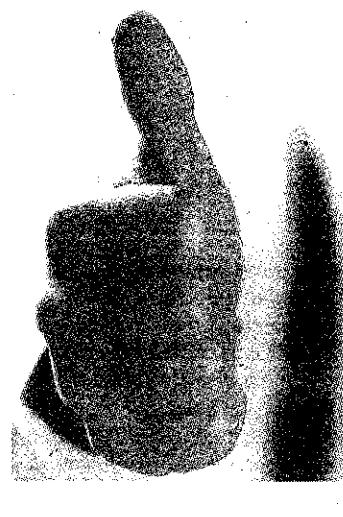


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Pressure mounts as union, W-W keep talking

Teachers picket to press for contract

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 30 teachers kept up a brisk pace as they walked in front of Edison Elementary School in Westland Thursday afternoon, protesting the lack of progress in contract negotiations with the Wayne-Westland school board.

"This is an awareness thing. We're hoping to get a contract. We're hoping to get a settlement," said Pam Parys, the Wayne-Westland Education Association building representative at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "The teachers aren't looking to go out on strike. We're looking for a fair and equitable contract."

The informational picketing was staged at elementary schools around the district starting Wednesday as part of a stepped-up action by teachers to pressure for a new contract. In a show of unity, they wore black clothing and entered and left school together on Friday. They also have been wearing Unity pins.

They have been working under a 30-day contract extension after the union requested help from a state mediator. Their contract expired Aug. 25.

The teachers have made class sizes, wages and health care major issues in this round of negotiations and have gained the support of some parents, several who spoke on their behalf at Monday's school board meeting. Even those sitting outside the school's main entrance shared their concern about class sizes.

"I agree with them, it's ridiculous," said one parent who asked not to be identified. "I'm appalled to hear they have 39 kids in a



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Wayne-Westland teachers and parents picket in front of Edison Elementary School in Westland Thursday to protest the lack of a new contract. The picketing was one of several activities the union took part in last week to bring their issues to the attention of parents.

classroom. I think a lot of parents aren't getting involved because they don't know what's going on."

Dean Ayers also is concerned about the class size. His daughter, a high school student, "for the first two months last year had no desk." He also is concerned about the effect the informational picketing will have on students.

"I think they have a right to strike, and I don't have a problem with what they're doing as long as it doesn't cause problems for the kids," said the father of three children who attend Wayne-Westland schools. "But they're setting a bad example for students."

DeAn Lowery, who cares for several Edison students, said the picketing has been confusing for the children.

"They think they don't have school and get excited about it," she said. "I've had to explain the basics of it to them."

The teachers have said they've gotten support from parents and students, and several joined them in walking in front of Edison

School. However, school officials have received e-mail from some parents upset with the teachers' actions.

One parent expressed disappointment and wrote, "When my eight-year-old saw teachers picketing, he thought they were on strike and that they had quit their jobs; he was very distressed and felt as though he had done something wrong."

"Our children deserve to understand, in an age-appropriate way, exactly what has motivated their teacher to shove them out the door to march and picket, and, I must add, encourage the children to picket with them," the parent stated.

Another parent in an e-mail stated that he found the teachers' tactics "very disturbing and absolutely unnecessary."

"There are many teachers using the kids to relay untrue information to the parents," he wrote. "I do not approve of any teacher telling these kids anything about their contract negotiations in hopes that they will go home and tell their parents."

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The Wayne-Westland school board and the Wayne-Westland Education Association are continuing to meet in an effort to hammer out a new contract. The two sides meet several times last week, but have yet to resolve differences over the big issues of class sizes, wages and health insurance.

"It's not going well at all," said Evelyn Baran, MEA UniServe director of the WSEA. "Administration's position has hardened and they are not willing to compromise. They are not interested in what the teachers want."

"The Board of Education and the board negotiating team is continuing to negotiate in good faith and will go around the clock to resolve the issues," said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

The two sides have been negotiating with the help of a state mediator requested by the union under a 30-day contract extension. A bargaining session has been scheduled for Monday, and the discussion will continue until one side gives 24-hour written notice that it is pulling out.

According to an update posted on the school district's Web site, the Board of Education has yet to receive a response from the union to proposal presented more than 25 days ago. It also stated that the last written proposal submitted by the WSEA would cost the district an estimated \$20 million over three years.

Baran acknowledged that the union has received a health care proposal that would switch employees from MESSA insurance to one used by many of the district's employees, but said the union "isn't sure what to do with it."

"It's an insurance plan that would cost more than what we

have," she said.

The war of words escalated on Friday when three parents and the WSEA joined ranks in a lawsuit to force the school board to move its meetings to a larger venue.

The school board as well as the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are named as defendants in the lawsuit brought by parents Lisa Hamlett, Carla Miller and Melissa O'Neil who spoke in support of teachers at last Monday's school board meeting, the WSEA and the Michigan Education Association/National Education Association.

The suit, which was to have been filed late Friday afternoon, claims the school board violated the state's Open Meetings Act by not allowing public to attend the board's August and September meetings because of the size of the board's meeting room. The room has a seating capacity of 93 people.

The lawsuit contends that the school board failure to convene its meetings in a venue large enough to accommodate the public "was done intentionally and in bad faith because the board knew at the outset that its meeting room was inadequate to allow participation of the public."

The school district's attorney was in possession of an unsigned copy of the lawsuit Friday afternoon, and Baracy declined to comment pending its filing in the court.

He did say that "board meetings are to conduct school district business."

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Gebhardt: Foreclosures, jobs are her top priorities

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the county
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"If you don't
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Gebhardt,
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state House Speaker Andy
Dillon, D-Redford, and a
Schoolcraft College trustee,
faces Republican Thomas
Thompson in the November
general election. The winner
will replace appointee
Ronaele Bowman, who has
held the \$68,411-a-year job

since former Commissioner
Kay Beard resigned in March
for health reasons. The 12th
District includes Westland,
Inkster and south Livonia.

Gebhardt cited the expansion
of Cobo Hall in Detroit as
one way jobs can be created.
She said the project will give
the area a better showcase for
its auto events and also help
to draw large conventions.

"We have to, as a region
— not just Wayne County but
as a region — work on refurbishing
Cobo Hall and also enlarging it," Gebhardt said.
"I see it as full steam ahead."

Gebhardt also voiced
support for the aerotropo-

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"People want to work," she said. "They want to keep their homes."

Despite the difficulty of advancing those goals amid a grueling economy, Gebhardt said new jobs and foreclosure-reduction measures are critical to helping people and to maintaining tax revenues that

Thompson: Go-between for problems, solutions

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Thompson acknowledged that
Wayne County will continue to
face difficult budget problems
amid a troubled economy and
declining revenues. He said he
would agree to a 20-percent

pay cut as a commissioner as he
brings to the table a proposal for a
four-day, 32-hour work week for
county employees.

"I'm wondering if we could
work out a four-day week," he
said. "I don't know if the unions
would go for it or not."

While his proposal would
result in employees losing money,
he said it could be the impetus
needed to avoid widespread
layoffs as county officials tackle
ongoing financial problems.

"We could try to cushion it and
keep as many people working as
possible," Thompson said. "We're
all in this together."

Thompson, a Livonia resident,

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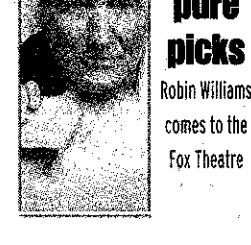
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Hearing delayed in fatal accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Livonia man's court hearing on charges he drove while drinking and killed a pedestrian on Westland's north side was delayed Thursday because authorities hadn't received and reviewed a medical examiner's report.

The stumbling block prompted 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli to adjourn 21-year-old Wesley Thomas Sanborn's preliminary hearing until Oct. 23.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Elizabeth Walker told Cicirelli that the medical examiner's report from Washtenaw County, where 27-year-old Gary Brown of Livonia ultimately died in a hospital, was expected as early as this week, but attorneys agreed to delay the hearing until late October.

Not one but two defense lawyers appeared in court with Sanborn, and Walker, a special prosecutor, has been assigned to the case — an indication of how seriously both sides are approaching allegations that Sanborn caused Brown's death.

Sanborn is accused of driving while drinking and hitting Walker with a Chevy TrailBlazer

while Walker was walking on Joy east of Newburgh shortly before 5 a.m. Aug. 3, near the Westland-Livonia line. Brown died the next day at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Westland Police Officer Jack McIntosh has said in court that Sanborn initially contended he was distracted by a cell phone and thought he had hit a mailbox. However, McIntosh also has said Sanborn was stopped more than eight hours later on Joy Road, not far from the accident scene, and that his blood-alcohol level was .03 percent — below the .08 percent that is considered over the legal limit in Michigan.

McIntosh has said in court that Sanborn "smelled of intoxicants and had glassy eyes" when he was stopped. Sanborn is charged with vehicular manslaughter, operating while intoxicated and causing a death, and failing to stop during a fatal accident. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison and fines up to \$10,000.

With a not-guilty plea entered for him, Sanborn has been released on a \$10,000/10 percent bond, meaning he had to post \$1,000. He has been ordered not to drink alcohol and to report to court for alcohol testing.

also acknowledged that the home foreclosure crisis will continue to take a grueling toll on Wayne County. He said he would like to work as a liaison to help people find the services they need, even if it means working with lending institutions to arrange a "short sale" in which some debt is forgiven.

THOMPSON

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"I would love to be a bridge between problems and possible solutions," Thompson said.

He also cited deteriorated road conditions as a priority he hopes to address, and he specifically cited the stretch of Warren Road that runs through Westland's

To move the economy along, she said the county needs to work on the Cobo Hall expansion and get the aerotropolis development underway. Her opponent said more has to be done on county infrastructure.

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GEBHARDT

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Gebhardt indicated that she will offer her resignation to Dillon if she's elected to the county commission.

"The Wayne County Commission will be my priority," she said. "I would offer my resignation to the speaker."

Gebhardt indicated she has received legal advice indicating she wouldn't have to resign her unpaid post as a Schoolcraft College trustee, and she said she would like to fulfill a six-year term she won in May of last year.

"There appears to be no conflict of interest between the two positions," Gebhardt said.

Although she is campaigning in a district that has been a Democratic stronghold, she said she isn't taking the election for granted. She said she will continue to try to get the word out about how she hopes to work for 12th District residents.

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Candidates discuss foreclosures, economy

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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Wayne County Commission candidates Democrat Joan Gebhardt and Republican Thomas Thompson discussed the state of the flagging economy and their candidacies at a forum Thursday hosted by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at the Livonia City Hall. One of the two will replace current 12th District Commissioner Ronaele Bowman, who was defeated in the Democratic primary voting.

According to Gebhardt, the big issue is still dollars and cents.

"It's the economy, both in Wayne County and the state," she said. "People are losing their jobs, their homes, people want to provide for their families and they can't."

To move the economy along, she said the county needs to work on the Cobo Hall expansion and get the aerotropolis development underway. Her opponent said more has to be done on county infrastructure.

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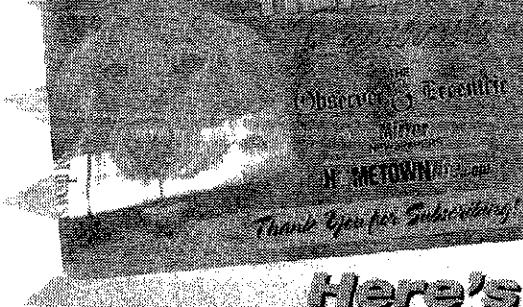
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Game time is 7 p.m. and the Wayne Memorial Zebras will be taking on the Livonia Churchill Chargers.

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Historical event

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The cost is \$6 for seniors and \$9 for others. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Historic Park Village on Wayne south of Marquette. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 522-3918, (734) 729-1605 or the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628. It is recommended to buy tickets in advance.

Trial ordered for Westland Kroger robbery suspect

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland bank teller testified Thursday against a bank robbery defendant, accusing him of implying he had a weapon and ordering her to hand over money from a cash drawer.

Best Bank employee Rose Mattes identified 28-year-old Michael John Polgar as the lone man who took \$1,994 from her while she was working at a branch inside the Kroger store northeast of Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road.

Her testimony during Polgar's preliminary hearing convinced Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli to order the defendant to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, Polgar could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Mattes identified Polgar as the bank bandit who approached her with a note around 3:20 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11.

"It stated that he was coming in for the money from my top drawer and that I had 20 seconds to give it to him," she said in court.

Mattes said Polgar told her verbally and also implied in his note that he had a weapon. She said he took the piece of paper with him when he fled the store.

No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said the defendant was captured a few hours later following a similar incident inside a Kroger store near Michigan Avenue and Outer Drive in Dearborn.

Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick has said that authorities retrieved most of the money.

In court Thursday, Cicirelli kept Polgar's bond at \$500,000. A not-guilty plea has been entered for him.

Before his arrest, Polgar had been released on parole for breaking into a vehicle and damaging it in August of last year. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, he also has a criminal history that includes resisting a police officer, retail fraud, felonious assault and receiving stolen property worth \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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CLASS SIZE

To put it simply: it is the union's contention that money spent on artificial turf, field houses, flat screen televisions, replacing technology which is not out of date, and other "improvements" should go toward lower class sizes which are best for kids. We believe a good education is more important than an education that looks good in these economic times.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

WWEA members gave millions of dollars in concessions in the last round of bargaining to keep their health insurance. Top administrators did not.

The district has the second highest fund equity in the county, \$21 million, just behind Grosse Pointe in the amount of money it has. It can afford a contract with teachers.

Wayne Westland teachers are near the bottom of the county in pay. For instance, beginning Wayne Westland teachers make about \$6,000 less than new hires in Plymouth and Livonia.

Pay for top administrators in Wayne Westland is not near the bottom of the county.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The proposed district plan is partially self insured, giving the district access to private information on teachers' and their families' health insurance usage.

Management is concerned about the rising costs of the union health plan, but not the administration's health plan, which has risen 11% and 18% over the past two years, while the union plan has risen about 3% per year in the same time period.

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Impeachment drive spurs Green Party candidate

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Erik Shelley thinks George W. Bush should be impeached and he's angry that the House of Representatives hasn't done it.

"Politically after the 2006 elections, we had a turnover in the House of Representatives and we thought that things would change," he said. "We thought the president would be held accountable and the war would be brought to an end, or more accurately the occupation of Iraq. As it turned out, that never happened."

Shelley's campaign for impeachment has fallen on deaf ears of Democratic and Republican House members, so he decided to run for the 11th District U.S. House seat as a member of the Green Party. On Nov. 4, Shelley of Redford will face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Joseph Larkin and Libertarian candidate John Tatar, all of Livonia.

Shelley said a petition to impeach the president has gathered a lot of support, but not in Congress.

"I went down to John Conyers' office in Detroit and started to demonstrate there, talked to people in his office and eventually met with him," Shelley said.

He said the Detroit

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 42
Residence: Redford Township
Occupation: Audio engineer
Education: Graduate of Central Michigan University
Marital status: Single
Party affiliation: Green Party
Web site: www.shelleyforcongress.com



Democrat told him that an impeachment in a presidential election year would be damaging to the campaign.

Shelley next turned to his own conservative Republican representative, Thaddeus McCotter, hoping that he would at least hear his position.

"I've been completely dismissed. He refuses to meet with me and refuses to answer my questions," Shelley said.

Shelley did speak with McCotter's aide Andrew Anuzis.

"I asked him why is the president allowed to torture people, why can he add signing statements to avoid laws, why can his cabinet members

These stories profile minority party candidates in the Nov. 4 11th Congressional District race, Erik Shelley of the Green Party and John Tatar of the Libertarian Party. Profiles of Republican Thaddeus McCotter and Democrat Joseph Larkin will be published at a later date.

ignore contempt citations," he said. "He promised me answers in writing and that was three months ago."

McCotter's office released two letters responding to Shelley. One dated July 18, 2008, concerns immunity for telecommunications companies who assisted the government on tracking terrorists and one dated Sept. 25, 2008 disagreeing with Shelley on the impeachment issue.

Shelley said he wants to make the president accountable.

"The system is so defective that representatives don't think they have to listen to constituents," he said.

Shelley said it was the case of former Alabama governor Don Siegelman that first got his attention. Siegelman was convicted of bribery in 2006.

His case has been under investigation by Congress and former Bush aide Karl Rove was called to testify on whether Siegelman's prosecution was politically motivated. He claimed executive privilege.

Siegelman is currently out of prison on appeal.

Shelley said he opposes the war in Iraq. Shelley is running as a Green candidate because his mother, Karen Shelley, is active in the party. She is also the Michigan coordinator of Ralph Nader's presidential campaign.



BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Retired Livonia school teacher John Tatar is making his second run to become the U.S. representative of the 11th Congressional District.

On Nov. 4, he will face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Joseph Larkin and Green Party candidate Erik Shelley.

He said it was McCotter's support of the Patriot Act and House Resolutions 6166 and 5122 that got him involved in running.

"Those three have destroyed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," Tatar said. "The government has the right to search and seize citizens of America if they are suspected of being terrorists. Government has the right to station troops in America to put under control public disorder. Government has the right to read your e-mail, to check out what type of library books you are reading. Government has suspended habeas corpus, which means they can lock you up and throw away the key until the conflict is resolved."

Tatar said those were serious issues and McCotter has supported them.

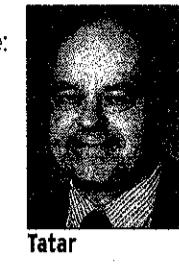
"I believe we need a choice," he said. "I believe if you vote for the same person twice or the Republicans or Democrats, you get the same stuff you've always been getting."

He said the United States is under a financial system under which the government can "spend

Anger over Patriot Act moves Libertarian hopeful

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 59
Residence: Livonia
Occupation: Retired Livonia Stevenson High School teacher, retired U.S. Army Reserve
Education: B.S. and M.S. from Wayne State University, Army Command and General Staff College
Marital status: Divorced, two adult children
Party affiliation: Libertarian
Web site: http://johtatar.ipwm.org



at whom on whatever they please and whenever they please and inflate the economy and raise the debt ceiling."

He said if there was a long-range plan to change the system, then he might support a temporary bailout. But he said he prefers a "hard money" system such as readopting the gold standard for limiting the circulation of currency.

"We need to go back to being a republic, which our government was meant to be, and not a democracy," he said. "A republic is where we elect these politicians to go to Washington and do our bidding for us. I think we've gotten away from that."

Tatar, a retired officer in the Army Reserve, has strong reservations about the war in Iraq.

"We should have pulled our troops out a long time ago. We should never have gone into Iraq," he said.

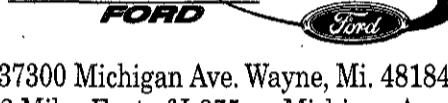
He said the Bush administration went into the war without a mission or an exit strategy.

"I'm not sure we have the right to move into another country and set up an armed camp. I don't believe that's a correct scenario," he said.

Tatar said he is running a low-key campaign and financing it himself.

"I basically got angry over the Patriot Act and Resolution 6166 and 5122. Our government is supposed to protect and defend the Constitution and we have put it aside," he said.

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GC Hospital programs focus on wellness

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Monday, Sept. 29

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.

Childbirth Education (fourth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to 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 (third 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.

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.

Yoga (fourth of four classes) at 4 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 Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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.

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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 details and to register.

Friday, Oct. 3

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McCotter says House GOP won't 'rubber stamp' Bush bailout plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday House Republicans never agreed on an amended version of the Bush administration's Wall Street bailout plan.

On Thursday, House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, objected to the bipartisan plan and offered an alternative plan at a contentious White House meeting that included House and Senate leaders and Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, and Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Illinois.

McCotter said the White House was jamming Congress to act quickly on Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's plan to spend \$700 billion to buy up troubled bank assets caused by defaults on mortgages to prevent an economic meltdown because of frozen credit throughout the system.

"The irony here is that people who have been complaining that we are nothing but a rubber stamp for the presi-



dent are now complaining that we won't rubber stamp this proposal," McCotter said.

The original proposal was opposed by members of both parties in Congress because it gave too much power to the Treasury secretary. The revised version would provide funding in installments, set standards on executive compensation, give taxpayers equity as funds return to profitability, provide oversight on the Treasury secretary's authority, modify mortgages to help homeowners and provide judicial review.

In response, House Republicans are proposing a recapitalization program using private investment backed by government insurance. McCotter said this forces the people who created the problem to use their money to correct it.

"We don't want taxpayers to be the first option," McCotter said.

He said the House Republican plan provides backup with federally backed insurance and keeping the Federal Reserve "window" open for deals like the Bear Stearns bailout.

The Republican plan would reduce or suspend capital gains taxes for investors under specific conditions. McCotter said economic activity generated would offset tax losses.

McCotter said Sen. John McCain "likes" the House Republican plan.

Democrats have complained that McCain is politicizing the process to further his presidential campaign and that if they acted without bipartisan support, they would face a campaign tying them with the Bush administration on a solution.

In a *Detroit Free Press* report, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chair of the House Financial Services Committee, said that McCain declined to take a position at the White House meeting.

In another news report, Frank is quoted as saying, "I

think McCain was hurting politically. I think this was a campaign ploy."

Obama said in press reports that he thinks an agreement can be reached but that more work needs to be done to get a consensus.

McCotter said the Democrats have the votes to pass the amended Paulson plan at any time. He said the House Republicans are only doing their due diligence in providing an alternate proposal.

He said that in fairness to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Bush administration has known for a year that this crisis was coming and did not choose to work with Congress on a solution.

"Our position is that if she (Pelosi) and Obama think this has to be done, they can pass it. We're willing to talk about anything," he said.

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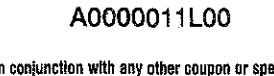
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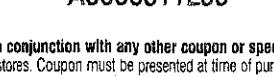
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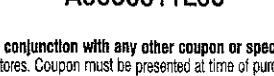
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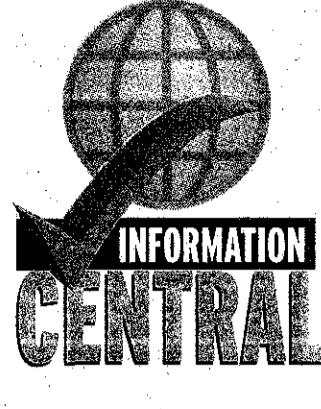
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Happy birthday, NASA: Fifty years of space exploration

Everyone has probably looked up at the sky and wondered what it must be like to visit the moon or walk on another planet. For those men and women who work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), those dreams are their reality.

After the Soviets launched Sputnik in October 1957, the U.S. Congress urged the creation of an agency that would conduct all non-military activity in space. NASA was established July 29, 1958, and officially started Oct. 1, 1958, by the National Aeronautics and Space Act and is responsible for the nation's public space program and long-term civilian and military aerospace research.

The first task NASA worked on was options for human space flight.



Project Mercury was its first high-profile program followed by Projects Gemini and Apollo. The space shuttle

and International Space Station projects followed the success of the Apollo programs which first put men on the moon.

NASA has also conducted many types of research on aerodynamics, wind shear, wind tunnels, flight testing and computer simulations. Many of their projects have changed the everyday life of people on earth.

If you are interested in learning more about NASA, space exploration and the universe, the William P. Faust Public Library can help. Roger D. Launius' "NASA: A History of the U.S. Civil Space Program," E. John DeWeard's "History of NASA, America in Space: NASA's First Fifty Years," as well as the "NASA: 25 Years" video recording series will help you understand the history of NASA.

Check out Ronald Greeley's "NASA Atlas of the Solar System," Terry Hope's "Spacecam: Photographing the Final Frontier - From Apollo to Hubble" and Jay Apt's "Orbit: NASA Astronauts Photograph the Earth" to look at some of the wonderful images that NASA has captured on its missions.

You can also search the official Web site - www.nasa.gov - for more interesting facts about what's going on at NASA. One of the most interesting and fun parts of the Web site is the image of the day section. NASA's 50th Anniversary in 2008 Web site celebrates NASA's first 50 years and contains images from the "America in Space" anniversary book. As always, the library also has internet stations that the public can use.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Banned Books Week Read-Out:

6 p.m. Sept. 29. Teen readers only.

To celebrate Banned Books Week, Teens read a passage from their favorite banned books, ranging from the Harry Potter series to classics like Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." To get a list of books or to sign up, visit the Reference Desk. Sign-up is required. All are welcome.

Poetry Workshop with Keith Taylor:

6-7 p.m. Oct. 6.

Adult and Teen Poetry Groups Poet Keith Taylor will lead a workshop for Adult and Teen Poetry Group members. He will also direct

a writing exercise for all attendees. Check out his work and biography online at www.keithtaylorann Arbor.com

Poetry Reading with Keith Taylor:

7 p.m. Oct. 6.

All adults and teens are welcome.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:

Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Whether you want to learn to knit or are an experienced knitter, all are welcome. Call the library for more information at (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

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Petition #2649-T. Mallock-8901 Mohican (Postponed from 9/17/08)
Request for 2 variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 12' x 30' covered porch addition to the rear of the existing non-conforming home that would be located 18' from the rear lot line; whereas Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming home cannot be enlarged and Section 7:4.2 requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35'.

Petition #2651-Allied Signs/Payless Shoesource-6629 N. Wayne
Request for a 56.83 square foot wall-mounted sign area variance from Ordinance 248 in order to install a second wall-mounted sign to the east side of the tenant space, resulting in a total of 111.58 square feet of wall-mounted signage for the space; whereas Section 15:6.2(a) allows the space a maximum of 54.75 square feet of wall-mounted signage.

Petition #2654-L. Rank-34446 Barton
Request for a 1'6" side yard fence height variance from the City of Westland Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6' high wood privacy fence along the east side yard of the home, whereas Section 22-303(c) allows a maximum height of 4'6".

Petition #2655-Liberty Hill Housing II Inc.-35266 Norrene
Request for a side yard fence location variance from the City of Westland Code of Ordinances in order to install a 4' high chain link fence in the east and west side yards of the existing home, whereas Section 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the General Election is **October 6, 2008**. Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan offices are to be voted on:

President and Vice President of the United States of America

United States Senator

Representative in Congress

State Representative

State Board of Education, Vote 2

University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2

Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2

Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2

Prosecuting Attorney

Sheriff

County Clerk

County Treasurer

Register of Deeds

County Commissioner

Supreme Court Justice, Vote 1

Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position, Vote 3

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Vote 18

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 3

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 2

Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Vote 3

Judge of District Court 21st District Incumbent Position, Vote 1

The following proposals will also be voted on:

PROPOSAL 08-01

A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions.

PROPOSAL 08-02

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

The office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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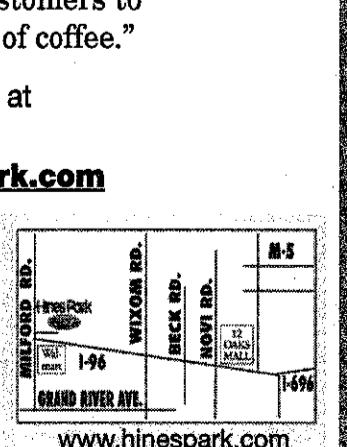
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The Henry Ford features movie costumes

The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan will present *Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television* Oct. 11, 2008, through Jan. 11, 2009, at Henry Ford Museum. This exhibit is free with membership or admission to Henry Ford Museum.

Organized by the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame in Seattle, *Out of This World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television* features more than 40 costumes and related memorabilia from such blockbuster films as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Star Wars*, *Blade Runner*, *Terminator* and *Batman* and popular television programs such as *Star Trek* and *Battlestar Galactica*. The exhibition explores wardrobe design and how, throughout the years, costumes have become just as iconic as the

stars who have worn them.

"The costumes displayed in this exhibit are just as much a part of our pop culture as the movies in which they were featured," said Jeanine Head Miller, curator of Domestic Life and Leisure. "The designers of these wonderful pieces of clothing combined color and style with the right cultural cues and historical traditions and created these memorable fashions with which we will forever associate our favorite characters."

Exclusive to Henry Ford Museum, the famous Batmobile driven by Michael Keaton in *Batman* (1989) and *Batman Returns* (1992), and the 1959 Cadillac Ambulance, featured in the *Ghostbusters* movies, will be on exhibit through January 2009.

To appropriately celebrate the opening of this fascinating take on film fashion

design, Henry Ford Museum will host "An Intimate Evening with Debra Landis," 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, from Debra Landis, wife of famed Hollywood director John Landis and costume designer for the Indiana Jones franchise, is the author of the new book, "Dressed: A Century of Hollywood Costume Design." She will share the inside secrets behind some of Hollywood's most beloved on-screen costumes. Tickets are \$45. For more information, visit our Web site at www.thehenryford.org.

Henry Ford Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Admission is \$14 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 youths; members and children four and under are free. For more information please call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

Madonna students participate in autism event

Madonna University students have joined the list of teams participating in the second annual Autism Speaks, Walk Now event scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Graduate students in the University's Master's in Teaching Autism Spectrum Disorders program will participate in the walk for the second year in a row. The team raised \$1,500 during last year's walk at the Detroit Zoo. "Our goal is to raise \$2,000 this year," said Cassandra Wheeler, team leader.

Some walk to represent an autistic friend or family member. Madonna student Cheryl Evans walked last year with her daughter Jamie, who is autistic. "It is a wonder-

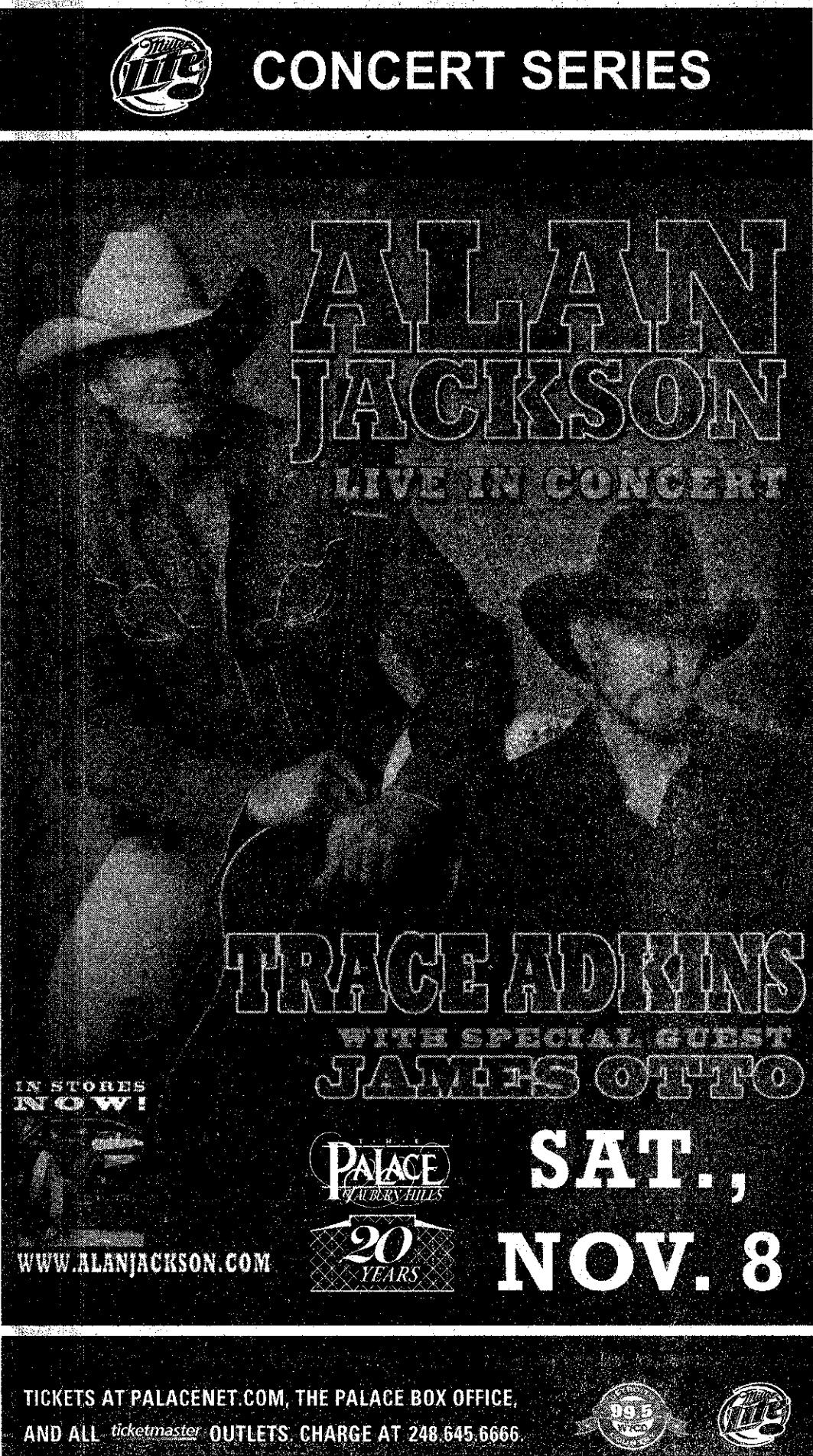
ful experience to be a part of something like that," commented Evans. "Plus, I can bring my daughter and there are no stares, just total acceptance."

"Anyone is welcome to join Madonna's team and walk along with us to support a great cause," said Wheeler. "Last year's walk was full of fun and laughter."

Walk registration, kid's activities and a Resource Fair begin at 10 a.m. The walk starts at noon. For more information, to join or form a team, or to make a donation, visit www.autismspeaks.org. Autism Speaks is a non-profit organization dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments and cure

for autism, while raising public awareness.

Madonna University's (www.madonna.edu) master's in teaching autism spectrum disorders (ASD) prepares certified teachers, through coursework and field experiences, to effectively facilitate learning for students with ASD. The interdisciplinary curriculum integrates developmental, behavioral, educational and medical research and theory. The program places emphasis on the child and the symptoms of the disorder. Students may choose to pursue the ASD endorsement alone, or incorporate it into a master's degree. Madonna University's main campus is conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.



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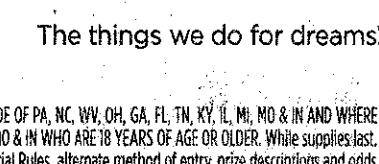
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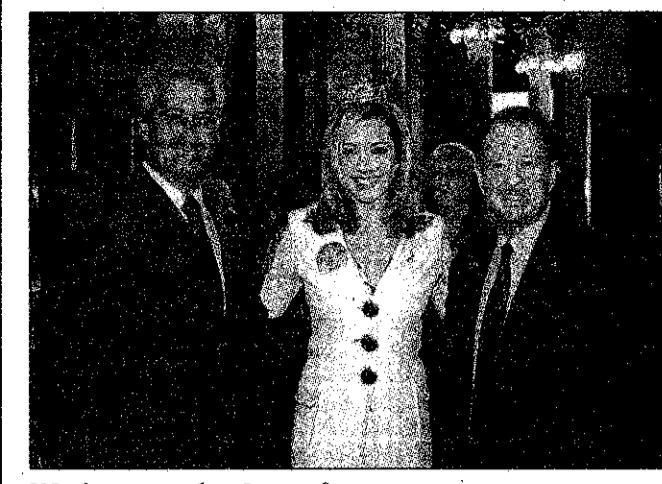
Help getting checks

For those who have not yet reviewed their income for the 2007 tax year to see if they are eligible to receive a share of the Economic Stimulus checks being issued by the IRS, H&R Block will host two free seminars at its year-round office located at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren at Wayne Road, Westland. The seminars are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Checks range from \$300 to \$1200 and many people who are not ordinarily required to file have found by these reviews that they are indeed eligible. Taxpayers with Social Security benefits, certain veteran's benefits and Tier I Railroad Retirement Benefits totaling at least \$3,000 are eligible for a stimulus payment. Call the office at (734) 522-9580 to register. The deadline for filing for the checks is Oct. 15.

Bug hunt

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must pre-register before Oct. 10. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a central location - Waterman Room of Schoolcraft College's VisitTech Center on Haggerty north



Welcome to Lansing

State Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc welcomed Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy to the Capitol on Sept. 16. The Westland resident, who was crowned Miss Michigan 2008 earlier this year, was in Lansing to speak at a press conference for Smoke-Free Air. The lawmakers represent Westland at the state level.

of Six Mile, Livonia - where they are assigned to a team. Volunteers take

on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river. The hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Interested volunteers can register by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org before Oct. 10.

Melanoma Walk

The third annual KDB Melanoma Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, at the East Boat Launch in Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration will be at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 11 a.m. Registration fees are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youths ages 10-17 and seniors and free for children age 9 and under. Register online at www.melanomawalk.org. For more information, call Tricia Edwards at (313) 505-2445 or by e-mail at triciae363@comcast.net.

Halloween haunting

Come, if you dare, to "A Victorian Haunting Experience" at Wyandotte's Ford MacNichol Home/Wyandotte

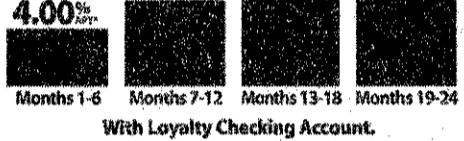
Museum at 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 25-26. Experience a Halloween Party with a Victorian feel at, hear local ghost stories and learn ghost hunting how-to's. There also will be a paranormal investigation and a séance at the event 6-10 p.m. Oct. 25, and 4-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Afterwards, Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett and Paranormal Investigator Amy Williamson, the hosts, will take guest to a local cemetery for "Tombstone Tales." "A Victorian Haunting Experience" will be held Tickets are \$40 per person through Oct. 1 and \$50 per person thereafter. Tickets for "Tombstone Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must purchased in advance and are available online at www.kristyrobinett.com.

Discover astrology

Learn to apply some basic astrology in your everyday life, for personal awareness and better decision making at an astrology discovery class 6:30-8 p.m. either Thursday, Oct. 16, or Monday, Oct. 20. The class will introduce some fundamentals and offer a variety of helpful tips and practical uses, appropriate for the novice student and anyone who might like some general knowledge before they decide to seek a professional consultation. The classes will meet at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Tuition is \$12, plus a \$3 material fee (cash) payable in class. Call (734) 722-7620 to enroll. For questions, contact the instructor at cadena-heidi@sbcglobal.net.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

Schoolcraft moves boldly into the high-tech future

Schoolcraft College took another bold step toward being a leader in 21st century education with the dedication of its new Biomedical Technology Center.

The \$13-million, 48,000-square-foot building brings together the science, math and medical classes with state-of-the-art laboratories, a high-tech lecture theater and classrooms designed for flexibility and collaboration.

The building itself features numerous green technology applications that are as cutting edge as the subjects that will be taught within the building's walls.

When architects were asked to design a building to meet the needs of future math and science students, they were given strong directions from Schoolcraft's administration, faculty and staff. Keywords kept recurring, words that resonant in real world environments. Architects were told to plan for collaboration, flexibility, teamwork, state-of-the-art equipment and designing a building that will train students for occupations and technologies that don't yet exist.

It was a big assignment, a building that would encompass all the STEM and GRIN curricula that will provide the most exciting, best paying and most in-demand jobs in the coming years. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology. As it has for many years, Schoolcraft is moving its curriculum to meet the needs of its students and the business community.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress beamed at the Sept. 5 dedication, equally proud of the new building and the college's frugal approach to campus development.

"This building was done on time and on budget and that's the way we like it," he told the audience standing before three high-def television screens in the building's lecture theater.

Jeffress said Schoolcraft is taking the long view, to provide for a future still to be imagined.

The new Biomedical Technology Center is the perfect setting to boldly move into that bright future.

Saving Wall Street: Paying for our excesses of '90s

I'm beginning to wonder if there is anyone in Washington who really is in touch with those of us who make up the working class. You know, the Joe Shmoes who have been salting away their hard-earned money into 401(k)s so they could have the good life when they retire.

Based on the current status of my 401(k), the light at the end of my working tunnel has gone from

being the size of the head of a pin to that black hole in outer space. Now, if I heed the words of my late Uncle Charlie, I must stay the course, be patient. I have to take the losses with the gains.

My Uncle Charlie — Charles Kirschner, to be exact — was a bachelor who lived the simple life. When my husband and I married, he wanted to return the \$300 gift Uncle Charlie gave us because it was too much for a man who had so little. My father told him not to, Uncle Charlie could afford it.

Uncle Charlie always wore

a slouch hat and bedroom slippers. He lived in a small mobile home in Rose's Trailer Park in Ecorse. He had worked as an upholsterer at Hills Furniture not far from his trailer to well past retirement and because he had an income and savings, he sent back his monthly Social Security check. Thanks, but no thanks. Social Security sent it back, he had to take it.

Uncle Charlie was a young man during the Great Depression. As the family story goes, he and his brother, my late Uncle John, were among the lucky ones who had work during the Depression and used their wages to save the family home on Knox Street ... in Ecorse, of course.

The stock market crash must not have been a traumatic experience for Uncle Charlie. He didn't hide the money he didn't spend in a mattress, he invested in stocks, lots of stocks. Buying and selling stocks was his hobby. Uncle Charlie was so good at the stocks that when he died in 1989, he was worth \$2.8 million and his estate made an additional \$80,000 on a programmed sell executed 10 days

after his death.

Being a bachelor, his nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews were the beneficiaries of his wealth. Unfortunately, it didn't come with tips on how to invest the money wisely or how to stay cool when the financial world around you is collapsing. I think, though, his philosophy was a poker term — let it ride. If you can't afford to take a loss then you shouldn't be in the stock market.

My father, the other stock-smart person in my life, had similar words of wisdom. Both men are long gone and here I sit watching my 401(k) evaporate before my eyes and asking myself a few questions:

Do I like the idea that my husband, my children and I will be on the hook for thousands to bail out Wall Street? Do I believe Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that if this bailout doesn't happen, we'll have a recession? And do I believe my congressman, Thaddeus McCotter, who claims that this public bailout will not prevent but promote the next Great Depression, a private bailout is what's needed?

My answer to all three? Absolutely not. What I do believe is that we all share a portion of the blame for this mess. Our excesses of the '90s include when cash was easy to come by and banks had every gimmick in the book to lure us into borrowing against our home's equity or paying a pittance to have the McMansion of our dreams.

I do believe we will have to bail ourselves out of this mess. The cost will be a bitter pill to swallow, but it will be even worse if we do nothing. I think we teeter on the edge of the next Great Depression, and if we do nothing, we will end up dragging the rest of the world into that abyss.

Will I be able to recoup my losses before retirement? I doubt it, but I'm sticking with Uncle Charlie's advice. One of my favorite amusement rides is the roller coaster, and boy, this one is turning out to be one doozy of a ride.

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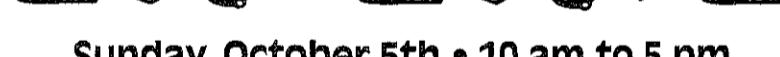
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For long-term investors, now is excellent time to invest

Dear Rick: I feel somewhat guilty in the fact that my business is doing fine and I have some extra money to invest. Do you think now is a good time to invest or should I wait?

You should not feel guilty for doing well in a challenging economy. Even with Michigan's 9 percent unemployment rate, 91 percent of people are still working. I think we tend to look at

the glass as half-empty as opposed to half-filled.

Since you are looking long term, now is a great time to invest. The market is on sale. That doesn't mean I am declaring we've reached

the bottom of this crisis, because I don't know. Can the market fall even lower? Of course it can, however, as investors we never can hope to buy a stock at its ultimate low or sell at the ultimate high. It just doesn't work that way. It is impossible to time the market, and investors shouldn't attempt to do so.

If you are a long-term investor, now is an excellent time to invest.

Dear Rick: I just got done filing my 2007 tax return. I was not able to itemize deductions. Since I can no longer itemize, do I get any tax break for owning a home?

There are a number of tax advantages when you own a home and itemize — mortgage interest and property taxes.

Since you do not itemize, you don't receive these tax advantages. However, there is another tax benefit to owning a home and that is upon sale. When you sell a home that is your primary residence for two of the last five years, the first \$250,000 of gain for a single person, \$500,000 on a joint return, is tax-free.

Therefore, one of the key tax advantages of owning a home is the fact that for the great majority of people, the gain that they realize when they sell their house should be income tax-free. Of course, many people may not have a gain if they sell in today's market. However, for many long-term homeowners, this is a nice tax break.

I've always said don't buy a house for the tax benefits or as an investment. Buy a house for the quality of life it offers.

Dear Rick: For the last few years, I've always donated stock to a charity near the

Madonna hosts thriller author

The Friends of Madonna University Library will present thriller author Tom Grace at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Madonna University Library, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Grace, the author of a series of high-tech thrillers, will discuss his new book *The Secret Cardinal* and his writing process. Other Grace books include *Bird of Prey*, *Twisted Web* and *Quantum Web*.

Copies of all books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

The program is free and light refreshments will be served.

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The holiday season will be here soon and many generous Americans will open their checkbooks to those less fortunate. If you plan to make contributions, it's a great time to start doing some research. There are great Web sites like

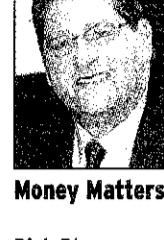
charitynavigator.org or give.org where you can receive some independent information on charities.

The purpose of a charitable contribution is not simply for the tax deduction. The primary reason is you care about the goals of the organization.

Since there are so many charities with similar names, make sure you do your home-

work to make sure your hard-earned money goes to work where you would like it to be.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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Patriots squeak out 20-19 win vs. John Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The final statistics made Livonia Franklin's football team appear to be a failing Wall Street bank waiting to go under Friday night.

Westland John Glenn held Franklin's offense, averaging 40 points per game, to a mere 33 yards rushing and countered with 242 yards on the ground themselves. The Rockets also ran whop-

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ping 78 plays to the Patriots 34.

But Franklin, trailing 13-7 at half-time, came up with a second-half bailout plan thanks to a gimp quarterback to spoil the Rockets' homecoming, 20-19.

"We have a group of guys that are unbelievable," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team is 4-1 overall and

all alone in first place in the KLAA-South Division at 3-0. "We had guys go down with injuries left and right. But we preach effort every day in practice and we definitely got it out of them tonight."

After the Patriots called a timeout, the game ended with Glenn lining up for the game-winning 39-yard field goal attempt with only four seconds left.

But holder Josh Reed couldn't get handle the snap from center. He took off with the ball and raced around left

end, only to be stopped six yards short of goal line by Franklin defender Michael Gadsby as time expired in the battle for first place.

"I was debating whether they'd fake it, but they had their kick-off kicker (Jerome Scales) in there," Kelbert said. "I felt it was not by design (a fake). It looked like a bad snap and it hit the ground. We put him (Gadsby) in

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SideLines

LJAL hoop signup

Open registration for Livonia Junior Athletic League basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-12 will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Frost Middle School, located at 14041 Stark Road (just north of Schoolcraft Road).

Registration is open to City of Livonia residents or those residing in the Livonia Public Schools district. The fee is \$115 per player.

To print and obtain a registration form, visit [bjball.registration.ljal.com](#).

Mills recognized

Wayne Memorial senior Matt Mills was recently honored as WXYZ-TV and McDonald's High School Scholar Athlete of the Week.

Mills, who carries a 4.0-plus grade-point average, plays outside linebacker and wide receiver for the Wayne football team. He also is a middle-distance runner for the Zebras' track squad.

Mills was interviewed by Channel 7's Don Shane. The segment will air during the Sunday Sports Update following Action News at 11 p.m. on Oct. 11.

McDonald's will donate \$250 to Wayne Memorial. Mills will receive a commemorative certificate and a pair of tickets to a local sports or entertainment event. He will also attend a luncheon at the end of the school year for all High School Scholar Athlete recipients at the end of the school year at Channel 7 studios in Southfield.

Cieslak takes 5K

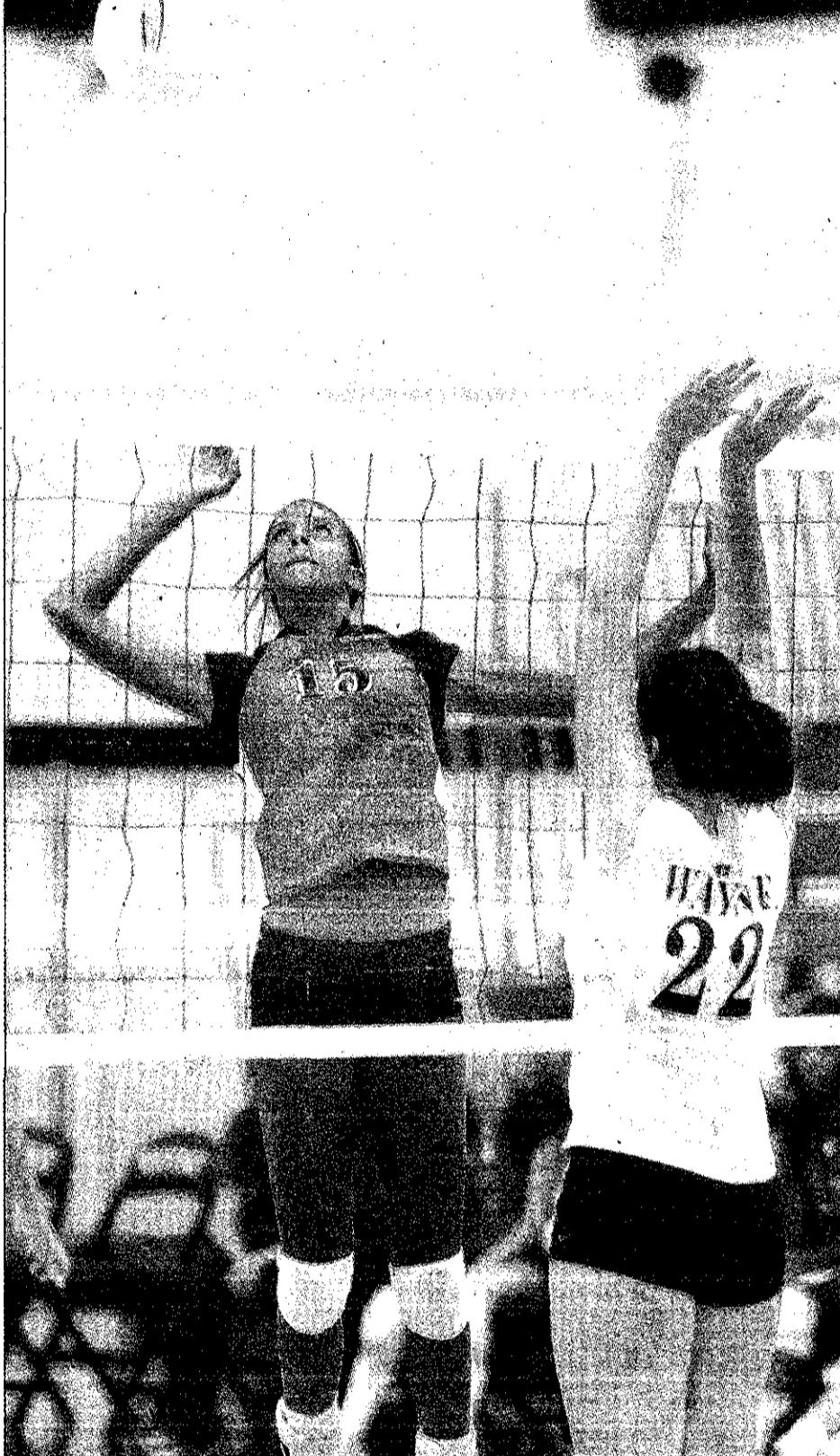
Northwood University's Ken Cieslak (Livonia Churchill) was the Lansing Invitational cross country individual winner Friday with a 5-kilometer time of 18 minutes, 15 seconds.

Lutheran High Westland alum Angela Matthews, representing Frontline Racing, was runner-up in 18:34.

Madonna University was sixth in the team standing led seventh-place finisher Sarah Sherwood (19:30) followed by Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 38th (20:54); Cassandra Yarnell, 48th (21:18); Emma Zaplicki, 54th (21:34); and Devan Walley (Franklin), 57th (21:40).

Schoolcraft College took eighth as Courtney Plummer (Garden City) paced the Lady Ocelots in 33rd (20:44); followed by teammates Jamie Wick, 35th (20:49); Lauren Ahearn, 50th (21:27); Stacey Richardson (Westland John Glenn), 64th (21:59); and Britni Strong, 83rd (23:24).

Indiana Tech captured the team title with 39 points followed by Northwood and Spring Arbor with 56 and 65, respectively.



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Armed for battle

John Glenn's Halie Baker winds up for the kill as Wayne's Kristen Miller attempts to make the block during Thursday's KLAA-South Division matchup. The Rockets swept the host Zebras in three straight games. See a roundup of area girls volleyball matches on page B3.

0-0 standoff Unranked Chargers tie No. 1 Rocks

The Livonia Churchill boys soccer team could get some serious consideration for a state ranking in Division 1 following a 0-0 deadlock Friday at home against top-ranked Salem.

The Chargers, who clinched at least a tie for the South Division title in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, are 10-2-1 overall and have not lost since Aug. 28 against No. 3 Livonia Stevenson.

Even more impressive as the fact that the Chargers played a man down against the Rocks (14-0-4) for the final 20 minutes after Ben Zukowski was red-carded for a dangerous play on a scoring opportunity.

"It was a defensive game and I thought we played one of our best defensive games of the year," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "I felt late in the game we could have pushed forward, but the red-card prevented us for doing

it. We had our chances, one really good one with four minutes to go on a shot that actually sailed wide."

Center-back Josh Andrzejewski anchored the defense and goalkeeper Adrian Motta made two key saves to preserve the shutout.

Will Allen, making the start for the injured Sasa Miskovic, was in goal again for the Rocks and recorded his third straight shutout.

"Will is really focused and he's doing everything perfectly," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "He's playing within himself and making all the right decisions."

FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 2: Zain Qureshi scored twice and Steve Trapp chipped in with two assists Thursday as Livonia Franklin (2-10-1, 2-5-1) earned the KLAA-South Division triumph at Wayne Memorial (0-13-1, 0-8). Noel Romo and Joe Morski also scored for the Patriots, while Chad Dorton contributed an assist.

Doug Malcolm scored both goals for Wayne with Kevin Glass and Kyle Michael assisting.

STEVENS 0, S. LION EAST 0: It was over

at halftime because of the eight-game mercy rule Thursday as KLAA-Central Division leader Livonia Stevenson (9-1-3, 6-0-2) rolled at South Lyon East (0-13-1, 0-8). Reilly Mullett had a pair of goals, while Adriana Fylenko added a goal and two assists for the victorious Spartans.

Other Stevenson goal scorers included David Simor, Nick Anagnosou, Joey D'Agostino, Nate and Chris Sergison. Brian Klemczak also contributed two assists, while Brendan Mulcahy, Nick Degilio and Nate Sergison added one each. Goalkeeper Conner Burton posted the shutout.

CHESTERFIELD 5, JOHN GLENN 2: Matt Regan scored twice and Max Washko had a goal and two assists Thursdays as Livonia Churchill (10-2, 8-0) clinched at least a tie for the KLAA-South Division crown with a win over host Westland John Glenn (5-9-1, 4-4).

Tyler Varney and Adam Bedell also tallied goals for the victorious Chargers, who led 4-0 at intermission.

Erik Bird also collected two assists in the victory.

Khalid Suleiman and Nelson Kenne scored second-half goals for the Rockets.

Quarterback Jacob Gudeman threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes and Livonia Stevenson's defense came up big Friday night,

limiting host Northville to 111 total yards en route to a 21-7 football victory.

"We put a lot of pressure on the defense and they played well," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, whose team improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"Our defense was able to get the ball back for us in decent field position."

Sparked by the play of defensive backs Steve Eideh and Zeb Bacigal, along with linebacker Wyatt Stahl, the Spartans were able to halt a time consuming, 19-play Northville drive at their own 10 with 3:24 left in the game.

Defensive back Mark Grisa had a key breakup in the end zone on third down to help keep it a two-score lead.

Stevenson's defense also snuffed out a 10-play

Northville play drive on downs of its own 15 during the third quarter.

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Franklin marched 86 yards in eight plays for the game-winning touchdown as Mike Baumgardner scored on an 8-yard run after senior quarterback Mark McRobb hit three clutch passes during the drive, including a 51-yard strike to Isaac Cadet.

Jordan Williamson's extra point broke the 19-all deadlock.

"It's my last year, I'm a senior and I'm not going to sit," said McRobb, whose mobility was severely limited by an ankle injury while running for a first down near the end of the first half. "You can't keep me off the field. I was in some pain, but once you're on the field you don't think about it. It's not on you mind, you just go out and play."

McRobb hit 6-of-11 passes for 155 yards.

"I knew I wouldn't run, I was just passing out of the gun," McRobb added. "The first half we only had a couple of drives, one in the two-minute offense at the end of the first half. The second half we got a lot more opportunities and the defense was more stern. We figured out their defense a little better and exploited what we thought would work."

Not much worked for the Franklin in the opening half with the exception of McRobb's 75-yard TD pass to Baumgardner, who found himself wide open in the flat.

The Rockets scored on their first drive when Scales hit Kyle Merritt on 35-yard TD toss to cap a 76-yard, eight-play drive for a 7-0 lead followed by the extra point.

Glenn dominated both quarters and had the ball 17 minutes and 35 seconds to Franklin's 6:08.

The Rockets broke the 7-all tie with 4:31 left in the half when Jeremy Langford (23 carries for 94 yards) scored on a 2-yard run after Baumgardner's punt attempt was blocked and recovered by Sheldon Hankins at the Patriots' 2.

But the Rockets led by only six, 13-7, when the point-after bounced off the middle of the crossbar.

Meanwhile, Gadsby's 46-yard halfback pass on the opening play of the second half to Josh Weigand set up Franklin's second TD. McRobb also hit Gadsby on a 7-yard TD strike to make it

13-all, but the Patriots also missed the PAT with 9:46 left in third quarter.

Franklin's Don Stratton picked off a Glenn pass with 7:08 left in the third period, but the Patriots couldn't take advantage.

With 9:18 left in the game, Glenn went up 19-13 on a 3-yard run by Scales, the senior quarterback who rushed for 105 yards on 15 carries and added 73 yards in the air (5-of-14).

Scales nearly engineered the go-ahead score in the final 1:55 from his own 20 with a 9-yard pass to Caleb Crenney, along with a pass interference call against Franklin, followed 6-yard scramble for a first down and a 17-yard pass to JaJuan Marks all the way down the Patriots' 23.

But the Rockets, out of timeouts, missed three consecutive passes and went for the field goal.

"It was either a bad snap or bad hold, one of the two," Glenn first-year coach Tim Hardin said. "We were trying to kick."

"What really hurt us was penalties. I haven't added it up, but we must have had a 'gazillion.' We had more tonight than the season combined."

"We also had a couple of breakdowns defensively and they made huge plays. I felt we shut down first half and a lot of the second half, but they made big plays."

Franklin's defense also tightened considerably on Glenn's grind-it-out attack, limiting Langford to 24 yards on 10 carries over the final two quarters.

"The second half they were loading up to the side he (Langford) would run the ball," Hardin said. "They did make some good adjustments. I always thought, even in my years as an assistant, that Franklin's staff makes good adjustments. But with that said, I still think we beat ourselves. We should have had a bigger lead at the half. Again, we beat ourselves."

Despite the heartbreaking setback, Glenn's season is far from lost.

"I'd say if there's a silver lining, we've demonstrated all year that we have not given up," Hardin said. "Even after we lost our first two games, we fight until the last second and that's what I love about this team."

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receives very well and she puts the ball down better on the right side."

Churchill's two setters, Kristy DeClercq and Cory Urbats, recorded 20 and 17 assist-to-kills, respectively. Senior libero Lindsey Graciak contributed a team-high 30 digs, while Matz and Urbats added 13 and 11, respectively.

Meanwhile, senior defensive specialist Shelby Anthony added 17 digs.

"We're a smaller team," Barnes said. "Blocking and offense is something we're working on. It comes down to who blocks and who makes less errors."

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Rockets dominate rival Wayne

Bragging rights were at stake Thursday and it was all Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets improved to 6-2-4 overall and 2-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a 25-18, 25-9, 25-11 girls volleyball victory at Wayne Memorial.

"We were able to control the ball in the second and third games," John Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "If we're going to be competitive with the rest of our division, we're going to have to come out fired up every night right from the start."

Senior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook, bound for Oakland University, led the Rockets with 12 kills.

Junior setter Lauren Baker smartly paced the Glenn offensive attack and chipped in with six service aces.

Sophomore libero Brooke

Zywick and senior Stacey Truskowski anchored the Rockets' defense with steady passing and consistent serving.

"Everybody contributed to this victory," Wargo said.

Wayne (2-13, 0-2) got two kills from Samantha Dye, who was 5-for-5 in hitting attempts. Catie Badrak, Amanda Poirier and Brittany Grubbs added one apiece.

Emily Rudy, Brittany Grubbs and Kristen Miller contributed one block each.

Salem blocks Spartans

Livonia Stevenson senior Brooke Knochel had 16 kills, but it wasn't enough Thursday as Salem came away with a 25-19, 25-17, 17-25, 25-18 KLAACentral Division win.

Salem is now 9-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAACentral, while Stevenson drops to 4-10 and 0-2.

Other leaders for the Spartans included Meg Iafrate (10 kills, six blocks), Shelbie Wilson (13 digs), Katie Vellucci (15 assists) and Claire LeBlanc (10 assists).

Wildcats claw Patriots

In a KLAAC-South Division encounter Thursday, host Plymouth won in three straight against Livonia Franklin, 25-12, 25-20, 25-20.

Plymouth is now 9-6-3 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAC-South, while Franklin falls to 5-10 and 0-2.

Setter Liz Hollaway had six kills in the setback, while teammate Chelsea Williams added six.

Ashly Butkowski led the defense with eight digs, while Nicole Williamson added six.

"Despite the loss, we did pass better tonight," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said.



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Wayne's Taylor Krohn makes the pass during Thursday's KLAAC-South Division match Thursday at home against rival Westland John Glenn.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 200, CANTON 213

Sept. 26 at Whispering Willows

Churchill scorers: Jessica Burdette, 47 (co-medalist); Jordyn Shepler, 46; Lexi McFarlane, 51; Stephanie Panaretos, 54; Shelly Longworth, 62; Margo McClain, 73.

Canton scorers: Chelsea Osburn, 47 (co-medalist); Kara Gregory, 49; Erin Lixe, 58; Megan Baumgart, 59; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 62; Alex Wee, 66.

Churchill's dual match record: 8-0 overall, 8-0 KLAAC-South Division.

ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART 176

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 221

Sept. 24 at Fieldstone G.C.

Individual medalist: Bess Quirk (Sacred Heart), 39.

Ladywood scorers: Val DiMilia and Marissa Briden, 54 each; Katelyn Papler, 55; Amanda Molin, 58; Erin Reece and Marissa Ley, 59 each.

Dual match records: Sacred Heart, 6-1-1; Ladywood, 0-4.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 198

WAYNE MEMORIAL 222

Sept. 24 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)

Churchill scorers: Lexi McFarlane, 46 (medalist); Jordyn Shepler, 47; Stephanie Panaretos, 51; Jessica Burdette, 54; Samantha Proben, 63.

Wayne scorers: Berlyn Beaver, 48; Avalon Felan, 52; Taylor Tuttle, 53; Jane Taylor, 69.

Dual match record: Churchill, 7-0 overall, 7-0 KLAAC-South Division; Wayne, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAAC-South Division.

TRI-MATCH RESULTS

Sept. 25 at Dearborn Country Club

TEAM SCORES: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 198; Livonia Ladywood, 217; Dearborn Divine Child, 231.

Individual medalist: Donna Fiscelli (Divine Child), 44.

Ladywood scorers: Katelyn Papler, 49; Val DiMilia, 53; Marissa Briden, 56; Taylor Romano, 58; Marissa Ley, 60; Christine Briden, 68.

Ladywood's dual match record: 1-5 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Canton Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Churchill at Dexter, 1:30 a.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Churchill at Plymouth, 3:50 p.m.

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Glen Frosh-Soph. Invitational, 4:15 p.m.

Metro Conference Jamboree

at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Wayne County Invitational

at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

S.Y. Lyon Unified at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, Sept. 29

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

(Metro Conference Playoffs)

Clarenceville at Luth, Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.

New Haven at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 4

Championships at Plymouth, 9 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, Sept. 29

Churchill vs. John Glenn,

Franklin vs. Wayne

at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Dearborn at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

Kingswood at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Catholic League Championships

at Livonia Ladywood, 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Madonna at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

Women's College Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Madonna at Cornerstone, noon.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

Sept. 24 at John Glenn

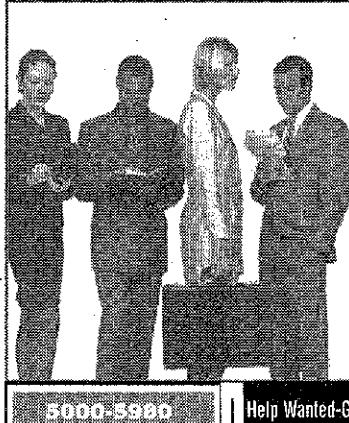
No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (LC) defeated Zach Ernst, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Alex Clos (LC) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Ziwin Deng (LC) def. Khad Stargell, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Mike Apfel (LC) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Dan Landstrom-Erik Newman (LC) def. Carlo Tejada-Mitch Dean, 6-0, 6-1;

No. 2: Zach Edwards-Arif Sheikh, 7-5, 6-1; No. 3: Ryan McPherson-Jared Leeds (LC) def. Jacob Taormina-Shane Wiechert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Alex Zuccarini-Kyle Appel (LC) def. David Wilton-Wayne Woodard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Tejas Soni-Zak Krug (LC) def. Karl Lawrence-Nick Stone, 6-3, 6-1.

Dual match records: Churchill, 7-4 overall, 5-3 KLAAC-South Division; Wayne, 2-9 overall, 1-7 KLAAC-South Division.

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OCTOBER

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Holistic Moms Network

9:45-11:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Plymouth. Speaker: Angelle Batten of www.nourishyourkids.com on the topic Fake Food Ingredients: Healthy Snack Alternatives for your Family. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at amstevens14@juno.com, or (313) 220-4592, or visit www.holisticmoms.org.

ALS walk

Registration 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Belle Isle Park Casino, Detroit. For more information call Erin Ehlers at (248) 680-6540 or send e-mail to ehlers@alsa-michigan.org. Walk to Defeat ALSTM is The ALS Association's national signature event and raises funds to support patient service programs and cutting-edge research.

Diabetes review session

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Ladies night out

Reiki: the Gentle Healing Art Thursday, Oct. 7, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Blood pressure and bone density screenings, and massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m., lecture from 7:30-8 p.m. Speaker is the hospital's Reiki Master Jane Kaleski, a Certified Massage Therapist, Medical Massage Therapist and Certified Infant Massage Instructor. Registration required. No charge, but a \$5 donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center programs. Call (734) 655-1182 to register or for information.

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Join national grief expert and author Dr. Alan Wolfelt as he presents *The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way* 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Rd., Troy. No charge, but reservations recommended as seating is limited. To register, call (248) 362-2500. Visit www.desmondfuneralfuneralhome.com for details and directions.

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 12-16, and Monday, Oct. 20, at Metropolitan Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. No need to register. For information, call (248) 349-5683.

Walk to fight diabetes

Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. Proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association to help prevent and cure diabetes through programs and services in Michigan. To register as an individual or lead a team, visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Stephanie Camelo at 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6692 or scamalo@diabetes.org.

Autism speaks walk

Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism advocacy organization, holds its Walk Now For Autism Walk Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Registration starts at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies and walk at noon. All proceeds benefit Autism Speaks.

The day includes a 1 to 2 mile walk and Community Resource fair with educational sources, therapists, schools, recreational organizations, and creative child-friendly activities; a true one-stop-shop for families affected by autism. This year Toys'R'Us will have a tented space serving as home for Geoffrey the Giraffe. Attendees will also be able to sign their children up for Geoffrey's Birthday Club and pick up the "Ten Toys That Speak to Autism" handout, a list of toys that help build the skills of children with autism, created in collaboration with Autism Speaks.

For information, visit www.walknowforautism.org.

Empowering the deaf



Fair offers equal access to health information

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Imagine not being able to hear about the dramatic rise of diseases like diabetes. Fourteen percent of Michigan's population is unable to receive pertinent medical information due to deafness. Email, texting and technology have made access easier, but it's still not fair or equal, said Dave Coyne, Project Manager for the Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a non-profit organization located in Lansing. That's why he and Christa Moran, an American Sign Language interpreter for the University of Michigan Health System, have teamed up to offer workshops at the first Michigan Deaf Health Fair at Madonna University on Saturday, Oct. 11. In addition to presentations by a family physician, psychologist, and nutritionist, participants can receive screenings for cholesterol, dental, glucose, and blood pressure as well as attend a flu shot clinic.

Coyne chose the Livonia campus because of its 4-year ASL interpreter program.

"The deaf and hard of hearing communities miss out on so much information," said Coyne, a hearing ASL interpreter. "We get it from the radio, TV commercials which often aren't closed captioned. All of the workshops are presented in ASL and offer dialogue and discussions."

Cristine Saunders isn't deaf but understands repetitive motion injury and how signing can impede recovery. Saunders is a nationally certified massage therapist and a certified ASL interpreter. She'll provide tips on stretching and body/posture awareness for prevention.

Dr. Michael McKee, a family physician in Rochester, New York, plans to talk about deaf health myths that impede progress in reducing health disparities among the deaf community. He is currently assisting the National Center for Deaf Health Research, one of the Preventive Research Centers funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to track health trends and needs of individuals with hearing loss.

McKee, who is deaf, works at Folsom Family Medicine, a practice which sees 800 deaf patients and their families as well as hearing individuals. Folsom is the second largest deaf medical practice in

MICHIGAN DEAF HEALTH FAIR

What: Health education workshops for deaf and hard of hearing individuals presented in American Sign Language

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Madonna University, 36600

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the country.

"Many of the health problems in the deaf community are similar to other cultural groups," wrote McKee in an e-mail.

"The deaf community does have unique barriers. A lot of health information is shared by auditory means which is missed mainly by this group. American Sign

Language is known only by very few medical staff. To make matters worse, many health centers and medical providers do

not provide for interpreters even though they are obligated to do so under the guidance of Americans with Disabilities Act.

As a result, I find a lot of knowledge gaps in health topics among the deaf including sexual health, nutrition, diabetes and cardiovascular health. Obesity and diabetes seem to be rising quickly among the deaf at my clinic where I see patients.

This alarms me since this will increase risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

I continue to see higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases compared with the

hearing patient population."

Mel Whalen's concerned about the misconceptions the deaf, like the hearing, have about depression.

A deaf clinical psychology doctoral fellow in her fourth year of training at Eastern Michigan University, Whalen is going to speak about regulating emotions and the effect of emotions on health.

Although she's unaware of research showing a

higher incidence of depression in deaf individuals, Whalen said studies tend to

document higher rates of depression and

health issues in any oppressed minority

groups with limited access to appropriate

health care.

Whalen seems to be as excited as Coyne

about the deaf health fair because the deaf

"so rarely have the opportunity to receive

health related information in ASL directly

from the deaf/hard of hearing health pro-

fessionals.

"People often don't really understand

the direct connections between depres-

sion or feeling sad and the physical conse-

quences to your body like loss of appetite,

lower immunity and insomnia and so

on," said Whalen who sees both deaf and

hearing clients. To her knowledge the Ann

Arbor woman is the only deaf clinical psy-

chologist in the state.

"My goal is to help make those connec-

tions more clear for workshop partici-

pants so that they understand more

directly the usefulness of learning to

regulate one's own emotions in order to

maintain a healthy mind and body."

Like the hearing, deaf individuals seem

to know little about nutrition, according

to Sandria Graham, a deaf dietitian. She'll

talk about food and how to read labels.

Graham was born deaf and admits she

has been a health geek for many years.

She believes she's the only deaf dietitian

in the country. Her goal is to help prevent

diseases by using a holistic approach

to health by balancing mind, body and

spirit.

"Some doctors do not refer patients to

dietitians. Sometimes doctors give infor-

mation but don't explain it to the patients.

Patients look at it and don't understand

what it says. Their health becomes worse

and becomes a problem," said Graham

who earned a bachelor of science degree

in dietetics from Madonna University.

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Regulations grant benefits to veterans with Lou Gehrig's

The Department of Veterans Affairs published groundbreaking new regulations today that grant military veterans diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease full access to health and disability benefits, regardless of where or when they served in the military. The new rules take effect immediately.

The decision to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is a tremendous victory for veterans living with the disease and is the culmination of years of work by The ALS Association to expand benefits for those diagnosed with the fatal neurodegenerative disease named after baseball legend Lou Gehrig.

The Association has been the leading organization advocating for this policy change at the VA for many years. In 2001, The Association strongly supported the VA's decision to grant benefits to veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War and has championed legislative efforts to build on that policy so that it applies to all veterans with ALS.

According to studies, military veterans within the last century are nearly twice as likely to develop ALS as those with no history of military service, regardless of where or when they served in the military. Most recently, The Association advocated for legislation (H.R. 5454) introduced by Congressman Henry Brown (R-SC) that would have established ALS as a service connected disease. Thanks to the combined efforts of the VA Secretary James Peake, members of Congress, the Association, and veterans across the country this legislation no longer is needed.

"ALS is a disease that progresses rapidly, once it is diagnosed. There simply isn't time to develop the evidence needed to support compensation claims before many veterans become seriously ill," VA Secretary James Peake said. "My decision will make those claims much easier to process and for them and their families to receive the compensation they have earned through their service to our nation."

ALS, a fatal, progressive, neurodegenerative disease, is striking at this nation's heroes the hardest, however the reasons are not known at this time.

The ALS Association is leading the fight to cure and treat ALS.

Veterans living with ALS across the country played a vital role in advancing this critical policy change by testifying to Congress and helped lead the effort to improve benefits for all veterans with ALS.

Give vegetarianism a try in October

Wednesday, Oct. 1 is World Vegetarian Day and kicks off Vegetarian Awareness Month.

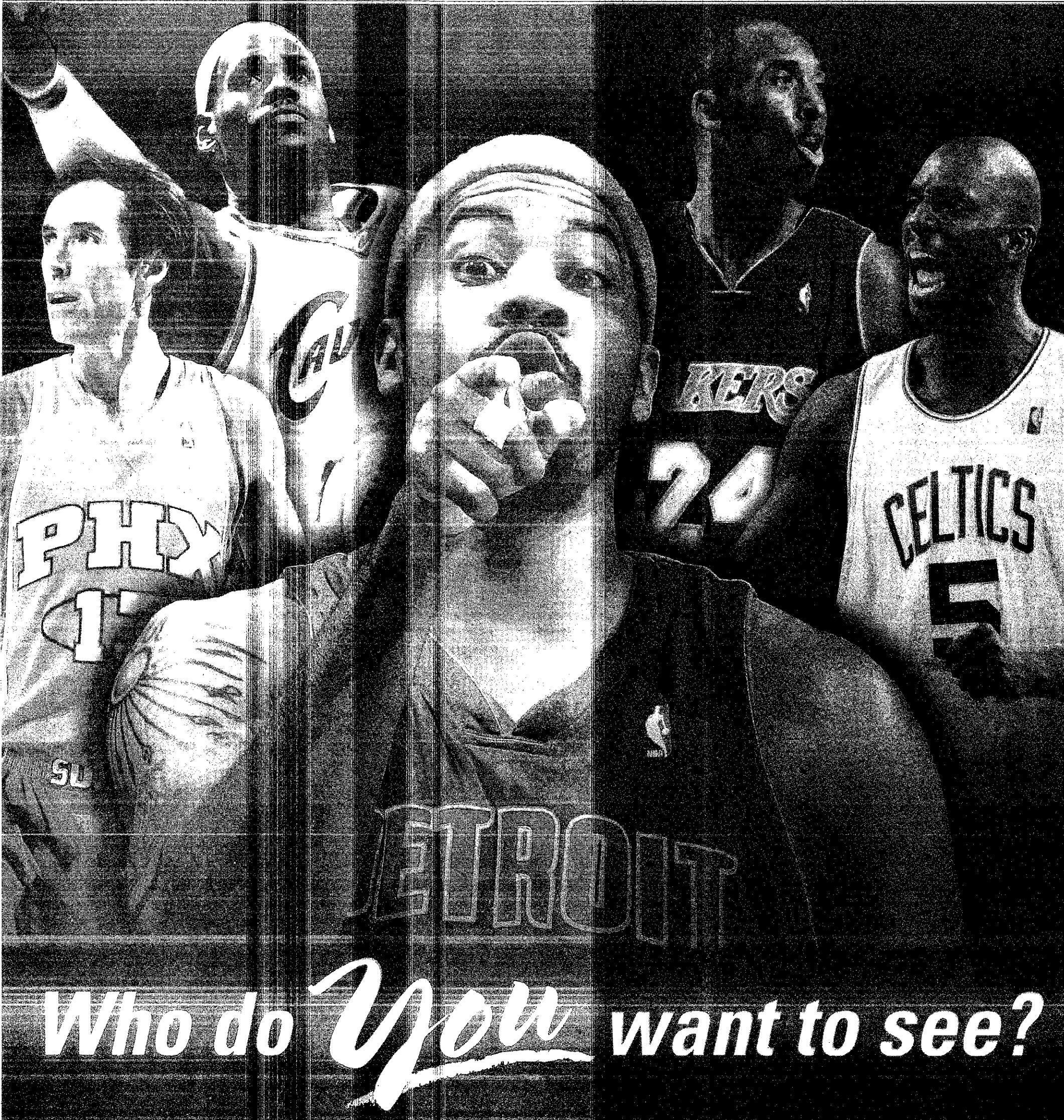
Adopting a vegetarian diet has many benefits including reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer while also conserving fresh water, fertile topsoil and other limited resources that go into creating a meat-based diet.

Here are five tips to help get you started from Beaumont Hospital dietitian and vegetarian Catherine Welemino.

Look at Some of Your Favorite Meals. Most people have favorite dishes that are already vegetarian or can be made so easily. If you enjoy vegetable lasagna, stir-fried vegetables or pasta primavera you can begin to transition to a vegetarian diet by making these meals more often.

Try New Restaurants. Seek out Chinese, Indian, Middle Eastern and Thai restaurants to discover the many vegetarian food options they offer.

Explore Substitutes. There are many soy and vegetable-based meat substitutes that you can easily find in your grocery store. If you try one brand and don't care for it, keep trying. There is something out there for everyone.



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Birthday boy can do no wrong

I should have known it was our fault. Clancy, our Irish Wolfhound, can do no wrong, at least according to Bonnie Wainz, our master dog trainer and behaviorist.

It's my sister Gwen and I who need to learn obedience techniques based on the theory that whoever is in charge is leader of the pack. We've let Clancy think he is, so that's probably why the three of us have been going to school for some time without much success.

Our first six-week class was spent with a trainer that used treats as rewards for executing commands.

Treats were fine until you were empty handed. Our second trainer had Clancy sitting, staying and downing in the ring. He even earned his Canine Good Citizen Certificate, was able to greet strangers without jumping on them, and behaved courteously around wheelchairs and IV poles. We still want him to become a therapy dog so those are important skills.

The problem is when he's out in the real world, life is a game. Any time he sees a rabbit, squirrel or neighbor he's off and running to play.

That brings us to our neighbors Rita and Chris. They've taken an interest in helping us train Clancy and regularly act as decoys. I don't know what we would do without this patient husband and wife duo. They've made it all bearable. There are days when Clancy's antics leave us frustrated and wanting to take him back to his mother. Instead Chris and Rita watch dog training videos with us and encourage our efforts by standing in their driveway while we try to walk on by without him tearing the leash out of our hands.

A week ago Friday they hosted Clancy's third birthday party, complete with cake, in their backyard. I can tell they really do like Clancy. They bought and wrapped an edible, flavored bone for him. When it came time for Gwen and I to blow out the candle I know they were wishing with us that 3 is the magic number.

Maturity seems to come late to big Irish Wolfhounds. Clancy is no exception, but regardless Gwen and I will continue to work with Bonny and her Alternative Canine Training methods (www.vladae.com). Every Saturday morning she arrives at our home ready to point out our mistakes.

Bonny is right about there being no bad dogs, only those which have never been trained. She, as I, believe that owners need to take time to work with their animal. And I do mean work. Clancy tests us by pretending he doesn't hear the command to sit. He does hear and it doesn't do any good for us to repeat it seven times. You have to learn to follow through by leaning over him and pushing down his back end. I knew it was our fault.

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Clancy Callahan Chomin celebrated his third birthday recently and his owners are hoping the year brings maturity.

Singing out

Committee puts out call for former choir members

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The room was electric as former Bentley High School Concert Choir members talked about their 50th reunion in 2009. It was a life changing experience for many students from 1959 to 1985.

Camaraderie, then as now, is key between "the kids" still looking for 300 singers. On Nov. 28, 2009 the alumni will assemble one last time.

The private affair is

BENTLEY CONCERT CHOIR REUNION

What: A concert and dinner to reunite members of the Bentley High School Concert Choir from 1959 to 1985

When: Nov. 28, 2009, at Burton Manor in Livonia

Contact: Tommy Mozier West at (734) 421-5795, Lawrence Zane (734) 347-8810, or send mail to P.O. Box 51624, Livonia MI 48151

In their heyday, the choir put on major Christmas and spring productions that transformed the gym stage into gardens and churches with falling snow.

The events had people standing in line two to three hours before the concert.

The Bentley Concert Choir was the elite ensemble not only at the Livonia high school, but out on the road. The award-winning choral group was known nationally, having toured 23 states and Europe and sung for Congress on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. Back home, WJR played their albums on the radio on Sunday mornings.

"My first memory was at 10 years old when I went to a spring concert and said 'I want to be here,'" said Tommy Mozier West, a member of the 1970 and 1971 choirs. The Livonia woman is co-chairing the event with Lawrence Zane of Plymouth. "I think it was my first goal. I think we all feel the same. It was the two years that changed and formed our lives. Excellence was expected in every choir."

You carried those values out the

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Jerry Smith leads a rehearsal of the 1981-82 Bentley Concert Choir.



The Bentley Concert Choir rehearses with director Jerry Smith in August 1971.



This photo captures the intensity of the 1970-71 Bentley Concert Choir as they perform. Members say there was a moment when something clicked and all 100 voices came together as one.

Committee works hard for success of recital series

FRIDAY NIGHT RECITAL SERIES

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Don Morelock and the Friday Night Recital Series Committee are doing everything possible to make sure every one of the 275 seats in the Presentation Room at Schoolcraft College are filled for the 2008-09 season. One idea after another flowed through the room last Monday as staff, students and community members planned for the series.

Wayne Glass, the college's director of grants, is making sure the recitals are advertised at events like the arts and crafts show in November.

Eilda Giles, an art history instructor, suggested blasting e-mails to announce the series.

Committee co-chairs Jean Long and Carol Bonamici are working on a letter to invite the Board of Trustees to a concert.

Barbara Marek and Ellen Nixon have spoken to fellow students about putting a story in the school newspaper. They've also looked into selling tote bags advertising the series. Student Lou Kovach volunteered to sponsor tickets for 10 students.

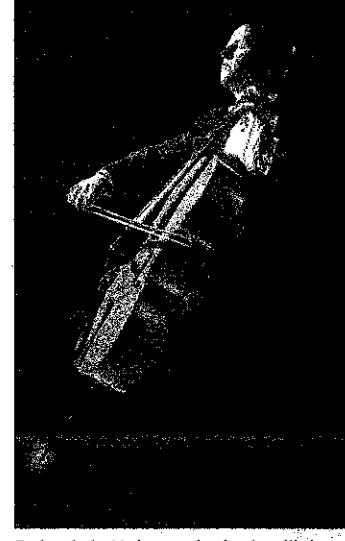


The Avalon String Quartet return to the Friday Evening Recital Series on March 20.

Morelock, who's chairman of the music department, has lined up a stellar array of nationally recognized musicians including pianist Anton Nel and Robert de Maine, principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Returning for a second year are the Avalon String Quartet and pianist James Tocco who kicks off the series on Nov. 14.

This is the second year for the series that Morelock and the committee consider a fledgling effort. Members first met in April 2007 to discuss the feasibility of presenting a series in the recital hall. The Friday night performances complement the long-running noon concerts on



Robert de Maine, principal cellist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, closes the season on May 15.

campus. The recital series allows classical music lovers to make an evening of it by dining at any of the many restaurants in the area or American Harvest inside the VisTaTech Center where reservations are recommended.

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Following the program in the Presentation Room the audience can mingle.

"They can meet the artist and other music lovers," said Morelock. "The recitals are an opportunity to have this kind of quality performance in the community. The venue is so nice. It's a good way to start a week-end."

Gail Mondry of Franklin is especially excited because her son Nathan, a piano student of Morelock's, performs a four-handed piece with Tocco on opening night. Mondry and her husband Ira serve on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and developed a relationship over the years with Tocco, the artistic director. In 2007, they bid on a festival auction item for a Tocco performance which they then donated to the Schoolcraft College recital series.

"It gives us a reason to invite a lot of our friends and fill the hall," said Mondry.

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Pianist Anton Nel performs Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College.



James Tocco opens the 2008-09 Friday Evening Recital Series at Schoolcraft College on Nov. 14.

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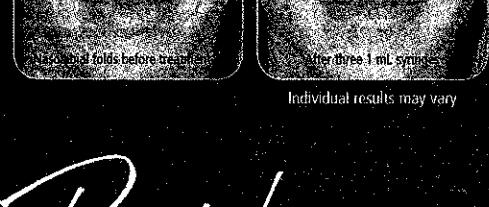
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HOME BRIEFS

Michigan Design Center (MDC) will open its doors to the public for Design Inspiration: An Open House and Lecture Event on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Troy. Two independent sessions will be offered, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and from 5-8 p.m.


Guests will have an opportunity to explore showrooms, attend presentations on a variety of design-related topics and obtain complimentary design advice from professional interior designers.

Valerie Moran will offer Design Inspiration's keynote presentation: Lasting Luxury - How Fine Furnishings are Made. With more than 30 years in the luxury furnishings industry, Moran is the former President of French furniture maker Grange International and is a frequently-cited source in national design media.

Complimentary design con-

sultations will be offered during the morning session only, which will begin with breakfast from 9:30-10:15 a.m., followed by Moran's presentation. The showroom open house will run from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and design consultations will be from noon-2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring floor plans, photos of rooms or just come prepared to discuss decorating dilemmas during a 20-minute consultation with some of the top leaders in the industry.

Guests will have a chance to meet with seven different designers from 6-7 p.m., during the night session. They'll review designer portfolios, compare design styles and more.

The evening session will begin with the showroom open house and strolling hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. and will end with Moran's presentation from 7-8 p.m.

Space is limited and advanced reservations are recommended. Tickets for either morning or evening sessions are \$10 each and are available by visiting michigandesign.com

or by calling (248) 649-4772.

YOU DESIGN IT

Casual Concepts in downtown Rochester will feature the Design-Your-Own-Dining Collection made-to-order furniture at its open house, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5.

The collection allows customers to completely customize their table, chairs, buffet and coordinating stools.

"Choose the size and shape of your table, select a unique pedestal or leg design and pick a finish. Our designers and sales consultants will help you match the perfect chairs, fabrics and coordinating pieces to complete a look that will be uniquely your own," store owner MaryAnne Dery, stated in a press release.

Sample hors d'oeuvres and mingle with the experts at the event. Casual Concepts is located at 828 North Main Street. For more information call (248) 652-1080 or visit www.casualconceptsinc.com.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Sund-Reschke

Doug and Peggy Sund of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie Sund, to Steven Mark Reschke of Livonia. He is the son of Mark and Linda Reschke of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works as a medical tech-

nologist at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Her fiance is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He works as a Civil Engineer for Northwest Consultants, Inc.

The couple are planning an Oct. 17 wedding in 2009 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church with a reception to follow at Burton Manor.

ENGAGEMENT



DiVito-Hoon

Kenneth and Beatrice DiVito of Troy announce the marriage of their daughter, Monica DeVito, to Greg Hoon of Santa Barbara, Calif. He is the son of Keith Hoon and Ginger McMahan of Seattle. Monica works as a full-time instructor at Santa Barbara City College.

She earned her doctorate from the University of California in Santa Barbara. Greg works for Brownstein,

Hyatt, Farber, Schreck in Santa Barbara.

The couple wed Aug. 16, during a ceremony at East Beach in Santa Barbara before the Rev. Jerry Bellamie. Annalisa DiVito was maid of honor and Bryan Hoon was the best man.

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New date is scheduled for Canton Heart & Bark event

The First Annual Heart and Bark event, postponed from September due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Ave.

This event, hosted by Canton Leisure Services and the Humane Society of Huron Valley, will feature health and wellness information for dogs and cats as well as their owners. Four-legged family pets large and small are encouraged to attend. Pets must be on a leash and in the owner's control at all times. No pre-registration required to attend.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will be offering a low-cost micro chip clinic for animals for \$25 per pet. Cats are welcome to be chipped, but must be brought to the event in a carrier. One year rabies vaccinations will be administered from noon to 2 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society. Only 200 vaccinations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Health and wellness experts will also be on site to address common health issues that effect pet owners.

Free blood pressure and glucose screenings will be offered by Oakwood Healthcare System. Individuals can also obtain the latest fitness information from local health care providers and other health and wellness-related businesses.

Activities include a Funniest Pet Trick and Look-A-Like Contest (\$5 entry fee/donation to benefit the Huron Valley Humane Society), Kids Crafts for \$1 to benefit the Humane Society, K-9 Demonstrations by Canton Public Safety, and Rally O demonstrations.

For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Sign up for a bug hunt Oct. 18

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

About 100 volunteers will spend Saturday, Oct. 18, picking "bugs" from trays loaded with mud from the Rouge River and its tributaries.

They'll look for anything that moves and will sort the live creatures — everything from dragonfly larvae to water beetles, crayfish to snails — into ice cube trays.

"We look for benthic macroinvertebrates. Benthic means 'lives in the stream bed.' Macro means you don't need a microscope to see it and invertebrate means they don't have a backbone," said Sally Petrella, Friends of the Rouge volunteer monitoring program manager.

"Even people who don't like bugs, once they start to look at them closely, become fascinated by them."

Petrella runs twice annual bug hunts, the winter stonefly search, and spring-summer frog and toad surveys for Friends of the Rouge, located in Dearborn.

The organization is registering families and individuals for its

Fall Bug Hunt through Oct. 10 at (313) 792-9621 and by e-mail at monitoring@therouge.org.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m., Oct. 18 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and work in pre-assigned teams through 4 p.m., along the river and its tributaries.

"Each team goes to two sites. There are sites all over the metropolitan area," Petrella said.

The kind and number of benthic macroinvertebrates they find helps assess water quality. The more sensitive bugs they find, such as mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies, the better the health of the waterway, for example. Communities use the data to keep track of stream health and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses results to screen for problems in water quality.

Bug Hunt teams sampled at 28 sites last spring.

The Wayne County Department of the Environment checked 20 sites. Locations on the lower Rouge, which includes Fellows Creek in Canton, rated good or fair. Middle Rouge

sampling, which included such areas as Plymouth Township and Northville, ranged from excellent to fair, with a few poor scores. Three sites on the main Rouge turned up fair scores for Firefighters Park in Troy, Booth Park in Birmingham and Valley Woods Park in Southfield. The upper Rouge, with sampling sites in Livonia and the Farmington area, scored fair and poor. For complete results visit www.therouge.org.

Petrella said volunteers, which may include children, age 5 and up, accompanied by a parent, should "expect to get muddy" during the sampling. "Every team has a couple of trained team leaders. The team leaders put on waders and use a net to bring up samples. The volunteers pick through mud and dirt (from trays) for what's moving."

Petrella said volunteers enjoy being outdoors, seeing life in the water.

"They are always surprised by anything they see," she said. "It's a whole lot of fun and a nice opportunity to get to know other people."

Symposium offers info to students

The YES Foundation and Skillman Foundation are hosting a free High School Information Symposium for students and parents or guardians 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Social Science Building off of Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

Learn about competitive, challenging, rigor-

ous high school college prep programs at boarding, independent, parochial and public testing schools. Meet with school representatives to discuss admissions, enrichment programs, tuition, and scholarships. To register for this free symposium or to receive additional information, call The YES Foundation at (248) 646-5696. Lunch provided.

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HOME BRIEFS

Michigan Design Center (MDC) will open its doors to the public for Design Inspiration: An Open House and Lecture Event on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Troy. Two independent sessions will be offered, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and from 5-8 p.m.

Guests will have an opportunity to explore showrooms, attend presentations on a variety of design-related topics and obtain complimentary design advice from professional interior designers.

Valerie Moran will offer Design Inspiration's keynote presentation: Lasting Luxury - How Fine Furnishings are Made. With more than 30 years in the luxury furnishings industry, Moran is the former President of French furniture maker Grange International and is a frequently-cited source in national design media.

Complimentary design con-

sultations will be offered during the morning session only, which will begin with breakfast from 9:30-10:15 a.m., followed by Moran's presentation. The showroom open house will run from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and design consultations will be from noon-2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring floor plans, photos of rooms or just come prepared to discuss decorating dilemmas during a 20-minute consultation with some of the top leaders in the industry.

Guests will have a chance to meet with seven different designers from 6-7 p.m., during the night session. They'll review designer portfolios, compare design styles and more.

The evening session will begin with the showroom open house and strolling hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. and will end with Moran's presentation from 7-8 p.m.

Space is limited and advanced reservations are recommended. Tickets for either morning or evening sessions are \$10 each and are available by visiting michigandesign.com

or by calling (248) 649-4772.

YOU DESIGN IT

Casual Concepts in downtown Rochester will feature the Design-Your-Own-Dining Collection made-to-order furniture at its open house, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5.

The collection allows customers to completely customize their table, chairs, buffet and coordinating stools.

"Choose the size and shape of your table, select a unique pedestal or leg design and pick a finish. Our designers and sales consultants will help you match the perfect chairs, fabrics and coordinating pieces to complete a look that will be uniquely your own," store owner MaryAnne Dery, stated in a press release.

Sample hors d'oeuvres and mingle with the experts at the event. Casual Concepts is located at 828 North Main Street. For more information call (248) 652-1080 or visit www.casualconceptsinc.com.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

ENGAGEMENT



Sund-Reschke

Doug and Peggy Sund of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie Sund, to Steven Mark Reschke of Livonia. He is the son of Mark and Linda Reschke of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He works as a Civil Engineer for Northwest Consultants, Inc.

The couple are planning an Oct. 17 wedding in 2009 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church with a reception to follow at Burton Manor.

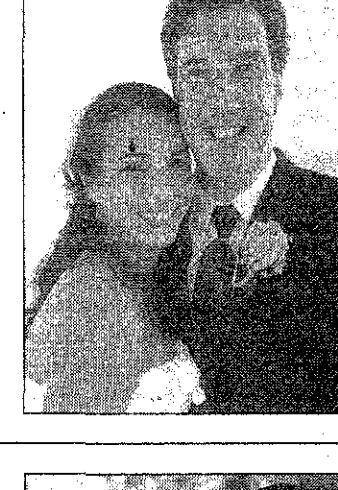


DiVito-Hoon

Kenneth and Beatrice DiVito of Troy announce the marriage of their daughter, Monica DeVito, to Greg Hoon of Santa Barbara, Calif. He is the son of Keith Hoon and Ginger McMahan of Seattle. Monica works as a full-time instructor at Santa Barbara City College.

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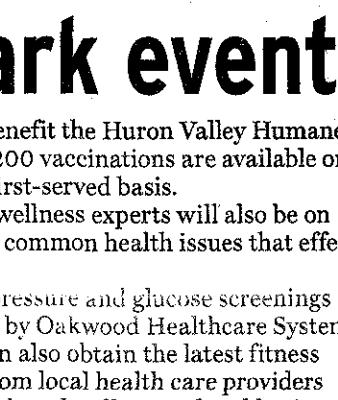
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Autism concert proceeds go to Burger School

A benefit concert is being held noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. Wolfman Mac is going to host the show. All proceeds go to Burger School for Children with Autism in Garden City.

In addition to the show there will be food, raffles of guitars and gift certificates for guitar lessons and local restaurants. Seven of Detroit's top bands will also be playing. Vizzy's Pizza will be selling by the slice, all to benefit Burger School.

For more information, call Dave Goldsworthy at (734) 525-9101.

Purse, bag drive to assist domestic violence survivors

Livonia Allstate Agent Cheryl Bowker is partnering with The Allstate Foundation to kick off National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October by encouraging area residents to donate a nearly new purse or professional bag to benefit domestic violence survivors.

Now through Friday, Oct. 3, nearly new purses, briefcases and other professional bags will be collected from the public at select Allstate agencies across the country including the Bowker Agency at 31221 Five Mile at Merriman. The agency can be reached at (734) 525-9610.

The purse donation drive is part of The Allstate Foundation's "Tell a Gal P.A.L." program to draw attention to the fact that economic empowerment can provide a path to a safe and sound future for victims of domestic violence. P.A.L. stands for Pass it on, Act and Learn to get yourself, or someone you care about, out of a bad situation.

"By encouraging people to donate a purse or professional bag, we are providing them with a simple way to get the conversation going about domestic violence with family and friends," said Bowker. "Our office is pleased to have been selected to participate in this campaign and we hope that area residents will rise to the occasion by supporting this worthy cause."

For other purse donation locations and more information on "Tell a Gal P.A.L.", visit www.ClickToEmpower.org. In addition, the public can enter to win a purse from the personal collection of actress Ana Ortiz of ABC's "Ugly Betty," who is serving as "Tell a Gal P.A.L." spokesperson. Contest entry information can be found on www.ClickToEmpower.org.

Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step

The aroma of chocolate fills the air, the Livonia Symphony string and horn ensembles play sweet melodies and friends gather to enjoy each other's company for an afternoon.

The occasion is the fourth annual "A Chocolate Affair" to benefit First Step, the program for counseling and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The event, which is hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish charity group, takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

Guests can celebrate the fourth annual event of women helping women by welcoming local res-

taurants, bakeries and caterers to serve tastes of their chocolate delights to guests. Businesses include Armitage Catering, Andiamo's of Livonia, Bennigan's, Carrabba's of Canton, Dearborn Inn, Embassy Suites, Jeff Zak Catering, Macaroni Grill, Maggie Moo's, Mary Denning's Cake Shop, Mrs. Field's, Plymouth Crossing, Ritz Carlton, Sanders, Quarter Bistro, TGI Friday's, and more.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and available by calling Karen Stuard at (734) 844-0166 or Kittie Higgins at (248) 449-6570 and at the First Step offices in Plymouth. For more information, call First Step at (734) 416-1111.

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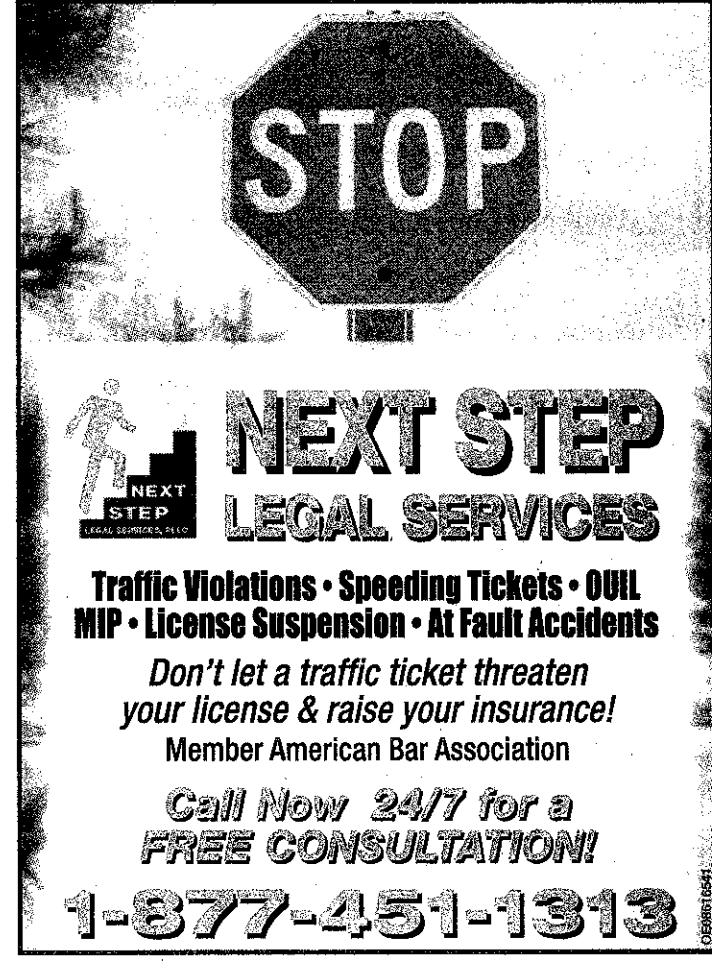
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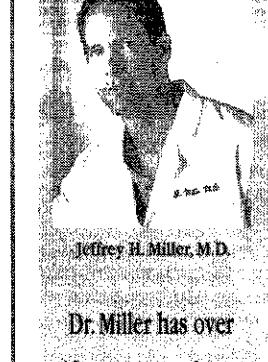
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OUTGOING

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SEEKING SINCERITY

SF, 54", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **1265863**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 26, long hair, brown eyes, athletic build, pretty, animal lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SWF, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possibly LTR with right man. **1288654**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 52", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, HW, pro-pertate, for friendship first. **1281229**

GREAT-LOOKING BF..

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! **1283172**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **53-70. 1220437**

BEAUTIFUL SF..

37, seeks SFM, 30-60, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **1221783**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SF, 47, full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canceing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **1287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks nice gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **1287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SFM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **1273603**

A NEW BEGINNING

SF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, SFM, 35-45, seeking SFM, 45-55, who is healthy, outgoing, enjoys music, dancing, movies, sports, ISO, honest, compassionate SFM, 55-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **1296370**

FUN & OUTGOING

SF, 18, 190bs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **1257048**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, attractive, HW-proportioned, enjoys travel, exercise, dancing. Seeking SFM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for romantic relationship. **1284546**

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HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-25, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more. **1292330**

MATURE MAN WANTED

SF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SFM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **1287856**

WARM SMILE

BF, 21, N/S, looking for SFM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **1280717**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60+, tall, slim, attractive, brown/blue, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-60. **1282151**

READY FOR A TALK?

Attractive female, 55+, 120bs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a lot of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **12891247**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF, 48, 5'5", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **1280581**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 39 years young, SFM, 30+, who enjoys simple pleasures. Likes dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **1241288**

DOWNTO-EARTH AND HONEST

SF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SFM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **1280550**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Pattie SF, 36, 150bs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys dancing, music, church. Looking for SFM, 35-75. **1281372**

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ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SFM, 33-45, for companionship. **1282578**

MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 18, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SFM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **1292258**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **1210247**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SF, 44, 158bs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining out, concerts, NDS. Looking for SFM, 35-51. **1284390**

COULD IT BE YOU?

SF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church shopping, more. Looking for a SFM, 44+, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted, and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **1289888**

WHY NOT?

SF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-40, for friendship, possibly more. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **1271234**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **1285947**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN

WF, 26, 5'10", 120bs, seeking SFM, 25-40, for friendship. **1285980**

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Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'3", seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **1282125**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

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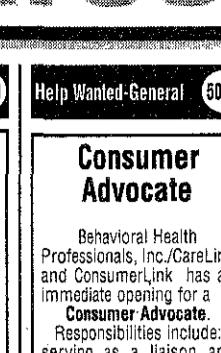
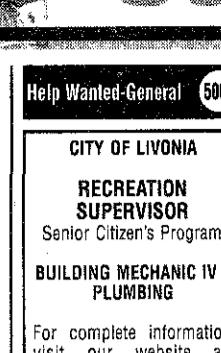
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It's easy to forget in a multi-generational workforce that work is ageless, not age-sensitive. Nowhere might this be clearer than in clashes between older and younger generations. How can you work through them as the number of working retirees increases?

'EGO MANIAC'

A Midwesterner recounts the horrors of his return-to-work from a retirement of about 30 months. At 71, he had the maturity and presence of mind to tell his interviewer at an engineering firm that a question about age was inappropriate, but that he'd respond . . . and then tell a joke to deflect tension and change the subject. He'd been seriously job hunting for six weeks to return to "what I'd done for so many years -- creating successful marketing campaigns," he e-mails. The stellar salary, the highest he'd ever earned, came with three weeks of vacation in the first year.

"The firm didn't know the difference between sales and marketing (and had) never employed anyone with either skill," he reports. "The nightmare began almost instantly, thanks to my having to report to -- and await decisions from

-- a vertically challenged ego maniac with a Napoleonic complex who was younger than my oldest son. Fifteen months later, I resigned."

Dividing and conquering, the younger boss manipulated everyone. He constantly spoke about power and his admiration for Hitler. He was obsessed with details, constantly found fault, nitpicked and pitted employees against each other. The Midwesterner attached an e-mail he would "send to the firm's 30-plus employees the next time I hear my former boss makes a derogatory comment about my accomplishments."

WAYS OUT

Input from other people successful in working retirement indicates that leaving wasn't the only way to solve the problem. Perhaps if the Midwesterner had understood that age has nothing to do with tyranny, he'd have been able to step back and develop another solution. Orval Edwards, senior systems analyst in the Wholesale Loan Division at Bank of America, N.A., in Moorpark, Calif., developed ATMs worldwide for Citibank before he retired at 52. Now 68 and several jobs later, he continues to be comfortable on the job "by just being good at what I do, helping out," he says.

"A lot of employees come to me and ask what I think of this, and I do some mentoring," he adds. "It's a matter of respect -- demanding it and giving it." He points out that, having left the company, the Midwesterner would lose something and gain nothing by sending the e-mail.

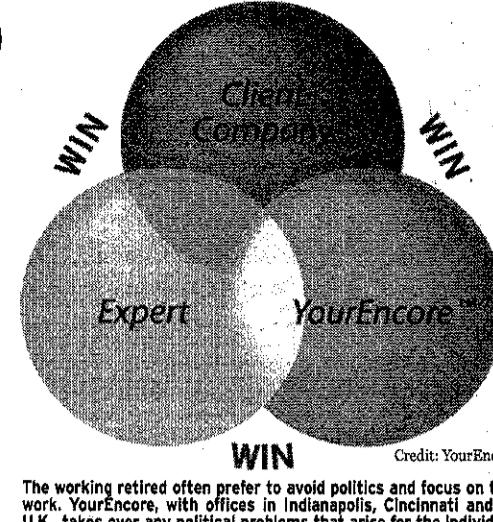
Edwards, who considers bad bosses a frequent problem in

the workplace, states, "There are laws against having a hostile workplace . . . I'd go to his boss and present the information and ask for some assistance. If he refused, I'd take it to HR and present it as a hostile environment issue (and potential discrimination against a senior)."

Larry Ellingson of Fountain Hills, Ariz., retired from Eli Lilly & Co. at age 55. Today, at 62, he chairs the board of a biotech company in New Zealand. He's represented by YourEncore Inc., which has offices in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and the United Kingdom placing experts in innovation. On assignment, they can avoid most administrative activities, such as staff meetings, budget submissions, performance reviews and politics, thanks to YourEncore's program.

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Finally, notes Edwards, the technologist, many people returning to the workforce make the mistake of letting everyone know how outstanding they are as soon as they come on board. "The way to contribute best," he states, "is by becoming a utility outfielder. Do what they need you to do. Don't ram yourself down their throats. Most of the time, they don't realize that they're missing something, whether they're younger or older."



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"People don't realize there's a season for everything," he adds. "You have to look for those openings and create them gently."

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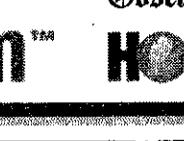
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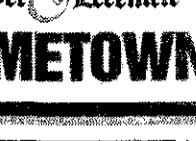
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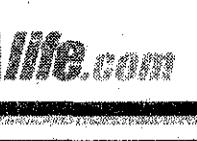
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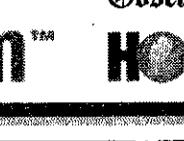
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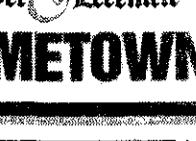
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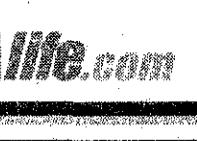
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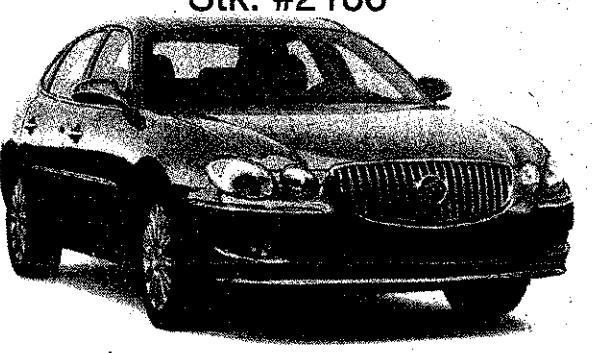
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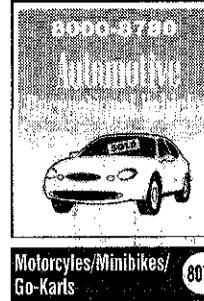
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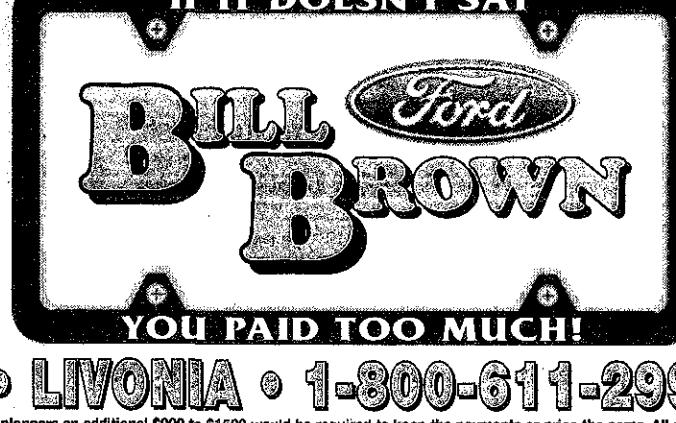
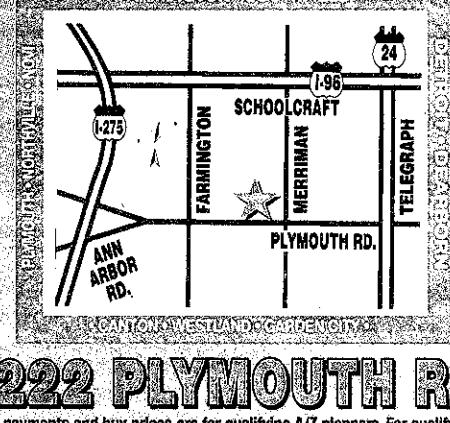
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