

SUBURBAN LIFE



Volleyball marathon

Fox 2 News weekend anchor Chelsea Centofanti chatted with Camp Casey's founder, Molly Melamed, and Walled Lake Western student Shayna Naomi about the 30th Annual Volleyball Marathon benefiting the horse camp for kids with cancer. The 20-hour volleyball event, held Feb. 27, raised more than \$30,000 for the local nonprofit that Melamed, a Walled Lake Western alumna, started in 2003.



Teacher of the year

Atenas High School English Teacher Pauline Walker will receive a free one-year lease of the car from the Suburban Collection after being named Wednesday as Troy Teacher of the Year. Walker, a 37-year veteran of the Troy School District, received the award at a surprise announcement in front of her Advanced Placement English class. The one-year lease of the vehicle of her choice is donated by the Suburban Collection. In addition to naming Walker the overall and High School teacher of the year, the Troy School District also announced Leonard Elementary fifth grade teacher Lisa Carruthers as elementary Teacher of the Year and Smith Middle School Teacher Kristine Casco as middle school Teacher of the Year.

Caller: Meat Out Day no big deal

The flack over Granholm's comment regarding Meat Out Day and the Michigan farmers need to get over it. They got variances from regulations, and cows contribute to global climatic change, they contribute to storm water run off degradation because of the sediment they turn up when they're walking. The cattle farmer in the state get a hell of a lot of breaks, and they need to just get over it. Not eating meat for a day is good for the environment, it's good for your health and having everybody not eat meat for one day isn't going to hurt the cattle farmers all that much. They need to get over it, learn to be healthy and learn to do more for the environment themselves.

SOUND OFF

Waterford Township
I am so sick and tired of the incessant bickering over health care in Washington. I'd like to know what they plan to do about illegal immigrants. With so many Americans unemployed, we're not as worried about health care as we are about paying our bills. The only thing we have heard about illegal immigrants is amnesty. They come here illegally and have taken our jobs so they can send our money to their home countries. Meanwhile, American citizens could, will or have lost their homes because they can't find employment. We don't need job creation bills. We need the jobs that illegal immigrants have stolen from us.

Independence Township

I was in the automotive business for over 40 years and I'm talking about all these recalls. We used to find out the defects

On the Web

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in the cars well before anybody else did. We tried to report them to the companies and the manufacturers would ignore us. And then we would even try to call the government NHTSA, and we were told by them that even though the situations could be fatal and the wheels were falling off of cars, if we weren't the registered owner of the car with the VIN number, we couldn't report it to them. They could only be notified after an incident and after an injury.

So it's a very, very flawed system because some of the stuff we knew 60 days after the problem existed and the recall didn't come out until a year-and-a-half later. I hope this clears it up a little bit, but it's just a sad situation for everyone.

Rochester

I was going north on Rochester Road, just a little ways past Stony Creek. The speed limit was 50. This lady behind me was talking on the cell phone.

If I would have had to stop, she would have been a passenger in the back seat of my car. Why do these people on cell phones like to ride your bumper? If they're going to talk on the cell phone, why don't they get off of the road? They're going to cause an accident. Please, people, don't ride people's butt when you're on the cell phone. It's unsafe.

Oxford

I'm a parent from Walled Lake. I'm really concerned with the privatization of the bus drivers. We got really wonderful bus drivers in the Walled Lake district. What I'm really concerned about is, they're going to outsource their jobs — also the custodians — who are they going to outsource these jobs to? These are community jobs within the Walled Lake district, maybe they might live a little over by the West Bloomfield district, the Commerce area, all that. If they're going to privatize, where are these drivers coming from? Or, are they just doing this to break the unions so they don't get their health benefits? Privatization is not cheaper; the only thing you're going to do is outsource their benefits and then pensions down the road. I think no to outsourcing and privatizing jobs in Michigan. It's just wrong.

Walled Lake

All right, federal judge! Three years and one month. One Detroit sleaze ball down, several more to go. As far as Kwame, just go ahead and put his butt in jail. It's costing Detroit more than \$1 million to play his circus and carnival games. Put the dirtbag in jail and let him rot.

Pontiac

A letter writer asked why is it all right for Christians to infiltrate our government, but not Islam. Because this Christian nation does not subjugate women, does not kill hundreds of thousands of its people as did Saddam Hussein, does not threaten to blow another nation off the map as does Ahmedinjad, does not close its eyes to acts of terrorism by fellow Christians like the Ku Klux Klan, and on and on.

Troy

■ The West Bloomfield High School class of 1960 will have a 50-year reunion Aug. 20-22. There will be a banquet Aug. 21 at Brentwood Country Club in White Lake Township. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Nancy (Mikki) McClurg Garrels at mikki42@hotmail.com, or Ralph Battishill at 248-391-9002.

■ A reunion for anyone who attended Clawson High School is at 10 a.m. Sept. 14 at the City Park Pavilion. Attendees should bring their own lunch. For more information, call Luella Joyce at 248-588-1892 or Al Somers at 248-588-1785.

■ Pontiac Central High School's class of 1969 will have a reunion June 25-27 in Pontiac. For more information, contact Joyce Shields at shieldsjlife@comcast.net, Denise Parpley Dokes at octomamas55@sbcglobal.net or 248-312-8748, or Aubrey Tipton at coachtip69@gmail.com.

■ The Warren Lincoln High School class of 1960 will have a 50-year reunion Oct. 9 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren. Call Kaye Elam Hajjar at 586-788-6887 or JoAnn Mallare Kern at 586-759-0950.

■ The USS Boston Shipmates

will have a reunion for crew members of all U.S. Navy ships named Boston July 8-11 in Washington D.C. Visit www.usboston.org or call 603-672-8772.
■ Warren Fitzgerald High School's class of 1968 will have a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Oct. 9 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren. Contact Ken Rix at kenrix@ameritech.net or 586-781-4552, or Bill Ziembra at billziembra1968@aol.com or 248-688-6216.
■ The Birmingham High School class of 1955 will have a 55-year reunion Sept. 24-26 at the Radisson-Kingsley Inn, 39475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. There will be a dinner on Sept. 25; cost is \$55. For more information, contact Pete Kass at MESKL@aol.com.
■ The USS Maddox Destroyer Association (DD-731, DD-622 and DD-168) will have a reunion Aug. 26-29 in Philadelphia, Pa. Contact Dennis Stokhaug at maddox64@aol.com or (282) 679-9409.
■ West Bloomfield High School's class of 1960 will have its 30-year reunion on July 17 at the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Additional events are planned throughout the weekend, including a pre-reunion mixer. A Facebook group for the

REUNIONS

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ A Careers in Transition support group, for members of the community who are seeking employment or considering a career change, meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church UCC, 1315 Pine St., Rochester. For more information, call 248-651-6225.
■ Hospice of Michigan will

host Grief Share, a series of support meetings, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. John Lutheran Church, 1011 W. University Drive, Rochester. The meetings are free to any adult member of the community who is mourning the death of a loved one. Call Margie Martin at 248-331-1323.
■ An Alzheimer Caregiver's Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Krieger Resource Center, Huron Valley Sinai

class has been formed and can be viewed by visiting www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48471044685&ref=ts. Contact Lori (Hess) Conklin at conklin@conklinsystems.com or (517) 663-6259, or Jill (Butts) Beaulac at jibea@cox.net or (714) 730-3533.
■ Warren Mott High School's class of 2000 will have their 10-year reunion at 7 p.m. April 17, at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac. Cost is \$55. Mail payments to P.O. Box 42, Milan, MI 48160. To pay via PayPal or for more information, e-mail Warrenmott2000@gmail.com.
■ Avondale High School's class of 1965 will have their 45-year reunion at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 21 on the Detroit Princess Cruise Ship. For more information, call Gerry at (248) 852-2609 or Mike at (248) 334-7021.
■ Oak Park High School's class of 1980 will have their 30-year reunion July 2-4, 2010. For more information, e-mail ophighschool1980@yahoo.com.
■ Pershing High School's class of 1960 will have their 50-year reunion in September 2010 at the Doubtless Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information, call Sherry (Bailey) Forbush at (248) 994-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington at (734) 585-7508.

■ A Stroke Support Group meets 2:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month in the atrium room of Genesys Regional Medical Center's Health Park campus, 1 Genesys Pkwy., Grand Blanc. To register or for more information, call 810-606-6520.

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