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Woman found shot to death at apartment

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old woman was found shot to death early Wednesday at an apartment complex on Westland's northwest side, police said. Authorities were treating the case as a homicide.

The victim was dead from a gunshot wound to the head at Woodbridge Pond Apartments,

Deputy Police Chief Alan Ramsden said.

Police officers found the woman after going to the apartment complex about 6 a.m. Wednesday, he said.

Ramsden said he wasn't authorized to release additional details about the woman's death, and other top brass couldn't be reached for comment.

A woman who answered the telephone at Woodbridge Pond Apartments said she wasn't

authorized to discuss the incident.

It wasn't known whether the victim lived at the apartment complex or was merely visiting. No information was available about a possible motive.

The brief statement from police said the investigation was continuing and that the victim's name was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

If the woman's death is ruled a homicide, it

would be the second murder investigation in Westland since October.

On Oct. 15, 2006, 77-year-old jazz drummer Raymond Pankau was found stabbed to death in his home on John Hix Road, north of Cherry Hill.

Pankau's death remains under investigation.

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Fund-raisers help firefighter facing battle with cancer

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Before he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer, Westland firefighter Todd Stanaway helped countless people.



Stanaway

As a paramedic, he gave medical help that saved lives. As a firefighter, he battled fires that threatened Westland residents and their homes.

To honor firefighters who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Stanaway went to New York City and carried a flag during a parade and ceremony that occurred 13 months after the tragedy that shook a nation.

He has stood on Westland streets to help the Goodfellows organization raise money to buy Christmas gifts for children who might otherwise wonder why Santa forgot them.

He has protected the public by serving on the Western Wayne County Haz-Mat Team, which responds when hazardous materials are spilled.

"He has been a stellar employee," Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "He's a great firefighter and a great paramedic. He doesn't have one blemish on his record."

Now, at age 35, Stanaway, his wife, Julie, and the 12-year-old daughter, Samantha, need help of their own, and several fund-raisers are planned.

Just a few weeks ago, Stanaway was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme grade four, a form of brain cancer that comes with a 5 percent survival rate. His friends and supporters are hoping and praying he will beat the disease.

Doctors diagnosed Stanaway's cancer after he started having short-term memory loss and speech problems. They have performed two surgeries to remove a tumor, said firefighter Keith Barthauer, "but he still has the cancer."

A 12-year veteran of the Westland Fire Department, Stanaway is supposed to start aggressive radiation and chemotherapy next week, and for now he is resting at home, Barthauer said.

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Hard at work

Wayne Memorial High School senior James Holbrook works on installing exterior siding on a doghouse he was building during the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's SkillsUSA competition. A student in the center's construction technology program, he was hoping to win a spot in the March 8 regional competition. For story and more photos, see Page A4.

Group raises money for markers

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

After making history, residents of a neighborhood on Westland's southeast side now have a chance to commemorate it.

African-Americans gave Annapolis

Park a place in history in 1953-57 by making it one of the first U.S. suburbs populated by blacks during an era of widespread housing discrimination.

The subdivision has made the National Register of Historic Places, and the Michigan Historical Commission has approved state markers for the neighbor-

hood, roughly bounded by Annapolis, Middlebelt, Van Born and Henry Ruff roads.

Now, the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association has launched a fund-raising campaign to collect the

PLEASE SEE **MARKERS, A5**

Westland man scores with Pick the Pros

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Rob Cossin is going to ignore his uncle's warning not to visit Las Vegas during March Madness. The Westland resident and his wife Kim are planning to go as soon as they can.

And they're getting help with the trip after Cossin won the top prize in the *Observer & Eccentric-Mirror Newspapers Pick the Pros* contest.

"My wife was more excited that I was," said Cossin, the controller at Connelly Crane Rental Corp. "After the Super Bowl, I knew I

had won, then I got nervous. I read all the rules and regulations just to make sure."

Cossin received a \$900 voucher toward a trip for two to Las Vegas after finishing first in the local online contest. There were close to 700 playing, according to Marty Carry, director of advertising for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers*.

"Some 130,000 nationally participated, and you were probably 138 out of that 130,000," Carry added.

Weekly winners throughout the season received certificates to restaurants like the Detroit Beer

Co., Rochester Mills Beer Co. and the Royal Oak Brewery, as well as tickets to Emagine Theaters, while Cossin, as the season winner, received the travel voucher. He will be working with Bob Neugebauer Travel in Roseville to plan his trip to Las Vegas.

As a player, Cossin had to pick the winners of each week's NFL games.

Cossin found himself in the middle of the pack during the regular season, but pulled to the front during the playoffs by sticking with his two long-time favorite teams — the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears. He

stuck with them for familial reasons: "I have a brother who used to live in Indiana and a lot of relatives in Chicago," he said.

This is the second year Cossin has played *Pick the Pros*. Last year, he won a weekly prize of dinner at the Detroit Brew Co.

"I'm not a huge sports fan, but I like this game," Cossin said. "It's easy to do and it didn't cost anything."

"Players have to live within a 60-mile radius of the newspapers' offices, so we have a lot of fathers and sons going head-to-head," Carry said. "It's easy to play, even if you're not a football fan."



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Rob Cossin of Westland takes a look, alongside Marty Carry, *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers advertising director, at his *Pick the Pros* winnings, a \$900 travel voucher for a trip for two to Las Vegas.

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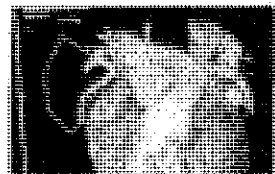
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Coming Sunday in Health



Technology can reduce diagnosis time of patients with chest pain.

District buys Everyday Math for K-4 pupils

Shipping inquiry knocks \$28,000 off \$400,000-plus price tag

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Algebra concepts for first-graders. Math that's fun to teach and learn. A few minutes of homework every night.

That's how parents and teachers describe Livonia Public Schools' new math curriculum, Everyday Mathematics.

School board members voted unanimously Feb. 12 to buy nearly \$380,000 worth of textbooks and materials to institute the new program in all K-4 schools.

Everyday Math was one of three programs used on a trial basis this year as LPS worked to bring its math curriculum in line with the state's.

District officials expect higher standardized test scores as a result.

Those involved with the pilot program report that students and teachers using Everyday Math are engaged and enthusiastic about the subject.

Beth Hathaway, a first-grade teacher at Coolidge Elementary, who served on the committee that chose Everyday Math, taught it to her first-graders.

Everyday Math incorporates basic skills, problem solving and games. It also emphasizes a strong parent connection.

Lesia McQuade's son Gregory, 7, now insists on paying the bill at Coney Island.

"He's doing little equations like three plus blank equals nine," McQuade told the board Monday. "It's almost a precursor to algebra."

Everyday Math incorporates basic skills, problem solving and games. It also emphasizes a strong parent connection.

When students start a new unit, a letter goes home to the family. Students like Gregory also bring home about five minutes' worth of homework each night, just to recap.

"Most of the time, he doesn't even need my help with it," his mom said.

"I've never seen first-graders so enthusiastic," said Trustee Dan Lessard, who was one of several board members who visited the schools to see the math classes in action recently.

Math students could also calculate the savings LPS acquired after a simple request for a reduction in shipping charges.

Pencils down. It was more than \$28,000.

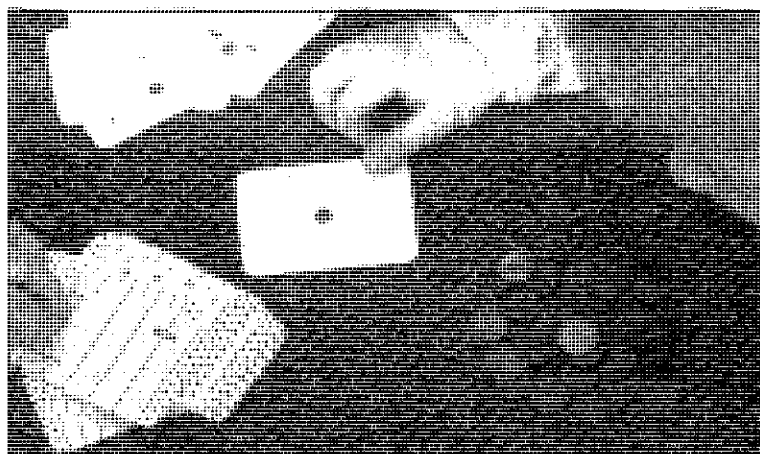
Wright Group/McGraw Hill charges 8 percent of the total for shipping costs. On a \$376,000 bill, that amounts to more than \$30,000 to drive the books from Columbus, Ohio, to Livonia, a three-hour trip.

Asked by Trustee Steve King to investigate those charges, academic services director Sheila Alles said she had a talk with the publishing company, which agreed to charge the district just \$2,000 for shipping (slightly more than half of 1 percent of the order).

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Coolidge first-grader Christopher Mikonczyk concentrates as he plays the "Difference Game," part of the new Everyday Math curriculum at the school.



First-graders at Coolidge play the "Difference Game." The new math curriculum, Everyday Math, uses games instead of math drills to help students learn skills.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

AROUND WESTLAND

Free tests

The Westland Fire Department performs free blood pressure and glucose tests in the lobby of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Attention parents

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will have an open house for parents of preschoolers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Children ages 2-5 are welcome. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. Call (734) 729-7222.

Dems meeting

The monthly meeting of the Westland Democratic Club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey at Venoy between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

This is the club's annual meeting and will include an election to fill vacant board seats - vice president and at-large members. The board meets immediately prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 25, 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.

Higher Rock Café

The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps will present Higher Rock Café Friday, Feb. 23. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Christian band Kindred Nation and Christian comedian Rich Jones. The Salvation Army is at 2300 Venoy, south of Michigan Avenue. Call (734) 722-3660 or visit the Web site at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will hold two district coffee hours Monday, Feb. 26, in Livonia and Garden City. Anderson, D-Westland, will have information regarding the state's budget crisis available for any interested individuals.

The Livonia coffee hour will be 9-10 a.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The Garden City coffee hour will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator, but are unable to attend, can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707, or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Pancake breakfast

The Westland Jaycees will be having a pancake breakfast at the Applebee's on Warren Road at Central City Parkway 8-10 a.m. to Saturday, Feb. 24.

Tickets are available for \$6 and this will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, meat and juice. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Westland Jaycee hotline at (734) 226-0400.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Community Hospice of Westland.

Baseball registrations

The Wayne Ford Civic League, at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, is registering children ages 4-10 years old for its co-ed baseball league 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through April 14 or until all the teams are filled,

which ever comes first.

T-Ball players (ages 4-6) and Coach Pitch players (ages 7-8) cost \$65 per player. Mustang players (ages 9-10) cost \$80 per player. There is no residency fee charged for children living outside Westland and no fund-raising requirements associated with this year's program.

Managers, coaches and umpires are always needed. Online registration forms can be obtained at www.wayneford.org/youth/youth.html.

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven and Towne & Country Lanes will hold a Bowling for Homeless Veterans benefit 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the bowling alley at 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The cost will be \$20 per person which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and raffle ticket for drawings going on throughout the event.

For more information on how to help or about Veteran's Haven, visit the Web site at www.wetshaveninfo.org or call (734) 728-0527.

Cigar party

Firing Line Indoor Gun Range and Gun Shop in Westland will sponsor its annual fund-raiser to benefit the Westland Police Department's Tactical Response Unit.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Hellenic Cultural Center for the fifth annual cigar party fund-raiser. The center is located on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

The evening will include food, drinks, a silent auction, Vegas-style games, prizes and mock video horse racing, dubbed *A Night at the Races*.

Tickets are \$60 and can 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.

Bowling event

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2007 Winterfest Charity Bowling Event 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Four-person teams will bowl alternating every fourth frame. There will be contests and prizes and a buffet dinner at Marvaso's Italian Grille. Tickets cost \$120 per team or \$30 per person. The price includes bowling two drinks and dinner. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with the tournament starting at 1 p.m. Call the Chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris Kehler VFW Post 3323 will hold a marathon bingo noon-5 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the post, 1055 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Money raised will go to support the Youth Activities Adopt A Troop project for overseas veterans.

Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Saturday, March 10, at the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford Road.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. for a shot at a top prize up to \$1,000. Spots are available at the door and through pre-registration. The pre-registration price is \$50 until March 1. After that date, there will be a \$10 late registration fee.

The games in the Vegas Room will include Big Wheel, Blackjack, 7 Card and Let it Ride. Food and beverages also will be available. Call (734) 226-0400 or visit the Jaycees' Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

CORRECTION

A headline in Sunday's *Observer* should have stated that the Westland Library Board will consider a contract as an option in the hiring of a new library director.

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N David E. Nussbaum Nussbaum, 59, died Feb. 19.	O Orval A. Opperhauser Opperhauser, 84, of Ortonville, died Feb. 16.	P W. Oren Parker Parker, 95, formerly of Rochester, died Jan. 29.	R Victor Rosa Rosa, 93, died Feb. 17.	V Mary Catherine Vierik Vierik, 88, of Clawson, died Feb. 17.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A12.

To All of Todd's Supporters:
Thank you all for your overwhelming support, kindness, and generosity that you all showed at the bowling benefit.
We know that without your help Todd would not have had the opportunity to go to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for one of the best determinations of treatment for his brain cancer.
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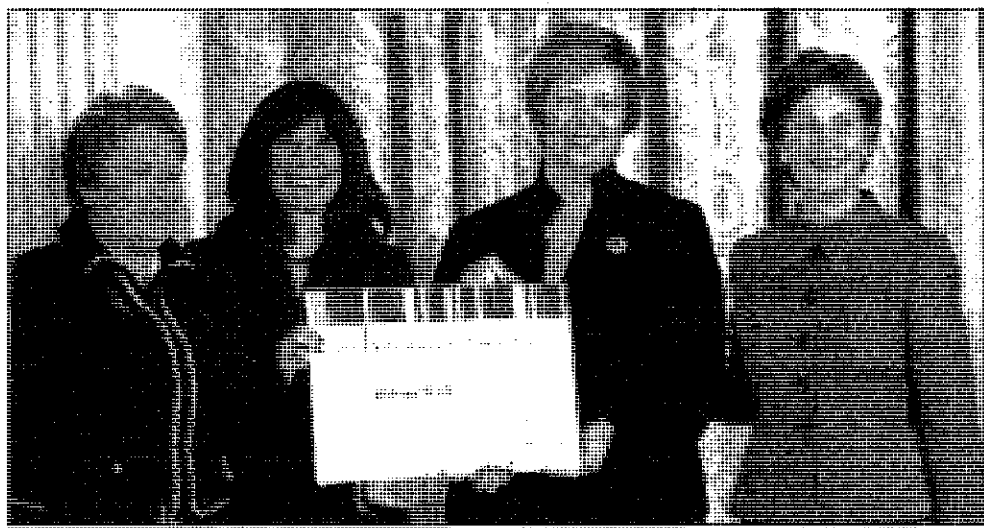
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Pictured here for the Artrain award are Anne Radice, director of the Institute of Museum & Library Services; Nancy Coumoundouros, Artrain community representative; Debra Polich, Artrain USA president and CEO, and First Lady Laura Bush.

Westland native accepts national award for Artrain

Westland native Debra Polich has received national attention as president of Artrain USA of Ann Arbor - a museum given an award by First Lady Laura Bush.

Polich and other Artrain representatives recently received the National Award for Museums and Library Service during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"Artrain USA of Ann Arbor, Michigan, can justifiably call all of small-town America its community," Bush said, in a press release about the award. "Housed in vintage train cars and pulled by locomotives, Artrain USA's traveling museum brings world-class art exhibitions to communities across the

country that may have little or no access to art museums. These visits have a lasting impact on their hosts."

The traveling museum has had a tangible impact on some communities. In Waterford, it led to the forming of the Waterford Cultural Council.

The national award is the federal government's highest honor for community service provided by a museum or library. It is given each year to only six institutions by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Winning institutions will receive \$10,000.

"Artrain USA can spark a lifelong interest in the arts for the child who climbs on board with his classmates

or for his neighbor who volunteers when Artrain comes to town," said Polich, who graduated from Westland John Glenn High School with honors in 1975. "We involve people and build cross-sector relationships that have helped to start and strengthen hundreds of arts organizations across the country."

"We are honored that the Institute of Museum and Library Services recognizes the importance of our mission and results of our work," Polich said. "This award will drive us to continue to improve our programs and expand our reach."

For more information about Artrain, call (734) 747-8300 or go online to www.ArtrainUSA.org.

Attorney blasts Maida Woods vote, says litigation is next

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An attorney has threatened legal action after a Westland City Council majority voted Monday to postpone a decision on a site plan for the Maida Woods subdivision on the city's southwest side.

"There will be litigation - how and when we're still discussing," said Stephen Wasinger, attorney for Royal Oak-based developers Kentmoor LLC.

His remarks came after the council voted 6-1 to delay its decision until a state administrative judge rules on a challenge by a citizens group, which is contesting a Maida Woods wetlands assessment.

The group - the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation and Smart Growth - has contested a state environmental review that cited 1.5 acres of regulated wetlands on the 14-acre site. The group believes the wetlands area may be larger.

Developers, however, believe the judge will uphold the wetlands report, issued in October by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They believe their proposed 36-home

development, on the south side of Palmer Road between Hannan and John Hix roads, meets all legal requirements.

"The DEQ is on our side in this issue," Wasinger told the council during a Monday night meeting.

Council President Charles Pickering split from his six colleagues, saying developers deserved a vote. He has said the city's past practice has been to approve a site plan and then have developers seek the permits they need from the state and county.

"I feel we have a legal obligation to make a decision," Pickering said.

But council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer chose to wait on the state administrative judge's ruling - a move that could delay a vote for weeks or even months.

Wasinger told the council that, if the judge sides with the citizens group, developers would amend their plans. But, he said Monday, "It isn't fair to continue to delay this project."

The citizens group's attorney, David Lipski, had urged the council not to decide the issue until the judge's decision is issued.

Outside of council chambers, Wasinger blasted the council majority for delaying a project that developers believe will ultimately be approved.

"There's no justification for this," he said. "It was a complete and arbitrary sellout of their responsibilities."

The council was elected to make tough decisions, he said, threatening that Monday's vote could cost the city - and ultimately taxpayers - money in court.

But residents who live near the proposed Maida Woods subdivision embraced the council's postponement of the decision.

"We've never been against development," Westland resident Leona Duffy said, adding that the citizens group simply wants to ensure that the wetlands assessment is accurate.

Jean Hannan of neighboring Canton Township described herself as "very happy" with the council's decision. She said the wetlands area and the wildlife it harbors shouldn't be threatened by development.

"These wetlands need to be protected," she said. "We want to preserve it."

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City gets a \$20,000 reforestation grant

Westland will receive a \$20,000 grant to help offset the devastation caused by the emerald ash borer - an insect that forced the city to take down more than 3,000 trees.

The money will be used to help restore trees to neighborhoods hard hit by the problem, announced state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

"The emerald ash borer has devastated our ash population in Wayne County, and I applaud

Westland's officials for seeking out solutions that will help mitigate the damage this pest has caused," LeBlanc said. "This grant will help Westland restore some of the natural beauty that has been lost to the ash borer in many of our neighborhoods."

The grant program is federally funded and administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry, and Forest Health Programs. The

grants were established with funding from the USDA Forest Service, which was developed to assist Michigan communities affected by the emerald ash borer.

In Michigan, 21 counties are under an emerald ash borer quarantine, meaning any form of wood from ash trees cannot be moved outside the areas.

For more information on the emerald ash borer, go to www.michigan.gov/eab.

Judge orders trial in stabbing

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A transient man accused of stabbing and robbing a woman outside a Westland gas station has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Myron Terrell Boone, 25, is facing trial after his alleged victim identified him last week in Westland District Court as the assailant who stabbed her.

Boone was implicated in the stabbing during a preliminary hearing that ended with Judge C. Charles Bokos ordering him to stand trial for armed rob-

bery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder.

The victim was stabbed about 6:50 a.m. Jan. 15 when she stopped for cigarettes at the Marathon gas station on the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads. She was on her way to work.

The victim identified Boone as the man who robbed her and slashed her across the stomach with what was described as a box cutter blade.

The woman was treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The woman had earlier singled out Boone in a photo lineup by authorities, police Lt. James Ridener said. Boone was charged after he was arrested in Roseville for an unrelated shoplifting incident, Ridener said.

The defendant remained jailed Thursday on a \$500,000 bond that Bokos had set after the arrest. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

If convicted as charged, Boone could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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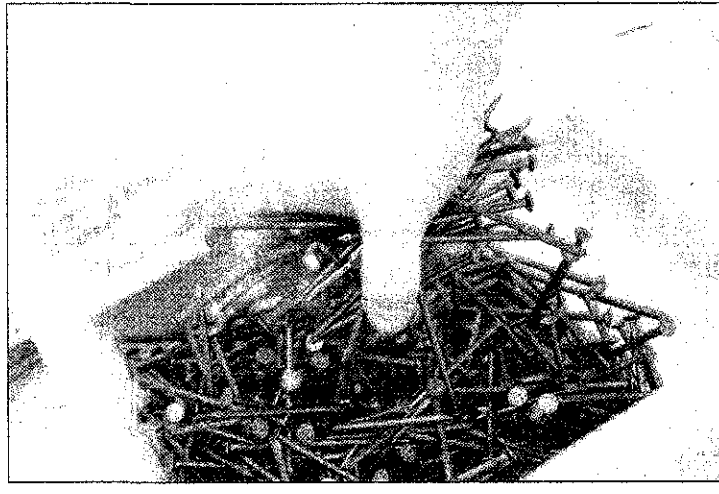
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John Glenn senior Brad Wilson works on the frame for his doghouse.



Nails were flying out by the handfuls as students competed in the local SkillsUSA competition.



Wayne Memorial High School senior Daniel Crumme studies his plans before moving on with his project.

Students put their construction skills to test

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The whine of skill saws cutting through 2x4's and plywood siding mixed with the sound of hammers hitting nails.

Two hours into the local SkillsUSA competition, three of the seven students had already begun hanging siding on the 4-foot by 4-foot dog houses they were building - sideways.

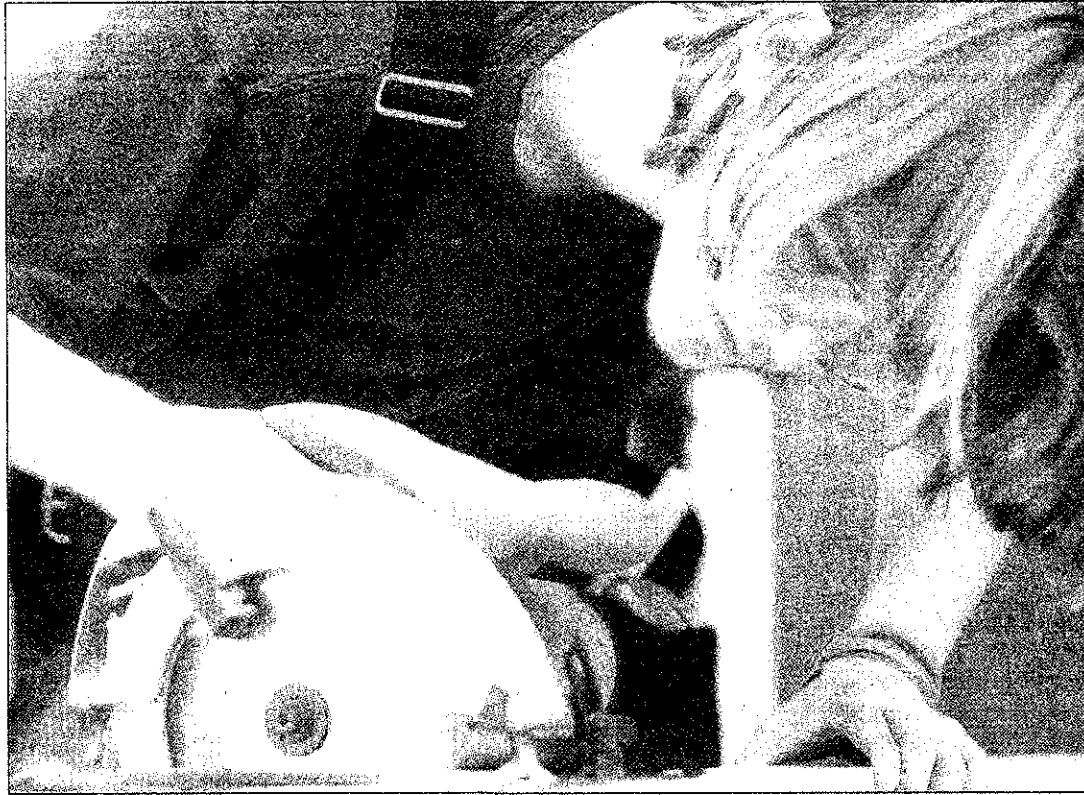
"The hardest thing to do is stand here and watch," said Mark Valchine. "They'll catch their own mistakes when they stop to think."

The construction technology II teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Valchine was putting the students' skills to the test to determine who would advance to regional competition March 8 at Mr. Roof in Ypsilanti.

Valchine started out with 14 students interested in the competition, but ended up with seven - five seniors and two juniors - who showed up at the practices and put in the extra time to prepare for the competition.

A timed event, the students were at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Building and Grounds Facility off Howe in Wayne at 6:45 a.m. last Friday for the competition which started with a five-page written test covering all facets of construction.

They had 15 minutes to answer questions about building stairways, cutting rafters for



John Glenn High School senior Brad Noyes begins framing wood for his doghouse.

overhangs and framing walls. They also had to calculate the square footage and number of shingles need to do a roof.

Once done, Valchine rolled out the blueprints for the main portion of the competition. Again, they had 10-15 minutes to go over them before a brief question-and-answer session. By 8 a.m., they were off and building, hoping to have their dog houses

done by 2 p.m.

"There's no points for finishing first, they have to be done by 2 p.m.," said Valchine. "We try to do it at a decent time of about 5 1/2 hours. That's a pretty good clip for these kids."

BY DESIGN

The dog house had to be built with the opening facing a walkway that ran down the middle of

the construction area. That opening had to measure 16 inches by 20 inches and students "will be judged down to one-16th of an inch," Valchine said.

Valchine estimated that students would begin building the roof rafters after lunch. The roof has a six-inch overhang on the front and back. The students needed to build three rafters.

"At the regional competition,

they'll have to build a hip roof system and cut out a stairway," said Valchine. "This is just the tip of the iceberg. If they can't do this, they're really going to get beat up at regional."

The judges - Valchine's father, Mark, and Westland building inspectors John McNally and Paul Featherston - strolled up and down the walkway, stopping to watch what the students were doing. Valchine's father came and saw the competition and was hooked. McNally and Featherston donated their time to serve as judges.

"We have to let them make their own mistakes so they can learn from them," said John McNally. "If they finish and it isn't right, they don't get credit. It teaches them that if you're at the job site and you do it wrong, it costs money. You have to do it right the first time."

"This makes them step up a notch," added Featherston.

"When I took this class in 1987, they didn't offer a skills competi-

tion,"

figure out if he can salvage it," Valchine said.

AIMING FOR REGIONALS

The competition will whittle the group down to three regular and one alternate for the regional competition where students will be cutting and hammering in hopes of earning a spot in the SkillsUSA state competition.

Valchine's students have done well in the competition. In 2005, he had a student win at the state level in individual carpentry and place 14th in the nation.

They also helped build a reputation for the program that has led to invitations to compete in team building at the state SkillsUSA competition, the Mites Team Building at the state level and a building competition being held at Washtenaw Community College.

While students were competing to go to regional, they also were aiming for prizes - tools and gift cards donated by the building department and subcontractors.

Due to the district's mid-winter recess, formal announcement of the winners was delayed, and Valchine was hoping one of the seven students would catch the vertical on the blueprints before cutting the siding.

"If they're lucky and fortunate, they'll go on to the states for individual competition," Valchine added. "Any of these guys, any and all are capable of that."

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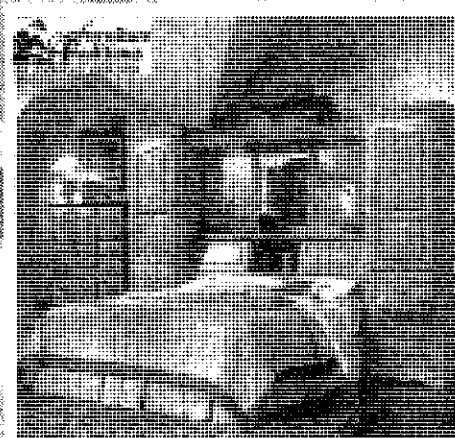
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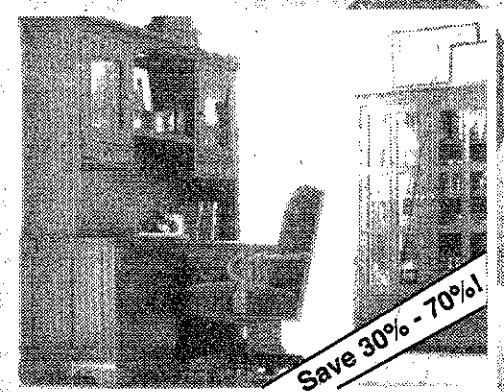
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Purtan hopes to top \$1.8 million in Salvation Army Radiothon

Dick Purtan's goal for this year's 20th annual Salvation Army Bed and Bread Radiothon is the same as every year since the event began - to exceed the previous year's total.

Last year the WOMC-FM radio personality and his comedy crew pulled in \$1,808,440 to help feed and shelter the Detroit area's most needy residents.

Friday, Purtan will take on the challenge to beat that number by at least a dollar.

"I go into my worry mode on how we'll do next year, because every year we go up in the total," Purtan said in a December interview. "Every year it gets tougher and tougher to raise more money that we did a year before."

The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will broadcast live 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday from the Oakland Mall in Troy. Donations can be made by calling (248)307-1043 and will go directly to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program.

By making a donation of \$10 a month, for a total of \$120 a year, or \$20 a month, for a total of \$240 a year, donors gain membership to the Bed and Bread Club.

Bed and Bread Club members are eligible for a Michigan tax credit and 100 percent of the dollars donated go to the program. Donors, who pledge \$240 or more for the year, will receive a limited-edition nine-CD box set including the "Best of Dick Purtan" show highlights from the past 20 years.

The Bed and Bread program brings food, shelter and services to countless destitute people within the metro Detroit community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get

back on their feet.

The program shelters 1,700 every night and has four Bed and Bread trucks - mobile feeding units that go out each day and serve over 7,000 meals to men, women and children in need.

"One of the most painful conditions that a human being can suffer is the feeling of hunger," says Dick Purtan. "I cannot imagine what it must be like to live without access to food ... it's devastating for individuals and families and because of this, I try to do all I can to help."

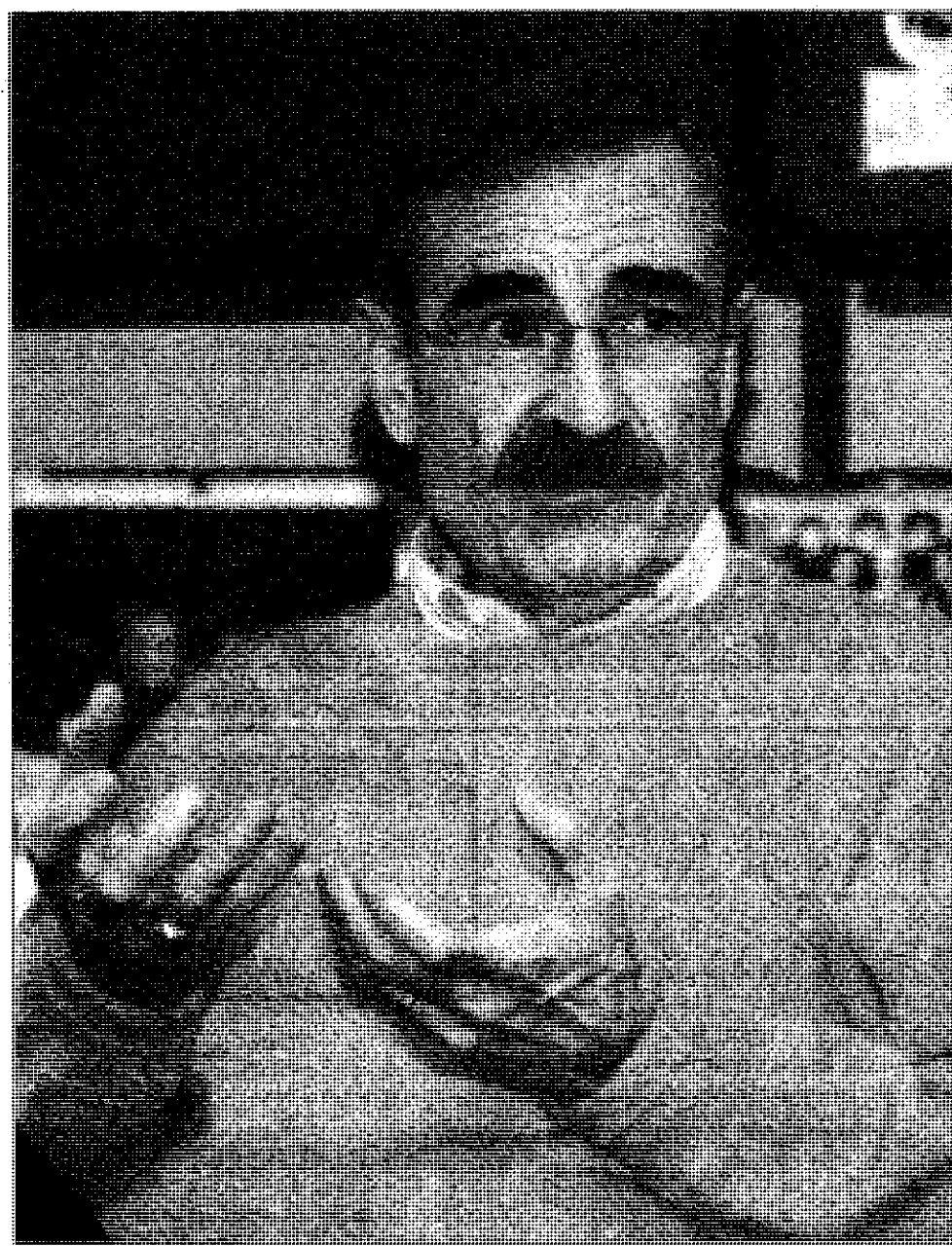
In the 20-years since the radiothon's launch nearly \$14 million has been raised for the Bed and Bread program. The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will include live performances by local and national performers and interviews with celebrities and sports figures.

Purtan said when the radiothon was started, he was looking for a charity that everyone could support.

"We wanted to be involved with a charity and we were throwing out different charities' names and it turned out that the one charity everyone had a positive opinion of was the Salvation Army," he said.

This year the need in particularly grave, as Detroit has been named the poorest large city in the United States.

"If it weren't for the Salvation Army and this radiothon for the Salvation Army, how would these people on the streets of Detroit get fed?" Purtan said. "We've now gotten to the point, Detroit is the neediest city in the country in terms of feeding poor people. A lot of people have to decide if they want food or they want shelter, it's come down to that in many, many cases."



Dick Purtan will host his 20th Radiothon for the Salvation Army Friday.

Schoolcraft hosts Workers in Transition seminars

If you've been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave your job early, Schoolcraft College on Thursday, March 1, has help available. The first of three Workers in Transition sessions is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. in room 200 of McDowell Center.

A second and third are scheduled for Thursday, April 5, and Tuesday, May 1, at the same time and room. Attendees can enjoy free pizza before the each of the sessions begins.

The informational event is free and directed at displaced workers looking for new options. Career counselors will talk about where to look for a new job; salaries and training requirements for some of today's better careers; how to earn college credit for life experience; and how to apply for financial aid.

Registration is required and enrollment for each session is limited. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-462-4479.

Westland hosts state budget hearing

Hoping to get residents more involved in the state budget process, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has scheduled a public hearing to let Westland residents comment on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed budget and, specifically, how it might affect Michigan State Police.

LeBlanc chairs a House subcommittee that deals with appropriations for state police. He also has been a Canton reserve police officer more than 18 years.

The public hearing - the first of three across the state - has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Westland

City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will preside over the hearing with LeBlanc.

"Our residents are affected by the decisions that are made during the budget process, but they rarely have any input into how the decisions are made - we want to change that," LeBlanc said, in a statement issued from his Lansing office. "It's important for our residents to ask any questions and express any concerns they have

about how our state government works."

LeBlanc has vowed to fight to ensure that officers receive the funding they need to do their jobs, saying he has "the utmost respect for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our residents."

"Our state government is here to work for the people of Michigan, and I value our residents' input," he said. "I invite the public to attend this hearing and offer feedback on our state budget."

County issues salmonella warning

The Center for Disease Control is currently investigating a Salmonella Tennessee outbreak related to peanut butter in several states in the U.S.

The ConAgra Food Co. has issued a recall on Peter Pan Peanut Butter starting with product code 2111.

With the outbreak, the Wayne County Department of Public Health urges residents to report to their physician if

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Readers who visit the site will see daily news updates, many of which don't appear in the print version of our product. That doesn't mean you can't find stories that appear in the paper — nearly all local content and photographs contained in the print edition are now available online.

Finding the Westland edition is easy. Just scroll to the mid point of the O&E homepage under the heading Your Hometown News and click on the link to Westland, which is located in the section labeled Wayne County.

We see the Web as a great way to tell readers information that can't wait. If a key community meeting is canceled because of a snow storm, we want readers to know about it before driving to town hall.

We also want our readers to know about breaking police and fire news and stories on schools and interesting people. To do that, we need help from the community.

So if you know of news that can't wait until Thursday or Sunday, give us a call at (734) 953-2112, and community editor Sue Mason will see it gets the attention it deserves.

Enjoy winter — in all of its splendor

It's cold, snowy and the first day of spring is more than a month away.

It seems as though winter will never end.

But there's a way to make it go faster — or at least make it feel like it's going faster.

Go outside. Take in the beauty of the season, experience its sights and sounds, and winter will melt into spring in no time.

Head to your local park for a walk in the woods, or don a pair of cross country skis or snowshoes and take to the trails. You'll see and hear why winter sports enthusiasts look forward all year long to the season's first snow.

The deep greens of fir trees, the earthy browns of tree bark, the brilliant red of cardinals and rich blue of bluejays pop out against the all-white backdrop of winter like they do in no other season.

The sounds of birds singing and small brooks trickling are much more audible without the rustling of leaves and noises of active woodland animals that dominate other seasons.

Michigan is blessed with four beautiful seasons. Get out and enjoy the least appreciated of them.

Have a heart — volunteer, donate

Valentine's Day has passed, but don't wait until next Feb. 14 to have a heart.

Opportunities to donate money to a needy charity or volunteer time to a worthy cause outnumber the calories in a two-pound box of chocolate truffles.

Valentine's week is a good time to think about helping others. Donations to charities pour in at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and people look for ways to volunteer.

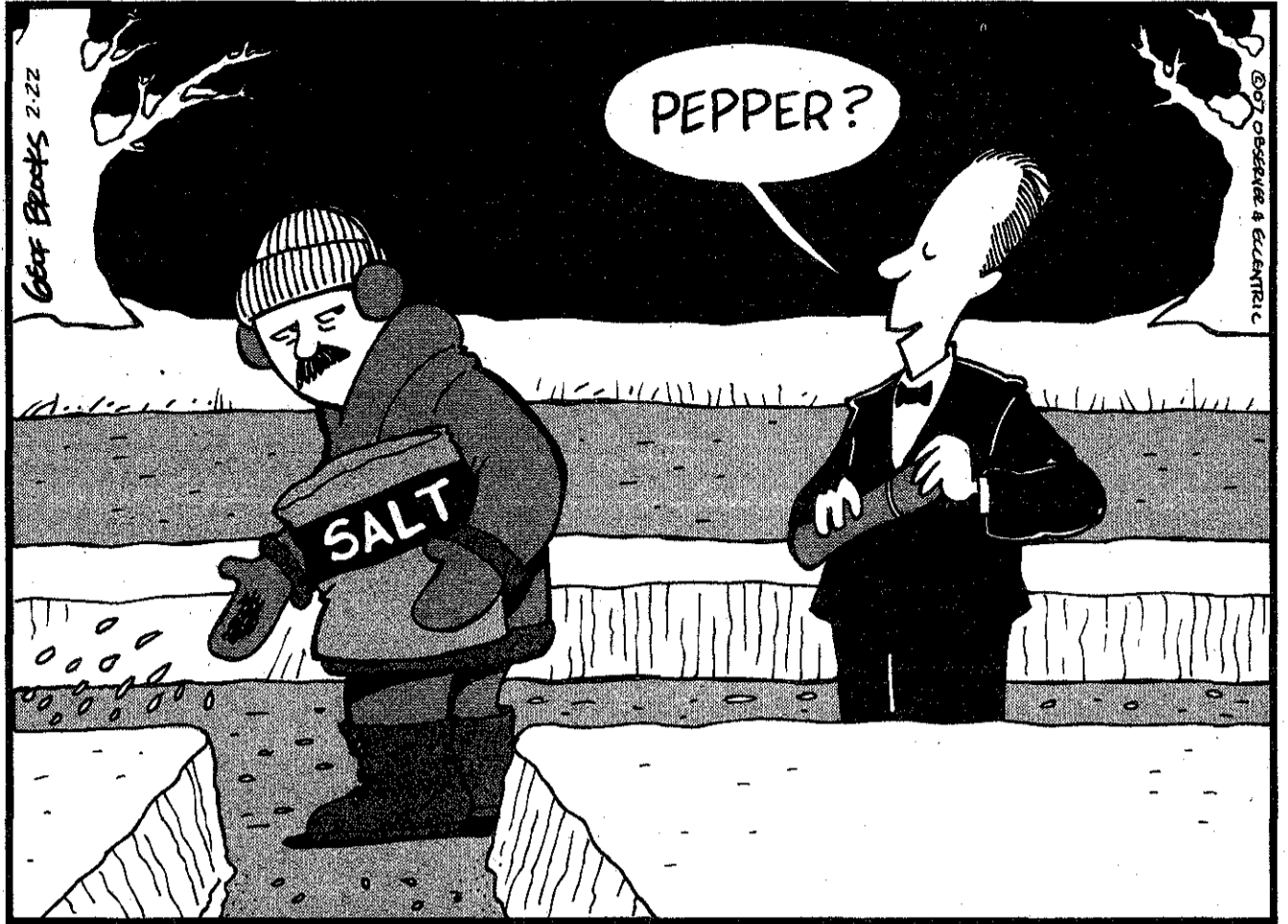
But as the new year gets under way, our attention turns to keeping resolutions to get fit and eat healthy, filing income tax returns and planning getaways to exotic vacation spots.

But there are people who need your help year-round.

Think of how you'd like to volunteer — visiting lonely seniors in nursing homes, tutoring at-risk youngsters learning to read, holding drug-addicted newborns in hospital nurseries, delivering warm meals to shut-ins.

Consider the organizations you'd like to donate to — perhaps those that give financial assistance to families who can't afford to heat their homes or feed their children.

Then be a sweetie and make that call or write that check.



Dan always made the best of winter weather.

First Amendment rights

Our First Amendment rights allow us the freedom of speech, and that is a great thing. However, sometimes people do get carried away, but that is their right to do so. Our Second Amendment right is the right "to keep and bear arms" ... NOT the right to "ARM BEARS."

Sometimes while watching the City Council meetings, I feel, like with many of the comments that are being made, you have "armed the bears." The idle threats and promises made by a few people ... I get a kick out of seeing this and then I remember "Hey, they have that right." It makes for some great TV programming.

I remember a few years ago, one person kept making crude remarks about the police chief. I came to a meeting and asked Mr. Pickering if they would turn off the microphone of people making such remarks. They did that for awhile.

In today's society, when someone approaches the seats where the council members sit or the mayor, this could make for dangerous TV programming. You never know what SOME people can or will do.

While watching the most recent council meeting, a certain person started talking about "SOUR GRAPES" and then proceeded forward and placed grapes in front of a council person. First, he SHOULD have been stopped while assaulting him with just the words he was using. This was a direct insult, a slap in the face.

Fortunately, it WAS NOT a real slap in the face. Someone should have stepped in front of him and prevented him from doing what he did, but then I remember, he has the First Amendment right to back him up ... and so did Councilman Godbout when he said what he did. That is why we have THAT right.

And then I remember, my son a UNITED STATES MARINE, currently fighting in Iraq for OUR rights. Is this what he is REALLY fighting for, for someone to have his 15 minutes — I mean five minutes of fame — by totally trying to embarrass someone like he did. Well, I would like to think that is for something a little more pertinent he is fighting for, but then again our BILL OF RIGHTS allows any of us to say or do as we please.

So in the future maybe when someone is blasting someone at a meeting, perhaps we can adjourn the meeting until this abuse stops before someone really blasts someone at a meeting.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Nothing to offer

I would assume Mark Blackwell still has a job, so naturally he would support Granholm. But what if he would become unemployed and called out to Granholm for HELP! He wouldn't get it EITHER unless he was in the Ann Arbor group that is getting all her support. To heck with the rest of us.

I have E-MAILED her many times, crying out for help with no response. My husband got laid off from Collins and Aikman in August. He has been a temporary ever since. As far as I am concerned, no one in Westland or surrounding areas are very smart, because they haven't hired him. He is the best employee a company could wish for. He is motivated, hands on, never late, works hard, works late. He gave Collins and Aikman his best years for what NOTHING!

As for as I am concerned, the way Michigan is going we are all going to get up

LETTERS

and move out! Michigan has NOTHING! We are living in a black hole, and it deteriorating fast. We are not living in the AUTOMOTIVE STATE ANYMORE AND WE SHOULD WAKE UP TO THAT FACT. The foreigners are taking over.

All those people that had a cushy job with the automaker all these years should have been putting away money, because we are sinking and there is no life jacket to be had. You are lucky to have that cushion. If it is spent already, oh, well then you are in with the rest of us poor people that didn't have that pile of money coming in every week. In other words, if you were with the Big Three, consider yourselves lucky. I, on the other hand, thought you were all spoiled rotten.

Granholm can't pick up everyone that loses a job. I guess that why she didn't help us. Pretty soon we won't need a governor, because everyone will be gone! It is a shame. This is my hometown, but we are holding on for dear life.

I'm sure if the housing was up, we'd be long, long gone!

Mari Squire
Westland

Bush speaks without thinking

Our White House's reigning occupant has done it again. He has spoken without thinking. His last push is to kill any Iranians found in Iraq, which means shoot first and ask questions later. This is very tough talk for a man who has disgraced the military by getting favored positions that would take him away from combat, place him in a fighter plane, ahead of many more qualified candidates and then didn't show up for service because he was too wasted on drugs.

He along with his co-conspirator, Dick Cheney, who was too busy to do his own required military service, can talk big and tough. They truly are a pair of cowards hiding behind the walls of the White House, yet they remain the pride of the Republican Party.

What Mr. Bush has done is intentionally put our diplomats, mercenaries, soldiers at risk so he can talk tough. He has put them at risk because now our enemies can ignore the Geneva Convention and execute anyone perceived to be opposing the state of any country without a fair hearing and do it because George Bush has called for the same action.

Our CIA operatives trying to overthrow Hugo Chavez in Venezuela can be executed when they are found without retribution because now the Americans are doing this. The diplomats that operated in Haiti can be hung because they participated in the overthrow of the government there. And even those responsible for the extradition of non-U.S. citizens can be executed without trial because they are acting against the state.

This isn't the first time Mr. Bush has put his foot in his mouth and endangered Americans. It is common for Mr. Bush to make these critical errors. It is remarkable though, that a leader of an opposition party, speaking improperly once or twice, is raked over the coals and suffers horribly for an error. Joe Biden had remarked that of some observations of Barack Obama. He was not only taken out of context, he was misquoted. But the harassment he suffered in the press, particularly the right wing propaganda press, was inexcusable.

The pride of the Republican Party may be the most incompetent occupant of the Oval Office. But perhaps he is not viewed correctly. If Mr. Bush is not thought of as a public servant in office to serve the American people, but as an office holder to serve his mon-

etary constituents, the incompetence becomes clear and his ability to speak is no more than a manifestation of the lies he is telling Americans.

Frances Meese
Westland

Tips about assessment appeals

I just wanted to pass along some helpful information to all the readers, if they are thinking about going to the upcoming Board of Review in their communities to protest their property taxes.

According to Michigan Law, The General Property Tax Act (excerpt) Act 206 of 1893; Section 211.27 Sec. 27. Sub Section (2) states:

The assessor SHALL NOT consider the increase in true cash value that is a result of expenditures for normal repairs, replacement and maintenance in determining the true cash value of property for assessment purposes UNTIL the property is sold ...

The following repairs are considered normal maintenance, if they are not part of a structural addition or completion (These items ONLY apply to RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY):

- Outside painting.
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- Replacing a furnace with a new furnace, or replacing an oil or gas burner.
- Repairing plaster, inside painting or other redecorating.
- New ceiling, wall or floor surfacing.
- Removing partitions to enlarge rooms.
- Replacing a hot water heater.
- Replacing dated interior woodwork.

Again, these items are considered NORMAL MAINTENANCE and REPAIR under Michigan law. The Board of Review CANNOT take these items in consideration when determining YOUR assessment, ONLY and when you sell your home.

I hope that this information will be helpful to everyone. Remember to stay calm while presenting your application to your respective Board of Review in your community. Best of luck to all.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

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Please governor, don't tax state's intellectual capital

Governor Granholm has proposed a new 2 percent tax on services ranging from haircuts to professional services. Residents must be aware that this is a 2 percent tax on every dollar, not a "two cents" tax as some are marketing it.



Ewa Matuszewski

What's most troubling about this proposed service tax is that it serves as a disincentive for some of the state's most highly educated, creative and intelligent service providers, such as architects, certified public accountants, attorneys, advertising and other creative businesses, as well as business consultants that aid Michigan's economy in advising companies how to work smarter and more effectively.

These services are typically the domain of small to medium sized company entrepreneurs who leverage their brain power, knowledge and education to bring value to Michigan's business, sports, entertainment and tourist communities.

Can we tout education for the young people of this state and then tax them because they put their education towards establishing a company that provides a service requiring a high level of skill and intellect? Michigan can't have it both ways.

Yes, professional service providers may "eat" the tax and not pass it along to their customers or clients, but they must still have an extra administrative mechanism in place to track and pay the tax. Further, this is 2 percent less that companies will have to invest in new staff, technology and other future-looking upgrades.

Moreover, the ripple effect will

Will large architectural, accounting, consulting and software engineering firms look to expand to Michigan if a service tax is part of the corporate welcome wagon?

mean that service providers will be paying the tax on the services they purchase from other professional service providers they rely on to run their business: attorneys and CPAs, for example. It's a tax that will get you coming and going.

Will large architectural, accounting, consulting and software engineering firms look to expand to Michigan if a service tax is part of the corporate welcome wagon?

Michigan already has a diminishing manufacturing base with repercussions that have touched nearly every business in this state. We don't need to be constructing additional road blocks that serve as barriers to new business or create an even greater chasm in our deeply partisan state politics.

The new 2 percent service tax does not replace the much maligned — and rightly so — single business tax. That discussion is still ongoing and will require careful scrutiny, especially in light of the 2 percent service tax proposal. We need to stop the tax train before it leaves the station. Let's reroute business back to Michigan with a tax structure that supports and encourages commerce and the Great Lakes way of life.

Ewa Matuszewski is a Rochester resident and the CEO and co-founder of Rochester-based Medical Network One.

It's all wrong

Gov. Granholm's State of the State speech illustrated a disoriented confidence that government can best manage the economy.

She demanded mercury levels for coal generators that are lower than federal levels. Costs will be prohibitive for no health benefits — she does not understand science. Renewable-source energy currently can exist only with subsidies, and we cannot afford them.

The state has no right to interfere in local politics: "Meaningful action toward shared or consolidated services with neighboring cities stand to lose real money." She is the governor, not dictator.

She would make preschool classes and attendance mandatory until 18 years of age, oblivious to the horrendous dropout rate of inner city schools. She claims \$4,000 scholarships won't be paid by taxes but by tobacco settlement funds. This is disingenuous because tobacco money goes into the general fund. Educated citizens gravitate to better opportunities out of state.

Her "No Worker Left Behind" slogan appeals to the unemployed, but frightens potential employers.

The Single Business Tax needed to be eliminated — not replaced. The service tax creates a layer of bookkeeping for businesses from barber shops to architects that must be tested.

Granholm's advisors, former governors Blanchard and Milliken are memorable as tax and spend politicians. Michigan's economy could climb out of last place with advice from bankers, economists and industry leaders, but it just took another hit.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

New tax is no surprise

After a full term of no action, except increasing beer and cigarette taxes and blaming President Bush for the state's dismal economic situation, our telegenic governor is pushing for a new service tax on business.

Of course this action is being based on the recommendations of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, chaired by former governors William Milliken and James Blanchard — the two most tax-raising governors this state ever had. Well, now we know who to blame on this unpopular decision.

Anthony Cauchi
Canton

Governor must protect jobs

Several Michigan officials made a recent trip to Texas to recruit immigrant migrant workers. A trip to Florida for the same purpose is planned for later this spring.

Do you have your mind wrapped around that yet?

Michigan has one of the highest, if not currently the highest, unemployment in the nation and our governor is allowing open recruiting from other states?

If called upon to explain the reason for the out of state recruitment, the state government will tell you that Michigan citizens don't want this type of work. Bull crap. When people are hungry and looking foreclosure/eviction in the face, they consider any type of employment. These jobs should be offered to Michigan citizens first.

Michigan tax dollars are being used to subsidize housing,

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medical and legal assistance for the imported workers.

So, Granholm is shopping elsewhere for workers. Didn't she promise to bring jobs into Michigan?

One more bad for Jennifer.

A. Parrish
Troy

All the help we can get

I was reading a newspaper article that other states across the country are also having problems with their budgets. Their problem is what to do with the huge budget surpluses that are being generated by their growing economies. Many are proposing cutting taxes to attract new business in order to compete in the new global market.

However, in Michigan, we have Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Her idea to compete in the new global market is to raise taxes in order to protect vital services, like her husband's chief of staff at \$80,000 per year.

Winston Churchill said that for a state to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by pulling up on the handle.

God help Michigan.

Jim McFerran
Redford

2 cents too much

Hello, is anyone listening? (The proposed state tax on services) is not 2 cents. It is 2 percent. It is \$1.47 billion. Yes that is a B, for fiscal year 2008. That is the number we need to be thinking about. Sure it may not impact the "average" resident but let's think about how it will affect businesses in our state.

Rumor has it that DaimlerChrysler is looking to build a new engine plant somewhere in southeast Michigan. Let's say for easy math that the cost of the "services" part of that plant construction is \$10 million.

So now let's add .02 on every dollar of services DCX will have to pay for the privilege of doing business in Michigan. And let's see if we can add in the cost of the lawyer who reviews the contracts, the accountant that makes sure the money trail is correct. Do you see how this can impact the state?

Now perhaps DCX might look a little south of the border line in say Toledo. They know right off the bat they can save a couple hundred grand and I am sure that is not even close to the real number since I have no idea how much this venture might actually cost.

Seems logical to me that businesses would be avoiding the state of Michigan as a place to do business even more than they do now. So rather than think of it as .02 cents on your dry cleaning or haircut let's use the more meaningful number \$1.47 billion with a B for fiscal year 2008.

Before the folks in Lansing get their hands on any more of my money I would like to suggest the following: Cut your spending. First off, let's cut one person for each legislator's staff, then let's cut their office budget by another 20 percent and then let's eliminate all the perks.

I think if the residents of Michigan put our heads together we could come up with a long list of where legislators should cut first before we tax ourselves out of the red.

Just say no to letting Jennifer give us her 2 cents worth.

Linda M. Thieffelt
Troy



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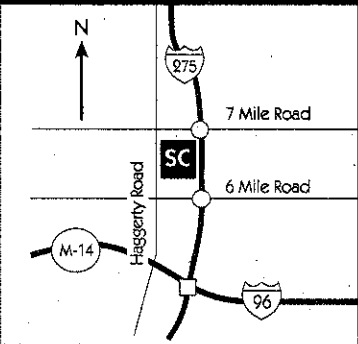
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Variable life insurance policy is a poor way to invest

On my radio show, a caller asked about buying life insurance. The caller stated they needed an additional \$250,000 of life insurance and their financial salesperson recommended a variable universal life policy.

The salesperson told them the great advantages of a variable universal life policy are the fact that they could make stock market investments and those investments would grow tax-deferred. The sales pitch was that if the stock market did well, they would have a greater return on their investment than in a traditional life insurance policy. The caller wanted to know if this was a good way to purchase life insurance.

My advice to the caller was to avoid variable universal life insurance policies. On the whole, I do not believe that investments should be made in



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

life insurance contracts. Life insurance is a means of covering risks. As far as I am concerned, whenever you try to combine insurance and risk management into one product, you get the worst of both worlds.

In a variable universal life policy, not only do you pay high fees for the life insurance, but you also pay very high fees for the underlying investment options. Whenever I review a prospectus for an insurance product, such as variable universal life, there is almost always one common thread and that is high fees.

The same investment option purchased outside of a life insurance policy typically will have substantially lower fees. In addition, in these types of policies, you have limited investment options.

One other benefit that the salespeople like to talk about on variable universal life policies is the fact that your investment gain grows tax-deferred. On the whole, there is nothing wrong with deferring your taxes into the future. However, in these types of policies, they do not tell you the whole story. Yes, you do defer the tax consequences, however, by deferring your taxes, you are actually increasing your taxes substantially. When money is withdrawn from a life insurance policy, it is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. On the other hand, if this money would have been invested outside of a life insurance policy,

the money would have qualified for long-term capital gains treatment.

Capital gains taxes are typically half of what you would pay as ordinary income tax and, in some situations, by deferring your taxes you more than double them. Thus, the so-called advantage of letting money grow tax-deferred in this situation is a negative.

The financial salespeople also tell you that if you need money from your policy as opposed to canceling the policy, which in turn would cancel your life insurance, you can borrow certain amounts of money from your policy. Unfortunately, they do not tell you that there is a cost to borrow. My philosophy is, why should you borrow and pay interest on your own money? It doesn't make sense.

Therefore, by using a life insurance policy as an invest-

ment, you lose flexibility.

One last note regarding these types of policies that the salespeople do not want to tell you the penalties involved. If you need to cancel the policy before a set period of time, you are going to take a severe financial hit.

My recommendation to the caller was to purchase term insurance for their life insurance needs. Term insurance is the least expensive type of insurance and, as far as I am concerned, for the great majority of people, the best. With term insurance, you can buy life insurance for a period of time — five, 10 or even 30 years. Thus, you can buy a policy for 30 years and have that premium set in stone, unlike these variable types of policies, where the premium can fluctuate.

There is a price war when it comes to term insurance, and

many of the insurance companies are undercutting their prices. Therefore, it is easy to shop around and receive competitive bids with regards to term life insurance. If you have an agent, have he/she give you a bid or you can use the Internet to compare prices.

My recommendation in buying a life insurance policy is that you only use companies that are rated 'A' or better.

With regards to the caller, they also informed me that they are eligible to invest in Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax-free. Therefore, I recommended that with the difference between the premiums on the variable policy vs. what the premium on the term policy would be, that they could invest that money in a Roth IRA, thus allowing that money to grow tax-free.

In this situation, the caller was able to buy the amount of life insurance they needed and have money to invest in a Roth IRA; that money would grow tax-free as opposed to tax deferred, a win-win for the caller.

The only person that does not benefit from this is the financial salesperson. The salesperson not only receives a commission when the policy is sold, but every year they receive what is known as a trailer. A trailer is a deduction from your money going to the salesperson who originally sold you the policy.

For as long as I have been in the investment world, I have always encouraged investors to not invest in life insurance policies. Life insurance is a means of covering risks and is not for investment purposes. That is why I am not a fan of the variable policies that combine life insurance and investing.

In addition, I'm also not a fan of return of premium policies that have become popular with term insurance. My reasoning once again is that the extra premium that you pay for a return of premium term policy can be better invested. In addition, I believe that in many of the return of premium policies, they are nothing but gimmicks.

If your death is going to cause someone to lose out financially and you do not have the resources to compensate for that loss, life insurance is an excellent way of covering that risk. On the other hand, if you are saving for your retirement, a vacation or whatever, life insurance is a horrible investment to achieve those goals.

Good luck!

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Working on art

DIA conservator battles dust, jackhammers during renovation

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Heller can deal with the dusty footprints that track across the mats on the marbled floor. And the occasional vibrations that slightly ripple through the walls aren't a problem. But when the guys started jackhammering on the roof at 2 a.m., she had to stop it.

"I've only stopped work once," she said. But she had reasons for concern.

Heller, a Birmingham resident, is the chief conservator at the Detroit Institute of Arts. If you have been there in the past few years, you might have noticed that the museum is in the midst of a titanic renovation and expansion, the largest such project since the original building was opened in 1927.

The museum is adding 57,650 square feet, putting new facades on the north and south wings, renovating the Farnsworth Street lobby and converting the North Court into new gallery space, among many other changes. All this amounts to a lot of hammering, sawing, clanging, banging, grinding, chopping and dropping of various items.

It's up to Heller to ensure that none of that affects any of the nearly 60,000 works of art in the museum's collection.

"I was worried about the Diego Rivera frescoes," she said. The issue there, however, was the shaky old freight elevator. "I contacted a firm and they put in three vibration monitors."

The frescoes are priceless, as are most of the other works of art that can be damaged by vibrations, floating dust, humidity, temperature and bright lights — all of which are byproducts of construction.



Barbara Heller shows one of the statues taken off display for cleaning.

"It's a challenge, but it is something that we have been working on since 1996," she said. That's when plans were made for the major renovation at the DIA.

Although the building was hailed as the model of how to design an art museum when it was built, times have changed since the doors opened in 1927. The mechanical system became a maze of interconnected ducts. The renovations include installation of one air supply system that will serve all three museum buildings. That will also make it easier to control the dust.

Dust is a real threat. Remember, one doesn't toss a Bernini sculpture into the sink for a quick rinse. Hence, the floor mats. The museum floor

is lined with special mats that grab and hold dust from shoe bottoms.

Other precautions are in place as well. When workers had to cut, place and sand a new section of marble on a wall, they erected a plastic tent



Thomas Dickerson restores a Louie XV frame in one of the conservation rooms at the DIA.

over the site. Whole galleries under construction have been sealed off.

"We have micro-climates," Heller said. That simple display case housing precious items has a controlled temperature and humidity.

"It's technical and scientific," she said, "a mixture of art and science."

In a way, the steps taken to protect the artworks are an extension of the everyday job of the conservators at the

museum. Working in rooms out of site from the public, they stitch in missing pieces of fabrics, restore wooden picture frames, stabilize fragile paintings and clean marble and limestone sculptures.

The construction project actually has aided that process.

"So many things have been taken off view (during the construction) we are finally able to work on them," Heller said.

It's a careful process, she noted. Standing in a main

DIA NUMBERS

- 1885 – year founded
- 1887 – year Vincent van Gogh painted 'Self-Portrait'. In the DIA's collection, this was the first van Gogh to be placed in a museum in the United States
- 1927 – year current building opened
- 60,000 – approximate number of works of art
- \$297 million – approximate amount raised so far in the capital improvement campaign
- \$158 million – cost of the current renovation and construction project
- 57,650 – number of square feet being added
- November 2007 – project completion date

gallery, she pointed to one of the paintings. The painting is priceless and has to be treated with extraordinary care. Even its frame is a work of art. "It's worth thousands of dollars," she said, "per foot."



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Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you?

Religious simulcast

Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore speaks to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book *Get Out of That Pit* Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007. Morning Star Church is presenting a program in conjunction with the simulcast 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church, 28563 Pardo, Garden City. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. For more information or tickets, call (734) 367-3029.

In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for everyone - no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore shares the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope.

Lent and Easter services

In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final

moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org.

Tenebrae

An evening of reflection and hope, Song of the Shadows is an inspiring and prayerful musical piece commemorating the passion of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, with the choirs of St. Damian and St. Edith parishes and orchestral ensemble 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to offset production costs. Call (734) 464-1222.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmi.rr.com. Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service.

The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 4, at St. Stephen of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 7731940; March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569-4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, call (313) 937-0970, and March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3437.

Church drama

Television and film actor Frank Ronyeon performs in The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

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The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-D156 or send e-mail to www.psalmi2verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

UPCOMING

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 whitening, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whitening, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

Church women united

Meets for World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

Lenten retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18, \$10 for students, faculty and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is With Mary on the way of the Cross presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to cmws@madonna.edu by Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

Effective Black Parenting

Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt, created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American parenting scholars 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and March 17, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield, north of Eight Mile, Southfield. One day seminar is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. RSVP required. For information, call (313) 869-4728. Child care not available.

Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school, resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs, achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage. Church phone is (248) 569-2972.

Carnival night

Family fun 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's Family Passover concert featuring the award winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members, \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

Clergy conference

Facing End of Life with Compassion, a clergy conference featuring presentations by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end-of-life care and breakout sessions 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization; breakfast and lunch included. The clergy conference is part of a larger event, Compassion Sabbath 2007, an interfaith initiative to provide clergy and religious educators tools for addressing the spiritual needs of the seriously ill, the dying and their families. As part of the St. John Health and the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life collaborative project on palliative and end-of-life care, the event provides faith leaders with the resources needed to better minister to the seriously ill and dying. Palliative care addresses management of symptoms such as pain, nausea, and shortness of breath with an emphasis on quality of life throughout the course of a chronic, debilitating or life-threatening illness. For more information and to register for Compassion Sabbath 2007, call 1-888-440-7325.

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that begin Thursdays, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Book fair

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

Seminar

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar, Being Joyful in Tough Times, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at 3118 Greenfield Road, Royal Oak. Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full, Coping With Our Hurts, Changing Bitterness to Joy, and Curing Our Hurts. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

Lenten symbolism

The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (4818) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at www.holytrinity-postolate.com. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in the Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

Organ concert

Featuring Tom Trenney 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. There is no charge for the organ concert, but a freewill offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 374-7400. Trenney is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He won the First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation last year.

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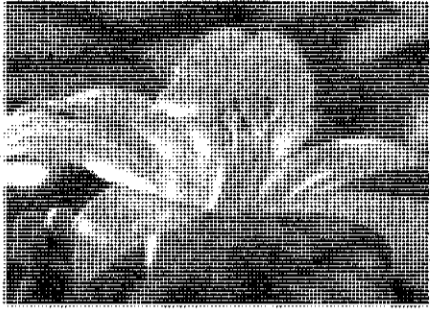
Presents a concert by the award winning ensemble *amarcord* 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and available online at <http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com>, by calling 1-800-595-4TIX (4849), by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series, to 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI

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VICTOR ROSA

Age 93, February 17, 2007. Beloved husband of Rose. Dear father of Allen (Linda), Edwin (Sandra) and Dennis (Barbara). Grandfather of Douglas, Brian, Susan Garlick, Melanie, Nicholas and Michelle. Memorial service at a later date in Negaunee, MI. For further information call Querfeld Funeral Home 313-561-0002. www.querfeldfh.com

ANGELA (ROBBINS) MAGDA

Age 32, of Coldwater, formerly of Garden City, died on Sunday, February 18, 2007 in Coldwater. She was born on June 30, 1974 to Robert & Kathy (Mika) Robbins. Services for Angie were held on Wed., February 21, 2007 in Coldwater. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a message in the family's online guestbook. Arrangements by Dutcher Funeral Home.

DORIS M. FIER

Age 74, February 17, 2007. Loved and missed by Bob Gunthner. Loving mother of Chris Fier, Kim (Larry) Casey and Scott (Leslie) Fier. Awesome "Grandma D" of Shawn, Megan, Chad, Billy, Jennifer, Jonathan, Sarah, Ryan, Brad, Erin, Evan, Tyler and Carson. Great grandmother of Emma. Preceded in death by husband Billy Fier. Will be missed by Terri and Willie Brandon, Bobby and Linda Gunthner and David Gunthner. Memorial visitation Friday, 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family suggests memorials to The Salvation Army.

W. OREN PARKER, PhD

Teacher of scene design for many years in the drama department at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh and author of a "classic" textbook on stage design, died Monday, January 29, 2007 at a hospice here after a brief illness. He was 95. Among his many survivors is his brother Ken Parker of Traverse City. "Scene Design and Lighting" was first published in 1963 for use in college, community, and high school drama programs. The United States Institute for Theatre Technology has rated the book a classic. In 2001, the USITT established an award for scene design in Prof. Parker's name. Prof. Parker was professionally active with TV's "Song for Sale", which required new sets for each new song introduced. He also designed sets for the Pittsburgh Opera. Prof. Parker was an outstanding high school and university athlete. He made the first team in football for four successive years at Rochester High School and was captain his fourth year. He was also made captain of the all-conference team in his final year. In track he set the school record in the broad jump, a mark that held for several years. At the University of Michigan, he won three letters in gymnastics, a sport he began to learn in Rochester under Sandy Ennis.



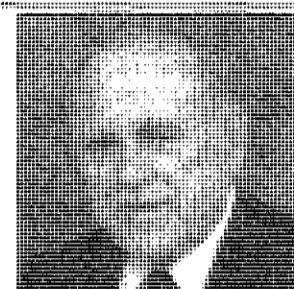
DAVID E. NUSSBAUM

Age 59, February 19, 2007. Beloved husband of Deborah for 10 years. Loving father of Dawn (Mike) Daniels, Melissa Harrison, Courtney Truitt, Meghan (Keith) Hanna and Dustyn Truitt. Cherished grandfather of John, Marah-Lynn, Keith, Allison, Keegan, Luke, Kyle, Quintin, Ruth, and the late Tyler. Dear son of Lillian Nussbaum; brother of the late Ronald (Liz) Nussbaum; uncle of Lindsay, Adrienne, Michael, and nephew of Elizabeth Lindsay. David was Maintenance Director for 33 years at Marycrest Manor in Livonia under supervision of Sr. Mary Innocent (Chief). In lieu of flowers donations to the family will be used to create a Memorial Garden in David's memory. Memorial Mass Saturday 11:30 AM (Visiting 11 AM) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington.

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MICHAEL J. MICHALSKI

February 20, 2007 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Maureen. Dear father of Marc W., Drew J., and Cassandra E. Dear brother of Patrick (Jeanie), Ellen, Greg, Eugene and Steven. Beloved uncle to several nieces and nephews. Dear son of Geraldine. Visiting Friday 3-9pm, Funeral Service Saturday 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne.



ORVAL A. OPPERTHAUSER

February 16, 2007 in Atlantis, FL. Age 84 of Ortonville, MI. Founder of Hydra-Zorb Co., Auburn Hills. Beloved wife of Ann T. and the late Ruth. Dear father of Glen (Patti), Stepfather of Douglas Dodge (Sheila), Frederick Dodge, Sally MacKinnon (James) and Robert Dodge (Sarah). Also survived by 12 grandchildren. Brother of Earl (Ann), Ray (Sally), Lois Habermeyer (George) and the late Cal (Rosemary), Keith and Jean. Memorial service Thursday (today) 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial tributes to Lawrence Technological University, c/o The Orval Oppert-Hauser Memorial Fund, 21000 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075 or The Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ELAINE B. KUMBIER

was born October 17, 1918, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Emil Karl Kumbier and Esther Pohlman Kumbier. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1936. After working for several years, she enrolled in the Teacher Education program at Central Michigan College, and graduated with a B. A. degree. After teaching for several years in the Caro, Michigan, public schools and while taking graduate courses at the University of Michigan, she moved to the metro Detroit area to assume the post of Elementary School Vocal Music Coordinator for the Livonia Public Schools. There she was largely responsible for developing a district-wide vocal music program that served thousands of elementary students over more than three decades, conveying to them her love for music and inspiring them with her enthusiasm. During that time, she completed work on a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan. When the Livonia music program was decentralized, she moved into sixth-grade teaching, serving consecutively at Roosevelt, Marshall and Grant Schools, where, among other accomplishments, she instituted and developed a distinctive program in the humanities for elementary students. Miss Kumbier retired from teaching in 1983. During her retirement years, she maintained an active and engaged correspondence with many people she had met in the course of her extensive European travels. She was also a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, and a regular participant in the Michal Handworkers Circle. Miss Kumbier was preceded in death by her brother, William Karl Kumbier. She is survived by her sister-in-law and long-time friend, Norma Kumbier; her niece, Mary (Kumbier) Seymour and her husband, Stephen Seymour; her nephews, William A. Kumbier and Timothy Kumbier, and his wife, Mary; one grand-niece, Alana, and seven grand-nephews, David, Alec, Ben, Zack, Eric, Kirk and Karl; and one great-grand-niece, Kelly Jane. Visitation will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Michigan, on Sunday, February 25, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan, at 10:30 am, Monday, February 26, following visitation at the church from 10:00 to 10:30. Interment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw, Michigan, at 2:00 pm that afternoon.

MARY CATHERINE VIERIK

Age 88, died on February 17, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Vierik was born on March 25, 1918 in Ohio to the late John and Mary Gaby. She was very patient and caring towards others, even allowing family members to live in her home when they needed a start. At times, there were three family members in their home in Detroit. Her daughters marveled, "she never raised her voice in all of her years of raising her family." Mrs. Vierik was the housekeeping manager at old Holy Cross Hospital. She loved Diet Mountain Dew, always giving her empty bottles to the Clawson school children for their fundraisers. She enjoyed baseball, crafts, crochet, and was an avid reader. Mrs. Vierik had a green thumb and loved gardening, especially roses. She enjoyed cutting back roses to start new plants. Her favorite recent pastime was sitting in her living room in her rocking chair and watching the world through her window. Mrs. Vierik is survived by her daughters, Rosie (Mitch) Wisniewski, Tina (Rich) Kempisty, Marilyn (Ed) Wozniak, and Cooky Vierik; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister, Veronica Dzuris. She is predeceased by her husband, Leo. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Guardian Angels Church, Clawson. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660

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TobyMac concert

On his Portable Sounds Tour 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Northridge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$22 reserved, \$18 groups of 15 plus. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.startticketsplus.com. Joining TobyMac are

Thousand Foot Krutch, Building 429 and Family Force 5.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860. No appointment necessary.

ONGOING

Divorce recovery

Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. began 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.

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, began 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.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 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 regis-

tration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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.

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.

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 Monacelli 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.

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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 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

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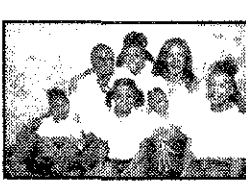
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McCotter calls Iraq resolution 'immoral'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

During a House floor debate, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) Feb. 15 delivered an impassioned speech calling a resolution against sending 20,000 additional troops to Iraq "impotent" and "immoral."

Making allusions to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler and a resolution by Illinois Democrats in 1863 opposing the Emancipation Proclamation, McCotter argued that the resolution would undermine troop morale and embolden the enemy.

Debate on the non-binding resolution began Wednesday.

On Friday the House approved the resolution 246-182. On Saturday, the Democrats in the Senate failed by four votes to get the 60



McCotter

votes needed to bring the House resolution to the Senate floor. U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) broke ranks with his party Wednesday by announcing that he would support the resolution, which has been picking up support among other Republicans. Seventeen Republicans joined the Democratic majority in support of the resolution. All six Michigan Democrats support the Democratic-sponsored resolution.

In the Senate seven Republicans voted with the Democratic majority.

The resolution passed in the House reads:

1) Congress and the American people will continue to support and protect the

members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq; and

2) Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush announced on Jan. 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.

As the fifth ranking Republican House member, McCotter took a lead position in the debate to present the Republican leadership's opposition. In the past, McCotter has consistently supported funding for the war in Iraq and is a supporter of the war effort. However, he has been critical of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war and particularly of its failure to build support from the rank-and-file population.

In his remarks opposing the resolution, McCotter restated his concerns about Bush's handling of the war.

"... despite the hard-earned lessons of our nation's former successes in doing so, this administration utterly failed to comprehend and implement the fundamental principles of reconstructing a defeated and belligerent nation. Importantly, this does not preclude reconstructing Iraq now," he said.

He argued that Iraq was not in a civil war and that violence was contained to the limited areas where Bush plans to deploy additional troops.

McCotter quoted Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln to bolster his arguments.

He concluded by saying, "I cannot in good conscience support this resolution, which is injurious to the cause of our nation's victory and, in consequence, is patently immoral."

Upton argued in his support of the resolution that Iraq was

in a civil war.

"... it is real anarchy. And, in fact, the Iraqis don't want us there. Nearly 80 percent of them in Baghdad say that American troops provoke more violence than they prevent. And those same polls show that Iraqis overwhelmingly want U.S. troops gone within a year. In fact, we know that a majority of both sides, Shia and Sunni, believe that it's OK to kill our troops."

"So much for being a liberator. In other words, we're viewed as part of the problem, not the solution."

The anti Iraq war political organization Moveon.org was planning a deliver letters to members of Congress at noon today (Thursday) and hold a rally at district offices. The group plans to deliver letters with the message "You're the Decider" to McCotter's office on Laurel Park Drive in Livonia.

HFCC sponsors criminal justice job fair

According to a recent poll of young Michiganders, nearly half say they will have to leave Michigan to pursue a career. However, there is some good news for at least one segment of the job market for those who want to stay in Michigan.

According to Richard R. Brown, HFCC Job Placement officer, the ninth annual Henry Ford Criminal Justice Job Fair is an example of HFCC's long tradition of preparing students for jobs and careers in the local market.

HFCC will host its annual Criminal Justice Job Fair 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services and Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Criminal justice program students and graduates from HFCC, Madonna University, the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan-Dearborn are invited to attend. Admission is free.

More than 20 employers will attend the HFCC Criminal Justice Job Fair, including representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and corporate and retail security.

Employers attending include: the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, the U.S. Probation Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Other employers attending are: the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Milan Federal Correctional Institution, the Brownstown Township Police Department, the Dearborn Police Department, the Dearborn Heights Police Department, the Southfield Police Department, the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety, the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Also attending will be representatives from Community Treatment Center, Inc., Fairlane Town Center, the Henry Ford Healthcare System, Greektown Casino and Target Corporation.

HFCC offers associate's degree and certificate programs in criminal justice/law enforcement, corrections/probation and parole, and security/private investigations.

"The job fair lets students know the requirements for employment in this field," said Dan Kearney, HFCC criminal justice program instructor. "It will provide information to current and prospective students about the many career paths available in the criminal justice field and enable them to make informed decisions regarding careers in law enforcement."

For more information about the job fair, please call Richard R. Brown, HFCC job placement officer, at 313-845-9860. For information about HFCC's criminal justice programs, please call Dan Kearney, criminal justice program instructor, at 313-845-9714.

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Wastewater facility wins 'Silver Star'

Running a sewage treatment plant may not be the most glamorous job in the world, but Wayne County officials are proud that their Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility in Wyandotte has operated for 12 straight months without a water quality permit violation. The county will earn the American Metropolitan Sewerage Agency's "Silver Star" award for 2006.

"For the men and women of the Downriver Facility, it's like pitching a perfect game," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "Everyone should be proud of their efforts to ensure a quality operation that protects the environment, while delivering real value for our residents."

The facility is Michigan's second largest sewage treatment facility, serving 13 Downriver communities with a combined population of over 200,000. The facility has seen over \$300 million in improvements since 1994, and new upgrades of approximately \$40 million more are planned over the next five years.

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

Texas Hold'em benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) is hosting a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24 to support its aviation education and scholarship programs. There is a \$60 fee to participate. Top prize will be \$500-\$1000, and there will be a scaled payout to top 20 percent of players. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with a 3 p.m. state time. For more information, visit www.eaa113.org.

Suburban GOP Women's Club

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Crafters wanted

Crafters and vendors are wanted for a spring craft show and bazaar at the Inkster Recreational Center, at 2025 Middlebelt. The show will be 1-6 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Cost is \$30 per booth. Send an e-mail to vdolton@twm1.com or call (734) 595-1083 for an application.

Genealogy workshop

The Livonia Civic Center Library and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will host a free beginning genealogy workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the library. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. A beginner's genealogy packet will be \$5. Topics include Census Records, Cemetery Records, Libraries/Archives, and Immigration and Naturalization. Contact Sue Cromwell at (248) 477-5846 or Brenda Halseth at (734) 513-0619. Register at (734) 466-2197 by March 1.

Medical lectures

Dr. William H. Karl will discuss Treating Thyroid Disorders Naturally at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Civic Center Library, 32888 Five Mile, Livonia. If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and learn the safe, natural, effective alternatives to help yourself. There are no charge for the classes. Call (734) 425-8588 to make a reservation.

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required; certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

"Eat for Education"

"Eat for Education" Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10, as a fund-raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes, while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages, etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

VNA volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In as little as 2-4 hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 10, 17. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. For more information or to register, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361 or visit the Web site at www.vna.org.

Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer. All. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. See what Girl Scouts has to offer. Call (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

Lenten retreat

Madonna University will hold a Lenten Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the University Center, 14221 Levan. The cost is \$18 and \$10 for students, faculty and staff and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is "With Mary on the way of the Cross." It will be presented by the Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send an e-mail to cmws@madonna.edu. By Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

BINGO

VFW Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church

Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Shamrock Bingo

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.

K of C Bingo

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.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 119 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 Dinners with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years 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 3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010.

Crochet & Knit

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.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise

Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3069.

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information,

call (734) 362-8825.

TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7255.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

Support group

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

Childbirth classes

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

Childbirth Association

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

Fibromyalgia

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

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Pioneer trek

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development

of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Key Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of Museum

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

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Vietnam Vets

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even if not "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.hometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVA for more information.

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.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop 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 chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Civil Air Patrol

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (M-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920.

Franklin PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3650. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.



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Mustang Owners Club

The Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan meets the second Tuesday of the month at Angelo Brothers Restaurant, 33550 Ford, Westland. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., with dinner and socializing before the meeting. For more information, call the MOCSSEM hotline at (313) 438-4174. The club was established in 1975.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 3511 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

The Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman in Westland. For information, visit www.toastmasters.org. Toastmasters International meets 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month at St. John Episcopal Church, on Sheldon in Plymouth. Guests are welcome, and there is no pressure to speak. Call (734) 459-0715 for information.

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club dedicated to advance the status of women, meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Sandtraps on Five Mile Road west of Idlewild Golf Course. People interested in the club can call Evelyn Shuput at (734) 416-9197.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Hospital retirees

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Spirit of Detroit

Spirit of Detroit Chorus rehearsals are 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster. The group is for women who love to sing. It is active in chorus competition. For information, call (734) 721-7742.



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WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 80-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

IS IT YOU?
SWF, 56, tall, trim, seeks hard-working or retired, conservative SWM, 5'11"+, 58-65, with good values, educated, no tattoos, drugs, or games please. ☎138981

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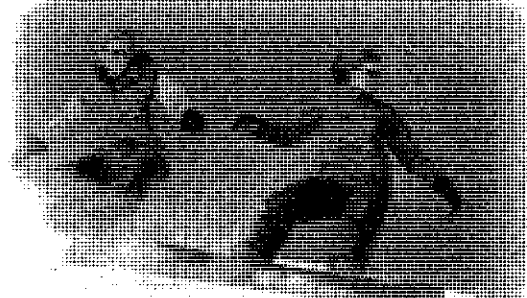
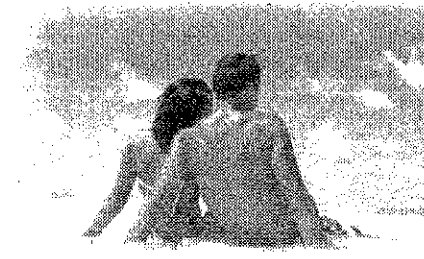
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LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

TRUE FRIENDSHIP
WAF, 62, 5', 100lbs, enjoys gardening, dogs, cats, cooking, dining out, travel. Seeking kind, caring, honest, SW/AM, 55-70, slim, with understanding of asian culture, for friendship first, maybe more later. ☎139934

RIGHT HERE WAITING
SBF, 36, 5'7", full-figured, would like to meet a hard-working SBM, 36-50, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎155646

IRISH GIRL
SF, 59, 5'6", seeking SWM, 59+, N/S, irish a+, respectful, honest and sociable, for companionship on my 60th birthday and more. Let's celebrate. ☎165289

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Are you, 55-65, N/S, D/D-free? looking for a companion, someone who enjoys holding hands, long conversations about everything, laughter, cider mills and dinner dances? Call Me: SWF 60, ☎169652

LOOKING FOR ME?
Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. ☎959193

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
SWF, 66, 5'6", 130lbs, great SOH, N/S, enjoys life, dining, dancing, music, rent movies, quiet times. Seeking SW/HM, 67-75, N/S, sincere and humorous. ☎901378

GREAT CATCH
Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interests include movies, concerts, comed clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP for lasting, loving LTR. ☎733655

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Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113501

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Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

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Slim, attractive, 57-year-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JH, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎599875

FRIENDS FIRST
W/WF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎40023

ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SBF, 34, 5'5", average, likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM, 34-50, professional, outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun. ☎166214

HI EVERYONE
SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendship first. ☎142588

SEEKING A LADY?
SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?
SBF, 54, 5'9", N/S, with great personality, likes walking holding hands, playing intellectual board games and Jazz music. Seeks SM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance, possible ltr. ☎155558

HERE I AM
Warm, insightful, creative SBF, 53, enjoys music, cooking, art shows, gardening, going out, woodland walks, and the finer things in life. ISO like-minded SM. Sound like you? ☎161883

THE ONE
5'10", 51-year-old DWF, seeking long-term meaningful relationship with honest, caring WM, with good morals. I am a BBW, 300lbs+, N/S, light-drinker, drug-free, clean, and straight. ☎956929

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WORTH THE CALL
SM, 46, active and fun, enjoys snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, hinting, quiet times in , movies, drinks more. Looking for an easygoing, fun-loving, open-minded woman to share these. ☎168938

NICE GUY
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH
SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎90453

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SM, 40s, 5'7", employed, no kids, well-built, sociable, enjoys nights on the town good food, good company, movies, cuddling and romance. Seeking nice, fun-loving, sincere lady to share something special. ☎168094

LET ME LOVE YOU
W/WM, 54, 5'11", 240lbs, retired, homeowner, smoker, very easygoing, likes sculpturing, bike riding, outdoors, traveling, holding hands. Seeking SWF, 40-60, average build, employed, honest, affectionate, for dating, friendship maybe more. ☎161249

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR
SWM, 6', medium built, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average build, old-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN
SBM, 47, N/S, hard-worker, marriage-minded, seeking a woman, 35-55, who's compassionate, down-to-earth, christian a+, and enjoys the simple things in life. No head games. ☎165969

CALL ME
SBM, 41, 6'1", 170lbs, truck driver, looking for a nice, sexy, youthful lady to get to know, chill with, share some fun times in life. ☎170237

JOIN ME?
SBM, 46, enjoys all types of food, relaxing at home, cuddling watching a movies, nice talks. Seeking a special lady to share special times. ☎171013

HARD-WORKING DAD
SM, 35, looking for fun-loving SF, 18-40, N/S, who knows how to enjoy life, to get to know , share good times and then who knows. ☎162699

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING SOMEONE REAL
SM, 21, 5'9", brown complexion, intelligent, independent, seeking B/AF, 24-33, intelligent, who knows what she wants out of life. ☎164113

ALL POSSIBILITIES
SWM, 42, N/S, plays the guitar, looking to meet a W/AF, 30-45, to spend quality time with, watch a movie, go on walks, share fun and more. ☎164517

A VERY SHY...
40 y/o WM, 6', tattoo artist, dark/blue, very strong, funny, would like to meet a woman, 21+, honest, confident and attractive, for friendship, romance, possible LTR. ☎165807

DO YOU LIKE OLDER GUYS?
Handsome BM, 38, N/S, seeking a laid-back SF, 18-25, N/S, petite, 5'5"+, who likes music, jokes and being romanced. ☎183616

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎185438

SINGER SEEKS SINGER
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. ☎168597

WORTH IT
SM, 76, 5'10", 180lbs, dark hair, enjoys boating, travel, a good night out on the town. Seeking like-minded lady to share these. ☎169523

HI LADIES
Sweet genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs, good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

CROTCH ROCKET
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, crotch rocket motorcycles, bike nights. Seeking SF, 25-40, HWP, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎622912

GIVE ME A TRY
SM, 44, educated, open-minded, employed, hard-working, looking for SF, to get to know, share fun times. I enjoy hanging w/friends, bungee jumping, flying planes, RC plane models, much more. Interested? ☎166071

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

SHARP
Easygoing SBM, 39, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

GOTTIME?
SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. ☎146279

LOVELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

TAKE A LOOK
DWM, 48, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D-free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygoing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. ☎165682

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 48, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

ANGEL WANTED
SBPM, 32, 5'7", great SOH, enjoys movies and cooking. Seeking female, 4'-5'6", for fun times, romance, possible long-term relationship, age/race open. All call returned. ☎171644

CALL ME SOMETIME
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎14647

READY WITH A SMILE
Shave Italian male, 55, 6'2", 240lbs, N/S, chived head/glasses, loves photography, comedy shows and making people laugh. Seeking a SWF, 40-55, N/S, to make her smile. ☎165668

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF
Employed, sincere, respectful SM, 27, well-built, attractive, looking for down-to-earth, shapely, attractive, sweet woman with good attitude and nice smile to share the good times in life. ☎169916

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU
SWM, 52, seeks SWF, 36-54, fun-loving, commitment-minded, happy and sociable, to share concerts, sporting events, travel, nature walks, camping, simple fun. Interested? ☎166300

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎148012

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

THE BASICS
SWM, 66, 5'9", slim build, youthful, 160lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

OPEN DOORS
SWM, 60, 5'8", long wavy/blue, masculine build, lumberjack, likes the outdoors and physical activities, seeks a SWF, 57-65, N/S, slender, fit, for companionship and more. ☎165259

It's important to be 'exit aware'

Many adults recall the video footage of the fire that broke out at "The Station" nightclub in Rhode Island on Feb. 20, 2003.

The band playing that night was Great White, for those of you who are old enough (as I am) to remember their name. This became the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in U. S. history, killing 100 people and injuring nearly 200 more. Pyrotechnics used by the band started a fire when sparks ignited soundproofing foam behind the stage. As the above-capacity crowd headed for the main entrance, panic ensued when the crowd jammed up and slowed to a crawl.



Tom Kiurski

There are some things you can do to lessen your chances of becoming a statistic in situations like this. You can become "Exit Aware". As you enter a structure, note where all of the exits are located, and which one is closest to you at all times. Exits in buildings where groups gather are usually equipped with illuminated "EXIT" signs and the door needs no key to be opened from the inside of the building. The closest exit should be used in an emergency, an action that often goes against our natural

tendency, which is to leave a structure through the same door through which we entered.

If you see a locked or blocked exit, report it to the building management so that management knows it is being watched and won't be allowed to put lives at risk. If you get no corrective action, feel free to contact our fire prevention bureau to find out how the codes apply to that building.

If you ever feel so crowded that you begin to feel uncomfortable, then it is time to leave. It's better to lose a few dollars than to put your life in danger.

Remember that smoke and heat rise. It may seem "faster

to run, or stand and walk quickly, but crawling in heat and smoke is the safest way to get out of a building. It buys you more time away from the heat, smoke and the confusing effects of early carbon monoxide poisoning.

After you have exited, move away from the building. It's natural that people want to see what is going on, but that slows down others who may be exiting the building, or may hamper us in our suppression efforts.

By taking a few precautionary steps, and learning the actions listed above, you will increase your chances of surviving should a tragedy occur.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Fourth-grade students discover 'Our Historic Places'

Michigan students in fourth grade are eligible to compete in the second annual "Our Historic Places" essay contest sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN).

Essays must describe one historic site, at least 50 years old, located in the student's community. This may be a historic home, commercial building, school, house of worship, farm, cemetery, bridge or other site. The essays must briefly describe the historic site, explain its significance to the local community, and discuss the importance of its preservation for both the student and future generations. Entries are limited to 500 words (two typed or

three handwritten pages).

The essay contest deadline is March 2, 2007, with the winning essays announced at MHPN's 2007 conference at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, May 4-6.

Visit www.mhpn.org for complete rules and entry forms.

"Our essay contest is a hands-on opportunity to engage young people in discovering our state's history - right in their own neighborhoods," explains Nancy Finegood, executive director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. "Through the process of researching and writing, students realize the important value of historic homes, buildings, and other sites in the representation of their history."

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Where to learn more

If a person isn't facing decisions about care at the end-of-life for themselves or a family member, it's likely that a close friend, neighbor, or coworker, is struggling with these difficult issues.

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Shamrocks prove to be nemesis again for Franklin

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Batman had The Joker. Superman had Lex Luthor. Wile E. Coyote had the Road Runner.
And Livonia Franklin's wrestling team has Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.
The Shamrocks proved to be Franklin's arch-nemesis in post-season action once again, ending the Patriots' season for the second straight year in the

TEAM WRESTLING REGIONAL

Division 1 regional semifinals with a 31-27 win Wednesday night at Saline High School.
CC's victory denied the Patriots, ranked in the top 10 most of the season, a trip to the state quarterfinals next week at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek and avenged a lopsided loss to Franklin at the start of the season.
"We knew it wasn't the same

team we wrestled before," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of the Shamrocks, who went on to beat Canton in the regional final. "They had one kid transfer and got some other kids down to their right weights."
The Shamrocks put Franklin in a pretty deep hole at the start, when it appeared CC would run away with the win. Pat Roumayah started Franklin off with a 12-2 major decision over Jake Christensen

at 171 pounds, but the Shamrocks won four of the next five matches, including three by pinfall, to claim a 24-8 lead. The only Franklin win in that stretch was Jared Pieknik's 9-1 major decision over Steve Werner at 112 pounds.
Then it was Franklin's turn to streak, and the Patriots won six of the next seven matches.
Senior captains Josh Billiau, a 10-7 winner over Trevor O'Connor at 125 pounds, and Jon Roos, who beat Kevin

Sullivan 10-2 at 130, started the comeback.
Brandon Smith pinned CC's Shane Butwill in 1:28 at 140 pounds, Jason Zanger beat CC's Brendan Cox 7-4 at 145, and Nate Turco stopped Ryan Brown 4-2 at 152 pounds to pull the Patriots within one, 28-27.
But CC's Stefan Gatt edged Franklin's Dan Woodall at 160 pounds to stave off the Franklin

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B5

Sidelines

OU tankers excel

Both the Oakland University men's and women's swimming and diving teams captured the Mid-Continent Championship last weekend at IUPUI in Indianapolis, Ind.
OU sophomore Garrett Baringhaus (Livonia Stevenson) finished third in the 200-yard butterfly, fifth in the 100 butterfly and 11th in the 500 freestyle.
OU freshman Mary Shereda (Livonia Churchill) took eighth in the 200 backstroke, 10th in the 400 individual medley and 12th in the 200 IM.

Area diver first

Florida Atlantic University diver Lisa Thompson (Livonia Stevenson) captured the Sun Belt Conference title on the 1-meter board with a score of 241.65 points.
The junior captain helped the Owls to their second straight conference win and has qualified for the NCAA Zone diving championships, March 2-4, in Athens, Ga. Thompson was also recently honored by FAU for her 4.0 grade-point average.

Hoops challenge

The 2007 Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Hoops Challenge, sponsored by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Friday, Feb. 23 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile Road.
Registration, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is free.
Awards will be given to the first- and second-place finishers in the following age groups for boys and girls: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.
Winners advance to one of five area levels of competition with the state championship Sunday, April 15 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.
For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Girls slowpitch

Mail-in and fax-in registration for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation girls 10- and 13-and-under slowpitch softball will be through March 2.
Walk-in registration follows from Feb. 26 through March 9 or until enrollment limit is reached. Registration forms will be sent to schools in January or can be obtained the Parks and Recreation counter inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.
Registration is open to all girls residing in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. The season will be June and July with scrimmage played on Wednesday evenings.
For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Going the distance

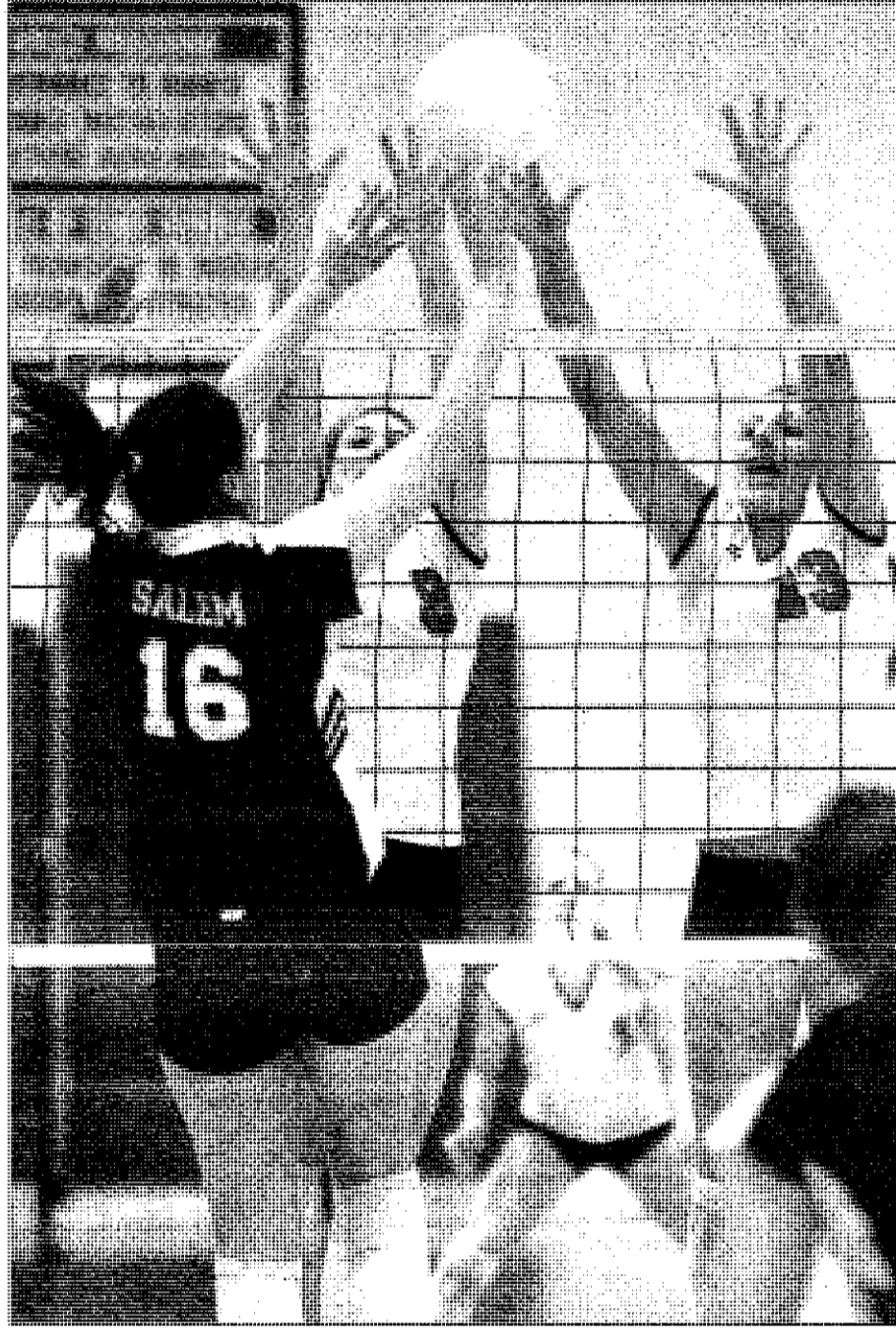
Churchill averts Rocks' comeback try by winning deciding fifth game

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Salem's Teresa Coppiellie was a star among stars Monday night, but Livonia Churchill walked out of its own gym with gazing at yet another Lakes Division volleyball title.
The Chargers overcame Coppiellie's 33 kills and 15 digs with a hard-fought 25-20, 25-21, 22-25, 16-25, 15-12 triumph in a battle for first place.
State-ranked Churchill, getting 29 kills from senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky and 24 digs from senior libero Kelly Archer, improved to 42-4-1 overall and 9-0 on the Lakes side of the Western Lakes Activities Association.
The loss drops Salem to 35-7-1 overall and 7-2 in the division.
Coppiellie, a 5-11 senior headed to Albany (N.Y.) State, helped mount a comeback in the third and fourth games with the help of fellow senior Lauren Kurtz, who finished with 19 kills.
The Rocks trailed 19-16 in the third game before rallying and going ahead for good, 21-20, on sophomore Jansen Falcusan's block.
Salem then dominated the fourth game as Coppiellie, who had nine kills, aced the Chargers three straight times with serves for a commanding 13-5 advantage.
But things abruptly changed again in the decisive fifth game as the 5-10 Krupsky, headed to Central Michigan University, gave her team a boost with seven kills, including the game-winning tip.
"Amanda (Suder) is a good coach and she made an adjustment where they

served us short and got us out of our rhythm," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the third game. "The momentum changed and we didn't get it back. Fortunately, we regrouped in Game 5 and played pretty well."
"She (Coppiellie) played wonderfully. She hit the ball off our block and got the ball in different spots around the court. She did a nice job."
Kyndra Abron, a 6-2 junior committed to Michigan State, finished with 18 kills and three blocks. Setter Kelsey McKenzie had 37 assist-to-kills, while junior Jordan Kerr and senior Anna-Marie Gatt combined for 19 digs.
"This is the third time we've played them," Grenier said. "They (Salem) switched their lineup a bit with Coppiellie at the left front ... they did most of the things they normally do, but they've gotten better as the season goes on."
"Defensively, we stopped them. We got a lot of touches at the net to slow them down. That's always been a point of emphasis. Defense and serve receive is always our calling card. You've got to play defense and have ball control in order to get things going offensively."
Salem's senior libero Courtney Seiler finished with a team-high 26 digs, while Falcusan had 52 assist-to-kills.
"We were trying to stay away from their libero (Kelly Archer)," Suder said. "We served away from her and I think it opened things up offensively and defensively with our blocking. We got more free balls."

PLEASE SEE CHURCHILL, B6



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Jaclyn Griebek (left) and Lauren Krupsky go up to block against Salem's Teresa Coppiellie during Monday's Lakes Division showdown for first place.

Blazers stymie Marian for A-B Division crown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood survived a highly competitive five-game match Monday night at Madonna University to win its first Catholic League A-B Division volleyball title since 2000.
The Blazers dropped the opening game by 11 points, but rebounded to take three of the next four games to earn their 12th A-B Division crown in school history against Birmingham Marian, 14-25, 27-25, 24-26, 25-22, 15-7.
Eastern Michigan University signee Lauren Boehmer led the Blazers, now 40-10-2 overall, with 16 kills.
"It was scrappy all night, but we had a lot of jitters in the first game because this group of players have never been in the championship," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "We were able to rebound all the way through. It was a fun night to be a part of."
Erin Henneberger added 10 kills, while setter Megan Hodges finished with 39 assist-to-kills. Laura Schroeter led the defense with 17 digs.
"There were lots of momentum changes," Craggs said. "We moved Lauren to the middle and once they (Marian) keyed on her, we had to rely on others to step up. People like Megan Olind, Catherine Phillips and Becca Zajac came through."

PLEASE SEE BLAZERS, B6

Spartans get tie, but Chargers earn title

BY RYAN DOHERTY
CORRESPONDENT

The boys hockey state tournament must be a week away.
Churchill, the No. 3-ranked team in Division 1, battled crosstown rival Stevenson Monday night at Edgar Arena, and it's probably a good thing the game didn't take place a week ago.
Originally scheduled for Valentine's Day, this WLAA Lakes Division showdown was pushed back five days because of last week's snowstorm.
But don't worry, the Spartans and Chargers had no problem displaying their love lost for one another as they

PREP HOCKEY

skated to a thrilling 2-2 deadlock before a capacity crowd.
The tie gives the Chargers, now 19-2-2 overall and 7-0-1 in the Lakes, the outright divisional crown and a date Friday with Western Division champion Plymouth in the first-place crossover. Game time is 8:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena's Olympic Rink.
After two scoreless periods, Churchill's Steve Greco broke the stalemate with 12:31 left in the third as he snapped a wrist shot past Stevenson goalie Drew MacEachern.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B5

Tom's terrific: Goalie bucking the odds

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Close your eyes and think about the wonderful sounds you hear at any hockey game.
Sticks crack loudly into frozen rubber pucks.
Thwaaaack.
Skate blades dig grooves into the ice and kick up a spray of snow when a player puts on the brakes.
Swoooooosh.
Bodies slam into the boards, giving the referee reason to blow his whistle.
Tweeeet.
Tom Buckley hears none of those sounds, even when he dons his goaltending equipment and skates into the crease for Redford Unified's varsity hockey team. He is

completely hearing impaired (since birth) and cannot wear a listening device when he plays because it isn't waterproof.
"When he's on the ice, he takes his implant off," said Tom's dad, Bill Buckley of Livonia. "He hears absolutely nothing out there."
On-ice communication, critical to any goalie and his defense, basically comes down to a mix of hand signals and lip reading.
But Tom would tell you that doesn't really matter, because his eyes work fine and his job is to see every puck that comes his way and do the best he can to turn it aside.
"I just want to play," he said following one of his rare starts this season, a 4-3 overtime win Feb. 8

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Redford Unified goalie Tom Buckley raises his arms in celebration after his team won in overtime recently against Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The Livonian, who cannot hear a sound on the ice, is undefeated in three starts this season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
 Friday, Feb. 23
 Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m.
 Clawson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Lutheran N'west at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Semifinals)
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Thursday, Feb. 22
 Inter-City at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 23
 Huron Valley at Washtenaw Christian, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
 Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 W.L.A. Tourney at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.
 Metro Conference Tournament at Lutheran Westland, 10 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
 Friday, Feb. 23
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
(W.L.A. 1st-place crossover)
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 8:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
 Saturday, Feb. 24
(Individual Regionals)
 Division I at Novi, TBA.
 Division III at Columbia Central, TBA.
 Division IV at Riv. Gab. Richard, TBA.
BOYS SWIMMING
 Thursday, Feb. 22
 W.L.A. Prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 23
 W.L.A. Diving Prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
 W.L.A. Finals at Salem, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 Thursday, Feb. 22
 W.L.A. Meet at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
PREP BOWLING REGIONALS
 Friday, Feb. 23
(Singles Competition)
 Division II at Oak Lanes, 11 a.m.
 Division I at Drakehire Lanes, 12:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
(Team Competition)
 Division I at Drakehire Lanes, 10:30 a.m.
 Division II at Oak Lanes, 11 a.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
 Saturday, Feb. 24
 W.L.A. Meet at Northville, 9 a.m.
 Wyandotte Invitational, 11 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Thursday, Feb. 22
(W.H.A.C. Playoffs-1st Round)
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 23
(MCCAA Semifinals)
 Schoolcraft vs. Kellogg CC, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
MCCAA Finals at K'zoo Valley, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Friday, Feb. 23
(MCCAA Semifinals at Muskegon CC)
 Schoolcraft vs. Kellogg CC, 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
MCCAA Finals at Muskegon CC, 3 p.m.
(Wolverine-Hoosier Conference Semifinals)
 Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Friday, Feb. 23
 Whalers vs. Belleville Bulls at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 24
 Whalers vs. Oshawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Close calls in Western Lakes playoffs

Top-seed Rockets hold off Western; Spartans, Wayne nipped

Westland John Glenn survives to play another day in the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs.

The Lakes Division champions and co-No. 1 seed held off pesky fourth-seeded Walled Lake Western of the Western Division on Tuesday, 53-48.

The Rockets, now 14-4 overall, will face 12-6 Canton in Friday's semifinal. Game time is 7 p.m. at Glenn.

Junior forward Stefan Marken led the host Rockets, now 14-4 overall, with 19 points, including five 3-pointers.

His triple with 1:20 left in the third quarter broke a 33-all deadlock. Robert Jones followed with a basket with 32.9 left in the same period to give Glenn a 38-33 cushion and the Warriors never got closer than five the rest of the way.

Earl Hardison chipped in with 15 points, while Keshawn

WLAA BASKETBALL

Martin finished with nine for Glenn, which held on for the victory by hitting 6-of-10 free throws in the final period.

Sean Armstrong and Quinton Cooper scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Warriors, now 5-13 overall.

NORTHVILLE 58, STEVENSON 53: The top-seeded Mustangs (17-1), Western Division champions, overcame Luke Knochel's 33-point effort Tuesday night to down fourth seed Livonia Stevenson (4-14) in a first-round WLAA playoff game.

Senior guard Alvin Storrs led Northville's third-quarter comeback. He finished with a team-high 31 points as the Mustangs overcame a 26-24 halftime deficit with a 17-9 run.

Knochel, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, also had six steals and six assists.

"Our guys played a great all-around game, we controlled tempo the first half," Stevenson coach Brad Miller said. "We played zone (defense). We switched our defenses

a couple of times and used a box-and-one (on Storrs).
 "We played smart and we played physical. Northville is just a good basketball team."

W.L. CENTRAL 66, WAYNE 63: In a WLAA first-round playoff game Tuesday, host Walled Lake Central (11-7) withstood a furious second-half rally to beat Wayne Memorial (10-8).

Cody Rzeznik, who hit a big three-pointer down the stretch along with two free throws, finished with a team-high 17 points along with Brandon Joseff.

Matt Guldan added 10 for the Vikings, who led by as many as 21 points late in the third quarter before Wayne stormed back.

Junior guard Mike Lee led the Zebras with a game-high 30 points. Juniors Mike Lee and Jeremy Lovelady added 12 each.

Wayne took a 62-61 lead late in the fourth quarter on Robert Woodson's free throw and pulled to within 64-63 with under a minute left but couldn't get over the hump.

"I thought we were done-for the way we played the first half," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "We

pressed the whole second half. It was an uphill battle, but I'm proud of the way we competed. We just came up on the short end."

Central made 13-of-19 foul shots on the night, while Wayne was 7-of-8.

CHURCHILL 51, FRANKLIN 40: Livonia Churchill (8-10) came alive during the final quarter Tuesday to beat visiting Livonia Franklin (2-16) for the third time this season in a WLAA consolation game.

Senior forward Brad Evans led the way with 13 points and 10 rebounds for Churchill.

Junior guard Andrew Vagnetti chipped in with 12 points for the Chargers, who outscored Franklin 17-9 in the decisive final period.

"We really picked up our defense the fourth quarter and rebounded the ball well," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "They keyed on (Ryan) Rosenick, but Brad Evans and others picked us up."

Other contributions for Churchill came from Nick Seger, eight points and eight rebounds; Ryan Rosenick, eight points and six rebounds; Ryan Whittum, seven points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore center Gary Cobb paced the Patriots with 15 points. Senior guard Andy Ring added seven.

Churchill was 12-of-15 from the foul line, while Franklin was 5-of-10.

WAYNE 52, W.L. WESTERN 50: On Friday, junior guard Mike Lee led all scorers with 16 points Friday, including the game-winning basket with two seconds left, as host Wayne Memorial (10-7, 6-4) downed Walled Lake Western (5-12, 3-7) in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Lee hit a six-foot baseline jumper to seal the winner for the Zebras, who battled back from an early nine-point deficit and trailed 31-29 at halftime.

"We just kept hanging around and battling," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "From where we were last year (a 3-18 season) to where we are now, that's definitely a positive thing for us."

Junior forward John Hill scored 13 points and had 13 rebounds for the Zebras, who also got 14 rebounds from Jeremy Lovelady.

Sean Armstrong led the Warriors with 12 points, while sophomore center Edison Vushaj added 10.

Lutheran North turns tables on Warriors, 61-56

The second time didn't prove to be a charm Tuesday for the Lutheran High Westland boys basketball team in the semifinal round of the Metro Conference playoffs.

Four players scored in double figures as host Macomb Lutheran North avenged its only defeat of the season with a hard-fought 61-56 victory over the Warriors.

Richie Beebe led the Mustangs, now 16-1 overall and 9-1 in the Metro, with 14 points. Junior forward Brian Budchuk added 13, while Steve Doerflinger and Andrew Dennison contributed 11 each.

North outscored the Warriors 22-17 in the final period by hitting 9-of-10 free throws. Lutheran Westland

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was only 4-13 from the foul line, including 1-of-6 from the line.

Senior guard Kyle Ramthun scored a game-high 26 points for the Warriors. Senior center Alex Edwards added 15.

"It was a good game, a good effort," said coach Dan Ramthun, whose fourth-seeded team is 10-6 overall and 6-4 in the Metro.

CRANBROOK 65, CLARENCEVILLE 54: Senior forward Chris Rencher scored 21 points and junior forward Matt Broder added 20 Tuesday as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (14-4) downed Livonia Clarenceville (3-12) in a second-round Metro Conference playoff game.

The Cranes jumped out to a 14-8 first-quarter advantage before

Clarenceville rallied to take a 28-22 halftime lead.

"We played like a young team," first-year Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "We had our chances early to take control of the game, but we didn't make enough plays. We're still learning."

Sophomore guard Jamie Stewart led the Trojans and all scorers with 22 points. Junior guard Lonnie Fairfax added 14.

Cranbrook was 20-of-30 from the foul line, while Clarenceville hit 9-of-12.

CALVARY 55, HURON VALLEY 27: Drew Birk poured in 21 points and Jonathan Weidmann added 14 Tuesday to lead host Ypsilanti Calvary Baptist Christian (7-9) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-15) in a non-conference game.

Mark St. John paced the Hawks with 12 points.

LUTH. WESTLAND 84, HAMTRAC 74: Lutheran Westland (10-5) opened

the Metro Conference playoffs Friday at home with a win over Cosmos (13-4) as four players scored in double figures.

Senior guard Kyle Ranthum led the Warriors with 25 points, while senior forward Josh Haller added 14.

Senior center Alex Edwards chipped in 13 points and 15 rebounds, while senior forward Kyle Wilson finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for Lutheran Westland, which won despite shooting just 7-of-18 from the free-throw line.

Senior guard Byron LeFlore led all scorers with 31 points for Hamtramck, which was outscored 25-18 in the final period.

HARPER WOODS 71, CLARENCEVILLE 68: Northwood University signee Bobby Gibson, a 6-foot-8 senior, scored 15 of his team-high 19 points in the third quarter Friday to lead the host Pioneers (9-7) to the Metro Conference playoff win over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-11).

Clarenceville, which rallied with a 28-18 fourth-quarter run and got within five, received a game-high 26 points from sophomore forward Jamie Stewart. Teammate DeCarlos McDonald added 18.


Clarenceville was 12-of-17 from the foul line, while Harper Woods hit 20-of-44.

HURON VALLEY 63, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 49: Ryan Jones scored 20 points Friday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-14, 1-6) notched its first victory of the season against Warren Macomb Christian (2-13, 1-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Gehard Press and Kyle Tacia added nine and eight points, respectively, for the victorious Hawks, who made 15-of-21 foul shots on the night.

Justin Kuhnle paced the Crusaders with 18 points. Scott Tucker and William Dillon added 11 and 10, respectively.

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Lady Ocelots bounce OCC's Raiders, 67-57

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team continued its confident march into the postseason with Saturday's 67-57 win at Oakland Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, paced by 17 points from forward Janelle Harris and 16 points from guard Ashley Sibby, improved to 24-3 overall and finished 17-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Center Maricka Seay added 14 points, 12 rebounds and five steals.

Sibby and guard Brittney Ivey tallied six and five assists, respectively as the Lady Ocelots outscored the Lady Raiders 34-24 in the final 20 minutes to come away with the victory in the regular season finale.

Oakland (10-17, 7-11) was led by forward Safiyah Bibbins, with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Contributing 16 points and 10 boards for the squad was forward Brooke Schaefer.

Two days earlier in a make-up game, the Lady Ocelots trounced host Macomb CC, 80-62.

On Wednesday, Schoolcraft hosted an MCCA tournament game against fourth-seed St. Clair County (15-13, 12-6). A win would propel the Lady Ocelots into a semifinal game scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Muskegon.

MU women fall in OT

Despite another milestone reached by Martina Franklin, it

wasn't enough Saturday as visiting Madonna University suffered a 71-69 overtime setback to Concordia.

The Crusaders women's basketball team still finished with the fourth seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, because Siena Heights also lost Saturday.

It means Madonna (13-17 overall, 8-6 in the WHAC) will host a first-round game 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Siena Heights.

As for Franklin, a junior forward from Redford Union, she tallied 28 points to surpass the 1,000 mark for her Madonna career. She also pulled down 14 rebounds in more than 40 minutes of action.

But Madonna could not hold down the offense of Cardinals guard Andrea Savage, who registered four treys and finished with 25 points to spark Concordia (7-23, 4-10).

MU led 36-33 at halftime, but the squad struggled with their field-goal shooting in the second half and overtime, making just 12 of 33 shots (.364 percent) compared to Concordia's 14 of 32 (.438 percent).

Also in double figures for Madonna were senior guard Lindsay Klemmer (Salem) and junior forward Caryn Inman, with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Chipping in with 17 points for the Cardinals was guard Katie Schweiger.

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MU women roll in WHAC playoff opener

BY TIM SMITH
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The first Madonna University women's basketball home playoff game in two years couldn't have started better Wednesday night as the Crusaders sprinted out to a 7-0 lead against Siena Heights.

With standout junior forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) sending a charge through the home crowd with 22 first-half points and 11 rebounds despite being double teamed, Madonna never looked back.

The Crusaders (14-17) earned a 79-63 victory in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff opener, their seventh win in eight games.

"Obviously, this is a great atmosphere and our gym was pretty alive tonight," said Crusaders first-year coach Carl Graves, now 1-0 in his MU playoff career. "Our student section showed up and supported us, and that's a great thing."

Franklin, recently named to the All-WHAC first team, said the squad came out on a mission to extend the college careers of seniors Lindsay Klemmer (Canton) and Diane Foley.

"If we can prolong their careers, we're

doing everything we can for it," said Franklin, who wound up with 23 points and 14 boards.

Nearly matching Franklin in the first half was Siena Heights senior forward Laura Panozzo (20 of 23 points in the opening 20 minutes).

With the Saints' clogging the lane in the second half, Madonna started going to the outside jumper with great success.

The Crusaders went on an 11-2 scoring spree to open the second half, with nine points coming on treys (two by junior forward Caryn Inman, one by Klemmer).

It was 63-46 with about eight minutes left, with Siena Heights (17-13) entertaining thoughts of rallying. But freshman guard Stephanie Piotrowski (eight points) put a stop to that with two triples a minute apart, from an identical spot beyond the top of the arc.

Sophomore guard and Salem High product Alyssa Guerin added 15 points, seven boards and four blocks.

Inman fouled out, but she contributed 11 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore forward Christie Carrico added eight.

Madonna will visit Davenport for a second-round WHAC playoff game, 1 p.m. Saturday.

SC women victorious

A slow start from the floor Wednesday night put host Schoolcraft's women cagers into an early hole in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff opener against St. Clair CC.

But the Lady Ocelots, trailing 23-19 at halftime after missing all eight treys, found their scoring touch after intermission and went on to post a 62-48 triumph.

"We started hitting some 'threes' in the second half," said Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata. "And then things started opening up inside."

Schoolcraft (25-3) made five of 10 three-point tries in the second half, with two each by freshman guards Brittney Ivey and Adrena Walker-Price (eight points off the bench).

The Lady Ocelots made 17-of-34 field-goal tries after the break.

Sophomore forward Ashley Sibby paced Schoolcraft with 14 points, while freshman forwards Antoinette Brown (12 points, 11 rebounds) and Janelle Harris (12 points, nine boards) were strong in the low post. Maricka Seay grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds.

Stacie Maier had 18 points and 10 rebounds for St. Clair (15-14).

Cardinals' Bates nets 41 to sink Crusaders

For the first time in Madonna University history, the men's basketball team will play a home playoff game, 7:30 tonight against Indiana Tech.

Madonna, the fourth seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, finished the regular season with a mark of 12-18 overall and 8-6 in the conference following Saturday's 84-70 loss to host Concordia (17-13, 9-5) in the finale.

Leading the fifth-seed Cards was guard Anthony Bates, who hit 16-of-25 shots from the floor en route to a game-high 41 points.

The Crusaders fell behind 38-27 at halftime and were down by 22 points in the second half before mounting a late comeback bid that cut the lead to 10.

Junior forward D. J. Bridges (Canton) had another excellent game for Madonna, scoring 24 points with eight rebounds.

Senior forward Derrick Mudri scored just three points, but he led the Crusaders with 11 rebounds - 10 at the defensive end.

Tallying eight points each for the Crusaders were senior guard Charlie Henry (Plymouth Agape Christian) and senior center Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central).

Ocelots drill OCC

Josh Samarco and Nate Minnoy each scored 19 points as

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College ended its Eastern Conference regular season schedule Saturday in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 99-74 triumph over host Oakland CC at Highland Lakes Gymnasium.

Jerome Hutchins added 18 points and dished out seven assists for the Ocelots, who improved to 18-9 overall. Schoolcraft ended conference play at 13-5 in second place behind Mott.

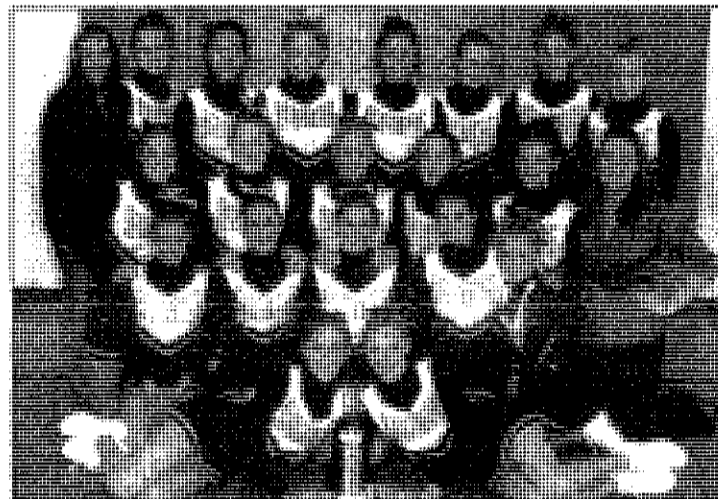
The Ocelots, who led 41-19 at the half, hit 15-of-31 shots from three-point range to win handily.

Korey Spates and Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Minnoy also had a team-high eight rebounds.

Odgra Bobo led the Raiders, now 3-22 overall and 3-15 in the conference, with a game-high 34 points, including 19-of-22 foul shots. He also had a game-high 10 rebounds and dished out six assists.

Lawrence Ricks and Nick Roberts chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Ocelots opened MCCA quarterfinal playoff action Wednesday at home against 18-10 St. Clair CC. The winner advances to Friday's semifinal at Kalamazoo Valley.



Spartan JV cheer second

The Livonia Stevenson JV competitive cheer squad, coached by Jen Combest, finished first in their division Jan. 27 at the Northville Invitational. Members of the Spartans include: Shelby Plinka, Nikki Yon, Sarah Pappalardo, Leslie Walsh, Lucie Ptasznik, Tiffany Moyles, Amand Shaltis, Lauren Myres, Hannah Wheeler, Emily Schifano, Lauren Murray, Dara Mahoney, Gabby Mancina, Lauren Zuhke, Adrienne Coutts, Liz Romatowski, Shelly Zientarski, Lauren Drum, Chrissy Tappen and Mary O'Donohue.

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The Ladywood victory snapped a streak of six consecutive Catholic League A-B Division championships the Mustangs had won dating back to 2001. Marian defeated Ladywood that year, then won the next five titles over Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy (three times), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Riverview Gabriel Richard. Marian and Ladywood have owned the Catholic League A-B Division playoff titles over the past 16 years. Ladywood captured nine straight Catholic League championships from 1992-2000 before Marian went on to win six straight crowns heading into this year's tournament. Marian won the 2007 regular-season title championship with a 5-1 record. "I think Ladywood just wanted it more tonight," said Marian coach Erick Gardner, whose team is now 2-2 this season against the Blazers. "We won the first game, but they continued to play hard and we didn't. I think the better team won tonight." On Thursday night, Ladywood advanced to the finals by defeating host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, both in three games. "There was some bad blood with Notre Dame (Prep) because they beat us last year in the regional, so there was some revenge to get," Craggs said. "We played well and were able to stay on top."

Franklin girls get division win vs. Plymouth

Senior outside hitter Liz Dempsey led the way with 15 kills and seven blocks as host Livonia Franklin defeated Plymouth in four games, 25-12, 21-25, 25-23, 25-11. Ashley Price contributed 11 kills and seven blocks for the Patriots, who improved to 13-15-3 overall and 6-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Other statistical leaders for the Patriots included Laura Marshall, seven kills and five blocks; setter Kelly Powers, 30 assists; and libero Amy McGaughey, eight digs. "Offensively we stayed aggressive when Plymouth would dig our spikes and kept attacking," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Plymouth made great defensive plays on balls that I thought were definite kills. We also served 88 percent over the net, which is up from our usual 84 percent." The loss dropped Plymouth

PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

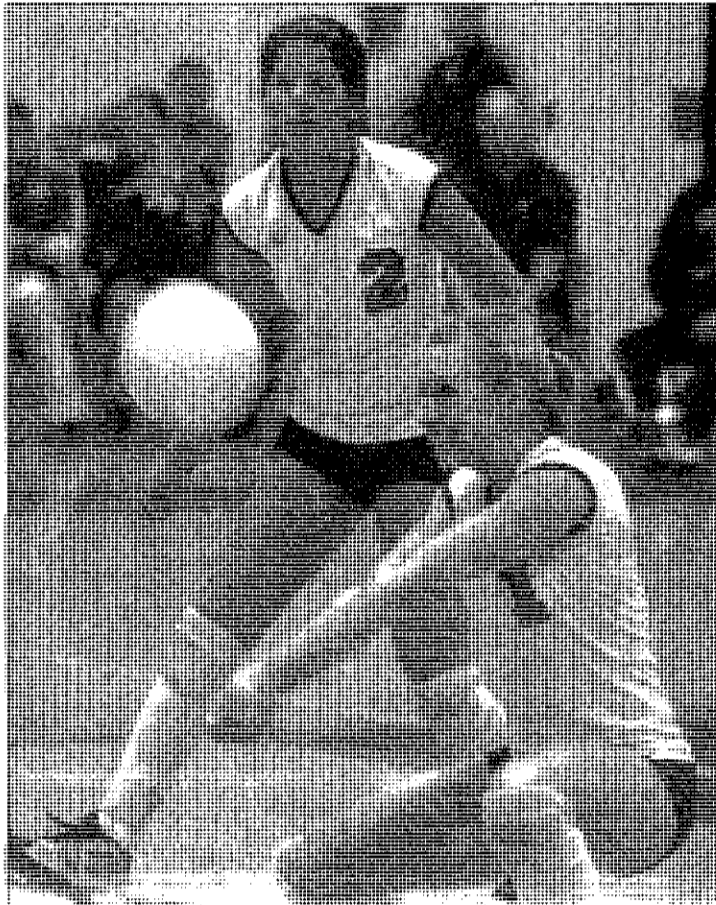
to 17-18-3 overall and 3-7 in the WLAAs Western Division. The Wildcats were led by Rachel Heaton (eight kills, 12 digs), Lindsay Jewett (14 digs) and Brittany Hengesh, who added 10 kills. "Franklin played a great match, especially Liz Dempsey," Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said. "They're very athletic and they're very smart." **Spartans stop Glenn** Jordan Pilut and Amber Sharp combined for 32 digs Monday as host Livonia Stevenson earned a 25-18, 25-22, 15-25, 25-15 WLAAs-Lakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn. Pilut had 17 digs, while Sharp added 15 for the Spartans, who improved to 18-13-2 overall and 4-6 in the division. Setter Jill Flaucher finished with 29 assist-to-kills. Top attackers for Stevenson included Laura Khalil (nine kills), Kelly Snitchler (eight) and Hannah Diebel (seven). Brittany Holbrook and Virginia Butler recorded 14 kills and 2.5 blocks apiece. Stacey Truskowski, Ashley Gallagher, Kija Colts and Kirsten Kirk accounted for the other 14 kills. Kirk led the defense with a record-high 60 digs, while Amber Sportsman added 20. On Saturday, Stevenson was eliminated in the Silver Bracket semifinals at the Waterford Mott Tournament by Monroe-Jefferson, 20-25, 22-25. The Spartans, who went 3-2-1 on the day, scored wins over Royal Oak (25-22, 25-13), Walled Lake Western (25-23, 25-16) and Ferndale (25-14, 25-12). Stevenson also earned a split with Farmington Hills Mercy (20-25, 25-21) and lost

to Holly (24-26, 22-25). Flaucher finished with 57 digs, 22 assists, 12 kills and four ace serves on the day to lead the way. Pilut and Sharp added 48 and 32 digs, respectively. Snitchler and Stephanie Labby added 29 and 27 digs, respectively. Diebel led the offensive attack with 28 kills followed by Khalil (22), Snitchler (21), Meg Iafate (17) and Victoria Slavin (13). On Friday, Stevenson fell to Walled Lake Northern in three games, 8-25, 19-25, 20-25, as Pilut and Labby recorded 13 digs apiece, while Sharp added 10. Diebel recorded 10 kills, while Iafate added six. Flaucher had 19 assists. **Clarenceville wins** Livonia Clarenceville got perfect serving from Amanda Moody (21-for-21) and Amber Dermire (10-for-10) in a 25-

23, 25-15, 26-24 non-conference triumph Tuesday at Hazel Park. Dermire served two aces, while Moody added one in the win for the Trojans, now 4-17-1 overall. Senior Shannon McNeilly had six kills and three blocks, while Marlene Azar chipped in with four kills. Jordan Fyffe also added two blocks in the win. On Friday, Clarenceville improved to 2-5 in the Metro Conference by defeating Hamtramck at home in four games. **Helwig lifts Hawks** Junior Emily Helwig had seven kills and senior setter Amanda Gruenewald added 14 assist-to-kills as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran earned a 25-13, 25-13, 25-10 non-conference victory Tuesday at Newport Lutheran South. With the victory, the Hawks improve to 20-5-1 overall.

CHURCHILL
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"Teresa (Coppiellie) was just unstoppable tonight. She's one of the best players in the state and she really showed it tonight." With two more potential matchups looming during the next two weeks against Churchill, Suder said there are some things that need to be corrected. "Our hitting percent was not as good," she said. "We had four kids with 10 errors or more. That's essentially a full game that we gave them. There's room for improvement in that area. But overall, I'm encouraged. Each time we've gotten closer and it gets us closer to where we want to be. I think this sets us up nicely for Saturday at the (Western Lakes) conference tournament (at Walled Lake Northern)." Grenier was also looking forward to the season-ending WLAAs tourney along with next week's district tournament. "This is the fun stuff now," he said. "This is what you wait for all season and what you play for."



Churchill's Shannon Warner comes up with a dig as teammate Anna-Marie Gatt looks on.

Yeazel sparks SC victory

Jon Yeazel got the hot hand during the second half and propelled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to an 87-64 triumph Wednesday night over visiting St. Clair CC in the opening round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoffs. Yeazel, a 6-foot-3 guard from Middleville (Thornapple-Kellogg) via Central Michigan University, scored 27 of his team-high 31 points after the break. Belleville's Josh Samarco (18), Nate Minnoy (13) and Corey Spates (12) also scored in double figures for the Ocelots, who broke away from a 35-all halftime deadlock by outscoring St. Clair 52-29. "We came out and got a slow start, but I'm proud of the way we responded to what we talked about at halftime," Schoolcraft first-year coach Mike Brown said. "We had a great effort defensively in the second half. We also did a good job defensive rebounding, which is something we've struggled with all season long. But overall we're playing good basketball down the stretch and things are coming together with our team." The Ocelots (19-9) will face Kellogg (22-5) in one semifinal, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kalamazoo Valley CC. The other semifinal pits Eastern Conference champion Flint Mott (27-2) against Lansing CC (18-10) at 5:30 p.m. The state finals are set for 3 p.m. on Saturday in Kalamazoo.

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TEAM SCORES: Livonia Blue 143.45, Birmingham 137.50; Livonia Red 139.625, Birmingham 137.50.
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Vault: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.4; 2. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.25; 3. Kate Miller (Birm.), 8.95; 4. Meghan Powers (Blue), 8.8; 5. Laura Nomura (Blue), 8.75.
Uneven bars: 1. Andrea Pisani (Red), 9.3; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.25; 3. Miller (Birm.), 9.0; 4. Powers (Blue), 8.9; 5. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 8.85.
Balance beam: 1. Christina Downey (Birm.), 9.5; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.4; 3. Guzik (Red), 9.35; 4. Nomura (Blue), 9.15; 5. Cara Baughman (Birm.), 9.0.
Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.55; 2. Pisani (Red), 9.475; 3. Powers (Blue), 9.3; 4. Miller (Birm.), 9.15; 5. (tie) Nomura (Blue) and Guzik (Red), 9.1 each.
All-around: 1. Quint (Blue), 37.60; 2. Miller (Birm.), 36.4; 3. Pisani (Red), 36.375; 4. Guzik (Red), 36.35; 5. Powers (Blue), 35.7.
Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 10-1 overall; Livonia Red, 9-2 overall.

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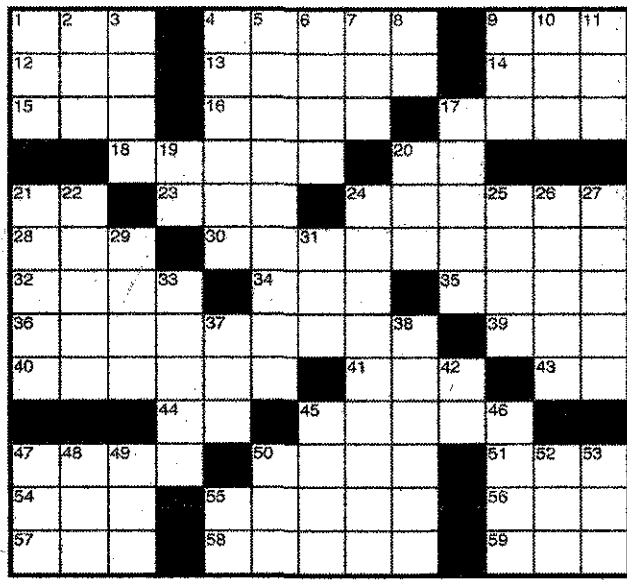
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- BLACK KOALA POLAR
- BROWN KODIAK SLOTH
- GRIZZLY PANDA TEDDY

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

N Q O P A S T Y J E
 R N M K O A L A O P
 A S P O L A R E R T
 U J B D I K L P U Y
 W G R I Z Z L Y N G
 O B O A W E R D D F
 P L W K P L N D B V
 P A N D A R T E Y U
 D C F G S L O T H H
 C K D S E R A T R P

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

3	6	2	7	9	4	5	1	8
4	9	1	7	6	5	2	3	8
8	7	3	1	5	2	9	4	6
2	8	6	7	4	1	5	9	7
1	4	9	6	5	7	9	8	3
9	8	7	4	3	2	6	1	5
6	5	3	2	2	8	1	7	8
7	4	2	7	5	1	6	3	9
5	7	8	1	9	4	3	2	6

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SEEK AND FIND

DOWN: 1. BROOKLYN ENDER (K), 2. FLEA (F), 3. SCREW UP (S), 4. OPENED WIDE (O), 5. RULE BY A FEW (R), 6. STURDY LOCK (L), 7. CALIFORNIA'S FORT (F), 8. NOT LGE. (L), 9. SNORT OF DISGUST (S), 10. FLAMING (F), 11. ANGELES (A), 17. EIFFEL TOWER SITE (E), 19. THE THING (T).

ACROSS: 1. BROWNIE (B), 4. VACILLATES (V), 9. WEB SITE (W), 12. MR. MINEO (M), 13. BURGLAR DETERRENT (B), 14. PRIZM MAKER (P), 15. BIG BIRD (B), 16. — AND WOOLLY (W), 17. UNIV. DEGREES (U), 18. SPREE (S), 20. YES, IN BONN (Y), 21. VCR BUTTON (V), 23. ASIAN EXPORT (A), 24. DOLL FOR COLLECTORS (D), 28. JUNGFRAU (J), 30. MOST CLOUDY (M), 32. FIZZY BEVERAGE (F), 34. NEWS CHANNEL (N), 35. CUMBERBUND (C), 36. STORAGE PLACES (S), 39. GINGER AND FRED, ONCE (G), 40. CURIOSITY (C), 41. DJ GEAR (D), 43. ELEMENT NO. 99 (E), 44. DERBY ST. (D).

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