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Mediator joins WW bargaining

Kyle Olson of the Education Action Group and Nancy Strachan of the Wayne-Westland Education Association express their views about negotiations in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools on Page A2.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A state mediator has become involved in contract talks between Wayne-Westland school officials and its teachers union.

The Wayne-Westland Education Association requested the help of the mediator through the Michigan Employment Relations Commission Wednesday in hopes of avoiding a strike by the district's 900 teachers on Tuesday, the opening day of school.

"We're absolutely miles apart," WWEA president Nancy Strachan said. "We're trying to be reasonable and make reasonable offers."

Mediator Wanda Mayes met with both sides individually and together on Thursday and had scheduled another session for 10 a.m. Friday. Both sides planned to attend.

"We're encouraged by the use of a state mediator," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We will work in conjunction with the mediator to schedule as many meetings as necessary to reach a settlement."

"By using a mediator, it may be fruitful in helping us all reach a middle ground."

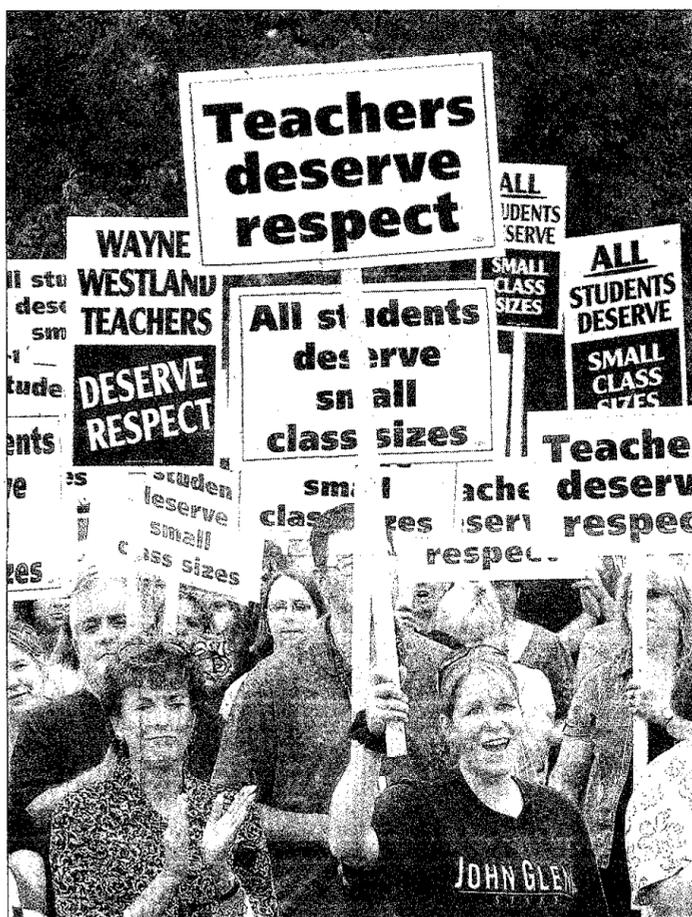
The teachers' contract expired Monday, the same day members overwhelmingly approved a strike, delaying start of school Tuesday. According to Strachan, some issues have been settled, but the two sides are "far apart" on three issues — class sizes, health care and wages.

Evelyn Baran, Michigan Education Association field director, said Mayes can suggest alternatives to the two sides and insist they meet a reasonable number of

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Wayne-Westland Education Association Nancy Strachan talks to teachers about contract talks during a rally Thursday.



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Wayne Westland teachers raise signs, calling for smaller class sizes and respect, in a show of support for Wayne-Westland Education Association negotiators during a rally at the district's administrative offices Thursday evening.

4 men face trial in drug shootout

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A court hearing that brought gripping testimony from a drug informant caught up in a gunfight ended Thursday with four defendants facing trial for an alleged cocaine deal that left a fifth suspect dead outside a Westland shopping center.

The informant, whose identity police didn't want published, gave harrowing details of how he was nearly shot when two of the suspects — one in the back seat of his car and one standing outside his window — drew guns as bullets started flying during an Aug. 12 drug sting that turned sour outside the Bob's of Canton-Westland market.

"I heard bullets and a lot of screaming," the informant testified, during a preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

His testimony and courtroom statements by three police officers convinced Cicirelli to order trials for 50-year-old Garden City defendant Joseph George Boldizar and Detroiters Benjamin Bernard Pringle, 32, Demond Nigel Sanders, 29, and Roberto Debert Reed, 32. A fifth suspect, 28-year-old Brian Thomas of Detroit, was shot dead by police during the gun battle.

All four men, still jailed with \$1 million bonds, could face life in prison if they're convicted of multiple felony charges involving robbery and drugs. Reed and Pringle also have additional firearms charges, and Pringle has four counts of assault with intent to murder, amid allegations he fired at the informant and Romulus backup officers who came to his rescue from two surveillance vans.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS

The informant testified that he has known Boldizar for several years and that Boldizar wanted to make money from large quantities of drugs. The informant also said at least two earlier attempts to carry out the drug stings had failed prior to the afternoon of Aug. 12.

On that day, the informant said he put three kilograms of cocaine behind the driver seat of a silver Mercedes Benz and drove to meet Boldizar, who police say arrived with Thomas in a Lumina driven by Sanders. In court, the informant referred to Thomas by his nickname of Cheeseburger.

Boldizar got in the front passenger seat of the informant's car while Thomas sat in the back seat. Suddenly, a Buick Rendezvous drove up with suspects identified as gunman Pringle and driver Reed.

Pringle is accused of approaching the car with what



Boldizar



Pringle



Sanders



Reed

the informant described as a long pistol that "looked like a machine gun." The informant said Thomas produced another gun in the back seat, pointed it at his head and demanded that he turn over the cocaine, which was supposed to be sold for \$60,000.

The informant, whose car was wired so that surveillance officers in nearby vans could hear, said shots were fired inside his vehicle, and he said he grabbed for Pringle's gun before Pringle allegedly fired more shots outside the vehicle. It was then that the gunfight with surveillance officers erupted.

NO MONEY

The informant testified that he was supposed to make \$4,000 to \$6,000 for helping Romulus police with the drug sting, but he said in court he didn't get any money because the defendants didn't actually bring any to the scene.

The informant named Boldizar as the defendant who arranged the supposed drug deal turned robbery, but Boldizar shook his head as he sat in the courtroom along with the three other defendants.

Romulus police Sgt. Phillip Czernick testified that he was with the surveillance officers when Pringle emerged from the Buick Rendezvous with a semiautomatic handgun that he fired into the informant's car and then at officers. Pringle was shot and wounded, and like Boldizar he was captured at the scene.

Pringle was initially hospitalized but had been released prior to Thursday's court hearing.

Police took Sanders and Reed into custody in Detroit within two days of the shootout.

Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch testified that Reed told him during an interview that he was supposed to take cocaine to Detroit and cook it up into crack cocaine.

Another Westland officer, Burke Lange, said Sanders gave him details about the robbery during a separate interview.

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Ex-boyfriend faces trial in Laci Green slaying

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The former boyfriend of slain Westland resident Laci Green will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid accusations he strangled her to death and left her body in a grassy field near her Millpointe subdivision home on the city's southwest side.

The defendant, 25-year-old Robert James-the-First Howard of Dearborn Heights, faces trial for first-degree murder following a three-day preliminary hearing that began in late June and finally concluded Thursday in Westland 18th District Court. Howard, jailed without bond, will face life in prison if he's convicted as charged. Testimony has indicated

that Howard took a taxi cab from Dearborn Heights and arrived in Green's neighborhood shortly before 1 a.m. May 7. Police believe the two met to talk and that Howard, upset that Green was dating another man, killed her.

Howard initially helped Barbara and Edward Green look for their daughter, but he had become a suspect even before her body was found around 6 a.m. May 7.

Even before Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch knew how Green had died, he said Howard indicated during an interrogation at the Westland police station that Green had been strangled.

Borisch also testified that Howard admitted taking Green's shoes, which she left just outside her house,

and putting them in a sewer drain. When asked why, Howard told Borisch he was afraid his fingerprints would be on the shoes and that he might be blamed for whatever happened to Green.

Westland Police Officer Robert Fruit testified that when he encountered Howard less than 300 yards from where Green's body was found, the suspect was out of breath and sweating profusely. Fruit also said Howard had the same kind of fresh grass clippings on his clothing that police found on Green's body.

"All he kept saying was he had nothing to do with it," Fruit said.

Defense attorney Bertram Johnson indicated that Howard might not have

been given a chance to see an attorney when he asked for one, but Borisch said the suspect indicated that he wanted to keep talking even without a lawyer. Borisch said Howard cried and shook his head during the interrogation.

Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli ordered Howard to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after the hearing concluded Thursday. Borisch testified that he believed Howard took a taxi cab to Green's house because he was angry that she was seeing another man.

"I think he was mad at her, and I think he was coming there to kill her," Borisch said.

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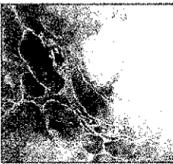
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Misguided spending hurts district

It's important to note that I haven't read the column submitted to the *Westland Observer* by the Education Action Group's Kyle Olson. In the end, I don't really need to — every time he inserts himself into a local bargaining situation he touts the same anti-union messages about the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA).

If Mr. Olson had taken the time to check the facts before he intruded himself into the Wayne-Westland teachers' contract negotiations, he would have found that it is the district's misguided spending priorities that are truly hurting our students and our community.

Since Mr. Olson isn't at the bargaining table — and doesn't even live on this side of the state — he doesn't know that the MESSA plan the teachers are proposing is \$40,000 cheaper than the current insurance package.

If Mr. Olson had done his homework, he would know that teachers have saved the district millions of dollars over the past two years by reducing their wages and benefits. This, after the superintendent promised them that administrators would lead from the top in taking cuts. Their cuts still haven't happened, despite the district's claims of poverty.

Because of those claims, the teachers asked MEA economist Ruth Beier to do a financial analysis of the district. Using data that the district itself provided to the state, it became apparent that for the past three years the district has manufactured a deficit. In reality, Wayne-Westland has money, but the administration chooses to buy "things" instead of spending the money on students and the resources necessary to give them a great public education.

By repeatedly moving money

from its general fund into a capital fund, the district can tell the community it has no money while it goes ahead and builds two field houses and buys state-of-the-art artificial turf — not typical behavior of a district in financial crisis.

And there's no reason for this shell game. For the 2006-07 school year, the district had a surplus of more than \$1.5 million. It received an additional \$2.8 million for capital purchases and also used voter-approved debt fund revenue. Flush with money, it then transferred \$2.4 million to its capital fund and manufactured a general fund deficit of \$860,442!

Meanwhile, class sizes have dramatically increased. With 36 students in some elementary classes and 38 in high school classes, there isn't enough time for one-on-one instruction. Sometimes there aren't even enough desks, lab stations or computers for every student. But the superintendent claims that large class sizes have had no negative impact on test scores. Unfortunately, the data he uses was gathered at a time when class sizes were smaller.

It becomes clear that either the district doesn't budget well or it has its priorities in the wrong place. What they have created is a school district that has the second highest general fund balance (essentially a savings account) in the county; spends a smaller portion of its budget on instructional compensation than all but six other county districts; and ranks in the top third of the county in number of pupils per teacher. Those are facts — things Mr. Olson usually ayoids.

All this begs the question, why is this guy from Muskegon writing columns in our community newspaper? The answer is simple — Kyle Olson and his Education Action Group friends despise unions and public schools.

Who are some of those friends? One is disgraced political adviser Dick Morris, who frequently tag teams with Olson to bash MESSA and anything

else related to organized labor.

Another is EAG's incorporator Eric Doster, who is a conservative attorney, activist and political candidate. He serves as general counsel for the state Republican Party and has many ties to former gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos and his anti-public school, voucher-loving organization, the Great Lakes Education Project.

Unfortunately we don't know much about Olson's other anti-union, anti-public school conspirators — while he has no compunction about decrying union PAC dollars going to political candidates, he refuses to disclose who is funding his operations.

Under the EAG banner, Olson has butted into bargaining situations all over the state, ranging from Grand Rapids to the small town of Gladstone in the Upper Peninsula. In both cases, his out-of-town "help" wasn't welcome — representatives from the union AND the school district denounced his union hate-mongering in both communities. (You can learn more about EAG by going to www.eagtruth.com.)

So, Mr. Olson, since you're not from around here and don't know anything about this bargaining situation or this community, let me educate you about what's on the minds of Wayne-Westland teachers.

We're all looking forward to the start of a new school year. One in which we can help students succeed. One in which we're supported for the hard work we do. And one in which our administration is truthful about its priorities and its finances.

We want what's best for our students, our schools, our families and our community. And we're going to stand united — shoulder to shoulder with parents, community leaders and our union brothers and sisters — for what we know is right.

Nancy Strachan is president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, which represents the district's 850 teachers.

Education lost in union-district clash

It's amazing how deceptive the name of an organization can be.

One classic example is the "Michigan Education Association,"

the title of the state's largest teachers union. Or, to be more case specific, the Wayne-Westland Education Association, a subgroup of the state association. That carefully selected moniker has a reassuring ring to it. Anyone who cares about kids would get a warm, fuzzy feeling to believe there's a group working throughout the state to improve public education.

That's exactly the strategy of the teachers union — to fool taxpayers into believing that instructional quality and student advancement are the group's primary goals. It's pure deception.

Recent headlines tell us that the Wayne-Westland teachers union is preparing for a strike that could potentially delay the start of the school year. The union defends its pending action by screaming that its members haven't had a raise in several years. It also claims that negotiations with the school board remain hopelessly stalled, and only the threat of an illegal work stoppage might produce progress.

Thus it becomes clear that educational improvement is clearly not at the top of the union's priority list — unless it's somehow related to the union's ability to maintain outrageously expensive insurance coverage at a time when the district can least afford it.

The leadership of the teachers union understands well that public education is in big trouble. The financial pie has continuously been devoting a bigger piece to benefits, forcing school boards to make increasingly difficult decisions about the smartest and fairest way to carve it up.

Sensible people would agree that responsible school boards will save as much of the pie as possible for classroom activities and materials that directly benefit children. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves that children are the only reason that public education exists.

But in the Wayne-Westland district, like so many others around the state, the teachers union is intent on securing a bigger piece of the pie for itself. It's not like the school board hasn't tried to satisfy the union, within the context of its financial constraints. The board's latest contract proposal offers most teachers in the district salary increases ranging between 4 and 6 percent.

Not a bad offer for employees in a zero-growth industry, where costs continue to skyrocket while the checks from the state cannot keep up. There are lots of employees in the state's manufacturing sector who would love that type of raise, but have the good sense to realize that it might prove to be the final nail in their companies' coffin. Yet the WWEA presses on with its demands, threatening to form a picket line in front of the schoolhouse door just as the kids are trying on their new school clothes.

The main sticking point seems to be health insurance for teachers, an issue that's been forcing a wedge between unions and school boards throughout the state. The union appears desperate to preserve its lucrative insurance coverage provided by MESSA, owned and controlled by the teachers union itself. Taxpayers should know that MESSA pumps millions of dollars into the MEA's coffers every year, which likely are used to strong-arm school boards at the bargaining table.

But the simple fact is that the Wayne-Westland district can no longer afford lucrative MESSA coverage for its staff. The statistics speak for themselves. Under current financial conditions, the school district

is projecting a \$13.3 million budget deficit by 2010. Yet last year, the district spent \$14.3 million on health insurance for its employees. That represents 12.2 percent of the money the district received to educate students.

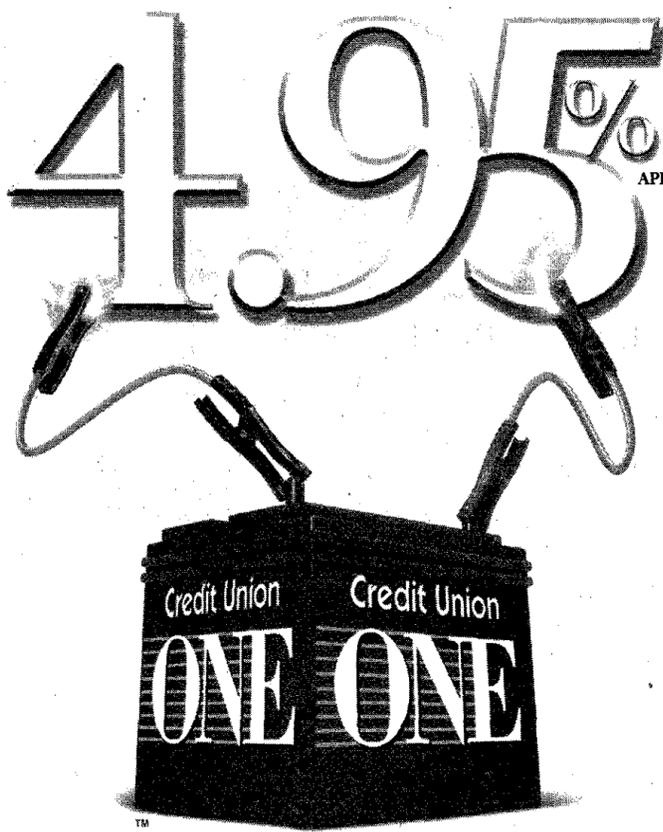
The idea is not to cut the quality of insurance coverage. It's to provide more affordable coverage. The Legislature recognized the stranglehold that MESSA has on Michigan school districts and tried to address the problem. As part of last fall's state budget package, districts were legally required to seek bids for employee insurance, in hopes of giving school boards a way to escape the MESSA dollar drain.

But the law has yet to make much of a difference, as the union continues to pick taxpayer pockets by forcing its own insurance carrier down our throats. Its strategy is understandable. If MESSA is sent packing in one district, the trend is sure to spread, and the MEA will lose one of its most lucrative moneymaking machines.

So now it's up to the teachers of the Wayne-Westland district. Do they continue to squeeze the district for every penny they can get in salary and benefits, until the well runs dry, or do they live up to the noble name of their union, work in partnership with the school board, and come up with sensible settlement that allows kids into the classrooms when the bell rings in a matter of days?

Let's hope the answer to that question is not found in the words of Albert Shanker, the president of the American Federation of Teachers: "When schoolchildren start paying dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of schoolchildren."

Kyle Olson is vice president of strategy for Education Action Group (www.educationactiongroup.org), a Muskegon-based nonprofit promoting school spending reform.



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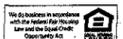
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times and places.

Both sides have exchanged words over the course of negotiations, with the union claiming the school district has failed to negotiate in good faith and refused to schedule new talks after Thursday in a press release issued by the Michigan Education Association late Thursday morning.

Baracy, however, said the press release was "not truthful" and reiterated a statement he made Tuesday that the "district is willing to go around the clock."

"We will continue to negotiate in good faith, this is now in the hands of the mediator," he said.

The school board met in closed session Thursday evening, and the union used it as an opportunity to rally outside the district's administrative offices on Marquette in Westland.

"I hope the school board can hear us and tell their team to get to the table Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and wrap this up," Baran told a crowd of some 200 teachers who carried picket signs reading "Teachers deserve respect" and "All children deserve small classes."

"We still have hope. We still have a couple of days and I hope with the board's support, we'll get a contract."

"We want you back in school, we know that in your hearts that's what you want," Strachan said. "We want you back with a fair and equitable contract."

The rally came a day after the district sent a letter to teachers on Wednesday, stating that the board was "disappointed" that the WWEA leadership may call a strike. The letter informed teachers that "whether the WWEA leadership calls an ille-

gal strike, the board will expect all employees to report for work as scheduled."

It also stated that WWEA members who do not report for work or who report but do not perform all their duties will be "engaging in illegal conduct."

State law prohibits strikes by public employees, including teachers, who could face penalties ranging from fines to firing for breaking the law.

MEA attorney Bill Young told the teachers that the letter "was nothing more than what the union has seen in other places."

"It's just a letter, just a bully tactic," he said. "We want you in class on Tuesday with a fair contract."

Both sides also are using their Web sites to promote their cases. Thursday the school district posted a question-and-answer brief about negotiations on its Web site at www.wwcsd.net. The union is presenting MEA economist Ruth Beier's financial analysis on the MEA Web site at www.mea.org/press.

Baran told the teachers that the union has the support of the UAW and there were several handmade signs urging people to buy American-made cars.

"They (the UAW) made the signs. They're supporting us, and we appreciate that," said Sue Carlson, a Spanish teacher at Marshall Middle School.

Reminded of the school district's slogan, Baran told the teachers that "great futures do start right here, not just for kids, but for the teachers."

"There's 900 of us, we'll all go out together, we all come in together," she said.

"We hope the board will tell its team to meet through the weekend," she added. "For sure we know that if we don't bargain, we won't have an agreement by Tuesday. Our teachers want an agreement."

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Teenager gets jail time in death of cat

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland teenager who admitted he sodomized a cat that was left dead has been sentenced to nine months in jail and placed on probation for five years, authorities confirmed.

Todd Allan Treviso, 18, was sentenced Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court after he earlier pleaded guilty to

sodomizing a male cat named Magic.

"I'd like to see him spend more time in jail," said police Sgt. Debra Mathews, who investigated the case.

Former pastor Neil Carrick has told the Observer that he had welcomed Treviso, a homeless teenager, into his home when Treviso was accused of sodomizing a neighbor's cat, killing it and leaving it dead outdoors.

"It's beyond belief," Carrick said after the cat was found dead in early April. Magic's paws had been bound together with duct tape and a sock had been stuck in his mouth, which also was taped up.

Carrick said he had given the homeless teenager a place to stay after his daughter saw him walking in the cold near Palmer and Wayne roads.

Westland police have said that Treviso was accused of

sodomizing the cat with his fingers.

Treviso was ordered to stand trial in April after he gave up his right to a preliminary hearing. His decision to enter a plea averted a trial on charges of sodomy and torturing/killing a cat. If convicted at trial, Treviso could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Historic park events

The Westland Garden Club will have a plant exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Friends of Eloise

In other events at the historic park, the Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Westland Public Library will hold a used book sale Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7. A preview sale will be held 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, for Friends members and those who wish to join the organization. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and there will be a Bag Day Sale from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Golf outing

John Glenn High School's wrestling program will have its 11th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Please contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or (734) 634-4595 for more information or to

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Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in September. The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center. Office hours for Thursday, Sept. 4, are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center. The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Livonia PTSA council meets

The Livonia PTSA Council has scheduled its first meeting and leadership workshops at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh Road, between Five and Six Mile.

All PTA and PTSA members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president, will

be a guest speaker. The workshops include training and information for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and membership, Reflections, bylaws, communications, legislative committees.

For more information, call Heidi Nance, president of the Livonia PTSA Council at (734) 454-0231.

Teachers applaud comments made by WWEA president Nancy Strachan.



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How's business? Expo participants cautiously encouraged

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're not turning cartwheels, but local business leaders see some promising signs in the Michigan economy.

"It's good," Realtor Adam Hammons of RE/MAX Classic on Joy at Morton Taylor in Canton said. The Westland resident was among business people at the Saturday, Aug. 23, Westland Chamber of Commerce Health and Business Expo.

"Things are picking up," said Hammons, in real estate for seven years, adding that buyers are getting off the fence and making offers. "We're starting to see a lot of the foreclosed properties coming off the market."

Even regular home sales are going through, Hammons said.

It's a good time to buy, including investment property, he said. Hammons, among a number of business people at the Westland Shopping Center, was collecting cell phones for



DAN MARTIN

Garden City Hospital was ably represented at the Health and Business Expo presented by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

calling card time for soldiers (visit www.MyWestlandHome.com for details).

Her business is different from real estate, but Mary

Vellardita, co-owner of C & M Printing on Wayne Road north of Ford in Westland is doing OK.

"We're hanging in there," the

Livonia resident said.

She's found increasing customer service helps, as does networking, mostly through the chamber.

"We're continuing to increase our marketing and networking so we can weather the storm and stay afloat," said Vellardita, who was showing wedding items from the print shop and other invitations for events like showers.

Dr. Amanda Apfelblat, a chiropractor whose Michigan Chiropractic Specialists is on Ford east of Merriman in Westland, is also optimistic.

"It is more challenging," the West Bloomfield resident said. "You have to work hard, but we're growing."

Apfelblat agreed the chamber and other networking are big assets.

Kathy Hurt is in marketing with Co-op Services Credit Union on Ford east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

"We've been in Westland since 1980," said Livonia resident Hurt, who grew up in Redford. "You try to give back to the community as much as you can."

She's proud of their six scholarships given each year to high

school seniors, and also youth programs to teach money management.

"Mortgages are down," Hurt acknowledged. "It's hard all the way around. You do the best you can to be out there for the people."

Co-op Services Credit Union is in six communities.

"We've been around for going on 55 years," she said. "That's an extension of your family."

The Westland chamber has some 380 members, many at the Aug. 23 expo with Westland Shopping Center, the major sponsor. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia was the health sponsor, Parkside Credit Union the business sponsor.

"This event is very well-received by the business community," said Brookellen Swope, chamber president and CEO. She, too, sees encouraging signs from the business community.

"I am hearing that things are a little better," Swope said. "Everybody's cautious, but they're encouraged."

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Hospital programs focus on wellness

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial

issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon to 2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussion on new diabetes information by attending this support group. Day and evening classes are available. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. CPAP and BiPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Yoga (first of four classes) at 7 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Friday, Sept. 5

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Daily Programs
Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/ Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

Volunteer at Garden City Hospital
Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed.

Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital.

To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

Volunteers also donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The group raises funds to support patient care. Members staff the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and deliver mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.

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Airport prepares for opening of new North Terminal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Airport Authority is ready to roll out the red carpet for Detroit Metro Airport's new North Terminal.

While not as splashy as the McNamara Terminal on the airport's south end, the North Terminal is a sparkling improvement over the aging Smith and Berry terminals it is replacing.

"The simplicity of this building is part of its beauty," Michael Conway, the airport's director of public affairs, said at a media tour of the new facility Wednesday.

The \$431 million terminal is scheduled to officially open Sept. 17, Wednesday, construction workers were busy putting the final touches in place for a weekend of previews Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6.

"Detroit Metro Airport is one of southeast Michigan's greatest assets, and the Airport Authority is eager to share this new addition to our award-winning facilities with the community we serve," WCAA CEO Lester Robinson said.

Until the opening of the McNamara Terminal for Northwest Airlines and its affiliate airlines in 2002, Detroit Metro Airport was regularly criticized for its dated, aging and inefficient facilities. One critic said Detroit Metro ranked just ahead of the Calcutta airport as the worst in the world.

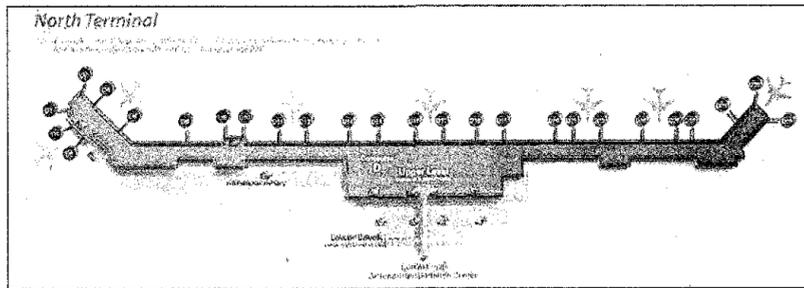
The sleek McNamara Terminal began to change the opinion of writers and fliers. The 26-gate North Terminal will serve the airlines not affiliated with Northwest: Southwest, United, Air Canada, U.S. Airways, Spirit, Frontier, AirTran and USA 3000. In addition, Lufthansa and Royal Jordanian will move from McNamara to the new terminal.

Conway said the Airport Authority set four major goals for the new building: safety, convenience, efficiency for air-



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It won't be long before jets are pulling up to the new terminal.



The North Terminal will have a linear layout similar to the McNamara Terminal on Metro Airport's south side.

lines and expandability.

The North Terminal's long, linear design replaces the old-

fashioned pier design of the Smith and Davey terminals, which caused delays as airliners

had to wait for other airliners to pull out.

"In linear style, aircraft can

move in and out of gates independent of each other," Conway said.

The North Terminal will not have a people mover as at McNamara, but it will have a moving sidewalk. There will be restrooms at the end of each moving sidewalk and convenient to the gates. The gates will have sleek and durable Herman Miller seating.

"We get lots of compliments on gate seating and it's a Michigan company," Conway said.

Thirty concessions will serve the facility, including such name brands at Borders, Brookstone,

Champps, TGI Friday's, Ruby Tuesday, Hockeytown Cafe, McDonald's and Xpress Spa.

Conway said the new terminal doesn't have the rich detail of McNamara, but it will be more colorful and more light-filled.

"We did a lot with color; we didn't have a McNamara budget," he said.

But the airport did receive a Voluntary Airport Low Emissions grant of \$1.7 million from the Federal Aviation Administration. Funding from the grant was used for infrastructure to deliver fuel, temperature-controlled air and auxiliary electrical power directly to aircraft parked at the boarding gates. The equipment will cut down on emissions from mobile fuel trucks and the preconditioned air and electrical power units will reduce the reliance on on-board auxiliary power units and diesel-powered ground power units.

A ground transportation center will accommodate all commercial vehicles loading and unloading, such as car rental, taxi cabs, parking lot shuttles and limousines.

Demolition of the old Davey Terminal to make room for construction of the North Terminal began in 2006. Smith and Berry terminals will be decommissioned. Smith Concourse C will be demolished immediately to make way for gates. Concourses A and B need to come down to make room for a major deicing pad. The Smith terminal was opened in 1958, when airlines began to shift passenger service from Willow Run Airport.

No timeline has been set on bringing down the central Smith terminal, which is used for the Airport Authority's administrative offices.

Conway said the authority is considering the possibility of selling naming rights to the new terminal, as was done in naming Comerica Park and Ford Field. He said a final decision hasn't been made.



The new terminal's design isn't as flashy as the McNamara Terminal, but will be a major improvement over the aged Smith Terminal.

Public previews planned for terminal

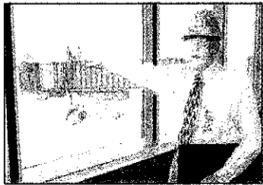
The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) will soon offer the public its first glimpse inside the new North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) as it hosts a series of preview events in advance of the terminal's scheduled opening Sept. 17.

Events planned are:

■ VIP Charity Preview Event — Friday, Sept. 5

A charity preview 7-11 p.m. inside the new terminal to benefit five local nonprofit organizations. This exclusive preview event will offer guests their first chance to see the new, 26-gate facility up-close before it opens to travelers in mid-September.

Guests will hear music from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Quartet, enjoy a strolling dinner by Metro Detroit caterer, Forte Bellanger, as well as musical entertainment from "Alizma." Proceeds from the event will benefit the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, First Step, The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Traveler's



Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Airport Authority, describes a new system for fueling and providing air conditioning and ground power for waiting aircraft.

Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit.

For more details regarding this charity preview event, charities and tickets, visit www.airportpreview.com.

■ Community Open House — Saturday, Sept. 6

All members of the public can visit the new terminal, free of charge, at a community open house 1-5 p.m. While participants explore the new North Terminal and learn about this exciting new addition to DTW, they will also enjoy music, dance, games, a scavenger hunt and prizes provided by Radio Disney. In

addition, the event will feature various high-tech interactive displays including flight simulators, Rock Band, Dance Dance Revolution, Dancing Heads and much more.

Attendees will have the chance to win several prizes, including a plane load of gas in gas cards, a trip to Disney World, several round-trip airline tickets and various other giveaways. Refreshments will also be served.

Although the event is free, reservations are recommended. For more information regarding this community open house and to register, visit www.airportopenhouse.com.

■ Family Day Preview — Saturday, Sept. 6

Prior to opening its doors to the public Sept. 6, the Airport Authority will first welcome the friends and family of all of its employees and those of its contractors and vendors who designed, built or otherwise contributed to the planning, design and construction of this new facility at a private event that morning. Details are provided at www.dtwfamily.com.

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On the very same day I discovered a downy woodpecker in a near comical, yet successful attempt at half-hovering and half-perching on the slippery edge of my hummingbird feeder, the Michigan DNR confirmed a black bear rooting about a potato field in nearby Washtenaw County. Both creatures recognized opportunity and adapted to our behavior. And learned from it. The woodpecker returns every day for his sweet treat.

Wildlife biologist Julie Oakes of the Michigan DNR reminded me that several years ago a black bear was hit by a car on I-75 near Flint, another made it across I-69 and wandered about Lapeer County for awhile, and credible rumors of black bear surfaced earlier this year in Hadley Township on the Oakland County line. None of this should be surprising for black bears, espe-



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cially younger males, have great wanderlust. Bears are masters of opportunity, one the world's most adaptable carnivores. Their reasoning ability, long-term memory, omnivorous food habits, dexterity, speed and strength coupled with their ability to travel unseen along bushy roadside edges and waterways means it is time for us to Be Bear Aware. Aware, not panicked, for most of the time bears avoids humans.

Oakes is correct when she states, "Black bears are not aggressive like grizzly bears, they will usually turn tail and run, if you make noises and scare them off." Usually is a key word. There are well-documented accounts of defensive (protecting cubs) and predatory (they want you for dinner) black bear attacks (not in Michigan) and bear-human encounters are likely to increase.

To keep the situation in perspective look to the Great Smokey Mountains. Nine million visitors annually. Approximately 1,600 black bears. Eighth bear attacks in a decade. Two fatal predatory attacks. The fact of the matter remains clear: Aggressive encounters between people and black bears are extremely rare. But once bears associate people with food, they lose their instinctive fear of humans and conflicts are inevitable. In the colorful new DNR brochure, "Preventing Bear Problems in Michigan" they changing dynamics are noted, "Black bears may be found almost anywhere in Michigan, but are most likely to be seen in the northern two thirds of the state." DNR tips to avoid problems include "Never feed bears" and "Keep garbage and odor at a minimum by removing trash." Yet, jump to on-line bear hunting regulations of the same DNR and we find a different story for a different audience: bear hunters. Hunters may use the following products without quantity restrictions to lure in bears, "dog food, bakery/confectionery prod-

ucts including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies, pie filling and yogurts..."

Perhaps bear baiting is brew for conflict, for that is feeding bears. Human foods and bait piles increase the potential for bears becoming fearless and habituated to humans, a fact other states recognize. New Mexico (they had fatal predatory attacks) notes that 70 percent of bear-human conflicts are human-trash based. Whatever a bear (or nectar happy woodpecker) learned from its experiences will influence its behavior in the next encounter.

Here is your two-word primer if you find yourself face to face with a snarling mass of muscle, fur and teeth, a predatory black bear attack: Fight back. For if you play dead during a black bear attack the bear is likely to eat you. Better yet, avoid trouble in the first place. If approached by a black bear, never turn and run. If you act like prey, you become prey. Safety tips at www.bebear-aware.org. Now let's go camping and fire up the barbecue.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Oaknature@aol.com.



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

This bear skull indicates just how powerful these creatures are.

Headstart offers series on relationships

Wayne County Head Start is offering a workshop series, Healthy Marriage/Healthy Relationships throughout Wayne County.

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The series are scheduled to begin Sept. 8.

For more information directly contact the Head Start programs at these location:

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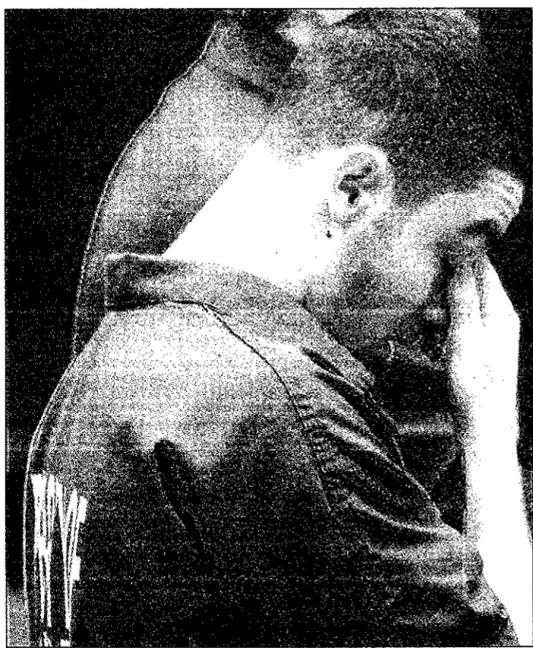
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Livonia teenager sentenced 5-15 years for traffic fatality



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Daniel Andreassi, 16, of Livonia, wipes away tears during his sentencing held Thursday at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A Stevenson High School student was sentenced to prison in connection with a traffic accident outside a Livonia golf course that left one dead, another injured and a child fatherless.

Daniel Andreassi was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison Thursday for the May 18 death of Anthony Cosenza, 20, of Westland, in a traffic accident.

Circuit Court Judge Deborah Thomas handed down the sentence, agreed upon in a plea deal, after telling the fiancée and family of Cosenza that while the pain never goes away, it does ebb.

"The pain differs," she said, mentioning that she suffered a similar loss. "It's not always as intense, it differs."

Andreassi, 16, was taken away to begin serving his sentence with credit given for 77 days already spent in custody. He will be eligible for parole in five years.

In the plea agreement, Andreassi pleaded no contest as an adult on charges of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily harm, and felonious driving with sentences to run concurrently. In exchange for the plea, the charges of second degree murder and minor in posses-



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Amy Adams of Westland wears a shirt with a photo of her fiancé Anthony Cosenza who was killed by Daniel Andreassi during a drunk driving accident. She stands outside the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, after the sentencing of Andreassi.

sion were dropped. Cosenza's mother, Marie, addressed the court before the sentence was read. She

said the last time she saw her son alive was May 17 when he dropped his children off to go to work.

"When Tony died, my heart broke," she said. "It broke four more times when I saw his brothers react."

Amy Adams, Cosenza's fiancée and the mother of his son, said Andreassi's actions on that night affected several lives.

"The loss of my fiancée and my son's father is immeasurable," she said. "Tony never had the chance to see his son grow and crawl. Daniel's family has the chance to see him again."

Before the sentence was read, Andreassi expressed his regrets and his wishes that things could be different.

"I am sorry, not a day goes by that I don't wish this never happened," he said. "I hope you will be able to forgive me because I will never be able to forgive myself."

Andreassi's attorney, Jerome Sabbota, said this is a case where no one is going to be pleased.

"The victims weren't ecstatic, they thought the sentence was too light," he said. "(Andreassi's) parents wanted him sentenced as a minor. One person is dead, another was seriously injured and a 16-year-old boy was sent to prison. Nobody won."

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OUR VIEWS

No easy resolutions for teachers talks

With the advent of state legislation in the 1960s, teachers began formally to organize labor unions, something previously prohibited for public employees. By 1967, dozens of bargaining units in the state marked Labor Day — and the start of school — by going on strike.

While strikes weren't — and still aren't — legal, school districts have had to go to court to compel teachers to return to the classroom.

More than 30 years later, some area school districts still see contentious negotiations. Teachers in the Wayne-Westland School District have called for a strike Monday, but both sides began meeting with a state mediator on Thursday.

Other districts, like Plymouth-Canton, say they have found a better way. That district recently arrived at contract settlements with its nine unions, using what is called interest-based bargaining. That process uses a mediator in less

adversarial discussions.

Regardless of the bargaining tactics, the woe-full state economy and resultant small increases in state aid are having an impact on school districts.

"Things haven't gotten much better for Michigan school districts," said Royal Oak Supp. Thomas Moline. That district was able to give teachers "a very small" salary increase.

One district that has faced contentious negotiations is Southfield Public Schools, which is negotiating its first contract after privatizing bus, cafeteria and custodial jobs in the face of financial problems.

Unions in poorly funded districts know their bargaining chips are few. While discussion points have been exchanged in South Redford, both sides have agreed to delay serious bargaining until a small, \$88 per student increase in state aid is received.

That's interesting because finance officials in all districts report that salaries and benefits comprise the bulk of their budgets. Critics of teacher unions claim that state aid increases go toward salaries, not programs. Union officials counter, however, that teachers are responsible for delivering those programs.

The situation is far worse in the Redford Union district, where teachers have gone for three years without a contract. Top of the scale teachers have gone for five years without a wage increase, and unfair labor practices have been filed by both sides.

Union members are aware of the Redford Union district's plight, operating in a deficit, but the call for concessions leaves them bitter.

The better-funded Troy School District still is facing tough negotiations. Teachers have made some previous concessions, particularly in the area of health care. Their contract has been

extended until Oct. 3, as bargainers negotiate everything from the school calendar to the financial package.

The contrasts show that challenging labor negotiations are experienced by districts both small and large, well-funded and not.

"We're absolutely miles apart," said Wayne-Westland Education Association President Nancy Strachan. "We're trying to be reasonable and make reasonable offers."

The problem is, what is reasonable? That will be for each district to decide, but perhaps equally important is finding a process that works well for both sides. After all, 40 years of bargaining have shown contentious negotiations aren't productive.

The Plymouth-Canton district approach, in which both sides accept ownership for issues, may not work for everyone. But it's a place to start.

Preserving farmland ultimately benefits Michigan's economy

As I travel around the state talking with farmers and promoting Michigan's agriculture industry, I consider all the things that can be done to further enhance the role agriculture and farming has in the state.

With the current economic changes in Michigan, I believe agriculture will have an even bigger role in the state's economy as it continues to be the second largest economic driver in the state generating nearly \$64 billion for Michigan's economy annually.

Land is fundamental to maintaining and enhancing agriculture's place in the Michigan's economy. It's where it all begins. It makes sense to preserve our land base so current, and future, Michigan farmers can continue to produce the wide variety of crops already grown here.

Prior to the implementation of the state's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) in the early 1970s, Michigan had already lost an astounding four million acres of farmland. The tax incentives provided by PA 116 have significantly slowed the rate of farmland loss. In fact, the program cur-

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First, one of the best ways to safeguard farmland is to enhance the basic economic vitality of Michigan agriculture. Farms that can make money will remain farms and the children of the farm families will stay in the family business. We can encourage value added agriculture by improving access to commodity markets — locally, nationally and abroad.

With today's energy costs, buying locally produced products is particularly important. Secondly, expansion of programs such as PA

116, which target full-time farmers, to include land owned by part-time farmers would help to protect up to 50 percent more of Michigan's farmland. Enhanced funding for permanent protection programs such as the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and programs to help farmers pass their farm on to future generations would be of great benefit.

Farms don't just supply the food we eat and enjoy every day; they represent the second largest industry in the state, are responsible for one million jobs, and provide an important "export" function for the state — exporting crops and importing dollars back into the state and local communities. Businesses that export a commodity and import capital, particularly from a land based resource available year after year, are becoming increasingly vital in an economy where many of the new jobs are in the service sector which transfer wealth within the state rather than import

wealth from other regions.

The availability of water in Michigan places the state and agriculture in a unique position nationally. It's predicted that water resources in the Great Plains and in central California will significantly diminish in the not-too-distant future. Michigan's position in the Great Lakes basin, plus the availability of quality farmland, will be the key to the state's agricultural economic future — if we can only hold on to the farmland we have.

In addition to economic benefits, farms also provide valuable environmental benefits to communities, providing storm water catchment and flood control, wildlife habitat, and open space. Farms also act as a positive tax revenue source for local governments, since studies show farmers typically pay more in property taxes than they use for services.

The bottom line is agriculture is good for Michigan, good for local government, and good for communities. Preserving our existing farmland base can positively position Michigan today, in the future, and help secure Michigan as a major economic player in the Midwest and the nation.

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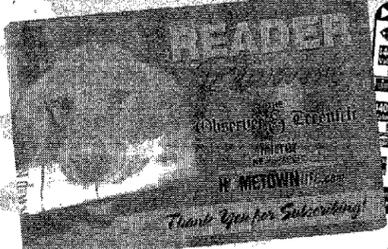
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Taking the cash best option when inheriting IRA



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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Dear Rick: I am going to receive an inheritance of about \$75,000. I was told I have a choice to either take cash or I can inherit an IRA. My wife thinks

IRA because we really don't need the money. I'm leaning toward cash. What are your thoughts?

It is a slam dunk. You should take the cash. The main reason is taxes.

The issue for you is the tax consequences on the inherited money. If you inherit the IRA, that \$75,000 is eventually going to be taxed as ordinary income. Therefore, of the \$75,000 that you receive, more

than \$25,000 would have to be paid in taxes netting you only \$50,000.

On the other hand, if you take the \$75,000 in cash you will pay zero income taxes.

When it comes to inheritance there is a lot of confusion about taxes. Part of the confusion is there are different taxes that enter into the equation. There can be income tax and estate tax consequences. In the typical situation,

when someone receives money from an estate there are no estate taxes. Estate taxes are levied on the estate itself and not the beneficiary. However, when someone does inherit money, there can be income tax consequences.

Dear Rick: About a year ago, I got suckered into buying a variable annuity and all it's done is lose money. I want out. I talked

to the person who sold it to me and he said if I sell I have to pay thousands of dollars as a penalty. I am outraged. Is there anything I can do?

Anyone who reads my column knows I am not a fan of variable annuities. They typically have very high fees, adverse tax consequences and substantial early withdrawal fees. In addition, they do not offer investors the flexibility

that they need in managing their portfolio.

That being said, once you're in a variable annuity, you have few options with regards to liquidation. You can choose to bite the bullet, pay the penalty and get out. I recognize that this is a drastic measure, however, you should recognize that in a variable annuity you pay high ongoing fees, high management fees and insurance costs.

There is, however, another option. If you believe the salesperson misrepresented the policy, you potentially have legal recourse. There have been many cases where financial salespeople have been held liable for misrepresenting investment products. If you believe there has been some misrepresentation, consult with an attorney.

If you do decide to consult an attorney, I recommend dealing with one who will take the case on a contingency fee basis. That means he/she gets paid only if you get paid. Therefore, you are not necessarily putting good money after bad.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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Schoolcraft unveils Biomedical Tech Center

Schoolcraft College will hold an open house and tours for its new Biomedical Technology Center, 3-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

The 48,000-square-foot, \$12.5 million building will bring together the college's science, math, medicine and technology programs. The center will focus on the STEM and GRIN curriculum. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology.

The building features four state-of-the-art laboratories, a learning theater and SIM man for demonstrating anatomy.

The official ribbon cutting will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by Barton Polot, music faculty member and director of the Synthesizer Ensemble, and several students.

Attendees will have the opportunity to see demonstrations in cellular and molecular biology lab, the anatomy and physiology lab, the imaging and analysis lab, the biomedical engineering technology lab and the SIM Man in the Learning Theater.

Sustainability is an important feature of this new building and several displays and stops along the guided tours will point out several of these features.

Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six and Seven Mile. The new building is on the east side of the campus behind the Applied Science building.

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Stevenson survives Pats in OT thriller, 41-40

Kicking game the difference

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

For season football openers, this one did not disappoint.

Division 1 state runner-up Livonia Stevenson used the lyrics Thursday night from an old Bachman-Turner Overdrive hit, "Takin' care of business, but workin' overtime," to fend off crosstown rival Livonia Franklin, 41-40.

Junior running back Austin White rushed for 240 yards on 22 carries and five touchdowns, but it was Jonny Myshock's extra point that decided the game as the Spartans pulled out of the victory in a rematch of last year's state playoff quarterfinal (also won by Stevenson, 10-7, on a Myshock field goal).

Franklin used a timeout to try and freeze the Stevenson kicker, who made 6-of-7 on the night (one was blocked), but to no avail.

"Jonny takes his kicking very seriously, it's a big part of the game, and it makes a big difference when the game is on the line," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He was very calm after Franklin called that timeout."

The Patriots, meanwhile, missed three PATs, including two in the first half along

with a critical one-pointer in overtime after senior running back David Fortin bull-dozed his way up the middle for seven yards and a TD to put his team ahead 40-34.

Stevenson, however, tied it at 40-all when senior slotback Wade Stahl scored on a 7-yard counter trap.

"In close games it comes down to the little things and that's why they (Stevenson) won," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We had a low snap (from center) and our holder had to set it down, it threw the timing off - it was too low and our kicker never had a chance to get it up."

Stevenson's Joe Swingle got a piece of Jordan Williamson's kick, putting the Spartans in position to win it.

Meanwhile, it was a wild first half as Stevenson took a 20-19 lead into the locker room.

Franklin stopped the Spartans on their initial offensive series of the game, but suffered a critical blow when Fortin, the Patriots' star running back who missed the entire 2007 regular season with a broken arm suffered in the opener, limped off the field with a high ankle sprain after attempting to make a tackle for his

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Stevenson's Johnny Pauley being chase down by Franklin's Michael Gadsby.

Zebras denied on final play; Glenn blanked

Overtime and a chance for a win eluded Wayne Memorial by a half-yard in Thursday's season football opener at Waterford Kettering as the host Captains escaped with a 14-7 triumph.

Back-up quarterback Nick Mills, who replaced starter Nick Kostora after he was injured early in the third quarter, hit brother Matt Mills on a pass, but the Wayne receiver was stopped just shy of the goal line as time expired.

The loss spoiled the coaching debut of Wayne's Kevin Weber.

PREP FOOTBALL

Kettering quarterback Kevin Truitt scored on a 1-yard run with 9:49 left in the first quarter to cap a six-play, 61-yard touchdown drive. Ryan DeCovich added the first of his two extra points for the Captains.

Wayne tied it up with 2:51 left in the opening period as Kostora scored on a 28-yard run followed by Jesse Dorow's extra point. The drive covered 62 yards in nine plays.

In the third period, Kettering marched 80 yards capped by Truitt's 6-yard TD run.

Wayne couldn't take advantage of four Kettering turnovers as C.J. Johnson picked off a pair of passes in the second quarter and Jake White recovered a fumble in the opening period. Parnell Holliday also had a

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Most desired object

Stevenson's Nate Sergison (left) tries to get position on Churchill's Josh Andrzejewski and Ben Zukowski during Thursday's Kensington Lakes crossover match. Stevenson roared back from a 1-0 deficit for a 4-1 victory. See the boys soccer roundup on page B4.

Charger girls bring home LPS golf title

Churchill came away the victor Wednesday on its home course to win the Livonia Public Schools Invitational girls golf tournament held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The Chargers scored a team-high 11 points to beat Franklin and Stevenson, which finished with seven and six, respectively.

Churchill captured three of the four categories in the 9-hole mixed format led by Jessica Burdette and Lexi McFarlane, who took the stroke play portion with scores of 40 and 43, respectively, for a combined 83, a whopping 20 strokes ahead of runner-up Franklin.

Churchill's Jordyn Shepler and Alex Harakas also won the scramble by a stroke with a 46 over Franklin's Alexis Smith and Samantha McAtee.

Best ball winners included Churchill's Sarah Linder and Stephanie Panaretos with a 49.

Stevenson's Gabrielle Sabatini and Andrea Burford took the Stableford scoring system crown at 3-under.

Three points were awarded for first place, while second and third counted two and one, respectively.

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Stableford: 1. Stevenson (Gabrielle Sabatini-Andrea Burford), minus-3; 2. Churchill (Shelby Longworth-Margo McClain), minus-9; 3. Franklin (Haley Szpara-Mariah Barcus), minus-13.
Best ball: 1. Churchill (Sarah Linder-Stephanie Panaretos), 49; 2. Franklin (Georgia Patrick-Sam Nesbitt), 53; 3. Stevenson (Shelby Plichota-Christina Joss), 56.
Stroke play: 1. Churchill (Jessica Burdette-Lexi McFarlane), 40-43-83; 2. Franklin (Lauren Beahon-Natalie Polakowski), 54-49-103; 3. Stevenson (Natalie Cicchelli-Kathleen Karczewski), 50-77-127.



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Churchill's Jessica Burdette shows some frustration with her putt during Wednesday's Livonia Public Schools Invitational girls golf tournament held at Whispering Willows.

Consistent Chargers remain team to beat

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

With four consecutive top-ten state meet finishes, the Livonia Churchill girls cross country team has been a model of efficient consistency.

The Chargers, seventh a year ago and the Division 1 state runner-up

PREVIEW

in 2006, will once again be a favorite to defend its regional crown and win and Kensington Conference title in the newly-formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Coach Sue Tatro lost her best runner in All-Stater Rachel McFarlane, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion who placed 15th in Division 1. But Tatro returns three other first-team All-Observer state meet performers including junior Sara Kroll (41st), junior Amanda Southwell (45th) and senior Alyssa Mira (48th).

Senior Hannah Otto, who made second-team All-Area, also returns for the Chargers along with four other veterans and some promising newcomers.



Calka

Looking to challenge Churchill this season is Livonia Stevenson, which returns three-time All-Observer pick Courtney Calka, a senior who placed 17th at last year's state meet after capturing the regional and finishing runner-up in the WLAA. Calka has a personal best of 17 minutes, 55 seconds for the 5,000 meters. Junior Victoria Saferian, a second-team All-Area pick, also returns for the Spartans, who took 18th in last year's Division 1 team standings under coach Nancy Gavor.

The Spartans will also have some new competition to deal with entering the Central Division of the KLAA joining the likes of Novi, Northville, South Lyon East, South Lyon and Salem. Livonia Franklin, led by Megan McPherson and Mallory Church, will be joined by Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Churchill and Plymouth in the KLA's South Division.

See capsule outlook of area girls cross country teams.

Singles

Glenn tankers 3rd

Westland John Glenn was back in the pool Thursday, earning a fourth-place at the 10-school Wayne State Invitational girls swim meet.

Bloomfield Hills

Lahser captured the team title with 62 points followed by Lake Orion and Bloomfield Hills Lahser with 50 each.

The Rockets scored 48 points in the all-relay format led by the 400-yard individual medley relay foursome of Kali Aloisi, Casey Peterson, Jordan Burgess and Ashley Sells, who placed first in 4:34.23.

Glenn's 3-person 600 freestyle relay team of Peterson, Khiry Sparks and Burgess took second in 6:25.2.

The Rockets also added a pair of thirds: Burgess, Peterson, Sells and Sparks in the 200 medley relay (2:00.8); and Jacquelyn Hewitt, Aloisi, Katy Harris and Sparks in the 200 breaststroke.

Rounding out the team standings: Grosse Pointe North, fifth (47); Salem, sixth (46); Trenton, seventh (38); Troy Athens, eighth (34); West Bloomfield, ninth (24); and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 10th (9).

O&E Men's golf

The 2008 Observer & Eccentric Men's Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) with a maximum handicap of 20.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

(Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.)

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

Football webcast

Livonia Stevenson football fans who aren't able to make it to this Friday's game at Howell will have a chance to listen to the game live on the Internet.

The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus in Howell will be broadcasting the game via its Web site, www.livingstondaily.com, starting at 7 p.m. Friday.

Daily Press & Argus sports editor Tim Robinson and former Howell coach Bill Simmons will be doing the broadcast.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Sue Tatro, 13th year.
League affiliation: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (South Division).
Last year's finish: Western Lakes Activities Association, Lakes Division and Division I regional champions; seventh place, Division I state meet.
Notable losses to graduation: Rachel McFarlane (first-team All-Area); Michelle Verellen (second-team All-Area); Kim Verellen.
Leading returnees: Sara Kroll, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Alyssa Mira, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Amanda Southwell, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Hannah Otto, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Lindsay McMullen, Sr.; Sara Bauman, Soph.; Emily Clairmont, Sr.; Lauren Dykja, Jr.; Kayla Szado, Soph.; Jenna Szuba, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Bethany Pilet, Fr.; Alessandra Iadipalao, Fr.; Lisa McMullen, Fr.; Maddy Jiga, Soph.; Tiffany Raisanen, Jr.
Tatro's 2008 outlook: "We're looking to have another solid year. We will definitely be seeing a lot of new names in on the varsity lineup. Sara (Kroll), Alyssa (Mira) and Amanda (Southwell) should prove to be a strong force again at the state level. The most important key to our success will be continuing to work hard and stay healthy."



Sara Kroll Churchill



Amanda Southwell Churchill



Alyssa Mira Churchill

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, eighth year.
League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (WLA-Western Division); 10th (WLA); seventh (Division I regional); Plymouth Invitational champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Kelsey Kaplan, Elizabeth Reinke.
Leading returnees: Megan McPherson, Soph.; Mallory Church, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Brittany Dilley, Jr.; Kelly Walby, Soph.; Megan Wickens, Soph.; Tiffany VanOrden, Jr.; Shannon Niznik, Jr.; Victoria Church, Jr.; Meghan Lark, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Tiffany Lambie, Fr.; Brittany Milikan, Jr.; Brittany Rouse, Jr.
Bjorklund's 2008 outlook: "We return our entire varsity lineup from last season and have a record number of girls on the team (29). The team also worked very hard this summer to improve their strength and speed. McPherson is leading the way right now and we have a lot of girls coming after her including Mallory Church, Dilley, Lambie and Wickens. It's going to be a constant battle to be on the varsity, which is what our team needs. With the changes in the league and division, the team is excited to battle it out in dual meets and become a formidable opponent by year's end. This group should be running very fast by the end of the season, and it will be exciting to watch."

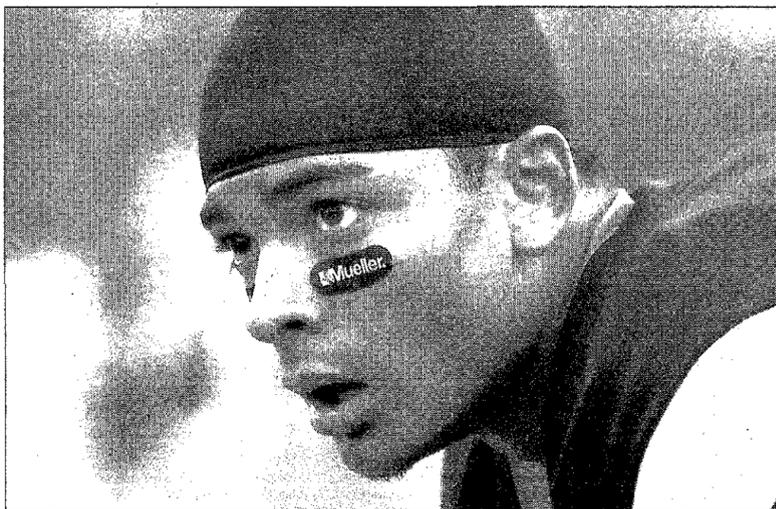
WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Kevin Miller, sixth year.
League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
Last year's finish: 12th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Clair Moro, Melissa Smith.
Leading returnees: Chelsea Gilbert, Sr.; Haley Hayes, Sr.; Nicole Rau, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Jennifer McCaffery, Fr.; Rochelle Woods, Jr.; Holland Boertje, Fr.
Miller's 2008 outlook: "We are currently recruiting hard. The team is mostly new members, so we will be looking for improved times over the course of the season. We are excited to have a number of new faces on the team - and give a chance for Wayne Memorial to improve greatly for the future."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Rick Brauer, second year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: third (Catholic League); fifth (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Field (state qualifier).
Leading returnees: Laura Bou-Maroun, Sr.; Megan Yanik, Jr.; Meredith Houska, Jr.; Cathy Wojtanowski, Jr.; Margaret Wojtanowski, Sr.; Morgan Zuziak, Sr.; Julia Kenney, Sr.; Becky Babon, Soph.; Kelsey Soronen, Sr.; Melissa Wickman, Sr.; Mercedes Black, Soph.; Melissa Laing, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Siobhan Aldridge, Soph.; Shannon Scarlett, Jr.; Lauren Karwan, Jr.; Alexandra Darr, Fr.; Sara Wickman, Fr.
Brauer's 2008 outlook: "This year's Blazer team is ready to race. Returning eight of our top nine from last season and the addition of several new runners, Ladywood will be very competitive. The ladies are very focused on the upcoming season - one race at a time. Led by our returnees and expected contributions from our newcomers, the Blazers anticipate improving upon their league and regional placing from last season. If we can stay healthy, this team can run with anyone and achieve one of our season's goals of qualifying for the state meet as a team."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Jeremy Fabris, third year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: tied for third (Metro Conference); seventh (Division 4 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Megan Fisher.
Leading returnees: Miriam Pranschke, Sr. (captain); Danielle Voetbeg, Sr. (captain); Ashley Pniowski, Jr.; Amber Pniowski, Jr.; Beth LaRose, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Sarah Maynard, Soph.; Erin Lyle, Fr.; Jessica Rice, Fr.; Kelsey Krueger, Fr.; Brittney Maynard, Jr.
Fabris' 2008 outlook: "I do feel we're stronger than last year. We have a nice blend of experienced and youthful talent, which should lead to better results this year. Sarah Maynard looks in good shape and has been a hard worker for us. Despite this being her first year of high school cross country, she looks very experienced. Miriam Pranschke looks good as well, and Danielle Voetberg is in much better shape than last year. Erin Lyle has a lot of potential, but she's still learning. Every veteran on the team looks to be in better shape than they were last year, which just shows how committed they are to doing better this year. After 2007 ended, I did a little self-reflection and said I wanted a team in my own image - hard-working, gutsy and gritty. While it's early, this team is looking like that. That alone should breed them more success. We're heading to a regional where we should be more competitive. The girls should have a good chance at qualifying as long as they continue to persevere and work hard."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Nancy Gavor, second year.
League affiliation: KLA (Central Division).
Last year's finish: second (WLA-Lakes Division); third (WLA); 18th (Division I state meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Denee Meier (first-team All-Area); Samantha Kay (second-team All-Area); Julia Schroeder.
Leading returnees: Courtney Calka, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Karli Kuchka, Sr.; Katie Vidler, Soph.; Katie Capeneka, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Julia Capeneka, Fr.; Michelle Krawczyk, Soph.; Tasi Newton, Jr.
Gavor's 2008 outlook: "Our squad has strong leadership in the front with Courtney Calka. The second through fourth runners are strong and we look to improve their performances weekly. Our team is looking forward to competing in our new division and conference."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Alan McGowan, fifth year.
League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
Last year's finish: ninth (WLA); eighth (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Stacey Richardson (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Megan Nikula, Sr.; Ashley Bailey, Jr.; Jaimie Medel, Sr.; Evi Cenilli, Jr.; Michelle Levy, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Molly Robnett, Sr.; Audra Flores, Soph.; Elizabeth Burns, Fr.; Bisi Ajetanmobi, Soph.
McGowan's 2008 outlook: "We return four of our top five runners from last season, which allows us some great leadership for our younger runners. We have 15 girls out right now, and all of them look promising. Our only big loss is Stacey Richardson, who has been our number one runner for the last three years, but Nikula, Bailey and Cenilli have really been pushing themselves all summer. I'm excited to see what this team can do this year. If we can stay healthy, we should be able to run pretty well in our new league."



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Stevenson junior Austin White had 242 yards on 22 carries and five touchdowns in Thursday's 41-40 overtime win over Franklin.

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middle linebacker spot. Franklin, however, got on the board first with 6:44 left in the first quarter on Mark McRobb's 40-yard TD pass over the middle to junior Mike Baumgardner. But the Patriots settled for only a 6-0 advantage after missing the PAT following a 5-yard illegal procedure call. It set the tone for the rest of the night as Stevenson answered on its next possession - only 1:06 later - when White ripped off a 40-yard run followed by a 5-yard TD jaunt. Stevenson's 7-6 advantage didn't last long as Baumgardner took the ensuing kick-off 85 yards for a score, but the Patriots again missed the point-after, the ball clanging off the right upright, to lead by only five, 12-7. During the second period, White's best of the four, he scored on TD runs of 15 and 65 yards, but sandwiched in-between was a Baumgardner 9-yard TD run, his third score of the night set up by McRobb's 42-yard quarterback keeper coupled with a 15-yard Stevenson personal foul. Franklin, getting a gimpy Fortin back into the lineup, took the opening drive of the third quarter and marched 70 yards in 10 plays, capped by McRobb's 21-yard TD pass to Robert Ringe. But the Spartans came right back, this time on a White 6-yard run followed by Myshock's PAT to make it 27-26 with 3:30 left in the third period. Stevenson then chewed up eight minutes of the clock to start the fourth quarter, going 72 yards in 13 plays capped by White's fifth TD of the evening, a 1-yard run. Staring at a 34-26 deficit, the Patriots responded with only four minutes remaining as McRobb connected with Mike Gadsby on a 43-yard bomb after scrambling out of the pocket and the hitting Nicholas O'Hara on a 3-yard

TD toss with only 1:39 remaining to slice the deficit to 34-32.

Forced to go for the two-pointer and the tie, McRobb struck again, running a bootleg and scoring to make it 34-34.

Stevenson, however, took just three plays to get down to the Patriots' 15, only to be rebuffed as Connor Leidal picked off a Jacob Gudeman pass with only 49 seconds to go to end the threat.

McRobb was 8-of-19 passing for 152 yards and added 82 yards rushing on 11 carries. "Give McRobb and Franklin credit," Gabel said. "They made plays all night long. I'm not surprised the way they played. We had trouble with their tackles. They ran a similar game plan as the (2007) playoff game."

Stevenson finished with a total of 447 yards and got a boost from Wade Stahl in the second half after not getting a first-half touch. During the second half, Franklin limited White to 61 yards, but Stahl got loose for 58 yards on seven carries.

"With Stahl in there it makes them more two-dimensional, it's hard to stop both," Kelbert said. "If you stop one, the other gets you."

Stahl, ironically, has had little practice time during the preseason because he has been nursing an injury.

"He's barely practiced, but we left it up to him," Gabel said. "He's a special player and he needed to play, but we said only in an emergency. He said (afterwards) he feels fine."

Franklin, meanwhile, had 303 total yards, including 151 on the ground in 28 carries.

The 5-foot-10, 205-pound Fortin did not have a first-half carry after going down, but came back and ran for 27 yards on six attempts while basically playing on one leg.

"He's one of the toughest kids I know," Kelbert said. "His ankle could have been broken and he probably doesn't even know it. It was a physical battle. It always is."

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Hartland trumps Chargers, 47-14

Hartland proved to be no valentines Thursday night, racking up a total of 471 yards en route to a convincing 47-14 football win over visiting Livonia Churchill in the 2008 season opener for both teams.

The Eagles took a commanding 28-7 first quarter lead and never looked back as quarterback Chris Cagle figured in all four scores, including 14-yard run, along with touchdown passes of 8 and 48 yards to Matt Poches; along with another 14-yard toss to Travonn Jones.

Zach Minor booted all four extra points.

Churchill scored with 2:54 left in the first quarter on Grant Morgan's TD pass to Jeff Ricketts, cutting the deficit to 21-7. The score was set up by Ricketts' 35-yard kickoff return coupled with a Hartland 15-yard penalty for a late hit.

The Eagles scored again with 2:32 left in the first half to make it 35-7 as Cagle threw his fourth TD pass of the night, 14 yards to John Stevens.

Cagle hooked up with Poches again with 7:38 remaining in



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Jeff Ricketts (4) looks for daylight as he tries to elude Hartland tackler Kyle Summerfield (12).

the third quarter on a 10-yard scoring pass for his fifth TD throw. Matt Kenwell's 9-yard TD run with 11:54 to go in the final quarter completed the scoring for the Eagles, who had 16 first downs to Churchill's eight.

Tony Frizzell's 17-yard scoring run with 6:33 remaining in the game completed the scor-

ing for Churchill.

Jeff Ricketts' was Churchill's top receiver with four catches for 62 yards. The Chargers could muster only total of 178 yards, including just 65 on the ground in 30 carries. Churchill quarterbacks were a combined 13-of-20 passing for 113 yards and three interceptions. Each team lost a fumble.

Brooks' 4 TDs sparks C'ville rout

Livonia Clarenceville scored early and often Thursday, rolling to a season-opening 53-0 football victory over visiting Detroit University Prep.

"I'm pleased with the way the kids played," said Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish, whose team invoked a running second-half clock after going up 47-0 at intermission. "We wanted to be physical and play fast, and that's what we did. I was able to hear the pads and we were running fast, but we still have a lot to work on going into our game next week with (Bloomfield) Hills Cranbrook. We're looking forward to the challenge."

Levonte Brooks scored four touchdowns for the Trojans, while rushing for 42 yards on five carries.

Quarterback-linebacker Jeremy Gainer had 70 yards on six carries and paced the defense with nine tackles.

Others getting into the act included quarterback Darryl Whitaker, who was 2-of-2

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passing for 37 yards and TD to tight end Dominique Jones; Ben Watts, two interceptions and a punt return for a TD; and Brad Pozniak, five rushes for 48 yards and a TD.

Annapolis whips Warriors

Demetrius Crowe rushed for 93 yards on 10 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns Thursday as host Dearborn Heights Annapolis romped to a 43-6 triumph over Lutheran High Westland.

The Cougars led 30-0 at halftime before the Warriors responded with their only TD of the night, a 10-yard run by Ethan Haller to cap a 63-yard, 11-play drive in the third quarter.

Annapolis had 286 yards in total offense, including 223 rushing, while the Warriors' had a total of 176.

Haller had 87 yards on 14

carries, while Stephen Kemp contributed 75 on 14 attempts.

"Our quarterback - Sean Rowe - took a lot of licks, but he's a tough little guy," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "He was faced with a lot of second-and-13s, second-and-12s."

"The first half was brutal. We looked dazed and confused. We have only two seniors and the rest are juniors and sophomores, and it showed. Every time we'd get close, we'd a penalty, a dropped ball and a miss an assignment. We fumbled it nine times (losing three). The second half we simplified things."

Defensively, Sam Ahlersmeyer led the Warriors with 11 tackles and one fumble recovery.

"We got hit in the mouth, but we showed some fight the second half," Guse said. "We're still trying to find out who we are. But I saw some good things."

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fumble recovery in the fourth quarter.

Kettering had a total of 270 yards to Wayne's 216. The Captains also had 15 first downs to the Zebras' nine.

Chris Smith had 111 yards on 18 carries for the Captains. Truitt added 80 yards.

Richard Haley paced Wayne with 61 yards on 14 carries. Kostora and Mills were a combined 12-of-30 for 107 yards and two interceptions.

Keith Agee, who was in on 13 tackles, spearheaded

Wayne's defense.

John Glenn falls, 7-0

It was a defensive standoff Friday as Waterford Mott came away with a 7-0 victory at Westland John Glenn, ruining the debut of Rockets varsity coach Tim Hardin.

The two teams combined for only 13 first downs and 165 yards in total offense, 85 by Glenn and 80 by the Corsairs.

Marc Pressley's 52-yard interception return for a TD and Kyle Kittel's subsequent extra point with 1:39 remaining in the first quarter proved to be the difference.

Glenn had just 32 yards net rushing, while quarterbacks Jerome Scales and Steve Kulikowski combined for 4-11 passing for 51 yards.

Mott quarterback Tyler Bush was 5-of-10 for 60 yards and two interceptions (one each by Kyren Boyd and Scales).

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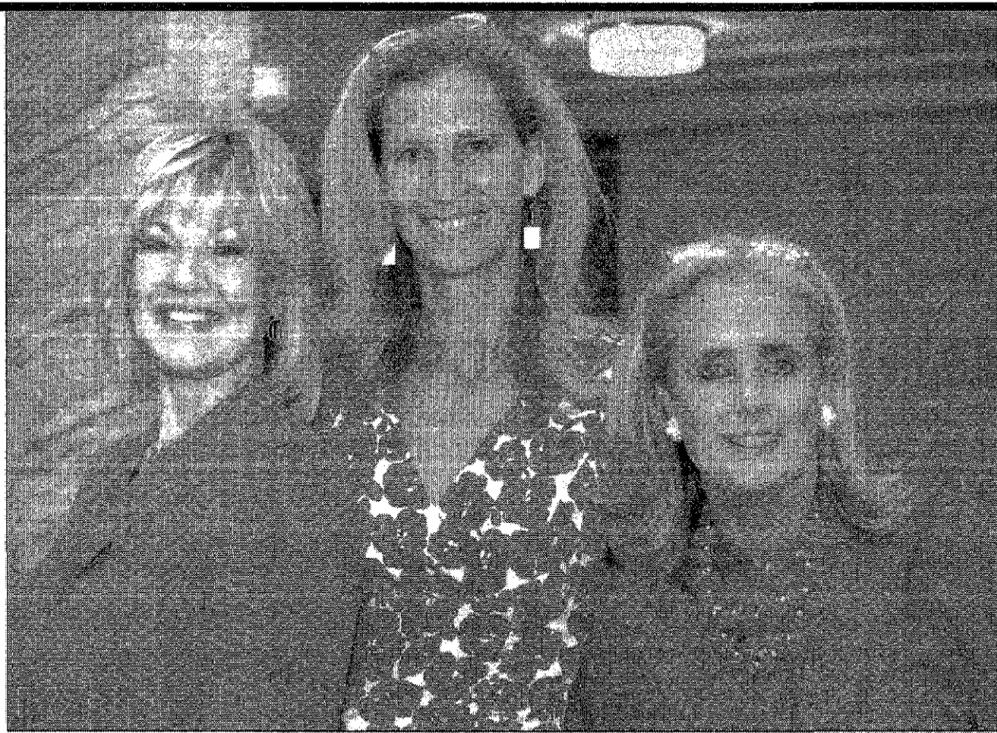
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Lin Cummins (left), Dr. Joan Crawford and Debbie Dingell recently gathered at the Detroit Institute of Arts for photographs to promote the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

Go red

Campaign continues to draw attention to heart disease in women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

It looked like everyone was having fun at the photo shoot to promote the American Heart Association Go Red for Women campaign, but underneath the smiles was a sadness. Michelle Levell, one of the women who meet annually to raise awareness about heart disease, died July 10 at age 40 waiting for a transplant. Levell had been moved to the top of the list in March. She was only 25 years old when diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Levell worked as a registered nurse on the cardiac floor at St. John Oakland Hospital in spite of her disease, but in the last two years needed an automatic defibrillator implant and then a bi-ventricular assist device to survive until a donor could be found.

Dr. Joan Crawford was her friend as well as her cardiologist.

"She had an external heart pump put in six to eight weeks prior. She got to the point she couldn't live without something. Even being number one on the list that didn't help," said Crawford, chief of cardiology at St. John Oakland and Macomb hospitals, director of women's services at St. John Macomb, and medical director of the Go Red campaign which culminates with Wear Red Day on Feb. 6, and two luncheons later in the month.

"Michelle's message would be, that using her as an example, heart disease really didn't have a stereotype. Even at the end she looked young, smiley, bubbly externally. You would never know how sick she was."

Crawford says that's why women need to educate themselves about the symptoms of heart disease. The Go Red campaign is raising awareness, but women still need to be their own advocates.

"Michelle originally thought she had a cold or asthma. She would want people to see their doctor to make sure a health professional is listening to their symptoms especially if they're young and female," said Crawford of Bloomfield Hills. "Listen to your body. If something is different or you don't feel right you know better than

anybody else. Lots of doctors are still under the bias only men get heart disease. If they're 40 and experiencing symptoms they should insist on a stress test, EKG."

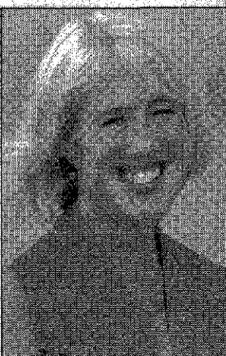
The good news, says Crawford, is that more and more women are coming into her office saying they were aware of the Go Red campaign.

On this day in early August, 24 business and media women had dressed in red for photos at the Detroit Institute of Arts to promote the American Heart Association Go Red luncheon on Feb. 25, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. New this year is the addition of a second luncheon on Feb. 13 in Ann Arbor.

Photographs from the DIA shoot will be used in the 2009 AHA Go Red calendar.

"I'm excited about the sixth year of doing this. You can tell the room has more red dresses. We're getting the word out," said Crawford, a cardiologist since 1993. "Women are saying I know women have different symptoms than men. For women it can be shortness of breath, changing energy levels, where last year they used to be able to mow the entire lawn, now only half. Older women need to see a doctor right away. There's more to heart disease than just having a heart attack. There can be a hole in the heart, murmurs, pacemaking issues, weak heart muscles. A heart is like a home. A lot of people think heart disease is a heart attack, but just like a home a heart has walls, a roof, plumbing. The heart has structures, valves like doors, plumbing — arteries, an electrical pacemaking system and anything can go wrong. One in two women die of heart disease. Why be the one?"

Lin Cummins' mother died of a heart attack so she's especially concerned about educating women through the Go Red campaign. Cummins is the luncheon chairwoman, senior vice president of communications and government affairs for ArvinMeritor and serves on the board of trustees for Wayne State University and Hospice of Michigan, but always finds time to help the American Heart Association. For the last three years she has been the executive leader and number



Michelle Levell was 40 when she died in July while waiting for a heart transplant.

one fund-raiser for the annual AHA walk in Southfield.

"We want to build awareness of women to start taking care of themselves. Women are always the caretakers," said Cummins of Oakland Township. "My job takes so much of my time. I'm taking care of my job, husband, four children, four grandchildren. I never take care of me. When my mother died I was surprised a woman would have heart disease. I have two sisters with heart disease. That's probably going to be my fate if we don't get control of it, if we don't get involved."

Paula Love says the nonprofit organization is doing its part by not only reaching out to women, but partnering with businesses such as Macy's, which on Sept. 20 hosts Shop for a Cause. For a \$5 donation, customers receive an all-day savings pass on select merchandise. Also on Sept. 20, Go Red creates awareness with an NBC TV special, "Untold Stories of the Heart" chronicles the disease in women including Marie Osmond. The events all lead up to the luncheons in February.

"In 2009 our luncheon is going from 700 to 1,000 women plus another 250 in Ann Arbor," said Love, AHA Go Red director. "We're starting a mentor program for high school seniors and college freshmen, working with counselors to go into schools. More and more we're seeing the younger population is being affected by heart disease."

Debbie Dingell believes research is the answer to reducing the number of women dying from heart disease.

"For years women weren't included in studies," said Dingell, a senior executive at General Motors. "We need to take the responsibility to educate ourselves, need to demand, taking the strength of us as women and demand change. It's the power of us all coming together for education, advocacy and research."

For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit www.americanheart.org or www.goredforwomen.org.

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IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322. IBD Update for the Practicing Physician same date, time and place. Information available at same phone numbers. Not open to public. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. No charge.

UPCOMING

Holistic Moms Network

9:45-11:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Plymouth. Speaker is Heather Carmona from www.purealternatives.net on the topic of Organic and Natural Living: Making the Transition. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at amstevens4@juno.com, or (313) 220-4592, or visit www.holisticmoms.org.

Charity basketball game

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis sponsor a charity basketball game 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia, to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan. Teams will be the Amputee Spartans and the Saints. Suggested donation \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children ages 11-18, children 10 and under free. For tickets, contact Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis.com. The Spartans are a team of amputees sponsored by Wright & Filippis. The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches. COCC members interested in playing may contact (313) 770-3733 or fakhourn@cooley.edu.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features Date Night dinner and support for the newly diagnosed patient and partner with clinical psychologist Annette Spencer 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in the Wilson Cancer Center, G12. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Charity bike ride

For the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, start at East Boat Launch, Kensington Metropark, Milford. For information, to register, make a donation or volunteer, contact Paul Fried at paf123@aol.com. To register or donate, visit michigan.ccfca.org, and click on the link to Paul Fried Charity Ride.

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Legs hurt when you walk or exercise? Free 10-minute screenings for peripheral arterial disease which may help prevent heart attack or stroke 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8950.

Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on Diabetes and Current Treatment Options with Dr. Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. No charge, pre-registration not required. For details, call (734) 655-8961.

Hypnosis for weight control

Sessions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover; 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ann Arbor. Combines power of hypnosis with behavior modification. First 45 minutes is free orientation. If participant feels comfortable with program, the charge is one-time fee of \$79, includes unlimited free repetitions of hypnosis for year if needed. Save \$10 by registering at www.easywillpower.com.

Fibromyalgia support

Dr. Luis Torregrosa discusses the newest information on fibromyalgia drugs 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Metro Fibromyalgia support group meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Road, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. No dues, donations accepted.

Blood Drive

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, to honor the enduring spirit of America, in the Comcast Pavilion at The Palace of Auburn Hills. All presenting blood donors receive one free ticket for that evening's Women's National Basketball Association game between Detroit Shock and Washington Mystics. To donate blood you must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years of age or older. Appointments strongly suggested. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.oakgov.com/health.

Walk for remembrance

Angela Hospice's new event takes place Saturday, Sept. 13, to remember in a positive way the loved ones we've lost. Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families and community to the Walk of Remembrance on the Felician Sisters' grounds. The 3K and 5K routes will begin near the south parking lot of Madonna University and end at Angela Hospice. On-site registration opens at 8 a.m., walk begins 9 a.m. with a dove release ceremony and musical dedication. Following the walk will be activities including Music Together led by Jill Formanek of West Bloomfield, and rock painting to personalize with loved ones' names. Refreshments served. To register or make a donation, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call (734) 953-6045. Registration by Sept. 3 guarantees a commemorative T-shirt. Fees \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Day of event registration also available. Proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families as well as grief support services provided free-of-charge for all community members.

Walk for cancer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital celebrates life at a 5K run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, on the grounds at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Proceeds go to help uninsured or underinsured cancer patients look toward brighter and healthier days ahead. Register online at www.active.com or complete a printable registration form for mail-in at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorships available. For information about the race or the hospital's cancer services, call Carlos Junca, (734) 655-1402.

Alzheimer's and Intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a workshop "Intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950.

Health fair/open house

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. On Sunday bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen under the main tent. On Saturday receive screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose, and body fat along with height and weight measurements (no charge). Doctors will be on hand to speak about stroke awareness and heart health, and answer your health related questions. A healthy cook-off also planned. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Speakers include Anne Thompson, breast cancer survivor and NBC News correspondent, Beverly Kirkhart, breast cancer survivor and author of *Turning Setbacks into Comebacks*, and Christine Clifford Beckwith, breast cancer survivor and author of *Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day*. Cost is \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities including trail walking, seated chair massage, tai chi, yoga, reiki and more. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

Da Vinci awards

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter 2008 da Vinci Awards at a gala event (black tie optional) featuring a cocktail reception and displays of the award winners, followed by a gourmet dinner and awards program Saturday, Sept. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities and information visit: <http://www.daviniciawards.org>.

Detroit walk for PKD

Saturday, Sept. 20, at Boulton Park, Troy. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; walk at 10 a.m. For information contact Henry Allemen at (248) 892-9020 or hallemon@aol.com. The not-for-profit PKD Foundation leads the fight against polycystic kidney disease through research funding and patient education. For information visit www.pkdcure.org or call 1-800-PKD-CURE.

Charity ride

Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21, includes a raffle drawing for custom designed and soon-to-be built Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and a fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lynrd Skynrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration fee \$30 for driver, \$25 for passenger and includes ride entry, lawn seat concert ticket, VIP parking at DTE, lunch at the start and official ride pin. Since concert tickets are limited, pre-registration encouraged. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

Take precautions to prevent West Nile Virus

Summer days are winding down, but mosquitoes will be present until the first frost. Oakland County Health Division officials urge residents to continue to take common-sense precautions and minimize mosquito exposure to protect themselves from West Nile Virus.

The best way to reduce the risk of getting the virus is to prevent mosquitoes from biting you. Spray clothing and exposed skin with insect repellent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the use of insect

repellents containing active ingredients registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Two of these products that have shown a high degree of effectiveness are DEET and Picaridin. Always follow manufacturer's directions carefully, especially when using on children.

Minimize activities where mosquitoes are present such as shaded areas.

Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors between dusk and dawn.

Maintain window and door

screening to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.

Eliminate standing water in your yard. Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, barrels, cans, and similar items where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

Report dead birds to Oakland County Health Division's Environmental Health Services Unit at (877) 377-3641.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can

cause inflammation and swelling of the brain. Mosquitoes are infected by biting a bird that carries the virus. The virus is then spread to humans through the bite of the infected mosquito. Most people infected with the virus have either no symptoms or experience a mild illness such as fever, headache and body aches. However, in some individuals, particularly the elderly, a much more serious disease affecting brain tissue can develop.

For more information about West Nile Virus, visit www.oakgov.com/health.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
 Head coach: John McGreevy, 14th year.
 League affiliation: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (South Division).
 Last year's finish: fourth (Western Lakes meet); fourth (Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Joe Varilone (first-team All-Area); Brandon Grysko (second-team All-Area); Paul Folk (second-team All-Area).
 Leading returnees: Mark Waterbury, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Nathan Wise, Sr.; Mark Freyberg, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Steve Zoski, Sr.; Tom Windle, Soph.; Quinn Osgood, Jr.; Ryan Keeling, Jr.; Stephen Charney, Soph.
 McGreevy's 2008 outlook: "Losing Varilone, Grysko and Folk to graduation is tough. I believe both Waterbury and Wise can qualify for the state finals. Right now we're an average team. We have a long way to go to become a good team. Zoski, Windle and Osgood have been a nice addition to the top seven."



Mark Waterbury
Livonia Churchill



Spencer Lyle
Lutheran Westland

each of whom completed their summer mileage goals and give 100 percent effort in practice every day. Close behind are Pete Walby and Austin Jones, who push our front-runners with their great work ethic."

Promising newcomers: Ruben Maya, Fr.; Jeff Medel, Fr.; Greg Middaugh, Fr.
Shough's 2008 outlook: "Compared to a lot of the teams in the conference, we do not have a lot of runners. But we return an experienced squad who have been working hard all summer and should be competitive in all our meets. And we look for them to contribute. We look forward to again facing Wayne for the city championship."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
 Head coach: Kevin Miller, first year.
 League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
 Last year's finish: 12th (WLA).
 Notable losses to graduation: Jacob Schofield, Abraham Mendez.
 Promising newcomers: Brandon Tykoski, Fr.; Triston Jarasiewicz, Fr.
 Miller's 2008 outlook: "We are currently recruiting hard. The team is mostly new members, so we will be looking for improved times over the course of the season. We are excited to have a number of new faces on the team - and give a chance for Wayne Memorial to improve greatly for the future."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
 Head coach: Walt Reasor, fifth year.
 League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
 Last year's finish: seventh (WLA); sixth (Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Evan Sirena (first-team All-Area); Mike Kratochivich (second-team All-Area); Doug Cole, Allen Spoonerburgh, Derek Duke, Chris Koffke, Stuart Gregory.
 Leading returnees: Dylan Taylor, Sr.; Nik Gherardini, Jr.; Peter Walby, Sr.; Justin Jones, Soph.; Robert Freed, Jr.; Jason Riffel, Jr.; Bobby Wilson, Soph.; Zach Belanger, Jr.; Alex Curry, Sr.; Erik Czech, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Gabe Edwards, Fr.; Will Blake, Soph.; Dawson Barnes, Jr.; Preston Elliott, Soph.; Kevin Meloche, Fr.; Brian Roulier, Fr.; Chad Walters, Fr.; Marquise Smith, Fr.; Justin Wilzinsky, Soph.; Mitch Wittenberg, Fr.; Paul Hanni, Jr.
 Reasor's 2008 outlook: "I expect great things from our team this year. Many runners have worked extremely hard during the off-season to fill the shoes of our senior leaders of last season. Our team made significant improvement in the standings last year and we have set our sights on challenging the best teams in the conference this season. This team demonstrates great character and I look forward to our results as we move to dual meets and this year. Leading the way are Nik Gherardini and Dylan Taylor."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
 Head coach: Jerry Young, first year.
 League affiliation: KLA (Central Division).
 Last year's finish: eighth (WLA); seventh (Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Mike Gibbons (second-team All-Area); Kevin Reschke (second-team All-Area); Alex Hoelzel.
 Leading returnees: Shawn Howse, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Andrew Longhi, Soph.; Jordan Burger, Sr.; Alan Stackpoole, Sr.
 Promising newcomers: Joe Urso, Soph.; Matt Williams, Soph.; John Lynch, Fr.; Brian Fenech, Sr.; Joey MacDonald, Fr.; Franklin Howse, Fr.
 Young's 2008 outlook: "I've never had 35 kids. I'm trying to learn because I usually had 20-25 kids at Farmington (High). It's like a football team, but it's nice to have numbers. We have a lot of young kids - ninth- and 10th-graders. I'm impressed with some of the young kids. I'm really pleased with this group. I think they'll come along."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
 Head coach: Jess Shovath, 21st year.
 League affiliation: KLA (South Division).
 Last year's finish: 11th (WLA and Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Dan McCall, Mike Gardner, Ryan Lockhart, Gary Lawrence, Larry Dawkins, Justin Kollar.
 Leading returnees: Tim Boes, Sr.; Jeff Adkins, Sr.; Eric Mlynar, Sr.; Ryan Vichinsky, Sr.; Austin Anderson, Sr.; Steve Shak, Jr.



Express victorious

The Livonia Y Express, a 12-and-under boys soccer team, posted a 4-0 record, including a 3-0 win over the Plymouth Reign '97 White in the finals, en route to the Silver Division title at the Dearborn Invitational. Team members for the Express, who posted four straight shutouts, include: (bottom) Ryan Posh; (second row, from left) Andrew Lang, Alex Antonian, Kyle Hayes; (third row, from left) Gabriel Coombs, Drew Slawski, Krishna Midathada, Zachary Brokaw, Nolan Hannis, Tyler Guzowski, Lucas Daoust, Nathan Guzowski, Jared Van Zant; (back row, from left) head coach Richard Posh and assistant Mike Daoust.

Spartan effort
 Stevenson trails early, but rallies past Churchill

Livonia Churchill threw the first volley, but Livonia Stevenson roared back with four unanswered goals Thursday to beat the host Chargers in a boys soccer match, 4-1.

Churchill's Etienne Lussiez tallied the first goal off a long free kick into the box from Adam Bedell.

Stevenson countered with two goals before halftime to take a 2-1 advantage - Brian Klemczak (assisted by Kendal Snow) and Nate Sergison (assisted by Bob Smith).

The Spartans (3-0-1) added two more goals during the second half - Nick Anagnostou (assisted by Klemczak) and Anagnostou again (assisted by Joey D'Agostino).

"After a slow start, we improved defensively and became stronger as the game went on," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Our guys did a good job of combining with each other to create goal scoring opportunities, and our solid finishing helped to give us a positive result."

Stevenson goalkeepers Justin Collins (first half) and Conner Burton (second half) combined to make six saves.

"In my opinion, the game was closer than the score indicates," Richters said. "Churchill came out very fast from the opening kickoff and scored in the first two minutes of the game. They were dangerous throughout the contest with a number of long

free kicks, throw-ins, and corner kicks. They got great service from Adam Bedell on those, and they are very competitive in front of goal."

The loss, meanwhile, dropped Churchill to 0-2 overall.

"I was happy way we came out and the way we played great defense," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "I told the boys we wanted to defend and take advantage of restarts. We got a goal off it, but then we didn't defend it."

"I didn't like we played after we got the lead. We acted like we'd never been there and didn't know what to do. Stevenson, on the other hand, knew what to do when they were behind."

Luzy. Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Micah Hausch made four saves. The shots were virtually even at 8-7 in favor of the Warriors.

"It was a good match for us, I'm pleased with the effort against a Class A school," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Things are shaping up for us defensively."

JOHN GLENN 4, S. LYON EAST 0: Four different players scored Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (1-2-1) earned its first victory for rookie coach Jimmy Mortada against host South Lyon East (0-2).

Goal scorers for the Rockets, who led 2-0 at halftime, included Sergio Pavan (from Nelson Kenne); Khalid Suliaman (from Austin Valentine); Robert Hurst (from Robert Costello); and William Jenkins (unassisted).

Freshman Jason Rockwell and Zach Redden combined for the shut-out in goal for the Rockets.

"We looked good and they (East) had only one clean shot on goal, while we had more than 20 shots," Mortada said. "But we had 10 offside."

W.L. CENTRAL 4, FRANKLIN 0: On Wednesday, host Walled Lake Central (1-3) scored three unanswered goals in the second half to notch its first victory of the season against winless Livonia Franklin (0-4).

Chad Dorton scored for the Patriots off an assist from Steve Trapp as the Patriots were deadlocked 1-1 at intermission.

Junior Josh Shepard, called up from the JV squad to replace injured goalkeeper Brad Mangune, made 12 saves in the loss.

"He did pretty well back there," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "Mangune fractured his shin making a save while running into a post against Stevenson (on Aug. 21 in a 5-0 loss). He'll be out at least four weeks."

CLARENCEVILLE 1, WAYNE 0: Goalkeeper Garrett Gregg made four saves to record his third straight shutout Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville (3-0) remained undefeated with a non-conference victory at Wayne Memorial (0-3-1).

Jimmy Moody's goal from Phil Strachan proved to be the game-winner for the Trojans.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, WOODHAVEN 1: On Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland (2-1-1) and Flat-Rock Woodhaven (5-0-1) battled to a draw.

In the seventh minute, Austin Baglow's goal from Josh Kruger broke senior Woodhaven goalkeeper Dustin Sallott's scoreless streak at five games.

Junior Shane Thiesen's goal in the 32nd minute off a long pass from Zach

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 5
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Wat. Kettering at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Howell, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
 Waterford Mott at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Clarenceville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Ladywood Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Mich. Lutheran Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Portage Northern Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Oakland Christian Tournament, TBA.
 Berkeley Invitational, TBA.
BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 A.A. Greenhills at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
 Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 John Glenn at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 6 p.m.
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Luth. Westland at R.O. Shrine, 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Erie-Mason, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Wayne at Tpsl Early Bird, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis, Lutheran South at Lutheran Westland, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 W. Bloomfield Inv. at Kensington, 9 a.m.
 U-D Mercy Inv. at Cass Benton, 9:45 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Farmington at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at G.P. North, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Wayne at Annapolis, 6 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Wednesday, Sept. 3
 John Glenn at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Monroe Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS GOLF
Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Fieldstone G.C., 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Friday, Sept. 5
 A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 (Julie Martin Memorial at Madonna) Madonna vs. Davenport, 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Cedarville (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 (Julie Martin Memorial at Madonna) Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 9:30 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 1
 Madonna vs. Bellevue (Wash.) at Pt. Loma Nazarene (Calif.), 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Schoolcraft at Suffolk CC (N.Y.), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Schoolcraft at Nassau CC (N.Y.), noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 5
 Schoolcraft at Elgin CC (Ill.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Schoolcraft at DuPage CC (Ill.), 11 a.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

MU men's soccer team stuns Point Loma in OT

The Madonna University men's soccer team upset No. 16 Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.), 2-1, in overtime in the season opener for both sides.

MU got goals from Cory Maupin and Jacob Rosiek in the win.

The Crusaders got on the board in the 19th minutes as Daniel Amaya's corner kick found Maupin's head and his header got past Eric Leboffe for the first MU goal of the season.

MEN'S SOCCER

The game then turned physical, with a total of 10 cards being handed out.

Point Loma was a man down, but managed to tie the game at one-all in the 88th minute as Macaine Piercy dribbled in one-on-one with MU keeper Steve Besk and beat Besk to square the match.

The game then headed into

sudden victory overtime and in the 110th minute, Rosiek took a pass from Mark Pikula about seven yards out from the goal and buried his shot for the game winner.

MU outshot Point Loma, 14-11, while Besk made five saves for his first win of the season.

The Crusaders have little time to enjoy the win as they will take on MidAmerica Nazarene, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in San Diego.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 4
 Aug. 28 at Harrison
 No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (LC) defeated John McDonald, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Alex Cios (LC) def. Josh Farnie, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; No. 3: Zivvin Deng (LC) def. St. Michael Success, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); No. 4: Michael Cleland (FHH) def. Erik Newman, 6-2, 6-1.
 No. 1 doubles: Matt Bailey-Zach Wagner (FHH) def. Daniel Landstrom-Mike Appel, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Ben Samoylov-Chris MacFarland (FHH) def. Eric Siusarski-Vishal Joshi, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; No. 3: Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel (LC) def. Cole Tritt-Trevor Kalsin, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Cameron Norscia-Matt Cezat (LC) def. Dan Marvicson-Dave Olson, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Michael Erickson-Naveed Carim (FHH) def. Pat Moroney-Ryan McPherson, 6-2, 6-3.
 Dual match records: Churchill 2-1 overall;

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1
 Aug. 28 at John Glenn
 No. 1 singles: Zach Ernst (WLC) defeated Arjun Mahajan, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No. 2: Adam Goldman (WLV) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Michi Watanabe (WLV) def. Khari Stargell, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Krishana Mahajan (WLV) def. Mitch Dean, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 1 doubles: Dan Wang-Andrew Garcia (WLV) def. Zach Edwards-Tommy Ruark, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Ajay Golabale-Josh Preston (WLV) def. Asif Sheikh-Carlo Tajeda, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Billy Longfield-Mike Hyman (WLV) def. Jacob Toarmina-Shane Wiechert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Sasi Sudamattub-Karthik Kayusu (WLV) won by default.
 Glenn's dual match record: 0-2 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2
 Aug. 26 at Franklin
 No. 1 singles: Chris Martin (LS) defeated Stephen Payne, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Erik Koch, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Clayton Northey (LS) won by default; No. 4: Kevin Francisco (LS) won by default.
 No. 1 doubles: Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp (LF) def. Josh Rochette-Simjae Holman-Rayos, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Mike Geraci-Peter Lee, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); No. 3: Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan (LS) def. Nate Warrick-Bill Shaffer def., 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Dave Kruse-Garrett Adams (LF) def. Mike Kaplan-Alex Wood, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Jeff Sondergaard-Paul VanGilder (LS) won by default.
 Dual match records: Stevenson, 2-1 overall; Franklin, 0-2 overall.

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Unplug your microwave before changing its fuse

Two readers posed the same question recently:

George wrote: Our GE microwave oven just stopped working — one second it worked, the next it did not. It made a zap noise, and then went blank. I went online and followed the suggestions on the GE Web site, i.e. checked the breaker, checked the plug, etc.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Nancy wrote: I have a Litton microwave that is 20 years old and has never given us one once of trouble. Today it just stopped working completely; there isn't even a light inside when I open the door. I made sure there is electrical power on the wall outlet. Is it time for me to go shopping for a new one?

Some years ago I'd hear the same question with the same problem several times a day.

I would tell the callers to see me at my little service shop and I would show them how to change the internal fuse inside their microwave ovens. The fuse cost \$5 and I sure made a lot of friends.

Today, service companies do things differently than I did back then. It seems most of them are afraid to show you how to do things yourself, such as repairing your own microwave. There may be a good reason for that such as injury or a lawsuit.

But if I still had a little service shop I would still be showing consumers how to change the fuse in a microwave oven. There is an internal fuse in a microwave oven that my grandmother could replace if I showed her how to do it. The hardest thing today is getting someone to show you where it is located and how to get to it. There is no doubt that you can get permanently hurt in changing the fuse if you are a complete fool or are trying to commit suicide.

The big trick is to unplug the microwave or simply pat, unplug the cord. Never touch anything such as a wire while it has electrical power going to it. The fuse looks like the old style car fuse and is fitted into a little receptacle and it just pops out. A few of them are soldered in place. It is very easy to replace but the hard part is getting someone to show you how and where it is located.

Make sure you don't touch any other wires in there. There is a capacitor in this maze of electrical stuff which we call loaded. If you touch any other wire like I've just instructed you not to do, I can assure you that voltage will enter into one finger of one hand and come out the other hand.

I used to tell my customers about a guy who tried to fix the microwave, touched a hot wire and burned himself so badly that after they removed his body from the kitchen, the bottom of his feet were burned into the hardwood floor. This story is true. I worked for the Amana Corporation in the 1970s and we had pictures of this happening. I used to carry them around with me and when I was training service technicians around the country I would show them the pictures to emphasize how dangerous it is to work on a microwave oven. I never lost one service technician!

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734)971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to wvgnb@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

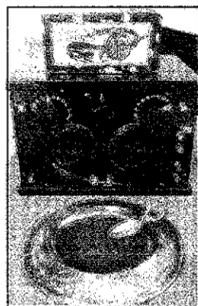
Treasure hunt

Flea Market boasts variety of odds and ends



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The Brichfords and Barretts will be bringing a wide selection of items to sell at the Greenmead Flea Market.



Earphones, a crystal radio, and silver serving set are among the items Carol Brichford will be bringing to the Greenmead Flea Market.



Carol Brichford, left, and Judy Barrett go over some of the items the two will sell at the upcoming Greenmead Flea Market.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Carol Brichford likes to tease her husband Tom about accumulating a house full of odds and ends at estate sales over the years, but admits she's just as bad when it comes to collecting. The Farmington Hills couple is looking forward to cleaning out their living room by selling some of the items at the Livonia Historical Society's annual Flea Market at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 7.

They're sharing three booths with Judy and Verlon Barrett of Farmington Hills and several members of The Questers. Both couples belong to chapters of the international antique study group dedicated to restoring and preserving historic places such as Greenmead.

The Brichfords are planning to bring glassware, jewelry, a radio with a receiving set from the early 1920s, a child's Victrola from the late 1930s, vintage dolls, sewing baskets and materials, a child's roll top desk, and an antique phone with handset.

"We have everything he ever got," jokes Carol Brichford about Tom, who collects mostly old iron and metal. "He collects anything that moves — cars, trucks, tractors — but they never move out."

It's their sense of humor that has kept Carol and Tom married 51 years, not collecting items at estate and garage sales and antique malls.

"No, collecting hasn't kept our marriage together," said Tom. "Our marriage has stayed together in spite of it." "Our stuff is all around our living room that I call our warehouse," added Carol, a volunteer at Greenmead. "We

FLEA MARKET

What: Annual Livonia Historical Society event to raise funds for the restoration of Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
Where: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Cost \$2 adults, children under age 12 free. Village open for tours noon to 3 p.m. For information, call (248) 477-7375. The Village Painters show coincides with the Flea Market. For details, www.villagepainters.net or (734) 753-5232

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Decorative painting show coincides with flea market

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Maureen VanBuhler couldn't be more excited about the Village Painters Treasure Chest Craft Show coinciding with the Livonia Historical Society's Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Together, the events draw around 5,000 visitors. The 12th annual Village Painters show is held in and out-

side of the Alexander Blue House while the flea market takes place in the village. Ten percent of the profit from the Village Painters show goes back to the club to provide seminars and community service.

"Village Painters is a decorative painting chapter and everybody brings what they like to paint," said VanBuhler. "We paint on tables, furniture, wood, tin, glass, fabric. We'll have a big vari-

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The Village Painters Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show takes place in and outside of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park on Sunday, Sept. 7

Peace movement begins at home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Colleen Mills couldn't be prouder that A.T. Ariyaratne's first stop in the U.S. is the monthly meeting of Citizens for Peace in Livonia on Sept. 9. The internationally known leader of the Sarvodaya movement is coming from Sri Lanka where he has rallied the residents of 15,000 villages to build a better life for themselves by tackling projects such as constructing roads and digging wells. Over the years he has won the Gandhi Peace Prize and been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Everyone is welcome. We

want to spark their interest and broaden their world view," said Mills, president of Citizens for Peace.

The meeting is just one of more than a dozen events Ariyaratne will attend in the metro Detroit area. The free seminar, A Better World is Possible: Integrated Approach to Peace, 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Schoolcraft College, is also open to the public. Two days earlier Ariyaratne speaks at the end of a 21-day prayer vigil for Detroit at Hart Plaza. His visit to the area concludes with ONE PEACE, an event to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace Sunday, Sept. 21, at Eastern

Michigan University. Mills is hoping to attract some 10,000 people to hear Ariyaratne and Michael Bernard Beckwith, founder of the Agape International Spiritual Center in Calif. and co-founder and president of the Alliance for Global New Thought.

"It's going to help heal the racial divide, religious divide, the whole culture, to bring everyone together without any barriers," said Mills of Livonia. "It's going to be the biggest gathering for peace in the country. It's an alternative way of thinking. We're getting people excited about the better world we're creating together. We're asking people

to wear white clothing, logo free, because we want everyone cheering for the human team and world peace."

Mills is doing her part to create a nonviolent environment through Citizens for Peace. She became involved after attending an Earth Day activity at Unity of Livonia where a petition was being signed to create the U.S. Department of Peace. Currently there is a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives to provide assistance to communities for programs focusing on nonviolence.

"It starts with inner peace," said Mills. "It's so easy to point fingers but if you want peace

ONE PEACE

What: A celebration of United Nations International Day of Peace with meditation and dialogue with A.T. Ariyaratne

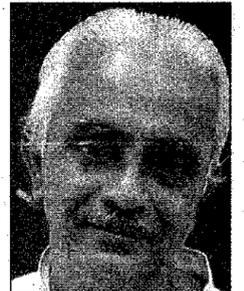
When: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center (basketball arena), 799 North Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti

Details: No charge. Visit www.onepeace.us or call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

you have to point at yourself first. You have to have peace in your own heart and family and then move it to your community, your own country."

Citizens for Peace was founded by residents of the



A.T. Ariyaratne speaks at the Citizens for Peace meeting in Livonia on Sept. 9.

11th Congressional District on Veterans Day 2003 to promote passage of the legislation as well as educate the community. So far members have provided

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First Step to honor supporters at gala

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Hartke is counting the days to the first gathering to celebrate the 30th anniversary of First Step, the nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in western Wayne County and downriver. But before the parties begin, she's looking for supporters to buy advertisements in a Tribute Book to honor the history of the organization and those that made the accomplishments possible. The deadline is Sept. 5.

"We're going to have 30 honorees. We're trying to focus on the 30 year theme," said Hartke, chairwoman of the Sept. 18 benefit in Canton. "We're honoring survivors and supporters, founders, supporters who have been with the organization for years. Organizations who have been supporters for years. We're excited to recognize them because these are inspiring

community leaders."

On Sept. 18, supporters such as Gail McKnight, who recently retired as a Judge for the 18th District Court in Westland; Justine Barnes, former city of Westland council member and state representative; Judy Ellis, First Step executive director; Brian Duggan, a Livonia realtor, and Nancy Diehl, Wayne County prosecutor, chief of trials, will be honored during an awards presentation at the benefit.

Over the years they have been instrumental in creating awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and changing the system to hold offenders accountable.

"I think this is an important event because we want to educate the community about what First Step does," said Hartke, a Plymouth attorney. "This is an event about hope because there's been a lot done, but still a lot of work remaining."

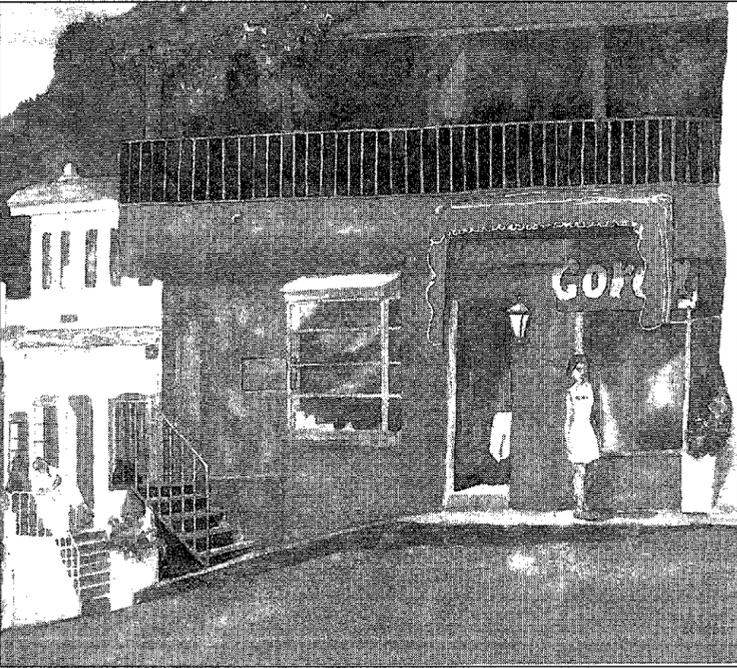
The gala event on Sept. 18, is the first of two. A family gathering will be held on Oct. 23, in

30 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

What: Strolling dinner, silent auction and awards presentation to benefit First Step
When: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
Where: Traditions Clubhouse, 1315 Waterside Rd., Canton
Tickets: \$100 each, \$150 per couple, Call (734) 416-1111
Free family gathering: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 16700 Pennsylvania Rd., Southgate. To RSVP, call (734) 955-3850, ext. 3807 or e-mail fsvolunteers@gmail.com

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Annual show

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual show Sept. 2-30, at Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. About 25 members will display the paintings which are for sale. Pictured is Gorda, a watercolor by Al Weber of Canton. The work features a restaurant he visited near Caracas, Venezuela. Gorda is Spanish for fat lady which describes the owner who sat in a booth by the window and left no doubt about who was in charge.

Historic Birmingham home headlines tour

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Only five families have lived in the Edgar Lamb House since it was built in 1898, and all of them have been Democrats. That fact is not lost on the historic home's latest owners, Bunny and Mel Shaw. "We love it," quipped Bunny. "This house has fabulous history. We just get such a kick out of it."

The Lamb House, tucked away on Willets Street adjacent to the downtown, is among seven diverse homes that will be featured on the 21st Annual Birmingham House Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The home's first owners were seamstress Mary Ann Lamb and her husband, Edgar, a harness maker. In her teens, Lamb was recruited by local Democrats to make one of the first machine-sewn American flags for Senator Stephen A. Douglas during his bid for the presidency against Abraham Lincoln.

The home was originally measured at 700 square feet. In the 1930s, a chimney and fireplace were added. In the 1970s and early 80s more was done, and it stood at 1,700 square feet when the Shaws purchased it in 1993.

The couple caused a stir in historic circles when they applied for permits and hired architect Victor Saroki to add 1,500 more square feet onto

the home, including a garage, kitchen and a wing with master and guest bedroom suites. They also converted the carriage house into a storage area and made other renovations inside.

But the Shaws have proven to be good neighbors, and the updates are consistent with the Victorian style of the original structure.

A scrapbook on the coffee table details the storied past of the home, as well as appearances in magazines like *Style*, *Better Homes & Gardens* and on the cover of *Garden, Deck & Landscape Planner*.

The Shaws have opened their doors to several home and garden tours, including The Community House tour in 1999.

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Guests to their bright, airy home are greeted by an open floor plan. The living room window overlooks the adjacent public park and pond, along with the oldest Elm in the city, a giant tree that has stood sentinel throughout all the changes that have taken place at the home.

The kitchen features custom Heritage cabinets that camouflage the refrigerator and hide a pantry, washer and dryer. A single slab of verde marble was used to top the island, backsplash and nearby bar.

The home's three bedrooms include a first floor master suite, and second story guest suite and "green suite" complete



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Bunny and Mel Shaw sit in the shady backyard of their Birmingham home, one of seven featured on The Community House Home Tour, Tuesday, Sept. 16.



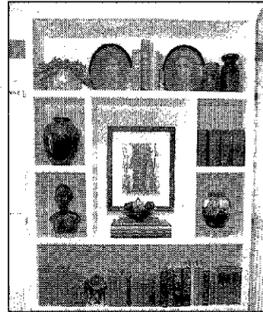
The living room of Mel and Bunny Shaw's Birmingham home is welcoming and comfortable.

with two beds and a crib, where the couple's 10 grandchildren take turns spending the night.

The home's furnishings range from antique and traditional to eclectic, and the decor consists

of a comforting array of books, framed family photos and cherished mementos.

An oil painting by Bunny, who studied art at Cranbrook, hangs over a mantle covered



Built-in shelves display artwork and books — many written by Mel Shaw and his electrical and computer engineering students at Wayne State University.

with greeting cards. Other touches include needlepoint pillows, Democratic memorabilia and old valises that formerly adorned the Polo shop on Woodward Avenue.

Although the couple sought help from local Interior Designer Bob Endres, much of the design is Bunny's own.

It's never stodgy. "We live in it and everything is ours," Mel said. "It's very personal."

Docents for the 21st annual Birmingham House Tour will take ticket-holders through the home and its impeccably landscaped gardens, as well as six other homes that vary widely in size and style.

All proceeds from the tour benefit The Community House's many outreach programs.

21ST ANNUAL BIRMINGHAM HOUSE TOUR

What: Presented by The Community House along with Hall & Hunter Realtors, the tour showcases seven unique homes ranging from traditional to contemporary. Each home will have a luxury car displayed in the driveway courtesy of Fred Lavery Company.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Tickets: \$30, includes afternoon tea from 3-4 p.m. at The Community House. \$45 adds salad buffet lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Community House.

Luxury Town Car Package: Features luxurious town car and driver for the tour, a reserved table and chef's appetizer at the luncheon, the tea and a thank-you gift, \$600 for four people.

Information: Visit The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, or call (248) 644-5832.



Verde marble tops the bar nestled in a nook of the Shaw home in Birmingham.

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a Peace Collection of books for youth and adults at the Livonia Civic Center Library, started a film series at Madonna University, and published the Michigan Department of Peace Political Action Guide to assist residents in contacting legislators.

Although meetings are held at Unity of Livonia, the group is not affiliated with a church.

"The peace movement is growing. They're starting a Student Peace Alliance at Schoolcraft," said Mills. "A worldwide transformation is what we're working for. I've met hundreds of people who have been working so hard to make a better world."

"One of the goals is to get a

department of peace and non-violence in the government, but also to work on our inner peace, to educate ourselves and the public. We're proudest of The Peace Collection donated to the Livonia Civic Center Library, hundreds of books on peace, conflict resolution and heroes. We believe whatever you focus on will increase. We've made heroes of war, people who are killing. Now

we are educating to be aware citizens."

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, visit citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com or call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

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In the 21st century scrubbing floors on one's hands and knees is an unlikely occurrence. However, working vigorously and long on one's hands and knees continues. Risk for prepatellar bursitis occurs in laying carpet or linoleum, in working hours in the garden, or taking on any project that requires kneeling for a prolonged period.

In prepatellar bursitis, the knee feels hot, looks red, appears swollen, and hurts to the touch. The first impression of anyone seeing the knee is that the joint is infected. However, a person with prepatellar bursitis has no fever, and feels no pain except in a circumscribed area that outlines the prepatellar bursa. This bursa sits directly over the knee cap (the patella) and is where the inflammation resides.

Treatment for prepatellar bursitis includes draining any fluid that is responsible for the swelling, and injecting a steroid to prevent irritation from continuing. Medicine for pain also may be necessary. Of equal importance is identifying the activity that caused the problem and to either stop that activity or find padding that will permit kneeling without such consequences.

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Spotlight Players hold auditions for comedy

Spotlight Players will be hosting auditions for You Can't Take It With You 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 22-23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

If anyone has questions about auditions, contact Mike Cuba at mikecuba@sbeglobal.net. Cuba is directing the heart-warming comedy about a family that lives the credo "If you aren't having any fun, why do it?"

The play, written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize. It was made into a Frank Capra movie in 1939. It won Best Director and Best Picture at the Oscars, and was one of the first collaborations between Capra and Jimmy Stewart.

The story follows Grandpa who walked out on his banking job eight years ago and hasn't done a lick of work since. His daughter Penny writes and paints when the mood strikes her. Her husband Paul makes

fireworks in the basement with his friend, Mr. de Pinna, who dropped by one day and just stayed. Penny's daughter Essie makes candies and strives to become a ballerina while her husband plays the xylophone.

Essie's sister, Alice, is the only one in the family holding down a respectable job as a secretary to the son of a prominent banker. Add Reba, a live-in cook/housekeeper, and her boyfriend Donald, and you have the residents of this slightly off-kilter family. Now add Tony Kirby, Alice's boss and sweetheart, and his stiff blue-blood parents, and a dinner invitation that goes delightfully awry. Stir in the Internal Revenue Service and eight years of back taxes to thicken the plot. By the end of the evening you realize that while Alice's family may be crazy, the rest of the world is certifiably insane.

For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

Polish dancing activities starting in September

Radomianie will be celebrating 20 years of performing Polish folklore dances 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Hall in Dearborn Heights. All former members of the Radomianie Polish Folklore Dance Ensemble are invited as well as the public. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, and dancing to music by New Brass.

Tickets are available only in advance. For more information, call (734) 525-2880.

Radomianie is accepting new members. Classes are held

7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. For details, call (734) 525-2880.

Simply Polish will also offer classes in social dancing, tangos, obereks, waltzes, polkas, and line dancing 7-9 p.m. Fridays. Classes begin Sept. 12, and run through Oct. 24. The cost is \$40 per couple, \$30 singles.

Pilates, stretch classes, yoga, toning dancing as well as Polish language classes and an introduction into Polish dance for children starts the week of Sept. 15.

Italian language classes to begin

The Italian American Club of Livonia begins fall Italian Language Classes for adults and children in September at 39200 Five Mile.

The first adult class is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9. The cost

is \$75 plus books.

Children's classes begin 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, and cost \$50 plus books.

For more information, call (734) 953-1137 and press option #2.

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ety, a lot of seasonal items like Christmas and Halloween, centerpieces, decorations, things for the walls."

VanBuhler painted wood chairs for the craft show.

The Canton woman has been doing decorative painting as a hobby for 35 years. She taught the art at Plymouth Reed & Cane, which has since closed.

"I'm going to have a Shaker chair. I'm going to take Shaker tape and weave the seat of it with a folk art fruit design," said VanBuhler. "Outside we will have a Learn to Paint tent we have every year with a project for those who have never painted before. They can paint a project and take it away. We've gotten several members that way."

"At the show we buy and sell to one another. We'll also have a craft tent to sell supplies we don't want. Our members live in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Trenton, Belleville. We're the biggest chapter in the state."

For more information, visit www.villagepainters.net or call (734) 753-5232.

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decided we got to get rid of things. We really enjoy the Greenmead show. Being right in the village with all the vintage buildings is magnificent."

The Barretts are bringing two ice cream chairs from a Tecumseh store that went out of business, a brass bucket, bird cage stand, vintage mirror, bentwood chair, garage items like tools, and a wicker umbrella basket. They have a booth at the Livingston Antique Outlet.

"I'm always looking at auctions, consignment stores, the Salvation Army. If it looks interesting I pick it up and then research it," said Barrett. "It's my entertainment to go to auctions, estate sales, where it's as much fun to get into and see the houses in Indian Village, Grosse Pointe."

The two couples have been doing the flea market for about four years, always in the same spot on the west end of the village between the fence and Kingsley House. In addition to vintage items, the Brichfords are bringing Mikasa English Countryside dinnerware.

"It doesn't have to be antique," said Carol. "It's a flea market."

Linda Wiacek likes to refer to the event as a glorified garage sale. This year 160 dealers sell a variety of vintage items and some antiques. The flea market coincides with the Village Painters Treasure Chest Craft Show in the Alexander Blue House



A variety of hand-painted items will be available at the Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show.

at Greenmead (see related story).

"There's no used clothing or guns," said Wiacek, Greenmead recreation supervisor. "People in the past brought vintage linens, china, crystal and silver. I've purchased tea pots and tea cups. My son's purchased sports memorabilia. I've seen people carry out vintage tables and chairs, books and magazines, old paintings. I purchased a picture of Lincoln. It's interesting stuff."

Livonia Historical Society member Gene Kramer is going to sell old musical instruments at the flea market, which started 10 years ago with about 20 to 40 dealers. Kramer recently met with the society's board, including acting president Bob Legel, at the Friends Meeting House to go over details of the event.

This year's proceeds will help restore Hill House, according to society member Sue Daniel. The event raised \$15,000 in 2007.

Not to be confused with the Livonia Historical Commission which co-sponsors the flea market, the Livonia Historical Society is a nonprofit group of volunteers which was founded in 1956 to preserve the area's heritage.

"Most of the people go home with things — hubcaps, old farm tools, dulcimers, old military items, furniture, antique bedroom and dining sets," said Kramer, who lives in Northville and grew up in Livonia. "I pick up musical instruments at garage sales, say I see a bugle if it's before 1900, I don't care if it plays or not."

Gary Pritchard says he knows dealers

who come to the flea market to buy.

"You can find sets of dishes for everyday if they want to furnish a cottage, a nice vase for a couple bucks," said Pritchard, a society member. "You can come across something valuable if you know what you're looking for. I've seen some stuff very underpriced."

Arlene Enders is bringing furniture from Dick's Upholstery along with toys and sleds. Enders is co-owner of the Livonia shop that reupholsters everything from antiques to modern furniture. She does the show with her husband William.

"It's something we always did. From the time we first got married we started going to antique shows," said Enders. "We'll probably bring a small chair for a den or library with Queen Anne legs, antique fabric from the '40s and '60s, Matchbox (toys), glassware."

Look for serving dishes, silver serving spoons and forks and a few pieces of furniture to fill the booth of Diann Dupuis of Livonia. Dupuis used to have an antiques booth at the Livingston Antique Outlet.

"I go to garage sales, estate sales," said Dupuis, a Greenmead volunteer. "I always have my eye out for linens and dishes. They're not from 100 years ago, but definitely collectibles. I'll have a lot of linens and serving items. People love to look at linens, to rummage through them. They probably remember them from their grandmother's house."

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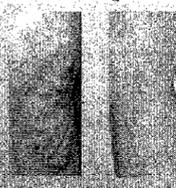
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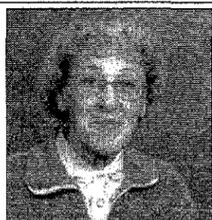
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BEVERLY LAVOISNE (SIGNORELLI)

Age 72 passed away on August 26, 2008. Beverly was born on February 4, 1936, the daughter of Loren and Caroline (Multaup) Goodale, formally of Plymouth. She married Robert LaVoisine and he survives. Beverly is also survived by 4 daughters, Lynn, Cheryl, Judy, Julie; 3 step-daughters, Cheryl, Brenda, Kim; one stepson, Robert; 21 grandchildren; one sister, Barbara, one brother, Loren, one deceased sister Caroline. Interment was at Norvell Township Cemetery.



ESTHER DEXTER

Of Birmingham, age 88, died peacefully on August 19, 2008. Esther was born A. Esther Hall on October 12, 1919, in Syracuse, NY. Her husband, Leonard, predeceased her in 1995. The couple moved to Birmingham when Leonard was transferred here by Chrysler. Esther worked in a Birmingham insurance agency. Esther was a member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, for nearly 50 years, served on the church's Altar Guild and was a THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund) volunteer. Esther was active throughout her life. She was a thirty-year volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was also a BASSC volunteer and member. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Birmingham Seniors Friday Thunderbird Lanes Bowling League. She was an avid golfer, hitting a hole in one with a three wood on the fourth hole at Birmingham's Lincoln Hills golf course on August 28, 1996. She also enjoyed bicycling, swimming and travel. Esther is survived by a nephew, David Nicholson of West Monroe, NY, a step-niece, Joanne Blake of Syracuse, NY, and numerous cousins. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 am at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. An inurnment service will be held in New York. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to the church or the charity of donor's choice are suggested. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

MAX S. HOLLAND, JR.

Age 87 of Detroit. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 59 years. Loving father of Jill E. (David F.) Opperman, Jeanne M. (Wayne) Williams, Max S. III (Chrissy) Holland and Ann M. (Dennis) Franks. Dear brother of Janet Olson, Jacque Lake and the late Lloyd Holland. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A service of remembrance was held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, on Friday, August 29th. Memorial tributes may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. www.thayer-rock.com.



WINIFRED MARTHA SUSIE ANN MATILDA JANE MYRIA DRAPER CARNEY

When asked what her name was, Winnie would spiel the above...names she was given by her beloved aunts. Winnifred Draper Carney passed away peacefully on May 1, 2008 just months short of her 100th birthday. Her sons Donald P. Carney and wife Julianne and Dr. James M. Carney and wife Jan were with her in Ft. Myers, Florida. Her granddaughter, Tricia, was with her just days earlier.

Born, raised, and married in the home on Church Street in Plymouth that her father built in 1898, Winnie leaves a legacy of graciousness, humor, and kindness. She was the daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother of optometrists in Plymouth. Dr. Charles G. Draper, her father, held one of the first licenses in Optometry in Michigan and practiced on Main Street in a building which is now part of Schrader/Howell Funeral Home. Dr. Elmore L. Carney, her husband, graduated from Illinois School of Optometry and practiced on Penniman and later on Main Street in Plymouth. Dr. James M. Carney, her son, graduated from Pacific University School of Optometry and is presently practicing on Main Street with her grandson and his son, Dr. Brian M. Carney, who graduated from Illinois School of Optometry.

Winnie enjoyed a life of good health, good friends, and was always ready to socialize with people and experience new adventures. Never suffering from a major illness, her blood pressure was that of teenager until she died. She and Elmore traveled extensively and he always took the month of February off "to go somewhere" usually with their great friends Ed and Henrietta Dobbs. In her nineties in Traverse City at grand daughter-in-law Lisa's Bachelorette party, Winnie got on stage to dance and do karaoke. And she loved parties and looked forward to her annual Ice Cream Birthday Party every year.

Winnie leaves a rich heritage to her family. Don inherited her love of people and ability to make friends and socialize; Jim inherited her love of water, fishing, and travel; Brian inherited her kindness and pragmatic nature; and Tricia inherited her great beauty, fun-loving nature and ability to relate to people.

Her little great-granddaughters Lily (6), Celia (4) and Mia (2) say they will "miss Great-Grandma Winnie very much" and know she is happy in heaven with God. Don's children Cindy, Terry, Sherry, Debbie and their children also mourn her loss.

Her family hopes you will join them in celebration of her life at an ice cream almost-100th birthday party at 51115 Topper Court on Sunday, September 21 from 2:00-5:00. Donations may be made in her honor to the Plymouth Historical Society.

WEDDING



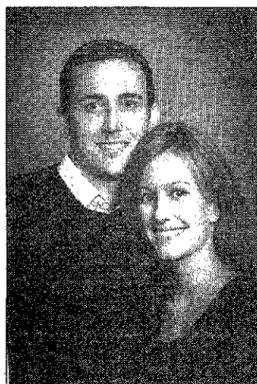
Henry O'Donnell

Dean Henry and Nancy Robertson of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Robertson Henry, to Kevin James O'Donnell of East Lansing. He is the son of Bob and Terry O'Donnell of Indianapolis, Ind.

The bride is a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and Michigan State University. She works as a development manager for the Capital Area Humane Society. The groom is a graduate of Broadripple High School in Indianapolis, and Michigan State University. He is employed by his alma mater, MSU, and coaches football at East Lansing High School. He plans to attend graduate school this fall.

The couple wed June 28 at the MSU Alumni Chapel on campus before the Rev. Pam Klusak. The bride was attended by maid of honor Laura Henry and bridesmaids Rachel Proctor, Stephanie Swerecki and Sara Knopsnider. The groom was attended by best man Vernon O'Donnell and groomsmen Kevin Bohannon, Ryan Harkins and Todd Westenbroek. A reception followed at Easel Eye Golf Club in Bath, Mich. The couple spent their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They have made their home in East Lansing.

ENGAGEMENTS



Wolfe-Johnson

Jerry and Kathy Wolfe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lynn Wolfe, to John Raymond Johnson of Northville. He is the son of John Dale Johnson of Carleton, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in marketing. She works as a financial sales representative for Community Financial Services in Plymouth. John is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and works for Ford Motor Company in

Dearborn. The couple are planning a December wedding at Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

Vance-Vesey

Bob and Cherie Vance of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Vance, to Sean Vesey of Farmington Hills. He is the son of Mike and Kathleen Vesey of Livonia. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Lisa graduated in 1999 and earned her bachelor's degree in Japanese from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2003. She is working toward her master's degree at Wayne State University and has worked for the past four years at DENSO International, a Japanese auto supplier in Southfield, where she is senior specialist in the Heavy Duty Logistics group. Sean graduated high school in 1998 and gained his certification as a firefighter from Schoolcraft



College before continuing on to earn his EMT license in 2005. For the past five years he has worked with the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The couple is planning a September wedding at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. They will make their home in Novi.

ANNIVERSARY

Olsen

Armand and Anna (Cummings) Olsen of Redford Township celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month.

The couple wed on July 10, 1948, at St. Leo's Church in Detroit and they moved to Redford 10 years ago. They have three adult children: Lawrence (Helen) Olsen of Fowlerville, Kathleen (Ken) Arreola of Livonia and David Olsen of Redford Township. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Armand retired from his work at Ford Motor Company 26 years ago.

He is a World War II Navy Seabee veteran. Anna has long been a loving mother and housewife.

The couple attends St. Christine's Church and volunteers for many community ser-



vices provided by the church. To celebrate the occasion, friends and family gathered for a surprise party at the Redford Jaycees.

BIRTH



Mathis

Brad and Jennifer Mathis of Garden City announce the arrival of their son, Braeden William Mathis, born July 29, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Braeden is grandson to Frank and Sandy Nasal of Dearborn Heights and Ed and Debbie Mathis of Garden City. Frank and Judy Nasal of Dearborn Heights and Ted Walters of Garden City are great-grandparents.

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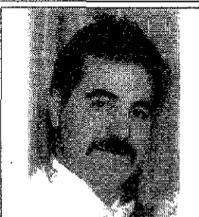
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DANIEL A. WILK

Age 51, of Farmington Hills. August 28, 2008. Beloved husband of 15 years to Alice. Devoted father of Brandon, cherished son of Robert A. Brother of David (Linda), Robert (Jenny) and Mark (Theresa), and uncle to 16 nieces and nephews. His mother, Lorraine, preceded him in death in April of 2007. Funeral Mass Wednesday, September 3rd, 10 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Visitation Sunday 2-5 p.m. Tuesday 2-9 p.m. (no visitation Monday) at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayers Tuesday 7 p.m. Contributions are preferred to fund Brandon Wilk's education. heeney-sundquist.com

DENNIS DITTO

August 29, 2008. Beloved husband of Margaret. Loving father of Kimberly (Brian) Ditto-Ehler and Dean (Deborah) Ditto. Proud grandfather of Jarrod, Gabrielle, Cavin, and Mason. Devoted brother to Donald (Janice) Ditto, Edith Burke and the late Rose Parvis and Juliann Ditto. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 2-4pm & 6-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Funeral Service Tuesday at 9:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Marine Corp League 2283 Violet, Farmington, MI 48336. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

DR. WARREN PHILIP IVERSON

Age 84, of Frederick, noted microbiologist died Tuesday, August 26 in Frederick. He was the husband of Margaret Ellen Golibart Iverson. He was a World War II veteran. Surviving besides his wife are a son: Martin Philip Iverson and wife Kerry Callan of Frederick; a daughter: Mary Katherine Rosso and husband John of Birmingham MI; Seven grandchildren, including Emily, Jennifer and Caitlin Rosso of Birmingham, MI. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, August 30 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 112 East Second Street, Frederick with Fr. Keith Boisvert as the celebrant. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. Arrangements were handled by Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., 1201 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Donations in memory of Dr. Iverson may be sent to St. Katharine Drexel Church Building Fund, 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702 or to the charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.daileyfuneralhomes.com



HARRIET B. WELLS

Age 80, on August 27, 2008 lost her brave struggle against a debilitating neurological disease attributed to the polio she had contracted as a child and passed away in Beaumont Hospital surrounded by loving family. She was widowed at a very early age with two young sons to care for, Byron E. (Kismet) Coons and David B. Coons. She met and later married John S. "Jack" Wells, a widower also with two young sons, John S. (Jan) Wells III and Mark H. (Linda) Wells. Their marriage would have reached the milestone of 50 years had she lived until October 16th of this year. Harriet is survived by her loving husband, her four sons and five beautiful grandchildren, Gretchen, Katie, David R., Madeline and River. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Maud Breitmeyer, and brothers, Philip and Howard Breitmeyer. The funeral service will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road (N. of Long Lake Rd.), Bloomfield Hills, 48304, Wednesday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Monday 5-8pm and Tuesday 3-8pm. Memorials appreciated to Beautiful Savior or a worthwhile cause of the donor's choice. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



KEVIN JAMES YOUNG

Of Western Springs, IL, passed away unexpectedly August 22, 2008 while in San Francisco on business. He was 36 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, Michelle; two young children, Hanna and Liam; parents Robert and Rena Young of Scottsdale, AZ; siblings Lisa Leaman of S. Lyon and Matt Young of Charlotte, NC. Born in Southfield, MI. He was a 1990 graduate of Farmington H.S. where he was a stand-out baseball player, attaining all-state honors. He attended Central Michigan University, during which time he was named first team All-American. He graduated in 1995. He played baseball professionally for five years within the California Angels organization. At the time of his death he was employed by Business Week. Kevin lived life to the fullest, leaving behind numerous dear friends and loved ones. A person of depth on many different levels, his passions had no bounds. He loved his wife and children from deep within his soul. He was a gifted athlete who excelled in numerous sports. Kevin had a great sense of presence. Engaging with his smile and possessing a genuine compassion for people of all walks of life. He was centered by his Catholic faith and received the Rite of Christian Burial Friday, August 29th at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville, MI. Funeral services entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Young Children Educational Trust Fund, PO Box 6002, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Visit http://www.baseball-reference.com/bullpen/Kevin_J.Young to learn about Kevin's amazing career in baseball. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com.

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Gardening presentations

Learn about fall planting during a series of free presentations at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in September at English Gardens stores:

- Container gardening on Sept. 3
 - Learn what to plant in the fall and discuss proper planting and care techniques on Sept. 10
 - Planting spring-flowering bulbs on Sept. 17
 - Learn about color in the fall garden on Sept. 24
- The Royal Oak-Troy store is located at 4901 Coolidge, in Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; the West Bloomfield store is at 6370 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 851-7506; the Clinton Township store is at 44850 Garfield at Hall, (586) 286-6100; and the Dearborn Heights store is at 22650 Ford, at Outer Drive, (313) 278-4433. Other stores are in Ann Arbor, Brighton and Eastpointe.

SOCWA events

- Hear a presentation on rain gardens from 9:15-11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, in the Lathrup Village Community Room, 27400 Southfield Road, followed by a tour of residential rain gardens in Lathrup Village.

■ Gary Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons, Inc., talks about lawns and lakes in Bloomfield Township, 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, in Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Both sessions are sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. (248) 288-5150

All about roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville, plan to retire and close their popular rose nursery in October. They've reprised some of their most requested programs for their last month in business:

- Rose propagation workshop: 1 p.m., Sunday Sept. 7; repeated at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 8. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy propagation. Reservations required; \$25 material fee collected at the door. Participants should bring their pruners and plan to remain for two to three hours.

■ Success with climbing roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, includes slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

■ Seven steps to success with roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21 and 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 22 includes a fast-paced slide talk, perfect for novice rose growers.

■ Winter preparation for roses 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival. All events, except the propagation workshop, are free. (734) 461-1230

Educational conference

Growing with Master Gardeners Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. The 20th annual all-day educational program, aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels, will include two keynote classes, shopping and lunch. For details and registration for go to www.mgawc.org. (734) 786-6860

REUNIONS

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to [Wendy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150](mailto:WendyVonBuskirk@Observer&EccentricNewspapers), or e-mail wvonn@hometownlife.com.

**Berkley High School
Class of 1958**

50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008, at Somers Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

**Birmingham High School
Class of 1958**

Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50-year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road & Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner. Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneidt (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register, visit www.birmingham58.com.

**Bishop Borgess High School
Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74**

A combined reunion. Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center. \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhs-firstfive.com

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

**Brighton High School
Class of 1989**

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

**Cass Technical High School
Classes of 1964-67**

Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Christ the King School

All Class Reunion in honor of 70th year anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. School tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer at yvonnemoyer@hotmail.com. Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund.

**Cherry Hill High School
Classes of 1983-84**

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014

or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

**Clarenceville High School
Class of 1988**

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

**Clarkston High School
Class of 1998**

A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent.com>, e-mail chsl1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

**Crestwood High School
Class of 1968**

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford
January Class of 1958**

A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3, 2008 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy McGregor Ketko at (248) 851-5257 or Pat Keoshian Holmes at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

**Dearborn Fordson
Class of 1969**

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aoi.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivings@nu-core.com.

**Detroit Cass Tech
Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

**Detroit Chadsey High School
Class of 1957**

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

**Detroit Chadsey High School
Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspotalera@comcast.net.

**Detroit Christ the King Elementary
Class of 1963**

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

**Detroit Eastern High School
Classes up to 1958**

All classes invited to reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren. Doors at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m., open bar. \$30 per person, must be paid before Sept. 29. Call Bob Butler, (586) 412-9998; or Terry Des Rivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562 or (313) 300-6385.

Class of 1958

50th reunion weekend, "Mix and Mingle" 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 10, 2008, Sinbad's, Detroit; "Gala Banquet," 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 11, Western Golf & Country Club, Redford; "Back to Mack Church Service," 10 a.m. Oct. 12, Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit. \$125 package pricing, individual pricing available. Call Delores Sykes Cotton, (248) 353-7452 or Patricia Anderson Solomon, (248) 538-5205; e-mail EHS1958reunion@aol.com; or visit www.Classmates.com

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**Detroit Holy Redeemer High School
Class of 1958**

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for information.

**Detroit High School of Commerce
Class of 1958 January, June and August**

A 50-year Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

**Detroit Redford High School
Class of 1968**

A 40th reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 S. Commerce, in Wolverine Lake (Walled Lake). Check out the class's Web site: www.redfordhigh1968.com or contact Jessie Wysocki Farkas at (248) 669-3364.

**Detroit Western High School
Classes of 1930s, 40s and 50s**

Annual reunion, all classes welcome, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Call (313) 565-4997 or (248) 427-0673 to reserve your spot by Sept. 5.

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

**Detroit Winship School
Class of 1956**

Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

**Edwin Denby High School
Class of 1953**

Seeking classmates for Dinner Reunion, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at Capital Banquet Center, 123 31 Mile Road, Washington, Mich. Contact Doris Burrows Firestone at (586) 266-3319, Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954 or Bob Pinder, (248) 332-8028, for details.

**Farmington Harrison High School
Class of 1998**

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

**Garden City High School
Class of 1958**

A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fill: (734) 722-4453.

Class of 1960

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Class of 1989

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**Livonia Bentley
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WORKWISE
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Most people are getting very comfortable with technology. Non-typers have evolved into typers. Non-writers have learned to get by. People once not inclined to make telephone calls now

that in Texas, porno gets reported, even though it's totally unrelated to work. Of course, if you reveal any ailments or other information you didn't want the world to know, it's too late. You've already left a digital footprint.

Let's say you own a cell phone, for which your company reimburses you every so often. Whose phone is it? "All of this is getting very sticky," she comments. Employers will have some rights to it. Her solution is to use two telephones, everywhere.

Hal Abelson, et. al., indicate in "Blown to Bits: Your Life, Liberty and Happiness After the Digital Explosion" (Addison Wesley: \$25.95) that employers aren't out to straitjacket employees, that "they have to be able to investigate wrongdoing for which the employer would be liable." In other words, Big Brother is watching whether your work creates risk for the company.

IBM International Security Systems' Peter Evans of Atlanta, Ga., molds strategy to evolving security threats. As vice president of Marketing, he points out that hackers and generational trends are putting some workers and their companies at risk. Because Gen X and Gen Y are accustomed to collaborating online -- and not necessarily through e-mail -- they might not be aware of the risk their practices take on when they move to "highly regulated environments."

Financial services is one of the industries he's considering. "The organization needs to protect information, data and credit card information," he states. "An employee might put information out there that would be excellent for a hacker. Filters are watching for data leaking." If you send an e-mail with information that shouldn't leave your computer, an educational warning message pops up to remind you of confidentiality. Evans says that e-mail protection is quite good now but that there's much more work to be done on instant messaging.

Evans further states that hackers are like retailers. They watch people at work and use what they see "to take control of a laptop." This means that you can be very vulnerable, becoming "the weak link that could put a business at risk."

WHAT TO DO
You didn't think that your work was putting you at this much risk either at home or in the office, did you? "Employees need to understand their corporate policies about the use of PDAs provided by the company," Haslam says. She agrees that many companies lack policies and updates and advises that you band together and go to HR to get the information you need. On a daily basis, she says it's best to communicate in writing or, if you use a telephone, send an e-mail about the conversation.



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Hope Haslam separates her business from personal telephone communications by carrying two pieces of technology all times to make and receive both kinds of calls. While the practice might seem cumbersome, it's essential for privacy, should an employer require access to data. Haslam directs Consulting Services at Epiq Systems Inc., which is headquartered in Kansas City, Kan.

Evans indicates that you have a lot of resources at your fingertips, such as the ePolicy Institute, Security Smart Newsletter, and, more in depth, the "X-Force Threat Insight Monthly," published by his organization. They'll help you navigate around your responsibility with today's omnipresent technology.
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When most people think of hybrids they picture compact and midsize cars like the Honda Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius, but never large SUVs.

But General Motors Corp. has changed that with the 2008 GMC Yukon Hybrid and 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid.

GM knows that people want to save on gas, since it's been hovering around \$4 a gallon for a long time now, but not everyone is ready to trade in their SUV for something smaller just yet.

So for the time being GM is doing its best to accommodate these customers.

The Yukon Hybrid, which stickers for around \$45K, can tow up to 6,000 pounds while offering a 25 percent gain in fuel economy.

On the Yukon Hybrid, you'll find the same utility of a full-size truck and the power and capability of a V8 engine, while reaping the benefits of hybrid technology at the pump.

This is all thanks to the use of the world's first dual-motor, two-mode hybrid system used in an SUV.

By utilizing innovative hybrid technology and Active Fuel Management technology, the Yukon Hybrid delivers great fuel efficiency never seen before on a large SUV.

Specifically, the Yukon Hybrid fuel economy ratings are 20 miles per gallon in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.

While traditional full hybrid systems offer only one electric mode that is utilized during low-speed driving, GM has teamed up with Chrysler Corp. and the BMW Group to co-develop the two-mode hybrid system.

This patented fuel-saving technology with one mode for city driving and one mode for highway driving is ideal for SUVs.

The first mode of the system is for low speed and light loads. In this mode, the hybrid system can operate with electric power only, engine power only and any combination of engine and electric power.

When the first mode operates as electric only, fuel consumption is reduced in heavy stop-and-go traffic by shutting off the engine for extended periods of time and moving exclusively under electric power at low speeds.

The second mode is primarily used at highway



The 2008 Yukon Hybrid, along with the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid, are the world's first SUVs with a dual-motor, two-mode hybrid system. This upped the fuel economy rating by 25 percent over the traditional Yukon.

speeds. In addition to electric assist, the second mode integrates sophisticated electronic controls, such as Active Fuel Management, to allow even more efficient engine operation with electric motors less than half the size of a traditional "one-mode" hybrid system.

But full 8-cylinder engine power is available when conditions demand it, such as passing, towing or climbing a steep grade.

The two-mode system also allows for a four-speed automatic transmission and electronic controls to be used with gas and diesel engines with front- and rear-wheel-drive configurations on other cars, trucks and SUVs.

On the Yukon it augments the SUV's traditional V8 engine with two electric motors packed into the transmission. Both are powered by a 300-volt battery pack.

Some power is lost, though. The Yukon Hybrid tows 6,000 pounds while the regular Yukon tows up to 7,700 pounds.

To counterbalance nearly 400-pound weight gain from the hybrid propulsion system, some minor exterior changes have been made to the Yukon to make it more aerodynamic.

The Yukon's grille has horizontal slats instead of the previous single-piece design. The SUV also includes a 0.4-inch lower ride height, low rolling resistance tires, a streamlined hood leading edge and a liftgate and hood made of aluminum.

These changes don't make the Yukon Hybrid look much different than a regular Yukon, but are a welcome change.

Like other hybrids, the Yukon is equipped with regenerative brakes that capture energy normally wasted during braking and use it to recharge the

battery.

It also has a new air-conditioning unit that requires less power and thus uses less fuel.

Inside the Yukon Hybrid, you can watch an animation showing the flow of power through the hybrid drivetrain on the center display screen. The gauges also include a gas mileage meter.

Just like regular Yukons, three rows of seats are standard. Available amenities include leather upholstery, power front seats and a navigation system. A rear-seat entertainment system with a flip-down screen is optional.

Safety is provided by four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system with rollover mitigation are standard. Side curtain airbags are optional.

The same gasoline/electric powertrain from the Yukon and the Tahoe is also on the Cadillac Escalade. Similar hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks will follow

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Base price: Around \$45,000.

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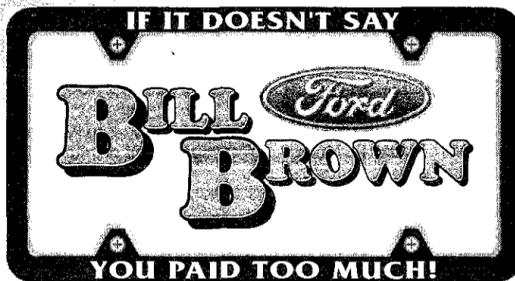
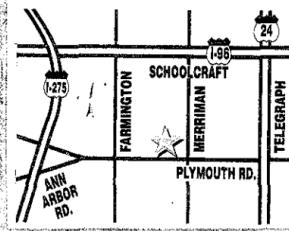
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