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MDEQ issues new park demands

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

State environmental officials are demanding far more extensive testing for contaminants in Central City Park, including whether 55-gallon drums may be buried at the Westland site.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is demanding that it be allowed to conduct the investigation at the county's expense.

Moreover, DEQ officials have shelved any remediation plans until they investigate the site formerly used as a dump site by its owner, Wayne County.

In a Jan. 12 letter to the county, DEQ Deputy Director Jim Sygo raised concerns that the park may be more contaminated than officials once thought.

Those concerns, he said, were heightened by pictures published Dec. 10 in the Westland Observer that showed the dump site in late 1970, complete with abandoned drums and extensive debris. The photos were taken by Westland resident Mark LeSuer, 52, when he was a John Glenn High School student.

The story and pictures "documented extensive landfilling and the disposal of numerous 55-gallon drums," Sygo wrote, "This information leads the DEQ to believe that contamination at the park may not be limited to only surficial lead contamination and that, consequently, additional investigative activities must be conducted at the property to determine the nature and extent of any additional risks."

Earlier, Wayne County officials had indicated the park was used from the 1930s to the 1970s as a dump site for street sweepings and catch basin residues.

County officials offered free lead screenings for 132 people who sought the testing, and results indicated that no one had lead levels above the 10 micrograms per deciliter that may pose a health risk.

Still, DEQ officials are demanding a much more thorough analysis of the site. The state also has stalled any remediation plans, with Sygo stating that "it is premature for the DEQ to determine appropriate (cleanup) requirements since the potential risks at the park to public health, safety, welfare and environment have not been fully identified."

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp issued a response to the latest DEQ demands Wednesday.

"This letter from MDEQ represents a significant and unfortunate departure from the previously agreed focus of remediating the site to prevent human contact

PLEASE SEE PARK, A5



Lena H. Nichols of Westland and grandson Joshua Howard Nichols, 7, join in singing Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing as the John Glenn JROTC members stand with flags representing different countries during Westland's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Annapolis Park Church of Christ. In the foreground (right), standing with Mexico's flag, is freshman Mitchell Young.

Crowd urged to emulate MLK

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Forty years after Detroit Lions cornerback Lem Barney became the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year, he still has the winning, crowd-rousing quality that earned him the nickname "the Supernatural."

Barney, 61, inspired a crowd Monday as he visited a Westland church and served as keynote speaker for the city's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

We should pattern our lives after great men like Martin Luther King Jr.," Barney told a diverse crowd that gathered inside Annapolis Park Church of Christ.

Best known as an NFL great who played in seven Pro Bowl games, Barney's message of love and equality also seemed to draw from his stint on backing vocals for Marvin Gaye, when he helped the late soul legend with What's Going On.

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a living essence of love," Barney said.

Remembering King's famous I Have A Dream speech, Barney, an ordained minister, implored the crowd to "let freedom ring," to "embrace the Ten Commandments" and to "give your love away."

PLEASE SEE KING, A7 celebration.



Lem Barney, NFL Hall of Fame Member and associate minister at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield, delivers the keynote address at the Westland Martin Luther King Jr.

'Power, control'

Godbout lashes out at council over political favors, nepotism

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

An angry Westland City Council member lashed out at his colleagues Tuesday night, accusing them of swapping political favors and supporting nepotism to fill two council vacancies in early January.

The public thrashing by Councilman James Godbout drew a swift and sharp rebuke from those he attacked, and it publicly revealed a clear rupture in council relations during an election year.

Godbout accused Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt of forming an alliance with colleagues Charles Pickering and Robert Stottlemyer in an effort to get Pickering appointed as mayor during a Jan. 3 meeting. Moreover, Godbout accused

Graunstadt of abandoning Pickering in the 11th hour and shifting her vote to mayoral appointee William Wild, in return for gaining support for council appointees she favored. "It was about power and con-

night, as a revamped council got off to a rocky start for 2007. His allegations startled his colleagues and made momentary allies of Graunstadt and Pickering, who fiercely denied

trol," Godbout charged Tuesday

his accusations and accused him of politicking. Graunstadt vehemently denied she had promised her support to either Pickering or Wild prior to

"As God is my witness, I did not make deals with anybody before I came to this meeting," she said.

the Jan. 3 meeting.

Pickering, who has often been publicly at odds with Graunstadt, confirmed that she had never pledged her support to him as a mayoral appointee to replace Sandra Cicirelli, who left the job to become a district judge.

Pickering accused Godbout of firing an early salvo during what will likely be a contentious election year, and Pickering said the council meeting "is not the place to do it."

Godbout's attacks came just 13 days after a council majority chose Wild as mayor and filled two council vacancies by appointing retired Washtenaw County sheriff deputy Dewey Reeves and United Auto Workers leader Bill Johnson.

Within minutes after Reeves complimented his council colleagues Tuesday for their conmitment to their elected positions, Godbout said Reeves was used as a pawn in a political power play.

Graunstadt called Godbout's remarks insulting to Reeves by implying that Reeves didn't win the appointment on his own merits.

Reeves actually won his appointment in a unanimous vote, while Johnson was chosen in a 4-2 split with Godbout and Councilman Michael Kehrer opposing him.

Firing another round Tuesday, Godbout alleged that Johnson's appointment violated an antinepotism clause in the city charter because Johnson is the brother of City Clerk Eileen DeHart. However, Godbout conceded that his opinion isn't shared by City Attorney Angelo Plakas.

DeHart attends council meetings as city clerk, but she has no voting powers.

Godbout's diatribe drew applause from some audience members attending Tuesday's meeting. However, others voiced disappointment that the council has started the year on such a confrontational note.

Some council watchers also noted privately that Godbout's attacks followed a Jan. 3 meeting in which he couldn't get support for a council leadership position, even though he nominated him-

Pickering was chosen as council president and Graunstadt as the second-in-command president pro tem.

Four council seats are at stake in this year's city elections those of Godbout, Kehrer, Reeves and Johnson. The mayoral job also will be on the ballot.

Petitions available for May school election

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Petitions are now available for residents of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools who are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Election. Two four-years terms, currently

held by board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger and Trustee Skip Monit, will be up for grabs in the election in the Tuesday, May 8, election.

"I have petitions ready right now for anyone who wants to file," said Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart who is in charge of the annual elec-

Residents interested in running must file petitions containing a minimum of 40 up to a maximum of 100 signatures of registered school district voters or pay a \$100 fee in lieu of petitions and an Affidavit of Identity by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The district includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Inkster, Canton, Dearborn Heights and Romulus, and residents of those communities can pick up the necessary paperwork tat the clerk's office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, or at the clerk's office in Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Roas, north of Michigan Avenue.

Both Monit and Pitsenbarger have indicated they will be seeking reelection.

Monit, a Wayne resident who is completing his second four-year term on the board, said he still feels "he wants to help the district prosper and help the students achieve.

"Î feel we're doing a great job," he said. "I've had the opportunity to oversee the improvements in the school buildings. That was kind of my roots when I came in and it's the thing I enjoy the most." Pitsenbarger, also a Wayne resi-

dent, is completing her third fouryear term and is the current board secretary







"I love the kids and I love seeing so

many good things happening in the district, "Pitsenbarger said. "If I can be a part of it, I will. It helps when I have people come up to me and tell me that they love the Wayne-Westland schools."

For more information, call the Westland City Clerk's office at (734) 467-3185.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Body exhibit motivates visitors to live healthy.

Wayne Memorial High class works Rec department hosts with Hamilton students on wants

It's not your usual student could benefit from the lesmix - high school students and second- and thirdgraders - but it happen when Wavne Memorial High School students visited Hamilton Elementary last month.

Enrolled in Kristin Chiasson's Consumer Education class, the Wayne High students spent time with youngsters in Jennifer Chambers third-grade classroom and Karen Dodds's second-third-grade split classroom talking about needs and wants.

It all started when Chiasson got the lesson idea from another teacher and decided to write a service learning grant to help pay for the activity. The grant paid for the students to come to Hamilton Elementary by bus, a halfday substitute Chiasson at Wayne High, books for the elementary students, and a pizza party for all involved.

Chiasson picked Chambers' class because they're sisters. They even brought their parents, retired Wayne-Westland educators Mike and Judy Hurley, in to help with the event.

Then they asked Dodds to join in so more students

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Even Hamilton Principal April Quasarano got involved, offering a warm welcome to the Wayne High students.

"They all thought it was so positive to bring the high school students to the elementary," Chambers noted. "All of the students were very thrilled and very involved."

The high school students came up with questions and activities that they could do with the elementary students about needs and wants. They did a chart, read them a story, had a discussion, and cut out needs and wants out of magazine.

In return, the Hamilton students taught their high school counterparts a song about wants.

The students had a wonderful time. It was amazing to see how well the students worked together. It showed them all how important education is," Chambers noted. "The Wayne High students were wonderful teachers."

The program was such a success that Chambers and Chiasson are hoping to "tag



Wayne Memorial High School students read to youngsters at Hamilton Elementary team" education more often. School as part of a service learning program on wants and needs.

annual ball, hoe-down

Moms and Dads, grab your favorite partner or that very special princess. The always popular Fairy Princess Ball and annual Daddy-Daughter, Mommy-Son Hoe-down are coming in February to the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

The hoe-down is for mothers and sons and fathers and daughters and will be 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Couples will be led through traditional square dances, mixers and special dances. There also will be a souvenir photo of the happy couples refreshments.

The cost is \$10 per couple, plus \$5 for each additional child. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, Jan. 31. No tickets will be available at the door.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, fathers will have a chance to escort their favorite princesses to the ball. There will be two dances 3-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m.

D.J. music master Patrick Elvy of Knights of the Sound Table will provide the music while some very special fairy godmothers that will be on hand to take care of the couple's every need. Each princess and her "date" will receive a souvenir photo, and there also will be refreshments.

The cost is \$15 per couple, plus \$7 for each additional child. Tickets must be pur-

chased by Thursday, Feb. 1. Corsages are available at \$7 each and must be purchased at the time of registration. No tickets or corsages will be available at the door.

Registration can be completed at the Bailey Recreation Center. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Coming in March is the Parks and Recreation Department's annual installment of the Nursery School Olympics for pint-sized athletes ages 18 months to five years.

The competition will take place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center. It will feature activities ranging from the Big Wheel Grande Prix, the Marshmallow Shot Put to the I-Did-A-Rod Hurdles. The course takes about 30-45 minutes, and every child will receive a certificate of participation and a medal, presented on the awards podium.

The event is sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, Westland Civitan Club, Westland Junior Civitan, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland and Westland Jaycees. It cost \$4 per child/athlete. Parents and spectators are free.

Pre-registration encouraged, but not required. For more information call (734) 722-

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Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 28, at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

Black History Month

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will honor Black History Month with a presentation by versatile storyteller Rosie Chapman, in the oral storytelling tradition, Miz Rosie

will recreate the courage of Harriet Tubman as she helped people to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The special family event will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Free tickets now are available at the Children's desk. For information, call the library at (734) -326-6123 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday - Saturday or noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Mentoring program

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Westland will sponsor "Educating Youth Through Mentoring" as part of its African American History Month in February.

The featured speakers will be former judge and current attor-

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ney Jeffery G. Collins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1; State Rep. Alma Wheeler-Smith, D-54th District, at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, Christopher Lindsey, principal of the Academy of Westland, at 7

p.m. Feb. 15, and Kay Williams-Hales, principal of Winship Elementary School in Detroit, at 7 p.m. Feb. 22. The public is invited to attend.

:Light refreshments will be served. The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Cigar party

Firing Line Indoor Gun Range and Gun Shop in Westland will sponsor its annual iung-raise benefit the Westland Police Department's Tactical Response

Doors will open at 5 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center for the fifth annual cigar party fund-raiser. The center is located on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

The fund-raiser has drawn hundreds of participants in past

The evening will include food, drinks, a silent auction, Vegasstyle games, prizes and mock

Night at the Races.

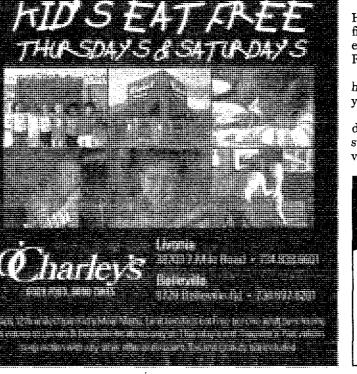
Tickets are \$50 until Feb. 16 and \$60 after that. They may be purchased by calling The Firing Line at (734) 326-7320, the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 or Westland police Officer Jeffery Kavanaugh at (734) 722-9600.

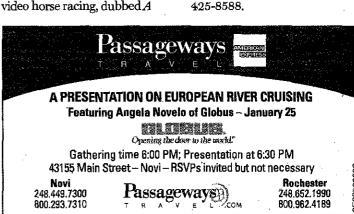
Free workshop

Contours Express will offer a free workshop, Balancing Hormones Naturally, for men and women of all ages at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Westland location at 6558 N. Wayne Road.

The workshop will look at how liver toxicity, adrenal fatigue, dehydration and nutritional defiimbalances. The many symptoms of hormonal imbalance include migraines, PMS, uterine fibroids, depression, insomnia, fatigue, allergies, acne, thinning hair, osteoporosis, menopausal symptoms, weight gain and more. Simple solutions to help detect hormone imbalances and how to solve them will be presented. Guest speaker is a nutritional expert with more than 25 years experience.

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Contest lets students reveal their dreams

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

As Stoney Flowers sees it, rap and rock stars need a more positive message in their music.

A ninth-grader at John Glenn High School, Flowers, fellow ninth-grader Anton Ford-Marshall and 11th-grader David Schultz were selected winners in the school's first poster contest honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Students were asked to create posters around the theme of "My Dream Like Martin Luther King's Dream," and write a short piece explaining what their dream is.

While Ford-Marshall and Schultz focused on the more traditional aspect of King's dream, Flowers looked at the unifying power of music.

"I want to bring Martin Luther King back to the future," Flowers said. "I want to keep everybody calm."

An aspiring comic book author, Flowers' poster included sketches of such artists as Kid Rock, Jay-Z, The Gang and Run-D.M.C. and the message that music can bring people

together.

"We need to have more positive rockers and rappers come together to make more positive songs," said Flowers.

"There's very few rap and rock artists that sing about cultural unity. Nobody's writing about music to change the world and have us come together."

A teacher encouraged Ford-Marshall to enter the contest because he's always drawing in class ... his math class. Using a photograph as a guide, he drew a portrait of the late civil rights leader and wrote a short piece about his dream of everyone getting along.

"Martin Luther King was a hero to everyone," he wrote. "He wrote speeches so everyone would understand his message."

Schultz created a shadow box, filled with photographs of people with disabilities and equipment for the disabled. It includes a picture of a lion with the distinctive circle with a slash through it and one of a lamb.

"The lion stands for people who want to solve everything with violence,



David Schultz used photographs clipped from old magazines to present his dream of treating everyone the same, even people with disabilities.

'We need to have more positive rockers and rappers come together to make more positive songs. There's very few rap and rock artists that sing about cultural unity. Nobody's writing about music to change the world and have us come together.'

Stoney Flowers

the lamb is a nonviolent creature like Martin Luther King," Schultz said.

Schultz's dream is that "everyone will be treated the same, even people with disabilities."

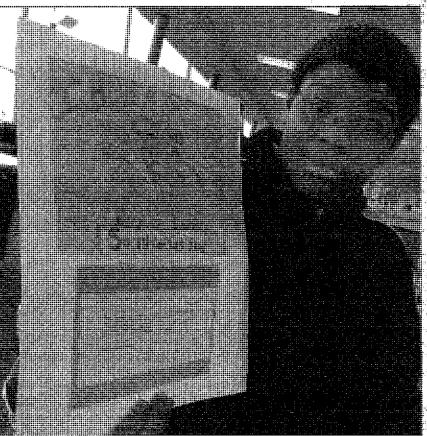
"I did a lot of thinking about Martin Luther King and his dream and what it's all about," said Schultz, who is confined to a wheelchair. "I believe programs like Special Olympics, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair soccer are the result of Martin Luther King's dream of equality and nondiscrimina-

As the winners of the contest, the three teens received movie passes, a gift certificate to the Gentry, the school store, and art supplies.

This is the first time the school has held a poster contest tied to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. According to Assistant Principal Marva Foster, there was a writing contest a few years ago. That concept was rolled into this year's contest with students asked to create a poster and then write about their dream.

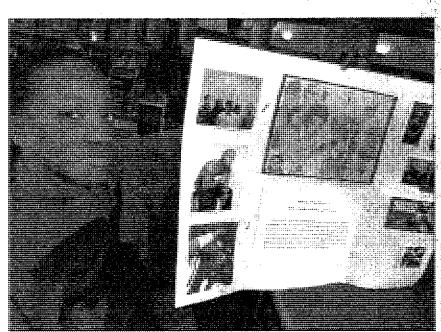
"The entries made a good connection with Martin Luther King and the subject," said Foster. "Diversity is extremely important, it's critical that students have various avenues to express their feelings. We want to keep diversity in the forefront."

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Anton Ford-Marshall focused on his dream of everyone getting along for his winning poster.



Stoney Flowers used his own sketches and photographs of different rockers and rappers to convey his message that there needs to be a more positive lyrics.







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To international journalists, Detroit is still Motor City

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The domestic auto industry may be in turmoil because of declining vehicle sales and lost market share that's resulted in hundreds of thousands of blue and white collar layoffs and buvouts.

But, make no mistake about it. Despite the disarray of the traditional Big 3 — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler many foreign journalists covering the North American International Auto Show still consider Detroit the Motor

City.
"I think so, because Detroit (automakers) still has power, they have the technology and much money still," said Shinichi Hisadome, staff correspondent for the Tokyo Shimbun. "The Big 3 is a symbøl of American rich"

More than 6,000 journalists - radio, television and print \dashv from around the world converge on Cobo Center as both domestic and foreign car companies unveil new models and concept vehicles.

"It's very important because it's the initial big motor show, and we can get the strategy of Japanese automakers, as well as GM, Ford and Chrysler," said Hisadome.

As for the Japanese take on Toyota's bid to surpass General Motors as the world's top carmaker, Hisadome said, "It's epic-making."

Italian television producer



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because they are less expen-

However, that's not the case

in and around Toronto, where

"If you drive around, you'll

see more American cars than

Farooq, a writer for Driving

Emotion in Toronto. "Maybe

it's because of the value, you

get a bigger car for less money. Maybe it's more of a favoritism

to our neighbor to support the

Farooq said Toronto is the

auto capital of Canada, but

Japanese," said Nauman

the Big 3 have a major pres-

have more Japanese cars

Bernd Wieland from Germany (from left), Naga Tan and Baeng Halin both from Indonesia were among the thousands of members of the media who converged on Cobo Hall for the 2007 North American International Auto Show.

sive,"

brands."

ing the Detroit auto show to view the new car line-ups, especially since many of the new product lines aren't as prevalent in Italy and throughout Europe.

"Your cars are huge, faster, more powerful and more expensive for fuel, which we have to consider in Europe," Ripellino said. "You say your fuel is very expensive, it's not true. We pay \$3 a liter, which is only a quarter gallon. That's the reason why they don't sell a lot of American cars in Europe, unless they sell it in diesel.

"No Italian people can own a Mustang, Corvette or Hummer," Ripellino said. "You have to be very rich to

"Toronto's is a much smaller show, and we don't get too many unveils," Farooq said. "If you want to see all the latest, greatest concept cars, Detroit is the show to come to." While the car companies

may be on a downward slide, the City of Detroit's image is getting two-thumbs-up by journalists.

"I love Detroit because of the history here," said Ripellino. "Something happened in the past that changed the world, the beginning of the production of cars in an industrial way. And for music, Motown was born here."

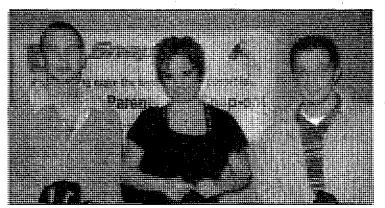
Ripellino said she feels safe visiting Detroit, but that wasn't the case when she first covered the auto show seven years

"I had a perception of a town after the war," Ripellino said. "You took the sky train (People Mover) and there were destroyed skyscrapers."

That was the same impression Hisadome had of Detroit during his last visit 10 years

"I saw the city a little bit ruined and not so clean," said Hisadome, who was trying carefully to be diplomatic. "I came back and I think it's becoming cleaner and there is new construction in certain areas of downtown. I think it's a symbol of recovering of the

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Kristina Plummer (center) won first place, while fellow William D. Ford Career Technical students Dan Brown and John Kovacs placed sixth in the 2007 Snap-

Local students win in auto show's Tech Trek

William D. Ford Career Technical Center instructors Jim Schirmer and Mark Batko and a group of their students are getting kudos after pulling in honors at the 2007 Snap-on North American International Auto Show Tech Trek last week.

Tech Trek attracted 150 high school students who work in teams of two to complete a 50-question test on automotive technology. The answers were found on the showroom floors.

North Farmington High School walked away with the grand prize and a \$3,000 Snap-On tool set. Just one point behind was the William D. Ford Career Technical Center Team.

Kristina Plummer came in first. She won \$75 and a Snap-On air ratchet set for herself and the same for her classroom. Plummer completed the test without the assistance of a teammate. She is a second year auto tech student at the Career Tech

Also winning in the contest was the team of Dan Brown and John Kovacs who placed sixth. They each won a Snap-On 1/4inch drive flexhandle ratchet set.

Snap-On also sponsored a continental breakfast and lunch for the students. After the competition, NAIAS Senior Chairman Bob Thibodeau and his co-chair Carl Galeana spoke to the students about the automotive industry.



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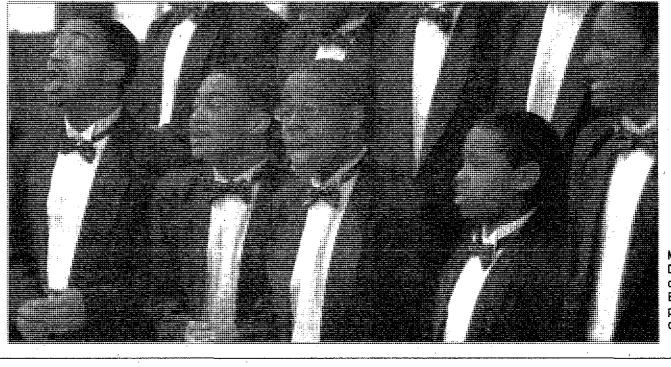






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Franklin Middle School seventh-grader ZaaKirah Roper was a winner in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest.



Members of the **Detroit School** of Arts Male Ensemble perform at the celebration.

KING

FROM PAGE A1

Barney came to Detroit from Jackson State University in Mississippi – a state where African-Americans struggled against some of the worst violence committed against them.

Even so, Barney lamented Monday, "We have too much violence today. We should do more loving. We should be more respectful of one another."

He recalled how King's commitment to racial equality - and his peaceful acts of protest - ultimately cost him his life when he was gunned down in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968 at age 39.

"He paid a great price - a steep price - for what he believed in," Barney said.

Borrowing from an African proverb, Barney said that King's spirit can live on in those committed to fulfilling his dream.

"Though a man dies, if you remember him, he will live forever," he said.

Barney's message was reinforced by others during Monday morning's celebration of King

become a Westland tradition, students from John Glenn High School's JROTC program carried flags representing different countries.

The Rev. Terrance McClain, pastor of Annapolis Park Church of Christ, said King's message "still permeates our lives" even though the dream hasn't been fully realized.

During a later interview, McClain voiced worries about laws such as Michigan's Proposal 2, which last November rolled back strides in affirmative action.

"Some of us are still judging each other by the color of our skin," McClain said.

During the program, the church's PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) Choir and the Detroit School of Arts Male Ensemble stirred the crowd with separate performances of spiritual songs.

The DSA group's director, Cheryl Valentine, recalled living in Mississippi when schools were being desegregated.

When Valentine's group had finished singing, Westland Deputy Mayor Courtney Brown mistress of ceremonies remarked, "That was beautiful."

Westland City Council President Charles Pickering, addressing the crowd, recalled reading Barney's book, Lem Barney: The Supernatural. Pickering called it fate that Barney came to Detroit to play football shortly after racial problems touched off rioting in 1967.

"That was the year of the riots, and I think God sent him here to be with us during that time,' Pickering said, adding that

Barney became a role model and inspiration for others.

Pickering also borrowed a quote from Barney's book, saying that Dr. King's death "was a dagger in the heart of all reasonable people."

Westland Mayor William Wild said King's message of peace "should always remain a priority for all of us."

Wild introduced four students whose posters about King's life

were chosen as the best during a city-sponsored contest. Standing on stage with their posters were top winner Zaakirah Roper, a Franklin Middle School seventhgrader, along with runners-up

Asha Smith, an Elliott Elementary fourth-grader; Colin Covin, an Adams Middle School seventh-grader; and Michael Coats, a P.D. Graham secondgrader.

The Rev. John Duckworth of

the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church led a closing prayer in which he said, "Lord, help us to look beyond our differences and to work together as

Then, as a team, the crowd stood and sang together what many consider the black national anthem - Lift Eviry Voice and

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Looking for something special to give your favorite Valentine this year?

The Wayne Memorial High School Zebra Parents Advisory Council has an suggestion: Tickets to its Valentine Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The dinner will be held at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m.

The dinner will be prepared by Chef Tony Paquette, head of the center's culinary arts program and include a homemade chocolate mousse.

There also will be a silent auction featuring a variety of Zebra collectibles.

"We had a Wayne High alumnae pass away last year and the family donated hundreds of Zebra items," said Z-PAC member Noel Derr. "There's everything from Zebra salt and pepper shakers and Beanie Babies to framed art."

Z-PAC also is looking for sponsors for the dinner.

Platinum sponsors receive two tickets to the dinner for

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cash donations will help pay for centerpieces for the tables, roses for the ladies as they arrive and chocolates for the men and gift cards to be used in the silent auction. This is the second year Z-

a \$250 donation, while gold a \$100 gold sponsor receives

one ticket. There's also silver

and bronze sponsorships for

The group also is accepting

\$50 and \$25 donations

respectively.

PAC has held the dinner to raise money for a farewell dinner the group will host for Wayne High's Class of 2007. The sit-down dinner is held the last week the seniors are in school.

"It's a really beautiful dinner and there's a gift for the seniors," said Derr. "It's an opportunity for the kids to have a fine dining experience before they go off into the real world.

Because seating is limited, only 125 tickets will be sold. They're priced at \$40 per person or \$75 per couple.

Tickets as well as more information about sponsorships are available by calling the Wayne High Principal John Albrecht at (734) 419-2200.

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1484-Carla Hickman- 12 Boxes, 2 Couches, Portable TV

2246- Tameka Browning-Kitchen Chair, Dryer, Washer 2283-Tammy Butler- 20 Boxes, Dresser, 11 Totes

1576-Donald Keith- Chair un-upholstered, Dresser, 5 Totes

2079-Rolin Pettway- Bed Mattress, Microwave, Refrigerator

2242-Julie Stratton- 40 Bags, Dining Table, 2 Rocking Chairs

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **JANUARY 22, 2007**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on January 22, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed DDA/TIFA Development Plan Ordiance:

> STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CITY OF GARDEN CITY

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO ADOPT THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 197 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1975; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS, PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE.

Following the recommendation of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") December 12, 2006 and having conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Second Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (Exhibit "A") on January 22, 2007, the City Council, upon its review, finds that these plans meet the following standards and criteria as set forth in Section 19 (1) of Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended ("Act 197"):

- The Development Plan for the Authority's Development Area meets the requirements set forth in Section 17(2) of Act 197 in that it contains all of the requirements of Act 197 enumerated in the Ordinance as subparagraphs (a)-(p).
- The Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Development Area meets the requirements as set forth in Sections 14 and 15 of Act 197.
 - (a) This section provides for an explanation of what is required to be included in the Development Plan and what is included in the Tax Increment Financing Plan as well as the obligations of the City Treasurer regarding the transmitting of tax increment revenues. This subsection also includes the requirements of the reporting obligation of the DDA to the City Council and the State Tax Commission as well as publication of the annual report in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- 3. 9. These sections provide for the remainder of the requirements of Act 197 including that the development is reasonable and necessary, the Development Plan is in reasonable accord with the Master Plan, public services will be adequate and the Plans are in the public interest of the Township.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF THE PLANS.

Premised upon the determinations made in Section 1 above and upon further finding that the execution of the Plans appears to be in the best interest of the City of Garden City, the Plan attached as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted by reference. No amendment to said Plans shall be effective unless it is approved by the City Council in accordance with the procedures established in Act 197 of 1975, as amended.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the City Clerk of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the City Clerk, Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

> ALLYSON M. BETTIS Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1367E - Proposed Land Division, Parcels #069-99-0005-001 and -0006-003, East Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Jihad Dabaja

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 6,

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 1 - 1/03/07

Presiding: Council President Wild Present: Godbout, Graundstadt, Kehrer, LeBlanc, Stottlemyer,

Pickering 1-Change order of business to make appointments first item on the

agenda. 33-Dewey Reeves appointed to Council.

35-William Wild appointed Mayor. 41-Bill Johnson appointed to Council.

43-Charles Pickering elected Council President. 45-Cheryl Graunstadt elected Council President Pro-Tem.

47-Approved minutes of regular mtg held 12-18-06. -Approved bid Round VII Grant; Metering Inflow and Infiltration, City cost \$187,010.00.

-Approved amendment to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Services Contract to increase fees to original contract.

-Adopted Budget Amendment 2007-08; Refurbish dump truck; amount of

-Adopted Budget Amendment 2007-09; Emergency boiler for City Hall; amount

-Adopted prepared resolution accepting Westland Assoc. Partners, LLC, Long Term Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement, and directs Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City. 49-Approved Checklist Activity: \$858,401.83 & Prepaid:

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

CHARLES W. PICKERING Council President

EILEEN DEHART

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City Clerk

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3110-James Craft: curio, totes, dresser 3004-Tammara Johnson: lawn equipment, clothing, 20 bags

3118-Ronald Staples II: suitcase, chairs, table 3204-Duane Cummings: golf clubs, stereo, sports equipment 1132-Quartesia Fields: big screen TV, couch, love seat

2056-Mike Witkowski: Pool table, stove, dryer

2054-Mike Witkowski: stereo, lawn mower, ladder 3034-Gerald Simmons: armoire, exercise equipment, dresser

6046-Universal Video: tools, weight bench 5156-Arthur Dozier: couch, loveseat, bike

5078-Sharon Watkins: stereo, entertainment center, toys 4082-Tonya Battle: record albums, tote

4072-Dawn Banny: toys, totes, stereo 4014-Jessica Burton: totes, microwave, computer

2086-Mark Borg: bike, scooter, boxes 1246-Nia Higgins: TV, bike, dresser On the premises where said property has been stored and which

are located at Public Storage, 41877 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 254-0243 on 1/30/2007 at 11:00 AM

Personal property described below in the matter of: 2032-Gregory Johnson: entertainment center, toys, chair

2030-Kathy Owens: vacuum, stove, ladder 4017-Brandi Weyer: TV, stove, couch 9260-Dustin Mitchell: computer, boxes, chair

9210-Martin Caruana: microwave, computer, chair 9209-Martin Caruana: tool box, chair, boxes 4052-Orlando Austin: mini bike, microwave, toys

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3007- Edward Kowalick- construction equipment 3020- Richard Valentine- computer, tool box, Tv 3095-Karl Moore- fish tank, refrigerator, tool box

3096- Ann Marie Reddig- headboard, china cabinet, stove 4021- Martin Riddle- TV, boxes, totes 4033- David Simmons- toys, totes, 25 boxes 5003- Dennis Pustelak- mattress set, refrigerator, washer

5011- Joie Clish- kitchen chair, boxes, misc. items

3029- David Kaszubowski - dresser, 15 totes, vacuum

Personal property described below in the matter of

3041-Samuah Crawley-chair, couch, freezer

1010- Sara Gorham- books, clothing, vacuum

1014- Randy Skiver- boxes, computer, speakers 2077- Chanda Stewart- 10 boxes, dresser, toys

5018- Frank Kenny- 20 boxes, kitchen table, folding chairs

5055- Robert Howell- 2 bags, boxes, sled 5059- Jason Floyd- mattress set, boxes, totes

5069- Carl Hicks- 15 boxes, dryer, washer 5079- John Reardon- mattress set, love seat, TV 5081- Reinhard Sendow- boxes, dining table

6031- Charles Ray-filing cabinet, lawn mower, chair

7002- Chad Fountain-mattress set, fish tanks, boxes

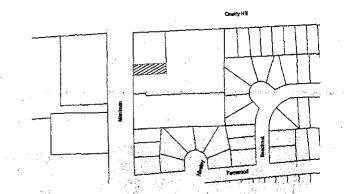
7057- Kelli Hoilfield-head board, 20 boxes, 10 totes 9039- Eddie Roberts-Ellis- 66 boxes

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1450B - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Automotive Repair and Sales, 38276 Abruzzi Drive, Parcel #052-05-0021-000, East Side of Abruzzi Drive, East of Hix Road, South of Ford Road, Azzam Jawad (Donato Tullio)



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NFL charities to benefit from Big Game Gala

STAFF WRITER

To celebrate the NFL playoffs and set the stage for the upcoming Super Bowl, fans and former players will gather at a local comedy club and raise some money for worthy national and local charities.

The second annual Legends of the Big Game Gala will be held at the Kickers Entertainment Complex, 36071 Plymouth Road, starting at noon Sunday, Jan. 21 — one hour before kickoff of the first playoff game that day.

Milan Stevanovich is the executive producer of the event. The party came together for the first time last year in the run up to the Super Bowl.

"There were parties everywhere and few of them had anything to do with football," he said. "We decided to do something different."

The gala put former and current football players together with aspiring ones to have a Super Bowl party that had a real focus on football.

This year, organizers are honoring Hall of Fame finalist Charlie Sanders by using the event as a fund-raiser for Family2Family, Sanders' charity of choice. Family2Family is a Southfieldbased service organization that provides assistance in the form of clothing, food,

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Money for the local and national charities will be raised through a raffle and live and silent auctions.

"The main raffle is for an all-expenses paid trip to the Super Bowl in Miami," Stevanovich said. "There are 200 tickets only and they go for \$100 each."

Second prize in the raffle is \$1,000 and third is \$500. The money goes to the NFL alumni organization emergency fund and to the 200 NFL children's charities.

Kickers, owned by former NFL kicker Pete Stoyanovich, has been in the busi-

Whitehead said the "Comedy for a Cause" program was spawned as a cure for the all-too-common cookie and candy sales drives.

"When we started this, I had kids in school and I hated fund-raisers," she said. "This way, people can give money to the schools and get something they have a use for rather than candy they don't want to eat or wrapping paper they can't use until Christmas."

Nonprofit groups can promote and sell tickets to a specific show at the comedy club. Out of the \$12 ticket, \$3 goes to the club and the rest goes to the chari-

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"The charity can make up to \$1,800 on the 150 seats in the club," Whitehead

The main items in the Legends event live auction are tickets to VIP events in Miami, host of this year's Super Bowl. The silent auction will be bids placed on donated products and services from area businesses. Stevanovich and the other event organizers are still looking for corporate sponsors for the event. Interested parties can call him at (248) 767-2007. Space at the gala is limited and the organizers strongly recommend people purchase raffle packages before the event. Tickets are \$35 per couple and include two drink tickets and appetizers.

with presumed contaminated surface soil, and returning it to use as a park for the community," Helmkamp said. "The county is reviewing the extraordinary factual claims and demands for further invasive investigative activities contained in the letter and will respond appropriately."

DEQ officials want to determine whether buried wastes exist, such as 55-gallon drums, by conducting geophysical tests. State officials also said the investigation should include trenching and "test

DEQ officials want further study of potential "hot spots" of contamination. They also are demanding tests to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of landfilling - and a determination of all contaminants using standards that would apply to residential property.

Finally, the state is seeking a determination on whether potential buried wastes may

be emitting methane gas. Sygo wrote that DEQ officials realize the further tests can be time-consuming, expensive and frustrating.

"However," he said, "given the clear risks to the public health, safety, welfare and environment posed by conditions at the park, the DEQ believes that it is imperative that this work be conducted in an expedited manner.'

DEQ officials are seeking full access to the site to conduct their investigation, but they noted that the county will remain liable for any remediation efforts.

The county started leasing the park to the city in 1978. Administration officials at both levels kept quiet for years about park contamination, prompting a public uproar when the controversy erupted in early November.

Newly appointed Westland Mayor William Wild, who said he just learned of the problem late last year from former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, has ordered the site closed off with a chain-link fence.

He also has established an administrative task force to keep the public informed about the park situation. On Tuesday, he asked that Westland City Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt - outspoken on contamination issues and one of her colleagues be appointed as council liaisons to the task force.

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Big 3 cars still favorites with metro Detroiters

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroiters like their

And, unlike most areas of the country, they still favor the Big Three - General Motors, Ford and Chrysler - when it comes to their favorites at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Exhibition Center in downtown Detroit.

"I'm just looking at GM models because I drive one now," said Jennifer Jerore of Livonia, who currently owns a Trailblazer. "I won't go back to a car. I like the size of an SUV, and that I'm sitting up higher. I don't like sitting in little cars anymore, I feel like I'm going to get run down on the road."

Many at the auto show have connections to the Big Three, and are willing to support them, while still getting a glimpse of what the competition has to offer.

Paul Hamway of Plymouth

Township said his connection to the auto industry is through Mopar Parts, which produces original equipment parts and accessories for Dodge, Jeep and Chrysler vehicles.

"My brother is retired from Mopar, my mother and mother-in-law worked there ... and I have a 2005 Ram (pickup)," Hamway, 67, said. "I'm a domestic car guy because this area is really connected to the domestic car industry."

Hamway said he'd like to see Cobo Center expanded to keep Detroit's auto show No. 1 in

daughter, 31-year-old Julie Hamway of Howell.

"I like the (Mercury) Lincoln and the (Jeep) Grand Cherokee," she said. "I like the expensive cars, especially the American cars."

Jason Rydzewski and George Phillips, both 23 and from Rochester Hills, spent the day looking at some of the fast

"I like the new (Chevrolet) Camaro concept," Rydzewski said. "It looks tough and retro, like the old Camaro, but with new style."

important. I would pay extra to get it."

Doty was impressed while looking at the options on the Jeep Compass Sport 4x4.

"I didn't think you could go away with a four-wheel-drive, 2007 Jeep for \$20,000," said Doty, "with quite a few options like power windows, power door locks, and keyless remote

"That means I can call my friend from Chrysler and get his employee purchase and get if for less than 20-grand," added Doty, who drives a 1999 Dodge and also owns a 1986 Jeep Commanche pickup. "It could happen."

In the good-natured sparring on whether Ford or

Chrysler had better products, Markey got in the last word.

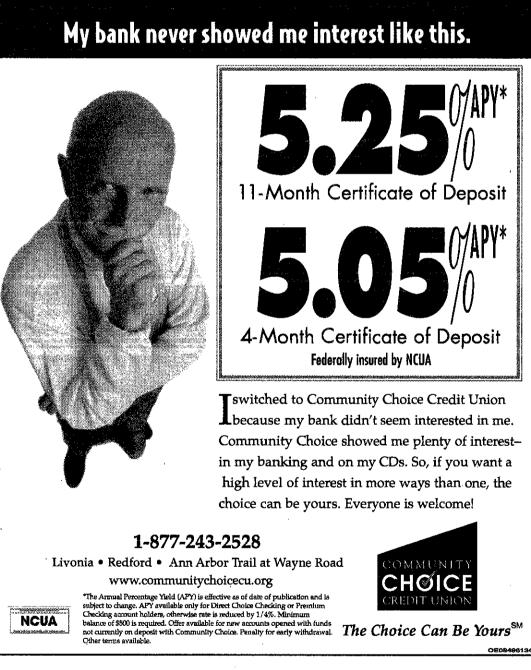
"We know Ford has better products," she said.

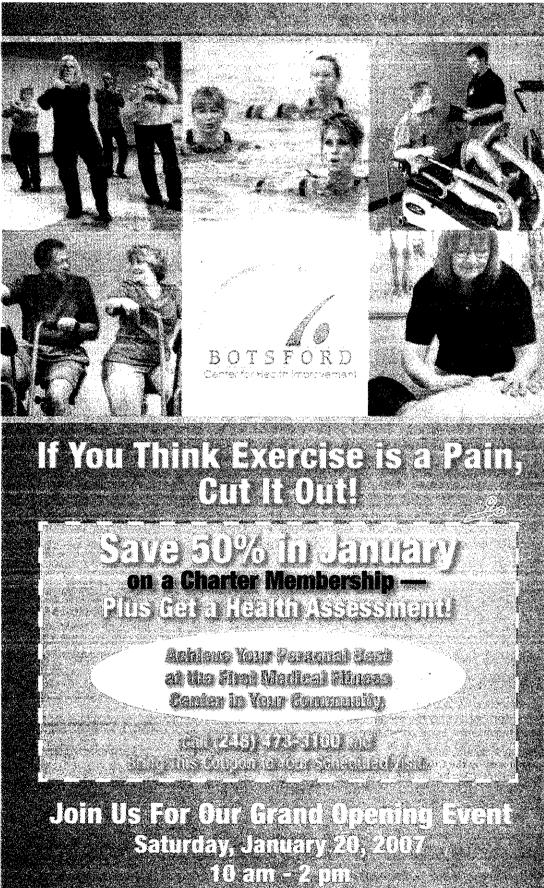
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OUR VIEWS

Now is the time to get involved

More than 40 years ago, President John F. Kennedy implored the nation's youth to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

With deadlines for filing application to run for public office looming, perhaps it's appropriate to paraphrase the late president in terms of what residents can do for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.



People wishing to run for the Board of Education have until Feb. 13 to make that decision and get 40 signatures on a petition. You can pay a \$100 fee to get around the 40-signature requirement.

Two seats are up for grabs in the May school board election: Two four-year terms held by Skip Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger.

Traditionally, there isn't a lot of interest in being elected to it. Four years ago, the only challenge Pitsenbarger and Monit faced was a last minute write-in campaign, and if the past two years are any indication, there most likely will be no challengers on May 8.

It's important to get people involved in running for the school board. And in Wayne-Westland, the potential pool of candidates is not only vast, but talented. They come from all personal, professional and economic walks of life. A vaunted field could be put together from such a diverse group.

So, if you've been thinking there must be something you can do for your community; if you've been thinking you'd like to know more about your school board, and if you've been thinking you'd like to hold a public office, now is the time to do it.

Area's Congressional delegation should unite

These are tough times for suburban Detroit's Congressional delegation. Returning to work after the holiday break, the Republican-dominated delegation found themselves in unfamiliar waters: Out of power and shunned to the political sidelines.

With Democrats seizing control of both the U.S. House and Senate thanks to the November general election, there has been a shift of power away from the suburban



Republicans, namely Joe Knollenberg Bishop Oakland County and Thaddeus McCotter in western Wayne. Now, veter-

an Democratic Congressmen John Dingell, John Conyers and Sander Levin, along with U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, have the influence to set — and, indeed, change - the direction of this country.

It is understandable if the Democrats feel the urge for a little political payback time against their Republican counterparts, even if they do represent the same state. The past six years have been anything but nonpartisan,

as the Republicans, led by President George W. Bush, have used their control of both the House and Senate to ramrod an agenda with little interest in hearing from the other side.

The political swagger displayed by Bush and the Republicans has done little to help this nation, and even less to help the state of Michigan. Just ask the Big Three automakers, who had to practically beg on their knees to get a meeting with the president to discuss the crisis facing the domestic auto industry.

But there is no time for two more years of politics as usual. The state of Michigan is in a real crisis, and it needs Washington's help to find solutions.

It is going to take a unified delegation to fight for our state, be it getting its fair share in federal transportation dollars, helping establish sound policy to encourage new and emerging industries to locate in Michigan, or passing tough environmental legislation to help secure and protect the Great Lakes.

The golden rule should also apply to members of Congress when they go about conducting the affairs of the nation.

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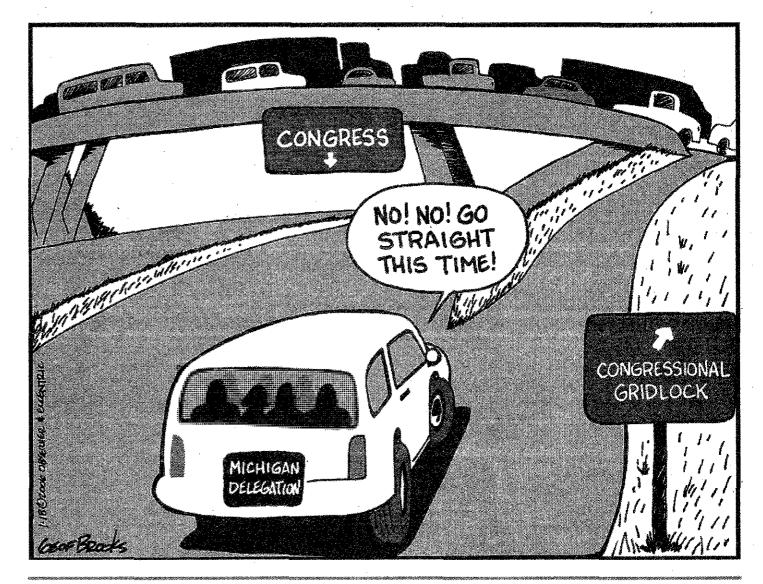
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LETTERS

Council's own agenda

I happened to watch the Jan. 3 council meeting and found it interesting that a new council person chose to vote on the second vacancy. Was he privy to all the information of those people submitting their names prior to the meeting OR did someone tell him how to vote?

It wasn't fair to the other nominees for Mr. Reeves to vote without knowing those other persons.

I found it interesting that the clerk had to explain the laptop to Mr. Reeves, but did not have to explain the laptop to her brother. Was he privy in having a private training

I found it interesting that two people were appointed to council who are inexperienced. It appears that the elected officials had their own agenda and were not concerned about the community.

Andy L. Schmidt

Democracy in action?

What on earth is happening in Westland? Not only are some of the citizens and their families suffering anxieties and possible lifetime health problems due to park contamination, but we, as citizens, had to also witness that "dog and pony show" called interun elections at the last city council meeting.

Was anyone surprised at the outcome? I doubt it. However, one very positive thing did happen, Councilwoman Graunstadt became Pro Tem. We've always desperately needed her to keep us abreast of the truth and she's never disappointed us. Congratulations to her and to the two new council members as well.

My prayers also go out to Georgia Becker and her family and all families in the same situation due to the contamination at Central City Park.

Perhaps all this could have been avoided if information had been more forthcoming, allowing citizens to make their own decisions. Or perhaps keeping the information from us until early November 2006 was for LaFern Deeter

Westland

Park contamination

I just received the results from my blood test from Wayne County, "LESS THAN 2." I knew it would not be bad, and the results from the Garden City child came back with "Less than 3" and that is great.

I spent anywhere from 30-70 hours a week on those two diamonds, rainy days, cloudy days, sunny days. I have been up to my ankles in water out there. I have kneeled down on the ground and dug in the dirt on both fields.

I knew it was a dump, I played out there in it when I was a kid. I came to the City Council meeting and told them that, yes, it was a dumping spot for Wayne County, and I told them they forgot to mention the stoves, washers, dryers, tires, fridges, dead animals. The Wayne County guy said he had no idea, and with the NEW information I gave they would have to do more research, and then the pictures came out ... I told you, I am not worried about this lead thing at all. I am more concerned that the city had information and chose NOT to share it with the citizens, that is the only thing that both-

ers me. What IF something really did happen to us out there? Someone decided NOT to say anything. WHO, WHY, WHAT gave them the idea not to tell us.

What I am also concerned about is that they are closing a great park. They have fenced it off ... to die a lonely death, and that's a shame. These are trace levels outdoors in an area that in size is very different than if they found it in your home, I will volunteer to live out there for the next six months in a tent to prove this area is safe. If I can spend as many hours out there as I do and am less than 2, all of us are safe. One of the guys from Parks and Rec who is out there constantly also was less than 1.

It is a crying shame that they hid it. Had they came out and said there might be a chance, or hey, we found this, nobody would be out there complaining now. Now it is the great Westland cover up, and no, it really isn't the stuff that was out there that was covered up a long time ago, it is gone ... and now so is our beautiful park.

We have lost two diamonds for the kids, a walking path for all, a soccer field, a play structure that was just awesome ... pretty soon it is going to be like an old western movie where all you see is tumbleweeds rolling across the fields, What a waste.

Bud Somerville

Let cuts start in Lansing

The news of late about the state deficit says more cuts and taxes. I see the old Democrats are back! All Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to do is cut services, like schools, prison systems, health care for the poor, as usual. I do not see any cutbacks for the politicians, like staff, salary, gas, health care, travel, all kinds of perks, 401Ks, high salaries for themselves.

Do we need all of these politicians, seeing we lost 10,000 people in the state last year alone? These politicians seem exempt from belt tightening. We pay our politicians in all branches of government too much money and benefits. Higher retirements, high salaries, the best benefits.

All you politicians want to reduce is responders like fire department, EMS, police. What are you people doing with all the taxes you take in casinos, cell phone usage, tax money you take in on car sales that you do not deduct the trade-in value like you are supposed to. Yet I get charged on the \$40,000. What are you doing with all those taxes?

You people need to get your house in order before you start taxing the common people! Every time you pick up the paper or see the news, it always seems to be bad! We need to address the real problem. Too many. politicians! We need less and the ones you keep, put to work! Some senators and House people work two days a week. What a job! And they answer to no one.

Jennifer, do we really need a lieutenant governor? Let's adjust accordingly. Start in Lansing, your home base!

Wayne L. Mirth Westland

Path shouldn't be closed

I think it's a darn shame, the new city mayor closed up the entire park. EVEN the path around the park. Some of us FAT people need that path to walk on. I bet that is

NOT contaminated. Come on mayor, don't blow this thing out

of control. You may get sued by those people that live across the street. Their house value will go or may have gone down because of that! Would you like to see a gate across the street from your house that says contaminated park.

You are blowing this up too much. I'm surprised the city people aren't firing your butt by now. You aren't making much of an impression on me so far. You just spent a bunch of money on fencing that we can't afford. How are you going to use that fencing after you take that down? Probably throw it away in the field beside the park.

NO mayor in their right mind would have done what you did. I call for impeachment.

Mari Squire

Stop trashing U.S.

This Letter to the Editor is in regards to a reader's response from the Jan. 11th edition of the Observer. The letter was written by Rifat Audeh, "Letter Writer Wrong.

As I carefully read this person's letter, I became a little "fumed" to say the very least, especially at the end of that letter when I saw where the writer was from. Now, don't get me wrong people, I am all for freedom of speech. I hold the freedoms that we were given by our forefathers very near and dear to my heart.

The thing that I found myself upset over was the fact that the writer was from CANADA! I may be "politically incorrect" in saying this (I really DON'T CARE), but I don't think that someone from another country has ANY right in saying ANY-THING about MY country or government! Especially in a newspaper here in the United States!

Maybe that writer should stick to issues concerning Canada. Oh, by the way, does that writer realize that it is CANADA that trucks in how many TONS of CANADIAN TRASH into my state of MICHIGAN?

I would strongly suggest that the writer start "trashing" his/her own government and leave the United States and OUR affairs to us AMERICANS!

I am sick and tired of people from other countries publicly trashing the United

States! This is OUR home! God Bless the United States of America!

Mark Blackwell Wayne

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QUOTABLE

"In their eyes, I could see how it would have been a big decision to send some young men to jail for the rest of their lives, so I have to accept the verdict."

Charles McClain about the conviction of three men charged in the beating death of his son Ronald Wayne McClain

Power

It's hoped Ford's legacy will help inspire today's leaders

ack in 1975, along with some other Michigan folks, I was invited to visit Jerry Ford at the wante.

Those were the days when some of us in the media

and the colling the regular guy we'd were still getting used to calling the regular guy we'd known as Jerry "President Ford." Even "Gerald Ford" seemed a bit formal and strange.

I had known Ford — slightly — when I had run the Washington office of another Michigan congressman in the mid-1960s. And by the time the '70s rolled around, I was the publisher of a bunch of newspapers.

Why was I invited? I always figured Jerald terHorst, The Detroit News political writer who was for a brief time Ford's press secretary, put me on the guest list. And I likely stayed on because, well, it's always prudent to be nice to newspaper publishers from your home state.

As we talked back and forth, I reflected that Ford as president was exactly as I had known him as a member of Congress. Solid. Direct. Straightforward. He was much brighter than the comedi-

ans made him out to be. He had perfect-

ed the masterful art of fiddling with his pipe to give him time to reflect on a question. I've met a fair number of presidents over the years, but Ford's down-home demeanor in the White House was the least pompous of

Ford's reputation as president has steadily grown since the days when he sent his ratings plunging and made a lot of folks very angry when he granted a full pardon to former President Nixon, one month into his administra-

But what was castigated as a cynical political deal back then has come to be regarded in the fullness of time as a vital step in ending the long national night-

Make no mistake about it - Ford was a staunch conservative Republican partisan. But he was a man who saw opponents as adversaries, not enemies. Richard Norton Smith, former head of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, put it this way: "In contrast to today, certainly President Ford never confused compromise with surrender, or moderation with weakness. And while he had adversaries, he was convinced that he never had an enemy."

That quality — one of sane moderation, and the profound lack of this essential quality in today's political environment - is, I am convinced, what lay behind the extraordinary outpouring of respect and affection that accompanied his death and funeral last week in Grand

The ability to disagree respectfully is a quality that was once the core of our political system. And it's a quality that has been very sadly largely lost in the scorchedearth partisanship of today.

Few know this better than former congressman and state senator Joe Schwarz, a moderate Republican from "The outpouring of affection for Jerry Ford comes

from the fact that the three-quarters of Americans who

do not identify themselves as hard left or hard right are weary of the hyper-partisanship that has been the order of the day in Washington and in Michigan," he said.

"Jerry Ford could take an idea and dispassionately evaluate it - whether it came from a Republican, Democratic or independent — to see whether it worked. He didn't care about the ideology. He only cared about whether it worked," he added.

Last summer, Schwarz, a man with impressive military, professional and intellectual credentials, was defeated in the Republican primary by a hard right former preacher. That, he noted is a graphic example of the sea change that has happened in Michigan politics since

"Both Jerry Ford and Bill Milliken (governor, 1969-83), two of our most effective political leaders over the past half century, would be toast today if they tried to run in a Republican primary election," he said.

Today's Republicans hold everyone to a set of rigid litmus tests, Schwarz noted. What if someone concludes that they are in favor of any of these things:

"Affirmative action in university admissions. Embryonic stem cell research. Tolerance for gay couples? What if a Republican is skeptical that abortion is always wrong?"

Then, the former congressman, Navy officer and CIA agent said, forget it: "The Republican Party has concluded that each of these issues is an absolute disqualification in running for office, not trigger points for reasonable discussion.

He added, "It's going to hurt the party if it has any hope of breaking out of the hard-right trap it's in."

I agree. Last November's elections clearly represented something more than discontent with an unpopular Republican president and a failing war. The turnout among moderates and independents was enormous, a rejection of the kind of harsh partisanship that has infested our politics and, maybe, a yearning for something more sensible, for common ground.

And I think the ground may be shifting. Over the past couple of weeks, I've talked with a fair number of political leaders in Lansing. The change in climate is remarkable. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is thinking hard about working with the Legislature to resolve the state's current budget crisis, recognizing she can't do it alone. New Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (D-Redford) wants to discuss policy, not how to screw the opposition. And new Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) is excited about trying to find ways for "legislators who want to do the right thing actu-

Hopefully, the healing quality President Ford represented during his life can inspire and nourish our politics after his death.

His memory — and we here today — deserves no less.

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Famie ready to serve up a new look at the Polish community.

st people around these parts would recognize Keith Famie as being a top-flight chef, or for the stint he did on the TV series Survivor.

But his already diverse resume is adding a new category - TV documentary producer.

Famie has produced the TV show Our Italian Story, which was broadcast on WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) recently and is working on his second pro-

gram, Our Polish Story.

As you may have noticed, my name ends in "ski," which is why I had dinner on a recent evening with Famie at Peabody's in Birmingham. Famie is

Kowalski

looking for contacts in the Polish community to flesh out his documentary, as well as get

Famie is wise enough to know that trying to tell the story of a whole ethnic group is not an easy task, especially the Polish community. We've been dragged through the mud so often that we're pretty gun-shy of the media and I say that as a member of the media.

my perspective of the community.

I mentioned to him the role-playing game I have that was sold in the 1970s. It features an obviously Polish character who was the only one in his circle of friends whose IQ was above his bowling average. Remember the Polish mugs you could buy? With the handle on the inside?

That kind of stuff has left the Polish community so sensitive that even a fairly innocuous outing like the movie Polish Wedding was rejected by many Poles who saw it as reinforcing stereotypes. And does anyone remember the infamous Hamtramck TV show from the late 1980s that raised a furor?

I pointed out to Famie that Poles have made substantial contributions to American society in many areas. Back in the 1940s, Vincent Markowski adopted the screen name Tom Tyler and became the No. 1 Western star in the movies. On the other end of the spectrum, Emil Konopinski held the patent for the atomic bomb with Edward Teller.

Metro Detroit has one of the largest concentrations of Poles in the nation, and there are many Polish social

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organizations, churches, singing and dancing troupes, restaurants, shops and the like stretching from Downriver to Mt. Clemens.

Famie will have a more difficult time deciding what to leave out of the documentary than what to include in it.

Famie provided me with a DVD of the program he did on the Italian community. It's a sharp production that gave me confidence that Famie will do a proper job with the Poles.

He is respectful of the culture and manages to cover key aspects of the culture, including history, cuisine, business and even trivia.

Of course, such projects aren't cheap to produce, and Famie is financing his production by raising sponsorships. That can be a tough sell these days, when almost all areas of the local economy are hurting. But I hope he does well with this project. This will be a treasure when it's done and a symbol of pride for all Poles.

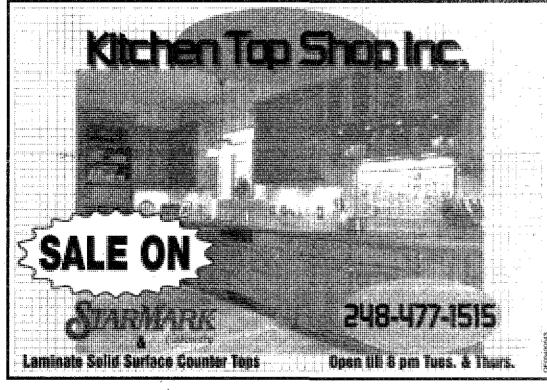
Famie has been putting an extraordinary effort in to the project, videotaping events including choral performances at St. Albertus Church, perhaps the most historic Polish Catholic Church in the state.

Famie's series will focus on other ethnic groups as well, including Arabs, Albanians, Greeks and Germans, among others. Given the rich diversity of metro Detroit, he has plenty of subjects to focus on.

You can get a taste of what he is doing on his Web site OurStoryOf.com.

You might even want to become a

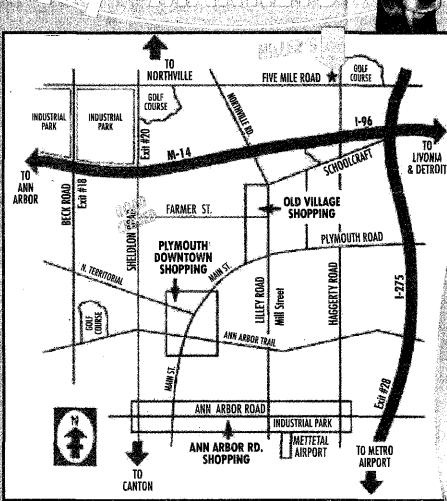
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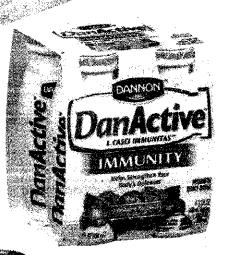
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Review your financial documents for accuracy

e are all swamped this time of year with a variety of financial statements. Before you either shred these documents or file them away, you need to at least review the documents for accuracy.

Never assume that a financial statement that you received from your bank, brokerage house or retirement account is accurate. Financial institutions make mistakes and it is our responsibility to make sure that our statements are accurate.

Whenever you receive a financial statement from your 401(k) or brokerage house, there are some things that you should automatically do. The first is to make sure that the beginning balance is the same as the ending balance from the last statement. If these numbers don't agree, you have a problem. In addition, you need to look at any activity over that statement's period. For example, if this is



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a statement for a retirement savings account like a 401(k) plan, you need to confirm that your additional contributions have been credited to your account. In looking at account activity, always look for any withdrawals or transfers out of your account. If there is any activity that you don't recognize, you should ask questions. After all, it is your money!

BE PROACTIVE

Another area that investors unfortunately don't spend time with is fees. You should review all your statements to determine if you've been

don't understand or you object to, you should ask whether they can be waived or reversed. You would be surprised how fast you can get fees waived once you get proactive.

If after reviewing your statement, there is an item that you do not understand or if there is a mistake, you need to immediately contact the financial institution. In many cases, there will be a logical explanation for the discrepancy in the statement; however, there are many times where there are problems that need to be corrected. Every financial institution will have its own procedures as to how to correct a discrepancy, however, my advice is to always document the process. Don't assume the financial institution is always correct. More often than not they are, however, they do make mistakes.

If there are no problems with the statement, the ques-

tion is: How long do you need to save the statement? For most statements, my advice is that when you receive the next statement, after you review it for accuracy, you can destroy the previous statement. The one statement that I typically will save is a year-end statement that compiles the entire year's activity. Remember, when you destroy previous statements, don't just throw them out - shred them.

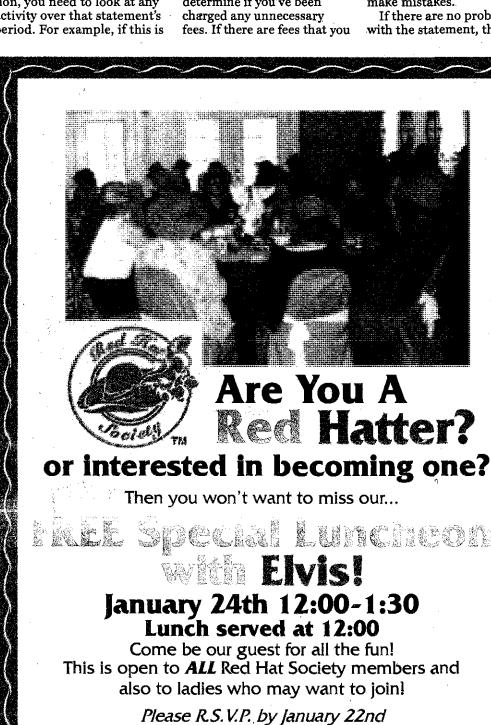
I am frequently asked how long people should save documents. În today's technological society, there are a variety of different ways to save documents, whether manual or electronic. However, no matter how you decide to save your important documents, the key is to have a record-keeping system. There are numerous record-keeping systems out on the market, whether it is one with all the bells and whistles that technology can offer or whether it is something as simple as an accordion file. The key is to have a record-keeping system and to me the best recordkeeping system is the one that you will use.

In deciding what documents you should retain. keep in mind that saving too many documents is just as bad as not saving enough. The key is to save relevant documents and to shred the rest. It is mind-boggling to me that people will save cancelled checks for decades when they have no value

whatsoever. Even things like the supporting documents for your tax returns can generally be shredded after seven years.

As we begin to accumulate year-end documentation, take some time to go through your old documents and decide what needs to be saved or not. Shredding old useless documentation makes is easier to locate the important documents. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. You can hear him from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400) or visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com Rick answers reader questions in his-Sunday column. Submit a question for answer online to moneymatters@hometownlife.com.



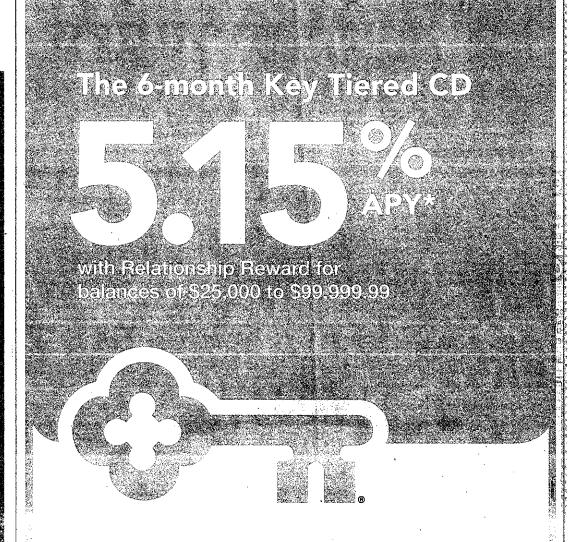
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if you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JANUARY

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Nativity ball Sponsored by St. Vladimir Russian

Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor, the half takes place 7 nm, to midploht Friday, Jan. 12, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The evening includes cocktails, dinner with champagne toast, dancing, music, entertainment, contests, cash bar, theme is Feast in the Time of Ivan the Terrible, Historical costumes/details welcome. Tickets are \$60. For information, visit www.stvladimiraami.org or call (734) 761-7311, (734) 222-9812, or (734) 669-8712.

Chili cook-off

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, if you have a good recipe bring a pot full to be judged and shared along with the recipe 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Homeschool seminar

Israel Wayne, author of Home School from a Biblical Worldview, will speak at a free seminar on Christian home schooling, Biblical Worldview training and family transformation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of I-275 and Haggerty roads, Northville.

Wayne will cover basics, address common misconceptions about such understandable concerns as child socialization, and what a Biblical Worldview looks like. There will also be information about area home school support groups.

The meeting is free and open to everyone from teenagers on up. Sorry, no child care. Pre-registration is suggested. For more information, call (734) 427-3302.

Candlelight vigil

In remembrance of the 34th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 613-6326.

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the

title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18, \$15 for senior citizens, \$12 for students, \$30 for families of four or more. For details, call (248) 626, 2515. This program is of particular appeal to families.

New lecture series

Rev. Gerard Stockhausen, S.J., University of Detroit president, is the inaugural speaker in Walk the Talk...24/7 Catholicism Today, a new lecture series 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Stockhausen talks about Serving Christ in metro Detroit: Tools from the Catholic Tradition. Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Aloysius churches, Detroit, sponsor the series. Admission is \$20. Call (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 or (313) 237-5810.

Executive board meeting

For Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Farmington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, second block east of Farmington road at Warner, Farmington.

Lighthouse cafe

Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in Knox Hall, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Tickets \$5 at the door, free childcare provided, Cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, Call (Z48) 374-5920.

A beautiful day

In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham, Mr. McFeeley (Oavid Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo. No tickets required, no admission, but a freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator, a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently-used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet the artists reception follow the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Monthly breakfast meeting For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City, All separated. divorced and singles welcome. For

more information, call (734) 513-9479. MAMA's coffeehouse

Featuring The Juggernaut Jug Band Saturday, Jan. 20 (open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m.), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northeast corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, Blue Jello opens. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under, Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information, Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic.

Bethany Together Dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 20, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (1-96 service drive near Inkster Road). Redford, Limited to first 450 paid admissions only. Proper attire. Admission is \$12. For details, call (586) 264-0284.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 W. Warren, Canton. Cal (734) 844-8718 or (734) 459-9704 for an

appointment. Young parents potluck

The Garden City Presbyterian Church B.Y.O.B. (8ring Your Own Baby) Young Parents/ Fellowship holds a spaghetti potluck dinner 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in Sutherland Hall at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, Call (734) 421-7620.

B'Jazz vespers

Features Straight Ahead 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maples, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham, The public is invited. Free parking in adjacent lot. B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20-minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. A freewill offering is taken for the musicians. For more information, call (248) 644-0550. The all-female group Straight Ahead has performed in the U.S. and Europe. They are Grammy-nominated Atlantic Jazz

recording artists. .

Bible study Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, in Room C309, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Pastor Paul Clough leads the study of the book of Ephesians. No charge, Call (248) 374-5920.

Parenting seminar

Crosspointe Meadows Church in Novi

presents Doug Otto 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, for an overview of how Focus on the Family can assist you in parenting. He will present ideas and resource suggestions to assist you in raising your children infant to college age) with Christian values. No charge. Crosspointe Meadows Church offices are at 39830 Grand River Suite B1-C. If you require child care during the seminar indicate this when you register. Space is limited, For a reservation, call (248) 427-2700.

Healthy talk

Dr. Daniel Laframboise will be the quest speaker at a free public presentation hosted by the Congregation Beit Kodesh sisterhood at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the synagogue on Seven Mile in Livonia, Laframboise was president and chairman of the Michigan Fellowship of Straight Chiropractor, Chiropractor of the Year and has hosted an hour-long program called Straight Talk About Health.

Mission in the Sudan

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Join Rev. Norm Dickson, S.J. as he reflects on his 7 1/2 years of missionary work in Sudan and Kenya on the African Continent. Also, a discussion of the crisis in the Darfur region. Refreshments provided. No charge. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.\

Women's retreat

Presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth, Cost is \$70, includes Friday night's dinner, snacks and accommodations (one person per room), Saturday's breakfast, lunch and beverages. Space is limited. For more information, call Sue Brandt at (734) 542-7003, 50-percent scholarships available.

Spaghetti dinner

Our Lady of Loretto PTO all-you-caneat Spaghetti Oinner 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the Family Center at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech Oaly roads. Tickets are \$8 adult, \$6 senior citizens and kids ages 6-13, \$20 for a family, free for kids age five and under. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. To-go orders will be available. For more information, call (313). 532-4764.

Walk through Bible

Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) seminar open to everyone on the New Testament 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Cost is \$25. Register online at www.warcchurch.org/walk or 6-6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 in person. Call (248) 374-5920.

Volunteer night

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, Monday, Jan. 29. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

UPCOMING

Divorce recovery Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1

and continues every Thursday for seven weeks, presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville, Registration closes after second week. Cost is \$30 pre-registration, \$35 at door, \$15 repeat participants with their manual from previous workshop. If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce, no matter how recent or long ago it happened, this workshop will help you heal. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, February 1,8,15, and 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Discover the Church's philosophical world-view of love and explore the relation of Church and state, charity and justice as love is expressed in action. Call (734) 425-5950, ext.203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

International student day

Presented by Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West (MI 063) Friday, Feb. 2, at Redford/Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago roads. Potluck luncheon at 12:15 p.m.: Call (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, Jan. 30 only if baby-sitting is needed. Bring non-perishable food for the Salvation Army.

Buddy Greene concert

Includes a wide variety of traditional American influences ranging from country and bluegrass to folk, gospel and blues 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville, Tickets \$5, free child care. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older).

Grief support For widowed men and women in all

stages of grief, covers copings with loss of a spouse, loneliness and other issues dealing with grief, begins 1-3

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and runs for six weeks, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Meiton, north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. A \$20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting. To register, call (248) 540-9848 or (586) 795-0477 by Feb. 2. Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Grief workshop From Grief to New Hope 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 and continues for eight weeks, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol

Jacoby at (248) 374-5966. Valentine card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at S.S. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Ooor, table prizes, 50-50. Light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets \$8 at the door. Proceeds go to the Building Fund. For information, call (734) 722-

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrims age of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history. politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

Pasties fund-raiser

Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149." There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14. Call in orders. only. Oo not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made for 3 the church fundraiser.

VBS preview

Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville, View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backvard Bible club and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is \$35 by Jan. 17, \$40 by Feb. 13, \$45 at door, \$20 teen through college students, and includes lunch. Puppet workshop is \$25 extra. This event is non-denominational and open to the general public. Register now. Call (248) 557-5526 or www.iceaOnline.org.

ONGOING

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at .7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monaceili introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over: Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with You.

Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260-Haggerty, Northville, Call (248) 348-3 7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15) registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free childcare for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child

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ALBERTA G. ANTHONY

Age 93, of Plymouth, passed away January 12,2007. Loving mother of Bertha Whitely and William (Carol) Brown. Beloved grandmother of Kim (Shannon) Beaver, Baker, Clyde (Dave) Kowalski and Pam (Rob) Sudz. Great grandmother of Emily, Justin, Shawn, Casey, Haley, and Jena. Preceded in death by her husbands Robert Anthony and Robert Brown and by her daughter Stella Beaver. Mrs. Anthony was born in Marsteller, Pa on December 23, 1913 and moved to the Plymouth community in 1930. She retired from Burrough's Corporation, as a drill press operator. Member of Riverside Church of God in Livonia, Funeral service was held on Wednesday 17, 2007at the Schrader-Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth.Internment Cadilliac Memorial Gardens, Westland.



(BROWN) Of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away peacefully January 16, 2007 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Addie Adkins. She is survived by two children: Pam and her husband Doug Day, Ken and his wife Jan and many nieces and nephews. Myrtle was born in Wrigley, Kentucky to the late Richard and Nancy Brown and was the last surviving sibling in her immediate Brown family of one sister and five brothers. Myrtle and Addie moved to Michigan in 1941 and have been residents of Plymouth since 1946. She lived out her remaining four years in assisted living homes in Plymouth and Livonia. After raising her children, Myrtle started working at various jobs including Burroughs, Bendix and retired from Whitlock Mfg. Co. in Farmington Hills at the age of 70. She was a regular and active member of the Assembly of God Church of Plymouth and the Northville Christian Assembly until she was physically unable to participate. Throughout her life she enjoyed gardening of flowers and vegetables. She preserved, to perfection, all the fruits and vegetables she grew and will be especially remembered for her homegrown strawberry pies. She will be remembered as being a loving wife and mother. She is now resting in peace. Services will be Friday 1 pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm. Contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



E. R. YODER

Age 67 of Plymouth, January 13, 2007. Beloved father of Kamela and Sean Yoder; and grandfather of Paige and Audrey. Husband of the late Betty Lou. Brother of Carol and Audrey. Owner of Yoder Automotive in Plymouth for many years, Family and friends will gather Saturday Jan 20, 1 PM until 5 PM Memorial. Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (biwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Yoder Family Education Fund. To leave a message, log on to:
www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOHN J. SHIVNEN

Jan. 12, 2007 of Farmington. Memorial Service Friday, 7pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia

MARY JOANN GARGARO Plymouth, MI. Age 73, died peacefully on January 13, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the presence of her

adoring children and grandchildren. Jonie was born in Detroit on August 9, 1933, the youngest of Walter B. and Katherine Groves' four children. Her husband, Don, with whom she shared 31 years of loving marriage, preceded her in death. In 1968, they moved from Detroit to their farm west of Plymouth, where they raised cattle and quarter horses, and provided their children with a truly wonderful life experience. Jonie, who was raised in Detroit's Gesu Catholic Parish.

attended Immaculata High School and Chicago's Rosary College. She cherished history, music, language, and excelled as a Latin student. Devoted to the education of her children, Jonie served tirelessly in a range of volunteer capacities in their schools, including Gesu, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Detroit Country Day School and as a trustee at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. Her energies were also applied as a member of the Plymouth Arts Council and to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she served as an effective fundraiser and development volunteer In 1984, she chaired its annual Holiday Ball, which benefited

the expansion of SJMH's Emergency Department. In addition, Jonie was an active member of the steering committee for the Hospital's Campaign for Cardiovascular Care from 1993-1997 and the Campaign for Elderly Care Steering Committee in the mid-1990s for construction of the Hospital's Senior Health Building. In 1988, she became a Member Emerita of the SJMH Development Committee, the Hospital's senior and most accomplished group of fundraising volunteers. Jonie enjoyed travel, cooking, tennis, horseback riding, and skiing. Best of all, she enjoyed the company of others. She loved to talk and laugh, and she excelled at both. She leaves a rich legacy of faith and devotion, courage and a willingness to seek out life on whatever terms it offered. In addition to her husband her mother and father, brothers Walter B. (Jr.) and James Groves and sister Kathleen Roche preceded Jonie in death. Survivors include her sons Don III (Kimberly), Martin, Brian, John (Kali), and Paul (Celia) Gargaro, daughter Juliann (Ronald) Shmyr; 20

grandchildren Kristin, Jennifer (James DeLurgio), Katherine, Emily, Karin, Rebecca, Matthew, Lia, Megan, John Jr., Melissa, Lindy, Martin, Celia, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Joann, Dolores, and Samuel; and one great granddaughter, Julia. The family plans to receive relatives and friends at the Schrader-Howell Funeral 280 South Main Street, Plymouth on Monday, Jan. 15th from 3-9 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 16th from 2-9 p.m. A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N.

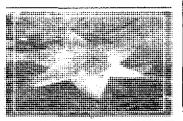
a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mount Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207

Territorial Rd., Plymouth with intern-

ment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Visitation

will precede the mass from 10-10:30

CLARA G. FOREMAN Age 98, January 14, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Edward L. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral Services Friday 10 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Riverside Cemetery,



January 15, 2007. She was born July 17, 1938 in Detroit MI to Carson and Grace (Taylor) Harman. Patty was a member of Print State Party was a member of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. She was a member of PEO Sisterhood, Village Women's Club, and an active participant with Goodwill Industries of Detroit. Patty will be remembered for her passion of motherhood and giving all of her love, time and talents to the many pursuits of her children and their numerous friends. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 35 years, Richard daughter, Christine Taylor Morgan of Los Angeles, CA; sons, Scott (Kerry) one of West Bloomfield, MI; Greg (Edylyn) Boone of Phoenix, AZ and John (Jennifer) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI. The family will receive friends 2:30-4:00. Saturday, January 20 at Orchard Lake Presbyterian Church with a celebration of Patricia's life at 4:00pm. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To express condolences to the family, please visit, www.Ltaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book. Arrangements are Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

PATRICIA H. "PATTY" MORGAN

Age 68 of Punta Gorda passed away

ESTHER MARLENE RITTER

Born on July 28, 1932 in Bay City to the late Ralph C. Mark and Kate Davis Mark. Mrs. Ritter was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and spent her summers on Mullett Lake in Indian River, Michigan, where her family still has a residence. devoted her life to her three boys. She was a proud grandmother of seven and was awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild. Mrs. Ritter died peacefully on January 12, 2007 surrounded by her husband of over 50 years and her sons. Mrs. Ritter is surived by her husband, Don; children, Mark (Donna), Andy (Sally), and Scott Ritter; grandchildren, Amanda Kate, Thomas Mark, Daniel Joseph, Chad, Todd, Sean, and Jesse; siblings John Mark, Kay Campbell, and Ralph Mark, Jr. A funeral was held at St James Episcopal Church, 355 W Maple, Birmingham, Tuesday 1:00 Visitation was at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (Between 14 - 15 Mile Roads.) on Monday from 4-8pm. Indian River emetery, Indian River, Michigan is Mrs. Ritter's final resting place. Memorial contributions appreciated to the Lung Association of Michigan 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 401, Oak Park, Michigan 48237.

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Listings for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dr. Carol A. Fischer, a member of the Doctor's Speaker Bureau will present will present a lecture on "Depression and Sleep Disorders" at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The program will cover reasons why you may suffer from such symptoms feeling depressed or living without sleep and offer information on natural alternatives to pharmaceuticals. There is no charge for classes, however, seating is limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for reser-

Treatment lecture

Dr. William H. Karl of the Doctor's Speaker Bureau will discuss "Treating Thyroid Disorders Naturally" at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Civic Center

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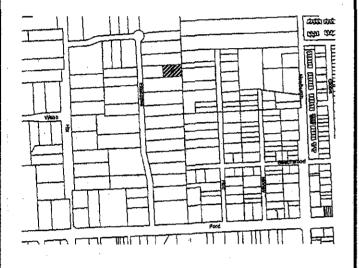
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1516A - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Automotive Repair Facility, 6132 E. Executive Drive, Parcel #028-03-0017—302, East Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road, Pande Talevski



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 6,

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

> Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

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Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth

Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia, Call (734) 425-2246.

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Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci,westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 vears and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010

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A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

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B291- Blain Holt- refrigerator, speakers, misc. items C030- Melissa Blevins- mattress set, boxes, TV

F029- Sabrina Robinson-3 ac units, couch, TV

B012- Quineth Hill-12 boxes, clothing, dresser

B087- Ruth Ensley- 7 bags, 10 boxes, toys

D044- Cortny Smith- stove, washer, dryer B113- Keith Litinski- AC unit, china cabinet, dresser

B130- Jana Funtukis- dining table, chairs, 5 totes B230- Jean Davis- 8 boxes

E042- Sally Porter- 12 boxes, 3 totes, dining table

B118-Robert Smith- dresser, entertainment center, washer F018- Bradle Moscarello- misc. items

B172- Jacqueline Thomas- bags, mattress, TV C002- Melissa Offord- AC unit, bike, Gas grill

B149- John Mason- 320 Boxes D025- John Jackson- 30 boxes, couch, love seat

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Friends of library

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public." The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

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The Wayne Chapter of the 8arbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m.: Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill. west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

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117- Kelly Dionne- patio furniture, love seat, totes

133- Lavern Courtney- big screen TV, couch, AC unit 210- Rodney Kochanski- computer, TV, AC unit

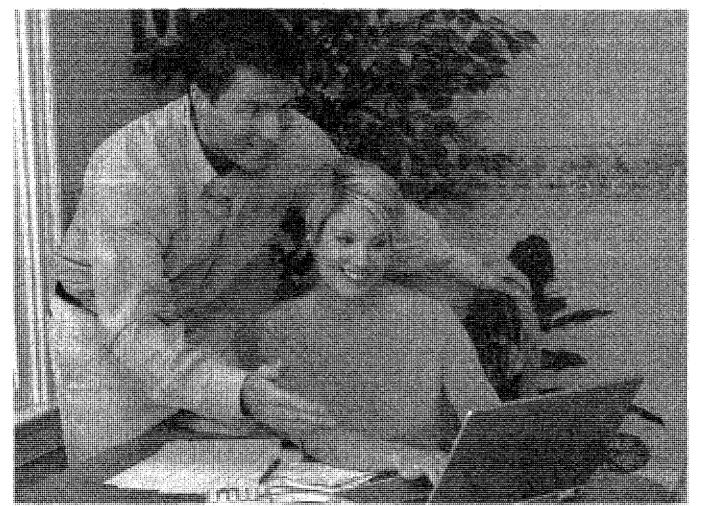
211- Gordie Russ-love seat, ladder, totes 417- Michael Rowell- mattress set, dryer, china cabinet

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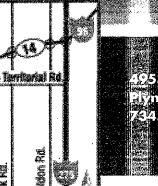
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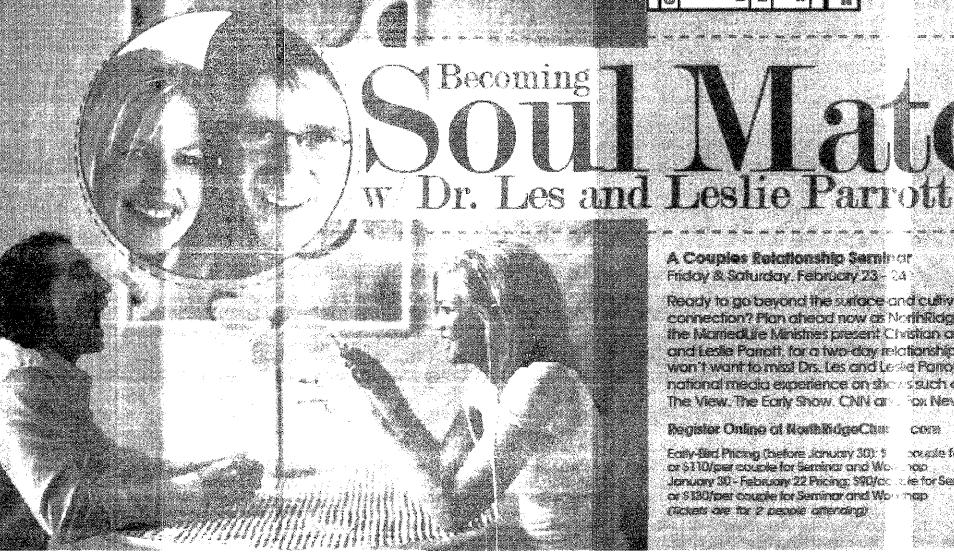
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Rockets sink Vikings in Lakes opener, 53-47

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Plan A didn't work in the first half for Westland John Glenn, so coach Dan Young elected to go with Plan Z, as in zone.

The Rockets' first-year coach ditched his man-to-man defense Tuesday and host Glenn overcame a six-point halftime deficit to beat Walled Lake Central, 53-47, in the Lakes Division boys basketball opener for both teams.

Young decided to go with a 3-

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2 and matchup, which befuddled the Vikings during the second half as Glenn went on an 18-12 third-quarter run followed by a 15-11 fourth-quarter

We had to change the tempo of the game for our sake and their sake," said Young, whose team improved to 4-4 overall. "We needed to switch up to give us some energy because we were kind of sluggish.

"They (Central) were doing what they wanted. They were on top of their game. They were moving it and getting what they wanted."

Jackie Wilson's free throw with 3:53 left in the third quarter tied it at 30-30. Glenn then took the lead for keeps with 5.1 seconds remaining in the same period thanks to a basket by Earl Hardison, who led all scorers with 15 points.

Glenn's Keshawn Martin followed with a key steal and layup to open up a 42-36

advantage with 7:05 to go in the game and the Rockets never let Central get closer than four the rest of the way.

"Central is a well-coached and well-disciplined team," Young said. "This a big win for our team."

The Rockets made 17-of-24 free throws on the night (70.8 percent), including 7-of-10 in the decisive final period. Central was only 1-of-3.

But more importantly, Glenn's defense slowed down Central senior forward Matt

Guldan, who went scoreless during the second half after scoring 14 first-half points to give the Vikings a 26-20 advan-

Central made a total of 25 turnovers on the night, including seven in the final quarter. Glenn, meanwhile, had 16, but just two during the final eight minutes.

"It felt like 50 (turnovers)," said Central coach Denny Butcher, whose team fell to 3-5

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Rock solid

Salem overcomes 30-point night by Spartans' Knochel

Salem opened its Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division slate Tuesday night with a 59-48 boys basketball victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The victory improved the Rocks to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in the division. The Spartans slipped to 1-7 and 0-

We emphasized to the kids this week that the first seven games didn't mean anything, but this one counts," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team knocked off state-ranked Northville on Friday. "Every game in our division is going

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to be a test. It's going to be up for grabs, so we need to come

to play every night." Grant Stone and Brian Baumgart definitely came to play for the Rocks.

Stone scored a team-high 17 points, while Baumgart notched his first career double-double (11 points and 11 boards). Danny Cassidy scored nine, while Ross Davis yanked down a game-high 12 rebounds.

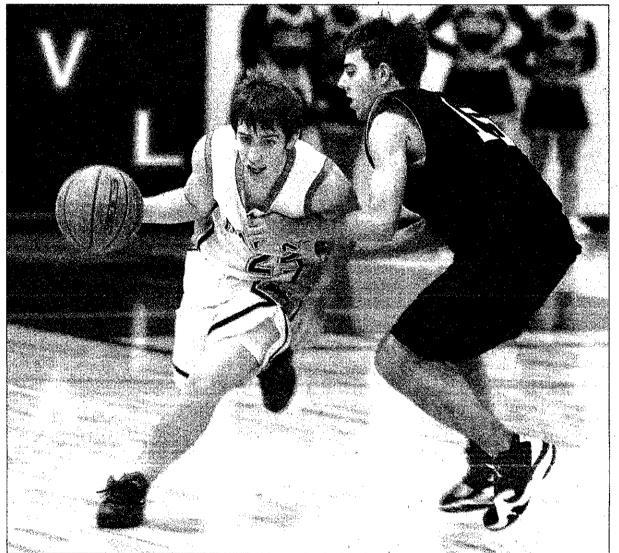
Luke Knochel kept the Spartans in the game, scoring a season-high 30 points. Chris Mulcahy added 10. 'We played hard, we were right there again,"

Stevenson first-year coach Brad Miller said. "We need to get defensive stops when it's a two-point or tie game. We just have to get over the hump and get a win."

ed 13-12 after one quarter, 27-23 at the half

and 43-36 with eight minutes to play.
"We kind of muddled through the first half," Brodie said. "Stevenson took it to us in the beginning. We

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Hands-on approach

Huron Valley Lutheran's Aaron Howell (left) gets plenty of pressure applied by Taylor Baptist Park's Jonathon Doty during Tuesday night's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game. For more on area boys basketball, see page B2.

Glenn runner-up in Wayne Invitational

South Lyon repeated as champion of the Wayne Memorial Invitational boys swim meet held Friday and Saturday.

The Lions scored a team-high 389 points to outdistance the six-team field, which also included runner-up Westland John Glenn (228), Dearborn Edsel Ford (200), Wayne (168), Garden City (129) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (60).

Jon Whitt and Matt Espy each figured in two firsts for Glenn.

Espy captured the 50-yard freestyle in 23.92, while Whitt took the 1-meter diving title with 401 points in 11 attempts.

The two also combined with Josh Eldridge and Billy Lyons to win the 200 **BOYS SWIMMING**

freestyle relay in 1:38.35.

We placed two people in every event except the 500 freestyle, which is a good team effort," Glenn first-year coach Bob Harding said. "And at least every swimmer had a lifetime best. Weswam well both days."

Pioneer wins Kilgore

Four of the state's top six-ranked teams in Division 1 battled Saturday in the Rock-Kilgore Invitational hosted by Salem High School.

The meet was scored and staggered by four heats per individual event and three heats for each relay.

Ann Arbor Pioneer came away with the team title, edging Northville, 275.5-268. Zeeland edged Livonia Stevenson

for third place, 216-215.5. Stevenson's Travis Hatt was a doublewinner in the fast (Heat D) events, capturing the 200 individual medley (1:57.62) and 100 butterfly (52.45).

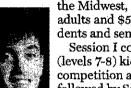
Other Spartans winning heats included Robert Luke, 100 butterfly (Heat C), 55.76; Scott Geverink, 100 butterfly (Heat D), 1:00.08; Brendan Schoff, 100 backstroke (Heat B), 1:02.8; and Eric Schuman, 100 breaststroke (Heat A), 1:10.92.

Boys swimming results, B3.

Whitfield meet includes best from midwest

The 16th annual Jason Whitfield Men's Gymnastics Invitational, heru in memory of the late Olympic hopeful from Westland who died in a 1991 motorcycle accident, will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena, located on 1000 State Street, Ann Arbor.

Admission for the invitational, one of the biggest male gymnastics events in



the Midwest, is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Session I competition (levels 7-8) kicks off the competition at 10 a.m. followed by Session II (levels 9-10) at 2:15 p.m., both Saturday, Jan. 20.

Competition resumes at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, with Session III (Level 4) followed by Session IV (Level 5) at 2:15 p.m. and Session V (Level 6) at 6:40 p.m.

The Whitfield Foundation has awarded a total of \$132,500 in scholarships to 51 male gymnasts. This year's recipients include Raj Bhavsar, Tim Gentry, Thomas Kelley and Justin Spring, each of whom will receive \$3,000. The foundation also sells T-shirts

(\$13) and posters (\$5), along with a one-hour video (\$15) or DVD (\$20) titled The Jason Whitfield Story - An Olympic Dream That Lasted a Lifetime.

Make checks payable to: The Jason Whitfield Foundation, along with \$3 for shipping and handling. Include name, address and phone number to: P.O. Box 51271, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call (734) 525-



LHA Hockey Day

Association will stage its District 4 Hockey Day beginning at 8 a.m. with the final game of the day scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Edgar Arena in 🌦 Livonia.

The top two teams in divisions ranging from Squirt (ages 9-10) through Midget AA (175) 18) will compete to repre-sent District 4 in the Michigan Amateur **Hockey Association** championship.

For more information, or a game schedule, visit mahad4.org.

UIC swimmer stars

University of Illinois-Chicago swimmer Andrea Giczewski (Livonia Stevenson) broke the school record in the 100-2 yard women's freestyle in a 168-75 loss Saturday in a meet against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay at the UIC Natatorium.

Giczewski, a junior majoring in communications, posted a time of 52.34, surpassing teammate Kelly Hyatt's previous mark of 52.49.

LJAL signup

Registration for Livonia Junior Athletic League pitch softball will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Frost Middle School cafeteria, located at 14041. Stark Road (north of Schoolcraft).

The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-14 who are residents of the City of Livonia or reside in the Livonia Public Schools district. The cost is \$85 per player.

For more information, e-mail LJAL commissioner Eric Carrier at eric.carrier@ljal.com.

Soccer signup

Spring 2007 registration is under way for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League.

Forms are available at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, or at the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Late fees begin Sunday, Jan. 21 with Sunday, Feb. 18 as the final day for registration. No registration will be processed unless all requirements are fulfilled. Uniform kits must be purchased by all players this season if you did not purchase one in the fall.

A monthly information meetings will be at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the Bailey Center. Upcoming WWSL

events include bottle drive, cookie dough sales, Fourth of July parade (float volunteers needed), along with annual picnic and fun day for all registered spring players. The season is capped by an annual banquet for all fall players in November. For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or

www.wwsisoccer.com. You can also e-mail www.eteamz.com/wwsl.

Competitive cheer champs

Livonia Churchill was the overall winner in last Thursday's Bloomfield Hills Lahser Knight Invitational competitive cheer competition. The Chargers, coached by Heidi Richardson, finished ahead of Berkley, Farmington, Whitmore Lake, Royal Oak Shrine and host Lahser. Members of the Chargers include seniors: Sara Adkins, Kayla Blanchard, Amanda Coppola, Amanda Davis, Eliza Domi, Kelsey Lester, Ashleigh Lezotte, Brittany Morris, Dana Schrader, Megan St. Aubin, Erin Turel; juniors: Rachel Caruso, Nicole Crocker, Alicia Janowski, Kristine Krozal, Megan Lipinski, Cristy Mazaris, Rebecca McBride; Katie Moul, Kaila Murphy, Sarah Parkin, Amanda Snow, Ashley Sousa, Hilary Wright; and sophomore Brittany Haskins.





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Huron Valley Lutheran's Bryan Gruenewald is pressured by Baptist Parks Matt Tosh while making a pass to teammate Kurt Metzger in Tuesday night's MIAC-Red Division encounter.

McKendry earns 1st win as Trojans coach

After five tries, Corey McKendry wanted to soak up his first win as varsity win as Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach.

All eight players scored as the Trojans evened their Metro Conference record at 1-1 with a 57-43 triumph Tuesday at Grosse Pointe Woods

University-Liggett.
Sophomore center Jeremy
Gainer led the way with 20
points and 12 rebounds for the
Trojans, who led 33-19 at half-

time.
Sophomore forard Matt
Garant chipped in with 10
points and eight rebounds,
while senior guard Brian Davis

finished with 10 points.

"We passed the ball as we have all year," said McKendry, whose Trojans are 1-5 overall.

"We played good team basketball and it started with our point-guard Lonnie Fairfax, who got everybody involved and got the ball rolling. It was a good team effort."

Joe Conway scored 13 for the Knights (2-5, 0-1).

LUTH. WESTLAND 71, HAMTRAMCK 64: A 20-8 third-quarter run propelled Lutheran High Westland (4-3, 1-1) to a Metro Conference victory Tuesday against the host Cosmos (3-5, 1-1).

Senior guards Sean Vandenbrink and Kyle Ramthun each scored 19 points for the victorious Warriors. Junior center Nate Bachert contributed 13 points and eight rebounds.

"It was a good win on the road after a tough loss last Friday at home," said Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun, whose team fell 61-60 to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. "It was a goodpaced first half (33-all), but in the third quarter we played good manto-man defense, made shots and rebounded. We were able to get some good fast-break opportunities." Byron LeFlore led Hamtramck

with 18 points.

Lutheran Westland was 20-of-37 from the free throw line, while Hamtramck was only 3-of-10.

BAPTIST PARK 72, HURON VALLEY 31:

It was another tough night for Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (O-7, O-2) as the Hawks fell Tuesday to visiting Taylor Baptist Park Christian (4-4, 1-0) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference–Red Division encounter.

David Clark paced Baptist Park with 14 points, while teammates Robby Miller and Caleb Thompson contributed 13 and 12, respectively. Sophomore center Kyle Tacia

Sophomore center Kyle Tacia scored nine for the Hawks, who trailed 44-16 at half. Gerhard Press and Mark St. John each had five.

OVER 30 HOCKEY

LIVONIA MEN'S OVER 30 HOCKEY STANDINGS
(as of Jan. 14)
Livonia Auto Body 15-8-4/35 points
Hunt's Ace Hardware 15-11-2/32 points
Coldwell Banker/G&G Plumb. 14-9-4/32 points

Zaschak Enterprises, LLC 11-12-5/27 points
Daly Restaurant 10-12-7/27 points
D&G Heating & Cooling 11-12-4/26 points
Stante Excavating 10-14-2/23 points
LaSalle Bank 8-16-4/20 points

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overall. "They (Glenn) did a nice job of making the adjustment of going to zone and we did not respond. We lost our composure against the zone. It's as simple as that. We had just three guys score the entire second half."

Senior Joe Marshall was the only other Viking in double figures with 13 points.

Rob Jones, a senior forward, contributed 12 for the Rockets, while Martin added eight. Wilson and reserve forward Stefan Marken chipped in with seven apiece.

Jones had a key block, two steals and connected on two key free throws during the final two minutes, while Marken nailed a critical 10-foot base-

line jumper and hit two foul shots to preserve the win.

"Rob (Jones) is a great kid and a great worker," Young said. "He got some big offensive rebounds, some steals and made two huge free throws."

Glenn was 18-of-41 from the field (43.9 percent), while Central was 22-of-48 (45.8 percent).

"We wanted to try and not have as many unforced errors, be more patient and make the extra pass — throw it to the next guy," Young said of his halftime talk.

But it was the combination zones during the second half that tipped the scales in Glenn's favor.

"When I was an assistant during the coach (Rick) Coratti years (at Catholic Central), I learned a great deal from him about changing presses, changing zones," Young said. "He'd mix it up going from man-toman, to a press and to a zone. He helped me a lot in this area and I give all the credit to him.

Young, however, is still a man-to-man defense and motion-type of offensive coach

at heart.

"I still believe you have to guard, play man-to-man to win championships," he said. "But you can sprinkle in some other things, but primarily you have to play 'man."

Butcher, meanwhile, came away impressed with the newlook Rockets.

"They're much more structured and he (Young) does a nice job of preparing his team to execute," the Central coach said. "They play to their strengths and take away your weaknesses, which any coach would do."

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stepped up our defense in the second half."

Salem hit 7-of-14 free throws, while Stevenson was 5of-9 from the line.

NORTHVILLE 66, WAYNE 44: On Tuesday, the host Mustangs (7-1, 1-0) jumped out to a 33-12 halftime lead and never looked back en route to the WLAA Lakes Division triumph over Wayne Memorial (4-4, 0-1).

"They hit everything and we couldn't buy a basket," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "Their 3-2 zone (defense) was effective. We got shots, but we had no inside presence."

Northville's Alvin Storrs led all scorers with 22 points. Dan Kirkpatrick added 11, while Mike Rogers contributed eight.

Robert Woodson, Willie Pompey and John Hill each tallied eight for the Zebras. Northville was 22-of-26 from the foul line (84.6 percent), while Wayne was 2-of-4.

W.L. NORTHERN 63, CHURCHILL 36: A 20-2 second-quarter outburst Tuesday carried host Walled Lake Northern (5-4, 1-0) to a WLAA Lakes Division triumph over

Livonia Churchill (4-4, 0-1). Northern led 18-15 after one quarter before breaking it open thanks to five Churchill turnovers and 1-for-10 shooting.

The Chargers were also outrebounded 39-16.

Senior Ryan Bahnmiller, who made his first four triple tries, ended up with a game-high 24 points to lead Northern. Senior guard Tim Ferenc added 11.

Brad Evans, a senior forward, scored 10 for the Chargers. Junior center Ryan Rosenick, Churchill's top scorer, was limited to four points and four rebounds.

"They (Northern) put two or three bodies on him (Rosenick) and they handled him well," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team made just 6-of-21 free throws. "We had three different people try and guard Bahnmiller. We just let people drive by us."

W.L. WESTERN 63, FRANKLIN 43: Four players scored in double fig-

ures Tuesday as host Walled Lake Western (2-6, 1-0) opened Western Division play in the WLAA with an easy victory over Livonia Franklin (2-6, 0-1).

Darryl Warthen's 13 points led a balanced attack for the Warriors, who led 29-20 at halftime before opening up a 54-31 lead after three quarters with a 25-11 third-period run.

Sophomores Eddie Cushaj and Quintan Cooper each tallied 12, while junior Sean Armstrong contributed 11.

Junior Cole Kelly finished with nine for the Patriots, who led 11-5 at the outset before the Warriors went on a 10-0 run. Dominic Charles came off the bench to score six in the final

"It was virtually a layup line for them, they (Western) scored at will, that's how bad our defense was," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said.

Franklin was 17-of-22 from the foul line (77.2 percent), while Western was 1-of-3.

Pieknik saves day for Patriots

Livonia Franklin tuned up for its Western Division wrestling showdown tonight at Canton by winning the South Lyon Team Tournament on Saturday.

The Patriots went 5-0 on the day, including a victory over state-ranked Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 35-30. Franklin rallied from a 30-29 deficit when 112-pounder Jared Pieknik pinned his oppo-

nent in the final match.
Pieknik went 5-0 on the day
along with teammates Josh
Billiau (125), Jason Zanger
(145), Pat Roumayah (189) and
Kyle Brown (285).

"Pieknik came up huge for us," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Billiau really beat another state placer and is wrestling great. Romayah has really come on lately."

James Benitez (119), Nate Turco (160) and Dan Woodall (171) all finished 4-1 for the Patriots.

"Our middle weights had a very shaky day and did not wrestle up to their potential," said Chiola, whose team is 17-1 overall. "This team mirrors the teams of the last two years as somebody different steps up each week, and we win on depth. I'm hoping everyone brings it together for the homestretch here. The next six weeks are going to be very competitive and we're going to need to prepare."

Franklin also scored wins over the Temperance Bedford 'B' team, 76-0; South Lyon, 56-10; Saline, 75-0; Troy Athens, 34-27.

"Another tournament win with mixed feelings," Chiola said. "We have some individuals really stepping up and wrestling some great matches, then others are making very simple mistakes.

"The two close meets we had

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should not have been that close. It's just a lack of experience and focus. We've been able to mask mistakes like those, but as we get into the last part of the season, we're going to have to fix it."

Meanwhile, Franklin's sophomores captured their fourth straight novice title Saturday at Garden City as Don Stratz (145), Garrett Hay (160, and Elvin Ferreira (152) all brought home individual titles.

"Two in a row is great, but four in a row is amazing," Chiola said. "That tournament has been around for 40 years, and I don't know if any team has ever done that. It shows that if the guys work hard, we can remain competitive each year."

Wayne wins Royal

Wayne Memorial finished first in Saturday's eight-team Romulus Royal Invitational as Chad Dunn (103), Jamie Preiss (119), Robert Walsh (145) and Robert Coffey (285) brought home individual titles.

All 10 wrestlers placed as Wayne edged the host Eagles for the title.

Other top finishers for the Wolfpack included: Charlie Malnar (152) and Jeff Elswick (171), second; Mike Hicks (103) and Kevin Whittenberg (125), third; Ryan Nesbitt (160), fourth; Jack Muncie (135), fifth.

"All of them gave it 100 percent and supported each other," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "And that is what allowed us to win."

At the Garden City Novice Tournament, Wayne's Mark Thompson (103) and Josh Mills (135) captured first in the ninth-grade division. Brandon Whittenberg (130) added a fifth by winning four of five matches.

In the sophomore division, Anthony Baskins was runnerup at 189.

"It was a great week of wrestling for my team," Vasiloff said, "and hopefully we can carry it into this week when we face Walled Lake Western (6:30 tonight at Western)."

Chargers runner-up

Greg Roberts came away with the 130-pound title Saturday as Livonia Churchill finished runner-up to Manchester in the 18-team Napoleon Invitational.

Manchester captured the team title with 237 points with Churchill (183), Melvindale (164), East Jackson (148) and Brooklyn Columbia Central (117) rounding out the top five.

Tim Hecksel (125) added a second for the Chargers, while Danny Small (145) gained third.

Fourth-place Churchill finishers included Joey Tesner (125), J.P. Gaffke (135) and Brian Ziemba (160). Fifthplaces went to Martin Rivera (119), Gramos Pallaska (140), Jon Kelly (152) and Mark

Parrish (285).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 32

Jan. 11 at Northern

103 pounds: Tommy Myshock (LS) pinned G. West, 2:00; 112: H. West (WLN) won by major decision over Mike Fobar, 10-1; 119: Anthony Mainella (LS) p. H. West, 5:49; 125: J. Giesey (WLN) p. Mitch Gonzales, 3:38; 130: A. Roser (WLN) p. Jonny Myshock, 1:15; 135: Jon Reale (LS) dec. R. Pichla, 6-0; 140: Raz Markosian (LS) p. D. Pichla, 4:00; 145: M. Waun (WLN) p. Bean Beaman, 2:32; 152: Brent Cetnar (LS) p. K. Thalacker, 1:45; 160: Ziad Kharbush (LS) won by technical fall over V. Robinson, 18-0; 171: C. Waldie (WLN) p. Joe Cantrell, 3:39; 189: J. Ruggles (WLN) p. Matt Greeman, 3:55; 215: Z. Lainonen (WLN) p. Emanuel Onwuemene, 3:07; 285: B. Sizemore (WLN) p. Patrick Chimento, 1:50.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 9-4 overall, 0-2 WEAA-Lakes Division.

AREA WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan 15)

TEAM: 1. Canton; 2. Livonia Franklin; 3. Belleville; 4. Westland John Glenn; 5. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds: 1. Donnie Watkins, Canton: 2. Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Chad Dunn, Wayne Memorial; 4. Namic Kerimov, Farmington; 5. Brad LaRose, Lutheran Westland.

Westiand. 112: 1. Justin Fleeson, Belleville; 2. Carl Lucke, Canton; 3. Ben Kosmalski, Plymouth; 4. Dustin Ashley, Garden City; 5. Jared Pieknik, Livonia

119: 1. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 2. Jared Stephens, John Glenn; 3. Nieko lanni, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 4. Martin Rivera, Churchill; 5. Seth Wald, North Farmington. 125: 1. Dustin Zak, Believille; 2. Jeremiah Austin, John Glenn; 3. Jon Roos, Franklin; 4. Nick Steiger, Salem; 5. Steve Cox, Canton. 130: 1. Greg Roberts, Churchill; 2. Josh Billiau, Franklin; 3. Brent Winekoff, Canton; 4. Nick Shak, John Glenn; 5. Alex Kemp, Salem. 135: 1. Jon Reale, Stevenson: 2. Brian

Augsburger, Belleville; 3. J.P. Gaffke, Churchill;

4. Kevin Hayter, Salem; 5. Jon Cauchi, Franklin.
140: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Jim Wood,
John Glenn; 3. Steve Coak, Belleville; 4.
Gramos Pallaska, Churchill; 5. Derek Robbins,
Livonia Clarenceville.
145: 1. Matt Edwards, Lutheran Westland; 2.
Adam Kibner, RU; 3. Steve Sherman, Belleville;

Adam McCahill, John Glenn; 5. Andrew Saunders, Plymouth. 152: 1. James Zerebiny, John Glenn; 2. Steve Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 3. Jeremy Epley, Salem; 4. Ryan Brown, Novi-Detroit CC; 5. Brian Wisniewski, Garden City.

160: 1. Ziad Kharbush, Stevenson: 2. Nate

Turco, Franklin; 3. Stefan Gatt, Novi-Detroit CC; 4. Wassim El-Alwadi, Belleville; 5. Kiel Price, Canton.

Tri: 1. Jeff Elswick, Wayne; 2. Oan Woodáll, Franklin; 3. Andrew Hein; John Glenn; 4. Mike Nordby, Garden City; 5. Isaac Burris, RU. 189: 1. Joe Kinville, Novi-Detroit CC; 2. Joey Kowtko, John Glenn; 3. Marc Kadrich, Franklin; 4. Vince Darofli, Plymouth; 5. Adam Powers,

215: 1. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 2. Matt Aubrey, Novi-Detroit CC; 3. Vince Benavides, Franklin; 4. Paul Rockrohr, Lutheran Westland; 5. Dan Wanshon, Canton. 285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Canton; 2. Kyle Brown, Franklin; 3. Mike Martin, Novi-Detroit CC; 4. Dean Hubbard, Plymouth; 5. Robert Coffey,

Note: Rankings are compiled by Jim Gourlay (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City).

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WAYNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIM MEET RESULTS

Jan. 12-13 at Wayne TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon, 389 points: 2. Westland John Glenn, 228; 3. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 200; 4. Wayne Memorial, 168; 5. Garden City, 129; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 60.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. South (Chet Jankowski, Adam Oxner, Nick Pritula, Nathan Bohn), 1:50.71; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:52.8; 3. Wayne. 1:58.25; 4. Garden City, 1:59.31; 5. John Glenn,

200 freestyle: 1. Cory Collet (DEF), 2:00.0; 2. Max Sadler (SL), 2:01.19; 3. Ben Newcomb (SL), 2:01.87: 4. Ed Hartman (DEF), 2:08.8: 5. Nick Martin (WM), 2:12.97: 6. John Burgess (WJG).

200 individual medley: 1. Jankowski (SL), 2:16.07; 2. Brent Showerman (SL), 2:16.3; 3. Steve Ogg (WM), 2:22.47; 4. Jon Whitt (WJG), 2:23.15; 5. Justin Brassell (OEF), 2:23.3; 6.

Oxner (SL), 2:28.95. 50 freestyle: 1. Matt Espy (WJG), 23.92; 2. Ben Roush (DEF), 24.15; 3. Zach Kadykowski (SL), 24.43; 4. Jordan Holland (WM), 24.6; 5. Ryan

Keeney (SL), 25.13; 6. Bohn (SL), 23.39. 1-meter diving: 1. Whitt (WJG), 401.00 points (11 dives); 2. Oylan Thomas (WM), 241.15; 3. Andrew Thorne (WJG), 236.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Roush (DEF), 1:00.74; 2. Nick Pritula (SL), 1:00.79; 3. Sadler (SL), 1:04.49; 4. Cameron Clark (SL), 1:06.34; 5. Jonathon Hurt (GC), 1:06.52; 6. Angel Estrada (OEF), 1:07.54. 100 freestyle: 1. Kadykowski (SL), 52.9; 2. Espy (WJG), 53.83; 3. Holland (WM), 54.38; 4. Collet (DEF), 54.63; 5. Keeney (SL), 55.23; 6. Bohn

500 freestyle: 1. Newcomb (SL), 5:29.89; 2. Showerman (SL), 5:30.91; 3. Andy Stone (SL), 5:36.95; 4. Hartman (DEF), 5:37.11; 5. Jacob Barnes (WM), 5:51.5; 6. Martin (WM), 6:13.47. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Espy, Josh Eldridge, Billy Lyons, Whitt), 1:38.35; 2. South

Lyon, 1:38.43; 3. Garden City, 1:41.87; 4. Edsel Ford, 1:49.98; 5. Wayne, 1:50.0; 6. Annapolis, 1:51.54. 100 backstroke: 1. Jankowski (SL), 59.57; 2. Kevin Cislo (DEF), 1:03.49; 3. Pritula (SL), 1:06.23; 4. Barnes (WM), 1:07.62; 5. Clark (SL), 1:08.84; 6. Kevin Chappelle (WJG), 1:09.25.

100 breaststroke: 1. Oxner (SL), 1:10.5; 2. Stone

(SL), 1:11.89: 3. Matt Fitzgibbon (GC), 1:12.92; 4.

Brassell (DEF), 1:14.68; 5. Eldridge (WJG), 1:16.85; 6. Danny Shirley (WM), 1:16.95. 400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Sadier, Keeney, Jankowski, Kadykowski), 3:37.6; 2. John Glenn (Espy, Lyons, Ben Fabrey, Whitt), 3:43.8: 3. Wayne (Holland, Ogg, Barnes, Martin), 3:49.51; 4. Garden City (Hurt, Ryan Wilson, Eli Wasson, Brent Alexander), 4:01.93:

ROCK-KILGORE INVITATIONAL Jan. 12 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 275.5 points; 2. Northville, 268; 3. Zeeland, 216; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 215.5; 5. Canton, 109; 6.

INDIVIDUAL HEAT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay (Heat C): 1. Zeeland (Jordan Diekema, Zach Pellegrini, Jeremy Sall, Drew Coffin), 1:40.18; 2. Northville, 1:42.29; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:42.94; (Heat B): 1. Northville (John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard, Joe Kargula, Clay Malloure); 2. Stevenson, 1:49.70; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:50.24; (Heat A): Northville (Anthony Adamowicz, Colin Smith, Jake Lane, Patrick Keady), 1:54.16. 200 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Keady (N). 1:45.15; 2. Pat Buck (AAP), 1:48.61; 3. Jordan Diekema (Z), 1:48.97; (Heat C): 1. Josh

Geschwendt (Z), 1:50.39; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:53.87; 3. Charles Turio (LS), 1:54.59; (Heat B): 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:55.77; 2. Max Boyea (AAP), 1:57.91; 3. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 2:00.46; (Heat A): 1. Zac Kraai (Z), 1:54.35; 2. Peter Lundholm (AAP), 2:00.91; 3. Daniel Schoff (LS), 2:03.01. 200 individual medley (Heat D): 1. Travis Hatt

(LS), 1:57.62; 2. Jason Hass (AAP), 2:00.80; 3. Will Blickle (N), 2:02.76; **(Heat C):** 1. Pete Keeler (AAP), Z:05.55; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 2:10.38; 3. David Olson (S), 2:14.84; (Heat B): 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:10.43; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 2:14.72; 3. Scott Geverink (LS), 2:18.79; (Heat A): 1. Kevin Naud (AAP), 2:14.82; 2. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:16.10; 3. Ben Schonek (N),

50 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Culkin (N), 23.20; 2. Drew Coffin (Z), Z3.31; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 24.11; (Heat C): 1. Kyle Adams (N), 23.31; Z. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 24.07; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 24.46; (Heat B): 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 24.18; 2. Chris Marinica (C), 24.49; 3. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 24.78: (Heat A): 1. (tie) Patrick Keady (N) and Andrew Weichmann (AAP), 24.99 each; 3. Josh Gonzales (2), 25.06. 1-meter diving (Heat D): 1. Stephen Kruse (N), 291.65 points; 2. Ryan Rees (AAP), 283.30; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 271; (Heat C): 1. Will Fankell (N), 314.55; 2. Jacob Rachford (AAP), 236.85; 3. Riley Reiffer (Z), 235.40; (Heat B): 1. Garrett Baughman (N), 224.15; 2. Ben Weber (AAP), 196.10; 3. Adam Sawle (C), 63.75; (Heat A): 1. Vince Shaw (N), 207.95; 2. Scott Beal (AAP),

100 butterfly (Heat D): 1. Travis Hatt (LS), 52.45; 2. Brody Blickle (N), 52.94; 3. Jason Hass (AAP), 52.95; (Heat C): 1. Robert Luke (LS), 55.76; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 57.79; 3. Kevin Naud (AAP), 1:00.79; (Heat B): 1. Michael Cruce (LS), 57.56; 2. Conor Callam (AAP), 57.73; 3.

Colin Smith (N), 1:01.12; (Heat A): 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 1:00.08; 2. Andrew Anderson (AAP), 1:00.59; 3. Ben Schonek (N), 1:03.66. 100 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Josh Geschwendt (2) 49.73; 2. Pat Buck (AAP), 49.99; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 52.04; (Heat C): 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 51.45; 2. Kyle Adams (N), 52.23; 3. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 52.33; (Heat B): 1. Andrew nann (AAP), 53.71; 2. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 53.78; 3. Ryan Scott (LS), 53.99; (Heat A): 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 54,32; 2. Aaron Marecki (LS), 55.38; 3. Patrick Keady

500 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Keady (N), 4:46.11; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 4:50.89; 3. 2ac Kraai (Z), 5:04.34; (Heat C): 1. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:10.45; 2. Marshall Bouwman (2), 5:10.56; 3. Charles Turio (LS), 5:13.04; (Heat 8): 1. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 5:17.20; 2. Peter Lundholm (AAP), 5:18.11; 3. Jamin Wieringa (2), 5:23.69; (Heat A): 1. John Blickle (N), 5:15.69; 2. Edward Lee (AAP), 5:21.48; 3. John Loria (LS), 5:30.78. 200 freestyle relay (Heat C): 1. Pioneer

(Thomas Magner, Grant Cole, Pat Buck, Jason Hass), 1:32.67; 2. Zeeland, 1:34.97; 3. Northville 1:35.47; (Heat B): 1. Pioneer (Nik Mrdalj, Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Weichmann, Matt Gauthier). 1:36.98; 2. Zeeland, 1:37.65; 3. Northville, 1:39.40; (Heat A): 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Brian Gregorka, Kevin Naud, Kevin Jensen), 1:38.36. 100 backstroke (Heat D): 1. John Diekema (Z), 54.07; 2. Brody Blickle (N), 54.23; 3. Jeff Pauza (LS), 55.27; 4. Peter Keeler (AAP), 56.04; (Heat C): Jeremy Sall (Z), 54.81; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 57.00; 3. Conor Callam (AAP), 1:00.51; (Heat B): 1. Brendan Schoff (LS), 1:02.80; 2. Andrew Anderson (AAP), 1:02.97; 3. Ty Daugherty (2), 1:03.77; (Heat A); 1. Nate Lunn (N), 1:03.75; 2. (tie) Jimmy Vayis (LS) and Ethan Eaton (AAP),

100 breaststroke (Heat D): 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:04.13; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:04.86; 3. Joey Wingett (LS), 1:06.63; (Heat C): 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:09.23; 2. Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:09.63; 3. David Bladecki (LS), 1:09.67; (Heat B): 1. John Loria (LS), 1:09.27; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 1:09.43; 3. Erik Peterson (N), 1:11.49; (Heat A): 1. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:10.92; 2. Matt Kaucheck (AAP), 1:13.88; 3. Chance Miller (N),

400 freestyle relay (Heat C): 1. Northville (Brody Blickle, Chris Culkin, Will Blickle, Chris Keady), 3:17.52; 2. Zeeland, 3:20.93; 3. Pioneer, 3:21.65; (Heat B): 1. Northville (John Bardsley, Kyle Adams, Chad Black, Greg Sheppard), 3:31.75; 2. Pioneer, 3:35.24; 3. Stevenson, 3:37.78; (Heat A): 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Grant Cole, Max Boyea, Thomas Magner), 3:38.02; 2. Northville, 3:42.88; 3, Stevenson, 3:46.72,

DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 95 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 Jan. 16 at Canton

200-yard mediey relay: Plymouth (Mike Snyder, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Chris Wilson), 1:58.58; 200 freestyle: Adam Wing (P), 2:13.03; 200 individual medley: Wilson (P), 2:25.46; 50 freestyle: Mike Conger (P), 23.97; 1-meter div-Ina: Jon Whitt (WJG), 214.95 points: 100 butterfly: Snyder (P), 1:07.83; 100 freestyle: Jason Oldani (P), 57.13; 500 freestyle: Tony McLaughlin (P), 6:01.25; 200 freestyle relay: Plymouth (Wilson, Dull, Distel, Conger), 1:4076; 100 backstroke: Kevin Chappelle (WJG), 1:09.12: 100 breaststroke: Dennis Knight (WJG), 1:20.26; 400 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Chappelle, Billy Lyons, Josh Eldridge, Whitt), 3:56.63. Glenn 2nds: Whitt, 50 freestyle (24.46); John

Burgess, 500 freestyle (6:02.4); Andrew Thorne, 100 breaststroke (1:20.31); 3rds: Burgess, 200 freestyle (2:13.46); Lyons, 50 freestyle (25.78); 100 freestyle (58.4); Dan Fabrey, 100 butterfly (1:11.85); Levi Cavender, 100 breaststroke (1:29.5) Gienn's overall record: 0-3 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 115 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 64** Jan. 16 at Wayne

200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Steve Jones, Mark Gordon, Drew Randall, Jason 2:15.74

200 freestyle: 1. 8en Lamerand (LC), 2:00.16; 2. Jake Keeler (LC). 2:07.22; 3. Nick Martin (WM), 200 individual mediey: 1. Randall (LC), 2:19.99;

2. Steven Ogg (WM), 2:25.62; 3. Gordon (LC), 50 freestyle: 1. Jones (LC), 24.42; 2. Jordan Holland (WM), 24.84; 3. Young (LC), 26.83.

1-meter diving: 1. Matt Hope (LC), 159.50 points; 2. Dylan Thomas (WM), 141.10. 100 butterfly: 1. Lamerand (LC), 1:01.52; 2. Randall (LC), 1:03.79; 3. Ogg (WM), 1:13.98. 100 freestyle: 1. Jones (LC), 54.54; 2. Holland (WM), 54.98; 3. Danny Shirley (WM), 1:01.82. 500 freestyle: 1. Keeler (LC), 5:47.8; 2. Jacob Barnes (WM), 5:48.06; 3. Young (LC), 6:06.07. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Gordon, Keeler, Young, Lamerand), 1:43.27; 2. Wayne, 1:53.28; 3. Wayne, 2:00.68. 100 backstroke: 1. Barnes (WM), 1:12.26; 2. Ricky Scully (LC), 1:13.77; 3. Matt Castelli (LC),

100 breaststroke: 1. Gordon (LC), 1:14.55; 2. John Yurgil (LC), 1:24.1; 3. Nathan Larsen (LC),

400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Lamerand, Jones, Keeler, Randall), 3:38.75; 2. Wayne, 4:03.37; 3. Churchill, 4:28.99. Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 overall;

> GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 20

Farmington Invitational, 9 a.m.

Wayne, 1-1 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD **BOYS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Jan. 1B Immac. Conception at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** Thursday, Jan. 18 Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. A.A. Greenhills at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 Northwood Invitational, 8 a.m.

MU Tourney at Plymouth, 8:30 a.m. Novi Invitational, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 19 Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20

Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at St. Clair Shores Arena, 8 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 18

Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m. Churchill at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 Avondale Tournament, 10 a.m.

Spartan Classic at Stevenson, 10 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 18 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

PREP BOWLING Friday, Jan. 19 Ladywood vs. Mercy, Clarenceville vs. Rice, Marian at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 Wayne County Championship at Cherry Hill Lanes, 9:30 a.m. Oakland County Tournament at Century Lanes, TBA. PREP SKIING Thursday, Jan. 16 Ladywood vs. Lakeland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. COMPETITIVE CHEER Thursday, Jan. 18 Franklin Invitational, TBA. Saturday, Jan. 20 Brighton Invitational, 9 a.m. Allen Park Invitational, 10 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 20 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 3 p.m. Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m. **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday, Jan. 20 Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 19 Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 19 Ignition vs. California Cougars at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 Ignition at Philadelphia KiXX, 7:05 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced

UM-Dearborn spoils Crusaders' chances

Madonna University's men's basketball team spotted the University of Michigan -Dearborn squad a nine-point halftime lead Saturday and the Crusaders could not make up the difference, losing 91-80.

The Crusaders (6-14, 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) trailed the visiting Wolves 47-38 at the break thanks to Chris Sheppard's three-pointer. During the half, the Wolves hit 21-of-39 fieldgoal attempts (54 percent).

Both teams played a fairly even second half, but Madonna probably lost any chance for a comeback at the foul stripe.

UM-D (5-8, 1-3) connected on 12-of-15 free-throw tries in the second half while Madonna made 6-of-8.

The big key, however, to the

MEN'S BASKETBALL

final outcome, was rebound-

The Wolves collected 47 boards, led by center John Travis' 20; MU finished with just 26. When Travis wasn't rebounding, he was putting the ball into the basket himself, finishing with a game-high 22

Five Crusaders did reach double figures in scoring led by junior guard Keith Hearns (Livonia Stevenson), who finished with 16.

Senior guard Adam Kerfoot and junior forward D. J. Bridges (Canton) chipped in with 12 and 11 points, respec-

Registering 10 points each

for MU were junior guard Karvens Paillere, a recent transfer from Notre Dame College (Ohio), and senior forward Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial).

Bridges was the Crusaders'

top rebounder with eight. OT loss for Ocelots

On Saturday, host Schoolcraft College lost 84-78 in overtime to Eastern Conference rival Macomb Community College despite 27 points from sophomore forward Nate Minnoy.

The Ocelots are now 9-7 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Sophomore guard Korey Spates and freshman guard Jerome Hutchins added 15 and

13, respectively. With the win, Macomb improved to 14-3 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

On Jan. 10, sophomore guard Jon Yeazel and Spates formed a substantial one-two punch as Schoolcraft defeated host Delta College, 101-76, in

another conference matchup. Yeazel, a 6-foot-3 guard from Central Michigan University, led the way with 26 points, along with nine rebounds. Spates added 22 points and 13 boards.

Helping the cause for the Ocelots were freshman guard and Belleville product Josh Samarco (16 points) and 7-foot sophomore center Gabriel Garcia (14 points, 12 rebounds),

Delta fell to 1-16 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

Lady Ocelots win big against Macomb CC

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team didn't do anything particularly brilliant Saturday afternoon against Macomb College.

But with help from the Lady Ocelots' bench, the Lady Ocelots took care of business in workman-like fashion, roaring to an 89-51 triumph to remain undefeated in Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

The Lady Ocelots, now 14-2 overall and 7-0 in the conference, hit less than 50 percent from the floor, made just 68 percent from the foul line and outrebounded Macomb just Schoolcraft, however, still

led 36-19 after the first half

and further expanded on that

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

lead with a 53-point second

Key to the wide margin was the play of coach Karen Lafata's bench brigade - led by Antoinette Brown, who tied a career-high with 19 points, along with five rebounds and three assists. The Schoolcraft reserves outscored Macomb's 48-12 to turn the game into a blowout.

Also doing well off the bench were Amanda Crouse (eight points, her highest output of the year), Garden City alum Alicia June (six rebounds) and LaDwuan Jones (six assists). Among Schoolcraft starters,

Maricka Seav tallied 16 points and seven rebounds while Adrena Walker-Price and Janelle Harris each contributed 13 points.

Sade Berry and Jessica See scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Monarchs (7-10, 4-4).

With the win, the Lady Ocelots did nothing to hurt their standing in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls. Schoolcraft is ranked No. 8. Madonna prevails

Just two games back after being sidelined two months with a concussion, Madonna University junior forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) is showing that she is already back at full strength. Franklin scored 26 points to spark the host Crusaders to a 72-60 victory Saturday afternoon against University of Michigan-Dearborn in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup.

Franklin also tallied 11 rebounds and blocked seven shots to keep the Wolves (2-12, 0-4) at bay.

Also solid for Madonna (7-12, 2-2) were guard Stephanie Piotrowski (13 points) and forward Christie Carrico (10 points, seven rebounds).

Chelsea Acho scored 14 for the Wolves.

The Crusaders led 35-26 at halftime and cemented the victory with 18 free throws in 24 attempts after the intermission.

Chargers goalie Lewan stymies Central icers

Senior goalie Scott Lewan turned away all 18 shots Saturday afternoon as stateranked Livonia Churchill rolled to a 5-0 Western Lakes Activities Association–Lakes Division boys hockey win Saturday over host Walled Lake Central at Lakeland Ice

The Chargers improved to 10-1 overall and 3-0 in the division.

Josh Proben scored at 2:21 of the opening period from Dan Bostick and Dustin Wischmeyer to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead.

The Chargers added four goals in the second period as Garrett Miencier scored on a power-play at 0:37 from Keith Yackley followed by Nick Harakas' goal from Andy LaBerge and Kyle Burke at 2:12.

Wischmeyer made it 3-0 just 30 seconds later from Proben and Tony Ross. Nathan Milam completed the scoring at 11:09 from Yackley.

PREP HOCKEY

Brett Malbin started in goal for the Vikings before being lifting late in the second period for Seth Katz. "This was our second game

with a short bench - due to sickness - but we hope to have everyone back for the next game versus (Livonia) Stevenson on Friday," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team outshot Central, 33-18. "Central was short also due to suspensions and disciplines issues from a previous game versus North Farmington-Harrison."

Semma pumped in three goals Saturday, lifting Livonia Ladywood (8-0-1, 8-0-1) to a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey School Hockey League triumph over visiting Grosse Pointe South (5-5, 5-5) at the Arctic Pond. Laura Szwed also collected a pair

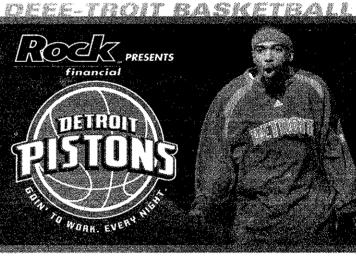
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of goals for the Blazers, who led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after two

Assists went to Rachel Killian (2), Brittney Holtz, Heather Sartorious,

Angie Iafano and Maria Rotondo. Jenna Huiting scored for the Blue Devils at 11:39 of the final period. Ladywood goaltender Michelle Wyniemko stopped nine shots.

The Blazers had a total of 33 shots on goal.



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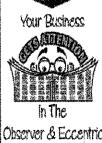
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Christmas champs

The St. Michael Grade School varsity boys basketball team recently captured the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central , Christmas Classic with three straight victory while averaging a 17-point margin over victory. Members of St. Michael include (front row, from left): Gary Kostecki, Brian Berger, Tyler Hoehn, Dan Theisen; (middle row, from left) coach Jim Hughes, Nick Dunn, Drew Holinski, Ryan Majsak, Daniel Furlong, John Byrne; (back row, from left) coach Jim Fisher, Cole Cattaeno, Scott Byrne, Dan Muller and coach Jack Furlong.

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Lutheran Westland triumphs vs. host Huron Valley in final

Lutheran High Westland didn't have to travel far on Saturday, winning the neighboring Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Invitational girls volleyball tournament with a 21-13, 21-17 triumph over the host Hawks in the finals.

The Warriors, now 14-2-4 overall, defeated Washtenaw Christian, 21-5, 21-11, in the semifinals after picking up a forfeit victory in the quarterfinals over Detroit Winans Academy.

In pool play, the Warriors downed Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (21-7, 21-7, 21-5), Taylor Baptist Park (21-8, 21-5, 21-7) and Winans (forfeit).

Sophomore middle hitter Becca Refenes paced Lutheran Westland with a total of 24 kills and 12 solo blocks on the day.

Kayla Gieschen served 58 points, including 18 aces. She also had a team-high 15 digs and 12 kills.

Julie Jongsma contributed 24 points serving with 27 assists.

Other standouts for Lutheran Westland included Lauren Schwecke, 20 points serving with six kills and eight digs; Lauren Gieschen, 31 assists; Rachel Becker, six kills and three solo blocks.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Huron Valley beat Canton Agape Christian (25-20, 25-21) and Steiner (26-24, 25-23) to reach the finals. Other wins came against Agape (25-18, 25-12) and Macomb Christian (25-12, 25-15). The Hawks split with Washtenaw Christian (22-25, 25-16).

Lauren Adlof collected 23 kills on the day, while setter Amanda Gruenewald had 42 assists.

On Tuesday, Adlof had four and Gruenewald contributed 10 assists as the Hawks (9-1-1, 3-0) turned back host Taylor Baptist Park, 29-27, 25-21, 25-14. in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division match.

Baptist Park is 1-1 in the MIAC-Red.

Blazers ranked No. 3

Livonia Ladywood moved up to No. 3 in the statewide coaches poll in Class B after an impressive showing Saturday at the East Kentwood Tournament.

Jenison, rated No. 2 in Class A, defeated Ladywood in the quarterfinals, 25-16, 25-16.

In power pool play, Ladywood defeated Holland Christian, 25-19, 25-14, while losing to the No. 1-ranked team in Class B, Grand Rapids

South Christian, 9-25, 23-25. The Blazers, led offensively by senior Lauren Boehmer, defeated Jenison (25-22, 25-14) and Fenton (25-21, 25-19) in pool play.

"We served and passed well," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "Everyone played pretty well against some very strong competition. When we get into a rhythm, we're hard to stop."

On Monday, Ladywood improved to 18-5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic League's A-B Division with a 25-16, 25-20, 25-11 win at Harper Woods Regina.

Boehmer, the Eastern Michigan University signee, finished with a team-high 14 kills. Junior Catherine Phillips added seven, while Becca Zajac served five aces.

Clarenceville falters

In a non-conference match Monday, Royal Oak rolled to a 25-6, 25-9, 25-8 victory at Livonia Clarenceville, which falls to 1-7-1 overall.



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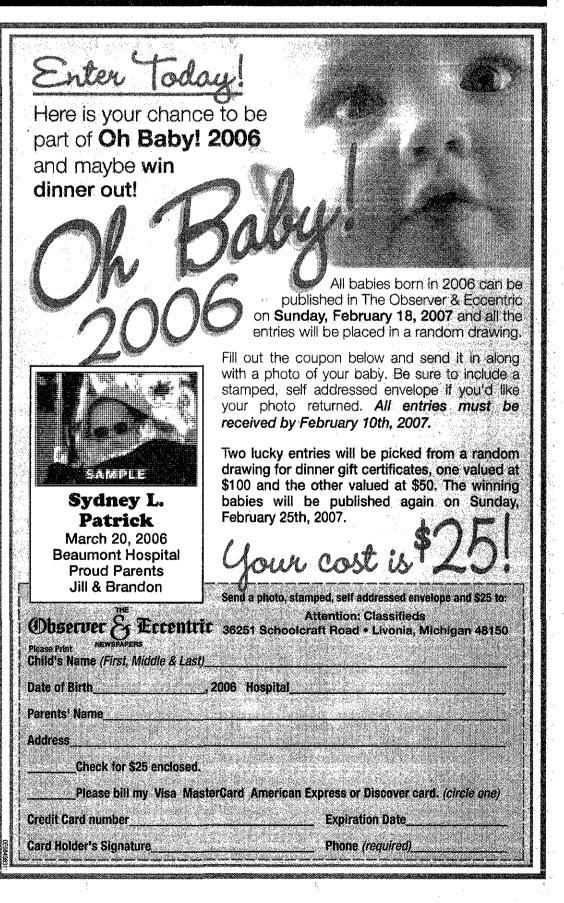
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Proceeds from the gall will benefit Caring for Kids and the Family2Family Foundation of Michigan.

Among the member of the NFL Alumni Detroit Chapter expected to attend are Tom Nowatzke, Eddie Murray, Greg Landry, Lomas Brown, Sherman Lewis and Mike Lodish, along with boxer Thomas Hearns.

There will also be a salute to former Lions tight end Charlie Sanders, a

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recent nominee for the NFL Hall of Fame. Sanders will also be introducing his new Grid Iron barbecue sauce.

Daytime festivities run from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$190 per couple (includes evening gala). The daytime gala includes a raffle drawing with a chance to win tickets and accommodations to Super Bowl XLI, a gourmet tailgate buffet, limited open bar, and other prizes.

The night portion of the gala will be

from 5 p.m. to midnight beginning with the NFC Championship game., It features a sports comedy show, jazz ban and disc jockey. Tickets are \$35 per couple (includes two drinks). Tickets to VIP Super Fowl events will be auctioned off during the evening.

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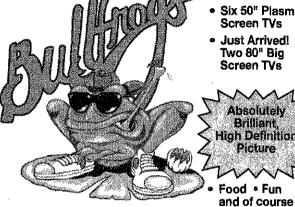
Lions' Furre

Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey talked about his path to the NFL, temptations facing young athlete and how character has played a major role in his career Sunday night to student-athletes at Madonna University is Livonia.

Furrey, a Canton resident who led th Lions with 98 receptions this season and posted 1,036 receiving yards, talked about his unique journey to the NFL and how his faith in Christ and personal determination kept him from giving up on his dream.

With more than 100 Madonna student-athletes, coaches and community members in attendance, Furrey hit on the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character programs: respect, responsibility, integrity, servan





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y tells MU students about keys to success in athletics, life

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6 "You must have respect for your stolteammates and for the plan God has in oyour life," Furrey told the crowd assembled at Kresge Hall. "You have a responsibility to yourself and your teammates as a college athlete to always do your best ... to leave it all on the field.

"Later in life you will have a responsiwibbility to your spouse, your children and Lyour family," Furrey added. "Now you To have a responsibility to be the best teammate you can be."

ಾರ್ಸ್ Furrey also talked sportsmanship, diciting an example from this year's Detroit Lions team.

"I made it my personal goal this season to be the first person to congratutaylate Roy Williams (fellow Lions receiver) every time he caught a ball," Furrey said. "I have the utmost respect for my teammates and other receivers in the league, and I believe that in today's NFL, with many players having a 'mefirst' attitude, that I would not be that type of person."

The focus of Furrey's message was about the doors that are always open to people in life, even though they may not see them, or take them for granted at the time.

"God has opened so many doors for me," Furrey said. "But it wasn't until I played for the XFL in Las Vegas and began attending Randall Cunningham's bible study that I realized I had to make changes in my life in order to take advantage of what I was being

The lighthearted Furrey kept the crowd laughing with stories from the NFL and took questions and answers ranging from life with the Lions to the biggest hit he has ever taken.

"I hate being hit," Furrey said. "Did anyone see the Dallas game (referring to a first-quarter shot he took from Dallas safety Roy Williams)? I got my head knocked off."

Furrey ended the talk by telling the Madonna athletes to "exhaust themselves" on a daily basis.

"Always be first, but always be exhausted," Furrey said. "Without hard work, respect for your teammates and coaches, responsibility to yourself, your team and your family and without personal integrity, you may not see or take advantage of the plan that has been set for you."



Canton resident Mike Furrey the leading receiver on the Detroit Lions this past season spoke to students at Madonna University.





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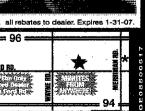
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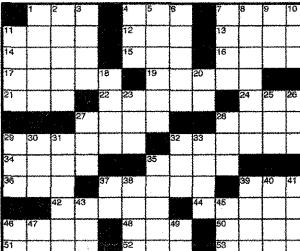
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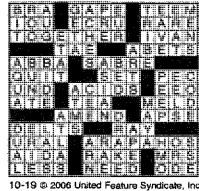
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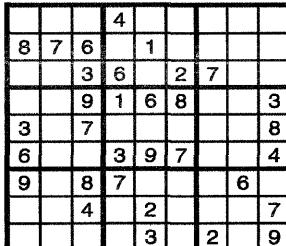
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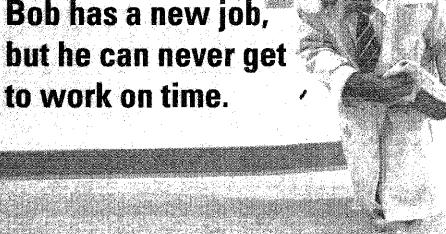
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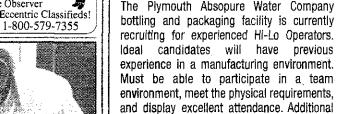
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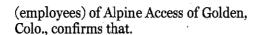
#ORKWISE The mood call-center customer service representatives Wildred L. (CSRs) take to their desk at the beginning

of the day will

influence their perception of a customer s mood, according to Nancy Rothbard, assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania s Wharton School, and Steffanie Wilk, associate professor at Ohio State University's Fisher School of Business. They observed 29 CSRs, an extremely small sample, whose average age is 39 years and of whom overall, 77 were women. All worked in the East and West Coast call centers of a major insurer.

Rothbard and Wilks unpublished paper, Waking Up On the Wrong Side of the Desk: Sources and Consequences of Employee Affective Reactions on Work Performance, maintains that moods vary at the beginning of the day and that a favorable mood may well anchor a full day. Wilk states that workers in a positive mood tend to view interactions with customers more positively. Specifically, they see customers moods as more positive. TRAINING

One extremely interesting finding is that while positive customer interactions did influence employees affective reactions. .. negative customer interactions did not. The experience of Kirsten Scott, one of 7,500 home-based call center agents



The average age of the CSRs working for Alpine is 38. They bring a lot of work experience, averaging a full 15 to 20 years. Scott believes that competition for call center jobs is lively, so that workers who bring maturity and professionalism will be able to overcome negative interactions.

We do get tough calls occasionally, but we go through a very thorough training program and are well-equipped to deal with each situation, she says.

We re also given the authority and the tools we need to resolve almost any customer complaint ourselves, she continues, which helps us provide superior customer service without long hold times or transferring a caller to several different people. Part of the training involves attitude shaping: We see negative customer interactions as an opportunity to wow a caller with our service and leave them happy, Scott explains. This supports the research finding that appropriate training helps workers rise above negative work interactions.

Rothbard and Wilk note that customer service workers are trained not to internalize the moods of customers, but to be objective and respond professionally. Those who can t may leave.

Scott was trained virtually, with a large component of self-study, over about two and one-half weeks. She refers to her first day of work as a breeze once you put all of the knowledge you ve been given to work.

It s extremely important to put yourself



Kirsten Scott, a home-based customer service representative for Alpine Access in Golden. Colo., supports some findings about mood and customer interactions detailed in academic research fro Ohio State University's Fisher School of Business.

in the customer's shoes, she comments. and remember how frustrated you would be. I feel it's very important to show empathy. When I m speaking, that customer has my complete attention. I have all of the tools needed to make that customer happy.

Scott also observes that attitude is extremely important. There is never anything that can t be fixed up with a little TLC and a smile, she remarks. I find that as soon as the customer hears that I do care and empathize, we re well on our way of turning that negative call into something more positive.

Waking Up suggests that workers in

general aren't trained how to manage the mood they bring with them to work . . . or expect themselves to emotionally regulate at work. Why is this?

There are some things that we need to train ourselves to do so that we can be accountable not just to our employer, but to ourselves. In this case, we need a combination of concentration and discipline. For many of us, diligence is also part of the equation.

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