We are one in the spirit. We are one in the Lord."

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For years, members of His Church Anglican in Livonia have been sponsoring children in Uganda and praying for members of a sister church in Rwanda.

Last month, seven of those members traveled to Africa to meet the children and their prayer partners in person.

Accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. C. Allen Kannapell, the members spent from Aug. 9-29 putting on a vacation Bible school for 200 children in Uganda and then visiting their sister church in Rwanda. They discovered how, despite the vast differences in their languages, cultures and histories, they are all one family.

"I learned what unites us," Kannapell said. "And that is God's spirit, God's word and God's love. There really is one language (God's word), but with different dialects. "As we handled the Lugandan and Kinryarwanda Bibles alongside our English ones, and as we prayed each in our own languages, we couldn't help but feel that we were giving voice



Livonia church members visit with their African prayer partners on the shores of Lake Kivu. From left are (front row) Issachar Maniraguha, Ryan Maike, Barbara Lowe, Lisa Kannapell, Kate Robinson (a Flint resident who accompanied the Livonia parishioners), Augustin Hategekimana; (back row) John Musser, Philomene Ugirimari, Archdeacon Justin Zigranyirazo, Pastor Allen Kannapell, Gloriann McDaonald, Tracy Freeman and Pastor Henri Benimana.

to one truth for one purpose under one God who makes us one by the language of his word."

John Musser, 20, of Livonia, a student at University of Michigan-Dearborn who works in his family's cleaning business, met John Peter Nsengimana, for whom he has been praying for

about two years.

Answered prayer

"It was really cool to see him," Musser said. "He said (through an interpreter) that he had been praying to meet me, and God answered his prayers."

Nsengimana, in his mid-20s, is married

and expecting his first child. He pastors a small church.

Musser also met two children in Uganda that his parents sponsor through I.N. (International Needs) Network. "We went into their home; they gave us places to sit," he said. "They were really nice."

While there, they prayed for one of the children's fathers, who was recovering from a head injury. He said their visit gave the family something positive to think about, a distraction from the worry about the father's injury.

Musser said the trip was "life-confirming," something he'd like to do again. "I think they care more about relationships," he said, comparing Africans to Americans. "They care more about each other. We have more stuff. They don't have the stuff to think about; they think about each other."

This was Kannapell's second trip to Africa. He went two years ago with wife Lisa, and their three children, Nicholas, 16, Mary, 14, and Jonathan, 11, to meet the 20-some children his church sponsors through I.N. Network.

"We wanted to go meet them, and it was wonderful to go into their homes and see where they live," he said.

Making a difference

They also saw firsthand the difference the sponsorships make in the children's lives — the difference between an education and no education, he said.

"Many children in East Africa don't have money for school fees, uniforms or books," Kannapell said. Or their families can't afford to let their children attend school instead of work.

Some of the children are AIDS orphans, having

lost both parents to the disease.

The Livonia congregation, which has about 200 members, has been sponsoring children through I.N. Network for about eight years and praying for members of the Rwandan church for about two years.

"They're matched up," he said of the prayer partners. "There are 80 people in our congregation that are praying for 80 people in their congregation. They pray for each other."

They communicate through letters two to three times a year, which are translated by the Rwandan church's pastor and an English teacher there.

The sister church's pastor, Justin Zigranyirazo, came to Livonia last fall to visit.

While here, members of His Church Anglican who has been praying for a woman named Marciana asked how she was. He told them that she and her two children had been kicked out of their home by her husband and was living with relatives in a 10-foot by 10-foot mud brick room with a tarp for a roof.

The members saved up money and sent it by wire to Africa for an addition with a corrugated tin roof to be built onto the relatives' home for the woman.

"Part of our mission trip was to go and see that house," Kannapell said.

A few years ago, the congregation also took up a collection to purchase six cows, one for each of six families doing church work in very poor areas with poor soil conditions, he said. The cows supplied the families with manure to help them grow crops, milk for their children and, eventually, calves to sell for income.

The cows went to families who were starting little congregations in the countryside around the parish.

Kannapell said pastors in East Africa sacrifice to minister to their people. Those fluent in English — the countries' language of commerce — could succeed in business there or elsewhere.

"There's no clean water where they live," he said. "There's malaria, very little pay and incredibly long commutes with little infrastructure."

Getting out of ministry "would have blessed their family, but not their people," he said.

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John Musser of Livonia, center, visits with one of the children, Patricia, left, that his parents sponsor in Uganda. He is reading a note to Patricia from his mother. Looking on is a coordinator from the school Patricia attends.

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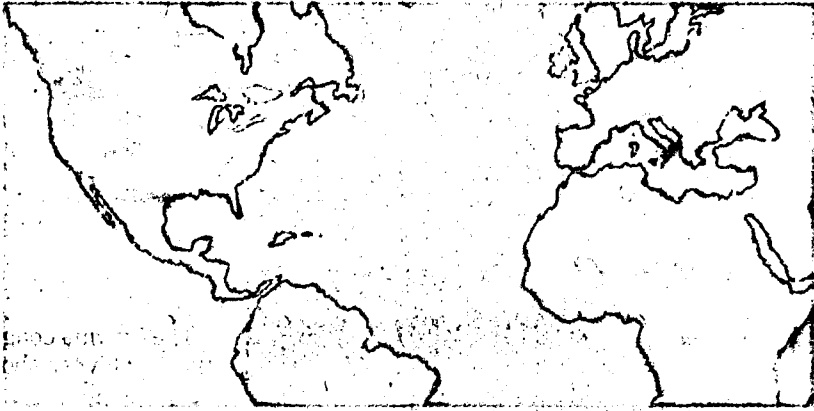
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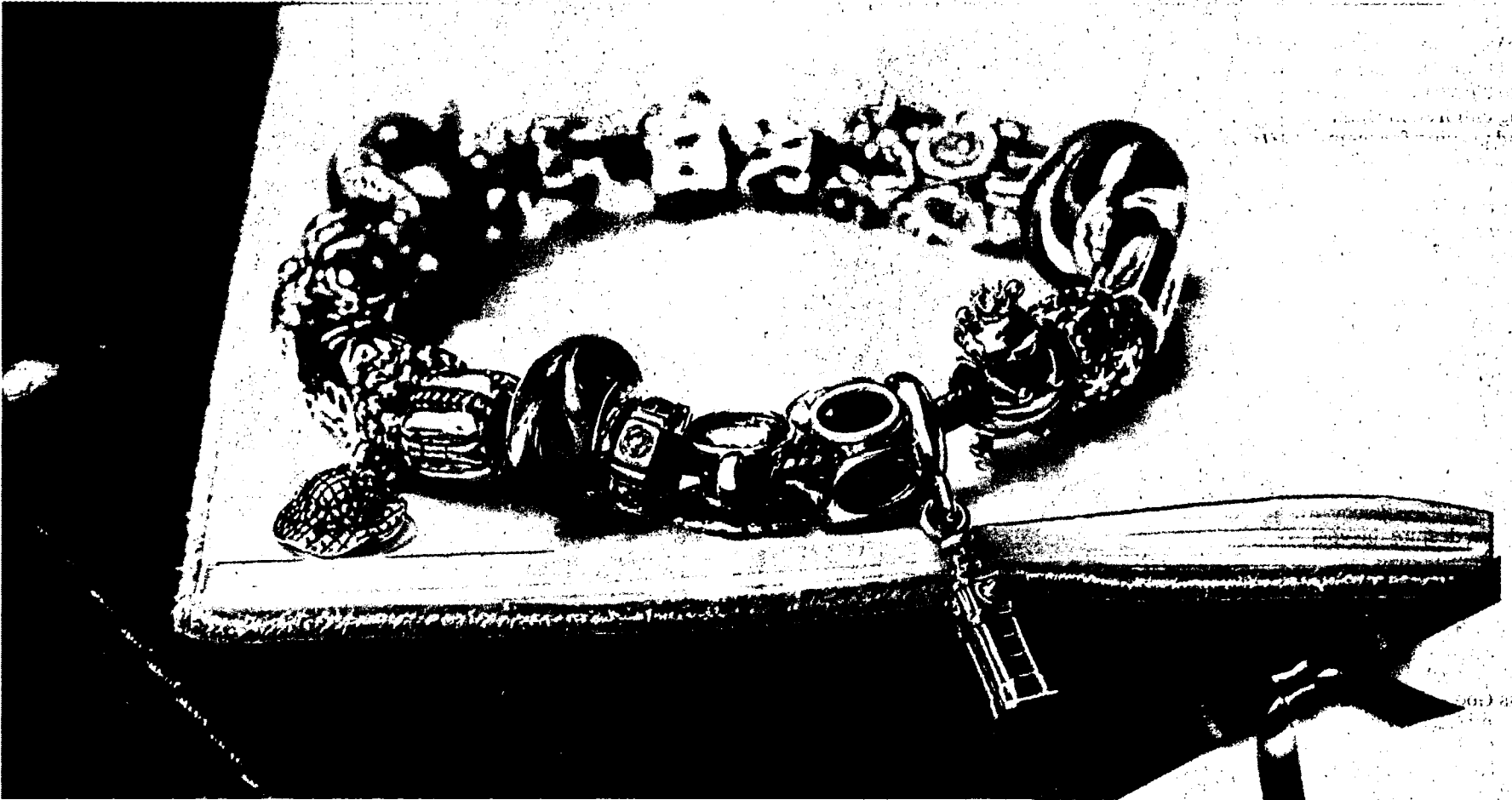
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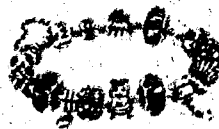
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For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at www.stdamian.com.

Furlough day

The Offices of the Wayne County Clerk's Vitals Statistics Division and its Westland Satellite Office on Henry Ruff north of Michigan Avenue will be closed on Monday, Sept. 17, due to a mandatory furlough day.

The services affected by these closing are birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons. Other furlough days scheduled for this year are Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more informa-

tion or to make reservations. Further information also is available at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

Rummage Sale

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a fall rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 13-14, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15. Saturday will be bag day. A grocery bag will be \$2 and a plastic lawn bag \$5. Home made bake goods and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call the church at (734) 722-4801.

Westland Stars

Attention students ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades in the Livonia-Westland area. The Westland Stars have moved to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and will be practicing at the Livonia Community Center. There will be opportunities for students to learn dance and cheer and be a part of the team.

Offered will be a jazz and lyrical class 5:30-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), a cheers and chant class 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, also starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), and the Stars Team (pom-pom/

cheer) which meets 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, starting Sept. 15 (seven weeks).

The team is open to anyone from the area. For more information, call (734) 466-2900, check out www.ci.livonia.mi.us or email the coach at iluv16n19@aol.com.

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Visit the Westland Municipal Golf Course at 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill every Monday from noon to 5 p.m. for the Monday Madness Lunch and Golf Special.

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For more information, call (734) 721-6660 or visit the city's website at www.cityofwestland.com.

Support groups

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has formed a new support Caregiving Support Group for those people who care for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic conditions.

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland.

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United States Marine Corps musicians serenade Churchill High School Band Director Elizabeth Hering.



Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Band of New Orleans performed a concert for Churchill High School students Thursday. They will join the Wind Ensemble of the Navy Band Great Lakes in presenting a free patriotic concert for the public at 6 p.m. today (Sunday) on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

The United States Marine Corps Band of New Orleans performed for Churchill High School students in the school auditorium Thursday.

The 25 musicians opened the performance by marching into the auditorium in a regimental style and playing the National Anthem followed by several Sousa marches. A smaller ensemble then performed a rousing set of Dixieland jazz that included improvisational solos and singing.

musicians participate in boot camp and combat training before attending music school for six months in Virginia Beach. They have opportunities to perform with jazz combos, big bands, Dixieland bands and traditional wind ensembles. The New Orleans band will soon be completing a six-week tour and is currently staying in a Navy Ship in Detroit.

They will join the Wind Ensemble of the Navy Band Great Lakes in presenting a free patriotic concert at 6 p.m. today

(Sunday) on the steps of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

The concert commemorates the 200th anniversary of both the War of 1812 and The Star-Span-

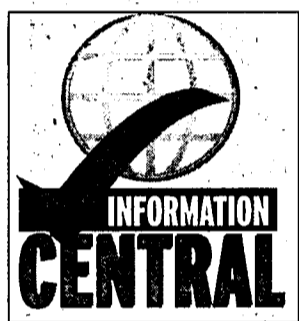
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Wherever your interests lie, the library has resources to further yourself in book, electronic, and class formats (all free with your library card). If you're looking for a new vocation and not sure where you'd like to start, resources like *What Color is Your Parachute?* by Richard Nelson Bolles and *300 Best Jobs without a Four-Year Degree* by Michael Farr

will get you going in the right direction. The Westland Public Library is glad to help those in and out of school develop and hone their passions and education. For more information, stop by the Reference Desk while you're in the library or call (734) 326-6123.

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Friends of the Library Meeting: 2 p.m. Sept. 12
The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 p.m. Sept. 12
The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in one of the library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

Open Mic: 7 p.m. Sept. 13
Open Mic at the library is back for the fall. Singer-songwriter Dave Boutelette emcees tonight's festivities with our usual array of strumming, singing and poetry read-

ing. If you do any of those (or something else performance-related), it's your turn at the mic. If you like to listen to fine live music and poetry, please join us as well. Sign-up on the library's website at westlandlibrary.org/events to receive a reminder email or just show up.

ESL English as a Second Language Class: 10 a.m. Sept. 14

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Saturday Matinee Movie: 1 p.m. Sept. 15

Friday Night Movies are back - although on a different time and day. Join us for a Saturday matinee movie showing of a recently-run movie. Today's movie, *The Hunger Games*, is set in a future where the government chooses boys and girls to fight to the death in a nationally televised tournament. Refreshments will be available.

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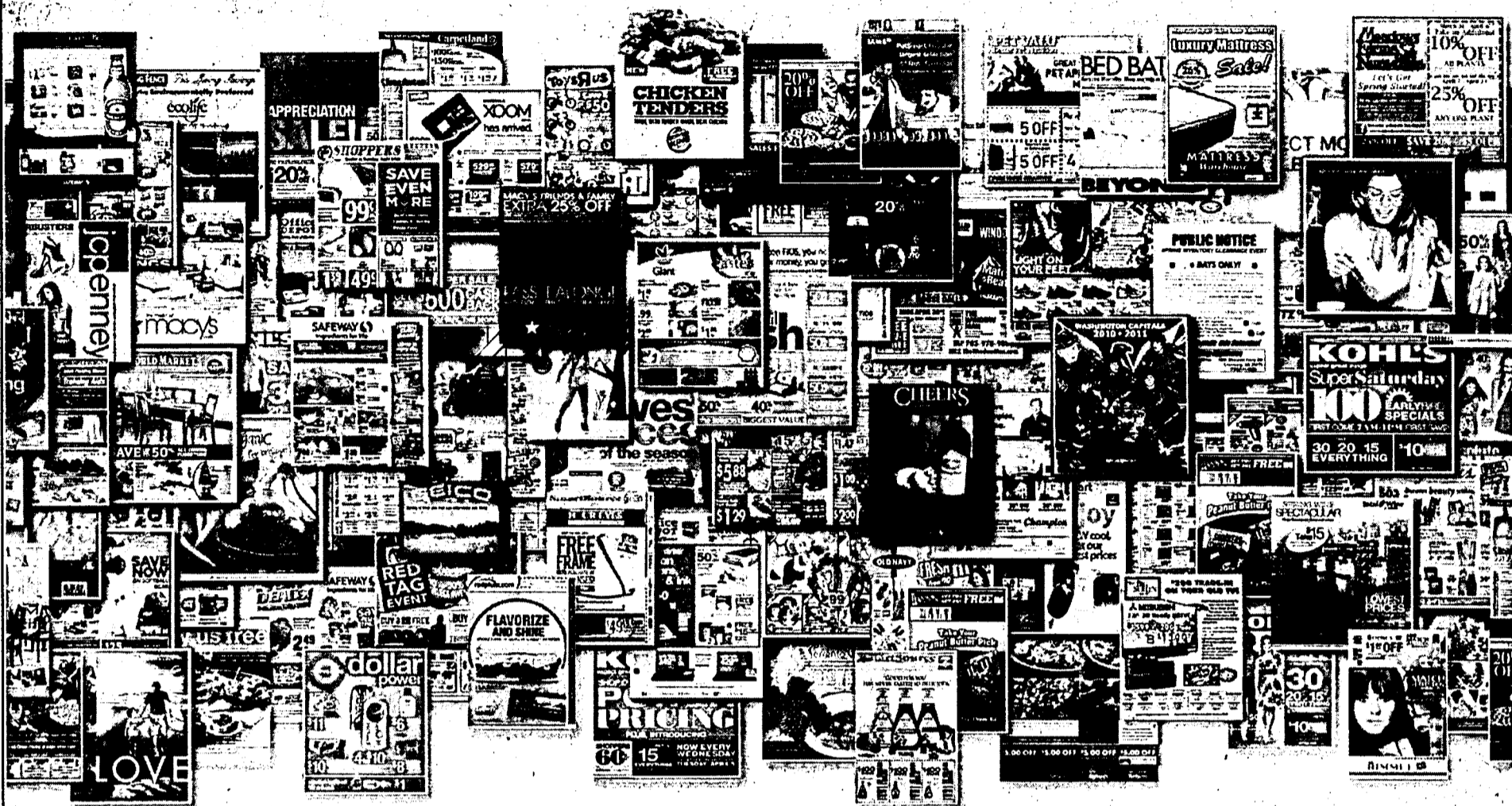
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Painting with plants

Gardener creates botanical oasis

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

There's something wildly creative, yet calculated, in Susan Liberty's garden designs.

The Farmington Hills engineer, who works at Ford Motor Co. in Livonia, has a true gift for drawing a box, so to speak, then letting a free form of color and texture take over the space inside the box.

She calls it "painting with plants."

And, she's created a masterpiece in her back yard.

Inspired by renowned British horticulturist Gertrude Jekyll, who wrote, in the 1930s, about color schemes, Liberty connects well to Jekyll's ideas.

"She wanted to be a painter," said Liberty. "She decided that she was going to paint with plants. Her focus, for a long time, was creating beds that move from white and gray to all the colors of the rainbow."

Liberty's garden, which has multiple beds that are lined with boxwoods, carries a color scheme of whites and pastels. She carefully selected the plants so that some would be in bloom throughout the season. Some even bloom twice, including the English lavender and the spirea.

Know-how

A powertrain engi-



Susan Liberty selected flowers in shades of whites and pastels. There's always something blooming throughout the season.

neer at Ford, Liberty said she became interested in gardening shortly after she and her husband, Tom, moved to their home on Balmoral Way in 1993. She would often look at gardening magazines and think, "I would love to have a garden like that!"

So, she enrolled in master gardening courses through Michigan State University and eventually put in enough volunteer hours to become an advanced master gardener.

When designing her garden, she drew upon her artistic talents — she enjoys painting and drawing — and her engineering

skills. She carefully selected plants suitable for her back yard, which is half sun and half shade.

Throughout her garden, she points to plants and trees that have come from friends, which she said are important additions to the botanical space.

"It's fun to share stuff in the garden," she said. "Every time I see (something that was given to me), I'm reminded of that friend."

Some favorites in her garden are the Japanese honey suckle, that wraps around an arbor; the Eastern red bud trees that bloom beautifully in the spring; the bee balm,

which are a favorite of the honey bees; and the lime-light hydrangea, which is a gorgeous, hearty plant that "holds its own weight."

Expense is always a consideration, said Liberty, who often purchases plants, shrubs and trees when they're small, or when they're on sale. For example, she ordered 225 boxwoods, but didn't pay too much because they were tiny.

That's part of the fun. "(Gardening) is a great activity, to be outside, and watch things grow," she said, noting that she does not use pesticides. "It's very stress relieving."

Sharing the love

Liberty found a way to share her love and knowledge of gardening, by writing a blog. It's a handy way for her keep her green-thumbed mother, Beth Fryc, who lives in Traverse City, in the gardening loop.

She also hopes to help other gardeners, too. Find her blog at www.allaboutmygarden.com.

Liberty also enjoys volunteer gardening at the Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield and at St. Clare of Assisi at 10 Mile and Middlebelt. She also volunteers at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn.

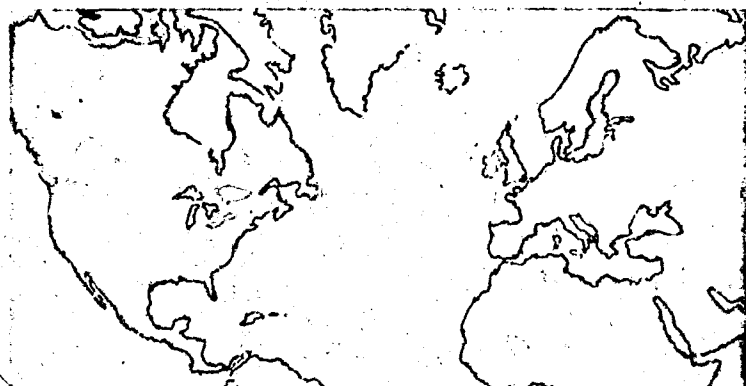
She's passionate about gardening, and it shows.

Constantly learning, she's experimenting with vertical gardening, which was inspired by a large living wall she saw in Pittsburgh. She's trying it out, with a small wooden structure that's now hanging on the wall of her home.

Gardening is a fun and relaxing hobby for Liberty — and a bit humbling at the same time.

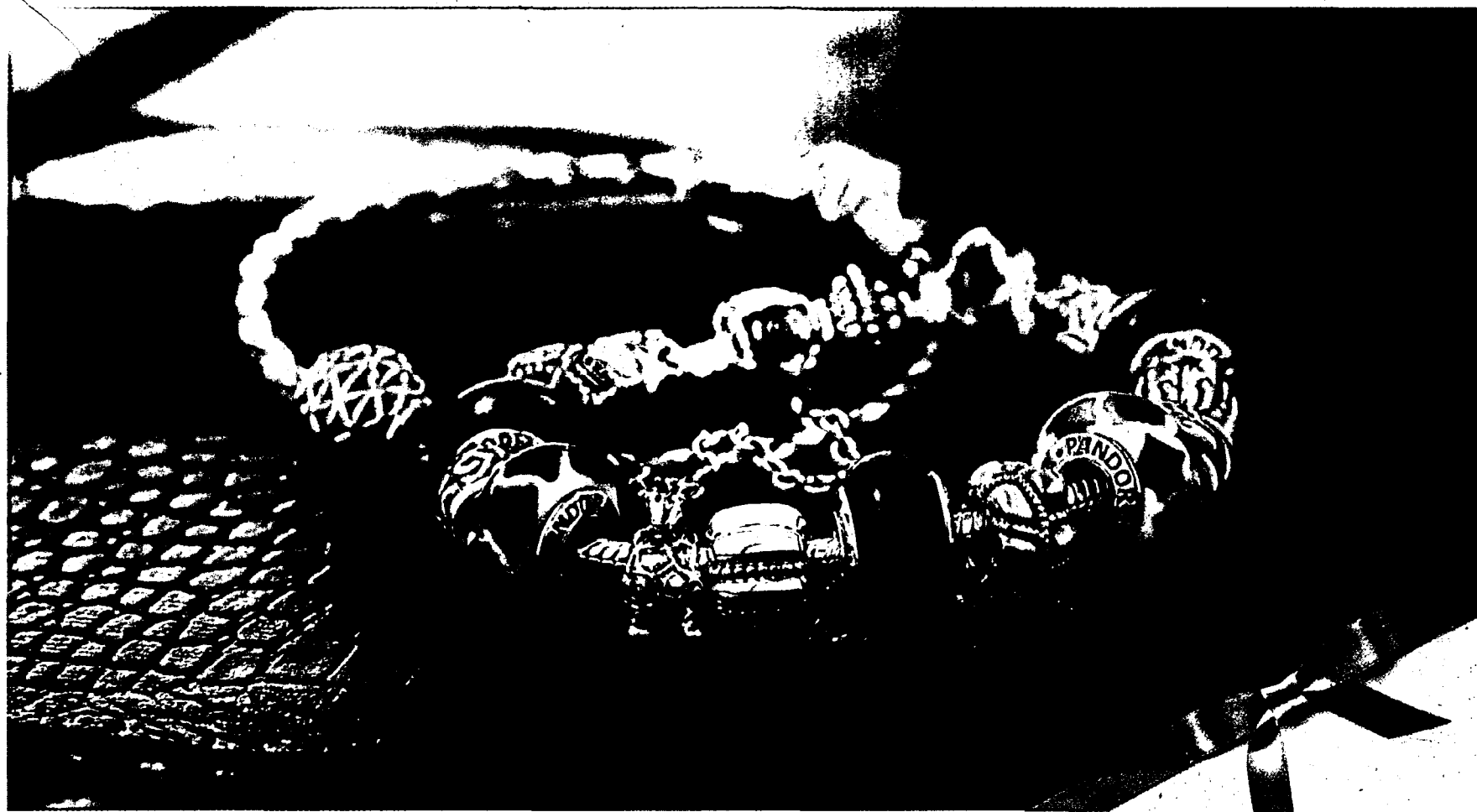
"I'm not in control of anything — it's nature," she said. "But, you can help it along."

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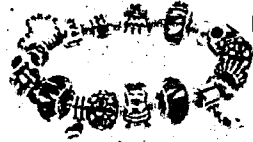
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Penn upgrades to digital movie projection

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre has installed a new digital projection system in anticipation of major studios' plans to wind down the distribution of movies in the traditional 35-mm film format.

The \$70,000 projector was put in place last month, and the animated *Madagascar III*, arriving on a computer hard drive rather than in several film canisters, marked the theater's digital debut.

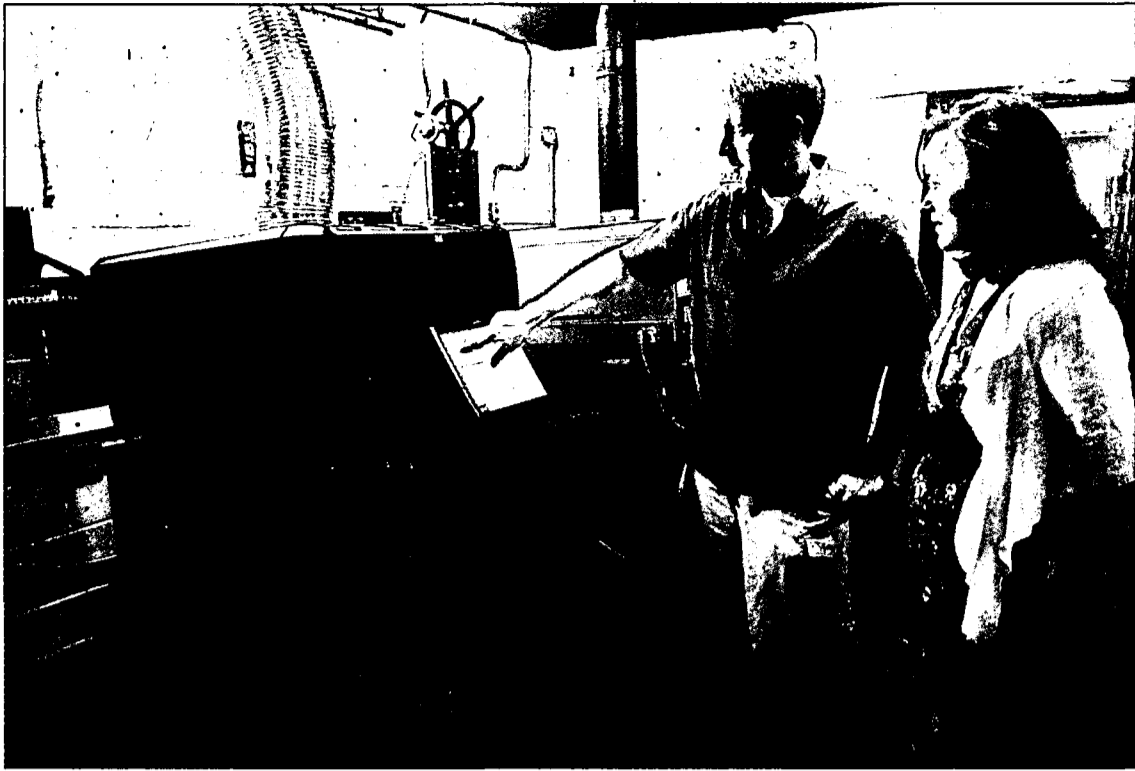
"To not have to haul that stuff anymore is really, really nice," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of nonprofit Friends of the Penn, explaining that the hard drive weighs six or seven pounds, versus a much heavier package of film reels.

"Before, we were looking at a box that weighed probably 50 pounds," or, for longer movies, multiple packages that were maybe 30 pounds each, she said. The move made the Penn's film delivery man happy, she joked.

The Penn will keep its two 35-mm projectors, Elliott said, in order to show older movies not available in a digital format. The old projectors are original to the Penn, which opened in 1941.

The change comes as Hollywood film studios again make noise about phasing out 35-mm film production.

"Things are slowly being converted to where they're going to be digital," Elliott said. Some smaller, independent stu-



The digital projector has a 3,000-watt bulb that still requires an exhaust, just like the old projectors. Joe and Ellen Elliott press "play" and the show begins. Behind them is a film projector, one of two saved for showing films.

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dios use only the digital format now, she added. "By the end of next year, the six major studios, it is rumored that they are cutting out 35 millimeter."

The new projector is a Barco model that can accommodate all major digital technologies and can be upgraded in the future with simple software changes, Elliott said. "We're trying not to get ourselves trapped into something," she said. The

projector should be able to show any mainstream film released in a digital format.

The new system includes a computer server into which hard-drive movies are "ingested," in industry lingo, a process that takes 20 minutes or more. Elliott compared the setup for each movie to programming an iPod.

"You actually have to set up a playlist to tell it what to do," she

said.

The picture and sound qualities of movies on the hard drives are always reliable, Elliott said, compared to movies on film, which had sometimes been scratched or otherwise damaged before arriving at the Penn. "The presentation is perfect," she said.

The new system took the place in the Penn's projection room of the old 35 mm system, but the

old system was moved to a different spot, and a hole cut in the wall for its projection beam to pass through.

The film projectors will be used to show older movies not available in a digital format, such as 1966's *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, starring Don Knotts, which is part of the Penn's Schocktober series next month.

Conversely, some older classics have been converted to digital format, such as the 1931 version of *Frankenstein*, starring Boris Karloff, which the Penn will also feature in its Schocktober series. Elliott said she's heard raves about the quality of *Frankenstein*, which has been remastered as well as digitized.

"Every week they're doing at least two of these old pics and converting them to digital," she said.

Elliott said some fundraising had been planned ahead of the digital projector purchase, but that donations that came in the evening the theater was rededicated, after a major renovation in the summer of 2011, brought the Penn close to the projector's purchase price. Some \$53,000 was raised just that evening, she said.

"We have such a wonderful, supportive community," Elliott said.

"I am overwhelmed by it. ... I think people understand if they don't show support it's going to go away."

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Tickets now available for Western Wayne Senior Celebration Day

The 18th annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day will take place on Friday, Oct. 12, state Rep. John Walsh has announced.

"Senior citizens have made important contributions to the community over the years, and this is a way to thank them for their efforts and have fun at the same time," said Walsh, R-

Livonia.

Tickets went on sale Sept. 4 for the event, which takes place at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, located on Schoolcraft Road west of Newburgh, in Livonia. The celebration runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Livonia Senior Center.

The annual fall event is hosted by Walsh and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization serving senior citizens.

"It makes me proud to help organize this event every year, and I wish there were more we could do to show our appreciation to seniors," Walsh said. "The celebration has a lot to

offer, informing seniors about businesses, health care providers, nonprofit organizations and much more. The sponsors who make this event possible deserve our appreciation."

Ticket price includes a hot meal, bingo, exhibitor booths, a raffle, music by Mike Wolverton, games, prizes and a free cloth bag in which to put infor-

mation and other items accumulated at the event.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, but organizers urge those who plan to attend purchase their tickets in advance at the Livonia Senior Center.

For more information, contact Walsh's office at (517) 373-3920.

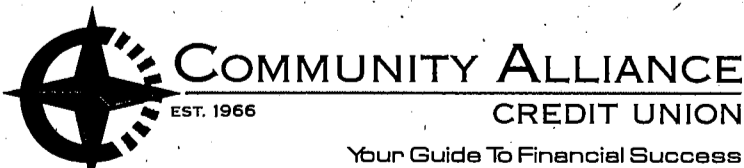
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Juggling the payout of paying off debts

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I hope you can help me make some financial decisions. My house is worth about \$125,000 and I have about \$50,000 left on the mortgage at 6 1/4 percent. In addition, my daughter will be graduating from college this year with approximately \$30,000 in student loans that I think is my responsibility and I would like to pay them off. I also need approximately \$15,000 of home improvement work done on my home. I am in my mid 50s and plan to work for another 10 or so years. If I separate the money that I have set aside for emergency purposes, I have another \$70,000 to \$75,000 that I can do something with. Should I use the money to pay off my mortgage and student loans or should I do something else with the cash? The interest rate on my student loan is 6 1/4 percent. I also consider myself a moderate risk investor.

A: After reviewing your situation, there is another alternative to consider. I recommend that you refinance your home and pull out enough money to pay off the student loan. The interest that you pay will be considerably less expensive than you currently are paying and the interest should be 100 percent tax deductible.

When you look at what you're paying on the mortgage and what your payments will be under the student loan, you would have a significant savings. With regards to home improvements, that's something that you can also consider using the equity in your home. The interest rate on your mortgage is nearly at

its all-time low and the payment is going to be lower than what you would pay if you took out a home improvement loan.

By handling the student loan, home improvement and the mortgage by refinancing, it allows you to take the cash that you currently have and invest it for your retirement. Whether it's to fully fund your Roth IRAs or not, over the long run you should receive a significantly better return than the after-tax cost on the mortgage.

The strategy I'm proposing is based on investing the cash in a growth and income portfolio that would have at least half the money invested in equities. Over the long run, even though equities are always on a rollercoaster ride, they will generally outperform fixed-income investments such as CDs.

As a moderate risk investor, you understand equities and the rollercoaster ride that they are on. If you were a conservative investor, I would recommend that the excess cash be used to first pay off the student loans, then pay off the home improvements and then use the excess to pay down on the mortgage. My thought in that scenario is that if you're only going to invest in items such as CDs and annuities, you are further ahead to pay down your debts. The return that you would receive on

CDs and annuities would be less than the after-tax cost of interest you would pay on mortgages and student loans.

Paying debt down is always a good thing, however, what makes it better is to pay off the right debt. The key is to look at your individual tax situation and to pay off the debts first that cost you the most after taxes. In just about every situation that means paying down charge cards first. At the same time, the last debt that most people should pay off would be their mortgage. After all, in the great majority of situations, the after tax cost of a mortgage is relatively inexpensive compared to the cost of other debt.

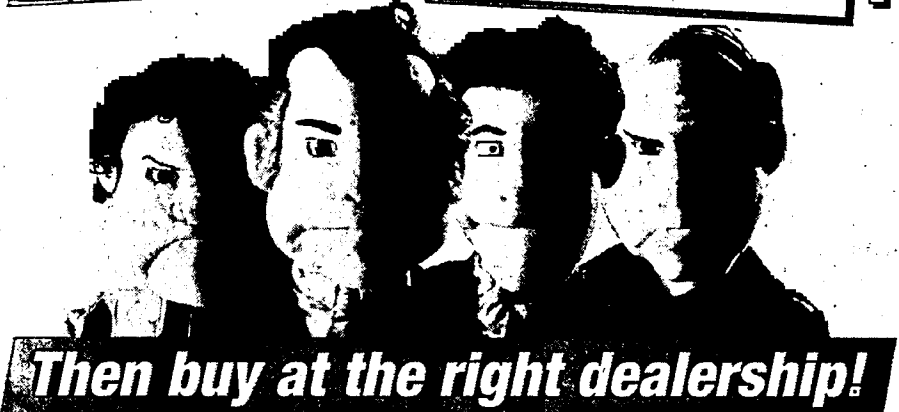
Being honest with yourself and knowing what type of an investor you are will help you make better decisions with your money. As a general rule, if you're the type of investor that doesn't like principal fluctuation and invests in fixed income items such as CDs, paying down debt is usually the best way to go. On the other hand, if you are the type of investor who understands the risk of investing, paying down high interest rate debt makes sense while investing your money as opposed to paying off low interest rate debt is the strategy to follow. Good luck!

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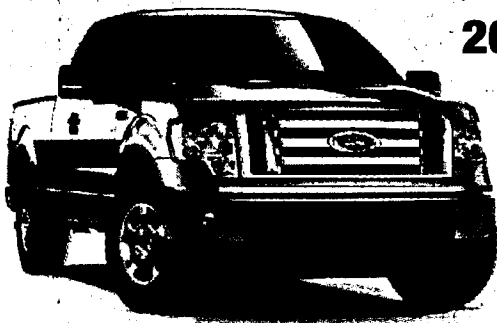


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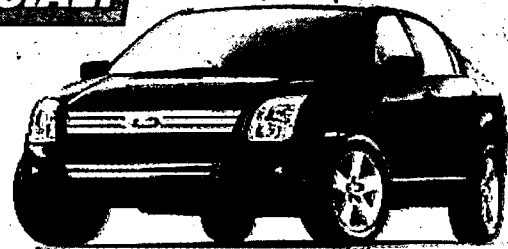
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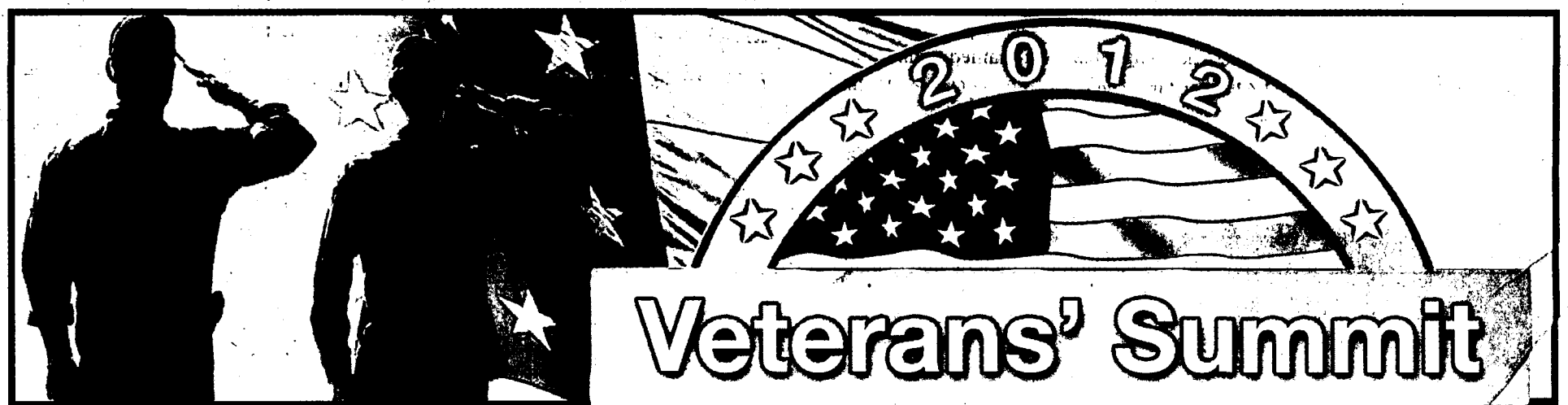
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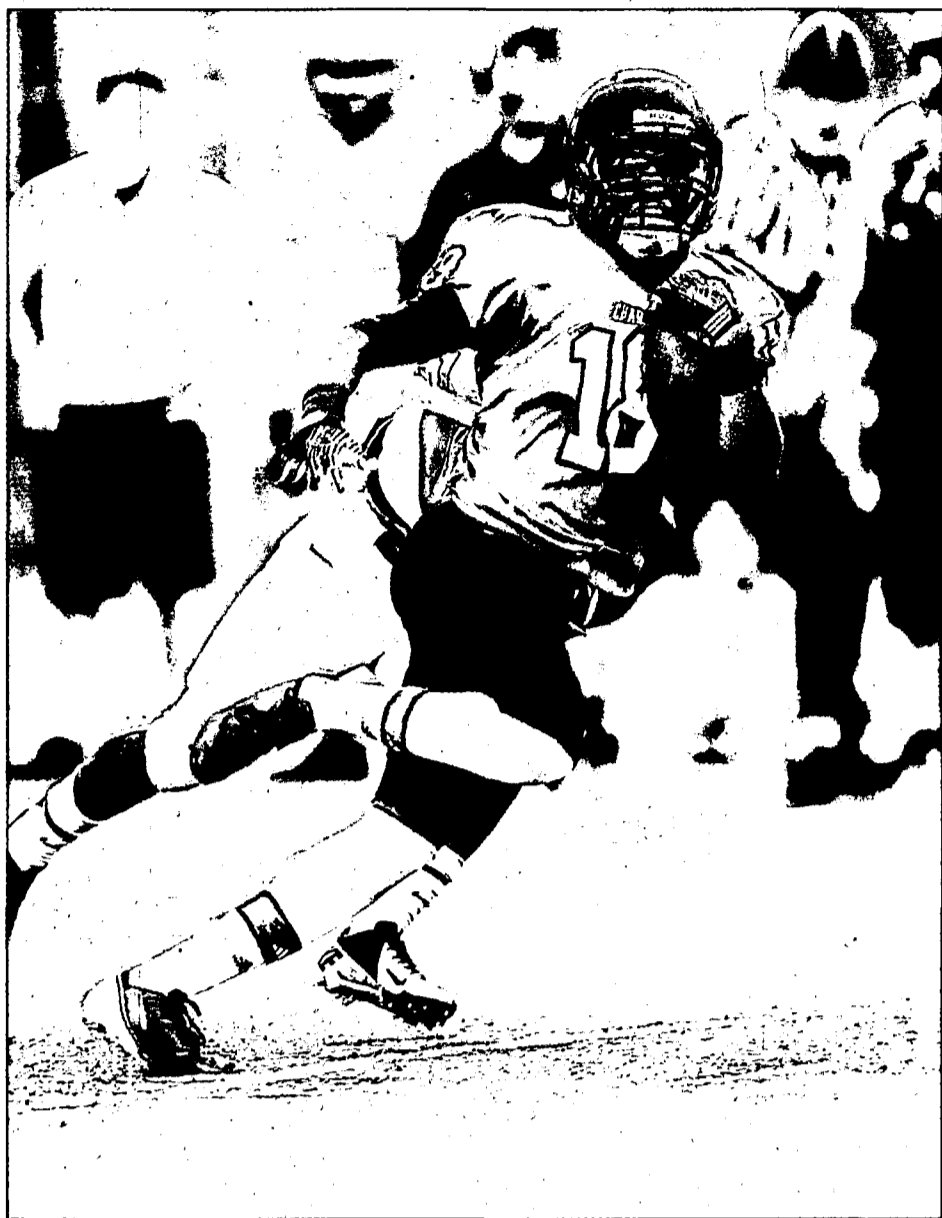
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Churchill's Jeremy Lewis churns upfield in the Chargers' 35-32 KLA South Division victory over state-ranked Plymouth.

Churchill takes out Wildcats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

An intense-as-advertised gridiron battle Friday night between Plymouth and host Livonia Churchill came down to the final series, ultimately decided when quarterback Jamarl Eiland's fourth-down pass landed in the wrong hands.

Livonia Churchill hung on for the 35-31 win, thanks to a timely interception by senior defensive back Andrew Abram, stepping in front of intended target Nate Emminger deep in the end zone. Had Emminger caught the ball instead, the Wildcats would have prevailed in the KLA South Division matchup. Plymouth fell to 2-1 with the loss, while the Chargers improved to 3-0.

"My coach told me to stay on (Emminger), so I did," Abram said about his clutch

pick. "Plymouth's a great team, we give them all the respect. But we came out, we stayed hungry. We've been hungry for a long time."

That interception stopped the Wildcats' final march, which began at their own 33. After a holding penalty nullified what would have been D.J. Rossell's lead-changing 61-yard TD, Plymouth pushed forward to ultimately get a first down at the 10.

That's where the drive hit the wall. "We're not normally a man-to-man team, but down in the red zone we went man-to-man and Andrew did a good job," Churchill head coach John Filiatraut said. "We had good pressure on the quarterback, and that's kind of what we wanted to make them do, was throw the ball."

Please see FOOTBALL, B3

Ocelot men boot Owens

Adrian Tash's goal in the 89th minute enabled Schoolcraft College to earn a 1-1 double overtime draw Wednesday with host Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio.

Romario Georgis assisted on the game-tying goal as the Ocelots, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, stand 3-1-1 overall and 2-0-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

Owens (2-1-1, 2-1-1) took a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute on Glenroy Miller's unassisted goal, his seventh of the season.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette played all 110 minutes, making four saves.

Lady Ocelots down Delta

First-half goals by Maggie McLaughlin and Taylor Bunyak proved to be more than enough Wednesday as Schoolcraft College blanked Delta College, 2-0, in an MCCA and NJCAA Region XII women's soccer match.

The Lady Ocelots (4-2, 2-1) got an unassisted goal from McLaughlin in the 31st minute, followed by Bunyak's goal from Emily Behnke in the 40th minute.

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler played the first 55 minutes in goal for the Lady Ocelots and made 15 saves before being relieved by Danielle Schendel (Canton), who had three saves.

Courtne Neiderquill made nine saves for Delta (2-2, 1-1).

Gordon admirers have a field day

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Friday was proclaimed "Chuck Gordon Day" in the City of Westland following a rededication ceremony to honor the long-time and successful football coach at John Glenn High School.

Prior to the Glenn-Livonia Franklin game, former University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr was among the featured speakers to honor Gordon, who compiled a 211-64 record in 27 seasons.

Gordon, now retired in Central Lake, will be for-

ever linked with former Wayne-Westland Schools physical education teacher and coach Irma Kionka.

The field has been renamed Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field. Gordon, who led Glenn

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Former Westland John Glenn coaches Chuck Gordon and Lloyd Carr walk into the stadium which was named Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field Friday prior to the Rockets' game with Livonia Franklin.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Sydney Anderson charges up the hill en route to a first-place finish in the Livonia Public Schools Invitational girls cross country meet Wednesday at Cass Benton Park.

Churchill girls 1st behind Anderson

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Sydney Anderson took charge from the start and her Churchill teammates followed her lead en route to the Chargers' fifth straight Livonia Public School Invitational girls cross country title Wednesday at Cass Benton Park.

Anderson, a senior, covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 52.4 seconds, just three seconds ahead of Stevenson sophomore Lindsey Gallagher (19:55.5).

The Chargers finished with 23 points, while Stevenson and Franklin took second and third with 36 and 74, respectively.

"I am extremely proud of the girls for their efforts today," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "They ran with a lot of confidence and drive under very humid conditions."

Churchill's other four scor-

ers included senior Kerigan Riley, third (20:30.8); senior Michelle Azar, fourth (20:37.4); junior Megan McFarlane, sixth (21:06.5); and senior Vivien Okechukwu, ninth (21:18.3).

"It was such a joy watching Syd take command of the race from start to finish," Tatro said. "She continues to step it up in meets and practices and has learned how to race like a true veteran."

"Kerigan (Riley), Michelle (Azar), Megan (McFarlane) and Vivien (Okechukwu) added the depth that we needed to clinch the victory. I am very happy for the entire team."

Anderson will be the first to admit that she doesn't do as well in the heat.

"That is very true," she said. "I knew I had to go out hard and push it because I knew my team is always pushing

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MU women fall to Ferris

Stephanie Garland's header at the 97:30 mark gave Ferris State a 3-2 overtime victory Friday over the host Madonna University women's soccer team.

The Bulldogs (1-1-1) also got goals from Casey Shauman (51st minute) and Nichole Goehne (79th minute).

Ashley Parent notched her fourth goal of the season in the year in the 53rd minute and the other was an own goal for the Crusaders (2-2) in the 72nd minute.

Blazers edge rival Mercy

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 11 saves and sophomore Christina Meyer scored off a penalty shot in the first half Thursday to give host Livonia Ladywood a 1-0 girls field hockey victory over rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

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Churchill harriers repeat in Livonia City boys race

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Churchill used the "pack mentality" to repeat Wednesday as Livonia City boys cross country champion at Cass Benton Park.

The Chargers conceded the first three places, but captured six of the next seven spots to edge host Stevenson for the title, 31-34. Franklin took a distant third with 73.

Stevenson senior Jacob Colley and junior teammate Stephen Fenech finished one-two on the 5,000-meter course in 16:52.8 and 17:01.4, respectively, while Franklin sophomore Keenan Jones took third in 17:27.9.

But it was all Churchill after that led by fourth-place finisher Ben Yates in 17:33.4 followed by junior George Bowles, fifth (17:38.8); freshman

Jonathan Hovermale, sixth (17:44.4); sophomore Jonathan Allesandrini, seventh (17:46.2); junior Andrew Malik, ninth (17:50.2); and sophomore Matt Cohan, 10th (17:51.7).

"That's the only way we're going to have success this year," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "We don't have a frontrunner like Ryan (Wise) last year, but a nice group of guys. If they can and run and improve together in a pack - five to six guys - we can be very competitive."

The future looks bright for McGreevy's program as six of the top seven runners are underclassmen.

"We've got two sophomores - Allesandrini and Cohan - and a freshman, Hovermale, who has been a pleasant surprise," said the veteran Churchill coach, now in his 17th season. "And two of our juniors (Bowles and Malik) are really stepping up. If they keep improving we can be O.K."

Although the pace was pushed at the start, Churchill stuck to its "pack mentality" strategy.

"Times weren't great, but today was one of those meets where I told them, 'The times don't matter, it's the places,'" McGreevy said. "I also think they got burned out a little bit. That first mile was really fast and I think that caught up to the guys at the end. They were trying to keep up with the Stevenson guys (Colley and Fenech) and Keenan Jones (Franklin)."

Colley, meanwhile, rallied for the victory under humid running conditions.

"I was behind in fifth place the entire time - until about mile two, I was really feeling it, had the second wind going," he said. "I managed to get in front of Fenech at the last sprint and that's what really won for the race for me today."

But losing the team crown by three points didn't sit well with the Stevenson senior.

"The individual title



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Jacob Colley sprints to the tape en route to a first-place finish in the Livonia City boys cross country meet held Wednesday at Cass Benton Park.

means nothing without the team," Colley said. "I'd rather have the team trophy than the individual."

"I ran my best time today here ever. So I think, no matter what the conditions were, I had a good race."

The top 10 finishers earned All-City medals with Stevenson senior Peter Walkuski also cracking the top 10 in eighth-place with a time of 17:46.9.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



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It's a mad dash at the start of Wednesday's Livonia City boys cross country meet at Cass Benton Park between Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 5 at Cass Benton Pk.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 31 points; 2. Stevenson, 34; 3. Franklin, 73.

Individual winner: Jacob Colley (Stevenson), 16 minutes, 52.8 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 4. Ben Yates, 17:33.4; 5. George Bowles, 17:38.8; 6. Jonathan Hovermale, 17:44.4; 7. Jonathan Allesandrini, 17:46.2; 9. Andrew Malik, 17:50.2; 10. Matt Cohan, 17:51.7; 15. Colin Murphy, 18:27.8.

Stevenson finishers: 1. Jacob Colley, 16:52.8; 2. Stephen Fenech, 17:01.4; 8. Peter Walkuski, 17:46.9; 11.

Erik Grisa, 18:12.1; 12. Michael Sopko, 18:15.5; 13. Tyler Reamer, 18:16.4; 14. Andrew Stratton, 18:22.0.

Franklin finishers: 3. Keenan Jones, 17:27.9; 23. Jacob Forgas, 19:28.9; 29. Michael Elrod, 19:52.2; 33. Nick Robertson, 20:16.1; 41. Alex Perelli, 20:49.6; 44. Graham Tyrrell, 21:04.6; 53. Josh Robertson, 22:15.0.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 23 points; 2. Stevenson, 36; 3. Franklin, 74.

Individual winner: Sydney Anderson (Churchill), 19 minutes, 52.4 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 1. Anderson, 19:52.4; 3. Kerigan

Riley, 20:30.8; 4. Michelle Azar, 20:37.4; 6. Megan McFarlane, 21:06.5; 9. Vivien Okochukwu, 21:18.3; 14. Elyssa Hofmann, 22:28.8; 15. Alexis Lombardo, 22:31.9.

Stevenson finishers: 2. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:55.5; 5. Karlie Gallagher, 20:44.0; 8. Emily Czapski, 21:14.9; 10. Barbara Scupholm, 21:23.6; 11. Emily Kwasnik, 21:38.0; 12. Natalie Moore, 22:10.6; 16. Colleen Fitzgerald, 22:34.6.

Franklin finishers: 7. Natalie Douglas, 21:09.3; 13. Annaliese Snider, 22:20.4; 17. Natalie Martinez, 22:43.8; 18. Katelyn Kovach, 23:20.0; 19. Katelyn McWilliams, 23:30.1; 20. Christine

Shoemaker, 23:49.4; 21. Tina Oltor, 24:13.6.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 19 BELLEVILLE 39

Sept. 5 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Devin Gibson (Wayne), 18 minutes, 44.1 seconds (5,000 meters).

Other Wayne finishers: 3. Daniel Malcolm, 19:26.1; 4. Zack Williams, 19:35.5; 5. Michael Gibson, 20:07.0; 6. Tim Flores, 21:12.1; 10. Uriel Figueroa, 24:15.1; 11. Jordan Whitehouse, 24:16.0.

Belleville's top finisher: 2. Devin Stevens, 18:49.2.

Wayne's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

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behind me, and so was Lindsey (Gallagher). She was really coming at the end and she ran a good race today, too. I felt her. I could hear people cheering for her. It was a fight." Anderson, however,

was more than satisfied with her showing.

"I think my splits got 30 seconds slower than what I normally do, which is go out faster and what is normal for me," she said. "It's a little bit slower than last week, but anytime you break 20 (minutes) at Cass, it's really exciting."

The top 10 finishers earned all-LPS medals

including three runners from Stevenson — senior Karlie Gallagher, fifth (20:44.0); sophomore Emily Czapski, eighth (21:14.9); and junior Barbara Scupholm, 10th (21:23.6).

Franklin's Natalie Douglas, a freshman, placed seventh in 21:09.3.

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Pats spoil Glenn's night, 27-7

GORDON

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By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's football team turned out to be party crashers Friday evening.

The Patriots spoiled the Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field rededication ceremonies with a 27-7 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Both teams were looking for their first win in the KLAAs South Division opener and it was the running of Joe McRobb (15-for-124 yards) and 5-foot-11, 213-pound Jimmy Mazaris (18-for-104) that proved to be the difference.

"Our goal this week was to play with more emotion than they did," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We worked on it all week. That was our goal for the game win or lose."

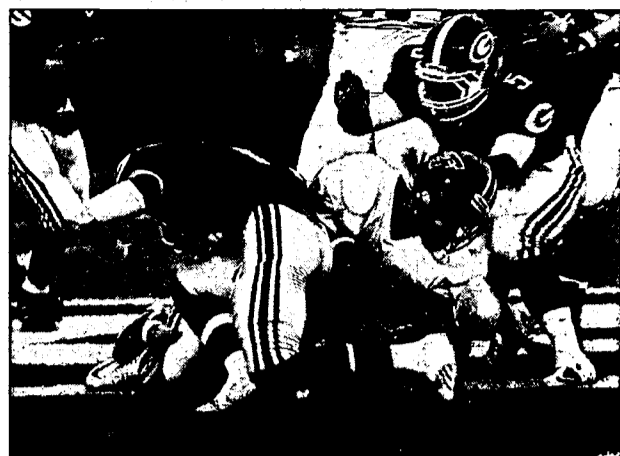
McRobb, the team's leading rusher, got banged up in the first half and did not return.

Meanwhile, Mazaris, still battling a sore hamstring which kept him out of the first two games, picked up the slack in the second half.

"He (McRobb) got banged up and was electrifying in that first half, then Jimmy came in and I said, 'Can you play full-back,' and he said, 'Yept,'" Kelbert said. "He's not 100 percent healthy, but he's a frickin' load."

The Patriots controlled the first half taking a 13-0 advantage thanks to two lengthy scoring drives.

The first was an eight-play, 66-yard march capped by Austin Tar-



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin running back Joe McRobb (bottom) tries to squeeze through for more yards against a pair of Glenn tacklers.

hanich's 22-yard strike to Brian Johnson with 6:41 to go in the opening quarter. The TD pass came on third-and-long and was aided by three Glenn penalties.

Franklin scored again with 3:17 left in the second quarter on a 29-yard TD run by Joe McRobb, who had 15 carries for 124 yards in the first half. That drive covered 67 yards in 10 plays.

But the extra point was block keeping Franklin's advantage at 13-0.

After Jesse McCall intercepted a Glenn pass with just under two minutes left, Franklin's Alejandro Castillo tried a 40-yard field goal as time expired, but it was blocked.

Franklin's defense held Glenn to 49 total yards in the opening half.

The Rockets, however, got their offense going on their second possession of the third quarter going 89 yards in 10 plays with Sean Forman scoring on an 8-yard run with 39 seconds

left. Alex Isaevski converted the point-after to make it 13-7.

But the Patriots answered right back with a nine-play, 75-yard drive with Mazaris going for 1-yard and a TD with 8:28 to go in the final quarter. (Castillo's extra point gave the Patriots a 20-7 cushion.)

The Rockets then got a 19-yard run from Forman to cross midfield, but turned the ball over on downs.

Franklin then put it away thanks to a third-down pass play from Tarhanich to Jesse McCall followed by a 6-yard run by Mazaris to make it 27-7 (following the PAT) with only 3:56 remaining.

"It's sore, but it's fine," Mazaris said of his hamstring. "I know the position (fullback), I played it before when I was younger. I did what I had to do. All week long the coaches kept saying, 'We got to believe,' and that's what we did."

"I don't even care if I'm playing on the offensive line or running back. I don't care, I just want to play."

Tarhanich was an effective 3-of-7 for 66 yards.

"When we needed a throw, he made it," Kelbert said of his QB. "No turnovers, no forced passes, no interceptions, so that's our game. If we turn the ball over we're in trouble. If we don't, we play very well."

Glenn's offense was limited to 149 yards as the Patriots got interceptions in the second and fourth quarters, respectively, from Jesse McCall and Alex Karaszewicz.

"We've played very, very good defense the first three weeks," Kelbert said.

Meanwhile, Glenn is off to an 0-3 start and it doesn't get any easier as state-ranked Canton (3-1) comes to Kionka-Gordon Field.

"It was mostly what we were doing to ourselves, just making mistakes," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "A lot of times we had good blocks going up front, but we either didn't have backs in the hole or we had some penalties in there as well."

"So I don't think it was a case where they stopped us, we just stopped ourselves with mistakes. Same thing on the other side of the ball (defense) ... mistakes that have nothing to do with talent. We call them things that take no talent. There's just no excuse for that."

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to 15 playoff appearances and was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, thanked nearly everyone that he associated with during his tenure at Glenn from the custodians to his players.

Gordon served as an assistant under Carr from 1973-75 at Glenn and became the head coach for the Rockets in 1977.

"He was just a year out of college and what I remember most was that I had a guy that was interested, and I only had one position left, and Chuck had been hired at Stevenson Junior High School," Carr recalled. "So finally, this guy couldn't make up his mind and Chuck would call me every day. I liked his persistence. He was a bulldog as far as his effort to let me know how important getting a position on that staff was. Finally, he just wore me down. I said, 'I really have a guy who wants this job and wants to come here, but the other guy wants to come here,' and so I hired him, and it was a great hire from the beginning."

Gordon then became the offensive coordinator for one season after Carr left as Jerry Lutri became the head coach. In 1976, the Rockets posted their first undefeated season (9-0) with Gordon becoming the offensive coordinator.

Carr said Gordon left quite an impression as an assistant while coaching the wide receivers and defensive backs.

"He had the respect of the players and he was always studying the game," Carr said. "One of the good things for him is that he coached the secondary and coached the receivers, so he knew something about coverage and knew something about the passing game. He learned because he had those responsibilities three years."

"He was responsible for calling the plays and his preparation those four years at Glenn he got to know the people, he got to know people in the community. He took over and never looked back."

What an incredible coaching career. Any coaching job you have to win or you're not going to stay too many places if you don't win. Chuck certainly did that, but I think more importantly the things that he brought to school system and to high school football, to his players and his teams, he stood for the right things. I'm just so pleased that Superintendent (Dr. Greg) Baracy and the Board are honoring a man who is completely deserving."

Gordon told the crowd there was one group that he'll always be indebted to and that's the players. "It's really a tribute to you guys," he said. "You worked so hard and did the best you could in everything you do. I had an opportunity to coach some good college players, but I also had many good high school players. The highest compliment you can give a player is to say, 'You were easy to coach.' I loved every second of it - teaching and coaching. I didn't do it alone, I had a lot of help along the way."

FOOTBALL

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"As you can see, they can run the ball and we struggled to stop it. But we were able to make one good play at the end of the game."

Eiland needed to throw because Churchill's defense finally slowed Plymouth's running game, which accounted for 283 of the Wildcats' 419 yards of offense.

Drowsy start

According to Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk, the game really was lost in the first quarter, to his dismay.

Churchill came out strong, getting touchdown passes of 49 and 39 yards from quarterback Seth Suida to Robert Foster and Abram, respectively.

"We sleepwalked through the first quarter," Sawchuk said. "We didn't come to

play in the first quarter and you can't do that with athletes like they have."

"And there were two blown coverages, two perfectly thrown balls by their guys. But the bottom line is, I wasn't a very good coach for those guys this week. Maybe I didn't motivate them enough the first quarter."

Besides the throwing accuracy of Suida, who completed 9-of-18 passes for 201 yards and four touchdowns, a thorn in Plymouth's side was 5-10, 246-pound running back Romello Brown.

Early in the game, the Wildcats could not keep Brown from pushing the pile for big yards. Brown wound up with 142 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries.

Still, Plymouth rebounded to make it into a shootout that revved up fans who packed bleachers on both sides of the field.

Spartans' field goals enough to edge East

The toe of Nick O'Brien proved to be the difference Friday night as host Livonia Stevenson escaped with a 32-29 KLAAs Central Division football victory over South Lyon East.

O'Brien kicked the game-winning field goal from 40 yards out with only 2:58 remaining to break at 29-all tie as the Spartans improved to 3-0 in the division and 1-0 in the Central.

East led 7-6 after one quarter on a 3-yard run by quarterback Cam Thomas, while C.J. Weiss scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 14-yard run.

Weiss added a 19-yard TD run in the second period and Tommy Orlich blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for another Stevenson score. (Orlich also had a key fourth-quarter interception.)

But Blake Balance countered for the Cougars (1-2, 0-1) with a 1-yard run to make it 19-14 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Thomas scored on a 37-yard run followed by the two-point conversion to make it 22-19 for East.

The Cougars then scored again on a 28-yard scoring pass to go up 29-19, only to have O'Brien answer with a 48-yard field goal just before the third period ended to cut the deficit to 29-22.

Weiss then scored on a 13-yard run in the fourth quarter and O'Brien added the point-after to knot the count at 29-29.

That set the stage for O'Brien's game-winner with just under three minutes left.

"South Lyon East is a pretty good football team, they

got us on the first drive," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "We got by and did enough to win. You can't say we outplayed them."

The Spartans had the slight edge in total yardage, 269-258.

Stevenson had 149 yards on the ground and quarterback Joe Mims hit 10-of-23 passes for 120 yards.

CANTON 49, WAYNE 6: In a KLAAs South Division opener Friday, the host Chiefs (2-1, 1-0) scored on their first six possessions of the opening half to take a commanding 49-0 lead and beat Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-1).

Malcolm Hollingsworth led the Chiefs with 111 yards on four carries including touchdown runs of 34 and 71 yards. Canton led 21-0 after one quarter as James Hall added a 4-yard run and Greg Williams connected with Matt McCoy on an 11-yard passing.

In the second period, Williams hit Scott Gring with a 20-yard TD pass followed by Wally Turner's

34-yard interception return and Charles Turfe's 49-yard run. Wayne tallied its lone TD with 5:01 left in the final quarter on Dion Byers' 9-yard run set up by Abdullah Myles' 64-yard run.

Myles had 110 yards on 16 carries.

Canton racked up 300 total yards, including 269 on the ground with Turfe adding 63. **LUTHERAN NORTH 10, CVILLE 8:** A late fourth-quarter rally came up short Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (2-1) fell at Macomb Lutheran North (3-0).

The Trojans fell behind 10-0 after one quarter, but got on the board in the final period on a touchdown pass from quarterback Zach Kubiak to Kimani Dooley.

Clarenceville then cut the deficit to 10-8 when DeAnthony Price blocked a North punt in the end zone late in the fourth quarter. North, however, was able to hold on for the win. "We had some opportunities, but we had a lot of penalties," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "Mistakes killed us. We also lost Jalen (Bryant) to a should injury in the fourth quarter."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 14

Luth. N'west at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Liggett at Luth. W'sid, 1 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 10

Thurston at C'ville, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 11

Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
PCA at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Chavez at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Greenhills at L. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Monroe CC at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m.
L. W'sid Oak. Christ., 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Divine Child at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13

Luth. W'sid at Liggett, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Milford Tournament, 9 a.m.

Parkway Invitational, 9 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Lady Rocket Relays

at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Farm. at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Livonia Public Schools Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Gibraltar Carlson at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Churchill at Plymouth, 3:55 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Ladywood at Regina, 4 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Novi at Cass Benton Park, 4:25 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

MSU Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers, 5:35 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15

Huron Invitational, TBA.

Autumn Classic, TBA.

GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Churchill vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

John Glenn vs. Canton at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. S.L. East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.

John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Mercy at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Grosse Ile Invitational at West Shore G&CC, 1:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Wayne at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

S.L. East at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Play for the Cure Invitational at Howell, TBA.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Monday, Sept. 10

Lady. at Marian, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Pioneer at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Sept. 12

MU at Lourdes, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Schoolcraft at Mott, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

S'craft at Lakeland, TBA.

(Can-Am Classic at MU) Madonna vs. Windsor, TBA.

MU vs. W. Ontario, TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 15

S'craft at Lakeland, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Spring Arbor at MU, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

MU at Illinois Tech, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

S'craft at Cincy St., 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

MU vs. Purdue-Calumet at Munster H.S., 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 12

S'craft at Jackson, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

(Mt. Vernon Cougar Classic) MU vs. Rob. Wesleyan, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

S'craft at Cincy St., 3 p.m.

(Mt. Vernon Cougar Classic) MU vs. Mt. Vernon, 2 p.m.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 6

WAYNE MEMORIAL 3

Sept. 6 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Tyler Harnos (WM) defeated Mike Woodard, 7-5, 6-4; No. 2: Chris Sabel (WJG) def. Sam Herber, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4; No. 3: Ian Villaroman (WJG) def. Josiah Ault, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Dre Black (WJG) def. Andrew Watson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Charlie Messacs-Herb Taylor (WJG) def. Daniel Selvia-Davion Holt, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; No. 2: Kody Diaz-D.J. Mayo (WJG) def. Jack Delisi-Daniel Mills, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Tyler Dunn-Tyler Stoll (WM) def. Travis Trigg-Steve Gray, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Airren Watkins-Wes Lawrence (WJG) def. Brandon Revell-Sam Washington, 6-1, 6-2; No. 5: Arthur Straw-Anthony Herrera (WM) def. Cal Woodward-Matt Karpiuk, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 2-0 overall; 1-0 KLAAs South; Wayne, 1-2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 4

GARDEN CITY 4

Aug. 30 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Joe Pummill (GC) defeated Tyler Harnos, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Jeremiah Vera-Burgos (GC) def. Sam Herber, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Redion Hasimilari (GC) def. Josiah Ault, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Andrew Watson (WM) won by default.

No. 1 doubles: Daniel Selvia-Davion Holt (WM) def. Bryan Widmer-Zack Quartz, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Ben Arent-Spencer Cussen (GC) def. Anthony Herrera-Antonio Heberling, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jack Delisi-Daniel Mills (WM) def. Loren Thun-Clayton Rivera, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Tyler Dunn-Tyler Stoll (WM) def. Robbie Moyers-Tim

Tapper, 6-3, 6-4.

Wayne's dual match record: 1-1-1 overall.

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Division exam

Churchill spikers pass test vs. Plymouth

Seniors Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville proved to be an effective one-two punch leading Livonia Churchill to a 25-22, 25-20, 25-17 girls volleyball win Wednesday over host Plymouth.

Norscia, a 6-foot senior outside hitter, finished with 15 kills and four ace serves, while Pomaville, a 6-1 senior middle hitter, contributed 13 kills and six blocks as the state-ranked Chargers (No. 6 in Class A) improved to 17-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAAs South Division.

Setter Katie Chartrand also chipped in with 28 assist-to-kills, while Krystyn Niescier and Julia Szuba paced the defense with 10 digs apiece.

"It's always tough going to Plymouth and it's a tough court to play on," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "They (Plymouth) are really athletic and we're thankful to come out with a win because we were able to grind it out."

Pats down Glenn

Setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz dished out 23 assist-to-kills Thursday lifting host Livonia Franklin to a 25-21, 25-17, 26-24 KLAAs South Division win over Westland John Glenn.

"Mikayla did great spreading the net," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team improved to 5-9 overall and 1-0 in the division. "We played good defense and served tough."

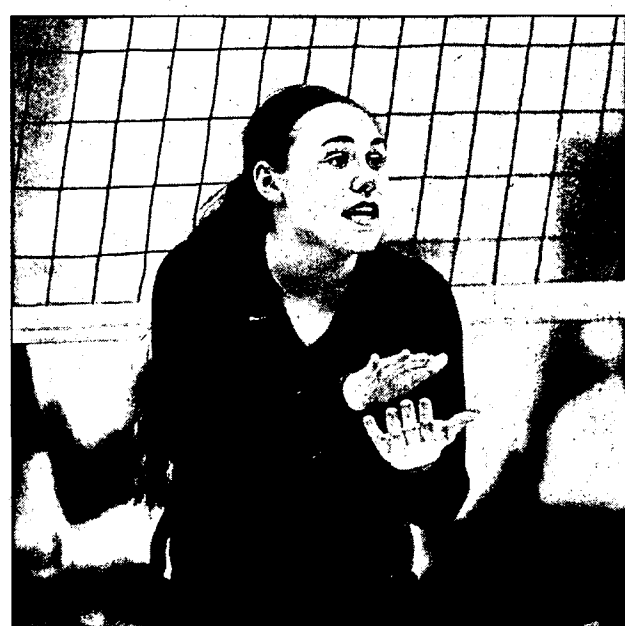
Maggie Leins had a team-high 15 digs while adding seven kills. Mackenzie Lukas added seven kills, nine digs and two aces.

Other digs leaders included Afton DeWyse with 10, along with Sarah Cramton and Kelly Newton, eight each.

Emily McNally had eight kills and Chealyn Maracle added 15 digs for the Rockets, who drop to 8-6-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLAAs South.

"It was a rough night for us our senior setter and captain (Claire Truskowski), who was out after taking a bump to the head at practice on Wednesday night," Glenn coach Krista DePoy said. "Not the way we wanted to start off our conference season. Hannah Staples and Bri Robinson stepped in and really helped fill that gap by setting for us. The team could just not pull it

together to come up with the win."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Churchill setter Katie Chartrand offers encouragement to her teammates during Wednesday's KLAAs South Division opener at Plymouth.

together to come up with the win."

Chiefs clip Wayne

Senior Miss Volleyball candidate Katie Horton's 19 kills, nine blocks and 17 digs went in vain Thursday as visiting Canton held off Wayne Memorial, 25-18, 25-18, 22-25, 25-17.

"Katie was our powerhouse tonight," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "The gym was hot, but she didn't let it get to her. She went out there and did what she does best, which is playing her game. She was everywhere for us."

Setter Savannah Monette made her varsity debut with 24 assists, while junior Deja Tamlin contributed seven kills and six blocks.

Danielle Robbins, Samantha Hershey and Paige Chalmers chipped in with 10 digs apiece. Ashley Carey also added four blocks and three kills.

"This was the first time we started playing as a team and communicating on the court," Dye said. "Canton made us work. They are a very good team that keeps the ball in play. It was a challenge for us to find their holes on the court and start putting the ball to the floor. "Tonight was a step forward for us. We are growing and learning how to be aggressive on the court."

Spartans falter

In a KLAAs Central Division match Thursday, state-ranked Novi rolled to a 25-16, 25-15, 25-14 win over visiting Livonia

Stevenson.

Junior Katie Tomasic recorded six kills, six digs and was 22-for-27 on serve receive as the Spartans slipped to 3-8 overall and 0-1 in the division.

Abby Whitehead finished with four kills, while Morgan Copperstone and Taylor McLaud added three each.

Other leaders for Stevenson included Allie Koesterling (13 assists, seven digs); Holly Mossoian (10 digs, 16-of-26 serve receive); Kelsey Szabo (nine digs); and Allie Stratum (six digs).

C'ville stops Holly

Junior middle hitter Ayanna Buckley loomed large Thursday night with 16 kills, three blocks and four aces to power Livonia Clarenceville past host Holly in a non-league encounter, 25-12, 25-19, 25-18.

"Ayanna was playing so well it was hard from them to defend," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman, whose team is 3-5 overall. "Plus, she was 14-of-14 from the service line."

Nicole Kurdziel also collected 30 assists, while Ashley Murphy contributed nine kills and two blocks. Jodi Ankiel keyed the defense with nine digs.

"The girls started real strong and they played with a lot of intensity," Merschman said. "They really played well as a team. We have been serving and working hard on defense all week and it really showed tonight. The girls missed only three serves and that is a huge improvement."

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MU lead.

The lead was short-lived as Daniel Seargeant tied the match in the 19th minute when he beat Scott Poole for a 1-1 match.

Tyler Stevens made it 2-1 in favor of the visitors in the 29th minute when he took a give-and-go pass from Robert Ekrem and beat Poole to the upper right side of the net for a 2-1 lead.

Coming out of the break Rochester made it 3-1 in the 66th minute when Ekrem caught the MU defense and was able to get in alone before chipping the ball past Poole who had come off of his line, for a two-goal cushion.

Junior Doug Beason (Schoolcraft College) pulled MU back within a goal at the 67:56 mark, heading home a pass from Laird that went all the way across the box for the diving finish in the back of the net.

Less than a minute later senior Cayle Lackten broke in on goal and had his shot stopped, but freshman Aaron Schapman was waiting on the doorstep and fin-

ished off the rebound to tie the game at 3-3 with 68:39 gone in the match.

Stephens scored his second goal of the match in the 76th minute when he was able to chip in a shot from the left side of the box to give Rochester a 4-3 lead.

Barsalona then started his scoring streak with his first career goal in the 80th minute from Laird that sent the match to extra time.

In the second OT, Laird had a shot saved by St. John before freshman Colin Wilden sent in a pass that bounced off of Lackten to a waiting Barsalona, who finished off the loose ball for the dramatic game-winner.

The loss dropped Rochester to 1-3 overall.

"I think we just kept battling," Barsalona said. "None of us gave up and I think we deserved the win. I told Dane on the first one before he took the corner to look for me back post and I went up and the ball went in. In overtime, Collin played a great ball in and I was waiting back post for it. Everyone played great today."

MADONNA 6, CALUMET (IND.) 1:

Mason's Day

Glenn forward tallies 4 in win vs. Zebras

Bobby Mason proved he had the Midas Touch, scoring four goals Thursday to spark host Westland John Glenn to a convincing 7-1 boys soccer victory rival visiting Wayne Memorial.

Alex Isaevski contributed a goal and four assists as the Rockets improved to 5-1 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs South Division.

Madalin Pop and Derek Merschman tallied the other Glenn goals, while Andrew Doyle and Justin Sanders also chipped in with assists.

Goalkeeper Jeff Luke recorded four saves for the Rockets, who led 4-0 at halftime.

"These John Glenn players are smart, committed, care about each other, and work their tails off every time the step on the pitch," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "On days like today those virtues pay off."

Zak Hamden scored on a second-half penalty kick for the Zebras, who fall to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the division.

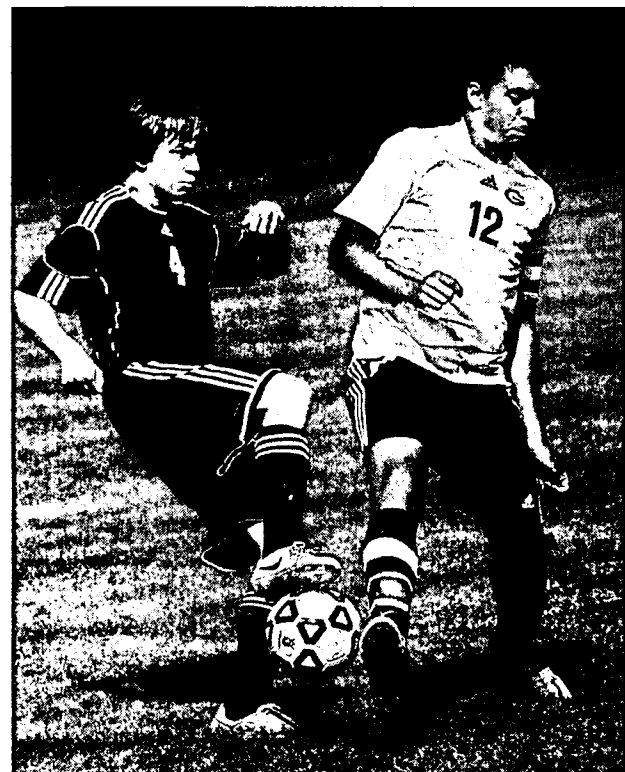
STEVENSON 2, COUNTRY DAY 0: Aiden Huerta scored his first career goals Friday to give Livonia Stevenson (3-1-3) a non-conference win Friday at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (2-7-2).

Huerta scored in the fifth minute off a short pass from Ryan Schifano, then finished a through ball from Ben Stromberg in the 47th minute to tally his second of the night.

Goalkeeper Mike Bolin, making his first career start, made seven saves to notch the Spartans' fourth team shutout of the year.

Zack Walker made four saves for the Yellowjackets.

"It was great to see Aiden score twice," said coach Ken Shingledecker, whose held a 13-10 shot edge. "He's been great in training and we have been trying to get him more time in games. John D'Agostino was excellent



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne's Sean Royal (left) and John Glenn's Bobby Mason, who scored four goals, contest for the 50-50 ball in Thursday's clash of KLAAs South Division rivals.

in back from start-to-finish. Mike Bolin was very solid in goal. It was a nice team win for us and finished off a good week."

INTER-CITY 6, LUTH.

WESTLAND 1: Evan Kraatz and Derek Doran each scored a pair of goals Friday to lead host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (4-0, 3-0), the No. 1-ranked team in Division 4, to a MIAC Blue Division victory over Lutheran High Westland (0-5, 0-5).

Blake Kirkland and Jon Goering also scored for Inter-City, which led 3-0 at halftime.

Ernie Babon scored on a direct free kick for the Warriors, who were also led by goalkeeper Jordan Williams (nine saves) along with defenders Noah Huffman and Walter Gembarski.

CANTON 3, CHURCHILL 1:

The defending Division 1 state champion Chiefs (6-1-2, 3-0) added two insurance goals in the second half to earn the KLAAs South Division triumph Wednesday night at Livonia Churchill (1-2-3, 1-1). Scott Piwowar gave Canton

a 1-0 lead with a goal in the seventh minute.

Bryan Tolinski (58th minute) Cody Widlak (61st minute) gave Canton a 3-0 advantage before T.J. Young answered for the Chargers on a goal in the 69th minute off a corner kick from Michael Murphy.

Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison made seven saves.

"I like our effort, it's something to build on," Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki said.

"There were three-to-four key plays that could have turned the momentum our way. We just have to move on and learn from this."

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN

1: Viet Nguyen scored a pair of goals, including a penalty kick, to spark the Wildcats (2-3-1, 2-0) to a KLAAs South Division victory Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin (1-5-1, 0-2).

Jason Liguori and Teddy Phillips also added goals for Plymouth, which enjoyed a 1-0 halftime lead.

Franklin's Matt Freed tied it at 1-all early in the second half off an assist from Sean Hiles.

Stevenson knocks off No. 8 Rocks, 1-0

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

BOYS SOCCER

All it took was one. Salem couldn't cash in when it counted Thursday and Livonia Stevenson did, as the visiting Spartans earned a 1-0 KLAAs Central Division boys soccer match.

The host Rocks had a number of prime scoring chances in the second half of a then-scoreless game, but were unable to deposit the ball behind Stevenson's stout defensive wall — led by senior goalkeeper Zack Verant.

Then with 11:09 to play, a Salem foul led to a free kick from more than 40-yards out by Stevenson senior midfielder Dominic Sabatini on the right side of the pitch.

He launched the ball high in the air and it sailed to the left of the cage over the head of Salem junior goalkeeper Collin Hewett, who could not punch it away from the traffic jam in and near the goal box.

Instead, Spartans' senior forward John D'Agostino timed his jump perfectly, heading the ball into the top right corner for his fourth marker of the season.

"It just sailed over the top of him (Hewett) and he wasn't even close to it," lamented Rocks coach Ed McCarthy, whose team entered the contest ranked eighth in Division 1. "On the play before that, we really shouldn't have fouled. So we kind of gave them that opportunity on a moment that wasn't even dangerous. That was the unfortunate part."

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said the Sabatini-D'Agostino combination has been a successful one in recent weeks.

"The goalie came out and he (D'Agostino) just headed it over him," Shingledecker said. "It was a good goal and an excellent play."

That play wouldn't have mattered much without the goalkeeping of Verant, who made five saves.

"Their goalkeeping was very good," McCarthy said. "They made scoring opportunities difficult on us and for all the chances we had, he was flawless. He just didn't make any mistakes."

Stevenson defenders did need to clear the ball away from the goal mouth on a couple occasions, but Verant slid out and kicked away a point-blank shot by Salem junior forward Brady Cole with about 25 minutes left.

Shortly after that, Cole fed a pass to junior midfielder Andriy Pelekh for a chip shot from about 15 yards that Verant retreated to nab.

With the loss, Salem dropped to 4-2-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs Central while Stevenson improved to 2-1-3 and 1-0-1.

Shingledecker added that getting the late goal to knock off such a strong team should give the Spartans confidence.

"We knew that they were the eighth-ranked team in the state, so we're trying to get ourselves going here and start to let people know that Stevenson soccer is still on the map," he said. "It's a good win for us. This (Salem) is an excellent team, well-coached and I felt we did the job today."

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MU men christen new facility with win

The Madonna University men's soccer team made its first-ever match Wednesday at the new Madonna Athletic Complex a memorable one, rallying for a 5-4 double overtime win over visiting Rochester College.

"Winning is always a positive," said MU coach Eric Scott, whose team is 1-2 overall. "We still have a lot to work on. We got some good performances from some young guys. Matteo (Barsalona) and Aaron (Schapman) stepped up and did a great job getting to goal today."

MU outshot Rochester 37-20 and held a 20-7 edge in shots on goal, but had to come-from-behind in the win with a pair of goals from freshman Matteo Barsalona.

Barsalona scored the tying goal at the 80 minute mark, heading home a corner kick from senior Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison) before scoring the game-winner in the 105th minute.

Junior Brandon Hess (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central) got MU on the board in the 15th minute, corraling his own rebound and beating RC's Ryan St. John to the left for a 1-0

MU spikers roll twice in Martin Classic

The Madonna University women's volleyball squad cruised to two victories Friday in the Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center.

The 18th-ranked Crusaders improved to 9-4 overall with a 25-11, 25-11, 25-12 win over Illinois Tech after downing the University of Windsor for the second time in three days, 25-19; 25-5, 25-14.

Samantha Geile had 11 kills, while setter Evia Prieditis added 37 assist-to-kills in the win over

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Illinois Tech (4-8). Breanna Geile and Stacey Catalano chipped in with 12 digs apiece.

Against Windsor (0-2), Catalano finished with eight kills and Prieditis had 26 assists. The two also combined for 16 digs.

Topple Windsor

On Wednesday, the Crusaders snapped a two-match losing skid Wednesday with a

straight sets 25-22, 25-10, 25-15 win over visiting Windsor.

Catalano paced a balanced MU attack with eight kills and a like-number of digs, while fellow junior Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland) added seven kills and three blocks.

Breanna Geile posted a match-best nine digs to go along with five assists, while junior setter Prieditis handed out 26 assists on MU's 39 total kills.

Kaila Seguin led Windsor (0-2) with six kills.

MOPS

Group gives moms time for learning, camaraderie

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Coffee, sweet treats and adult conversation.

The eight moms gathered around a conference room table Thursday at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills couldn't ask for much more. While their preschoolers played in a supervised classroom down the hall, the women chatted, snacked, decorated a craft and reflected on Bible quotations. A new season of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) was underway.

"It's a good time to get out of the house and talk to other moms," said Bridget Grace of West Bloomfield, explaining why she joined the group two years ago. "I've met other moms and I get a break from my kids. I really like this group of women. We get along well. We're one of the smaller MOPS groups, but it's kind of nice that you get to know everyone pretty well."

For the next nine months she and other MOPS members will meet from 9:30-11:15 a.m. the first and third Thursday at the church. Half of them also are members of the Orchard United Methodist Church congregation, although that isn't a requirement.

MOPS International, founded in 1973 by a handful of women in Wheat Ridge, Colo., is a non-denominational Christian organization open to mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. More than 3,900 MOPS groups meet in the United States and 35 other countries and are founded on the principles of community, mentoring, practical instruc-

tion and leadership development. Creative activities, guest speakers, demonstrations and discussion help carry out those goals.

But MOPS gatherings are as individual as are the women who create them.

"Last year we covered topics such as toddler nutrition, organization, fashion, exercise and fitness, common childhood illnesses," said Krista Stelmazek, co-coordinator for MOPS at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. "We also closed the season with a spa pampering day. We had manicurists, a makeup artist and a masseuse."

Her MOPS chapter meets from 9:15-11:15 a.m., the second and fourth Friday of the month. Its first meeting is Sept. 14.

Food and conversation

Ethanie DeFoe, MOPS group coordinator, is getting ready to launch a new season of monthly meetings at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. Her group will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. Her first session is Sept. 11.

"Our group is very laid back. It's a group of kind and genuine women. When they ask how are you doing today, they really mean it," she said.

Her MOPS chapter doesn't work with crafts, but members do view a short video that sparks conversation about the topic of the day. There's also a devotion at each meeting.

"We like to talk and eat good food," she said. "Conversations have been fun. I think what I love about our group is that I never feel judged."

"If I'm going through a diffi-



cult time in life, I know they'll be compassionate and I'll be listened to. We talk about all kinds of things."

Her MOPS chapter also runs a play group for their children the fourth Tuesday of the month, a book club and a "Moms Night Out" that has included such activities as movies, games, bowling, and service projects in the past.

"Each group tailors to what is best for them," said Alyson Gay of Novi, co-coordinator of the Orchard United Methodist MOPS. "If there is something a mom is struggling with or something a mom wants to learn about, that's what we want to have a speaker talk about."

Last year the women have listened to guest speakers

talk about organization, fashion, finance, gardening, parenting.

"You name it," said Suzanne Kosiba of Farmington Hills. "Whatever you want to learn about, you can learn about it here without the kids hassling you for an hour."

"I think some people might think MOPS is a support group and that therefore it means they have a problem and they don't know how to mother. And that's not at all what it's about."

A "mentor mom" with grown children attends each session and adds her experienced point of view to the conversation. But the meetings are just as much about camaraderie and fun as they are sometimes about parent-

ing issues.

"MOPS is about making you a great person so that you can be a good mom. This is not about your kids. When you come to MOPS it's about you," Kosiba said. "It's a support group in a way, depending on who is there and what they need. But there's also a lot of laughter."

For more about the Orchard United Methodist group, visit orchardumc.org or call (248) 626-3620

For Christ Our Savior Lutheran's group, call Defoe at (248) 227-6617 or e-mail to ethanie.defoe@gmail.com.

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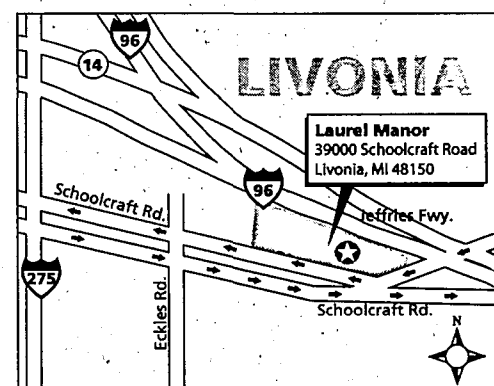
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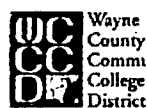
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Home sweet home

AAUW benefit tour shows local residences in elegant style

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Northville has some great homes, five of which will be featured on the 17th annual American Association of University Women Northville Home Tour.

The Northville-Novu Branch tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Jane Hecker of Northville Township is co-chair with Karen Zyczynski of Novi as chair.

"The mission of the organization is to advance equity for women and girls," said Zyczynski. "Our annual Home Tour raises the money so we can do this. It's key to making it possible for us to continue our support for all our projects."

Hecker echoed those thoughts.

'Major fundraiser'
"It's our major fund-

raiser for the year. We provide scholarships for high school seniors from both Northville and Novi," Hecker said. AAUW also supports the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, as well as area community college scholarships.

"We support their graduation events," Hecker said of the Mercy Education Project. AAUW supports "Let's Read Math" for local second and third grade students. Novi sessions are in the fall, Northville sessions in the spring.

"That's basically what we are funding, our projects," Hecker said. "This is our 17th year and we probably have 400 people that attend."

The local AAUW also supports "Remember the Ladies," Zyczynski said. Members work with Northville and Novi elementary media specialists to place books on women in history in local schools.

There are five houses on the tour this year, spanning three centuries. "Originally, it centered on the Victorian homes, mostly in Northville," Hecker said. Now, more different styles of homes are featured, including a Victorian home on Main Street and more modern styles.

That makes the tour more appealing "in terms of possibilities for themselves," Hecker said.

Some of the homes have interesting floor layouts, collections such as quilts or other memorabilia.

"Those are part of the things that are interesting to us to feature the homes," she said.

The residents typically are not home the day of the tour. "There's a script our hostesses follow."

One home is owned by a woman who has her own dance studio.

"We talk with them extensively." A script is



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prepared for the hostess, Hecker said. "People can go in any order," she said. The co-chairs appreciate sponsor support.

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Author Holmes talks about U.S. presidents and their faiths

David L. Holmes, author of *The Faiths of the Postwar Presidents: From Truman to Obama* will sign books and talk about his work in Canton and Plymouth on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Appearances are scheduled at 3 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton, and at 7 p.m. at the

Plymouth District Library, 223 S.

Holmes, a Detroit native, is the Walter G. Mason Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus at the College of William and Mary.

He received a bachelor's degree in English from Michigan State University and a

Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Princeton University and has served both as an enlisted man and as an officer in the United States Army.

He won the Outstanding Faculty Award of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Graves Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching, and the Soci-

ety of the Alumni Teaching Award at William and Mary.

In 2006 he also received the Thomas Jefferson Award, the highest award given to an administrator or professor at the College.

His book looks at the backgrounds of U.S. presidents, their families, individuals

who influenced their religious beliefs and their Sunday worship patterns.

Holmes also will appear at 3 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Ypsilanti City Library, 5577 S. Whitaker, Ypsilanti and at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Ann Arbor Public Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor.

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Beware: Your home may not be a safe haven

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

Our daughter, Hollie, asked me to come to her home when the service technician arrived on a Tuesday morning between 8-9 a.m. She was going to be away and I willingly played the role of guardian of the refrigerator. I asked the service tech when he arrived what he was going to do to solve the problem of a leaking ice maker. Water had filled the bottom of the freezer section and frozen the door shut. Hollie had to pull the plug on the refrigerator so the ice could melt allowing the door to open. The refrigerator is only eight months old and I checked to see if there were any recalls on this product. The service tech told me it was an upgrade and he



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

worked like an expert and answered every one of my questions. When completed, I introduced myself and he wasn't even nervous. His boss called me later and I told him I was very satisfied with the service. This again brings up the national issue of recalled appliances and why many people live in homes that could catch on fire and cause death and

would replace the icemaker and add a longer fill tube. I sat at the kitchen table and watched him at work. He knew what he was doing and had done several of these before. Let's just say he

destruction.

A month ago the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a recall on almost 800,000 dehumidifiers and then followed up with another recall on some 1 million dishwashers. A week ago 21,000 clothes dryers were recalled because of burners that stay on after the appliance has shut off. That's a guarantee that all the clothes inside the drum are going to ignite — and so is the rest of the house. *Consumer Reports* has a very specific detailed six-page report on appliance catching fire. It really goes into detail on why appliances are such a fire hazard and tells several horror stories of homeowners who been through the drama of it all. Go to consumerreports.org and read all about it.

They say that major appli-

ances cause more than 150,000 residential fires each year. More than 15 million appliances have been recalled in just the past five years. It is reported that there are more than 195 million appliances currently in American homes where people do not have a clue if they have a recalled product or not.

I think it's time for every homeowner to wake up before a fire puts them into permanent sleep. You can go to saferproducts.gov and check out many years of recalls on specific model numbers that may be in your home.

Another opinion comes from John Drengenberg, safety director with Underwriters Laboratory. Safety concerns arise as more appliances, or their components, are manufactured

abroad. Almost four of every five recalls in our tally involved products made outside of the U.S., with the majority coming from China.

Last year I was reading a notice of recall on an electric range and when I arrived at our cottage I discovered I had the very range mentioned. It didn't take me long to get a service technician to correct the defect and I'm such a skeptic that I still don't trust the fix on the product. I cut off the circuit breaker every time we leave the cottage. And so it goes when you own a cottage. There is always something to do. Keeping it safe is top priority. Stay tuned.

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

Helping paws: Rabbits make great therapy pets

By L.J. McCulloch
Guest Columnist

Beyond psychotherapy, there is a form of psychological therapy that has positively and profoundly affected people. It is referred to as pet therapy. Therapeutic animals are used as a treatment for people with emotional, mental and physical illnesses.

Our Mental Health
Len McCulloch

For example, The American Humane Society says several kinds of animals can be trained for therapy work. Through visits at senior's homes, rehabilitation centers, schools and hospitals, animals can provide comfort, fun and potential heal-

ing to the individuals they encounter. In addition, Holisticonline.com states that the therapeutic use of pets as companions has gained increasing attention in recent years with people challenged by AIDS, cancer and a host of additional illnesses. The elderly population, children with illnesses and people with mental illness can experience the healing love of therapeutic animals. They bring joy to those they serve.

Pet ownership has been proven, through several studies, to affect people physiologically through the soothing and relaxing sense of touch. Merely watching a pet play or sleep lowers blood pressure and calms the nervous system. Pet owners also may feel needed and responsible for their pet, which often stimulates the human instinct for survival.

Some of the earliest uses of pet therapy in the United States were for people with mental illness. Research studies now show the positive physical effects on people from animals including pain reduction, elevated mood and improvement of survival rates of heart attack victims. There is also evidence that petting an animal can cause endorphins to be released in the human brain. Endorphins are chemicals in the brain that suppress the pain response.

According to The International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation, a therapeutic animal may have healing effects on a non-communicative person. A patient may have with recall of memories after an interaction with a therapeutic animal. Those patients with traumatic brain injuries or chronic degenerative diseases

of the brain such as Alzheimer's, for example, have had various improvements while spending time with a therapy animal.

The Rabbit Lady

The Foundation for Pet Provided Therapy (FPPT), says that a friendly and docile rabbit can be a great therapy pet. Also, many rabbits are small enough to be "lap size" therapy pets compared to large therapy dogs. Rabbits offer the advantage of being the least threatening in temperament and the most gentle.

I have had the pleasure of knowing a rabbit lover named Nancy for many years. Nancy is a clinical social worker and has cared for and enjoyed the companionship of three therapeutic rabbits throughout her life. She related to me that several factors contribute to good mental health, and that pet

therapy and pet ownership are two which belong high on the list.

Nancy, also known as "The Rabbit Lady," has asked and answered: "What is it about our furry friends that lights up our lives?" Several studies have delved into this subject and found that unconditional love is generally the prime reason people own pets. Books have been written on the different roles pets play for pet owners, including that of teacher, healer and protector.

Nancy says she believes that rabbits have a special place in the world of therapeutic animals because of their exceptionally mild and non-threatening nature. Therapeutic rabbits can be considered a safe bet when it comes to exposing them to people who are vulnerable or ill. Rabbits are not predators and so they are not inclined to act aggressively.

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary is home to future therapeutic rabbits that will help those afflicted with a variety of physical, emotional, and mental conditions. Visit its website at www.rabbitsanctuary.net.

Pet-A-Pet is a non-profit charitable organization providing pet therapy, including use of rabbits; www.pet-a-pet.org.

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Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. For information about "The Rabbit Lady" and the "Our Mental Health Column" call McCulloch at (248) 474-2763, Ext.22.

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Doctors approach the treatment of arthritis, particularly rheumatoid arthritis, in an aggressive manner. If a patient is experiencing hand pain in the morning that lasts 2-3 hours and feels like the feet are stepping on stones, then therapy must be immediate and vigorous.

If the patient's arthritis responds with pain receding and swelling resolving, can the doctor withdraw therapy in a timely manner? No, doctors move cautiously when withdrawing medication.

In arthritis resulting from auto-immune conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus, spondylitis or Sjogren's syndrome, there are no laboratory tests that can confirm that treatment has succeeded in achieving a remission. The only way to know is to cut back on medication and follow the patient.

Definite rules-of-thumb exist. First, decrease only one drug at each appointment. If a patient with rheumatoid arthritis is taking both methotrexate 5 tablets a week and prednisone 10 mg/day, then the doctor will take one drug, say methotrexate, and decrease the dose from 5 tablets a week, to 4 tablets a week and observe whether pain or swelling returns. If after one month or two, the patient reports no worsening, the doctor can decrease medication again.

Second, decrease treatment in small increments. Then, if the decrease goes below being therapeutic, the patient need only make a small adjustment upward to return to a state of wellbeing.

Down sizing therapy is like walking a hill. Going up may be arduous, but coming down requires caution.

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Attorneys meet with divorce support group at Schoolcraft College Transition Center

Schoolcraft College Transition Center's Divorce Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. twice monthly, starting Tuesday, Sept. 11, in room 225 at the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Group discussions, mediated by Dianne Hartman of Huron Ridge Associates, is set for Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Attorney Patricia A. Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis at each group discussion.

Other sessions include:

- Jack D. McLean, an attorney with Creighton, McLean & Shea, PLC, will present an overview of the process for filing for divorce at the Sept. 25 session.
- Attorney Marie A. Pulte will discuss the mediation process in

assisting couples in negotiating their divorce, post-divorce and co-parenting issues, on Oct. 23

- On Nov. 27, Cynthia J. Barnwell will discuss the intense emotions triggered by divorce during holidays and other special occasions and will offer coping skills.

The Dec. 25 session is cancelled because it coincides with Christmas.

The Divorce Support Group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. There is no fee to attend and registration is not required.

The Transition Center also offers one-on-one sessions with a divorce financial planner from Divorce Solutions and an attorney from the fall semester

through May without charge.

The divorce financial planner will be available 4:30-6 p.m. the first Monday of the month, starting Oct. 1 at the Transition Center on campus. Clients will be served on a first come first served basis. They may sign in beginning at 4 p.m.

Attorney Laura Reyes Kopack of Creighton, McLean & Shea is available the second Monday of the month and an attorney from the firm of Marie A. Pulte, PC, is available the third Monday at the Transition Center. Sessions are available from 4-6 p.m. on a first come first served basis. They may sign in beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) will show the film *The Monarch, a Butterfly Beyond Borders*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. This presentation shows what still is unknown about the Monarch's various habitats. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

English Gardens

• Find out what it takes

to keep your lawn healthy through the winter, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15. Free

- Create a spring garden that you'll force into bloom at a "Make It & Take It" workshop for kids, 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22. Fee is \$5. Register at englishgardens.com.
- Learn about landscape design, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Free
- Get tips on pruning, 10 a.m. Saturday Oct. 6. Free

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Milestones

Boryszczuk-Dork

Trisha Lynn Boryszczuk and Dave Lynn Dork, both of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Sheila Alcini of Wayne and Salvador Aponte of Waterford, attended the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and is employed as an associate broker and short sale consultant for Elias Realty in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Dave Dork of Garden City and Sharon Saville of Whitmore Lake, attended Eastern Michigan University and is employed as a wheel and tire product information specialist for LKQ.

A November 2012 wedding is planned in Laguna Beach, Calif.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

September

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under

Contact: (248) 348-7600

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesday

Location: St. Priscilla, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: 1 and 2 Maccabees study is on Thursday and study of The Writing Prophets is on Tuesday

Contact: (248) 476-4700

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. All-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. program, Sunday, Sept. 9

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Bill Ballenger, editor of "Inside Michigan Politics," will kick off a Sunday morning breakfast speaker series. Ballenger is a former state representative and senator, an ex-state racing commissioner and former director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation. The breakfast costs \$3; coffee and bagels are \$2. No charge for the program. Both are open to the public

Contact: Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22

Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland

Details: Free concert by pianist David Glen Hatch

Contact: (248) 478-8588, davidglenhatch.com or 2011581@LDSChurch.org

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A session that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event

Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sept. 12 and 19, Oct. 10, 17 and 24

Location: St. Albert the Great Church, 4855 Parker at Annapolis, Dearborn / Heights

Details: Program includes opportunities for spiritual consultation and confession and covers such topics as sexuality, marriage, annulments, divorce and forgiveness

Contact: (313) 292-0430 or (734) 522-4788

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriam, south of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. The program aims to help participants find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. They will learn to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and how to renew their hope for the future. Grief-related handouts will be available each week. Registration fee is \$15 and includes a handout

Contact: (313) 682-7491

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23

Location: St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Lewandowski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the St. Raphael parish office

Contact: St. Raphael at (734) 427-1533

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Time/Date: Rosh Hashanah services, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17; Yom Kippur services include Kol Nidre service, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 and Neilah service and breakfast, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, at Cherry Hill United Methodist

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BUTTERMORE, RALPH S.

Entered Into Eternal Rest August 23, 2012 (Age 90). He was born August 26, 1921 in Ionia, MI. He served in the United States Army in World War II. He earned two purple hearts, and a bronze star. He retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1984, as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He was preceded in death by his parents Dale and Flossie Buttermore. Also by his wife of fifty-one years Jean Woodworth-Buttermore. Survivors include his three children. Dale (Marsha) Buttermore of Loveland, OH. Ginny Sarten of Monroe, and Karen (Bill) Heinzelman of Livonia. His six grandchildren Cliff (Denise) Buttermore, Kelli (Rob) Palmer, Michael (Sue) Sarten, Michelle (Roger) Keck, Bill (Peter) Stike, and Matt (Candis-fiancee) Heinzelman. Also his eight great-grandchildren Courtney, Clifford, and Carissa Buttermore, Mikala Sarten, Lucas Keck, Darian and Dakota Sarten and Ethan Heinzelman. Arrangements have been made for a wake gathering among close family and friends on September 8, 2012. The wake will be held at his daughter Karen's home beginning at 2:30 p.m. Inquiries: 734-425-2303.



CASTILLO, ADELFA

September 1, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Sostenes "Tito." Beloved mother of Sostenes (Ruth), Pablo, Olga (Lothar) Kielmann and Thelma (Len) Castillo. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and several brothers and sisters. Funeral was held Wednesday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-9400. Share a Memorial Tribute with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com.



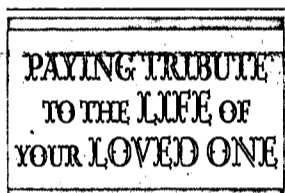
DONDZILA, ANN M.

Age 92 of Westland, Michigan. Born July 17, 1920. Passed away peacefully September 6, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Walter Leo. Loving Mother of Laurie Ann (Ralph) Robinson, Judith M. (Eugene) Borico, Joseph R. Dondzila, Ronald R. (Kathryn) Dondzila, and the late Walter L. Dondzila. Sister of Irene (the late John) Salveta and Patricia (the late Norman) Deja. Preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Also survived by ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Resting at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road (at Ann Arbor Trail), Sunday 1-9 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m. In state Monday 10:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster Road) until time of Mass 11 a.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



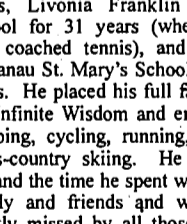
EBERS, DEBORAH LYNN (KLINDT)

Age 59, September 3, 2012. Beloved wife of William J. Klindt. Dear mother of Carolyn Klindt, Max Klindt, and Dana Klindt. Cherished daughter of Loretta and the late Earl Ebers, Jr. Sister of Susan Ebers, Celeste (John) Kralovec, Earl (Lynn) Ebers, II, and Brian (Amy) Ebers. Also many nieces, nephews, and friends. Services have been held. Memorials appreciated to Birmingham Education Foundation or Baldwin Public Library Adult Learning. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



LIVELY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh, died peacefully at Cambrian. Assisted Living with his family at his side and under the gentle care of Hospice of Lenawee. He was born on October 9, 1923 in Clay, KY, the son of Elbert and Mary (Tow) Lively. He married Betty McMahon on November 27, 1946 and celebrated 65 years of marriage this past year. Bill served as a B29 mechanic in the Army Air Force in WWII. He was a Scoutmaster. He loved to read and authored many writings. He restored a wooden sailboat and built his retirement dream home in Traverse City. Bill believed he was born a teacher. He taught math, physics, and electronics at the Dunkirk, IN High School for 6 years, Livonia Franklin High School for 31 years (where he also coached tennis), and Lake Leelanau St. Mary's School for 4 years. He placed his full faith in the Infinite Wisdom and enjoyed camping, cycling, running, golf, cross-country skiing. He loved life and the time he spent with his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. In addition to his wife Betty, he is survived by his sons, Mark (Penelope) Lively of Wayne and Brian (Agnes) Lively of Moreno Valley, CA; his daughters, Maureen (Timothy) Heim of Tecumseh, Beth Lively of Grand Rapids, Carol (Mark) Lively-Gilbert of Ann Arbor; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by one brother Harold. A memorial service will be held on September 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Miller officiating. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or St. Mary's School, P.O. Box 340, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. Condolences may be offered to the family at: www.handlerfuneralhomes.com



McVEAN, JOHN C.

Passed away Sept. 4, 2012 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of Ruth. Father of Neil (Shireen) McVean, William Liberator, Jennifer (Richard) Gibson, Timothy (Christie) McVean, Samuel (Kathryn) McVean, the late Laura McVean (2011) and the late Roberta King (2007). Grandfather to 14 and great-grandfather to three. Son of the late Lavina and the late John. Brother of the late Hugh. Private inurnment at Roseland Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Residential Hospice, 30755 Barington St., Madison Heights, MI 48071. Arrangements with Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home



SITERLET, EARL ANTHONY JR.

Age 29, Aug. 31, 2012 of Westland. Beloved son of Richard and Nancy. Dear brother of Richard Jr. (Rachel) and Philip (Jessica). Loving uncle of Caylee and Mason. Funeral Services held Wednesday. Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), Westland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the college fund for Caylee and Mason. Make checks payable to Rachel Perry. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Age 79, of Howard City, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family who loved him so on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Born March 12, 1933 to Earl Sr. and Lucille (Schlaf) in Detroit, Michigan, his family moved to Livonia in 1941 and he graduated from Bentley High School in 1951. There he met the love of his life, Juanita Kracht. They were married at Saint Vibiana's Cathedral in Los Angeles in 1952. A veteran of the Korean War, Earl proudly served his country in the US Navy where he was stationed on Guam and Korea in the Construction Battalion. Following his military service, Earl and Juanita returned home to Michigan to raise their 8 children. He was for many years a gentleman farmer while obtaining his journeyman carpenter's license in 1956. Earl utilized his passion and talents in the construction trades as he started Thermal-Tec in 1983, a commercial roofing company in Cedar Springs, MI. Earl maintained his builder's license and went on to own and operate a development company after his retirement from Thermal-Tec. Earl built several properties throughout Howard City, Canadian Lakes, and Cedar Springs. His true passion in life was found in his woodshop where his hands created beautiful pieces of furniture. Earl was an active member of Christ The King Catholic Church in Howard City, a lifelong member of the American Legion, an avid golfer, and a mentor and leader to all who knew him. He lived a life full of adventure and uniqueness. If you had the great fortune to know Earl, you never forgot him. No one could tell a story quite like Earl. He was full of life, creativity, opinions, advice and one line phrases that always made you laugh. The world is a less colorful place without Earl in it. Earl preceded in death by his beloved son Richard, his brothers Dick and Jim and his sister Rosemary. He is survived by his lifelong partner and wife of 60 years Juanita, and seven children and their spouses: John (Kathleen), Michael (Eileen), Catherine Siterlet, Elizabeth Woods (Brian), Robert (Mary), Linda Blanchard (Jeff), and Lori McInnis (Joe). He also leaves behind two trusted assistants in Kelly Fox and Laura Schweitzer. Survivors also include the spectacular loves of his lives, his 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren: Jenna and Zach McCaug; Andrew, Aaron, and Adam Woods; Devin and Brady McInnis; Kelra Whitacre and Greg Rise; John and Jacob Siterlet; Abby and Zach Blanchard; Valentino Siterlet; Mason and Taiten McCaug; Layla Rise; KJ Pearson and Ethan Whitacre. Remaining survivors are his brother John (Patsy) Siterlet, and sisters Elaine Morgan and Agnes Williamson, as well as many treasured nieces and nephews whom he thought of as his own. While Earl accomplished many things, his family is a tribute to the legacy he leaves behind. The family will receive friends Saturday from 6-8 pm and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday 11:00 am at Christ The King Catholic Church, Howard City. Rev. Fr. William F. Zink, celebrant. Interment with military honors at North Ensley Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant House, 461 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001.



SPEAR, KENNETH J.

August 30, 2012. Age 94. Devoted husband of the late Mary E. Manby and brother of Jane (LeJean) Marshall of Allen, MI. Dear father of Susan Giles, John (Ann) Spear, Martha Spear (Robert Holley), and Mary Ann (Dale) Burch. Loving grandfather of Kathy Giles Diaz, Mark Giles, Erin Spear, Andrew Spear, Ryan Gilpatrick, Kelley Burch, and David Burch. Proud great-grandfather to Norah, Elena, and Amaya. Ken was a native Detroit but spent much of his later life in Plymouth. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1939. He served in World War II, in New Guinea and The Philippines, as a First Lieutenant in the US Army. He worked for The Ford Motor Co., as a Cost Analyst, for 25+ years. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He enjoyed The Detroit Tigers, square dancing, travel, mystery novels, a good joke, and Buddy's Pizza. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living and Nursing Care, 16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076. There will be a memorial service celebrating Ken's life in April 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



ZAHN, WILLIAM "JACK"

1/9/1947 - 8/30/2012

Jack is survived by his mother, Wilma Zahn, son James, daughters Donna and Patricia, brothers Tim, Michael, Marty and Tom, sisters Barbara and Linda grandchildren, James, Alexis, Mitchell and Joseph, as well as, 34 nieces and nephews.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



WELCOME BACK!

Here are things you can do to make this school year the best one yet.

- 1) Plan to do your best. Just like mom and dad make plans to complete a project, you need to succeed in the classroom. Schedule home work time. Find out when big projects will be due.
- 2) Extra Credit! Make your teacher really notice you by doing a little extra work.
- 3) Be a friend not a bully. You will have loads of new friends if you are a friend first.
- 4) Pick Me-Pick Me! Get involved. Maybe it's an extracurricular activity, club, or event.
- 5) Feed your mind and body! Kick-off your day with a healthy breakfast followed later with a nutritious lunch. It will help you be your best all day long.
- 6) Rest-Work-Play! After all is said and done, make sure to get plenty of rest and add some playtime in your school week.



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| Patrick Kerrigan | Livonia | Sept. 18 |
| Mikey Palmer | Plymouth | Sept. 21 |
| Isaiah Bonner | Romulus | Sept. 25 |
| Ryan Stallworth | Southfield | Sept. 29 |

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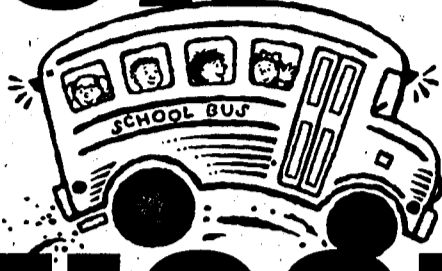
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August Winners!



Parker had a lot of fun this summer spending time at his grandparent's cottage. "I had fun with my remote control cars, remote control boats, shooting BB guns and swimming. My brother and I did a lot of things while we were there! I went on my grandpas big boat and even went tubing for the first time."

Parker Howard, Garden City



David had a fun filled summer vacation including hot dog parties, paddle boating and a trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Sandusky, OH. "I swam, won 1000s of tickets in the arcade, and had huge bucket drop tons of water on our heads!" He also spent time with his Gram and Papa fishing "I caught four fish... Those fish were taking my worms like crazy."

David Kott, Novi



Aubree had a great summer exploring Northern Michigan including Petoskey, Traverse City, and Mackinaw. "We got to swim in Lake Michigan, and in pools and one hot tub! My sister and I were at a store in Travers City. We saw this bear outside and wanted to take a picture with the bear."

Aubree Ostromski, Livonia

Scoop's summer ADVENTURE

This summer Scoop was very busy making new friends at Plymouth Art in the Park and Redford Geriatric Community Picnic



Kyleigh, 8; Kaylyn, 5 yrs old and Hunter, 5 yrs old Howell



Beshira Graham, 2 Detroit; Ashley Brown, Oak Park; Lori Ensign, Clinton Township



Datwan Horton, 11 Detroit



Kyle Graces and Kieona Graces of Detroit



Emma Moxley, Asia Horton, 9; Zyrain Horton, 2 Detroit

BULLY ME!

Do You Get Bullied? If you say YES...Well this story is for you.

One day it was recess time at school. I was playing Zombie tag with my friends. Everything was going smooth until... a bunch of big kids arrived and started bullying me. I was so frustrated because they ruined my playtime. The bullying not only affecting my playtime but is also affecting my learning at school and home.

I have to find a way to stop this bullying. Then I got the perfect idea. So the next day I was waiting for the big bullying kids to arrive and start the bullying.

Here they come. A gang of three. I put on a stone face and said "Okay bully me!" As soon as they started bullying, I started thinking about lunch, math, waking-up tomorrow, Friday's skating and all other good things. I never paid any attention to the bullies. Finally they were so frustrated about my positive behavior, they left and never came back to bully me. So long bullies!



Madhavan C. Thevar Farmington

Madhavan C. Thevar Editor and Writer of self-produced magazine McScribbles from www.mcscribbles.com

Third Grader at Highmeadow Common Campus

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Virtual surgery, group hypnosis aid weight loss

By Sharon Dargay
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Josh Ulch shed 80 pounds three years ago and has kept the weight off.

Ask him how he did it and he'll tell you that he literally put his mind to the task.

"I never believed in it. I thought it was something for entertainers," said Ulch, describing how he used to regard hypnosis.

His opinion quickly changed after some of his relatives attended a hypnosis weight loss seminar. He noticed their "amazing transformation" and wanted to lose pounds, too.

Ulch, a Troy resident who works in Livonia, took a group hypnosis session through Wellness Seminars, a Florida-based company founded by former Ann Arbor resident Rena Greenberg.

"You have to approach it with the mindset that you are going to listen to the suggestions and pay attention to them," he said, recalling his hypnosis session. "It may not be for everyone but it worked for me."

"My eating habits changed almost immediately. I look forward to grilled chicken with no cheese on it."

Greenberg will present the weight loss seminar again from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27 at Providence Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$69.99 if registered online at www.easywillpower.com. The price at the



Rena Greenberg, a former Ann Arbor resident who now lives in Florida, will lead a weight loss hypnosis seminar in Livonia this month.

door — with reservations — is \$79.99. Call (800) 848-2822 for more information. In addition to the two-hour session, participants will receive a booklet with behavior modification tips, a hypnosis audio CD to help reinforce the session, free seminar and hypnosis repetitions for a year, a card with inspirational and motivational quotes.

Subconscious mind

Greenberg has presented the weight loss seminar in more than 75 hospitals and medical centers, including St. John Health System, Crittenton Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, over the past 23 years.

"Most people come to me, whether privately or in a group because they have been on every diet there is. They know they need to eat healthier. They know they need to eat less and exercise."

"The problem is subconsciously they are run by old patterns — binge eating, emotional eating, night snacking," Greenberg said. "For many people these messages come from childhood — 'Finish everything on your plate.' 'Have some cookies and milk, you'll feel better.' These messages are ingrained in your mind and all these years, just reinforcing those patterns."

Some individuals also associate pleasure with

foods that aren't healthful, she said.

"What hypnosis does is change the way you think about food subconsciously. My approach is about helping each of us access that deeper part of the mind that can guide us in a new way. And when that happens it's just natural to eat smaller portions and increase activity, all without feeling deprived."

"Your mindset shifts."

Fascinated by the mind

Greenberg changed her own eating habits while in her mid-20s after a hospital stay. She studied nutrition and other health topics, and became fascinat-



Josh Ulch says group hypnosis helped him lose weight. This is his "before" photo.



Josh Ulch, who works in Livonia, is 80 pounds lighter after undergoing hypnosis. He lost the weight three years ago and has kept it off.

ed by "the power of the mind."

A graduate of City University of New York at Brooklyn College, she worked as a bio-feedback therapist in both private practice and at The Hospital of Joint Disease in New York City, N.Y. before founding Wellness Seminars. She also holds certification in hypnosis from The Eastern NLP Institute and the National Guild of Hypnotists.

In addition to weight loss and smoking cessation seminars, Greenberg also offers gastric bypass hypnosis as an alternative to surgery. She'll be available for one-on-one sessions Sept. 25-28 in Ann Arbor. Call (800) 848-2822 for reservations.

Gastric bypass hypnosis, a process that takes clients through a virtual surgery, began in Europe and has been

gaining attention in the U.S. Clients believe they went through the actual surgery.

Greenberg incorporated it into her practice two years ago and has since been featured on ABC's *Nightline* program. She likes the program because it costs less than the actual surgery, requires no recovery time and creates no risky side effects.

"It's a great alternative for people who don't want an operation. It does no harm," she said, adding that results have been "fantastic."

She helps to reinforce the virtual surgery through pre- and post-hypnosis sessions and take-home CDs. The entire package costs \$1,099.

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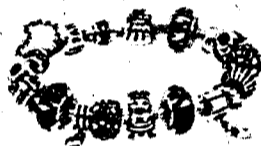
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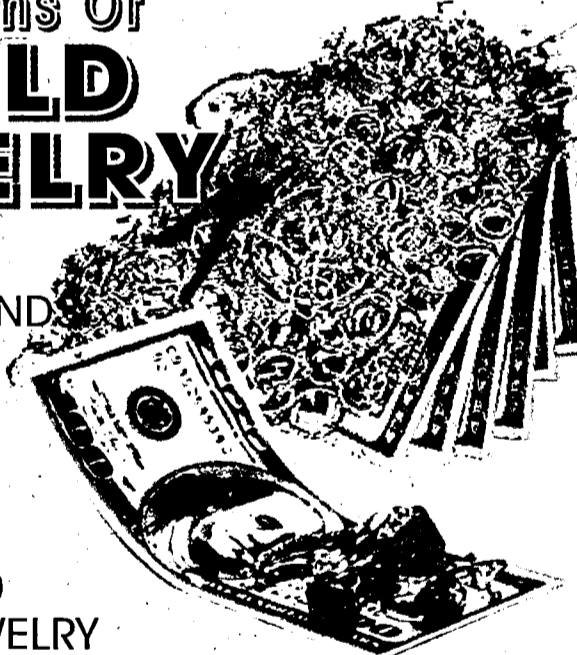
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