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Pickering, Wild spar over talks with library board

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild called Monday for talks between city leaders and the Westland Library Board, which has been smacked with a lawsuit as it searches for a new library director.

But Westland City Council President Charles Pickering has refused Wild's request for the meeting, calling the timing "inappropriate" as the library board continues its director search while facing an

Wild, urged by some residents to intervene in the library's turmoil, had asked Pickering to schedule talks next Monday between city officials and the library board.

Wild's request came 10 months after a divided library board fired former Director John Patane, who still hasn't been replaced.

The mayor's request also came five weeks after former library administrative assistant Debbie Nogle filed a lawsuit claiming she was sexually

harassed by library board member Michael Rintz and wrongfully fired in January by acting co-directors Marilyn Kwik and Lisa Hausman.

Wild had asked for a study session with the

library board, the council, and Kwik and Hausman. "I would like to request a study session ... to get an update on the continued search for a director,

finances and negative publicity of late," Wild wrote in a Monday memo to Pickering. Wild also publicly asked for the meeting during a

council session Monday night.

He complimented the library, saying its employees and city residents don't deserve the turmoil that has resulted in negative publicity.

But Pickering confirmed Wednesday that he will not be scheduling the meeting. He said the library board should be left alone with its director search, which he said was moving ahead Wednesday night with interviews with three candidates.

Pickering also said he doesn't believe anything

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Showtime: He aims for Autorama honor

BY SUE MASON STAFE WRITER

· As Norm Fasecas sees it ... Al Rose and Rock Santavy are his saviors. Without their help, he would not be taking his 1937 two-door Ford to Cobo Hall this weekend.

The car will be among more than 1,000 chopped, channeled, dumped and decked hot rods that will be on display at the 55th annual Murray's Autorama.

They've been working on it with me since the beginning," said the Westland resident. "Without them. I never could have done it.

Fasecas has been involved with cars for years, but the 1937 Ford is the first one he has done for himself. But it looked like he might not succeed after having a heart attack four years ago His two friends stepped in and helped him finish the car, which is making its first appearance at Autorama and its first bid for the coveted Riddler Award given to the best vehicle that's being shown for the first time.

The award draws a slew of competitors with big buck cars, many done professionally, but Fasecas is certain he had a shot at the award.

"It's a garage-built car that can compete with the professionals," he said. "It can compete and hold its own against those big bucks cars that are coming. I'd be proud to get into

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Norm Fasecas (right) and his team - Al Rose, John Jaranson and Rock Santavy - get his 1937 two-door Ford ready for this weekend's Autorama. Fasecas is hoping the car will be considered for the Riddler Award given to the best vehicle that's being shown for the first time.

Teen gets juvenile detention in Franklin attack

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

The 17-year-old who slammed a classmate on his head in the Franklin High School cafeteria in November was sentenced to juvenile detention Tuesday.

The defendant will remain in custody until he is 21 or the court decides he is rehabilitated.

He must also pay restitution for the victim's medical bills, including a \$7,000 helicopter ride to Ann Arbor, where the 16-year-old victim was treated for a skull fracture.

The victim's mother, Debra Carlin, said she still doesn't know why the defendant attacked her son Nov. 22.

"My son states that he never even knew him," Debra Carlin said in court at the Lincoln Hall of Juvenile Justice. She

asked Judge Jerome Cavanagh to go beyond the sentencing recommendation of probation for the first-time offender.

The defendant, who is not being named because he was charged as a juvenile, pleaded guilty to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He had been charged with assault with intent

The assault took place before school began. It was reportedly precipitated by a text message exchange a few days earlier between the victim and a friend of the defendant.

Cavanagh said it doesn't matter what circumstances led to the attack.

"This was unprovoked," Cavanagh said, addressing the defendant. "The action you took to resolve this dispute was egregious and outrageous."

The defendant will be placed in what

was described as a low-level security residential facility. The teen, who has been attending Oak Park High School since mid-December, will have periodic hearings in court to determine his progress.

He must also write letters of apology. 'What I did in the past, I'm sorry for," the defendant told the judge. "This is the first big problem that I've ever been into.

I don't look for trouble." He said he had a C-minus average and

hoped to study computers in college. "I was not impressed with his speech," Debra Carlin said. "I don't think he fully

comprehends what he did to Nathan." Nate Carlin, who returned to school less than a week after the assault, still suffers from hearing problems, she said.

"I wanted him to go to juvy," said Nate Carlin, who sat side-by-side with his twin sister during the court proceeding.

Godbout proposes ordinance to restrict protests at funerals

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Saying families of slain soldiers shouldn't be harassed during funerals, a Westland City Council member has called for local measures to restrict protesters.

Councilman James Godbout has asked the city attorney's office to draft an ordinance to protect funeral-goers while still guaranteeing First Amendment rights.

The Westboro Baptist Church based in Topeka. Kan. bas made nationvide news by protesting at funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. It blames U.S. casualties on God's anger over tolerance of gays.

"A number of protests are going on throughout the country, and it's not fair to the families of those soldiers to allow this disruption at a time when they're trying to mourn their loss," Godbout said. "They deserve the respect and the courtesy of being able to bury their dead without protesters being there and

harassing them." Protesters have attended funerals carrying signs with such messages as "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "God Hates Fags" and "America Is Doomed."

Rumors had surfaced that protesters would appear in November during funeral services in Westland for Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess of Canton Township.

That demonstration never materialized, but if such a protest ever does happen in Westland, Godbout said he wants the city to be prepared.

During a council meeting Monday, Godbout said slain soldiers should be afforded the courtesy of being "buried with dig-

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Pumped up

Leading the excitement for the John Glenn Rockets is senior Virginia Butler (center) during a time-out in the district volleyball championship game. Glenn lost the nail-biter in five games to the Garden City High School Cougars of Garden City this past weekend. See story and photo in today's Sports Section.

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Comcast Michigan region Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs Luis Casanova (left) and General Manager of Telephony Tracy Taylor (right) recognize Shelly Nix of Wayne as the 2 millionth customer in the nation to take advantage of Comcast Digital Voice phone service.

Wayne resident wins digital home makeover

If Wayne resident Shelly Nix needs a luck number, she may want to consider 2 million.

That's the number that won her a digital home makeover and other prizes, courtesy of Comcast. Nix received the prize after being the 2 millionth customer to sign up for Comcast Digital Voice, the company's home phone service.

"People are discovering the tremendous savings gained by selecting Comcast Digital Voice over traditional carriers such as AT&T," said Dave Buhl, region senior vice-president, Comcast Michigan. "Reaching the two millionth customer right here in Michigan is a testament to the popularity of Comcast Digital Voice in this state. We know that as more customers compare costs, value and our superior technology they too will make the switch to Comcast Digital Voice.'

According to Comcast, surpassing two million Comcast Digital Voice customers underscores the record growth the company continues to experience as it rolls out its Triple Play package of services.

Triple Play, which bundles phone, high-speed Internet and video services into a value-added package, gives customers the convenience of using one company and receiving one monthly billing statement for all three services.

Westland woman faces trial in fatal cra

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

Minutes before being involved in the accident that killed a Garden City woman, Julie Meyer fled the scene of a minor accident after the other driver said he thought she was drunk and was calling police.

Meyer, 40, has been ordered bound over for trial on three felonies - second-degree murder, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; operating while intoxicated causing death; and driving with a suspended license causing death, both 15-year felonies -- in the Oct. 12 death of Shelly Mepyans, 42.

At a preliminary examination Monday in 21st District Court, Joseph King testified that he stopped for a red light while traveling southbound on Middlebelt at Warren. After his pickup truck was struck from behind and pushed into the intersection, King said he continued south after the light changed and turned onto the first side street followed by the other vehicle.

Having inspected the two vehicles for damage, King said he spoke to the other driver, whom he identified as Meyer, as she sat in her minivan.

"The first thing she said was, 'My husband can fix the damage.' I said I believed she was under the influence and I was calling 9-1-1," King said. "She backed up and left the scene. She drove out onto Middlebelt."

Within 10-15 minutes, a Westland police officer had responded. The accident happened north of the Garden City city limits. The officer asked King to go to the second accident scene at Maplewood and Henry Ruff.

When he arrived, King said he recognized Meyer, who was in an ambulance, and the minivan from the earlier accident.

Two other witnesses reported seeing Meyer driving at a high rate of speed along Maplewood prior to running a stop sign and colliding with Mepyans' vehicle.

Entered into the record was a report on the analysis of Meyer's blood drawn following the accident. Meyer was reported to have a 0.28 blood-alcohol level - three and one-half times the legal limit for intoxication - as well as Valium in her blood.

Arguing for Meyer to be bound over as charged, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Molly Kettler said the defendant's high blood-alcohol level combined with Valium demonstrated gross indifference to public safety.

Noting Meyer's driver's license had been suspended for alcohol offenses, Kettler said the defendant might well have problems, but she still chose to drive intoxicated.

"No one is suggesting that she intended to kill this lady, but she should have known that driving that inebriated and after the first crash, that there was a high probability of killing or injuring someone," she said.

Defense attorney Robert Plumpe disagreed, offering his example of the malice needed for the second-degree murder charge.

"When you have people fleeing the police traveling 80 miles per hour and they run a red light — that's malice," said Plumpe, who didn't argue against binding over on the other two charges.

But Judge Richard Hammer Jr. found that example was

appropriate. 'The police weren't behind the defendant with overhead lights on, but the defendant certainly feels them pursuing," said Hammer, who ordered Meyer bound over for trial on all three charges.

Based on the evidence, Hammer said there was no doubt that Meyer was driving and hit the car of Mepyans, which was already lawfully in the intersection.

"The defendant was fleeing the scene of a prior accident in anticipation of police arriving," Hammer said. "You can debate whether she was traveling 45 or 60 miles per hour, but it's a 25 mile-per-hour zone. It doesn't matter; 40 miles per hour is too fast on Maplewood."

Noting Meyer was extremely intoxicated and had taken prescription medication, Hammer said she showed a total disregard for the safety of others.

Plumpe requested a review of the bond for Meyer, a former Livonia Public Schools employee, who has been in custody since her Feb. 21 arraignment in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond.

Noting Meyer's husband and other family members were present, Plumpe said his client wasn't a flight risk. The mother of an 11-year-old daughter, Meyer suffers from a blood disorder that causes clots, Plumpe

said. About 18 months ago, Plumpe said his client also was incorrectly diagnosed with lung cancer.

"After surgery, it was determined to be an abscess caused by the blood disorder," he said, adding his client had been diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety disorder.

Seeking a bond reduction to \$100,000/10 percent, Plumpe said his client could receive better medical treatment and also care for her daughter, if released on bond.

Based on Meyer having been bound over on charges that could result in up to a life sentence if convicted, Kettler said she may be more of a threat to the public, if released.

"If the court hypothetically tells her not to drive (if released), she doesn't care. She had no license before," Kettler said. "The lady who was killed had children and grandchildren. The defendant drove highly drunk on a street where there is a school. This woman is an extreme danger to the community."

Once charges are brought, Hammer said there is an increased flight risk.

"The safety of the public needs to be taken into consideration. It was the same situation with her health in October," said Hammer, who refused to reconsider the bond, but did agree to refer Meyer to Pretrial Screening Services at circuit court.

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LeBlanc: 'We are all in this together'

Saying that "we are all in this together," State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said he "won't sit on the sidelines" in making sacrifices to help resolve Michigan's financial

LeBlanc made the remarks in announcing cuts to the state legislative budget to ensure that lawmakers share in the sacrifices residents are being asked.

The cuts include ending lifelong health care for lawmakers and cutting the House budget.

"Our residents have been making sacrifices to make ends meet in these tough times as Michigan struggles to get back on track," LeBlanc said, "I want our residents in Westland to know that my colleagues in the House and I won't sit on the sidelines. We're working to turn Michigan around, and we're starting by cutting our own budget in the House."

The House Democratic plan

- End lifetime health care coverage for new state repre-

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sentatives once they leave office. The plan also requires current lawmakers to pay more for health care coverage, ending the special treatment lawmakers get and ensuring they pay the same amount for health care that all other state employees pay.

- Increase monthly health care co-pays for state representatives, their staff members and other legislative workers.

Cut the budget for the House of Representatives by more than 5 percent.

- Ban the use of state funds for out-of-state travel for state representatives.

- Cut positions within the House of Representatives to eliminate redundancies.

"Michigan is facing a serious budget crisis, and we all must do our part to find solutions," LeBlanc said. "Michigan's economic crisis affects all Michigan citizens, from the auto worker to the police officer to the state representative. We are all in this together."

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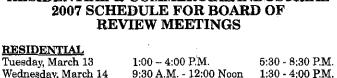












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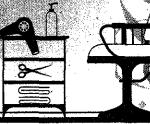
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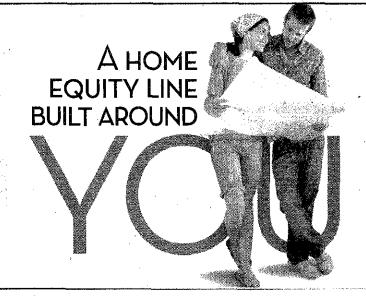


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Baker: Junior Miss program 'awesome'

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

For 17-year-old Kelsey Baker, last weekend's trip to Alpena was nothing short of "awesome."

The Wayne Memorial High School senior was in the north country for the 49th installment of the Michigan Junior Miss Program. The 2007 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, Baker was the first runner-up in the scholarship program.

"I was definitely surprised when they called my name," said the teen in an interview Tuesday. "I didn't win any of the overall categories, so I didn't expect to win anything?

Baker, the daughter Carol and Brian Baker, was among 12 high school seniors competing for the honor to represent the state at the America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Ala., in June. She was "neck-andneck" with Lauren Schultes, Grosse Pointe Park Junior Miss, leading up to the judges' announcement, she said.

"I was a little bit disappointed, but it's still great to be that close," she said. "It's an awesome place to be in and I'm glad I won something."

That something is a \$750 scholarship which will go toward studies at Wayne State University in Detroit. Baker plans to study dance education with an eye toward teaching

Baker, who won the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss title in November, estimates she put in "a whole bunch of hours" preparing for the state program. She received a DVD of the program's fitness routine which she had to learn in the time between the orientation and the actual program.

She also had to keep abreast with current events to prepare for questions from judges during the interview portion of the



Westland Junior Miss Kelsey Baker gets a hug from her cousin Evelyn Fairchild of Wayne after being selected first runner-up in the 2007 Michigan Junior Miss Program.



Wayne-Westland Junior Miss directors Dennis and Pat Hermatz were on hand as Kelsey Baker vied for the 2007 Michigan Junior Miss title.

during the event.

On Friday, the 12 girls were

busy from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

rehearsing for the Saturday

evening program. Saturday

morning was spent in inter-

For Baker, the interviews are

the hardest part of the Junior

Miss program. They're the hard

to prepare for and hard to keep

up with and remember the cur-

"I think it's an excellent pro-

gram," she said. "It gives girls

views with the judges.

rent events.

program. She went online to read the news as well as watching TV news and CNN every night.

"I'm still going to watch the news, I'm interested in what's going on in the world," she said. "I'll still watch, but not every

Baker went to Alpena on Thursday, March 1, where the contestants were ferried to a welcoming dinner in a limousine. The teens also met the host families they stayed with

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some program."

friends and other students at Wayne Memorial, And even after she gives up her title in November, she will remain active in the Wayne-Westland program. Her mother will be taking over from Pat Hermatz who will be working with the state program to get more local programs started. Wayne-Westland currently is the only local Junior Miss program in the state.

confidence. It helped me be

more confident about myself. It

gave me social skills and I got to

meet new people. It's an awe-

Baker plans to spread the

And she suspects heryounger sister Kirstin, 14, will be following in her footsteps.

"She's been watching what I've been doing the past few months," Baker said. "She's seen me develop and thinks she'd like to do it, too."

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St. Damian student spells glockenspiel to win spelling bee

STAFF WRITER

Nerves are starting to set in for 12-year-old Darcy Vines who will test her ability to spell in the Wayne Regional Final spelling bee Saturday in hopes of advancing to the 80th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

A student at St. Damian School, Darcy successfully spelled the word glockenspiel to become one of four champions selected to represent Wayne County in the regional competition.

"I had seen the word before, but I wasn't sure how to spell it, I sort of guessed at the ending," said Darcy, a seventh-grader at the Westland school.

"She just continues to go above and beyond our expectations," said her father Chuck Vines. "She went to Cabrini High School for the Academic Olympics and won a gold medal in English."

Darcy correctly spelled the word paprika in the St. Damian spelling bee, advancing to last weekend's competition in Detroit. She studied words each night after finishing her homework, using the book provided for the spelling bee which was open to students in fifth-eighth grades.

"If I hadn't heard it before, I looked it up in the dictionary," she said of her study habits. "It's easier to spell when you know what it means."

So far she has not had to ask for a definition to spell a word in competition.

According to her father, Darcy gets her wordy ability from her mother Maureen. "They go back and forth, cor-

recting spelling in the newspasmason@hometownlife.com per, on billboards," Vines said.



Vines

"We mostly do it like when we're driving and we see a typo on a marquee or a sign," added Darcy. "It's kind of who finds the first

one. My dad gets annoyed because we do it so much.

Darcy, however, isn't so sure the game is where she gets her spelling skills. Her penchant for words could be because she's an avid reader, "I see a lot of words," she said.

The regional spelling bee will be at WXYZ-TV, Channel 7's studio in Southfield. Contestants will have to be there at "9 a.m. sharp" Saturday. The spelling bee will be taped to be shown on Sunday.

"That'll seem a little weird," she said of the cameras. "I think it'll make me more nervous, but my mom and dad have told me 'don't notice anyone looking at you' and things like that."

Saying "this is all new to us," Vines can understand his daughter's building nervousness after watching Darcy in competition last weekend.

"One word and you're out, it's brutal," he said. "You're up there and there's judges there with computers and you're waiting for that annoying little bell ... It's very nerve-wracking for a 12-year-old. I can't imagine the pressure."

Nerves aside, Darcy is continuing to look over her words to prepare for this weekend's spelling bee

'There's not much else I can do," she said.

Marshall students, staff mourn loss of teacher James Daniel

BY SUE MASON

Members of a school crisis team remained at Marshall Middle School Wednesday to help students and staff cope with the loss of longtime physical education teacher James Daniel.

Mr. Daniel died unexpectedly Monday night of a stroke at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"The kids are really shaken up by this," said Principal Robert Van Valkenburg. "They just adored him. He was very well thought of and well-respected by kids and the staff."

According to Van Valkenburg, Mr. Daniel had been around the area "for a long time." He grew up in Westland and attended Marshall Middle School. His son also is a student at Marshall. According to Deputy

Superintendent Charlotte Sherman, he joined the school district as a full-time teacher in 1991 after working as a substitute teacher. Sherman added that it appeared he had spent his entire teaching career at Marshall.

Staffers from around the district were brought in to work with Marshall's social worker and psychologist "because he was very loved by the children," she added.

Mr. Daniel was head of the physical education department at Marshall and coached the boys' wrestling team and boys' and girls' swim teams. He also was the varsity swim coach at John Glenn High School up until this

The news of his death came as a shock to the staff and students. Van Valkenburg said Mr. Daniel was very active and worked out every day,

"I know there were always kids

It's Not About the House

around him, he was always talking to the kids," he said. "The kids really adopted him, especially the wrestling team."

On Tuesday, students made posters to remember him and some asked for his photograph to carry with them, Van Valkenburg added. Those students seeking help were counseled in vacant classrooms around the school.

"This is really hard for the kids," Van Valkenburg said. "They may see something like this at home, but not in school where you see someone everyday."

Funeral arrangements are being handled through Vermeulen Funeral Home on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. While still incomplete as of Wednesday afternoon, arrangements had been made for visitation 5-9 p.m. today and noon to 9 p.m. Friday. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday.





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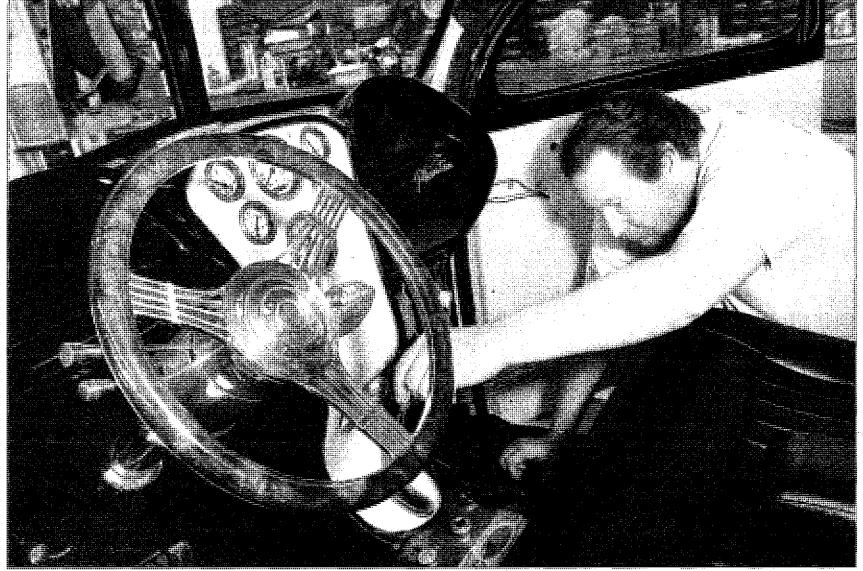
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Norm Fasecas and his crew complete a few more detail items on the interior of the car.

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AUTORAMA

FROM PAGE AT

the second round of the Riddler Award judging." Fasecas worked in prototype design at Ford Motor Co. and drew on his experience in assembling the car.

The car is styled after the two-door Phantom that Ford wanted to produce but it never came to fruition because of World War II.

A coupe, it has a top chop of 3 1/2 inches and is chopped 3 inches through the center. It has a GM 502 Ram Air fuel-injected engine and chromed and powder coated, even underneath the car.

"It has a lot of one-of-a-kind single prototype parts," he said. One element, the dashboard, was made by

stereolithography, a fabrication process utilizing a vat of UV-sensitive photopolymer and a laser to build parts a layer at a time, he added.

While it's a 1937 Ford, he also opted for a GM color combination of the 1950s. The deck lid,

roof and trunk lid are painted jet black while the remainder of the car is coral in color.

"The hardest thing to figure out is how to paint the car," he said. "There's so many incredible paints, an incredible amount of variety.

Fasecas may talk about those big buck cars, but his was no small amount to put together. He estimates he's spent around \$50,000 for the car. "It's very simple to spend three-four times more

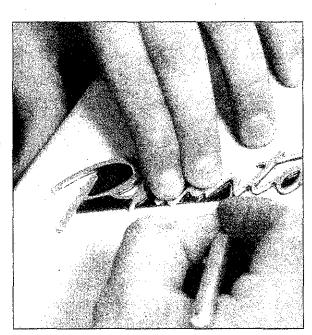
than I did," he said. "The body frame was \$20,000, then there's the engine, that's another \$6,000. It starts adding up real quick." Fasecas is delivering his car to the show today

and plans to be with it throughout the weekend. Judging for the Riddler Award begins Friday. The number of cars entered will be whittled down to eight from which a winner will be selected.

Fasecas will find out Sunday evening if his dream of winning the award will come true. And standing there with him will be his two friends. "Oh yeah, they'll be there, too." he said, adding.

"Making it to the final eight would be very nice, but I want to win it all."

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John Jaranson, the artist of the group, works on the car's logo.

Autorama show has cars, cars and more cars

The 55th Annual Murray's Autorama, Presented by Meguiars roars into Cobo Center Friday-Sunday, March 9-11.

Billed as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show, the super buffed, turbo charged Detroit tradition features the hottest hot rods, custom cars and '50s classics in the country and attracts visitors from across

This year's show features award winning customs from across the country, including Chip Foose's latest masterpiece Hemisfear, Hot Wheel's Deora II and a stunning tribute to the 75th Anniversary of the '32 Ford with 32 examples of the iconic hot rod.

The entire lower level of Cobo Center features Detroit Autorama Extreme presented by The Tuning Factory. This successful addition to Autorama, now in its third year, is a show within a show and features more than 200 extreme traditional rods, tuners and cool customs as well as musical performance by such rock bands as Twisted Tarantulas and Volcanoes, U.S. Breakdancers and Trick My Truck's Ryhno.

The Pinstripers Showcase and Auction features more than 100 of the most outrageous pinstripers from across the country. They will apply their artistry to items of every variety, demonstrating for the crowds and auctioning the items throughout the event. Proceeds going to Rainbow Wish Connection.

Other features include the Kavalcade of Kustoms exhibit, the 50th Anniversary of the '57 Chevy exhibit presented by Be Cool, the 134h Annual Toy A Rama and the Hot Rod Heritage Fine Art Exhibit.

There also will be appearances by WWE's Torrie Wilson 7-9 p.m. Friday and Rey Mysterio noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Detroit Tiger Nate Robertson 4-7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 4 to 7 p.m. and Chip Foose and Chris Jacobs, co-hosts of "Overhaulin," Sunday.

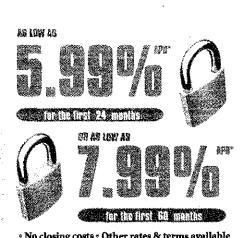
Hours are noon-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at the door are \$16 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12 years and free for those age 5 and under. Discount tickets are available at all Murray's Discount Auto Stores at \$14 for adults and \$4 for children.

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Woman accused in theft of wallets at senior center

community service by cleaning Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center was cleaning up all right - by stealing seniors wallets, police said.

The 44-year-old woman had been assigned to the senior citizen and given a chance to keep an earlier larceny off her record as long as complied with orders from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

But senior officials contacted Westland police after being told that seniors were missing wallets from coats they hung on a coat rack - and that the suspect had been seen going through pockets.

On Friday afternoon, police Sgts. Steve Borisch and Chris Benson went to the senior center and planted a wallet with credit cards, papers and \$4 in a coat that was hung on the rack. Then, they started watching by closed circuit TV.

About 1:40 p.m., the defendant was seen taking the wallet and placing it in her jeans pocket. Borisch and Benson promptly confronted her and recovered the stolen property.

The woman was arraigned Sunday on charges of larceny in a building. She faces a March 15 court hearing that will determine whether she should stand trial on the charge, punishable by up to four years in prison upon conviction. The defendant was jailed on a \$10,000/10 percent bond Sunday, but she was released after posting the necessary \$1,000, Borisch said.

Robbery arrests

Westland police arrested two men following a robbery that happened about 12:40 a.m. Saturday at the Pit Stop, a party store on Merriman Road near

A police officer on routine patrol was dispatched to the party store following accusations that two men had just taken money from a cash register and fled on foot.

One officer chased one suspect and fired a Taser gun at him to stop him. The officer said the suspect had reached in his pocket as if to possibly retrieve a weapon, although none was found. However, authorities did find several hundred dollars in cash on the suspect, described as a 22vear-old man from Norfolk, Va.,

CRIME WATCH

according to police. Soon after, officers captured a

second suspect after searching the neighborhood where the robbery occurred, police said.

Criminal charges were pending with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said police Sgt. Chris Benson.

Mall theft

Police arrested a trio of suspects last Thursday following a retail fraud and vehicle crash at Westland Shopping Center.

When police arrived around 2:45 p.m., security officers were trying to apprehend the suspects - one of whom had started driving away in a truck only to hit several other vehicles during the attempted escape, according to police reports.

The incident started when store personnel noticed two female suspects, both 25, trying to return bed sheets without a receipt, police said. The same suspects were believed to be the same woman who, on several occasions, had returned stolen sheets for refunds, according to police reports.

The females were denied a refund last Thursday, and security noticed the women take the bed sheets out of a bag and then saw a male suspect, 31, putting Tshirts inside the bag before walking out of the store, police reports

A security officer followed the male outside and asked him to return to Kohl's department store, but the man started running and put his hand in his jacket pocket as though he might have a weapon, police said.

The man ran through the parking lot and jumped into the back of a black pickup truck being driven by one of the female suspects, police said. The woman tried to drive away but hit several other vehicles, according to police

Officers reported finding stolen bed sheets, T-shirts and other clothing in the truck bed. The man was placed under arrest for armed robbery, and the two women were arrested for retail

By Darrell Clem



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local ordinances to force funeral protesters to maintain a certain distance from mourners. The state also has a law that former state Sen. Laura Toy sponsored through the Veterans' Affairs committee in Lansing. "We were hearing from families of loved ones who'd died who saw those displays when they came out of the funeral home," she said. "Some of them were getting calls and e-mails, too. It was unbelievably sad testimony."

The state reached a compromise to keep protesters 500 feet from funerals, although some lawmakers had sought distances up to 1,500 feet.

For a possible Westland ordinance, Godbout hasn't proposed a specific distance that protesters would have to keep from funeral-goers. He has asked City Attorney Angelo Plakas to study what other communities have done and to issue a recommendation.

Staff writer Alex Lundberg contributed to this story.

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Blankets everywhere

The Linus Blanket Foundation has more than two dozen fleece blankets to distribute to sick patients, thanks to the efforts of Girl Scout Junior Troop 271 in Westland. The 14 girls, along with troop leader Deanne Richter and co-leader Pam Trierweiler, made the fleece blankets to donate to the Dearborn/Wayne County Chapter of the Linus Blanket Foundation. Each blanket contained a personalized note card with words of hope to the recipient. The card was attached to the blanket with a button.



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Westland police officers win Lifesaver award

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BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Local, county and state law enforcement officers gathered in Livonia's Burton Manor Thursday afternoon to honor those police whose relentless pursuit and capture of impaired motorists have made Wayne County's roads a safer place to

MADD of Wayne County honored more than 30 officers working around and in Wayne County at its annual Lifesavers Luncheon.

Westland Police Officers Ron Buckley and Robert Fruit were two of the police officers honored with a Lifesaver award. Westland Deputy Police Chief Alan Ramsden said they've got the numbers to show they earned the

Fruit has corralled 117 drunken drivers while Buckley has arrest-

"Westland has made it a priority to seek out and arrest drunken drivers," he said. "Officers Buckley and Fruit have done it on a level that far exceeds our

could be accomplished by meet-

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priate time to discuss the

"I just don't think it's an appro-

appointment of a director, and I

pending lawsuit," Pickering said.

finances can be discussed during

city budget talks that will begin

in earnest after Wild submits his

proposed budget in early April.

don't think anything would be

accomplished by discussing a

Moreover, he said library

LIBRARY

expectation," Ramsden said. "We're very proud of them."

Ramsden praised the two officers for helping the department keep its commitment to keeping streets safe.

"They're on road patrol on the midnight shift and according to them, you can almost not avoid finding a drunken driver at night," Ramsden said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano honored MADD for recognizing the work of local, county and state police officers. At the same time, he said,

MADD itself should be honored for doing something amazing changing cultural norms.

"They've changed the awareness of society and culture," Ficano said. "(Society's thinking) is like an ocean liner. It doesn't turn on a dime, rather on a long

He said 20 years ago, the term "designated driver" had no meaning whatsoever. Similarly, back then a party would be conceived only in terms of the party itself, not in terms of what happened to people after they left.

"Even Hollywood has

a letter to Wild explaining his

reasons for declining the study

chosen not to schedule a study

session," Wild said, adding that

internal problems at the library

have been ongoing for about two

"The problem seems to be get-

ting worse. ... Perhaps if we have

a better idea of what the prob-

lems are, maybe we can offer

Wild vowed to contact the

schedule a public meeting. If

library board on his own to try to

such a meeting happens, he said

some solutions," Wild said.

session.

On Wednesday, Pickering sent

"I'm disappointed that he has

changed," Ficano said. "It used to be that Red Skelton doing his drunk on a pole routine was all over television. Now, you don't see a portrayal of alcohol abuse like that. MADD has changed how people perceive these things.

MADD of Wayne County Executive Director Nechole McClendon said the organization couldn't have done much without the dogged support of area police organizations.

"The police are removing the drunk drivers from the roads, she said. "Without their help we'd be losing this battle."

She said drunk driving accidents, injuries and deaths are 100 percent preventable and eliminating the problem is the sole, overriding goal of the organ-

Is there an end in sight? Maybe. "I hope so," McClendon said. "There's always more to do. Our goal is to eliminate drunk driving. There's a lot to do, but if it ever disappears, I'll gladly look for another job."

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he would invite council members

Some residents have urged city

library's turmoil. In a letter to the

Observer last Thursday, library

watcher Jim Cook said that city

leaders "by their inaction have

condoned the foolishness that

Former library board President

Jim Chuck and others also have

action to address problems at the

implored city officials to take

Pickering said the library

responsible for its own actions.

board is autonomous and

has gone on for the last two

leaders to intervene in the

and residents.

vears."

Residents are invited to skate with Mayor William Wild 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, March, 24, at the city's Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

Admission is free, but Wild is asking participants to donate money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, coming this summer.

Wild has organized a team called Wild's Walkers, which has a theme of "Take A Walk On The Wild Side."

Anyone who donates to Relay for Life during the skating event will receive a complimentary Wild's Walkers T-shirt.

Open House

St. Damian School will hold an open house noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the school, 29891 Joy, Westland. Enrollment is being accepted for all classes - prekindergarten (ages 3-4), full day kindergarten and grades 1-8. For more information, call (734) 427-1680.

Coffee Hour

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, March 12, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the third Monday of each month.

Irish dinner

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, in the barroom of AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. The cost will be \$5 per person. For more information, call (734) 721-9440.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is coming to Westland Shopping Center Saturday, March 17, and Co-op Services Credit Union is partnering with the mall to provide a Easter Egg Hunt to children ages 12 and under.

Youngsters should gather at 10:15 a.m. in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne Road in Westland. The hunt is scheduled to start promptly at 10:30

"This will be a great day for iamily iuli and an early come to Spring' event," said Lisa Fawcett, marketing director for Co-op Services Credit

There will be a chance to win prizes, visit candy stations throughout the mall, take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy a performance of Westland's John Glenn High School Marching Band.

Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323

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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 Javcees 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. For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or visit the Jaycees' Web

www.westlandjaycees.org.

Psychic Fair

AMVETS Post 171 will hold a Psychic Fair noon-6 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. Admission will be \$2 plus the cost of a reading. There will be healing, numbers and card readings available.

Art, silent auctions

The Wayne Rotary Club and Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host their fifth annual Art Auction and Silent Auction at 6 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

Proceeds will benefit the **Boundless Playground Project** which will feature play structures that are handicapped accessible to allow the physically challenged youngsters to play alongside their able bodied friends and parents.

Admission is \$10 per person and includes door prize, wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee. A cash bar will be available.

The auction includes art in all media and price ranges. For ticket information, call (734)721-7400.

Easter activities

CrossWalk Community Church of the Nazarene will hold a Easter Eggstravaganza 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31, at the church at 38600 Palmer Road between Hix and Newburgh in Westland.

The event is for families, especially children ages 3-12. Children through age 6 will need adult supervision. There will be an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, prizes and snacks.

The suggested donation is \$1 per child, adults are free of charge. For more information,

call (734) 721-5545.

Open House

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will have an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road. The preschool offer parent/Tot, 2-year-old, 3year-old, 4-year-old programs and an enrichment program for 4-year-olds. The preschool have been in operation for 35 years and has affordable tuition, certified teachers and a parentinvolved environment. For more information, call (734) 326-0078 or visit the Web site

www.willowcreekpreschool.co

The preschool also will hold its fourth annul Silent Auction Saturday, March 24, at Pvt. John Lysskawa VFW Post 7546 at 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Crafters wanted

Craft space is available for St. Damian's annual spring craft show Saturday, March 31, at 30055 Joy, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail at nelius@comast.net. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission will be \$1.

St. Patrick's Day

Join Michigan troubadour Neil Woodward for a family friendly evening celebrating the contributions of Irish folk music 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Grange No. 389, the evening includes an Irish style dinner and dessert served during intermission of the 7:30-9:30 p.m. con-

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, and \$7 for children ages 12 and under. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or by e-mail at mmartin@ci.westland, mi.us.

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 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 fundraising requirements associated with this year's program.

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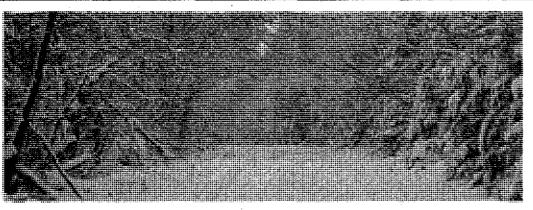


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Early spring forward comes with a glitch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Daylight-saving time will arrive three weeks earlier this year and stay around a little longer, an energy saving plan that has spread fears of a mini Y2K-style computer breakdown.

But just as Y2K (the turning of the calendar from 1999 to 2000) proved less than catastrophic, computer techies are taking the problem in stride and don't expect any catastrophes.

In 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The act moves the start of daylightsaving time from the first Sunday of April to the second Sunday of March. Daylight saving time will end on the first Sunday of November instead of the last Sunday of October.

This year in the United States and Canada, we will spring forward at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 11.

The idea is to save money by pushing daylight later into the evening, when more people are using electric lights than in the early morning

The glitch — many computers, computer-operated alarms, cell phones and other devices have been programmed to automatically adjust for daylight-saving

time, but the old daylight-

saving time.

"A lot of people are not aware of it," said Dave Wisniewski, owner of Canton Computer in Canton and Redford Discount Computers in Redford. "If system clocks are not set, meetings can be missed. There can be some confusion in the first week or so."

But Wisniewski and other computer experts aren't that concerned. Microsoft has created patches that can be attached to computers to correct the error. Wisniewski said that with 10 different operating systems, Microsoft has had to develop a different patch for each system.

"There will be a lot of adjustment. If you've got Microsoft updates, that should fix the problem," he said.

Dave Wiltrakis, director of networking and security at Schoolcraft College, said the college uses the Microsoft update service. He said the college does have computers that don't have the Windows software and other patches will have to be found to adjust them. But he's not overly concerned.

"Y2K was more of a big issue," Wiltrakis said. "It causes a little extra work on the older machines. Big companies put out the patches.

Charles Allen of PC Replay in Redford said it is a problem for computers using older software, Windows 2000 and older. He said they would have to be manually adjusted.

Wisniewski said there may be some timing problems for devices like school boilers, lighting systems and airline systems.

"The big concern I see is if alarm systems don't get updates. Some have alarms that go on automatically," he

He said another problem is that Mexico and Europe will not be changing to daylight saving at the same time.

In the United States, switching to daylight-saving time is not a federal mandate. Arizona and Hawaii do not observe daylight-saving. For many years, portions of Indiana did not observe daylight-saving and for parts of the year the state had three different times, depending where you were.

Experts say that cell phones, TiVo's and other digital products connected to a system will be adjusted because provider companies are aware of the problem. VCRs, and clocks and other devices not connected to a system will have to be adjusted manually.

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Don't panic over stock market correction

here is no question that we have just experienced some difficulty in the market. Whenever this happens, investors almost always tend to overreact. It is this overreaction that hurts investors, causing them to unnecessarily lose money.

It has been often said that there are two emotions that investors need to conquer before they can be a successful investor — fear and greed. When investors let fear and greed dictate their investment decisions, almost always they will end up making the wrong

In looking at the recent market volatility, I've seen many stories comparing the drop to the stock market crash of 1987. However, the recent volatility has nothing in common with the crash of '87. First, the 500point drop in October '87 represented nearly a 25-percent drop in the value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. At the time of the crash, the market was valued at a little over 2,000. The 400-point drop that we recently experienced with the Dow valued at over 12,000 represents a 3-percent drop. Therefore, as a percentage, the drop was minor compared to what happened in 1987. Investors need to focus on percentages as opposed to raw numbers. That doesn't mean that a 400-point drop is not painful - it is. However, it doesn't come close to what happened in 1987.

Corrections are normal occurrences in the market. If you go back over time, you will are relatively common. There is no reason for investors to panic or feel that they need to change their portfolio in light



Money **Matters**

> Rick Bloom

of what happened recently. However, it is a good time for investors to take another look at their portfolios to make sure they are diversified, balanced and well-matched to your tolerance for risk. Whenever the market is gaining ground, investors forget about their risk tolerance level and tend to add stocks to their portfolio without concern as to

how they fit into their overall

portfolio.

The successful investor is one who has a game plan and then allocates investments according to their plan within a wide range of investment alternatives. A well-balanced and diversified portfolio contains not only domestic stocks, but international stocks as well as a fixed income side to the portfolio. Whether the fixed income portion of the portfolio is invested in bonds or fixed or equity-indexed annuities, those investments play a key part in an overall strategy.

I have been asked many times over the last week how I am changing the portfolios that I manage. My answer is, I am not. Nothing that hap-

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pened over the last week leads me to believe that there has been a fundamental change in the long-term prospects for our economy. Yes, it appears that our economy is slowing and that, consequently, the world economy will probably slow down somewhat. That does not mean, though, that it will change the overall strategy of how I manage money.

Many investors will beat themselves up, saying that they wish they would have been out of the market or hope that they could have predicted the recent downturn. First of all, no one can predict the market over the short run. The idea that people can look at different signals in the market and know when to buy or sell is a fool's game.

We've seen corrections before and one thing has always occurred - markets do recover. Patience is a key element for a successful investor. Remember, what makes a successful investor is not timing the market, but rather time in the market. Don't panic and don't let fear dictate your investment decisions.

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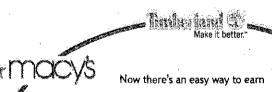




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OUR VIEWS

On Sunday, take time to check smoke detectors

It's simple to do and not all that expensive, either. But with daylight-saving time coming again Sunday yes, it's earlier than last year and, likewise, it will last longer - it's a good time to check the smoke detectors in your dwelling and, if necessary, change the batteries.

Smoke detectors are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal — so families can escape. Smoke alarms are one of the best safety features you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family and your

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area. home. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area.

The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that smoke alarms be installed on the ceiling or 6-8 inches below the ceiling on side walls. Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level

will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Also consider the age of smoke detectors in your residence. If you bought them 8-10 years ago, they should be replaced. Like most electrical devices, smoke alarms wear out. You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the inside of your unit. That way, you'll know when to replace it.

Most of us will never have to deal with a house fire yet all of us, at one time or other, have probably left our smoke detectors inoperable, most likely without even knowing it.

Firefighters say that daylight-saving Sundays are a particularly good time to check detectors. They encourage residents to check their detectors as they go room to room changing the time on their clocks.

That's a good habit to get into, and this Sunday is as good a time to start as any.

Daylight-saving is earlier this year

When you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead. Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. March 11, three weeks earlier than last year. And it will hang on for an extra week in the fall, ending Nov. 4.

The new change was instituted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The idea is to save energy by putting more daylight into the evening hours, when people are home and likely to be using more electricity.

The change has created a stir in the computer world. As an unintended consequence, many preset computer clocks will not reset properly. Computer clocks have been set to automatically adjust for changes to and from daylight-saving time based on the previous start and end cycle. In addition, computer-controlled systems, cell phones and other devices have been similarly programmed.

The problem has been compared to a mini-Y2K, the concern about computers possibly confusing the year \$2000 with 1900. But computer experts seem to be confident that problems will be few because of special computer patches and service updates that will correct the problem. Some older operating systems will have to be manually readjusted. But most experts Believe that the word has gone out and that adjustments will be made.

In a time when concern over energy conservation is a top national priority, daylight-saving time seems to be a sensible approach to conserving some energy. In addition, we all need to be mindful of our own personal energy use — dial down the thermostat, turn off lights, use energy-efficient bulbs and generally try to limit our energy use as much as possible.

So remember, spring forward Saturday night and check your clocks Sunday morning.



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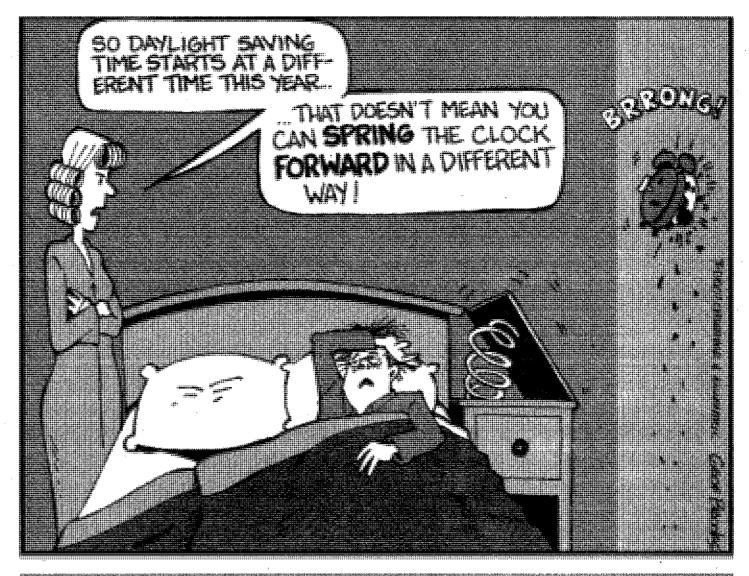
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LETTERS

Recalculate assessments

I found it perplexing that our recent assessment contained an increase in value, thus an increase in property tax on our

Michigan leads the nation in unemployment, layoffs and property value decline. In fact, homes on our street alone have sat for sale for more than a year unsold. Local real estate agents admit that homeowners will need to price their homes at a lower price to sell and have indicated that home values have dropped over the past year, not increased.

So why is it that Westland homeowners are now faced with assessments on the

Perhaps our new interim mayor should request his assessment board to recalculate based on decreasing home values?

Story was misleading

Brenda Gracin

Westland

I am sending this in response to the "Walker-Winter wins Blue Ribbon award" article in last week's paper. The way the article is written, readers are easily mislead into thinking that Walker-Winter is part of the Canton district.

I'm angry that you waited until the third paragraph to clarify that it's a Wayne-Westland school. How about giving credit where and when credit is due?

As a Canton resident with children attending Walker-Winter, I've endured a lot of grief from members of my community who are convinced that all Plymouth-Canton schools are superior. Articles like this only fuel their fire.

You clearly waited too long to credit Wayne-Westland with this high honor.

Kim Laschober Canton

God bless our heroes

While watching the most recent City Council meeting, I was deeply moved when Normie Brazier came up and talked about her son the captain coming home. I listened carefully to everything she said. Normie, in no way should you feel guilty because your son is coming home.

We should all welcome him home with open arms. We have talked before about our sons serving in Iraq and how proud we are of them and all the troops.

Your son did his time, he served bravely. He went above and beyond his call to duty and now he is home. Congratulations. He is home safe, you are now able to talk to him in person and not on a phone from another country. We all wait for that day.

I can tell you now my son is on his second tour of Iraq. He was just named top Marine in his battalion. He will be home in August, and we are counting the days. We will not feel guilty because he is coming home, we will be filled with absolute joy and happiness because, just like your son, he will have done his time, served his country and, God willing, he will be home safe in August,

All of these men and women are heroes. Every day, troops come home safely and I can bet not one family feels guilty their loved ones are home. They feel the same way we did when David came home after his first tour of duty. We were relieved and

were finally able to breath normally. I did not have to stand at my front window, praying Marines were not walking up our driveway to tell us bad news.

As a parent of a Marine - or any soldier, for that matter - we worry daily. We watch the news and hear of troops getting killed or wounded, and we start worrying all over again.

I worry every day for all our troops. I have been to two Marine funerals this past year. I did not know them, but being in the family of a Marine, I felt I owed it to thank them in person. And that is why I went, to show my support for the family.

So to all the families of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, when I hear your loved ones are home, I am happy for you. We wait for that day. Feel honored they are safe and sound. Do not feel guilty. That is the last thing that any soldier's family would want you to do.

So until August, our worry is beavy on our hearts, but I am happy as hell to know troops are coming home ... and ours will be home soon enough. Not soon enough for my wife, though.

God bless our troops and all of our heroes that are home.

Bud Somerville

Westland Two-cent tax is 2-percent tax

I would like to comment on an article in your Westland Observer on Feb. 11 by Darrell Clem. His article was on the socalled two-cent service tax.

I'm surprised that a newspaper reporter would not dig a little deeper than local barber shops for his tax information. It seems that most reporters are interviewing this type of service provider to down play the impact of this tax on most households.

I happened to be in a state that put in a service tax, where most people were thinking along the same lines as your reporter. You really need to look a little further too really see the impact of a service tax. I notice that our governor keeps mentioning this as a two-cent tax, where it is really 2 percent.

This is one way it makes it sound trivial to people. She said in her address that the service tax will amount to about the price of a cup of coffee to most people. I beg to differ on this statement.

Let's say you want to move into Westland, a growing, thriving city with good schools. You will need to purchase a house or rent (service) an apartment to live in while here. Notice I didn't include motels, as they are already taxed separately. The rent will be taxed, so this has to be added into your figures of cost to live in

Oh, you want to build instead? OK, the survey on your property is taxed (service), the title company is taxed (service), the real estate company is taxed (service), the digging of a basement is taxed (service) and the cement is taxed along with the people that pour it (service).

It doesn't stop there. The brick layer, the carpenter, the carpet layer, the plumber, the furnace installer, etc., are all taxing you for their services. You are paying for all the services that you need to build that house.

Now, let's say you purchase a house that is already built. As the builder had to pay the taxes, now you end up paying them. A

\$150,000 house will now cost you around \$3,000 more just to pay for the service

Now, if you are a business and want to build your company here, do you think your company would like to pay the extra \$20,000 for the \$1 million building they want to put up?

Would you like to move to Michigan, much less Westland, now? Just don't have your car break down or get into an accident in Michigan or again you will see what a tax on that service will cost you (wrecker, repairs, hospital services, doctors, lawyers, etc.).

You need to look at just what constitutes a service before agreeing to what this governor is proposing.

Oh, the state that I was living in at the time the service tax was put into place? After discovering just how much pressure it put on small businesses and the building industry, it was resemded after only six months. However, the state made its money off the fees that the small businesses had to pay in order to get tax numbers from the state, so it still got rich.

Westland

Concern for the troops

Recent spin by supporters of Bush-Cheney Iraq policy have begun to argue that any effort to redeploy troops or guarantee troop readiness before deployment is, somehow, an attack on U.S. troops.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Our troops must carry out lawful orders and fulfill any mission they are assigned. The rest of us have to protect them by demanding that the politicians formulate sound military policy and give our troops the training and equipment they need.

Not only have Bush-Cheney and their supporters botched military and foreign policy, they refuse to change course and to commit the resources needed to support troops at the front or to care for them properly when they come home with debilitating wounds.

Only Democrats like John Murtha are acting responsibly in calling for both redeployment and adequate support for our

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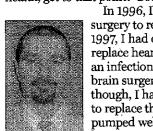
'We now have a blueprint of the vehicle and an idea of the things we want to change. And I think we can do it all at the center.

Ginny Kowalski, principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, about working on an innovative vehicle design.

A new heart brings a new start and a brighter future

ongestive heart failure. Dilated cardiomyopathy. Ventricular tachycardia. These are just a few of the labels I have shed in the past year of

My name is David Hebestreit and I am 35. How does a 35-year-old, in otherwise good health, get to that point? Good question.



Hebestreit

In 1996, I underwent brain surgery to repair an aneurysm. In 1997, I had open-heart surgery to replace heart valves destroyed by an infection developed during the brain surgery. Most recently, though, I had a heart transplant to replace the one that no longer pumped well enough to sustain

On March 5, 2006, after 88 days of waiting as a patient in the hospital, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel seemed as though it would

never again shine upon my face. In and out of the heart failure ICU, hooked up to a central line that fed life-supporting IV meds to my failing heart, I was at rock bottom.

Whatever the reasons, for the better part of 10 years, I dealt with a medical condition that I could never have fathorned as a young adult.

Remarkably, I did recover quickly after the first two surgeries. For the most part, I returned to normal activities. After open heart, because I was left with two mechanical heart valves, I could not play contact sports and was in constant fear of bleeding to death because of an anti-coagulant necessary to prevent clotting of the valves.

Over the years, I got used to the changes. I even grew accustomed to the ticking of the titanium valves that could be heard by anyone standing next to me in a quiet room.

I found the positives. Dogs and cats found it comforting. Friends and family found it interesting. Plus, I always had a story to tell. But, gone was any chance of my becoming an international spy or poker superstar.

Although the valves did their job, the initial damage done to the heart was irreparable. In 2001, I was accepted into the heart failure and transplant program at a local hospital. A transplant was vital. After 10 years of poor health, and seeing no progress in the aforementioned program, I came to one conclusion: I was responsible for my own health care, including selecting doctors, surgeons, and hospitals based on my needs and desired outcomes.

I learned that hospitals and doctors are the same as in any other profession. There are those that are good and those that are not so good. Getting a heart, though, is much the same as shopping for a digital camera.

The first retailer that you go to is going to do their best to insure that you buy from them. They are not in the business of pointing you down the

street to a competitor who can quickly deliver the same merchandise at a better price. They won't mind, either, if you miss out on a few hundred important photographs in the interim.

On March 6, 2006, I would learn why The Cleveland Clinic is the best cardiac care and transplant center in the nation, 12 years running. On this day, they accomplished what most refer to as a miracle. They found the perfect donor heart!

Since then, I have returned to playing and coaching soccer, as well as teaching high school English without feeling miserable. They did in a little under six months what had not been accomplished in the four years prior to my getting their opinion. Spectacular!

The most meaningful moment through all of this occurred the second night after transplant. During a shift change, as the incoming nurse was evaluating me, I asked if I could borrow his stethoscope because I noticed two things: First, the ticking of the valves was gone and second, that this heart functioned much differently than the one with which I was born.

He obliged, and, as seconds stretched into minutes, I was captivated by the strong and rhythmic beat of someone else's heart in my body. The tears ran down onto my chest as it became the most powerful moment in my life.

A miracle? Not really. According to the surgeon, it is more like replacing a spare tire on a car rather than working on the axle. Cut out the old one. Put in the new one.

The only miraculous aspect of this endeavor was what made it possible, the donation of the heart by the family of the person whose heart today pumps in my body. Assuredly, the countless lives touched by my

transplant, I am certain, has been replicated many times over for each organ donated. What better than to be remembered for touching the lives of literally thousands of people after death? Most of the time I tell this story for the enter-

ferent purpose. This time it is a call for anyone who reads this to consider organ donation. It is a simple, lifesaving act that each of us can accom-Without this selfless act, I most certainly would

tainment value. This time, though, there is a dif-

not be writing this piece, teaching high school English, playing soccer, nor having dinner with my friends and family. Cleveland Clinic heart-transplant #11 of 2006. CC heart-transplant #1,288 of all time. Registered

organ donor. Happy. Healthy. Alive. These are just a few of the labels I can wear proudly for the rest of my life thanks to a real miracle, the gift of life via organ donation. David Hebestreit of Livonia is a teacher and soccer coach at

Livonia Churchill High School. For more information on organ donation, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-

Members just don't get it

Calling all Livonia residents who care about the Livonia Schools and its budget problems with the current board members! I urge all residents to start watching the board meetings on Monday nights at 7 p.m. and see your board members in action completely failing our tax dollars. As we all know, these members are our employees and they just don't get it when it comes to watching the spending problem. With complete exception to Steve King, who is the only one that questions the proposals brought forth to the board!

Last week, Mr. King saved the district \$28,000 in shipping costs for the new math course for K-4. Not one member questioned the monies for the shipping except Mr. King! Now with buses ... why not try a new fourcylinder bus; it's cheaper to buy, also cheaper to fuel! Oh wait, the bus garage doesn't want to learn a new engine style, they won't step out of the box. Three new tractors that are not necessary for about \$45,000 more that the district just doesn't have.

And the decline of enrollment still going up due to the Legacy. A close friend just pulled her daughter out of the Riley Upper Elementary two weeks ago due to problems not getting resolved and is now home schooling. I know myself I'm going to start investigating the home schooling programs out

So come on, Livonia residents, help out this election and let's fill those seats with people who question and care about the future of the

Jenny Cupler

Three-minute limit violates bylaws

The bylaws of Livonia's Board of Education require that public body to keep itself informed "about the wishes of the public." One wonders how that goal can be achieved when individual citizens are limited to speaking three minutes on all occasions at formal board meetings. Aside from being just plain nuts, it demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the board's own policy.

Those bylaws state very clearly, "In order to permit a fair allotment of time to participants, the board shall have the option of limiting the time a person may address the board to twice during any one meeting for no more than five minutes each time." Note that the 10 minutes per meeting standard is an option that is not mandatory. It is also the absolute minimum time allocated to citizens of Livonia who wish to speak at board meetings.

It is true that, if 40 people are lined up to address the board, establishing some sort of time limitation makes practical sense. Otherwise, it does not.

When only a few wish to address the board,

there is no reason for the board to exercise its option of limiting public discussion by an individual citizen to 10 minutes. Indeed, there are circumstances when time should be limited only by the reasonableness and logic of this dialogue. Because understanding and resolution of conflict do not occur without adequate communication, primacy should be given to a citizen's right and obligation to fully express an opinion on the record at public meetings. When reasonable to do so, time should be a secondary concern.

It is also a matter of simple fairness, something too many on this board do not seem to understand, let alone practice. This community will continue to pay a harsh price for the intentional censorship of public input during discussion of the Legacy Initiative. The ill will created during that period is going to be with us for the foreseeable future. Continuing it with a three-minute rule inconsistently applied and at odds with existing bylaws simply rubs salt in an open wound.

The next time a bond issue is to be put on the ballot, it is a certainty that the board will not be keeping the public at arm's length.

> Al Churchill Livonia

Vote for Scheel, Freeman

To have 11 candidates apply for the vacated. LPS school board seat, many who were wellqualified, is proof that so many are committed to this community. To have applicants state the importance of moving this district forward despite the uneasiness of the past year is something our current board has been working at and is a step in the right direction for the citizens of this community. I thank Mr. Hiltz for accepting this position and for unselfishly stepping up to help the kids of the Livonia Public Schools.

After watching the interviews, I had to stop and ask myself, what sets Rob Freeman and Lynda Scheel apart from others equally qualified in our community to sit on the board of education? It didn't take long to come up with the answer. Both Rob Freeman and Lynda Scheel have proven they can make tough decisions and stick by them for the greater good of our district.

Both Rob and Lynda continued their volunteer efforts outside their position as school board trustee despite a lawsuit and recall attempt. These are two individuals who have proven their commitment to the children of our school district, before, during and after the Legacy Initiative.

Please join me in re-electing Rob Freeman and Lynda Scheel as school board trustees May 8.

> Maggie Feher Livonia

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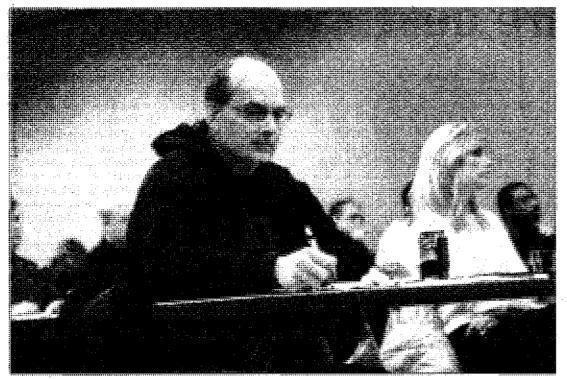
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Jeff Stevens of Westland takes notes during a Workers in Transition program at Schoolcraft March 1.

Schoolcraft offers seminars for displaced workers

Workers who have been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave their jobs early are invited to Schoolcraft College for a free Workers in Transition information ses-

Sessions are 5-6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, Room 460. Free pizza and pop will be served before the session begins. The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April 5 and Tuesday, May 1. The April 5 kickoff speaker

is Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce: for May 1 it is Whitney McClellan, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

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. Schoolcraft representatives will explain the variety of college class formats available, including online, hybrid, open entry/open exit, certificate programs requiring a year or less for training and continuing education courses.

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

EMU hosts series of lectures on ethics

Eastern Michigan University's College of Business will host its inaugural Ethos Week celebration beginning Monday, March 12. Ethos Week, the first of its kind in the nation, will feature several guest speakers, including New York Times "Ethicist" columnist Randy Cohen.

"EMU's emphasis in business and education sets us apart from many business schools across the country," said David Mielke, dean of the College of Business, "Like other schools, we seek to achieve academic excellence, but we are equally committed to fostering an environment where students can learn to be ethical leaders in their future careers. Ethos Week is a fundamental component of our program, raising student awareness of ethical considerations in a variety of business and personal contexts."

Ethos Week begins March 12 with an open invitation for College of Business students, alumni, faculty, staff and local members of the business community to sign an ethos banner that bears the newly adopted schoolwide Ethos Statement. The

Statement, written by students, faculty and staff, emphasizes six core values: integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, respect, learning and the work ethic. "During the past several

years, this country's business climate has shown that business leaders would benefit greatly from an understanding of personal and professional ethics," Mielke said. "Local business leaders and EMU alumni understand this need. This program exists because those individuals communicated a desire for it. Ethics training at undergraduate and graduate levels enables future business leaders to improve the future business climate."

Cohen, the College of Business will host six local business leaders as speakers throughout the week. EMU students and the general public are welcome to attend the free lectures, scheduled in room 114 of the Gary M. Owen Building, 300 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti.

In addition to Randy

Scheduled speakers are: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, Mary Kramer, publisher of Crain's Detroit Business.

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, James Webb, chairman of Southfield-based AON Risk Services.

11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, Karla Kretzchmer,

 $human\ resources\ consultant.$ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Lou Bitonti, president and chief executive officer of LD3 Event

Management in Southfield. 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15, Harry Cendrowski, chief executive officer of Cendrowski Corporate Advisors in Bloomfield Hills.

5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, David Carleton, chief executive officer of Plymouth-based Maximum Data Solutions.

12:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, Luncheon featuring Randy Cohen, columnist for the New York Times at EMU's Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti, Tickets for the Cohen

luncheon cost \$5 for EMU students or \$35 for general public and can be purchased by phone at (734)482-2282 or in person at the ticket office in the Student Center Convocation Center of Quirk Theatre. For more information, visit www.eob.emich.edu.

SC Trustee Scholarships application deadline March 30

Current high school seniors, who will graduate in spring 2007, can apply now for a Schoolcraft Trustee Scholarship. The application deadline for the fall 2007 semester is March 30.

Seniors are eligible to apply for these scholarships if they have been officially admitted to Schoolcraft College. With the application, students must submit a seventh-semester high school transcript showing a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. A minimum ACT composite score of 18 also is required.

In fall 2006, the college granted 92 initial trustee scholarships and renewed 83 for second-year students. The amount awarded totaled approximately \$145,000.

Trustee Scholarships are awarded for the fall and winter semesters, in the amount of \$700 each semester. The award is renewable for the second year at Schoolcraft if the awardee maintains a 2.75 grade-point average for all Schoolcraft courses. If students are not yet admit-

ted, they can apply for college admission online through WebAdvisor on the Schoolcraft Web site at www.schoolcraft.edu. Applications for the Trustee Scholarship should be available at area high schools. They also can be found at http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs

/aid/2007_trustee scholar ship.pdf. Regina Mosley, director of

"We do look at grade-point averages and composite ACT scores when awarding scholarships," she said. "Candidates must be admitted to Schoolcraft and receive a student identification number. Then the scholarship application itself takes about five minutes to complete."

Mosley added that high school students who are taking classes at Schoolcraft because of special or dual enrollment must complete a new admission application.

Madonna University offers 'Power Lunches'

Learn about new trends and strategies for growing your business at Madonna University's new monthly "Power Lunches," beginning March 21. Designed for selfempowerment through education and advice from industry leaders, these lunches offer

The first Power Lunch is "Feed Your Brain for Success," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. at Madonna's University Center, 14221 Levan, (North of Schoolcraft) in Livonia.

great networking opportunities.

Biochemist Sandy Baumann is the featured speaker. She has been promoting "brain foods" for a healthier lifestyle for 18 years. She'll explain the link between nutrition and learning as well as strategies for enhancing your memory, improving sleep habits, reducing stress and boosting your ability to learn new tasks.

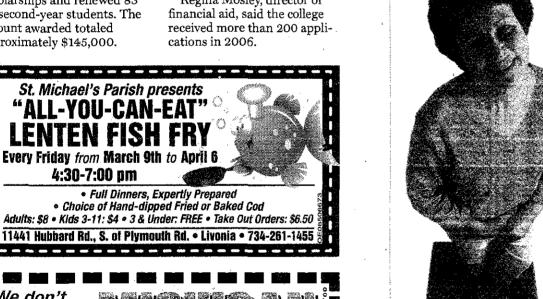
"From nutrition to the art of negotiation, each luncheon will deliver fresh approaches for cultivating your business," commented Joan Stephens, director of the Office of

Continuing Education and Professional Development and series organizer. The cost for each lunch is

\$15. Reservations should be made by calling 734-432-5804. **Future Power Lunches:** Wed., April 18, 2007

Angela Riehn, Edward Jones investment representative "A Holistic Approach: How Your Financial Health Can Affect Your Business' Growth"

Wed., May 16, 2007 Amy Clarke, educator "Portrait of a Successful Inventor"





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Six days, six fires, 28 fire deaths! Be prepared

📓 n the six days between Feb. 6 and 11, there were six fires that killed 19 children and nine adults from across the nation. including the nearby Ypsilanti apartment fire that killed three children. That fire started on a stovetop in the kitchen. A Texas house fire killed three small children and a man who tried to save them. In Kentucky house blaze killed a total of ten people, six of them children. A fire broke out in an upper floor bedroom in Tennessee that killed four chil-

Everyone should sleep in homes that have smoke alarms. While 96 percent of U.S. homes have the lifesaving



Kiurski

estimated that 20-25 percent of them do not work. Usually, dead or missing batteries are the reason. It is interesting to note that the majority of fire

deaths occur in the homes not protected by smoke alarms. Is there any more motivation needed than that? Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling, and be tested monthly. Batteries should be changed annually, and units should be totally

replaced after ten years. Children should be taught at a young age some basic fire safety behaviors. If their clothing catches fire, they should automatically practice the "Stop, Drop and Roll" behavior. They should also know how to crawl low (simulating crawling under smoke) to their bedroom door, and take that path to the nearest exit door. They should also know how to crawl from their bed to their bedroom window and be able to open it without using their eyes. A real fire would give off smoke that would make it difficult to see through, and it would aggravate their eyes, making sight

nearly impossible.

Statistics tell us that most people feel that fire won't happen to them. They believe that it is usually someone else that will be struck by fire. I have responded to a number of fires in my years on the fire department, and I haven't found one family that felt they would have a fire destroy their lives. Planning is key to personal safety during any emergency.

Plan how to get out of your house by going into every room with your family and discussing the escape. Doors are usually the fastest and easiest way out. If fire is blocking the exit, a secondary escape must

be used. In most cases, that would be a window. Does the person in the bedroom know how to open the window easily, and can they get out safely inan emergency? Obviously, an infant cannot do this, and a more responsible person who sleeps nearby should be assigned the responsibility of getting the child out.

If you have family members who sleep upstairs, take a look out each window to see what the next step is. Some windows lead to a lower level roof, like a garage. By crawling onto the roof and to a low point, the ground may only be a dozen feet away. A neighbor may get

a ladder to help you off the roof, but jumping may be considered if fire threatens them. The best option is a box containing an emergency escape ladder kept under the bed, and practice using it. The ladder can be purchased for two- and: three-story homes, and hangs from the window, supplying the climber with steps to lower them to safety.

Safety is something we can all spend some time thinking about. Better yet, involve the family every step of the way so they know what to do if fire strikes.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Nominate an outstanding volunteer by March 16

Do you know of a tireless volunteer, committed to improving the community around him or her, who deserves to be recognized for their unending efforts? Now is your chance to honor them. United Way for Southeastern Michigan is accepting nominations to recognize metro Detroit's outstanding volunteers at Celebrate Volunteers ... Recognizing HomeTown Heroes, a special recognition event held on

April 16. The annual luncheon takes place during National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, and provides individuals and organizations an opportunity to show appreciation for those who enrich our community through volunteerism. Nominations are being

accepted in eight categories that honor youth, young adults, and retirees as well as outstanding businesses or groups who volunteer.

To obtain nomination forms and guidelines, please log on towww.uwsem.org/celebrate or contact United Way's George W. Romney Volunteer Center at 313-226-9430, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Nominations must be received at United Way no later than 5 p.m., March 16, 2007.

The award categories are as fol-

■ Bernie Firestone Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Labor Department) - Recognizes an out-

standing rank and file member of a local labor union dedicated to community service. A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the winner's

choice. ■ CorPLUS Award (Sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit) ~ Recognizes a retiree whose volunteer efforts exemplify the highest standards of service that benefits metropolitan Detroit. A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the honoree's

■ Exemplary Group Service Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) -Recognizes families, couples or groups who strive to improve the lives of neighbors, friends and their community through volunteer work. A \$500 donation will be made to an agency of the winning group's choice.

■ Governor's Honor Roll (Sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham) - This non-competitive award recognizes individuals for outstanding community service. selected by the organization's they

■ Heart of Gold Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - This has become one of the most distinguished volunteer recognitions in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Awardees receive a 14 carat gold heart in tribute to their dedication.

Outstanding Youth Award (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes youth ages 12-18 who are taking action to make our world a better place to live through volunteering.

Young Adult Award of Excellence (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes adults ages 19-25 who represent the highest standards of service, leadership, commitment, and character in their community. A \$250 donation will be made to an agency of the winner's choice.

■ Outstanding Business Award (Sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and United Way) -



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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 4 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MARCH

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. For more information and to register for Compassion

Sabbath 2007, call 1-888-440-7325. Classes

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 8, 2007

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that begin Thursday, March B, 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

http://www.northridgechurch.com/Wom en/.

Lenten services St. Michael the Archangel Parish would like to invite everyone to attend Lenten services, including Stations of the Cross and Benediction 7 p.m. Fridays during Lent, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The services follow the church's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Lenten concerts

12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m., at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Runnel, Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward, For information, call (313) 259-2206.

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.

Lenten fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 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 whiting, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

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 311B 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 symposium

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 (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at www.holytrinityapostolate.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 Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

Benefit gospei concert

Make a Joyful Sound performances by more than nine choirs, groups, soloists, and instrumentalists 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Ticket donation is \$10, \$5 for children age 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur, India. For tickets. call (734) 455-2300.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with Rev. C. Allen Kannapell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 11 Unreligious; March 18 Uninteruptible, Always Available; March 25 Unafraid; April 1 The Crucified God, and April 8 The Unconquered, at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit www.hischurch.us.

Biblical perspectives on health

A seminar exploring how the principles hidden in the ancient Scriptures are only now being confirmed by recent scientific research 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Plymouth Seventhday Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. The program concludes with a delicious meal based on these health principles. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

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. Trennev is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He won the First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Drganists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation last year.

John McCuthcheon concert

7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple at Pleasant, For more information, call (248) 646-1200 or visit www.liveatfirst.org.

St. Patrick's Day

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall is hosting Mass and a number of events to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the hall, 24242 Grand River, one block west of Telegraph. Call (313) 535-411D

Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. on Parade Day Sunday, March 11, with entertainment by Irish musical legend, Charlie Taylor at 4 p.m. On St. Patrick's Eve, Friday, March 16, The Wakes and Wedddings Band start at 7:30 p.m. Mass begins at noon on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, followed by performances of one of Michigan's premiere Irish bands, Shamrock Shore at 1p.m. plus the Heinzman Irish Dancers, Baggiper Dennis Burklow, and PaddieBall Billy, Full menu available on all the above-mentioned days, including corned beef and cabbage. There is a cash bar and no cover

charge. Everyone is welcome. Cathedrai Cultural Series

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 48202. Allow one week for delivery. For more information, call (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or send e-mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com. Doors open at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vesners services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent -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. For more information, contact Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmi.rr.com. Livonia.

Interfaith dialogue

Deadline for registration is March 12. Journey toward Peace with Christians, Jews & Muslims: An Interfaith Dialogue takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Roseanau Room, Andrew Mazzara Administrative Services & Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen, on the campus of Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Cost \$15. Call (313) 317-1500 to register or obtain a flyer. Régister online at www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Disciples: Faithful and Flawed

What can we learn from the beloved disciple and Peter in the Gospel of John as we strive to more perfectly be the Lord's own? Join us 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, as David Conrad aids us in our reflection on these two disciples, and discover their life lessons as beneficial to our own development as followers of Jesus, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 1750D Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Midweek Lenten program 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 21, and 28, includes simple service of sung prayer, meal and mission project, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-0211.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration begins March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. 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

Luncheon and fellowship

J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth) luncheon get together for fellowship and fun, Everyone 50-plus years young is welcome 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 16, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia, For more information. cail (734) 464-0990. Please bring a luncheon dish to share and join us.

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 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. Michigan railroad memorabilia sale 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March

18, in the school gym at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 4855 Parker, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$3 adults, \$6 per family, or early bird entry fee of \$10. Proceeds go to St. Albert's School improvements and Bluewater Chapters restoration program for passenger cars. For more information,

call (313) 277-2419. God's amazing grace

Moves us to conversion. Join us as we welcome guest Frank Turner, former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit. as he shares with us how faith in God aided him in being freed from various addictions 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Activities Center, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Free will offerings appreciated. Refreshments provided.

Lifeline screening

Residents living in and around the Bloomfield Hills community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke Thursday, March 22, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost, and involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered is a bone density screening to assess risk for osteoporosis.

Pre-registration required, Call 1-800-324-1851.

Clothing sale

Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples will hold their annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30990 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Over 30 tables of children's items. Bake sale. \$1 admission for adults. Strollers after

Men's conference

Catholic Conference for Men (Courageous Companions of Christ) sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit B a.m. (doors open at 7 a.m.) to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at University of Detroit Mercy, Calihan Hall, Detroit. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students, includes box lunch. For more information, call (734) 459-9558 or visit www.mensfellowship.com. Day includes speakers, 2:30 p.m. Mass, confessions available throughout the day.

A sacred cantata

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois with soprano Mary Bagazinski, tenor Lawrence Wik, baritone Andrew Langlands, violinist Carmela Langley, and the St. Robert Bellarmine Adult Choir under director Mark Newlon 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. No charge. Call (313) 937-1500.

Alpha sessions

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send email to

Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org Mom to Mom Sale

Christ on trial

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Tri-City, 3855 Sheldon Road, North of Michigan Avenue, Canton. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. Thère is a \$1admission. For information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

Orama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, continues 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for 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?

Lenten services Noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, to March 28; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5, noon Good Friday, April 6, and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, and Easter Sunday, April 8, at Immanuel

Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 278-5755. Lent and Easter services

In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m.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.

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UPCOMING

Easter cantata

Riverside Park Church of God invites you to our special Easter Cantata, He Touched Me, 10 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990. Please join us for this special drama event and celebrate Easter with us. We look forward to welcoming you.

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. Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present. Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at

www.FathomEvents.com or at presenting theaterbox offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR, A13

Bassages Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

JACK D. MALANEY

age 83, March 2, 2007 in Gainesvine, FL. Beloved husband of the late Polly.

Dear father of Jack (Renee), Dennis

Brian (Amy), Dennis (Norma), Jackie

(Michael) Davis, Gary and the late

Patrick and Michael. Grandfather of

10. Retired Sporting Goods Salesman,

WWII Veteran recipient of The Bronze

Star for Valor, former President of Nankin Youth Athletic Association,

past Commander of American Legion

Post 111, past Chairman of Parks and

Recreation Dept. City of Westland, past President Babe Ruth League and

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American Legion Baseball. Visitation

Thursday 10am until a 1pm Funeral

Service at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd.

(between Ford Rd, and Cherry Hill).

LEE E. FENNER

Nursing Home. He was born in Lake Orion, MI on January 2, 1918,

the son of James and Grace Fenner, On

July 10, 1941, he was united in mar-

riage to Dorothy Marie Parker who

preceded him in death on September 1, 2004. Loving father of Margaret Wilton of Kansas, Robert (Rhonda)

Fenner of Rose Center, Linda (Mike)

Shafer of Portage, Douglas (Carol) Fenner of West Bloomfield, Laura (James) Wilmes of White Lake and

Spud Lee who passed away September

1943; proud grandfather of William

Brian, Daniel and Kelsey Fenner, David and Lindsay Shafer, Andrea,

Alexander and Sarah Wilmes, great-

grandfather of Elliott Collings. Mr

Fenner retired from Michigan Bell

after 45 years of service and was a

WWII Army veteran stationed in

India. He was a member of St. Hugo's

Catholic Church for 54 years and was

a 1936 graduate of Pontiac Central High School. Mr Fenner was a lifetime

member of the Pontiac-Waterford Elks

Lodge 810 and was past president of

the Civitan Club. He loved to golf,

bowl, watch football, especially the

Detroit Lions, and spending time with his grandchildren. The family will

receive friends Wednesday, March 7,

2007, from 3-8 p.m. at the Riverside

Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford; and a vigil service

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.. Memorials may

be made to the American Diabetes

Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131. Online guestbook at:

www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

Age 89; passed away Friday

evening March 2, 2007, at

Canterbury on the Lake

83, March 2, 2007 in Gainesville,

1-800-579-7355 🍫 fax: 734-953-2232 e-mail: oeobits@hometownlife.com

MARY LOU PURDY

Age 90, March 4, 2007. Preceded in death by husband, Morris C. Purdy. Beloved mother to Lisa, Jason and Bill. Seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Services to be held at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, 11 AM Friday, March 9, 2007.

DENNIS A. OUELLETTE

Age 66, March 1, 2007. Beloved husband of Pauline. Loving father of Rebecca (Scott) Sawran and Amy (Jim) Lacefield. Dear grandfather of Bailey. Brother of Val Karhu, Mary Lou (Don) Kezele and Peggy LaPierre. Instate Friday, March 9th at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, 10:30 AM until the memorial service at 11:00 AM. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HELEN GRISCHUK RODDY

Of Paim Harbor, FL and formerly of Birmingham, MI. Passed away on March 1, 2007. She was a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Palm Harbor, Highland Lakes Bridge Club, Highland Lakes Travel Club, former director of Sutton Place of Highland Lakes and volunteer for March of Dimes and Heart Association. She is survived by husband of 61 years, Edward J. Roddy; son, Kevin Roddy of Brielle, NJ; daughter, Lynne Roddy Johnston of Worthington, OH; and five grandchildren, Erin, Will and Logan Roddy and lichael and Anne Johnston.



DENNIS (DENNY) BURTON

Age 52 of Livonia, formerly of Garden City. He loved his family, fishing, sports, being up North, playing guitar and singing with is sons. of Beloved husband Kathy (Glowacki). Dearest father of Nate, Chris and Vinnie. Dear son of Elaine (the late Vincent), Brother of Joseph (Debbie), David (Linda Zelenak), Jeanne (Don) Cothran, James, Diane Greg) Wiza, Norman, Julie, Kevin Jeanna), Marilou (Russ) Pett, Carolyn Brett) Camfield and the late Robert. Incle to 30 nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by niece Lori Cothran. Funeral services were held today; March 8th, at the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorial contributions can be made to the family of Dennis Burton, 30595 Beechwood, Garden City, MI 48135.



SALLY MILLER

2007; age

Birmingham. Beloved wife of James for 45 years. Dear sister of Dorothy Miglio. Sally was a child prodigy and played piano at age 3 and at age 13 taught at the Art Center Music School in Detroit. She spent six years in Paris and studied with a famous pianist. She played concerts as "The Gifford & Dow Two Piano Team" in many venues in Michigan, including the DIA, Oakland University, in Birmingham and the Opera House in Manistee, MI, She was a gifted teacher and taught hundreds of students to play the piano, often simplifying difficult pieces according to their ability. Many of them pursued careers in music and Sally always remained interested in her student's lives. Memorial tributes the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 North-western Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at:

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DAVID W. PORTER Died March 1, 2007 in Dearborn. He

was 85 years old. Raised in Port Huron, MI and lived for many years in Bloomfield Twp. He served in the US Army Air Corps, during World War II, and graduated from U of M Engineering in 1950. Employed by Cadillac Motor Car Division of GM, retired in 1980 after 30 years. Active member in Cadillac-LaSalle Club, VMCCA, AACA, and Packard Motor Car Club. Enjoyed and supported for many years DSO, MOT and DIA. Survived by his wife Nancy; daughter Susan K. Porter (Robert S. Conklin), son Ronald C. (Kimberly M. Conely) and grandsons Robert C. and Thomas G. Siblings are the late R.W. "Bill" Porter, Barbara (Harold) MacDonell and John (Marlene) Porter; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Inlaws: Peter (Estelle) Newcomb, late Cyrena (John) Firth, Tyana (John) and Kimrie Newcomb. Olsem Memorial service Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington Rd., Franklin. Instate at church 10-11 AM. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, (313) 561-1500. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to the Franklin Community Church Endowment Fund or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Care Fund, 15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126.

DALE RENWICK

Beloved husband, father, grandfather Memorial Service Mar. 9th, Buffalo Church, Sanford, NC.

PATRICIA T. WELCH

Age 78, passed away March 1, 2007. She was born on October 29, 1928, in Detroit, to the late James and Edna (Moroney) Thompson. She was an avid reader, and loved her needle and bead work. Patricia was a lifelong loyal Red Wings fan. She was very proud and interested in her Irish her itage. Mrs. Welch is survived by her loving children: Kathleen (Francis) Yee, Joseph Welch, Gary Weich seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held on March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 107 April Dr., Ste 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-1903, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 225, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home,



SUSAN POMEROY ROBERTS

Former Birmingham resident Susan Pomeroy Roberts died of heart disease February 8, 2007, in Tucson. She was Born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1932 Mrs. Roberts grew up in the suburbs of New York, Chicago, and Detroit and graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham in 1950. After attending the University of Colorado Boulder, and traveling in Europe, in 1953 she married Don Roberts of Franklin, Michigan, a federal Fish & Wildlife agent in Alaska, thus begin ning 40 years of marriage and 37 years in Alaska, Mrs. Roberts worked nearly 50 years, primarily as an executive assistant. Sue is remembered for her vivid storytelling, wit, generosity love of piano, dolls, antiques, New Yorker magazine, chocolate, watching figure skating, knitting, and decorating. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1998, and her youngest child. Catherine Roberts Miller, in 2004. She is survived by her daugh ters, Laury Roberts Scandling (Bruce) and Wendy Skye Hamilton (Steve) of Juneau, Alaska, and her son, Rob (Stephanie) of Aurora, Colorado, eight grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren. Remembrances can be made to the Salvation Army.

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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate

Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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 registration 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.

Worship services

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

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

Adult literacy classes

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number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry Due Season Christian Church is a nondenomina-

tional, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information; call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.0ueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Oaly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland, Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at B p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Court Justice to talk

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday, March 10, at the Civic Center Library.

The public is invited to attend the event. which begins at 12:15 p.m., A modest lunch will be offered; \$5 donation requested.

For more information, contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies'

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public performance by "The Petticoat Ladies" at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Fox Run Retirement Community, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi (just west of M-5). Beth Ann Knisely, (248) 305-B992.

Sportsmen's Banquet

The Metro-West Steelheaders will hold their 22nd annual Sportsmen's Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City. There will a silent auction featuring wildlife prints that are framed, matted. signed and numbered, and prizes like choice of firearm valued at more than \$1,250, more than 50 brand named shotguns, muzzle loaders and riffles, an assortment of fishing and hunting supplies, charter trips for salmon and walleye and rods and reels. All guns supplied by Michi-Gun. Tickets are \$35 each and include buffet meal and open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advanced, and are available by calling Randy Emery at (734) 368-7360 (cell) or (734) 332-6044 or by e-mail at RandyEmery@aol.com. Proceeds go to MUCC Camp for Kids, Michigan rivers and lakes to support future fishing projects, and private organizations in their

Peace benefit set A strolling supper fund-raiser will be held by the Citizens for Peace from 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 30, at Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, in Livonia, to finance a peace book collection for the Civic Center Library. The event will: involve dramatizations of historical peacemakers, views of the Peace Collection Bibliography and the sharing of an evening with peace-minded peo-

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of mini courses through its Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. On tap are:

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March 14 - How to be a Solid Facilitator and Presenter, 7-9 p.m., and Great Wines You've Never Heard Of, 7-9 p.m. March 17 - Jewelry and Beading II, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Smart Choices for Personal Finance, 10 a.m.-noon. For registration information, call the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies at (734) 432-5804.

Crafters wanted

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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 2B. Cost is \$30 per booth. Send an e-mail toVdotson@twmi.rr.com or call (734)

595-1083 for an application, "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.

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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) 324-3089.

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally III, 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) 722-7225. 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.

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 8aptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are quest 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.

HISTORIC

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 Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, calf 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.

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.

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.mihometown.com/oe/Plymouth CantonVVA 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 guartetting 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 (MI-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

Franklin PTSA

Harris at (734) 420-2920

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) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

mation. Call (734) 722-7632.

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site

www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more infor-

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances 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 3-3:30 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, 1119 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

6 a.m.-

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.



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Norsemen halt Churchill tournament run, 3-2

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's glorious hockey season ended unexpectedly Wednesday night in the Division I quarterfinals at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

The No. 1-ranked Chargers stormed back with a pair of third-period goals by Tony Ross to erase a 2-0 deficit, only to have Grosse Pointe North's Alexander Davenport notch the game-winner with only 2:51 remaining to give the Norsemen a 3-2 triumph.

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Churchill finishes at 23-3-2 overall, while North, 14-13-1, advances to the state semifinals against Marquette, 6 p.m. Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

North was only one of two teams to beat Churchill during the regular season - 3-1 on Jan. $27 - \overline{despite}$ being outshot 31-

The shots in the rematch were more evenly distributed with Churchill holding a 19-15

edge.
"We played well enough to win, but not smart enough to win - we hurt ourselves, Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "This time they (North) we better defensively down low. They were more aggressive and physical around the net than the first time."

North took advantage of a Churchill penalty in the opening minute to score on powerplay when Ben Scarfone's slap shot from the left point got through at 1:53. Davenport and Jeff Rohrkemper drew assists.

Churchill, meanwhile, couldn't covert on three power-play opportunities before the period ended and Nate Milam's backhander grazed off the post.

In the second period, Davenport set up Dante Deseranno on a pretty pass on a two-on-one rush, scoring a short-handed goal at 5:06 of the second period to give the Norsemen a 2-0 lead.

North sophomore goaltender Eric Rohrkemper also denied the speedy Milam on a breakaway attempt with 4:41 left in the same period.

"We work on breakaways in practice daily and I think it paid off," said North coach Scott Lock. "They (Churchill) were looking for a turnover and chip it up the ice. We knew number 11 (Milam) had good speed and good hands. That certainly was a big save."

Faced with the exact same situation just three days earlier in a 3-2 regional overtime win over Troy, the Chargers came out flying in the final period and knotted the count at 2-all.

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Luke's No. 1

Spartan guard sets record in 48-36 win over rival Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Luke Knochel added his own chapter to the history of Livonia Stevenson boys basketball in Monday's Class A district opener.

After struggling early, the 5-foot-9 senior ended up with a game-high 27 points and became the school's all-time scoring leader in the Spartans' 48-36 victory over rival Livonia Churchill.

Knochel entered the game needing only 11 points to tie the career scoring mark of 1,112 established by Dave Hall (1977-80), who later went on to play quarterback and letter in three different sports at the University of

Knochel's 3-pointer with 4:22 left in the third quarter broke the record and gave the Spartans a 26-18 advantage. Knochel, 9-of-11 from the free-

PLEASE SEE **LUKE, B4**



Stevenson senior Luke knochel arives through the middle past Churchill's kyan kosenick and Andrew vagnetti (22) during the opening round of the Class district tournament.

Livonia teams garner spot in state finals

In its first season of being de-unified, two Livonia gymnastics teams - Blue and Red - are headed to the state

finals this weekend at Troy Athens. Host Canton earned one of the four spots by finishing first in Saturday's regional.

The Chiefs scored a team-best 143.800 points to edge Livonia Blue, which scored 143.650. Livonia Red placed third with 142,650, while Northville earned an at-large berth in fourth with 142.200.

Last year, Livonia's combined team consisting of members from Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools, finished runner-up to Tri-Farmington in the state finals.

Team competition begins at 4 p.m. Friday at Athens followed by Division I and Division II individual action at

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noon and 3:30 p.m., respectively, Saturday, also at Athens.

Livonia Blue freshman Emily Quint was the Division I all-around champion at Plymouth with a total of 37.85 points. She took first on the uneven bars (9.2); second on floor exercise (9.7); tied for second on vault (9.3); and fifth on balance beam (9.35).

Livonia Red's Andrea Pisani placed third overall with 37.35 thanks to a first on floor exercise (9.725); second on beam (9.525); fourth on bars (9.15); and seventh on vault (8.95).

Teammate Paula Guzik earned a fifth in the all-around (36.675). She placed first on beam (9.625); tied Quint for second on vault (9.3); and took fourth

on floor (9.5).

Blue's Meghan Powers earned a sixth in the Division I all-around (36.275) with her best finish coming on beam (9.45) to go along with a sixth on bars

In the Division II all-around, Livonia Blue's Laura Nomura took third with 35.425. She was runner-up on vault (9.05); third on floor (9.1); and fifth on beam (9.075).

Blue's Kelly Tapella also qualified in two individual events after finishing second on bars (9.05) and sixth on floor

Other Livonia individual state qualifiers included Red's Brittany Swazey, seventh on vault (8.5); Blue's Katie Bridge, eighth on floor (8.75); and Red's Margarita Lazarevska, eighth on vault (8.45).

Glenn's O'Hara, Trojans' Fecso reach quarters

It took the state champion to eliminate Westland John Glenn's Justin O'Hara in the quarterfinal round of the MHSAA Division 1 boys singles bowling finals held Saturday at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Abed Daher of Woodhaven needed three games to beat the Glenn junior, 229-246, 205-195, 212-187.

O'Hara reached the match-play round of 16 by finishing 15th out of a field of 60. His total of 1,285 included a sixgame block of 190-

213-172-223-219-268. PREP BOWLING

O'Hara then captured his first match against Jeremy Lapak of Sterling Heights Stevenson by scores of 212-212 (49-38 tiebreaker), 201-247, 190-166.

In the Division 2 girls singles finals Saturday at Nottke's Bowl in Battle' Creek, Livonia Clarenceville's Danielle Fecso was also a quarterfinalist. Ashlee Mefford of Coldwater ousted the senior captain in three games, 214-168, 194-213, 279-205.

Fecso finished fifth in the six-game qualifying block with a total of 1,246 on games of 207-234-234-195-191-185.

In the round of 16, Fecso ousted Jody Wycech of Harper Woods Regina in two games, 206-167, 210-185.

Teammate Kayla Barber, a junior, missed the match-play cut after finishing 25th out of 60 with a total of 1,104 on games of 171-180-188-170-169-226.

Livonia Ladywood junior Jenelle Farris was 41st in the qualifying with a total of 1,019 on games of 180-171-172-149-179-168.

Clarenceville's lone qualifier in Division 2 boys singles was senior Andrew Abbott, who was tied for 31st in the qualifying block with a total of 1,1159 on games of 199-177-190-214-183-196.

Jared Ball of Jackson Lumen Christi won the boys title, while Felicia Goll of Regina took the girls crown.

Livonia native Paul

Terek 3-peats

Terek became the first? three-time winner at the 2007 USA Indoor **Combined Events** Championships held; Sunday at the University of North Carolina. His previous titles

came in 2003 and 2004. The 2004 U.S. Olympian from Franklin High and Michigan State University led the men's heptathlon from Day 1 with 3,267 points after four events. He held off 2002 NCAA Division III decathion champion Chris Boyles to win his third indoor crown with 5,960 points to Boyles' 5,702.

The runner-up at last year's event, Terek captured three individual events including the long jump (23 feet, 5.5 inches), pole vault (17-5.5) and 1,000-meter run (2:44.39).

Clement honored

Coe College (la.) senior wrestler Brian Clement (Livonia Churchili) earned: All-America honors last weekend with an eighthplace finish last weekend in the 125-pound class at the NCAA Division III Nationals held at the Five Flags Convention Center in Dubuque, la.

Clement decisioned Munkhbaatar Baata St. John's (Minn.) College, 6-4, in the consolation quarterfinals, 🦃

Rated seventh in the final Division III poll, Clement ended the year 32-13 overall with a career record of 93-58,

SHS frosh champs

Livonia Stevenson's freshman team, coached by Eric Kaltz, captured first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association cheer competition Feb. 24 at Northville High School.

Members of the squad include: Courtney Adkins, Kristina Allen, Shannon Angel, Rachel Buttigleg, Jordan Cumbo, Chelsea Davis, Lauree Glover, Heather Hourigan, Emily Korpela, Casey Krist, Sara Lubanski, Holly Mykolaitis, Ashley Naubert, Gina Pearson, Hannah Smith, Amanda Sonkiss and Tiffany Strobl.

Girls fastpitch Registration for the

2007 Westland Lightning giris fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Birth certificates are required.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

■ The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball team is seeking more players to fill current and new teams to attend tryouts on Saturday, March 24 (location and time to be determined).

For exact times and locations (based on weather), visit www.livoniastorm.com. For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail kieweil@livoniastorm.com.

Rockets' near-miss

Cougars edge John Glenn in five games

STAFF WRITER

For a moment last Saturday, dreams of a long and successful postseason run became hazy in the minds of Garden City volleyball coach John Pace and his players, The Cougars were up against it -

literally - in their Class A district final against Westland John Glenn. All of a sudden, they were faced

with an unexpected do-or-die situa-

Thankfully for Pace and Garden City, junior setter Christina Seward (33 assists, eight kills) finally provided what the Cougars missed throughout the see-saw five-game match with the Rockets — a string of service points.

Leading just 8-7 in the fifth and deciding nailbiter at Ypsilanti High School, Seward reeled off two aces

among five points to help Garden City finally take care of the upstart Rockets 15-9 and win the match, 3-2.

"It was nerve-wracking, but it was fun," Seward said after the district title win, which advanced Garden City (42-6-3) into this Saturday's regional semifinal at Ypsilanti Lincoln. "I just tried to hit my spots and serve it aggressive to them."

According to Pace, her clutch serving "wasn't anything unexpected. The timeliness of it was fantastic, though." Actually, serving the clinching point

for GC was freshman outside hitter Stephanie Stevens, with senior rightside hitter Karra Cappelli providing

"We played the best volleyball of our season today," Rockets first-year coach Julian Wargo. "We brought everything

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, B3



John Glenn's Virginia Butler goes up for the kill with Garden City's Danielle Campbell defending in Saturday's Class A district championship at Ypsilanti.

Late Charger flurry yields regional title

STAFF WRITER

For nearly 38 minutes, Livonia Churchill's No. 1ranked hockey team couldn't find the right combination to unlock Troy High goaltender Colin Bronsteen.

The Chargers found themselves down 2-0 and one period away from elimination in the Division I state tournament in Saturday's regional final at the Dearborn Indoor Skating Center's Kilpatrick

But Churchill scored twice in the final 7:04 and tallied the game-winner just 1:47 into the first 8-minute overtime to beat the upstart Colts, 3-2, and advance to Wednesday night's state quarterfinal against Grosse Pointe North 7:30 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

"I thought we were playing well, but we had a couple of bad breaks, a couple of bad bounces," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team is 23-2-2 overall. "I felt we could wear them down. After we scored the first goal I could see our guys pick it up. We never panicked and nobody tried to

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do it all by themselves. "We didn't change one thing during the course of the game. We wanted to get as much traffic in front of the net and get the puck deep behind their goal. We were bound to get one."

The Chargers, who outshot Troy 42-13 for the game and 18-4 in the final period, pulled to within one, 2-1, on Josh Proben's slap shot from the right circle. Dustin Wischmeyer and Tony Ross drew assists.

Then came the play of the

Junior Nate Milam made a scintillating end-to-end rush out of his own end and deked a Troy defender just inside the blueline and slipped a backhand past Bronsteen with only 3:19 remaining to knot the game at 2-all.

The Chargers followed with power-play opportunity with 2:02 to go, but the man-advantage lasted only 1:17 when Churchill's Garrett Miencier was sent off for slashing with 43.8 remaining in regulation.

"We talked about killing off the penalty (in the overtime)

and I told them if we killed it off, we'd win the hockey game," Mazzoni said.

The Churchill coach was right on the mark as Milam ripped a low driving slap shot from the left point that eluded the Troy netminder, and the Chargers celebrated their first regional title since 1999.

"Nate (Milam) is a phenomenal hockey player," Mazzoni said. "Right now he's just more focused.

"I'm happy for the kids. This has been the most enjoyable season I've had in coaching and I have a kid on the way... life is good."

Despite being outshot 10-3 in the first period, Troy led 1-0 on Kevin Taki's high wrist shot from the left circle that caught Churchill goaltender Scott Lewan off-guard. The goal came directly off a face-off won by teammate Mark Sikorski.

And with 1:17 to go in the second period, Troy's when Stephen Duane slipped in and poked away a slow-rolling puck that Lewan couldn't clear.

The Colts, despite being two goals ahead midway through the final period, couldn't fend off the constant pressure applied by the

Chargers and eventually gave up the equalizer.

"I think their depth wore us down," Troy first-year coach Tom Zimmerman said. "Our goalie was hot, but once they scored, it was like a waterfall. It was hard to stop. We had a golden opportunity in the overtime on the power play, but we did not get a shot."

The Colts committed themselves to playing defense and waiting for a Churchill mistake. The strategy worked for the most part.

"We always kept a forward back," Zimmerman said. "It depends on the team. We don't do it all the time, but we had to against a high-powered team (like Churchill) because we knew they could score a lot of goals."

Troy High, in its first season since being de-unified by the MHSAA with neighbor Athens, finished the year a respectable 17-5-5 overall.

We had real good senior leadership, especially in practice," Zimmerman said. "I'm pleased with the way we developed this season as a team."

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS at LIVONIA STEVENSON Friday, March 9: Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford hurston, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the

regional semifinals at Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Central district champion.)

at ROMULUS Thursday, March 8: Garden City vs. Ann Arbor Huron, 5:30 p.m.; Belleville vs. Romulus, 7:30

Saturday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. Dearborn district champi-

> CLASS D at REDFORD COVENANT CHRISTIAN

Thursday, March 8: Oetroit Westside Christian Academy vs. Lutheran High Westland, 6 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Redford Covenant Christian, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 9: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Hillsdale Academy vs. Webberville district

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (ali Saturday, March 10) CLASS A at WEST BLOOMFIELD

Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Farmington, 10 a.m.; Novi vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, noon. Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Saline vs. Hartland regional champion.) CLASS B

at MILAN

Semifinals: Carleton-Airport vs. Riverview, 11 a.m. Livonia Ladywood vs. Dearhorn Divine Championship final: Approximately 3 p.m.

(Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 13 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. St. Clair regional champion.) CLASS D

at AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN Semifinals: Lutheran High Westland vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 10 a.m.; Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Birmingham

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 13 at Almont vs. Port Hope Community regional champion.)

MICHIGAN METRO GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA Thursday, March 8 Ply-Canton-Salem vs. Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Kingswood, 8:45 p.m. Friday, March 9
MMGHSHL championship at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m. PREP WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS at PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS Thursday, March 8 Round 1, 2:45 p.m.

Friday, March 9 Round 2, 8:30 a.m; Round 3, 11 a.m.; Round 4, 2 p.m.; Semifinals, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 Round 6, 8:30 a.m.; Round 7, 10:10 a.m.; Round 8, noon; Finals, 4:45 p.m. BOYS SWIMMING

Friday, March 9 Division I state preliminaries at EMU's Jones Natatorium, noon Saturday, March 10 Division I state finals

at EMU's Jones Natatorium, noo **GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS at TROY ATHENS** Friday, March 9

Team competition, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 Division I individual, noon. Division II individual, 3:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Thursday, March 8 Madonna vs. Urbana (Ohio) at Pace, Fla. (2), 1 p.m. Friday, March 9

at Bay Minette, Ala. (2), 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10 Madonna vs. Fisher (Mass.) WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Tucson, Ariz. Invitational Games) Thursday, March 8 Madonna vs. Judson (III.), 6 p.m.

Madonna ys. William Penn (la.), 8:30 p.m.

Madonna vs. Judson College (III.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, March 8 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9 Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11

at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.

Szwed goal keeps Ladywood afloat

 Livonia Ladywood found a way to win in the quarterfinal round of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey

League playoffs on Monday. Laura Szwed figured in all three goals, including an assist on the game-winner by Heather Sartorious with 10:53 to go in the final period, as the Blazers edged Harper Woods Regina, 3-2, at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Ladywood, now 17-2-1 overall, advances to tonight's semifinal round against Bloomfield Hills Kingswood. Game time is 8:45 at Edgar Arena. The other semifinal pits regular season champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem against Ann Arbor at 6 p.m. The championship game is slated for 7 p.m. Friday at

won because they (Regina) are

"I'm pleasantly happy we

a good all-around team," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We played a solid game." Szwed scored unassisted at 1:04 of the first period, but

Regina's Marissa LaValley answered at 2:09 to make it 1-1. Szwed then notched her

40th goal of the year from. Brittney Holtz and Heather Sartorious 8:56 of the second period, only to have the Saddlelites' Alex Quilan knot

the count again at 2-all at 13:42.

Sartorious tallied the deciding goal 4:07 into the final period from Szwed and Maria Rotondo.

Ladywood netminder Michelle Wyniemko stopped 22-of-24 shots.

Regina's Tori Bogen made 23 saves on the night as the Saddlelites were swept in the season series by the Blazers, 3-0.

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Ross popped in a rebound at 2:03 of the third with Kody Strong and Garrett Miencier assisting. Ross then got the game-tying goal on a wraparound rebound with Josh Proben drawing the assist at

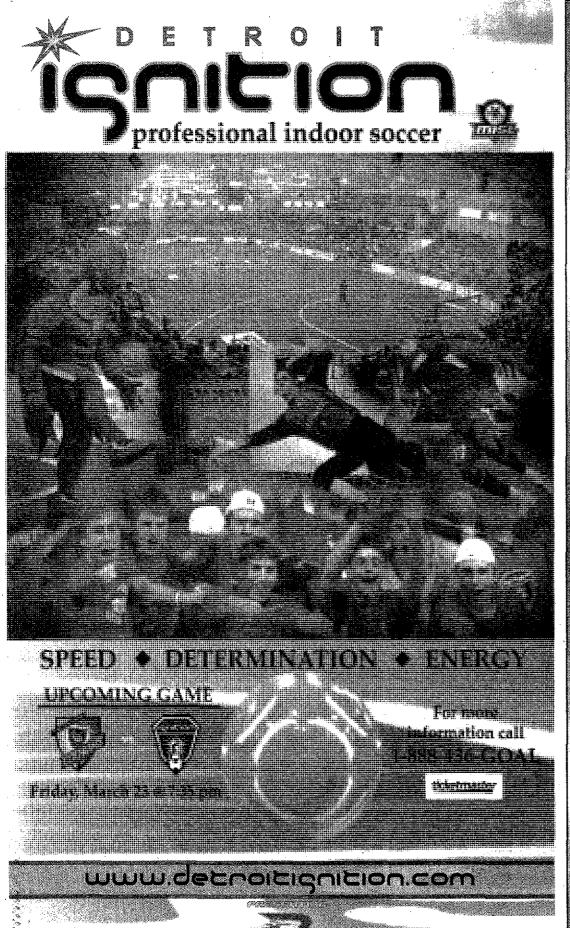
"When a goal is scored against your power play, it deflates you," Mazzoni said. "But we really felt that after we got the first one, it was only a matter of time before we'd get the next one. Tony (Ross) was 'Johnny-on-the-Spot.' His linemates were working hard and there were pucks laying around. Some kids have the knack for that."

With Churchill applying pressure late in the game, North got the break it was looking for with only three minutes remaining.

Davenport stole the puck at the blueline from a Charger defenseman and raced down the ice, flipping a shot top-shelf over the shoulder of Churchill goaltender Scott Lewan.

The Chargers pulled Lewan for the extra attacker with just over a minute left, and had two decent attempts, but North withstood the pressure and held on for the win.





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Farmington ends Franklin's bid in Class A final at Southfield

Livonia Franklin made quite a run in Saturday's Class A district girls volleyball tournament hosted by Southfield

The Patriots earned victories over Redford Union (25-20, 25-22, 25-9) and Livonia Stevenson (25-16, 23-25, 25-16, 25-23) before running out of steam in Saturday's championship match against Farmington High (25-27, 23-25, 12-25).

Kaitlyn McKenna, a 6-foot-1 senior, led Farmington, now 29-20-5 overall, with 13 ace serves, 11 blocks and 15 kills.

"Our preparation during the week concentrated mainly on

we could. I'm very proud of my

The Cougars won the opener

25-19 and led 18-12 in Game 2

before Glenn started to come

on — particularly middle hit-

and Virginia Butler (11 kills).

win the second game, 25-23.

ters Brittany Holbrook (15 kills)

The Rockets came back to

'We were a little tight today

and they were loose," Pace said.

"They played tremendous vol-

balls that we're used to getting

down and that tightened us up

3 by a 25-18 score, the Rockets

bounced back yet again to even

the match at 2-2, taking the

In the deciding game, the

Cougars started to get back

into an aggressive rhythm,

keyed by the always-strong

presence of Cappelli (12 kills,

nine digs) and senior middle

blocker Courtney Provencher

Wargo, whose team ended

(13 kills, four aces, 14 digs).

the season 14-19-5, said the

Cougars were merely deeper

tip. how they mixed up their

defend against," said Wargo.

and more dangerous on offense.

attack made it difficult for us to

"Their ability to hit hard and

fourth game 25-22.

After Garden City took Game

leyball. They got to a lot of

a little bit."

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defense," Franklin first-year varsity coach Linda Jimenez said. "We wanted to try and match Stevenson's defense, which is great, and be ready for Farmington's big hitters. We also talked about 'bringing it' and being aggressive right from the start, and we did."

Franklin was led by senior Liz Dempsey's 33 kills (.391 percentage) and 29 digs on the day. Other Patriot leaders included Laura Marshall, 26 kills (.456) and 18 digs; Ashley Price, 22 kills (.264) and 10 digs; and junior setter Kelly Powers, 70 assist-to-kills.

Among the defensive standouts were Amy McGaughey (19

trict final with a 25-16, 25-13,

25-21 triumph over Belleville thanks to the timely serving of

Kija Colts, good ball distribution from Katie Tratar and a spark defensively off the bench

the best game of our lives,"

And that is fine with

enough today."

the most heart. It just wasn't

Provencher, who breathed a

als, bigger and better things,"

expecting to come in here and

In the semifinal Saturday,

Wayne Memorial by scores of

Wayne coach Kevin Miller

said his team displayed a lot of

spirit against the Cougars, par-

Provencher said. "I wasn't

have it be a cakewalk and it

wasn't. It was a good game."

GC sweeps Wayne

the Cougars took care of

25-14, 25-11, 25-15.

ticularly seniors Kellie

Newsted, Stacy Stone and

juniors Claire Moro and

Chelsea Randles.

Olivia LaFortune, along with

"From the beginning of the

season to now," Miller said, "my

team has improved dramatical-

ly. They're playing better as a

team and they're hustling."

sigh of relief after the clincher.

'We're moving on to region-

digs), Jenna Boettcher (17 digs) and Andrea McCall (13

digs). "The Stevenson match was exciting and rewarding," Jimenez said. "We want to build a competitive volleyball program like Stevenson's.

"Against Farmington we let a 21-17 lead slip away in the first game, but battled back in Game Two and fell short. I'm proud to say that we did not lose from a lack of effort, we battled."

Franklin ended its season at 16-19-4 overall.

"We'll miss our seniors as players, but more as great individuals with high morals and

outstanding leadership," Jimenez said. "They will be truly missed."

Meanwhile, Stevenson finished the year at 21-16-2 overall.

The Spartans got a teamhigh 26 assists from setter Jill Flaugher, while the defense was led by Jordan Pilut (16 digs) and Amber Sharp (13

digs).
"Even though our goals for the season did not come true, I'm pleased and proud of the girls I had this season," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "They continued to improve throughout the season

and were peaking at the right

time in the end."

with 10 followed by Meg Iafrate (eight), Laura Khalil (seven) and Hannah Diebel

Kelly Snitchler led in kills

"We did not plan on have a starter out due to injury and another player gone for the two most important dates of the season," Graham said. "However, moving Hannah (Diebel) to middle for districts and starting a sophomore JV player in Brooke Knochel at the district match - they both did a fantastic job.

"The entire team worked hard, gave everything they could, and were a great bunch of girls to work with."



Palace-bound

The Wayne Memorial trio of Jeff Elswick (foreground), Jamie Preiss (standing) and Chad Dunn will compete. today at the Palace of Auburn Hills in the Division 1 individual state finals.

STATE WRESTLING PAIRINGS

OBSERVERLAND FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS (March 8 at Palace of Auburn Hills) DIVISION 1

285 pounds: Donnie Laramie, Sr., Canton (45-6) vs. Andrew Stebbins, Soph., Romeo (40-13); Mike Martin, Jr., Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (39-10) vs. Anthony Gibson, Sr., Utica Ford (46-5). 103: Donnie Watkins, Fr., Canton (48-3) vs. Mike Maxwell, Fr., Midland (42-9); Chad Dunn, Jr., Wayne Memorial (39-9) vs. Tyle Bunting, Soph., Rochester Adams (44-10).

112: Ben Kosmalski, Sr., Plymouth (35-12) vs. Robble Bidlingmaler; Soph., New Baltimore Anchor Bay (50-3); Carl Lucke, Soph., Canton (38-15) vs. Chris Mason, Soph., Troy (54-4); Justia Fleeson, Jr., Belleville (41-7) vs. Jon Chow, Jr., Grosse Pointe

North (33-22). 119: Jamie Preiss, Sr., Wayne (41-7) vs. Zach Johnson, Soph.,

125: Josh Billiau, Sc., Livonia Franklin (47-7) vs. Trevor Gillison, Sr., Traverse City West (44-3); Dustin Zak, Sr., Belleville (37-13) vs. Bryan Sears, Jr., Holly (43-13).

130: Greg Roberts, Sr., Livonia Churchili (35-7) vs. Eric Swav-Tin. Sr., Troy Athens (40-15): Brian Augsberger, Sr., Belteville (40-9)

vs. Joey Yost, Soph., New Baltimore Anchor Bay (38-8). 135: Shea Hasenauer, Soph., Novi-Betroit CC 927-5) vs. Jake Dorulla, Fr., Rockford (43-5).

140: Corey Phillips, Sr., Canton (52-0) vs. Ronnie Latimer, Jr., Flint Carmen-Ainsworth (43-16); Jim Wood, Sr., Westland John Glenn (43-6) vs. Austin Brown, Sr., Bay City Central (48-5); Steve Coak, Jr., Belleville (42-10) vs. Nick Kaczanowski, Soph., Rochester (47:

152: Nate Turco, Sr., Franklin (43-8) vs. Afex Murray, Sr., Rockford, 41-10; Ryan Brown, Sr., Novi-Setroit CC (36-19) vs. Jake Bohn, Jr.,

East Kentwood (41-6). 160: Ziad Kharbush, Jr., Livonia Stevenson (42-6) vs. Matt Miller,

Soph., Bay City Central (28-13); Wassim ElAwadi , Sr., Belleville (39-11) vs. Bryant Craft, Jr., Clarkston (50-2); Stefan Gatt, Jn.; Novi-Detroit CC (32-16) vs. Allen Sigler, Sr., Lake Orion (44-5). 171: Jeff Elswick, Sr., Wayne (41-5) vs. Thornton Carter, Jr., Grosse Pointe South (36-10): Andrew Hein, Sr., John Glenn (46-8) vs. Ján Martinez, Sr., Troy Athens (43-15); Pat Roumayah, Sr., Franklin (43-7) vs. Joe Ceravoio, Sr., Warren Mott (43-10). 189: Matt Aubrey, Jr., Novi-Detroit CC (26-11) vs. Seth Holt, Jr. Grand Haven (45-6)

215: Shamir Garcia, Sr., John Glenn (44-8) vs. Sam Ameel Waterford Kettering (35-12).

DIVISION 4

152: Stephen Kemp, Soph., Lutheran Westland (45-8) vs. Ryan Confer, Sr., New Lothrop (54-0)

Ladywood beats Catholic League nemesis Notre Dame Prep in final

from Aranda Phare. But the fact Garden City is Seniors once again played a pivotal role in moving on doesn't diminish Livonia Ladywood's Class B district volleyball tournament conquest last Saturday at Beverly what the Rockets accomplished against the favored Cougars. Hills-Detroit Country Day.

We played not just possibly The third-ranked Blazers improved to 46-12-2 overall with a victory in five games over Wargo said, "but I think (with) Catholic League nemesis Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 28-30, 25-17, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13.

Ladywood, which captured its sixth straight district championship under coach Erin Craggs, moves on the regional semifinals, 1 p.m. this Saturday at Milan against another Catholic League foe, Dearborn Divine Child. The other semifinal, at 11 a.m., pits Carleton-Airport against Riverview. (The finals are set for 3 p.m.)

Seniors Lauren Boehmer and Erin Henneberger recorded 16 and 10 kills, respectively, in the victory. Another senior, Becca Zajac, paced the defense with 17 digs, while senior setter Megan Hodges recorded 36 assist-to-

CLASS B DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

"We have strong senior leadership, they refuse to lose at this point of the season because every point, every game and every match is an elimination situation," Craggs said. Ladywood overcame the sterling play 5-foot-9

junior Molly Coldren, the Fighting Irish's All-State junior outside and middle hitter. In the semifinals, Ladywood ousted

Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 25-9, 25-22, 25-19, while Notre Dame Prep eliminated Livonia Clarenceville, 25-20, 25-12, 25-11. Senior Shannon McNeilly was 7-of-7 serving

with five kills for the Trojans (5-19-1). Junior Amanda Moody added 13 digs and four kills, while Amber Mills was 10-for-10 serving with three aces and two blocks.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

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Soph., Harper Woods. Second team: Alicia Schwark, Sr., Lutheran North: Chelsea Drake, Sr., Lutheran North; Julie Jongsma, Jr., Lutheran Westland; Katie Blessing, Soph., Kingswood: Paige Simmons. Soph., Cranbrook; Chelsea Baumgarten, Sr., Liggett; Sarah Edwards, Jr., Clawson; Meghan Hauswirth, Sr., Clawson; Amanda Moody, Jr., Clarenceville: Sara Pridmore, Jr., Lutheran Northwest: Amanda Herman, Jr.,

Hamtramck. Final standings: 1. Lutheran North; 2. Lutheran Westland; 3. Kingswood; 4. (tie) Liggett and Clawson; 6. (tie) Clarenceville and Lutheran Northwest: 8, Harper Woods: 9, Hamtramck

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Unheralded Tiger sophomore guard sinks Wayne in district

STAFF WRITER

Booker Stoudmire's name or number was nowhere to be found in the Class A district basketball program at Romulus.

But after the sophomore guard scored 14 first-half points to stake his Belleville bovs basketball team to a 33-25 halftime lead Tuesday night against Wayne Memorial, he drew a lot more attention.

"He was our point of emphasis at halftime," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "Our guys focused on No. 2 (Stoudmire), but I don't think I mentioned him in the scouting report even though I saw him the last two games."

Stoudmire, a recent call-up from the JV team, didn't score the second half, but the damage had been done as highoctane Tigers got off to a 9-0 lead and never let the Zebras get closer than five en route to a 61-51 first-round district win.

"He (Stoudmire) was coming off screens and we did not do a good job of getting out on

DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL

them," Woodard said. "But we were only down eight at the half, so we felt we still had a

A three-pointer by Robert Woodson with 2:28 left until intermission pulled Wayne to within five, 30-25, but Stoudmire answered with a triple just 39 seconds later to make it an eight-point halftime

Stoudmire hit three of Belleville's seven triples during the opening half.

"Some of our young ones are doing great," Belleville firstyear coach Don Hickman said. "Booker (Stoudmire) has led us in scoring the last few games. He can really shoot and you have to be aware of him.

Wayne ends its season at 11-10 overall, while 12-7 Belleville earned a spot in tonight's district semifinal against host

"They (Belleville) ran us into the ground the first time," Woodard said of a 70-55 Dec. 12 setback, "We were close for

a half in that game, then they outscored us 31-12. Tonight our transition defense did O.K., but we didn't close down on

"When you play teams in the Mega (Conference), they're just so much quicker and the aggressiveness is quite a bit different."

Belleville, which finished fourth in the Mega's tough Red Division, also got 12 points from junior Kyle Gupton, a transfer from Ypsilanti Lincoln. Marius Williams and Anthony Wafer, both seniors, added 11 and nine, respectively.

"Our team feeds off made baskets," Hickman said. "Twenty-three of 47 (from the field) - I'll take that - after we've been shooting sometimes 26 and 31 percent.

Wayne's junior point-guard, 5-foot-9 Mike Lee, led all scorers with a game-high 26 points on 12-of-23 shooting from the floor, but no other Zebra scored in double figures. John Hill and Jeremy Lovelady each added six.

"The last time we played Wayne, number 23 - Hill,

snuck up on us," Hickman said. "We gave him more attention this time and we did everything we could against Lee. They ran him off a lot of screens and we even had a hand in his face. He's a good player."

All five starters return next season for the Zebras, so the future appears bright.

What I told our guys afterwards is that even though we're young, that doesn't mean we're going to be better next year," Woodard said. "You've got to make yourself better and each other better. Try and go out and get better competition. This year we gained a lot of experience, but this summer is going to be big for us. We'll see what strides we can make."

Meanwhile, Hickman is not apologizing about going with youth movement late in the

"I'm going to play our best players," he said. "I don't care whether they're seniors or sophomores."

Just remember next time, coach, to get name and number in the program.

Stevenson survives upstart Pats, 50-45

Host Livonia Stevenson needed a fourth-quarter rally Wednesday night to subdue upset-minded Livonia Franklin in the Class A district boys basketball semifinal game, 50-45.

The Spartans outscored Franklin 21-12 during the final eight minutes to erase a 35-29 third-quarter deficit.

Senior guard Chris Mulcahy scored a gamehigh 20 points, including 10 in the final period for the Spartans, who improved to 7-15 overall.

Senior forward Derek Severson added 12, including a pair of triples in the final quarter. His 3-pointer with just less than a minute to go gave Stevenson the lead for keeps.

The Spartans' top scorer, senior guard Luke Knochel, was limited to 11 points.

"Franklin had a great game plan," Stevenson firstyear coach Brad Miller said. "They were able to take Luke out of the game and

we did not adjust well. We were timid and our shots

"We went with a smaller lineup the last quarter. We put Derek (Severson) at the four-spot (power forward) and he got some good looks

went to the boards like a madman. He got some offensive rebounds running in from the top of the key. He was determined not to

Tyler Canyock led the Patriots (2-19) with 18 points, while Ryan Matthey and Gary Cobb added six each.

Stevenson captured the season series against the Patriots, 2-1.

advance to Friday's district championship final against Redford Thurston (17-5), which advanced with a 61-55 win over/Farmington in the first game of the doubleheader. Game time is 7 p.m. at Stevenson.

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throw line, also established a new Stevenson mark for most consecutive free throws in a season (28), eclipsing Rob Rose's record set in 1975.

"The first half was tough," said Knochel, who torched the Chargers in their last meeting for 38 points. "I'd beat one guy, and two were there trapping me. They did a good job. They'd hedge out on picks. The last time they played straight man-to-man, but this time two guys would step in and two guys were always waiting behind for the initial pass."

Knochel had just two points in the opening quarter and didn't get untracked until midway through the second, when he helped erase a 13-4 deficit.

Junior guard Ryan Whittum. who led the Chargers with 19 points, nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to put his team ahead 18-16 at halftime after Stevenson's Chris Mulcahy hit a triple of his own with 46.4 seconds left.

Derek Severson opened the third quarter with a 3-pointer for a 19-18 Stevenson lead and the Spartans never trailed thereafter, outscoring Churchill 15-7 in the third and 17-11 in the final quarter.

"I tried to tell myself don't think about the record, think about the win," Knochel said. "Some of the kids in school would talk about it, but beating Churchill was the main goal. Early on, I forced it too much. I just tried to calm down and play my game."

Stevenson coach Brad Miller called timeout immediately after Knochel had eclipsed the record and the mark was recognized by P.A. announcer Rick Berryman.

Both sides of the gym politely applauded the guard's accomplishment.

"As soon as it happened, we all took a breath," Miller said. "We all said, 'We're glad this is over,' and Luke said, I am too, let's win.' I think he pressed early, but also so did the entire team.

"Churchill had a great game plan - try and keep it out of Luke's hands as much you can and let the others beat you. But once he hit a couple of threes, he loosened up and started playing well after that."

Other than Whittum's 19 points and eight by senior Brad Evans in his final game, the Chargers struggled offensively. The defense, meanwhile, withered a bit in the second half.

"The first half, I thought we executed all but two of those possessions, when he (Knochel) hit those two threes," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "The second half, we didn't jump to him quick

enough in our rotations. "After they came out in their zone (defense) and we attacked, we could not finish. We had open looks and could not make shots. Those are two things you have to do. We shot 14-for-50, 4-of-15 from three, it's that's hard to win when you shoot like that.

Miller, meanwhile, had to jump-start his team, particularly on the defensive end.

"Late in the first quarter we went to a zone," he said. "It's something different that we put in three weeks ago and it's been effective. The kids like it and they've done a good job in it. They (Churchill) like to put their shooters on top and we wanted to overplay there and box out the other guys on the baseline. The key in the second half was getting all five players to box out. Guys like Nate Wilson, Ryan Aneed and Kendal Snow did a great job. And once our guards started rebounding, we were able to keep those guys off the boards."

Stevenson, which advanced to Wednesday's district semifinal against Livonia Franklin, improved to 6-15 overall.

Churchill bows out at 10-11, its best record in years.

"I feel for these seniors," Solak said. "Ten wins in a season hasn't happened in a long time around here. Our seniors came to play, but we were very young this year. Between the three programs (freshman, JV and varsity), we went 43-18. We made strides this year."



Churchill junior Nick Seger goes up and over Stevenson senior Ryan

Edwards big factor in Warriors' triumph

River Rat trio ousts Glenn from tourney

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's Canton Agape-Lutheran Westland showdown at Redford Covenant High School was one of those rare Class D firstround District match-ups that promised to send a very good team to the sidelines very early. Alex Edwards made sure it wasn't the Warriors.

Edwards, a 6-foot-6 senior center, came off the bench to tack up 16 points and 18 rebounds and lead Lutheran Westland (13-7) to a convincing 61-44 boys basketball vic-

The setback derailed what had been a success-packed season for the Wolverines, whose

15-6 record included a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title.

With the triumph, the Warriors earned a ticket to Thursday's 6 p.m. semifinal encounter with Westside Christian Academy, which has struggled through a modest 5-10 campaign. Edwards pounded the glass

relentlessly. On a few occasions, he grabbed three or four consecutive putbacks before he was fouled or he converted the "Alex did a nice job,"

Warriors coach Dan Ramthun said. "With his size, he's going to eat up a lot of rebounds. He missed a few easy 'bunnies' tonight, but he was one of the

guys who stepped up when we needed it because some of our top guys didn't have their best "Going into the game, we

knew Agape had a couple of good shooters - No. 21 (Jack Anleitner) and No. 12 (Ty Majeski). We knew we had to play good man defense on them and not give up too many good shots. We're a little bigger than they are, so we figured we'd control the boards."

Anleitner paced the Wolverines with 16 points, however, he connected on just 7-of-20 field goals. Majeski, who led Agape in scoring in almost one-third of its games, was limited to just five shots and four points.

Edwards received plenty of

assistance from senior forward Kyle Wilson (14 points and three rebounds), Senior forward Josh Haller (11 points and three boards) and senior guard Ryan Vandenbrink, who netted 10 points and six caroms.

The Warriors, who led 19-13 after one quarter and 31-22 at the half, extended their lead to 41-27 on a Wilson jumper midway through the third quarter before Agape reeled off an 8-2 run to get to within 43-35 with 30 ticks left in the quarter.

However, Edwards closed out the quarter when he secured a slick pass from senior guard Kyle Ramthun and converted a layup at the buzzer. The Warriors then closed out the Wolverines with a 12-3 surge to open the final stanza.

son, and three more in the (Westland/Churchill) then scored on a two-run single by Rodeghier. runs in the seventh, one

of senior closer Mike Hand a double-play ball to end the game, 8-4.

four-run sixth inning on their way to a 6-0 win. Senior starter Mike Orehek (Livonia) was masterful, hurling a comto his first victory of the season. Orehek fanned seven, allowing just three runners to reach base.

MU got out to a 1-0 lead in the third on a RBI double from junior designated hitter Garrett Ignasiak, scoring junior outfielder Mike Cauzillo (West Bloomfield) who reached on a fielder's choice.

The score remained 1-0 until the sixth when the Crusaders scored four times. Rodeghier and VanAllen delivered a RBI single and two-run double

were not falling.

and hit a couple of big shots. "Chris (Mulcahy) also

The Spartans now

Alvarado's bat spurs MU in double-header sweep on Florida trip

A big day at the plate by Manny Alvarado helped spark Madonna University to a Tuesday sweep of Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.) in Pace, Fla. to improve to 4-3 on their spring

Alvarado, a senior outfielder from Southfield High School, homered in game one as the Crusaders took an 8-4 victory.

Madonna scored in four straight innings, including a three-run fifth, to get the twinbill off to a good start. The Crusaders also received six innings of 5-hit ball by starting pitcher Joe Kennedy. The Game 1 hitting stars for

the Crusaders were Alvarado and sophomore first baseman Matt Rodeghier (Farmington/Catholic Central). Both went 2-for-3, with Alvarado scoring twice and knocking in two and Rodeghier plating three runs

MU fell behind 1-0 in the first, as Kennedy battled nerves in his first start as a Crusader. LaGrange took a 1-0 lead into the second when MU scored a pair of runs, taking a 2-1 lead.

Rodeghier, seeing his first action of the season, doubled home the tying run and scored the lead marker on a double by senior third baseman Gary

VanAllen. The Crusaders added two more in the third when senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka delivered a one-out double, scoring sophomore infielder Ryan Morrow. Fedorka later scored

on a sacrifice fly by junior first

baseman David Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill). MU pushed across a run in the fourth on a solo homer by Alvarado, his first of the seafifth. Alvarado doubled home pinch runner Matt Humenay

Kennedy surrendered two earned, before leaving in favor (Farmington Hills) who gave up a RBI single before getting

In Game 2, Madonna used a plete game, 2-hitter on the way

COLLEGE BASEBALL

respectively to highlight the inning.

While Orehek held the Trojans at bay, MU added an insurance run in the seventh on a RBI single by junior catcher Ryan Powell (Canton), scoring Humenay. Orehek fanned the side in the seventh, closing out the 6-0 victory.

The sweep pushed Madonna's season record to 4~ 3 while Hannibal LaGrange fell to 2-4.

Double defeat

William Penn University (3-1) swept Madonna 8-3 and 8-7 on Monday at Sun Chief Stadium in Bay Minette, Ala.

Collecting two hits in the opener was Humenay, while Fedorka (2-for-3) and senior outfielder and Farmington native Tony Luttman (2-for-4) hit homers in the nightcap.

Sunday split

The Crusaders ran their season record to 2-1 with a split of games Sunday in Pensacola, Fla. at the RussMatt Collegiate Challenge.

In Game 1, Madonna hurler Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) fired a complete game 3-hitter in a 5-0 blanking of Purdue-North Central.

Madonna scored all five runs in the second inning. After an Alvarado walk and Morrow infield single, Dan Miller singled to load the bases before Fedorka was hit by a pitch to drive in the game's first run.

Miller and Morrow later scored on a fielder's choice by Gary VanAllen and a throwing error by the PNC pitcher. A later error by the PNC second baseman allowed VanAllen to score, giving Kennedy all the cushion he would need.

The junior scattered three hits and struck out four in seven innings of work.

In the nightcap, starting pitcher Ryan Bardoni got off to a rocky start, allowing four runs in the top of the first inning as MU fell behind for the first time this season. The MU offense would

rebound for five runs of their own in the third when Fedorka singled to start the inning and advanced to second on a passed ball. Luttman's RBI single got the scoring started which was capped by the first collegiate hit and RBI by freshman Rikco Rhoades. Freshman hurler Pedro

Guerrero came on in relief in the fifth inning, and got a key double play ball, but then allowed a pinch-hit two-run homer in the sixth tying the game 6-6.

Guerrero returned to pitch the seventh and surrendered a Texas-league game winning RBI single with two out in the bottom of the seventh.

Westland John Glenn's suc-DISTRICT CAGE ROUNDUP

cess during the regular season couldn't carry over to the postseason in Monday night's Class A district boys basketball opener at Romulus. The Rockets, Lakes Division

champs in the Western Lakes Activities Association, fell in their rematch with Ann Arbor Huron, 67-56 Glenn, which enjoyed a 12-

game winning streak, only to lose its final three after two losses in the WLAA playoffs, finishes the season 14-7 under first-year coach Dan Young.

Ann Arbor Huron, also 13-7 overall, moves into tonight's semifinal matchup at Romulus against Garden City.

Jihad Alshunnar and Anthony Chun tallied 22 and 20 points, respectively, for the victorious River Rats. Dave Rozycki added 16 as the trio accounted for all but Huron's

Sophomore guard Austin Anderson scored 15 points to lead the Rockets. His threepoint heave beyond mid-court at the buzzer pulled Glenn even at 31-all going into the second half. Juniors Stefan Marken and

Earl Hardison chipped in with 13 and 11, respectively. Huron, which avenged a 57-

52 setback to Glenn on Dec. 27, made 13-of-18 free throws. The Rockets converted on 7-of-

COUNTRY DAY 81, CLARENCEVILLE 53:

Livonia Clarenceville (6-15) stayed

close for a quarter Monday before

host Beverly Hills-Detroit Country

Day (15-6) pulled away for a firstround Class B district triumph. The Yellowjackets led by only two, 17-15, before exploding with a 30-13

Senior forward Clayton Beard paced Country Day with 17 points. Sophomores Bennie Fowler and Jordan Dumars added 11 and 10, respectively. "We had a great first quarter, but we're not used to playing at that high

second-period run.

each possession," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. Sophomore guard Jamie Stewart led the Trojans with 17 points, while junior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax

added 13. Sophomore center Jeremy

a level and couldn't sustain it with



Schoolcraft College's bowling team, headed to a national tournament in Buffalo this week, include (front row, from left) Nick Kulhanek, Heather Kubacki, Steve Stombaugh and (back row, from left) Steve Jacobs, Andrew Guzik, coach Greg Colling and Brendan South. Not pictured is Scott Jones.

Schoolcraft bowling coach encouraged by early results

STAFF WRITER

When Greg Colling took the job as head coach of Schoolcraft College's first-year bowling team, he thought it would be a chance to go up against other colleges in metro Detroit.

Unfortunately, 2006-07 has been disappointing from the standpoint that only the Ocelots and Wayne County CC stuck it out for the season with two other schools dropping out before the opening

But a saving grace for Schoolcraft - based out of Merri Bowl in Livonia - has been tournament competition, and the Ocelots are doing just fine in that area. Schoolcraft finished 18th out of 30 fouryear colleges at the Saginaw Valley State Tournament held Feb. 10 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights.

The next day, the same teams reconvened at Westland Lanes and the Ocelots did even better

Colling and his seven-player

squad now are heading off to Buffalo, N.Y. for a two-day tournament involving 90 community colleges from around the country. Schoolcraft will compete Friday and Saturday

at the tourney. "We jumped in for the competition and the experience," said Colling, noting that some of his players have spent time on high school bowling teams.

Schoolcraft's debut roster includes Garden City native Steven Stombaugh, Livonia's Andrew Guzik (Churchill), Scott Jones (Stevenson) and Brendan South (Franklin); Westland John Glenn alum Stephen Jacobs, Heather Kubacki (Canton/Plymouth) and Nicholas Kulhanek (Belleville).

Meanwhile, the coach is optimistic that 2007-08 will feature a more-regular slate of matches, with other schools possibly joining the fold.

"It's still in its infancy," Colling said. "It's our first year and hopefully there will be four to six schools next year.'

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WWSL meeting

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League will stage an informational mandatory meeting for coaches to pick up packets and photo signup at 8:15 p.m. Monday, March 12 at the Bailey Recreation Center (upstairs), 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

For more information, call Rhonda Gates at (734) 728-6100, Ext. 128.

Hitting-Fielding Clinic

A hitting and fielding clinic for students currently in grades 3-8, conducted by the Livonia Stevenson baseball coaching staff, will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the high school fieldhouse.

The hitting session involves proper grip, stance, balance, stride and swing. The field session gives participants the chance to learn proper glove techniques, footwork, position-

ing, throwing and drills. The cost is \$35. Enrollment is limited to the first 60 regis-

For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

Spring baseball camp

The Livonia Franklin baseball staff, led by Matt Fournier, will stage a spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 4-6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10 inside the high school fieldhouse.

Each camper will be assigned to groups according to age and ability.

Session I (9-11:30 a.m.) will feature hitting and base running skills. A break follows from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (bring your own sack lunch). Session II (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.)

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will consist of pitching and

The cost is \$25 per session or \$45 for both. For more information, call

Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail

mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us. Young pitchers clinic

The Livonia Stevenson High baseball coaching staff will conduct a clinic to learn the basics of pitching for current grades 3-8 from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at the school's fieldhouse.

The two-hour clinic with teach young pitchers proper throwing mechanics, injury prevention, wind-up, stretch, pick-off moves and the mechanics of different pitchers. Parents and coaches are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$35. Enrollment is limited to the first 40 registrants.

For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

Hunter Safety

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a hunters safety class from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 9; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at

15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Hunter safety allows individ-

uals of all ages, 10 and up, to gain an understanding of proper techniques, legal requirements and a wide variety of equipment. Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1960 must receive certifications in order to obtain a hunting license. All participants must bring a bag lunch. Children ages 11-and-

under must be accompanied by

The fee is \$15. Space is limited. For more information, call

Recumbent ride

(734) 466-2410.

The Wolver-Bents Recumben Cyclists will hold a bicycle ride at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Willow Metropark's Washago Pond selter, located off Exit-11 off I-275.

The ride is open to all bicyclists. For more information, call (734) 487-9058 or visit www.wolverbents.org.

Football signup

Registration for St. Michaels Grade School 2007 Catholic Youth Organization fall football will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at school's cafeteria, located at 11441 Hubbard (midway between Merriman and Farmington roads, south of Plymouth Road).

Registration is open to boys entering grades 4-8 and is a member of the following parishes or schools: St. Michael, St. Maurice, St. Genevieve, St. Aidan, St. Damian, St. Robert Bellarmine., St. Sabina, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, St. Theodore, St. Bernadine and St. John Bosco.

For more information, call John Widmer at (248) 471-6767, Ext. 11; or e-mail jwidmer@frohmwidmer.com.

Devon-Aire Softball

Registration for the Devon-Aire Softball League will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 6-8, at the McKinley Elementary School (lobby), located at 9101 Hillcrest, just north of Joy between Henry Ruff and Merriman roads.

Leagues offered include Junior Boys (ages 7-12), Junior Girls (7-12) and Seniors Coed (13-18). Ages are determined as of June 1, 2007 (bring a birth certificate if new to the

league). The cost is \$40 for the first

child; \$35 for each additional For more information, call Devon-Aire Softball League president Tony Perez at (734)

Colt-Palomino baseball

525-2884.

Registration for Livonia Baseball-Softball Association Colt (ages 15-16) and Palomino (17-18) baseball will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, March 31; and from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Two divisions of play will be formed. It includes a highly competitive select division for those members of their high school baseball teams along with a non-select division for youths currently not playing for their respective high school squad.

Rosters may be limited. Early registration is encouraged and forms are available in the high school business offices. Coaches are also wanted for both divisions.

For more information, call George Coram at (248) 478-5071 or Curt Kreutzfeld at (734) 522-5413.

Basketball clinics

The Basketball Workshop is offering shooting and post-play clinics for males and females from 1-3 p.m. Sundays during March and April at Livonia Ladywood High School, located on 14680 Newburgh Road.

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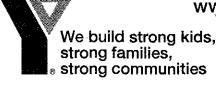
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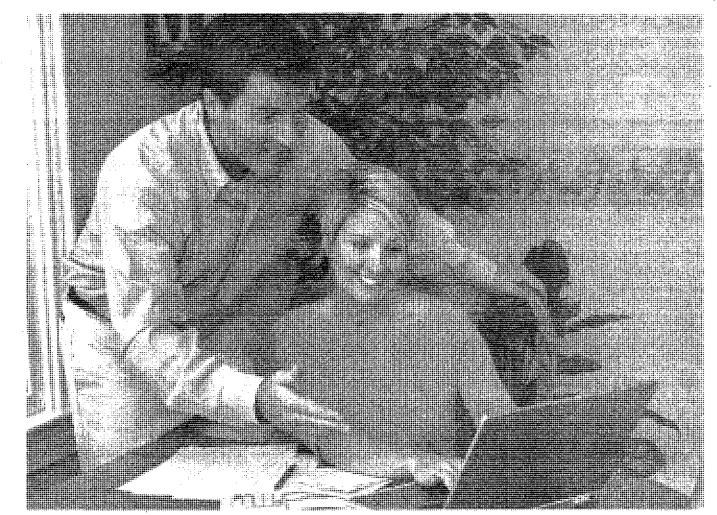
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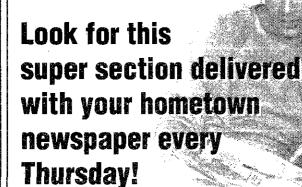
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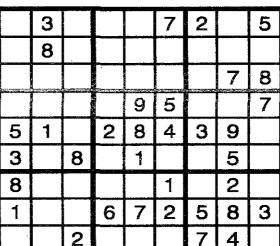
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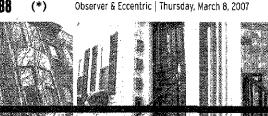
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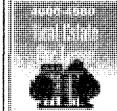
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William Arruda, owner of Reach Communications Consulting and Reach Branding Club in New York City, guides job seekers in increasing their visibility and brand-shaping. He maintains that "in the new world of work, jobs will come looking for you. Job seekers will move from being hunters to being hunted; so they need to make sure they can be found." He incorporates "their unique promise of value" into a plan so that they become a "must-have resource."

How different will the new market be? Arruda predicts that advertisements will disappear, that employers and search firms will turn to Google and networks to identify the most suitable candidates. To "be hunted" rather than to "be a hunter," you'll target your efforts to your market by:

- networking at professional events, - developing presence online, either through a Web site or blog, and – getting exposure for your ideas –

taking a stand," Arruda explains –

through articles you write or serve as a source for, delivering presentations and actively communicating in relevant web portals and blogs.

If you're a poor communicator, you won't stand out. If your functions at work are internal, say, those of an accountant or a welder, Arruda adds that you must "build a powerful, consistent online identity to be sought-after. You need to offer something valuable and differentiated." He points out that the future is already here, because employers are using Google as "the modern day version of the reference check."

WORKING

Once you're on the job, you may be in for a few unaccustomed developments related to generational problems and customer interactions. Monique Dearth is president of Incite Strategies Inc., an executive assessment firm based in Suwanee, Ga., where the company's 12member team interacts with multigenerational workforces worldwide. In particular, she mentions the problem of respect for authority.

Dearth says that our society bred older workers to respect authority, but that younger generations may not have learned it. Gen Y, she observes, "expects people to earn their respect," she says, "by demonstrating competence, being able to motivate, being recognized as under-standing and valuing the contribution of all employees." She continues that they "move

quickly,"operating with the attitude of anything being possible. "If someone tries to slow them down based on reasons that don't seem logical to them," she adds, "they may appear disrespectful."

Flip the equation and "a younger boss often doesn't have the time to follow the politics of niceness," Dearth comments. Being nice may well seem to be a time-

Of course, conflict may arise among people of any age with high energy levels. What is the solution? Dearth replies, "Be certain that you're treating everyone with respect. The issue is that the definition of respect may be very different for each person." She advises having conversations with your older boss or younger employee as soon as a person begins to feel disrespected: "Often times it's just a matter of understanding how the other person is interpreting the behavior."

Alan Weiss, president of Summit Consulting Group Inc., in East Greenwich, R.I., a consulting firm, predicts that you will find your job changed as companies strive to increase customer-customer communication. For one thing, you may work more directly with customers as partners, which will help reduce costs of all kinds.

"Companies have to include the customer in the design and marketing, even the manufacturing," Weiss states.



"They may tell you that packages can be hard to open. If you include customers They'll spread the word through viral marketing, because now it's not just the company, but them. Loyalty will be part of the creation of the product." You may also have to commend good customers, those who offer good ideas that the company adopts.

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networking will move you onto the same plane both Arruba and Dearth advise.

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