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## Field narrowed to 1 in library director search

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

In what could mark a turning point in a tumultuous year, Westland's public library could soon have a new director.

The library board was expected Wednesday night to receive a recommendation from a board subcommittee to hire Cheryl Napsha, director of the Bethel Park, Pa., library near Pittsburgh.

Subcommittee members Daniel Bourdeau and Mark Welch were planning to recommend Napsha following a nationwide search led by Ohio library consultant Larry Corbus.

Responding to questions, Bourdeau confirmed that he and Welch would recommend the hiring of Napsha with a starting salary of \$78,500 a year.

The offer would not be in the form of a contract with a set length of time - a move the board had earlier considered as one option in its director search.

If hired, Napsha would come from Bethel Park, a community of nearly 34,000 people in the south hills near Pittsburgh.

"I look forward to the opportunity to work with Ms. Napsha," Bourdeau said. "I believe Ms. Napsha will skillfully bring her proven management talents and team-centered vision to guide

our wonderful library staff. I'm certain that Ms. Napsha and our staff will continue to provide best-in-class service and innovative valuable programs to our patrons."

Napsha would replace former Director John Patane, who was fired by a board majority last May. Patane was the second director, along with Sandra Wilson, fired within a two-year period.

Board members have commended library employees for keeping the facility running as smoothly as possible since the firing of Patane 10 months ago.

Some library watchers had voiced frustration that the search for a library director had appeared difficult. The library board had earlier

lost a front-runner candidate for the job.

Some residents had voiced concerns that the library's turmoil, including a wrongful firing lawsuit by a former administrative assistant, would hamper the director search. That suit is pending.

Some board members, including President Michael Rintz, had said they didn't want to be rushed on such an important decision as hiring a director.

This week, Bourdeau was hopeful that the search would end with a board vote to approve the hiring of Napsha.

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## The big 100

Little to-do is big deal for centenarian

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Trudy Stretke had a word of advice to Westland Mayor William Wild: "You have to know how hard it is to be 100."

Wild was at Marquette House Monday afternoon to join the facility's staff and residents in honoring the "lady of the hour," Stretke, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday.

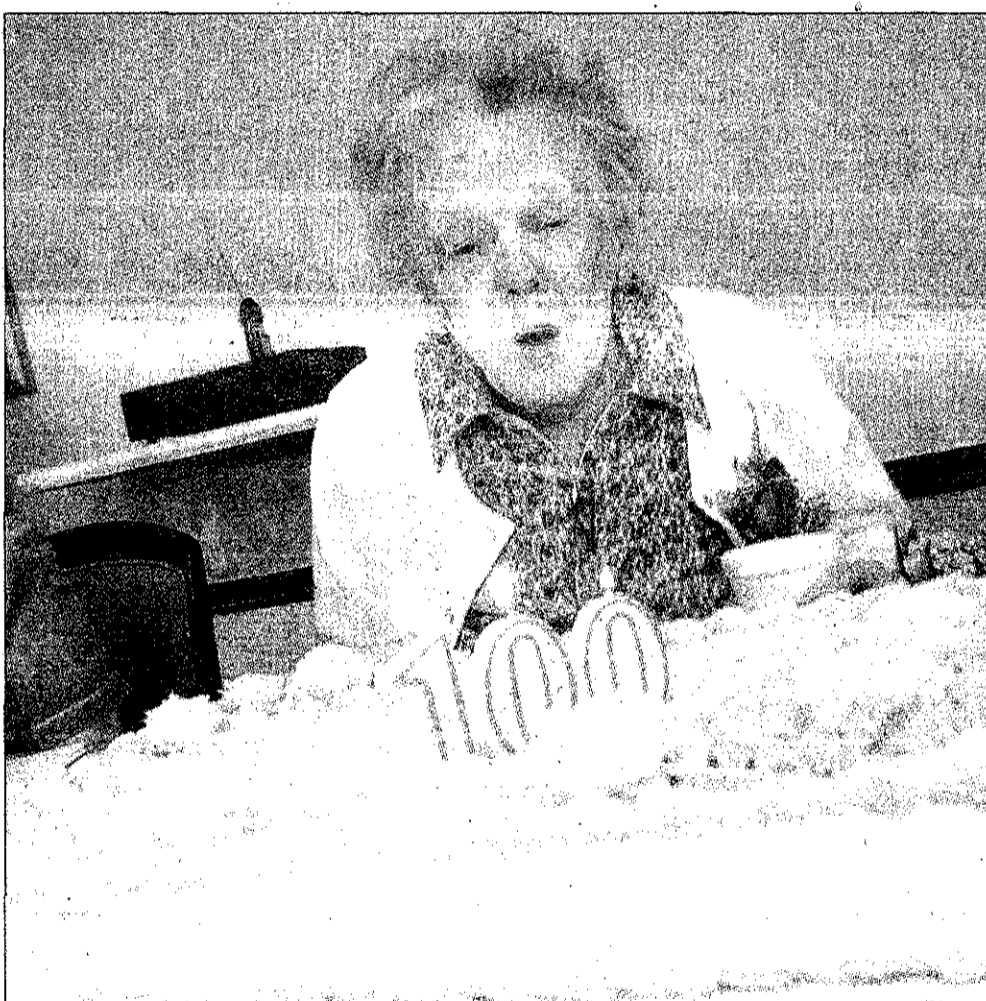
"I've never been to a birthday party like this," said Stretke, who blew out candles on a cake after a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" in English and Polish.

"We thought they'd have a little to-do, but they have the mayor here," said her daughter Ruth Day, who was on hand with her daughter Renee Day. "She's excited about being 100."

Stretke has been a resident at the assisted living facility since last August. Health issues last April led to hospitalization and rehabilitation and her eventual move to Marquette House to be closer to the Days, who live in Garden City.

Up until then Stretke had been living in a cooperative apartment in Detroit that she and her late husband Edward had moved into some 42 years ago.

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Gertrude Stretke, 100, gets ready to blow out the candles on her birthday cake at a party given for her at the Marquette House in Westland Monday afternoon.

**'People would ask for a quarter pound of candy and I thought that wasn't much for what they were paying, so I'd give them a little more.'**

Gertrude Stretke said of her time at the Crowley's candy counter.

## Court to check probationers on St. Pat's Day

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

St. Patrick's Day revelers may not feel the luck of the Irish after being ordered Saturday for alcohol testing at Westland 18th District Court.

Probation officials this week sent letters informing hundreds of people that they will have to report for Breathalyzer tests on the Irish holiday.

The court randomly chose 320 people from the 1,500 offenders who have no-alcohol clauses in their probation orders.

"We're not trying to violate them," Chief Probation Officer

Christopher Raymond said. "We're just trying to encourage them not to drink. We're trying to be proactive."

Some probationers will have to report as early as 7-10 a.m. - others 9-11 p.m. Those pegged with severe drinking problems may have to show up twice.

"The partying is going to start early," Raymond said, "so we're having them come in early."

Néchole McCleendon, executive director for Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving, praised court officials for the St. Patrick's Day crackdown.

"I really applaud Westland's probation officers and

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## Wayne High alumni gather for annual reunion

Members of the Class of 1957 will be honored when the Wayne High School Alumni Association holds its annual all-class reunion Friday, May 18.

The celebration will get under way with dinner at 6 p.m. at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne, and is open to anyone who graduated from or attended Wayne

High School, dating back to 1930, and Wayne Memorial High School.

"It's a fun event, you see old friends and do reminisce," said Sharon Scott, a member of the class of 1957. "It's a great time to renew old acquaintances."

According to Scott, more than 200 Wayne alumni turn out for the annual reunion

which is in its 22nd year. She attended with her mother and grandmother who also graduated from Wayne High, but dropped out after they died. It was at the urging of her husband, Ted, that she began attending the reunions again several years ago.

"People come from all over the United States to attend this," the Westland resident

said. "I've seen people I haven't seen in 50 years."

Tickets for the reunion are \$26 per person and are available by calling MaryAnn Snodgrass at (734) 422-1237 or by e-mail at waynehighalumni@aol.com. Information is available at [www.waynehighalumni.com](http://www.waynehighalumni.com).

By Sue Mason



### Keyed up

Wayne Westland robot programmer Andrew Vedder works on programming codes at the FIRST Robotics Competition Saturday at Eastern Michigan University. Fifty-nine teams competed. For more on the event see page 11A.

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# A step above

## 10-year-old Irish dancer heads to world contest

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Donovan D'Amore admits, he's in it for the glory.

The 10-year-old Irish dancer from Farmington Hills has a collection of trophies, crystal bowls and beautiful plaques from dozens of competitions in which he's outstepped his competition.

Now, he's on his way to the big one - the World Championships of Irish Dancing, where he will compete in the boys' age 10-11 group for what will likely be his biggest trophy yet.

Donovan and his mother, Deirdre D'Amore, will travel to Glasgow, Scotland, for the April 1 competition. The fourth-grader at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington said he's not nervous about performing, but more about awaiting the results.

The young Irish dancer has been through the pressure of competition many times before.

"It takes a lot of practice, but I've been doing Irish dancing for six years now, so I'm experienced," he said. "I enjoy the trophies the most, especially my first trophy - a first-place trophy I got when I was 8 years old."

Donovan has worked his way

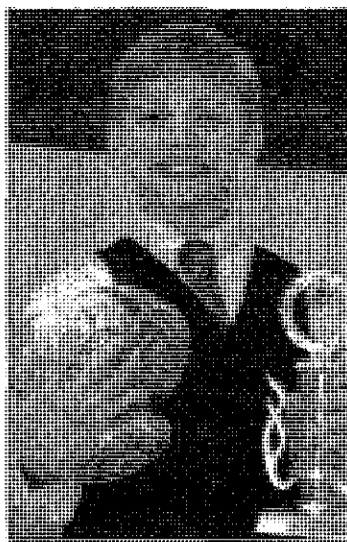
up from the beginning level, which he started when he was 4 years old, through a series of "first place" awards at each level. He is a student of his aunt, Megan Sanders, at O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth. Irish dancing has passed through the generations in his mom's family. Deirdre danced for 16 years with her three sisters. They took lessons from the world champion Tim O'Hare, back in the days when he taught out of his garage.

Their mother was also an Irish dancer. Now, three of Deirdre and Randy D'Amore's children Irish dance - Donovan, 10, Caragh, 8, and Bridget, 4. Their youngest child is only 5 months old, but the family says he has the perfect "turned out" feet for Irish dancing.

"I'm Irish and I wanted to pass on our Irish heritage to our kids and now we're doing that through their dancing," said Deirdre.

There are many more girls who Irish dance than boys, but there are more boys nowadays than ever before.

"There are more boys now that they don't have to wear kilts," said Deirdre.



Donovan D'Amore, 10, holds a couple of his awards from previous Irish Dancing competitions.

"I would *not* have worn a kilt," chimed in Donovan.

Donovan's dad is proud of him for his accomplishments.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I wish I could dance!"

All of the Irish influence around the house, including the "Irish Pub" in the basement, is OK, but Randy has one thing to say.

"I keep reminding them that



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Donovan D'Amore, 10, practices an Irish dance in his family's homemade studio. He's been Irish dancing since age 4 and is now on his way to the World Championships of Irish Dancing on April 1 in Scotland.

they're Italian, too," he jokes.

Randy saw his wife Irish dance for the first time at their wedding, when she performed with her sisters.

"Now, we're traveling the world," Randy said.

Donovan will be joined at the world competition by his mom, his aunt/teacher and Tim O'Hare. The school has five qualifying dancers in the competi-

tion.

Donovan has already placed in the top 10 twice in the North American championship and he placed fourth in a regional competition spanning 10 states.

"To place in the top 10 in these competitions is a huge accomplishment," said Deirdre.

Donovan is stepping up his practice to more than three times a week, including plenty of prac-

tice in his home studio. His mom said he's a patient competitor and doesn't mind putting in the hard work to get positive results. And, that's what it's all about.

"Dancing teaches them how to be a good sport and it teaches them if they don't put in the hard work, they're not going to get what they want," said Deirdre.

And, for Donovan, that would be another trophy, of course.

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The city of Westland has announced the day, times and locations for residents to obtain surplus federal food for the month of March.

Residents north of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, located on Dorsey east of Venoy and south of Palmer.

Residents south of Michigan Avenue always pick up their

commodities the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens at Taylor Towers should contact their building manager for their day of distribution.

Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

Frozen ham, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes and cranberry juice are being offered this month.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribu-

tion are determined by that agency.

For more information call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

### Free coffee

You can have your java to go and not pay a penny the Pit Stop Party Store at 1409 S. Merriman, between Avondale and Palmer, in Westland.

Owner Jeri Stolling is now offering free coffee - any size, regular or decaffeinated, with or without flavored creams - 6-9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The give-away is to let people know the store now opens at 6 a.m. weekdays.

Weekend hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 11

p.m. Sunday. It's also open to midnight Monday through Thursday and to 1 a.m. Friday.

### Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center will hold its monthly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the center, 36745 Marquette west of Wayne Road. The cost is \$6 per person.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

St. Damian School is holding its Spring Mom 2 Mom Sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland. Rental is \$20 per table rental and \$5 per rack. Call Dawn at (734) 983-0221 for more information.

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# Benefits raise \$70,000 for firefighter

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Friends and supporters have raised about \$70,000 to help Westland Firefighter Todd Stanaway and his family as he battles an aggressive form of brain cancer.

"It's just amazing all that they've done," Stanaway's wife, Julie, said. "It's overwhelming to know that so many people put so much of their time and effort into this. We're just so very thankful and overwhelmed with the outpouring of people's generosity."

Westland firefighters helped the Stanaways, who have a 3-year-old daughter Samantha, by organizing a fund-raiser Saturday at the city's Friendship Center. The event, including dinner, a disc jockey, a silent auction and raffles, drew more than 1,000 people.

"We weren't sure what to expect, so the turnout was awesome," Firefighter Keith Barthauer said.

Stanaway, 35, has endured two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation as he battles glioblastoma multiforme grade four - a form of brain cancer that has a 5 percent survival rate. He and his family attended Saturday's fund-raiser.

"To see him just overwhelmed with emotion was a good feeling for me," said Carl Laubach, a Westland firefighter and one of Stanaway's closest friends. "He really does know how much people love and care for him."

Stanaway, a 12-year veteran of the Westland Fire Department, was diagnosed with brain cancer earlier this year after he started having short-term memory loss and speech problems.

Firefighters in neighboring Wayne organized a bingo event in early March to help raise money for the Stanaway family.

In all, an estimated \$70,000 has been raised, including money from firefighters in such communities as Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Dearborn, Inkster, Romulus, Northville, Taylor and Sterling Heights, said Ed Hosmer, president of Westland Firefighters Local 1279.

Hosmer also said Westland police officers gave \$800. And the single biggest contribution of \$2,000 came from Westland City Councilman Bill Johnson, who said he worked



Westland Firefighter Todd Stanaway, who is battling brain cancer, carried a flag in New York City during an October 2002 ceremony honoring those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

with council colleague Dewey Reeves and City Clerk Eileen DeHart to secure the money from United Auto Workers Local 900. Johnson is union plant chairman at Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant.

"We were moved by the outpouring of support from the community," Hosmer said.

Still other fund-raisers are pending. Canton firefighters are planning a golf outing in late July, Hosmer said, and Vizzy's Pizza in Westland will donate all proceeds from sales made 3-7 p.m. Monday, March 19, owner Paul Visingardi said.

"God has been good to me," he said, "so I can afford this."

Vizzy's and WYCD 99.5-FM, Detroit's Young Country, have teamed up for the fund-raiser during the afternoon Edwards & Lee show. Although the show will broadcast from the studio, the station is planning to send one of its personalities, Jason the 300-Pound Cowboy, to the pizzeria on Ford Road, west of Wayne.

Several Westland firefighters have volunteered on their off-duty time to deliver pizzas. Barthauer confirmed that anyone else who wants to donate may send checks made payable to Westland Firefighters, noting on the checks that the money is for the Todd Stanaway family. Checks may be sent to Westland Firefighters, P.O. Box 858187, Westland, MI, 48185.

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# Districts buys new math books to accommodate curriculum

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

The cha-ching has started in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which is spending more than \$500,000 to implement the mathematics portion of the state's mandated high school curriculum.

The school board approved the purchase of the McDougall-Littell Math Series for the high school and the Glencoe Math Series for the middle school as it adjusts to offering Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II at the high school level.

"We looked for a seamless transition and we believe this will be it," said Donna Lochrie, director of secondary school development. "Our students will from *Everyday Math* in the elementary to Glencoe in the middle school to McDougall-Littell in high school."

High school students must have 16 credits to graduate as mandated by the state's Michigan Merit Curriculum, including four credits mathematics and English, three in science and three in social studies.

According to Lochrie, a dis-

trict committee reviewed proposals from seven high school math book companies, narrowing the selection down to three. Those companies received 10 questions about such things as the levels for differentiation of instruction and the supplemental or additional materials that will be provided at no cost.

The questions allowed the committee to narrow the field to two, and a review of topics which teachers found difficult for students led to the selection of McDougall-Littell.

"It's the best for readability, we feel this text will help our students," said Lochrie.

Because the books have some weight to them, there will be computer discs for students can use en lieu of taking the book home as well as online help.

The company also is providing five years' worth of note-taking books for students, and item that's "especially good for ninth-graders to establish good study techniques," Lochrie told the school board.

The state, as part of its Michigan Merit Curriculum, now requires four years of mathematics to graduate. Students can get one credit by taking Algebra in eighth-grade.

According to Lochrie, the same Algebra book used at the high school level will be used for the eighth-grade class.

Middle school students who take Algebra would move on to Geometry in ninth-grade, she added.

The same process was used to select Glencoe for the middle school math books. The committee determined that the Glencoe program was "more closely aligned with the grade level content expectations."

"I'm extremely impressed with the detail the book goes into," said Trustee Ed Turner. "I remember when I was in school, I remember some of the problems were mind-boggling."

While the purchase was approved unanimously, board Treasurer Steve Becher wasn't happy that the district was being stuck with the expense.

"I appreciate the time the committee put in, but I still think this should come under the Headlee Amendment," he said. "I still believe it's a mandate that the state should pay for. If you're going to mandate the curriculum, you should pay for the books."

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# Westland man receives Focus: HOPE scholarship

Focus: HOPE is helping Alton Florence gain something that he said he's never had his entire 52 years of life: a career.

The organization is not only offering him valuable skills that will make him more marketable, it has also awarded him a \$4,275 scholarship to continue his education in its Information Technologies Center.

Florence, a Westland resident, is one of 16 Focus: HOPE students who were recently awarded scholarships.

Florence found out about

Focus: HOPE when a friend told him about the organization's education and training programs after a back injury ended his last job.

"I am a 52-year-old married father of three adult children," he said. "I've always had a job, but never a career. I will admit that going back to school at my age hasn't been easy. However, the more I learn the more I want to learn."

"Before I came to Focus: HOPE I had no hope, but now I have an abundance of hope and

a will to succeed."

Focus: HOPE's tuition scholarship program began last year. Eligible students must be accepted into the Machinist Training Institute or the Information Technologies Center's PC Technology program.

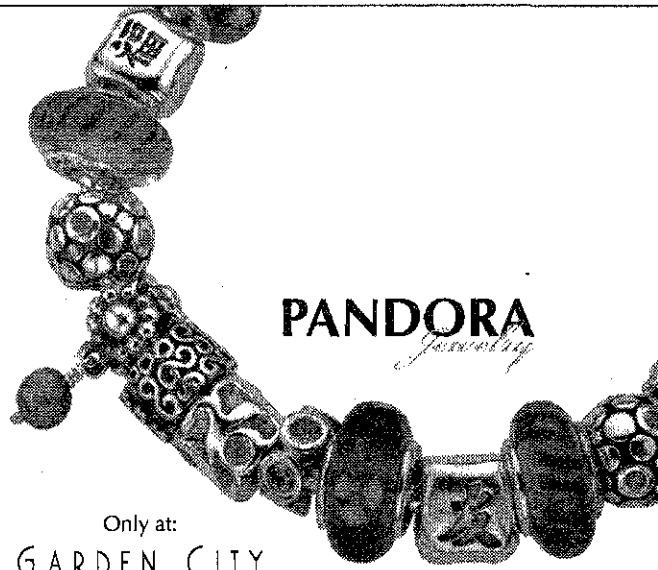
The awards are based on financial need and essays written by applicants on how they exemplify Focus: HOPE's mission and what their education has meant to them and their future.

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# Y will survive

## Livonia Family YMCA works out despite rec center's competition

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

Not many people gave the Livonia Family YMCA much of a chance three years ago when the Livonia Community Recreation Center's big, bold and brand-new facility opened.

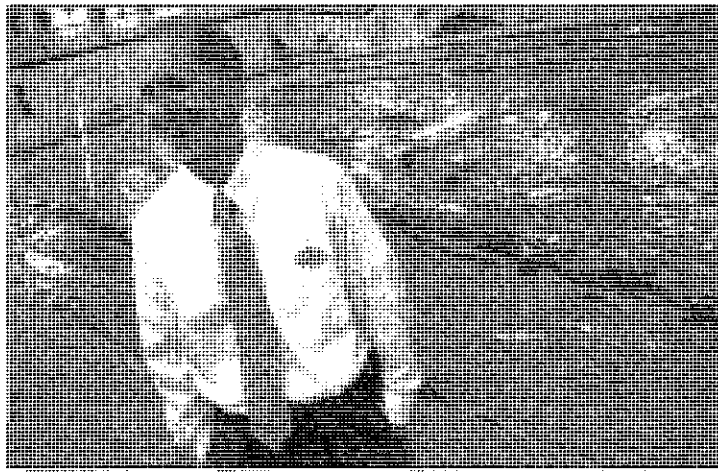
For most Livonians, the bright, new rec center was more affordable, offered shiny equipment and sported an attention-grabbing climbing wall, a big kiddie play area and a water slide.

Meanwhile, Livonia's venerable YMCA, built in 1968, stood less than two miles away on Stark Road between Schoolcraft and Lyndon awaiting the exodus. And it arrived, with a major hit to memberships. Many members moved to try the new rec center.

Many stayed — and somehow the Y survived.

"It says a lot about the city of Livonia that we can support two different recreation centers," said Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, membership and marketing director at the Y. "Some people don't want the huge atmosphere, they want the family feel."

Today's Livonia Family YMCA has about 9,000 members. Members know that their membership fees help fund the mis-



TONY PECORARO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Pecoraro, new director of the Livonia Family YMCA, talks about the facility and the involvement of its members in keeping it as an important part of the community.

sion of the family, serving the community and putting kids first. That includes sponsoring families who can't afford a membership.

"We don't turn anyone away," said Tony Pecoraro, new director of the Livonia Y.

The Y's mission of building strong kids and families takes center court every Saturday, Pecoraro said, as 425 children come in to play basketball. Another 265 young gymnasts work out in the lower gym. And parents stay around to watch the

programs. "It's amazing how many dads are involved" in watching their kids in gymnastics, he said. "That's what you get here."

### 'PRICELESS' HELP

Joe Lunn is an example of the atmosphere at the Livonia Y. A 1993 graduate of Churchill High, Lunn has worked at the Y since he was 15 or so. He can be seen folding towels or cleaning equipment, but his role at the Y goes well beyond that. He seems to know everyone, saying hello or

talking pro or local high school sports with just about anyone around.

"I like to talk to customers. I like to talk to workers," he said. His mother says he should be mayor, he adds.

Asked if he's the Y's ambassador, Lunn smiles: "I should get a shirt that says that."

"He's priceless," Stepanian-Bennett says of Lunn.

As for the facility, Stepanian-Bennett said, "It's like *Cheers*, you know, where everybody knows your name."

"This is what it is about the Y," said Pecoraro, who admits he's still learning about the "chemistry" and quirks of the facility. He has only a week or so under his belt on this day. His last job was general manager of CMI, a for-profit health club on Southfield Road.

Pecoraro, who has a degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan and lives in Beverly Hills, has also taught physical education and sold exercise and golf equipment. "In some way, shape or form, I've always been involved in fitness."

Y members will see a difference under his leadership, Pecoraro said: "I don't lock myself in an office and close the door."

### LIVONIA FAMILY Y IN DETAIL

- The building, built in 1968, is about 100,000 square feet.
- The full-time staff includes seven people: Tony Pecoraro, executive director; Andrea Holmes, senior program director; Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, marketing and membership director; Megan McIniry, wellness and fitness director; Jani Turkowski, administration; Jack Kingsbury, tennis director; and Bob Miller, tennis pro.
- The board of directors is chaired by John Goering. Board members are Dr. Mohammed Arshad, Sam Behl, Vera Stone, LARRY DAVIS, Bobi Reiman, Dr. Salwan Kazzam, Connie Kelley, Marshall Kieven, Frank Kosenkows, Joe Laura, Charlie Mahoney, Dennis Montheil, Richard Potchynock, Marianne Simanek, John Sieradzinski, Dominic Smith, Polly Swinga, Kit Tenneyson and Dr. C.J. Trupp III.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE FOCUS

He'll require staff members meet and talk to someone they don't know every day.

"I'm very, very customer service-oriented. We've got to know everybody who walks in the door," he said. "I want to see a lot more social interaction in the building. I think those are the things we really need to work on here."

Along with the family and Judeo-Christian underpinnings, Pecoraro sees the Livonia Y's strengths. It's the largest Y in the metropolitan area; it's the only one with a tennis facility (and the rabid players that go with it); it draws from many surrounding towns including Westland, Redford and Garden City; and its facility — despite a few leaks — is reportedly in good shape. "Outside of a new roof, it's solid as a fortress," he said. "There's no drywall in here."

Stepanian-Bennett points out a couple of more positives. There are the community partnerships, such as one with St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There's a crop of

brand-new spinning bikes in the wellness center, awaiting the popular and intense fitness class. In front of them is a spate of new treadmills.

The Y also offers a new personal trainer program.

There's also the recent WDIV-TV (Channel 4) news investigation of dirty workout centers, which gave the Livonia Y a clean bill. "We're one of the cleanest facilities in the area. We really pride ourselves on that, even though we're an older facility," Stepanian-Bennett said.

There are also plans to improve. For instance, the Y is looking at adding an after-school tutoring program so youngsters can work on their academic fitness while the parents stop in for a workout.

As for the future, staff at the Livonia Family YMCA feel like they've beaten the odds by surviving the rec center's best punches and, in Pecoraro's words, "We're not going anywhere. We've got such a great program here."

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### CITY OF WESTLAND WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction March 20, 2007 at 11:15 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

**Case #1441N - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Convenience Store Expansion, Meijer Service Station, 37201 Warren, Parcel #030-99-0006-007, Southeast Corner of Warren Road and Newburgh Road, Doug Gardner (Scott Nowakowski)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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### Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 3/30/07 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
3004 - Tammara Johnson - 20 Bags, Lawn Equipment, Clothing  
4168 - Latrice Graves - 5 Bags, Big Screen TV, Misc Items  
3204 - Duane Cummings - Golf Clubs, Craftsman Tools, Stereo  
4134 - Karole Beckon - Dresser, Desk, Trunk  
5096 - Payvian Watts - 10 Boxes, 5 Bags, Misc Items  
4162 - Alie Faraj - 1 Box, 5 Bags, Misc Items  
4010 - Kevin Harbour - Portable TV, 4 Chairs, Golf Clubs  
3118 - Ronald Staples II - 20 Boxes, End Table, Suitcase  
1300 - Sherard Brown - Washer, Dryer, Couch  
1142 - Chantel Merideth - Toys, 5 Totes, Misc Items  
1131 - Quartesia Fields - 10 Boxes, Couch, Love Seat

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 5 - 3/5/07

Presiding: Council President Pickering  
Present: Godbout, Grundstadt, Johnson, Kehrre, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

- 81-Approved minutes of regular mtg held 2/20/07.
- Approved request from St. John's Episcopal Church to hold annual flower sales 4/6/07-4/8/07 and 5/11/07-5/13/07, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Approved bid for Bailey pool renovation by B & B Pools, amt. \$105,600.00.
- Introduced Ord.104-T-1, to amend Chapter 90, Section 90-15, Westland City Code to prohibit depositing snow onto the public streets & rights of way.
- Approved Assign. of Lease for 2006 Lincoln Mark L.
- 82-Approved Spec. Land Use for auto repair fac., 6132 Executive Drive, n. of Ford Rd., e. side of Executive Dr., Parcel #028-03-0017-302
- 83-Confirmed appt. of S. Smith to Bldg. Auth., term to expire 3/5/2013.
- 84-Confirmed appt. of R. Fritz to Bldg. Auth., term to expire 3/5/2013.
- 85-Confirmed appt. of K. Buford as alt. del. to CWCSA, term to expire 6/30/07.
- 86-Confirmed appt. of K. Buford as Comm. of Noxious Weeds, term to expire 3/6/09.
- 88- Approved Checklist: \$1,024,478.58 and Prepaid: \$1,780,892.77. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

Charles W. Pickering  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk

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**FRANKLIN HONOR ROLL**

**Named to the honor roll for the second marking period at Franklin Middle School were:**

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**Proposed bills would halt pop-up tax on home sales**

Three state lawmakers have teamed up in support of a package of bills to help the state's slumping home sales market.

State Reps. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, and Kathleen Law, D-Gibraltar, last week unveiled the Homeowner Protection and Stimulus Plan, a package of bills that will help jumpstart Michigan's home sales market by suspending the so-called "pop-up tax" and protect residents from losing their homes when they lose their jobs to outsourcing or downsizing.

"Many seniors are hit hard by the pop-up tax when they sell the family home they've owned for years to move to a smaller, more manageable home," LeBlanc said. "The increase in taxes can sometimes make such a move impossible. Eliminating the tax will help our seniors living on fixed incomes, and also will help our young families who are trying to get started in life by making houses more

**Currently, the assessed taxable value of a home may increase annually by either 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. When the property is sold or transferred, however, its assessment is uncapped and the home is taxed based on its State Equalized Value.**

affordable." "This plan will give Michigan's economy a much-needed shot in the arm by helping to increase home sales," Corriveau added. "Empowering our residents to buy new homes is the best way to increase long-term investment in our communities. It also will pump more money into our economy and help get Michigan back on

track." The plan will eliminate the so-called pop-up tax for Michigan residents who buy a house during the next 18 months. Residents who purchase a home during this window will not have to pay the pop-up tax for as long as they own the home. Under the plan, a home buyer could save up to \$1,513 on the purchase of a \$100,000 home or up to \$3,405 on a \$225,000 home, based on statewide average tax rates.

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According to the lawmakers, this drastic re-assessment creates a pop-up tax that puts a strain on home buyers; in some cases, the pop-up tax doubles the amount of taxes a new homeowner must pay. The pop-up tax especially

affects seniors who have lived in their homes for decades and young families who are trying to get started in life.

The House also is working to develop a plan that will protect homeowners who have lost their jobs to outsourcing or downsizing from also losing their homes. Under the plan, eligible residents would receive assistance to make their mortgage and tax payments for six months. The assistance would be funded by a second mortgage on the residence. The state would form a public-private partnership with lenders to facilitate the program.

"Many of our workers who have lost their jobs to downsizing or outsourcing are struggling to make ends meet, and sometimes it simply can't be done," Law said. "Our working families must be protected during these tough times."

"Ensuring they don't lose their homes as they struggle to get back on their feet is the right thing to do for our communities and for Michigan."

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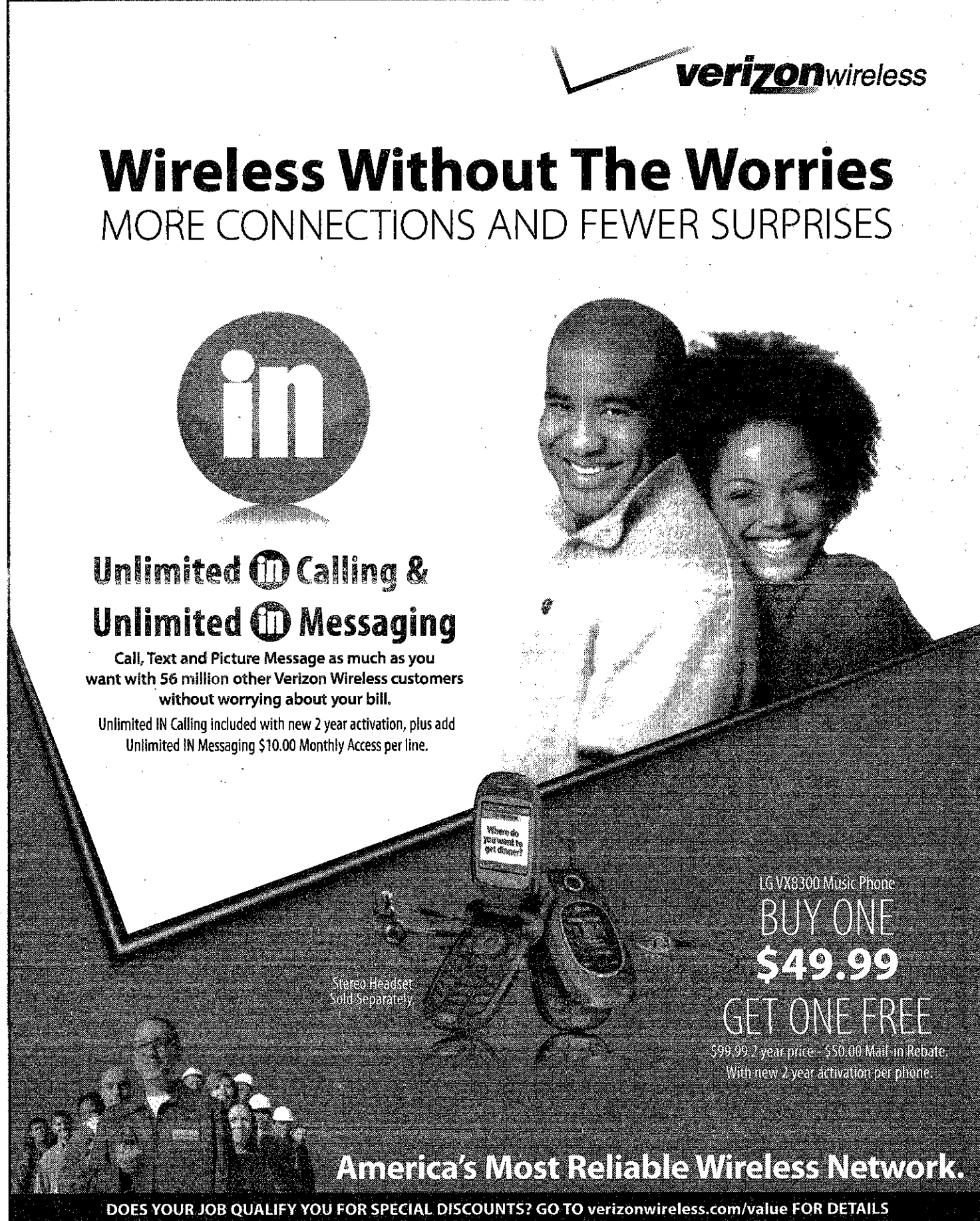
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**PROBATIONERS**

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judges. I think this is a great idea," McClendon said. "We feel honored that they're doing this. They're certainly a front-runner in prevention."

The court randomly picked probationers by computer and sent letters informing them of the time they are supposed to report for Breathalyzer tests.

Appointments are staggered to avoid long lines.

"All we have to do for this to be a success is to stop these 320 people from going out drinking and driving," Raymond said.

The court started its St. Patrick's Day program a few years ago. It has a 95 percent success rate, although 5 percent of probationers still refuse to show up.

The no-shows will be ordered to appear before district Judges C. Charles Bokos

or Sandra Cicirelli.

"They could get additional fines, they could get the work program or they could get actual jail time," Cicirelli said.

Although some offenders may begrudge the court for forcing them to come in, others struggling to beat alcohol problems have told officials that the program helped them remain sober on a holiday known for heaving drinking.

"Most people we're hoping will be rehabilitated and put their lives back in order," Cicirelli said, adding that the Breathalyzer testing "is a pretty heavy hammer to hold over their head."

Some probationers, particularly repeat offenders, also will be ordered to report to court the day after St. Patrick's Day for additional alcohol testing, she said.

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"It was difficult for her, she's very independent and strong-willed," said Renee Day. "But she loves it here, they treat her very well."

Stretke was born on March 11, 1907, in Sault Ste. Marie and moved with her family to Detroit when she was 5 years old. She met her husband at a relative's wedding.

"He was the first one to call me Trudy," she said. "He came to the house on a bet. I wasn't home. He would come over on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday to see me for 15 months."

The two were married when she was 16½. Because of her age, she needed parental permission to marry and received it from her mother. She recalled that a county official visited their home while her father was at work to talk to her mother.

"If my father had known, he would not have given his permission," Stretke said. "And my mother wanted us to marry because she knew she would die soon."

The family lived in Detroit, then moved to a home in Dearborn.

When the cooperative was built, they decided to return to Detroit.

Before marrying, Stretke had worked during vacations from school. The money she earned she gave to her parents. She worked at the Detroit Testing Laboratory and at Crowley's in the sweater department, but was moved to the candy counter because she expressed herself about the customers' purchases.

She then was moved to a spot by the elevators to sell handkerchiefs three for \$1.

"People would ask for a quarter pound of candy and I



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Family, friends, staff and residents at the Marquette House raise their glasses and toast Gertrude Stretke who turned 100 years old on March 11.

thought that wasn't much for what they were paying, so I'd give them a little more," Stretke said of her time at the candy counter.

After she married, she stayed home to care for her family and her children - Ruth and son Allen. The family weathered the Great Depression and struggled to keep their home.

Her husband left a job at Studebaker for a job at Ford, a smart decision since the other carmaker "closed up and moved out of town," Stretke said.

But at one point, Edward was out of work for a year and Stretke remembers taking her two children and walking to city hall where she received some food and \$2.

"There was no welfare back then," she said.

The Stretkes were married for 55 years. Edward died in 1978, but not before taking his wife to Hawaii. Planned

as a 50th anniversary trip, they went a year early because Stretke was sick. They visited every island.

"I was very sick, but I didn't care," she said. "I enjoyed myself, I was too busy to worry about dying."

She says the same thing about turning 100. She was too busy to think about getting older.

"I never gave it a thought that I would be 100," she said.

"She never thought she would live this long," added her daughter. "Her mother died at age 42. She had three sisters and they're all dead now."

A lot has changed in the past 100 years. As a young woman, Stretke would take the sheets and her husband's clothes to the laundry rather than scrub them by hand because "because my nails were so pretty." Now, there's washers and dryers to handle the loads and plenty of other

appliances to make house-keeping easier.

But those things aren't the biggest change Stretke has seen over the years. It's the people who have changed.

"We didn't have drugs and crime back then," she said. "It was nice living. I never closed windows, never locked doors. I never carried a key to my house. There was no fear."

And at age 100, Stretke has become reflective. With her husband gone, she spends time looking back on her life and seeing the things she would have done differently.

Her daughter says her mother still has a sharp mind, but Stretke said she has something else.

"I still have a sense of humor," she said "I can still come up with things that make people laugh."

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- 1988 Oldsmobile, 1G3GR14XJP316013
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  - 1991 Mercury, 1MECMJOU8MA623432
  - 1997 Plymouth, 1P3EJ46C5VN581971
- Sparks Towing, 31797 Block St., Garden City, Michigan, March 24, 2007, 10 a.m.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
March 29, 2007**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed modification to the previously approved site plan for:

Garden City Hospital - Planned Development. 6245 Inkster Road. Application SPR PD 06-009 proposes a modification to the approved Planned Development site plan in order to construct a 3-story building addition at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan 48185. Located between Maplewood and Elmwood Avenues. Parcel ID # 35-011-02-0009-002.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Paul C. Zelenak, Director  
Community Development Department

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Sealed proposals for Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance for the City of Westland Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing District will be received by the City of Westland, until 3:00 p.m., March 27, 2007 at Westland City Hall, Department of Purchasing, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. Sealed bids shall be taken to the Purchasing Department where they will be opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. No Faxed or unsealed bids will be accepted.

The project involves Landscape and Irrigation maintenance work for Ford Road Streetscape (Central City Parkway to Wayne Road), Ford Road Overpass, Westland City Library, and Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. Work shall be as defined within the specifications and drawings and shall include, but not be limited to the following: mowing, fertilization, disease and insect control, edging, annual and bulb bed preparation and installation, general maintenance, maintenance inspection and follow up reports.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained beginning March 8, 2007, after 12:00 p.m. from the office of the Project Landscape Architect, Beckett & Raeder, Inc., 535 West William, Suite 101, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, 734.663.2622, upon making a payment to the City of Westland in the amount of \$55.00. No plan deposits shall be refunded.

Annual Maintenance Contract Start Date: April 2007  
Annual Maintenance Completion Date: December 1, 2007

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

A certified check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid must accompany each bid.

Successful Bidder shall be required to post Labor and Materials Bond, and Performance Bond.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal, and waive irregularities in proposals.

Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 25% of the total contract amount.

No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids.

Note: Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting shall be held on March 20, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., at the Office of Economic Development, 37095 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185, 734.467.3264. Prospective Bidders shall complete site reviews prior to the Pre-Bid Meeting

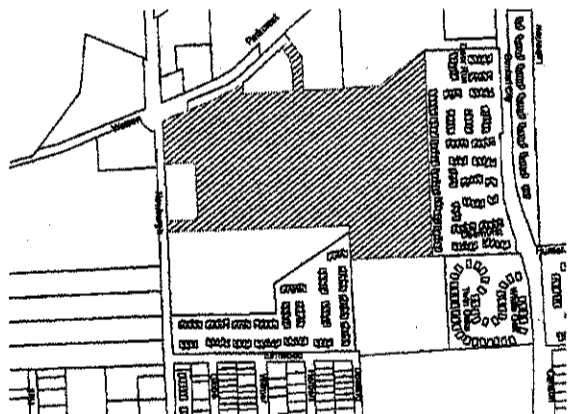
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NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

Case #1441M - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Convenience Store Expansion, Meijer Service Station, 37201 Warren, Parcel #030-99-0006-007, Southeast Corner of Warren Road and Newburgh Road, Doug Gardner (Scott Nowakowski)



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

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

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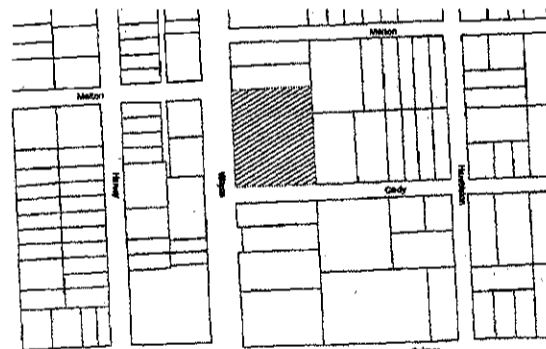
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NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

Case #1572B - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Men's and Women's Clothing Store, Village Square Shopping Center, Parcel #063-02-0007-000, East Side of Wayne Road, North of Palmer Road, Framreinaldo LaSalle (Frank Daiza)

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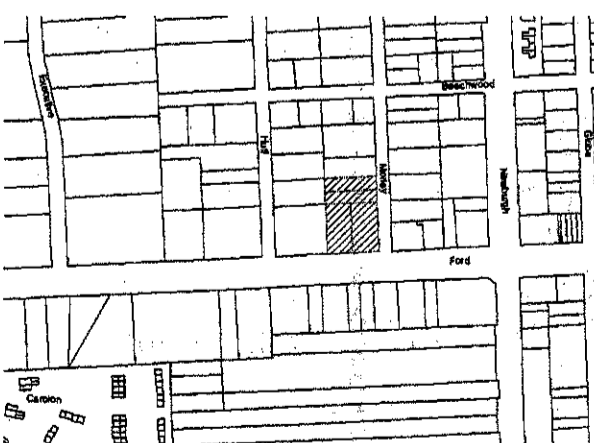
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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2143B - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Paisano's Pizzeria Restaurant, Twin Oaks Plaza, Parcels #028-01-0023-001, -0024-001, 0025-001 and -0025-002, North Side of Ford Road, West of Newburgh Road, Akram Hamad

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

Case #1999E - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed New and Used Vehicle Sales, 6298 Executive Drive, Parcel #028-03-0022-300, North Side of Executive Drive, North Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road, East of Hix Road, Martin Najjar (Glenn Shaw Jr.)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2007.

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# Ficano says state needs to be business-friendly

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

China and Dubai could teach Wayne County and Michigan a few things about how to attract business, according to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"Our consultants said, 'You want to be unique. What you've got to do to be unique to the world, any developer who come in here you've got to give them an answer in 60 days. Yes or no, here's your permit,'" said Ficano in a post-State of the County meeting with *Observer* editors March 7. "They do it in Dubai, they do it in Beijing. They do it in a lot of other urban areas, but not necessarily in the United States."

Ficano wants to create a business-friendly environment in Wayne County, centering around the development of an aerotropolis around the county's two airports - Metro and Willow Run - along I-94.

Ficano said the county is close to reaching that 60-day permitting window and is encouraging local communities to do the same.

"The hard one is the state," Ficano said. "That's the last one, and we're not asking them to shortchange anything, especially the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), it takes a year and a half."

## AIRPORT CITY

Developing the airport city is one of several Ficano initiatives to bring business to



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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about his future plans for the county.

Wayne County. But a more immediate concern is Ficano's proposed \$425 million renovation and one-million-square-foot expansion of Cobo Center. Ficano said the project is crucial to retaining the annual auto show and attracting new conventions and trade shows.

"First of all, the International Auto Show is our trademark," he said. "We are known most around the world for the International Auto Show. There are more credentialed press at the auto show than at the Super Bowl. We have a Super Bowl every year."

He said the center currently generates \$540 million a year to the area and with the expansion that figure would rise to \$800 million. Under Ficano's plan, the center's management would be transferred from the city of Detroit to an authority

and management would be handled by the Hines Development Co.

"We wouldn't raise any taxes, we'd extend the liquor and hotel tax, the most misunderstood tax in the area," he said.

He said the 4 percent liquor tax is paid only on poured liquor in the three-county area and is usually rolled into the cost of the drink.

"I can guarantee that the bars and restaurants aren't going to roll their prices back," he said.

## GO WEST?

He said at present Grand Rapids, which has a new convention facility, does the same amount of business as the much larger Detroit.

Ficano also proposes creating a tax-free zone in Cobo Center, allowing dealers to sell

their products without imposing the state's 6 percent sales tax.

"It can work for the auto show and the boat show, but can also work with the small conventions, electronics and software," he said.

He said he is recommending that the state legislature allow the authority to decide how to manage the 6 percent tax as a means to attract new trade shows.

"It makes all the sense in the world," Ficano said. "If you're worrying about revenue, you're probably not going to get that revenue anyway."

Along this same theme, Ficano suggests a tax holiday in August during the prime back-to-school shopping season.

"To me it's critically important that we make this a business-friendly state," he said.

He said tax holidays in other states create a carnival atmosphere, with retail districts bringing in circuses and carnivals to help drum up business.

Ficano has been drumming up business for the county in China, where he has led two trade delegations. The county has also opened offices in three Chinese cities.

He said with an economy growing at a rate of 12 to 14 percent a year, China is ready to invest in the United States.

"If we get the initial wave to come to the Detroit metro area, we have tremendous assets," he said.

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# Sheriff offers 9-1-1 cell phones for senior citizens

It's estimated that in the United States there are more than 50 million unused cell phones sitting in drawers and closets, collecting dust. Although those phones may not have an active calling plan, they still can be used to dial 9-1-1. That's why Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans Monday began distributing the first of more than 200 free emergency phones his department has collected.

"These days, cell phones have become almost a disposable item, which means a growing number of people have one sitting in a drawer or closet not being used," Evans said. "Instead of letting those phones go to waste, we want to get them in the hands of senior citizens so they can have added security and peace of mind."

An emergency 9-1-1 call is always free and will connect the user to the nearest local emergency operator.

However, in order for the operator to send help, the person calling will need to tell them their exact location, Evans said. Since demand is initially expected to exceed supply, the Sheriff's Office

will begin compiling a waiting list and distribute the phones on a first-come, first-serve basis, Evans said.

How to receive a cell phone from the Wayne County Sheriff's office:

■ Contact the Sheriff's Office at: (313) 224-0614 to receive a free phone or to have your name placed on the waiting list.

Anyone wanting to donate a working cell phone and charger may do so by dropping them off to the following Wayne County Sheriff's Office locations:

■ Administration Building, 1231 St. Antoine near Greektown

■ Road Patrol Office, 3100 Henry Ruff at Michigan Avenue in Westland

■ Highland Park station, located in Model T Plaza on Woodward Ave., two blocks north of the Davison Freeway

When donating a phone:

■ Include all chargers and any other accessories you wish to part with

■ Place all items for each phone into a plastic bag that can be tied or sealed so the accessories do not get mixed up with those of other phones.

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OUR VIEWS

## Board correct in halting travel

With the district facing tough financial straits, Livonia Board of Education members need to take a leadership role on their own spending — by forgoing spending for out-of-state or even overnight convention trips.

At a lengthy discussion, board members debated the value of such training for board members, especially out-of-state trips. Most board members objected to Trustee Steve King's request to attend a convention in San Francisco in April, while others shared concerns about the need for his visit to Washington, D.C., earlier this year. We agree with those objections.

These types of trips can be valuable in providing important information to board members, helping them gain contacts with their peers, or showing them ways other districts handle similar issues or problems.

However, great amounts of information are available on the Internet. In addition, board members should be expected to bring a certain level of expertise to the job. Training is great, but it shouldn't be required for board members to act in the oversight and policy leadership capacity for which voters hire them. Just as in the outside business world, these issues must be put in the context of falling district revenues and budget cuts.

At the same time, though, board members must also work out a mechanism to examine and control how they spend their \$16,500 budget, whether it's for in-state training classes or out-of-state conventions. They should work as a team and do it publicly when the time comes to make these decisions.

## Ban smoking before banning trans fats

We are glad the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is reconsidering an all-out ban on trans fats in Oakland County restaurants.

Commissioner Marcia Gershenson, D-Bloomfield Township, amended her resolution last week, calling instead for a bipartisan study group including health department officials and restaurant owners to look at the issue.

She said her thought all along was to start a discussion on the topic. If the study group recommends an educational program instead of a ban, that's fine with her, she said. It was never her intention to push through a mandate without public input, Gershenson said.

In our opinion, any ban on trans fat should come at the state level. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has enough county business to concern itself with.

And, if the state bans anything in restaurants, it should be smoking.

Trans fat harms only the person ingesting it, increasing his or her bad cholesterol and risk of heart disease.

Meanwhile, cigarettes hurt not only the person who lights up, but everyone close enough to breathe in the dangerous secondhand smoke.

## Time to celebrate all things Irish

Saturday, people all around the world will be wearing green and celebrating all things Irish.

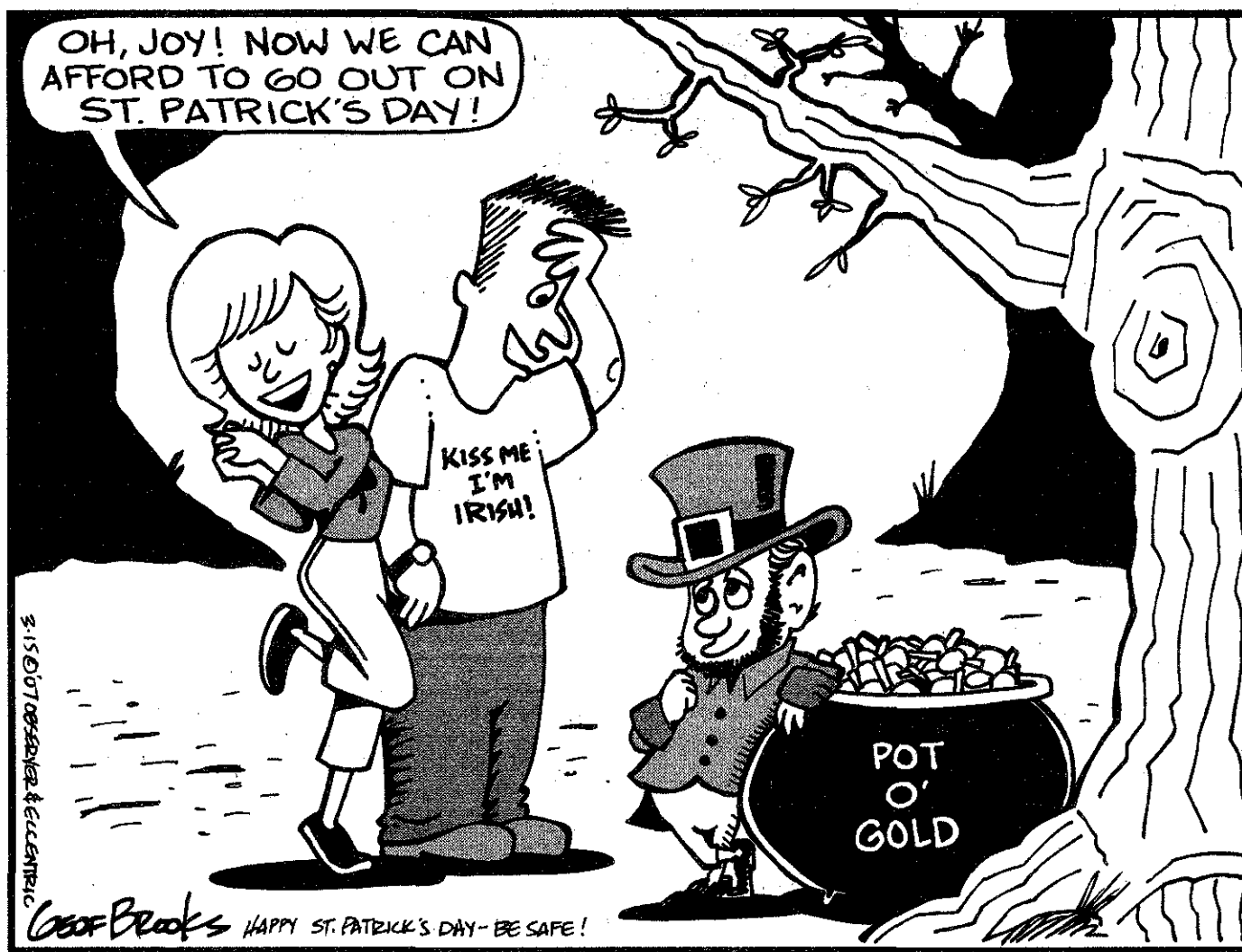
On St. Patrick's Day, the Irish celebrate their long Christian heritage and the bishop who is credited with converting the island from paganism to Christianity. But that serious purpose often takes second place to celebrating the tiny nation's rich heritage with toasting, dancing, singing and humor.

The Irish are known for their robust ballads, poetic literature and gift of gab. They have also made a mark on this country's political heritage with recent presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes claiming Irish ancestry.

And, of course, on St. Patrick's Day millions of people with no connection at all to Ireland claim they're Irish just so they can join the party.

In the spirit of the holiday, we offer this traditional Irish blessing:

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*



LETTERS

### Thanks council for vote

Thank you, City Council, for taking a stand on the Maida's Woods issue.

I have been reading about it in the paper and watching the City Council meetings. I also saw the Planning Commission meeting back in September when this issue came about. Now, the Planning Commission may not like what I have to say, but I think they were duped. I think the developer took them over a barrel. The way I have read about it in the paper is that the developer didn't get his DEQ wetland assessment done until after the Planning Commission meeting. Doesn't that strike anyone on the commission or in the city as fishy?

And, then we heard in citizen comments at City Council meetings that this developer did his own wetland assessment earlier in 2006 and hired supposedly a good firm. If they are so damn good why didn't they know the wetlands were regulated? And, why didn't the developer mention wetlands at the September Planning Commission meeting?

The Planning Commission can only review based on the information given to them. Time to wake up Planning Commission and start doing a better job. In my opinion, just asking about store hours and making cursory statements is weak.

Whether you like it or not, people in this city and other cities don't talk that highly our Planning Commission. And, to the man on the left of the TV screen that keeps falling asleep at these meetings: wake up or get the heck off the board, if you don't care enough about this city to review decisions with enough sleep under your belt. Your votes affect thousands of people!

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but, it is time someone told you. Of course, your water quality will get progressively worse as you destroy more of the wetlands ... Let's toast to that shall we!

Robert Thompson  
Westland

### Developer doesn't care

I read about the lawsuits the developer filed against my fellow Westland residents, our city and city council. The first thing that came to mind was this developer doesn't care about our city, the people, our land, our trees, our water or our animals. It is about the bottom line for them. If they really cared about adding value to our city, they would partner with the residents with kindness and respect.

The City Council represents the citizens of Westland and their interests. Recognizing citizen concerns is part of their responsibility as is the health and safety of the residents. Wetlands and our water is a health and safety issue. Funny how Kentmoor's smoke and mirrors want to detract attention from that. And, their comments that their site plans meet all city ordinances ... I've been around our city block a few times, there is flawed thinking in that statement.

And, how about the developer's comment that "the DEQ is on our side." And, this whole notion that there was a wetlands assessment already done for a portion of their property and that the prop-

erty mysteriously doesn't have wetlands there anymore ... Wow, really developers, you really think people are going to trust you. That's like the fox watching the hen house.

Kentmoor, you are as transparent as night and day. This community sees through your motives. At the end of your lives is this something you will be proud of — to rake a low-income community through the mud because you lack integrity.

I bet you knew what was there before you bought the property. Westland is a community of people with lives and freedoms. You are a community of one by your actions. One is the loneliness number in the world.

Some say success is about how much money you have at the end of the day. Some say success is how you enrich lives and contribute to humanity.

I say you are bankrupt in many ways. Kentmoor, you are spiritually bankrupt, soul-bankrupt, your integrity is bankrupt, kindness is bankrupt and your love of people and nature is bankrupt. Take that to heaven ... or more likely hell.

Lord knows you all are trying to drag this community and people down to hell with you! You are the one costing taxpayers and the city money as you are the one responsible for the silly lawsuits!

Get real and try kindness and integrity you just may have a different quality of life. But given your behavior, you like being cruel and evil and cuddling up with a pitchfork.

Janice Greevins  
Westland

### Good to wait on Maida Woods

Bravo City Council on your 6-1 vote to postpone action on the Maida's Woods project. Why not wait? After all, if a very large group of residents from Wayne, Westland and Canton are concerned about the project there may be a good reason. People don't disrupt their busy lives for the fun of it. The council's job is to listen to residents, and they honored the investments these folks have put into the project.

Threats and intimidation to shut people up typically come from people who feel inferior, weak or at a disadvantage. I guess people are close to some truths about that site. After all, how could a DEQ assessment from only months earlier be so dramatically different from the developer's personal assessment by their "wetland experts?"

Don't let this schoolyard bully get the best of our city or the residents. The City Council didn't vote no. They voted to postpone. There is a difference.

So often our City Council acts with kindness and generosity wanting developers and builders to succeed. They often give developers every opportunity for success.

Here's a clue Kentmoor/Stephen Wasinger: Respect and generosity are earned and you don't get it through threat and intimidation. It was the Dark Ages where you could cut off people's heads for talking. Remember the 21st century ... you are in it.

And, I caught the City Council meeting on TV and thought Mr. Wasinger trying to ride on the coattails of that woman

whose son returned from Iraq was another shameful display of the insincerity. People are not a dumb as you think they are. TV shows a lot.

Anne Andrews  
Westland

### Modern wagon train

The moving truck came today and I found myself staring in disbelief at losing yet another neighbor. With each piece being loaded onto the truck, my sorrow grew.

A mere nine years ago our neighborhood consisted of new homes and lots of dirt. Every neighbor was a new neighbor and new friendships abounded. Smiling faces were everywhere. A time when seeing a moving truck was greeted with anticipation.

That was then. This is now. Jobs in Michigan are disappearing faster than you can blink. Our residents are facing extraordinary circumstances that are beyond our control.

In Wayne County alone, more than 6,000 residents have their homes in foreclosure and that number is raising daily. Bankruptcy is at an all-time high. Our lives are spinning out of control and we are forced to play the hand we are dealt. So many dreams have been shattered.

So many families are no longer able to afford the basics, as gas and food prices steadily rise. This snowball is rolling into an avalanche, taking all savings, stocks, CDs, IRAs, our pride and energy with it.

To sum it up: Picking clean the carcass of what was once was our life. Our governor asks us to hold on and have faith; we can make a comeback in Michigan. These are meaningless words to thousands of residents who feel helpless and defeated.

We watch the modern wagon train leaving our state, trying to find a new promised land. Leaving behind all that you know and love, all the while praying you are doing the right thing for your family.

I cannot help looking at my own home in a new light. How can this be happening? My emotions are raw. Is it my age that triggers such fear? Yet the knowledge is there. Will I, too, become part of the wagon train?

Donna Kenske  
Canton

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

- Principal Robert Van Valkenburg about the death of Marshall Middle School physical education teacher James Daniel

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# Skewed statistics bring tax assessments up and down

As citizens receive their annual tax assessments, one has to wonder what has happened to real estate house values right here in the western suburbs. Where does the media get its statistics and how accurate are they?



Thomas Goebel

The statistical word "skewed" means that there are numbers in a total population that artificially bring an average up or down. In reality you know that those houses down the block were selling for 10 percent more a few years ago. The media and assessors, however, might quote values as flat or even up slightly. Who are they kidding?

In Plymouth Township, developers are still building magnificent houses in the west end. Most have three-car attached garages. More than 4,000 square feet is common. A year from now when those new homes have sold for more than a half million dollars, they are averaged into the statistics and the entire population house value average is skewed upward.

Also never use the arithmetic (mean) average of the whole population of sales for the same reasons. One \$10 million dollar home sale can mess up the mean average. Use a median, which is the middle number. The 51st in a sample population of 102 is a much better and truer average so long as we are working with large numbers of sales.

Other items that skew the average upward include "concessions" that sellers grant buyers. The maximum concession used to be 3 percent a few years back. Most folks that were granted these were buyers in lower economic areas.

Even in Plymouth Township about a third of sales are now granting concessions and the mortgage rules have changed to allow up to 6 percent cash and adjustment rebates to buyers. Six percent is \$12,000 on a \$200,000 house, so if the media or assessors are not subtracting the concessions to get a true net sale value their numbers are going to be artificially high.

Statistics are also skewed on the high side because of new additions to houses. Even in the fully developed areas above average infill new home construction are changing the data base by which we compare the numbers.

Therefore, to see how your value has changed, you must take an average type

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and size house comparing it today to a similar size and type a year or two ago.

Choose Westland with the typical three-bedroom brick ranch with a basement, garage, and one or two baths at 1,000 square feet plus or minus 100 square feet. The Realcomp data base has enough samples to get a true picture.

In spring 2005, there were 62 such three-bedroom brick ranches sold. They averaged \$147,607. We all know that inventory is up and sales down, so it was no surprise to see that only 51 similar brick three-bedroom ranches sold in Westland during the past 120 days. Volume of sales is down 18 percent to an average of \$129,960, at first glance a 12 percent decline.

Concessions in 2005 were granted on 44 percent (27 of 62) of this type house population for an average of \$4,039. The past 12 months saw 61 percent (31 of the 51) of sales with seller rebates averaging \$4,819. Factored into the statistics, the bottom line is that if you own one of these three-bedroom brick ranches in the western suburbs, your value has fallen 13 percent in about two years.

Unfortunately the Realcomp data numbers are not available to this writer beyond two years, but I do know that those similar three-bedroom brick ranches selling in my Plymouth Township neighborhood at \$210,000 in 2005 are now (in 2007) selling at \$190,000.

The media can quote all the numbers they want, and the assessor may tell you values are up, but the true story is pretty obvious to us neighbors. Bottom line, almost all home values in metro Detroit are down at least 10 percent.

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## LETTERS

### It sounds too simple

There are elements of the article ("Should all school teachers become state employees?" by Phil Power on March 1) that I agree with although I think we need to see if those high-performing districts wouldn't allow those high-performing teachers to go to low-performing districts and turn them into high-performing districts.

It sounds so simple, it cannot be the students it must be the teachers. At least with this method we could really verify their merits before giving them bonuses for having the right students. All sarcasm is intended.

Tom Munson  
Redford

### Coming to Jesus

Mr. Power, While I appreciate your thoughtful idea of making teachers and administrators in Michigan state employees, I believe you missed an important point. That is, the likely reason this will never happen has little to do with the MEA, protecting public sector benefits, or the usual hoopla leveled against our schools by conservative commentators.

Quite the contrary, it won't happen because our public schools themselves are at the forefront of the culture war, and, with few exceptions, the culture war is fought almost exclusively at the local level.

Don't buy it? Let me ask a question. What exactly is the job of our local PTAs, school boards, and other school-centered oversight committees? A conservative might cynically say "to raise our taxes."

But the truth has more to do with our community values. Controversies surrounding prayer in schools, disciplinary tactics, attitudes about substance abuse, character education, the proper role of art and music in curriculum, textbook choices and various other cultural concerns exist in every school district, to a greater or lesser extent.

These groups exist to make sure our kids are being taught "the right things," not just in math and science, or to compete in the global economy, but culturally as well.

Further, parents who choose to forgo public schools rarely do so because of curriculum or educational concerns, but for cultural reasons — primarily religious. Is there a parent out there who can say (with a straight face) that they chose a private school over PCEP because it offered a greater diversity of curriculum or student society? Please.

Parents almost exclusively choose private schools to "protect" their children from, what they call, "secular culture." And I'm not speaking from a position of ignorance here, or as a skeptic. All of my younger siblings (four) attend private, religious schools — and it's not because our public schools aren't teaching math and science well enough.

So, politically speaking, that's the rub. In my opinion, cultural issues are debated in our school districts because diversity exists among individual families. Family to family, township to township, county to county, region to region, state to state and nation to nation, "the way we do things 'round here" varies.

Thus, in order for Michigan to change, we'll need statewide consensus that our current budgetary crisis is greater than issues as old as Abraham himself. Or, in other words, we'll all need to come to Jesus.

Joe Hawver  
Plymouth Township

### Just say no

"Should all school teachers become state employees?" Phil Power asked in his column March 1. Absolutely not!

Why would anyone want the state of Michigan to employ teachers when it has demonstrated its inability to manage the School Aid Fund (projected multi-hundred-million-dollar deficit).

The state isn't even capable of upholding the no-strike law to keep teachers educating the children. Even the state-run Department of Corrections is on the yearly "privatize to eliminate wasteful spending" list. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the state's overall projected \$5 billion deficit.

It was suggested that by the state negotiating it would save all of the 549 school districts the administrative cost of doing individual union bargaining. Can you imagine a state negotiator in a room with one union representative from each school district (that's 549 to 1 against the state)? Every one of the 548 lower paid district representatives will be pushing for wage/benefit parity with the highest paid district.

Now multiply this process by all of the labor unions for teachers, bus drivers, custodians, etc. I forecast massive pay increases for everyone in the 548 lower wage districts. Since low property tax based school districts won't have the money to pay those salaries, the state will demand all of the local school property taxes in exchange for negotiating/redistributing school salaries. Local school control is lost.

In his article, he stated: ■ Twenty-five years ago: For every 100 employees in education, 70 were teaching kids, 30 people were "supporting" the teaching process.

■ Now: For every 100 employees in education, 49 are teaching the kids, 51 people are "supporting" the teaching process.

I believe teachers today are as equally capable of teaching kids, therefore I must conclude that 21 people within every 100 employees in education are there because of bureaucracy mandated by state and local school systems, or loss of parenting functions foisted on the schools, etc. Whatever the reason, there is a 21 percent opportunity to make school more efficient by teaching kids, not administrating them.

I'm sure economic efficiencies could be achieved by combining health care, pensions, bus transportation and other school services into regional service providers. I just know we don't need any limo-driven executives in the system and we don't need 51 percent of the education staff looking over the teachers' shoulders.

Lynn McLean  
Troy

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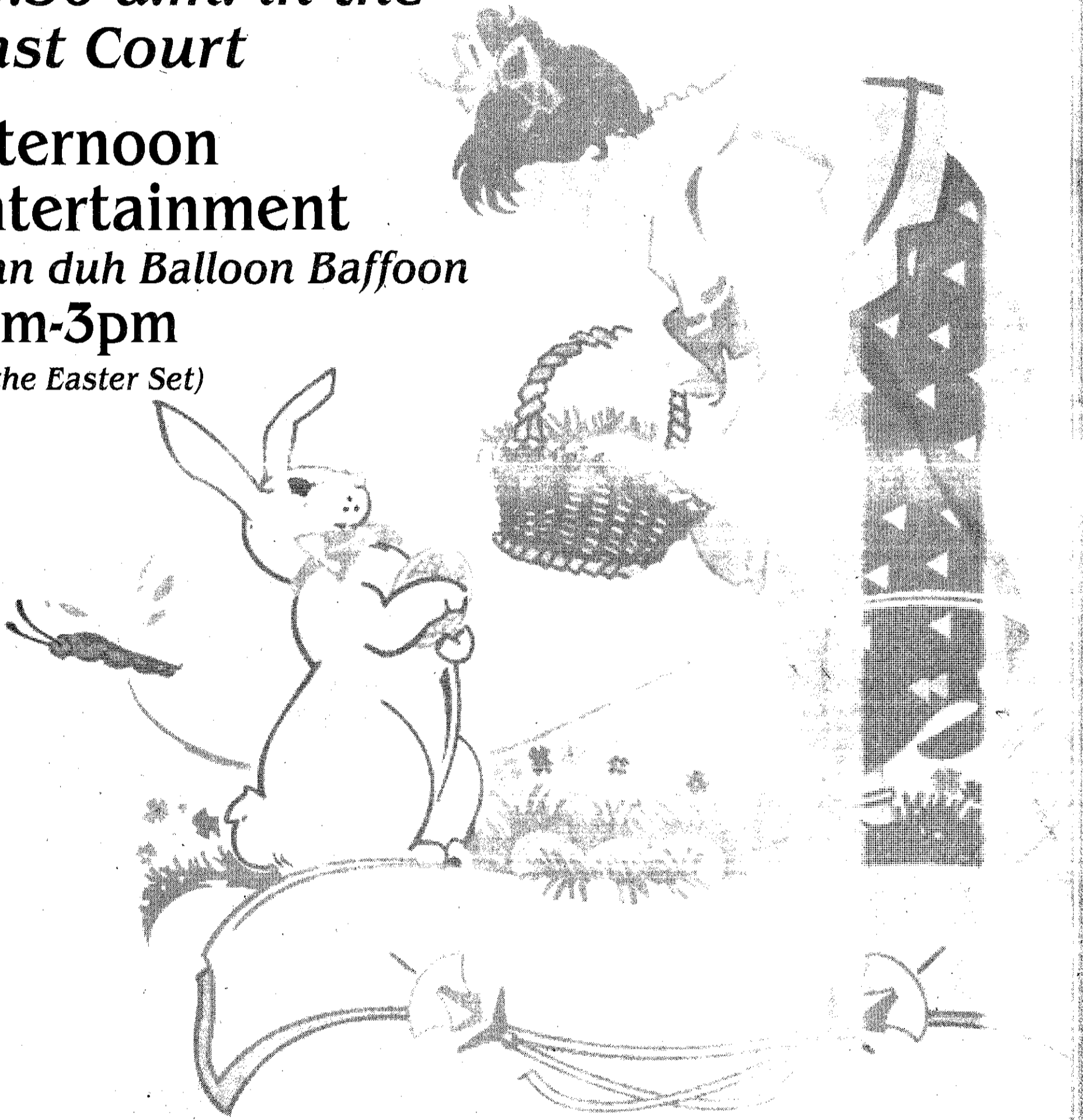
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# Robots get students excited about engineering

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Josh Barnett, 18, is weighing his options. The Wayne Memorial senior may become an engineer, or, on the other hand, he may become a chef. In either case, he's been very competitive in both fields.

On Saturday, it was Josh's engineering side that was in the thick of the rack, roll and rumble at the FIRST Robotics competition at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. Barnett was co-captain and driver for the Wayne-Westland Bionic Union team competing against 59 other teams from Michigan, Canada, Ohio and Texas.

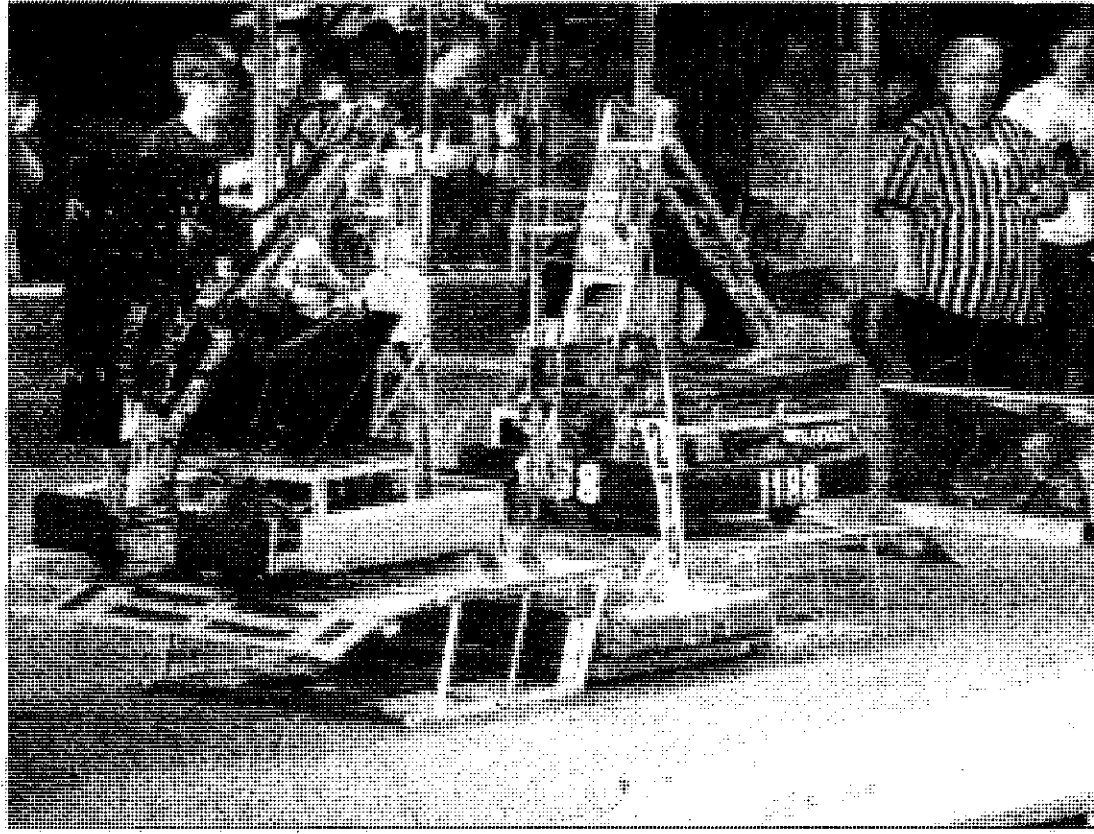
"I got into it basically for the fun," said Barnett. "But I've learned a lot, a great deal about engineering."

Barnett got involved with FIRST Legos, a junior version of the competition, in the eighth grade. He moved up to FIRST Robotics in high school.

Fun and learning are what the competitions are all about. On Saturday, the center was rocking with blaring music, screaming teams and supporters, colorful costumes and fierce competition. All standard for FIRST Robotics.

### EXCITED ABOUT ENGINEERING

"Basically, nationally known inventor Dean Kamen about 20 years ago saw a need for young people to be more excit-



The robot from Plymouth Canton schools, left, gets a lift from another robot during FIRST Robotics competition Saturday. When robots are lifted above four inches, the three team alliance scores bonus points.

ed about engineering," said Tom Lang of Livonia, who was commissioned by General Motors to promote the event regionally. "Rather than just sit in a classroom and read a book about it, he thought they had to get in and get their hands dirty and learn from adult mentors outside the classroom itself."

Kamen and Woodie Flowers, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, got together to start FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Since then, the program has grown to 38 regional competitions, including three in Michigan. The international championship is April 12-14 in Atlanta, Ga.

Each year, a new game is invented to challenge young people to discover different ways to build and manipulate

robots to perform certain tasks and in the process to learn about the engineering process. But this isn't about battling robots, it's about teamwork and sharing.

Teams compete with other teams to get the job done. Three teams are allied to compete against three other teams.

"What Dean wanted people to understand was that in engineering, you could have competition while being gracious at the same time," Lang said. "They coined a phrase 'gracious professionalism.' It's not like battling robots on TV, in fact the exact opposite though they do bump into each other."

### SIX WEEKS TO BUILD

Teams have exactly six weeks to build a robot from the same basic parts. At 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, they had to ship their robots to a central location.

This year's game involved placing colorful plastic inner tubes on the spider arms of a rack set up in the middle of 54 foot by 26 foot, 8 inch playing field. Points were scored by how many tubes are racked in a row, with the point count doubling for each tube racked. Bonus points were scored by having one robot lift the other two robots off the ground.

That was the plan for Wayne-Westland's armless little robot.

"Our original goal was a robot to lift other robots high in the air, but we abandoned that to become a defensive robot," said Barnett.

"We didn't pay attention to the center of gravity so it didn't work out as planned," said Scott Simons, a teacher at Wayne Memorial and team mentor for the Bionic Union which includes students from Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and William Ford Career Tech.

"But we have an excellent robot to be a defensive robot, so we can stop other teams from scoring and run interference for the team," Simons said.

Simons is a big booster of the FIRST. He said it's been an ideal way to bring students, families, schools and businesses together. Corporate sponsors help pay for the materials and also provide some needed engineering expertise. Ford, ITT Technical Institute and the school district sponsor the Wayne-Westland team.

"One thing I'm proud about is the partnership with Ford. We stress having students do stuff," he said.

The students design, build and rebuild over six weeks. On Friday, other teams had complimented Barnett on his driving skills as he maneuvered his robot to block out the opposition. An early alliance took a match 67 to 8 with the Bionic Union on defense.

"Just being able to drive

robots and see something I spent six weeks to come alive and do what I want it to do is great," Barnett said.

Jay Obsniuk, robotics teacher at Salem, is the team mentor for the Plymouth-Canton schools Lightning Robotics team, sponsored by Bosch, Visteon and ITT. He calls FIRST Robotics the "best learning experience in the world for the kids."

"We sit students down and try to sort out ideas on what they want to do," he said. "What are the pros and cons of the robot. That's critical. You have to get a design done and get it out there. As a group, we decide on which way we want to go."

The Plymouth Canton team finished tied for 27th place and will go on the competition in Atlanta.

### WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR

In addition to building robots, students also learn to handle publicity, create animated videos, design team logos and a variety of other skills.

Saturday's event even included a half time show with the judges (in refs shirts), team mascots in full regalia and the assembled crowd singing and dancing to *The Macarena* and the *Village People's YMCA*.

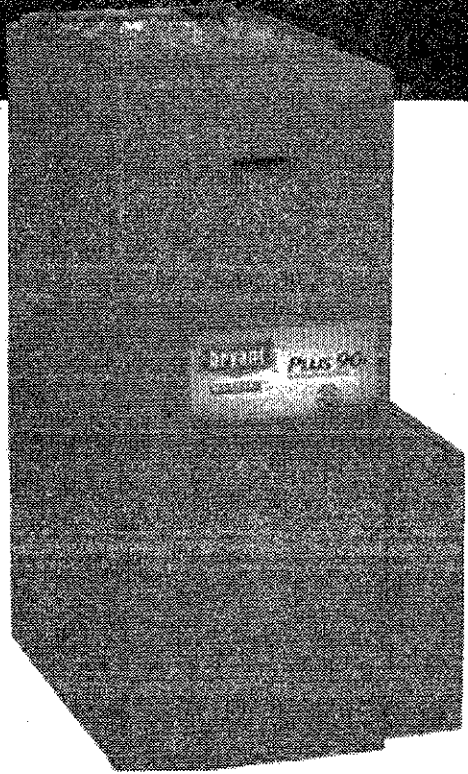
For Josh Barnett and his teammates things did not work out as planned. In a morning competition, he lost radio contact with his robot and it was stranded in the middle of the court. In another round, the alliance did a little better, but failed to win the round. The team finished 47th overall.

"Because of our experience this year, we will be a stronger team and much wiser team next year," Simons said.

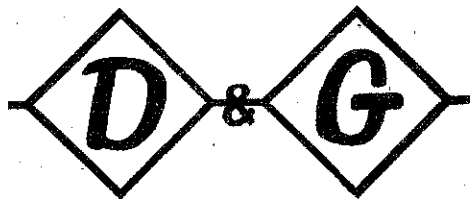
Next stop for Barnett is a culinary arts competition.

An alliance of Novi, Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Pioneer took the championship on Saturday.

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**MARCH**

**Bible study**  
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-4455.

**Lay caregiver series**  
Deadline to register is March 15 for A Pastoral Response to Substance Abuse Issues 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Samaritan Counseling Center Executive Director Dr. Paul Melrose describes the condition or disease of substance abuse and the impact on the family and congregation of a member struggling with addiction. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 474-4701.

**Lenten concerts**  
12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 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 Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with

entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

**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) 261-4455.

**Lenten fish fry**  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, the 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.

**Lenten services**  
Vesper Services continue 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent until March 28 (six part series on the Lord's Prayer), at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.  
Holy Week services 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5 (Communion); 12:30-2 p.m. Good Friday, April 6 (Service of Words, Music and Meditation. Come when you can, leave when you wish) Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m. (The Service of Light), and 9:30

a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival Services Easter Sunday, April 8. Regular church at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.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) 535-4110.

On St. Patrick's Eve, Friday, March 16, The Wakes and Weddings 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 1 p.m. plus the Heinzman Irish Dancers, Bagpiper Dennis Burkol, and PaddleBall 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.

**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.starticketsplus.com. Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch, Building 429 and Family Force 5.

**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, call (734) 464-0990. Please bring a luncheon dish to share and join us.

**Montly meeting**  
For Bethany Suburban West Saturday, March 17, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City. All separated, divorce and singles welcomes. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**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.

**Lenten dinners**  
5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18 help support the Society of St. Andrew's mission to end hunger by enjoying a Potato Dinner baked by the Men's Club at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Dress the spuds any way you like them.

Feed your spirit and body 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25 when the church presents a catered dinner followed by a dramatic rendition of the Sermon on the Mount by Randy Colbe. Cost is \$6. Tickets available at door.

**Jesus Unmasked**  
A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 18 Uninterruptible. 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.

**Vesper services**  
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - 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@twmrr.com. Livonia.

**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.

**Midweek Lenten program**  
6-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 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.

**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 leg arteries, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered is a bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk. 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 300 tables of children's items. Bake sale. \$1 admission for adults. Strollers after 10 a.m.

**Men's conference**  
Catholic Conference for Men

(Courageous Companions of Christ) sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8 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 Newton 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.

**Clothing, shoes wanted**  
New Providence Baptist Church is looking for donations of gently used and new items for its annual Free Clothing and Shoes Giveaway Saturday, March 31, at the church, 18211 Plymouth Road, Detroit. Deadline for donations is Wednesday, March 28. Volunteer meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22. For more information, call (313) 837-0818.

**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 e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

**Choral cantata**  
A New Creation by Rene Clausen 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Mom to Mom Sale**  
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. There is a \$1 donation. For information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

**Christ on trial**  
Drama 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 Sunrise Service 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.

**Church members wanted**  
The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to www.psalml2verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

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

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**UPCOMING**

**Good Friday drama**  
1-2 p.m. April 6, during Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary at Wayne-Westland First United Methodist Church, 3 Townsquare (Newberry Street across from the Wayne Post Office). The public is invited. Refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall. Women of the Cross is about 12 women whose lives were changed by Jesus before his crucifixion.

**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.

**Retreat for widowed**  
Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors, a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Speakers and group discussions. Fee is \$140 per person for double, \$160 for single. Call (586) 939-5219, (248) 478-1084, or (586) 566-2557 to register.

**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 theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

**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.celebraterecovery.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 7:45 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.

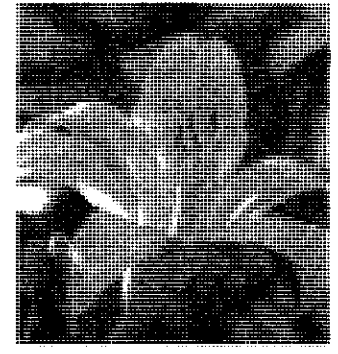
**Bible study series**  
St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

**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 Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

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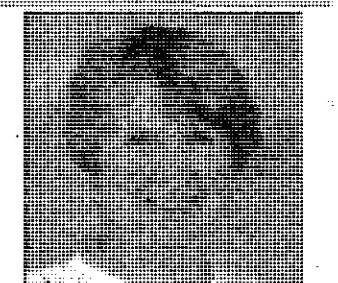


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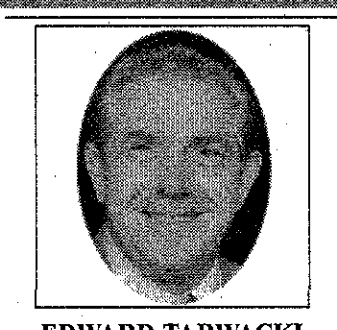
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**DAVE LITTLE**  
Age 57, of Canton, MI, passed away on Friday, March 9, 2007 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born on January 5, 1950 in Lackey, Kentucky, a son of Virgil & Gladys (Elswick) Little. On May 6, 1989 he was married to Mary at Mt. Hope Church in Livonia. Prior to his medical leave in 2005, he was employed by Sure-Fit as a professional welder. Dave is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Wild) Little; cherished father of David, Jason, Destiny, Derek, Gage and Makailah. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Randall. Funeral services for Mr. Little were held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home in Belleville 734-697-9400 with Pastor Wayne Kurtycz of NorthRidge Church officiating. Interment took place at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton, MI.

**DEBRA KAY JUSTICE**  
Age 42, died March 9, 2007. Loving wife of Ron. Dearest mother of Alex, Jake, Kasey, and Alyssa. Also survived by parents Joyce and the late Wayne Liddle and her sister, Denise Miller. Dear Aunt to Kayla and Erin. Visitation Monday 5-9 and Tuesday 3-9 at The Livonia Chapel of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road. Funeral service Wed., 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.



**DOROTHY SKELLY (nee JURKE) LOOMIS**  
Beloved wife, mother and grandmother formerly of Livonia and AuGres, passed away on March 6, 2007 at her Oscoda home. She was 68. Mrs. Loomis was born Sept. 2, 1938. She married Douglas Loomis on April 27, 2000 in Northville. She was retired from Botsford Hospital in Farmington and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Audubon Society of Michigan and the Oscoda Yacht Club. She is survived by her husband, Douglas; her son John (Annette) Skelly; her daughter, Julie Skelly; and her grandson, Nathaniel Skelly. She was dearly loved by her stepchildren, Mark and wife Tammy Loomis, Scott and wife Ellen Loomis, Brett and wife Jennifer Loomis, and Danielle and husband Doug Popp. Also surviving are her grandchildren by marriage, Daniece, Danielle, Jacob, Brittany and Nolan. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Neal Skelly; her daughter, Mary; and grandson, Jared. A celebration of her life will be conducted on March 17th at St. Mel's Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. Father Thomas Kramer will perform the Mass at noon. Interment will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery and Mausoleum in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Michigan. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Michigan, 112 W. Chisholm Ave., Alpena 49707.



**EDWARD TARWACKI**  
Age 89 of Wyandotte March 12, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Loving father of Barbara (Dennis) Lemanski and Christine (Peter) de Steiger. Dearest grandfather of six: Kelly, Jamie, Misia, David, Kasia and Trisha. Instate Thurs 1-9pm with a 6:30pm Rosary. Funeral service Fri. 9:30am at Czopek Funeral Directors 2157 Oak St, Wyandotte (734) 285-9000 to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 10am. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery

**GERARDAISE "GERRIE" ENGLER**  
Of Dearborn, March 9, 2007

**JAMES E. "JIM" SCHARMEN**  
Age 58, of Traverse City died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at his home. Jim was born on April 24, 1948 in Detroit, the son of Leon T. and Clara (Tyler) Scharmen. Jim married Rosemarie Salai on May 17, 1975 in Plymouth. Jim managed Scheck Sign Systems and was an owner of the Cloth Envelope Company. Jim was a veteran of the US Navy. Jim was a commercial artist and he made snow statues. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Ice Yacht Club, he loved music and played the steel guitar, banjo, piano and the saw. Jim enjoyed fishing, boating, windsurfing, cross country skiing, iceboating, playing horseshoes, and driving his classic MG. Jim loved to cook and was known for his BBQ ribs. He was an avid Tiger fan and was looking forward to taking his pontoon boat out and listening to the ball game on his XM radio. Jim was very compassionate and had a lot of friends in the area. Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 32 years, Rose Scharmen of Traverse City; his mother, Clara Scharmen of Plymouth; two brothers, Don (Loretta) Scharmen of Traverse City and Chuck Scharmen of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Elenore Salai. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 11 am with visitation from 10 am at the Covell Funeral Home, 200 N. Brownson Ave., Kingsley, with Rev. Louis Grettenberger officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the American Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home Kingsley.

**JENNIE LOUISE CONWAY**  
Age 76 of Ortonville, formerly of Rochester, died March 12, 2007. Loving wife of Edward. Dear mother of Lynn (Marje) Conway and Melinda (Rick) Callahan. Grandmother of Cristina (Randy), John, Ryan and Caitlin. Survived by three great granddaughters. Jennie was a member of the Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church, belonged to the Good Sam Club Loggers chapter. She was a talented craft person, seamstress and a devoted wife and mother. Funeral service Thursday, March 15, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. The family will receive friends Wednesday 3-5 p.m. and 6-9 pm. Suggested memorials to the Presbyterian Village Foundation of Michigan 26200 Lasher Rd., Suite 300, Southfield, MI 48034-7157. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

**KEITH ALAN ALLEMAN**  
Age 38, of New Albany, a beloved husband, father, son and brother, passed away Monday morning March 12, 2007 in the comfort of his home following a brief yet courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of seven years, Anissa Alleman; sons, Zachary Aden and Nathan Connor; parents, Adeline and Richard Alleman; brother, Robert (Cheryl) Alleman; sisters Cynthia (Steve) Cheney, Pamela (Don) Ferrin; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carol and Alden Coe; two sister-in-laws and two brother-in-laws, Kim (Steve) Dahlheimer, Denise (Kevin) Conway; nieces Ella, Emma, Mickayla, Michelle, Kendall; nephews James, Alan, Alexander and baby Conway. Often referred to as "the K-Man," Keith also leaves behind many long time friends who shared his joy for life and adventure. He had a true passion and love for art. Keith graduated from Bowling Green State University (1991) and is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Keith enjoyed his job at the Ohio Department of Education as Visual Communications Manager. He also owned and operated a full service-advertising agency, All Creative, Ltd. Throughout his life, he received numerous awards and recognition for his drawing and graphic design: Steel Valley Art Teachers' Association Award (1987), "Best of Show" ADDY Award (1993), Citations of Excellence (2001-2003) and ADDY Award (2001) from the Advertising Federation of Columbus. The ADDY Award represents creative excellence by recognizing all types of advertising in all forms of media. Keith's life is celebrated by many friends and family. Family will receive friends 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 16 at SCHOEDINGER NORTHEAST CHAPEL, 1051 East Johnstown Road, Gahanna. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High Street, Worthington. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in memory of Keith to his sons' education fund, Zachary and Nathan Alleman Education Fund, at any Huntington Bank. Share memories and send condolences to www.schoedinger.com

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**CALENDAR**

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**Worship service**

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

**Adult literacy classes**

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**Farmington Women Aglow**

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**Scripture studies**

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**Learner's Bible study**

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**Church service**

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**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 8 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.

**Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

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# Everyone should have a will, medical advocate

Recently, there have been a number of high-profile individuals that have passed away and unfortunately their deaths have led to a variety of nasty lawsuits. Whether it was the situation with singer James Brown, civil rights hero Rosa Parks or Anna Nicole Smith, the fights over their estates have been messy.

Although these were public figures that have different issues than you and I, it is important for all of us to remember the importance of estate planning.

Some believe the reason for estate planning is to avoid estate taxes or probate. Although these are worthwhile goals, the real reason is because you love your family. During their lifetime most people do whatever they can to protect their loved ones. Why forget about that upon death or a family crisis?

Estate planning is for every adult no matter what their income. For some people, estate planning will be more complex and include a variety of legal documents such as living trusts, while for others an estate plan may be nothing more than a simple will.

Estate planning is just not planning for your death. It is also planning for a family emergency. While you are living, you may become incapacitated or unable to handle your affairs and having the proper estate planning documents can save your family a substantial amount of money in unnecessary legal fees but also,



## Money Matters

Rick Bloom

and more importantly, a significant amount of pain and aggravation.

For every adult in Michigan, I recommend a Medical Durable Power of Attorney which allows you to appoint someone to make medical decisions if you are unable. In Michigan, we have a free fill-in-the-blank form that fits the great majority of people's needs. The document, the Michigan Patient Advocate Form is a Medical Durable Power of Attorney form available at most public libraries. You also can obtain a copy through your state legislature, or go online at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com) and click on "estate documents" and download one for free. My recommendation is anyone 18 years or older should complete this document.

A Medical Durable Power of Attorney is different than a Living Will. As far as I am concerned a Medical Durable Power of Attorney is superior because a Living Will says basically, if I don't have a quality of life, I don't want to be around. The problem is who defines your quality of life? The Medical Durable Power of Attorney goes one step further and appoints an individual, who you select, who would

make that decision.

Another document that allows you to keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs is a Durable Power of Attorney. It gives someone the right to make decisions above and beyond medical matters for you during your lifetime. Many people believe that a husband and wife can make decisions for each other without any legal documentation. This is not the case. A Durable Power of Attorney is an effective document so if you are unable to handle your personal and financial affairs, someone that you select can step in without court supervision.

Medical Durable Power of Attorneys and Durable Power of Attorneys terminate upon death. At death, all adults need a will and some people need trusts. In many situations where you are leaving money to one person such as a spouse, a simple will may be all you need. In addition, for young couples with limited means who have children and who need to name guardians, a simple will can also be the document of choice.

Michigan also has a fill-in-the-blank will form that fits many individual situations. The document, the Michigan Statutory Will, is available in the same locations that you can obtain the Michigan Patient Advocate Form.

In a will, not only can you name guardians for your children, but you also name a personal representative — the individual in charge of closing out

the final affairs of your estate. My recommendation is name a personal representative in whom you have the ultimate trust in. For example, a spouse. My general rule is to keep the personal representative a family member. If they do not have the necessary knowledge to handle the estate, they can hire a professional who they can fire. I generally do not like to name banks or attorneys as personal representatives as I prefer to keep that position within the family.

For people with large estates and for people who want to control their money past their death, a Living Trust is the way to go. A Living Trust allows a husband and wife in most situations to avoid any estate taxes and at the same time keeps the estate out of probate. Assets passed pursuant to a will go through the probate process while assets in a trust avoid probate. In addition, a Living Trust can be an effective vehicle for people whose beneficiaries are children and who do not want them to receive their

money in one lump sum.

In a Living Trust, the person in charge of running the trust is the trustee. Once again, I generally recommend the trustee of your own trust and upon death it is either a spouse or family member.

In addition to wills and trusts, everyone should check the beneficiaries on their IRA, insurance policies and retirement accounts. It is important to make sure that your primary and secondary beneficiaries are up to date.

One last note regarding estate planning. It is important for everyone to have a document locator, a list where all your assets are located. This can save the family a lot of pain and aggravation upon death.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear him Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. on WDTK-AM (1400).

## Schoolcraft allied health and nursing job fair is April 4

Health care professionals who are in the job market can bring their resumes to the Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, April 4.

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Hospitals that will send representatives include Beaumont, Chelsea Community, Garden City and Select Specialty. The Karmanos Cancer Institute also will be represented.

The event will be held in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Genealogical society

Richard Doherty will discuss "Researching Scottish Records" when the Western Wayne Genealogical Society meets Monday, March 19, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Doherty's presentation will follow the 7:30 p.m. Business meeting. There also will be a 6:30 p.m. DVD presentation on touching up photographs. Guests are welcome and the meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit the society's Web site at [www.rootswed.com/~mhwqcs/](http://www.rootswed.com/~mhwqcs/) or call Maggie at (734) 522-4050.

#### 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 people. For more information or to register for the event, phone (248) 863-7705 (after 5 p.m.) or (248) 476-0791.

#### Mini courses

Madonna University is offering two mini courses - Jewelry and Beading II and Smart Choices for Personal Finance - Saturday, March 17, through its Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. The jewelry class will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m., while the finance class will be 10 a.m.-noon. For registration information, call the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies at (734) 432-5804.

#### Crafters wanted

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

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Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided; the next training session is April 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

#### Explore Girl Scouting

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#### School registration

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. For more information, call (734) 425-4420.

### 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 reserva-

tions 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/PlymouthCantonVVA](http://www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA) for more information.

#### Friends of library

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

#### In Harmony

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

#### Civil Air Patrol

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

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#### Zonta Club

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

#### Franklin PTSA

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

#### Tutoring 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.

### BINGO

#### VFW Bingo

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

#### St. Mel Church

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

#### Shamrock Bingo

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

#### K of C Bingo

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

Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

### FOR SENIORS

#### Friendship Center

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

#### Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 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. Call (734) 722-7632.

#### Hearing checks

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

#### Exercise

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

Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

#### Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

#### Dyer Center

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

### FOR YOUR HEALTH

#### Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

#### Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

#### TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Weight-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. Call (734) 655-1100.



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ated programs and answer questions. The program is free and open to all interested persons. It will be held in the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus.

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agement, nursing, entrepreneurship and accounting.

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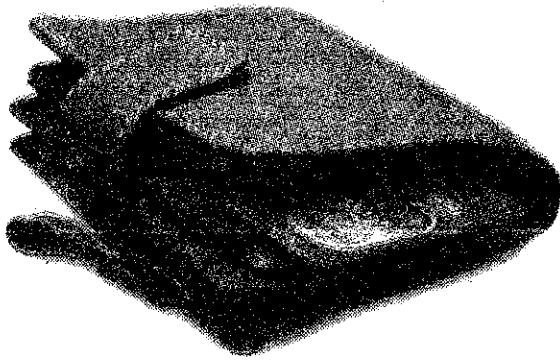
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## Justice says court controversy is making judges 'nervous'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly said Saturday that the controversy swirling around the court is making lawyers and judges "nervous."

"If there is publicity that makes the court look unstable and calls the court's decisions into question, it's crucial that people abide by the decisions of the court and respect them," Kelly told a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Justice Elizabeth Weaver, a Republican, has asked for an investigation of her fellow Republican justices — Chief Justice Clifford Taylor and Justices Maura Corrigan, Robert Young and Stephen Markham. Last year she called on her fellow judges to disqualify themselves from hearing a case involving attorney Geoffrey Fieger. She has also said that she has other complaints about the justices. State Rep. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he would look into Weaver's complaints.

Kelly, a Democrat, said the complaints made by Weaver are unprecedented. She said there are legal mechanisms to handle criminal complaints and a judicial ethics committee to handle issues involving canons of ethics.

"Here we have complaints about members that don't seem to fit into any of those categories," she said in an interview prior to her speech. "If it were true that justices are sitting on cases where they are biased against one of the parties, that by definition would affect their decisions. That's a serious allegation."

On Feb. 20, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Fieger's appeal of a 2004 Michigan Supreme Court 4-3 decision reprimanding him for vulgar comments about state judges. According to press reports in 1998, Fieger made



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Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly speaks during a luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters held at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

disparaging remarks about judges on the Court of Appeals who overturned a \$15 million medical malpractice suit. On a radio appearance he called them "three jackass Court of Appeals judges."

"There isn't a member of the court who applauds some of the language Fieger used and his decision to speak out, language that is degrading to the judiciary," Kelly said in the interview. "It always worries us that it will lower the public's trust and confidence in the people who make decisions. The question is whether what he said went to the point where it was no longer covered by his constitutional right of free speech."

Kelly voted with the minority. Kelly told the League members that while it is important that the court make its decisions on legal cases in private, there are other court functions, such as discipline of lawyers and judges, that should be done in public.

"I see no reason that those decisions can't be made in public, those are essentially administrative decisions," she said. "Public business should be done in public as much as possible."

Kelly, who began her public career as a member of the State Board of Education at 25 in 1964, said it isn't clear to her that appointing judges is

preferable to electing them. In Michigan, judges are elected on a non-partisan ballot. Supreme Court judges are elected on the non-partisan ballot, but they receive a recommendation from political parties.

"Look at all the judges who were elected and all the judges who were appointed, it wouldn't be clear who were the better judges," she said. "I think you get good and not-so-good from both systems. I do believe, and have been a proponent for a long time, of those judges selected by the governor undergoing a merit selection process."

On the issue of court activism, Kelly said it can't only be applied to those with liberal leanings.

"Today it is more likely applicable to conservatives, who are more actively trying to change law when their job should be to handle cases as they come to them and apply the law to those cases," she said.

Kelly told the League she has become worried that civil liberties have been eroded in recent years with questions raised about federal government searches and surveillance.

"I'm concerned to realize how little grasp people have of their basic rights," she said. "They don't have a concept of their rights under the Constitution."

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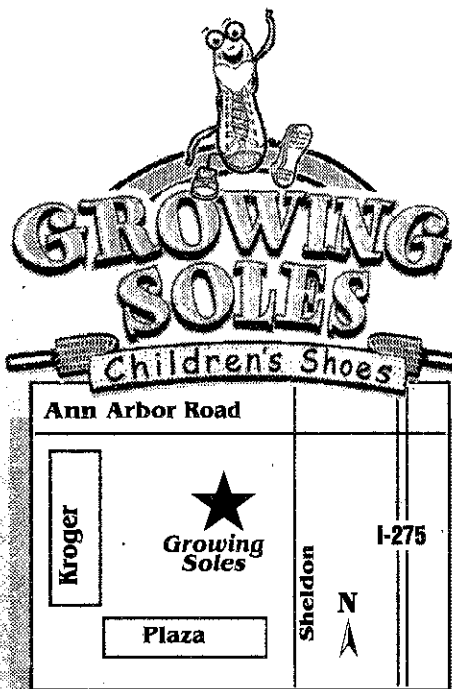


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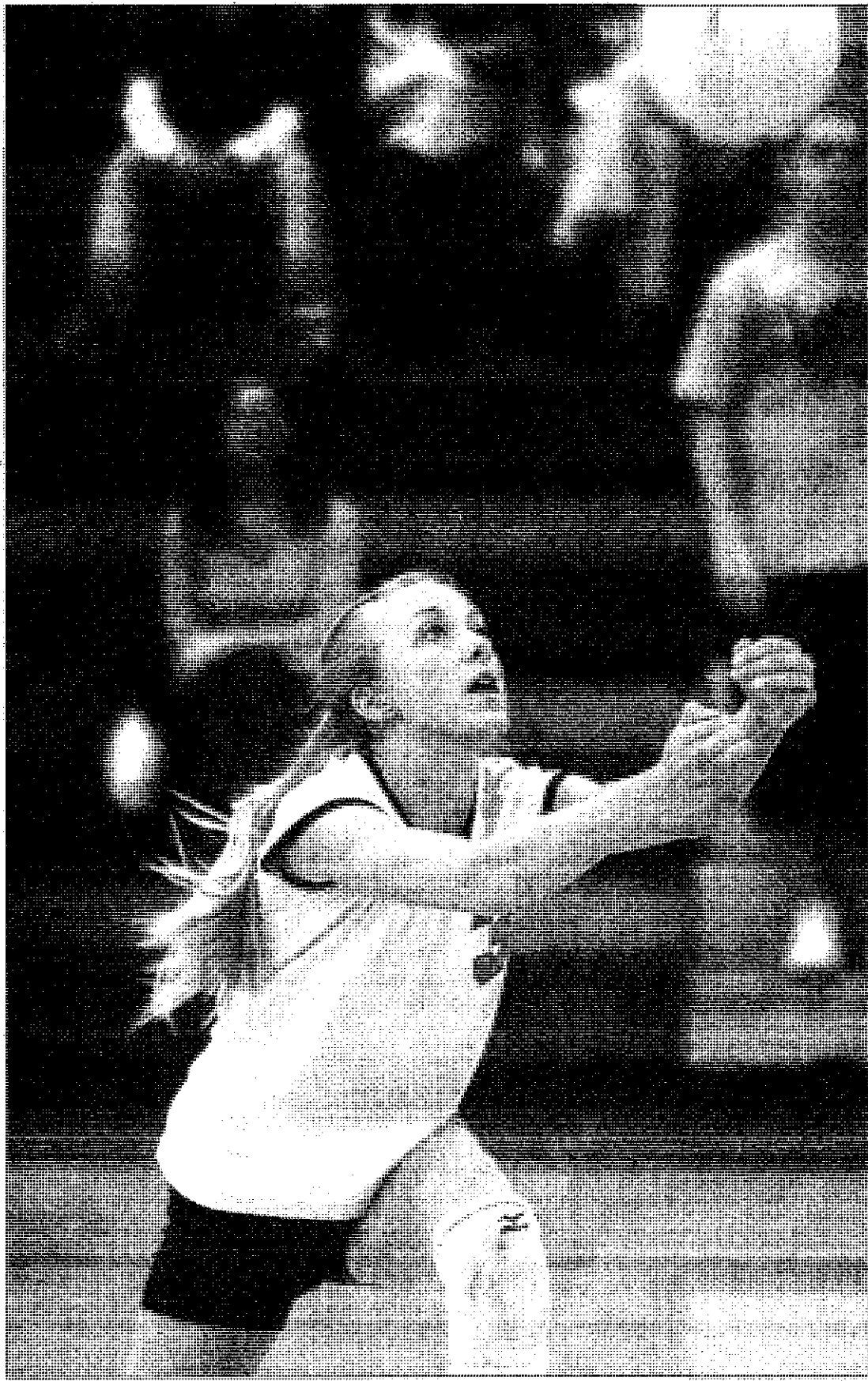
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## Destination Kalamazoo: Chargers gain Final 4



Churchill senior defensive specialist Kelly Archer bumps the ball to set up a spike in Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal match against White Lake Lakeland. Visit www.hometownlife.com to view a photo gallery from Tuesday's action.

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## Churchill spikers eliminate Lakeland in 'A' quarterfinal

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The body is only as good as its sum parts.

That was the case Tuesday as the Livonia Churchill volleyball team banded together to earn its first trip to the Class A semifinals since 1991 with a 25-20, 25-27, 25-20, 25-23 quarterfinal triumph over White Lake Lakeland in a match played at Saline High School.

The Chargers' Miss Volleyball finalist, 5-foot-11 Lauren Krupsky, played despite a gimpy right ankle after going down Monday in practice. She still managed to rack up 24 kills.

Kyndra Abron, a 6-2 junior middle hitter, helped pick up the slack with a team-high 26 kills. Senior Sara Button and junior Jaclyn Gribeck combined for seven key blocks.

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw added six kills as the Churchill improved to 54-4-1 overall and earned a rematch with No. 1-ranked East Kentwood, 74-4 overall. The semifinal match is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Western Michigan University's Reed Fieldhouse in Kalamazoo.

The other semifinal, starting at 7:15 p.m., pits North Branch (73-2-1) against Fraser (33-16-1). The final is 4 p.m. Saturday at Reed Fieldhouse.

Krupsky, headed to Central Michigan University, wasn't sure if she was going to play after suffering the ankle sprain just a day earlier.

"We were doing a drill and someone came down on it underneath the net," Krupsky said. "My ankle was pretty much killing me. I had a hard time blocking and I did not want to land on it. I tried to work on what the other team gave me. They took away the line, so I started hitting crosscourt. I didn't know if I could play. I was worried about it. But I wanted to be here and help the team as much as possible. When I went



Churchill's Jaclyn Gribeck (9), Kelsey McKenzie (14) and Lauren Krupsky react after the final point in Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal win over Lakeland.

out, I tried to move it around and take the pressure off it by sitting down."

The injury proved to be unsettling only momentarily.

"I freaked out right away, but we started thinking about other options and I calmed down at practice and got through it," Churchill senior libero Kelly Archer said. "We watched them on film Sunday night in the districts and got a feel for what they do."

"We just had to forget about the point. When the ball's down, it's down. It's a new point."

And although Krupsky was limited in her mobility, she put enough balls on the floor to keep the Eagles honest.

"Lauren's a winner, she wasn't going to end the season and she showed why she's one of our leaders," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "They were able to rehab it pretty well, and everyone else just had to pitch in more. In a way I thought it was good because we defocused on Lakeland and had to think about something else and focus more on ourselves."

PLEASE SEE CHARGERS, B2

## State champ Guzik beams as D-1 finalist

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Red's Paula Guzik found herself under the spotlight in Saturday's Division I individual gymnastics state meet hosted by Troy Athens.

Though only a sophomore, Guzik was interviewed by a Fox Sports Net TV crew along with local newspapers after turning in an all-state performance.



Guzik, scoring 9.575, was crowned Division I champion on the balance beam, edging all-around winner Meaghan McWhorter of Grand Ledge.

The Churchill gymnast wound up fifth in the all-around with 37.575, which also included a fourth on vault (9.6) and a fifth in the floor exercise (9.475). She also scored 8.95 on the uneven bars (tied for 16th).

"I was really consistent on the beam throughout the whole year, I was confident knowing that," said Guzik, who is now trying out for the Churchill varsity softball team. "I was satisfied with my overall because last year I didn't qualify for the all-around. Just to place in the all-around, I'm happy with that."

By finishing in the top 10, Guzik gained all-state honors in the all-

PLEASE SEE GUZIK, B4

## Spartans crash in tournament run, 78-38

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When Detroit Henry Ford's boys basketball team wasn't playing above the rim Tuesday night, it was making life miserable for Livonia Stevenson below it.

The Spartans hung tough for one quarter in the Class A regional semifinal at Detroit Cass Tech, but they were eventually overwhelmed by the spring-loaded, lightning-quick Trojans, 78-38.

The season-ending setback dropped Stevenson's record to 8-16, but it didn't tarnish a brilliant second-half surge, emphasized first-year head coach Brad Miller.

"Obviously, you never want to lose

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your last game by 40 points, but what happened tonight doesn't wipe out what this team accomplished after our 1-9 start," Miller said. "The first part of the season they were learning a new system, which is never easy. But throughout the second half of the season, I thought our chemistry was great and we were a good, competitive team."

"Our five seniors were outstanding and everybody else seemed to step up, too. I'm very proud of the way this team came together and finished the season."

Senior Luke Knochel, Stevenson's all-time leading scorer, was limited to just 12 points by the Trojans, whose trap-

ping, full-court zone press made it seem as if there were seven defenders on the court instead of five.

With a hand either in his face or not far from it at all times, Knochel connected on just 4-of-17 field-goal attempts.

Sophomore forward Kendal Snow turned in a solid nine-point effort for the Spartans. Matthew Harris, Chris Mulcahy and Ryan Aneed all tallied five.

Amazingly, the Trojans (14-6) divided their 78 points among 14 different players.

Six-foot-five junior center Lawrence Bridges led the way with 11; DeJuan Wright tallied nine; and Shareep Walker, Joseph Lewis and Charles

PLEASE SEE SPARTANS, B4



Ladywood's Megan Olind redirects the ball away from Divine Child defender Emily McGraw in Saturday's Class B regional semifinal at Milan High School.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blazers grounded  
Carleton-Airport pulls off major upsetBY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood was billed as the favorite in Saturday's Class B volleyball regional held at Milan — and rightfully so.

The Catholic League A-B Division champions had a senior-laden lineup, were third-ranked in the latest statewide coaches poll and brimming with confidence.

But after breezing past Catholic League foe Dearborn Divine Child in three games in the semifinals, Ladywood ran into a buzzsaw in the championship match as unranked Carleton-Airport upset the Blazers in four games, 25-22, 25-12, 24-26, 25-22.

Ladywood finishes the season 47-13-2 overall, while the Jets, 50-11 overall, earned

a quarterfinal matchup Tuesday against defending state champion Marysville at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. (The Jets won in three games.)

Just two weeks earlier, Ladywood breezed past Airport in three games in an invitational at Temperance Bedford. (The Jets also struggled in the semifinals, defeating Huron League rival Riverview in five games.)

But in the rematch, the Jets were able to neutralize Ladywood's 6-foot senior outside hitter Lauren Boehmer, an Eastern Michigan University signee, who finished with 16 kills.

"We did not play well the last time," Airport coach Barb Kohn said. "People said we were terrible at Bedford, and we were."

PLEASE SEE BLAZERS, B2

## Sidelines

## S'craft hires Lamb

Richard Lamb was named head women's volleyball coach at Schoolcraft College.

Lamb comes to the Ocelots' program after five seasons with Oakland Community College, including the past four as head coach.

Lamb was also head coach at South Lyon High School (2000-2001) and an assistant at Livonia Franklin (1996-99).

"It is very refreshing to bring in a new coach that has both the experience and persona needed to perpetuate an already successful volleyball program," said Schoolcraft College Director of Athletics Sidney Fox in a recent release. "I'm looking forward to Richard contributing in a variety of ways that will support the level of integrity we are seeking within the Athletics Department at Schoolcraft College."

Lamb replaces Tom Teeters, the state's winningest junior college coach whose contract was not renewed after going 35-7 and leading the Lady Ocelots to a berth in the 2006 NJCAA Division II National Tournament.

Lamb went 9-31 last season with the Raiders, including a 2-14 Eastern Conference mark.

## WHAC honoree

Jason Christopoulos (Livonia Stevenson), who guided the Concordia University baseball team to its first-ever winning record during its spring trip, was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

The senior finished the week with a .457 batting average and a slugging percentage of .857 during the 10 games, which included four homers, a pair of doubles and 17 RBI.

The Cardinal catcher also scored five runs as he helped Concordia return home with a 6-4 overall record.

## Youth mat tourney

Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Westland John Glenn High School, the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association will host the Metro Regional Championships for ages 5-14, as well as a high school division.

All wrestlers 14-and-under must be pre-registered by 10 p.m. Thursday. Wrestlers ages 15-19 are also encouraged to pre-register.

The entry fee is \$10 for MYWAY members, \$20 for non-members ages 13-19.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. An immediate family pass is \$7.

For more information, visit mywaywrestling.com or e-mail tournament director Bill Polk at polkw@wvcsd.net.



# Churchill takes care of business in regional tournament conquest

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill earned another trophy in the sport of volleyball Saturday by winning its second consecutive Class A regional championship.

Following a tough match with Farmington in the first round, Churchill swept past Novi in the final at West Bloomfield, 25-17, 25-20, 25-13.

The No. 3-ranked Chargers (53-4-1) played No. 8 White Lake Lakeland (41-2-1) in a quarterfinal match Tuesday evening at Saline High School.

"We look forward to Tuesday," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "That's why we put in the time and do what we do - to get opportunities like today and Tuesday."

In terms of scoring, the Chargers were led by the powerful hitting duo of senior Lauren Krupsky and junior Kyndra Abron, but the Churchill team also plays outstanding defense and serves well.

Seniors Anna-Marie Gatt, Kelly Archer, Sarah Button, Stephanie Bradshaw and Kelsey McKenzie and juniors Jordan Kerr and Jaclyn Gribeck also contributed greatly to the team's success.

"We have kids who do other things; everyone plays their part," Grenier said. "Everyone sees the home run ball. Certainly, we need that, but everybody does a job and plays a role. Kids like Sarah Button are a part of the reason we've been so successful."

Krupsky had 22 kills and Abron 13 in the Novi match. Button and Bradshaw complimented their play in the front row with three kills each.

Archer had 23 defensive digs, Kerr 10 and Gatt nine. Gribeck had four blocks and McKenzie 37 assists.

"(Krupsky and Abron) played well and swung well, but both know those swings come from great passes," Grenier said. "It starts with the kids who do other things."

"I think we're playing as well as we can play. The defense and ball control are there, and when you have a couple kids who can swing it makes life easy."

The Chargers trailed early in the first two games with Novi (29-8-1) but eventually took control each time and finished strong.

Churchill was up 18-16 in the first game and then scored the next five points led by Abron's hitting. Another Abron kill and an ace by McKenzie closed out the win.

The Chargers erased 5-2 and 7-6 deficits in the second game with a string of seven unanswered points on the serve of Kerr. Abron was again the leader in the front row.

Novi closed to 20-17 and 23-20, but each time Churchill responded with key points. The game ended with Abron and Krupsky kills.

Churchill dominated the third game, making



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Churchill setter Kelsey McKenzie sets the ball during the final game to win the quarterfinals with Lakeland player Kaitlyn Frantz (14) anticipating the attack.

nine- and seven-point runs for 9-1 and 16-5 leads behind the serving of Bradshaw and Gatt, respectively.

The Wildcats got as close as 19-10, but the Chargers surged again with an Abron kill and Gribeck block. Krupsky kills accounted for two of the team's final four points, and the other two were scored off Novi errors.

"We really didn't do anything different in the third game," Grenier said. "We have the ability to sideout and keep the pressure on the other team. We have great ball control and good defense, so we're able to do those things."

"I thought Novi played very well. Again, our ability to score points and maintain that pressure made us successful."

Churchill also defeated Farmington (29-21-5) in three games, but the third was a doozy with the Chargers winning, 36-34. The scores of the first two games were 25-17 and 25-22.

Abron had 25 kills and Krupsky 14 in that match with McKenzie setting the attack to the tune of 38 assists. Archer had 18 digs and Bradshaw nine, and Button chipped in two assists, two blocks and one dig.

"Farmington is a very good team and played very well," Grenier said, adding the Chargers had the added experience of winning district and regional titles and playing in a quarterfinal match last year.

"When our kids get in these situations, they can fall back on those experiences and it helps us out. The kids have been there. But Farmington gave us a great, great match."

Novi defeated Farmington Hills Mercy in the other semifinal match, 25-12, 25-18, 19-25, 25-23.

# Warriors eliminated by Oakland Christian

BY DAN STICKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

## VOLLEYBALL

Priscilla Larned tried to hold back the tears, not the usual sights of a victorious coach in the regional round of the postseason.

The veteran coach of host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian watched her Lancers capture their fourth straight Class D regional girls volleyball title and sixth in 10 seasons with an upset along the way.

In the finals, Oakland Christian defeated seventh-ranked Lutheran High Westland in four games, 20-25, 25-12, 25-20, 25-17.

The unranked Lancers (33-12-6) also dispatched league rival Birmingham Rooper in the semifinals in four games, while the Warriors (29-5-4) downed Metro Conference foe Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 25-13, 25-23, 25-20.

"We set this as a goal in the beginning of the season, but there were times this season that I didn't think it would be possible," Larned said. "After all those Saturday tournaments - where we came home a loser - I didn't know if we could make a run."

Oakland Christian, which did not win an invitational all season and only recently cracked the honorable mention listing in the Class D

statewide coaches poll, earned a spot in Tuesday's quarterfinal at Almont where the Lancers won in three games against Bay City All Saints.

Lutheran Westland rolled into the final behind the play of 6-foot-1 sophomore middle hitter Becca Refenes, along with outside hitters Kayla Gieschen and Katey Ramthun, and they continued to dominate in the first game against Oakland Christian.

In the final three games, the Lancers started to hit around Refenes and saw its own leaders step up into then limelight.

Lutheran Westland, meanwhile, learned that postseason experience is crucial.

"We looked up at the banners and we saw that they had won three regionals in a row and our group of kids and never even won a district," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

"They are a good team with experience. I thought we had a far too many hitting errors in the last three games, and you can't do that against a team like Oakland Christian."

Refenes finished the day with 33 kills, 26 digs and 11 blocks on the day. She had

14 kills and six blocks against the Lancers.

Gieschen contributed a total of 17 kills and a team-high 31 digs in the two matches. Ramthun collected 10 kills, while Lauren Schwewecke added 24 digs.

Setters Lauren Gieschen and Julie Jongsma combined for 61 assist-to-kills with 34 and 27, respectively.

"We had a good season and we won our first district since 2003," Wade. "We just lost to a good team. It was disappointing to lose, especially after we played so well the first game against Oakland. We just couldn't maintain our energy level the second game. The third and fourth games we were close, but we could never seem to take the lead. We were always battling from behind."

The Lancers lost two first-team All-State athletes from last year's team, but current seniors Kelly Peterson and Alyssa Anderson have stepped up in recent weeks to lead the Lancers.

Peterson was dynamite in the final against Westland, going 47-for-53 attacking with 22 kills and three blocks, while Anderson was 145-for-149 setting with 47 assists.

Rebekah Kline added 10 kills and three blocks for Oakland Christian.

## BLAZERS

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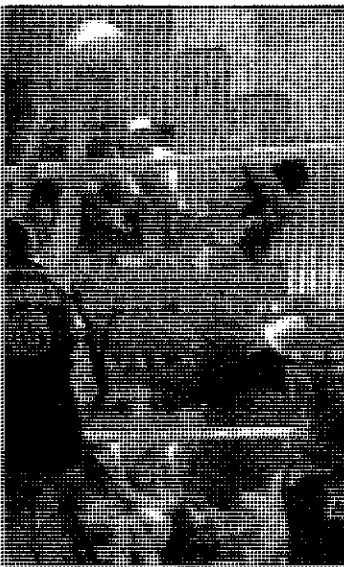
This time everything was better and I think we surprised them the first two games. We had a better understanding of where they hit.

"She (Boehmer) destroyed us the last time. This time we did a much better job. We had to get ourselves in the right position."

Erin Henneberger, a 5-10 senior outside hitter, also had 16 kills, but Airport countered with three players in double figures in attacks, getting 13 kills from sophomore Avery Bodenmiller, 12 from junior Sarah Bergeman and 10 from freshman Jessica Nagy, including five in the decisive fourth game.

Senior Jackie Stewart added eight kills to go along with four blocks, three coming in the final game.

"They outworked us, they were ready to play and they dug every ball," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "They were able to block (Boehmer) in key situations. We gave them too many free balls. They run a variety of sets and they kept us on our heels. We were not looking past them because we felt we made the same mistake last year, but possibly we



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Ladywood's Lauren Boehmer (right) places a tip past Divine Child's Jordan Searcy in Saturday's Class B regional semifinal at Milan High School.

were a little overconfident."

Senior Rebecca Zajac added 17 digs and six kills for the Blazers. Senior libero Laura Schroeter had 15 digs, while senior setter Megan Hodges collected 36 assist-to-kills.

"Ladywood kept coming at us," Kohn said. "We worked on things with our outside hitters as far as beating their big block. Defense and serve receive, those are the things that win big games, along with being able to keep on attacking."

In the third game, Ladywood built a 17-11 lead, but Airport came roaring back to tie it at 24-24 on an ace by Nagy. But the Blazers, led by Boehmer's nine kills, scored the next two points to pull within one game.

In the fourth game, Ladywood could not sustain its momentum against the scrappy Jets.

"We might not be the most talented team, but we tell our girls you can beat good teams if you keep playing together," said Kohn, who has been coaching 20 years and guided the Jets to the 2004 Class B state finals. "We were not ranked all year, but we felt we had a pretty good team because we've knocked off some state-ranked teams."

In the 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 semifinal win over Divine Child, Boehmer finished with 17 kills and four aces.

She is one of seven seniors, along with Megan Olind and Kathryn Berger, who played their final match with the Blazers.

"They were a great group, some of whom have been playing together three and four years," Craggs said. "They had tremendous talent. And when they played well, they played extremely well. But there were also some down times, like today."

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## CHARGERS

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Grenier juggled his rotations a bit to compensate for Krupsky's injury.

"We moved up Kyndra and started her on the left front," he said. "She came through and was a real offensive force. And behind her we had people like (Anna-Marie) Gatt, (Stephanie) Bradshaw, (Kelly) Archer and Jordan Kerr. They picked us up defensively. It shows the will, the heart and the character of this team, and they did it."

The Chargers also got solid setting from senior Kelsey McKenzie and were able to offset any momentum Lakeland obtained after rallying from a 23-21 deficit in the second game to win, 27-25, thanks to five kills and two blocks from junior Hannah Stocker.

"Churchill is a very good team and we knew we had to

play our best game," said Lakeland coach Owen Nakamura, whose team bowed out at 41-3-1 overall. "We did not execute on defense. We were not quite there, not on our game. Sometimes we didn't get the points we needed."

Abron was a force in the fourth game, recording eight kills and one block.

"(He (Grenier) changed his lineup a bit and both coaches were kind of second guessing each other," Nakamura said. "We started out matching up our number 10 (Hannah Stocker) with Kyndra (Abron), then we moved our other middle hitter over and I thought she did a very good job. Overall I thought we did pretty well. She (Abron) did not hurt us until the last game. But we couldn't control the ball the way we like to."

And now it's on to Kalamazoo to meet the top-ranked Falcons, who defeated the Chargers in three games Feb. 10 at the Temperance

Bedford Invitational.

"We'll go for broke," Grenier said. "The last time we saw East Kentwood, it was not much of a match. But we'll have time to break down that film and hopefully we'll give them something better. East Kentwood's style is a lot like Lakeland's, which should help."

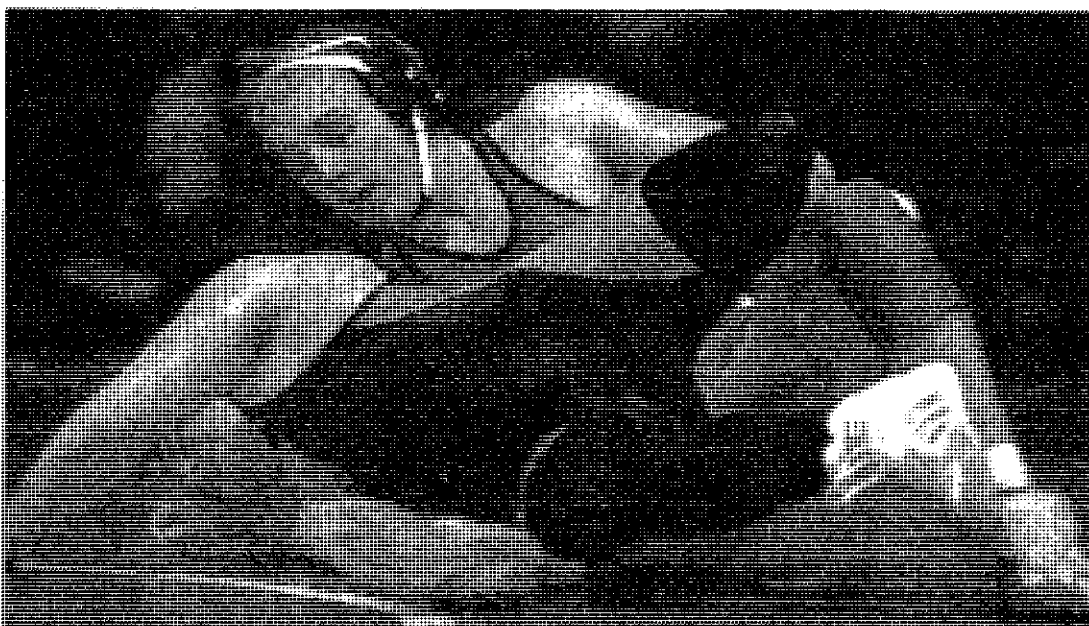
Meanwhile, the Chargers can take a few days to savor their first trip to the state semifinals since '91, the year Churchill captured the Class A crown under coach Mike Hughes.

"I'm ecstatic because last year we got this far (losing to Bedford in four games in the quarterfinals) and we came away disappointed," Krupsky said.

Added Archer: "This means the world to me. I've been playing since the fourth grade and this is my best accomplishment. I'm just happy it happened my senior year."

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Churchill's Greg Roberts (top), shown here capturing the 130-pound title at the Observerland Invitational against Belleville's Brian Augsberger, placed fifth in the Division 1 individual state finals.

## Area grapplers Billiau, Garcia each gain 2nds

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Observerland wrestlers acquitted themselves very well in last weekend's Division I state wrestling tournament hosted by the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Livonia Franklin boasted three state placers led by senior Josh Billiau, who was runner-up to Temperance Bedford's James Fisher in the 125-pound division.

Fellow Patriot seniors Nate Turco (152) and Pat Roumayah (171) added a seventh- and eighth-place finishes, respectively.

Billiau ended the year with an impressive 50-8 record with three losses coming against Fisher.

"I came in here expecting to do pretty well, and I exceeded my expectations," Billiau said. "I didn't go on the Internet to see the rankings, because I didn't want to psyche myself out. I knew the people in my region. I figured as long as I got here, I was doing O.K."

Billiau lost two previous meetings, once at the regional, 6-4, and the other by a point in an earlier meeting.

"Today I made a few mistakes - he (Fisher) was on his game and he ended up the victor again," Billiau said. "I made mistake in the second period, and then I had to make up for it the rest of the match."

Turco, making a return appearance to the state meet, wound up with a 4-6-10 record, while Roumayah, who wrestled JV last year, posted 4-5-10 mark which included 4-3 decision over Observerland champion Jeff Elswick in the wrestle-backs.

### Glenn grappler shines

Westland John Glenn's Shamir Garcia saved his best for last.

The 215-pound senior reached the finals before being knocked off by Joe Fisher of Mount Clemens Chippewa

Valley, 9-4. En route to the finals, Garcia decisioned Brett Correll of Utica Eisenhower in overtime, 6-4, and edged Justin Childress of Okemos, 2-1.

"Coming in here I was just taking it one match at a time," said Garcia, who ended the year 48-8 overall. "I've had a lot of injuries this year, so I took it kind of easy so I wouldn't injure anything new. I didn't open it up during the season, but it got me 45 wins anyway."

"This weekend I opened it up and got all the way to the finals. My goal was to get here."

Glenn coach Bill Polk said Garcia was in the verge of winning the whole thing.

"He set the pace in the match for the first couple of periods," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He was down a point and a takedown away from winning."

"The Chippewa Valley kid was maybe a little bit better on his feet. But overall Shamir wrestled great. I've never seen a kid smile so much. He was happy all over."

Garcia was able to get through a highly competitive field.

"The kids in that weight class beat up each other all year," Polk said. "All the guys in that weight class had great respect for each other. Shamir's our MVP. He turned it on at the right time and it was a nice ending."

"Last year he had a lot of injuries. He lost in overtime to qualify (for state). He had a dislocated shoulder. Most kids would have hung it up."

### Roberts earns 5th

A surprise call from Hafeez Qureshi, the 2005 Division I state champion at 215 pounds, apparently bolstered the spirits Livonia Churchill's Greg Roberts in his bid to earn a fifth place at 130.

Qureshi, now at Central Michigan University, gave his former teammate a much

needed pep talk, according to Churchill coach Marty Altounian.

Roberts then went out and secured fifth with a 1-0 decision over Billy Osborne of Temperance Bedford.

"Greg wants to be the best and he'll do whatever it takes," Altounian said. "He never thinks he's done enough or he's always lacking in something. He had a great tourney. He wrestled great."

Roberts finished his senior year 39-9 overall.

"He beat (James) Fisher of Bedford, the state champion at 125, in the Dundee Tournament," Altounian said.

"He hurt his rotator cuff and we sat him out of the league (Western Lakes) tournament. His first competition back was the team districts where he wrestled only one match."

"He's one of the leaders on our team. He had a bad ankle, a dislocated finger and a bothersome clavicle. He battled through a lot of adversity."

### Preiss winds up 6th

Wayne Memorial took three wrestlers to the Palace, but only 119-pounder Jamie Preiss, a senior, came away with a state medal.

Preiss wound up sixth overall and finished with a 44-10 record.

"Jamie had a great season," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "There were some bumps in the road. The 119-pound class this year was one of the toughest I've ever seen. It just goes to show that hard work and determination does prevail in the end."

"Jamie entered the state meet in a rough spot on the bracket, and had to defeat a top-ranked wrestler, as well as rival Jonny D'Anna from Northville (1-0), just to medal. He was the leader of my team and I will truly miss him next season."

Plymouth-Canton Observer sports editor Ed Wright also contributed to this report.

## Franklin's Jobbitt to join Hall of Fame club

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Insurance is his business. Community service is his devotion. But the game of hockey remains his passion.

Terry Jobbitt, who just completed his 25th season as Livonia Franklin's varsity coach, will join elite company Sunday when he will be inducted Sunday at Livonia's Laurel Manor into the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The Canton resident will be honored in the third class of MSHCA inductees alongside Frank DiCristofaro, who is the first coach to win state titles in three different divisions.

"This is probably the greatest honor I have ever received," Jobbitt said. "I have always coached for the love of the sport with hopes that I could make young men better players and prepare them for life, too."

The 57-year-old Jobbitt has produced 17 winning records in 25 years with the Patriots, including an overall mark of 292-257-56. He has captured one regional championship (1985) and finished runner-up twice (2001 and 2002). He also earned a Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association (2001).

Jobbitt's also has been selected league Coach of the Year four times in division Coach of the Year five times.

"This award will be something I will always cherish and it will help me look back and remember all the players that I have enjoyed coaching," Jobbitt



Jobbitt

said, "I have also had some excellent assistant coaches that have made it easy and enjoyable like Dan Phelps, Tim

Olschanski, Jim Wheaton, Scott Williams, Pete Caprara and Ryan Tracy.

"Tom Abraham, my defensive coach has been with me for 20 years, and my goalie coach, John Vasilco, 12 years. These two have been my backbone."

Jobbitt has been a longtime advocate and volunteer of Special Olympics where he has served on the Area 23 Board of Directors. He has also directed three state Special Olympics Tournaments. And through his hockey high school hockey team, Jobbitt organizes and coordinates two to three events per year.

Community-wise, Jobbitt

has served on the Board of Directors for the Canton Chamber of Commerce and was past president of the Wayne Civitans. He was also active with the Westland Community Foundation.

Service to the game of hockey includes working as the chief statistician for the WLAA for 15 years; past secretary and past vice-president of the MSHCA, along with committee duties for two years.

Jobbitt helped the Dearborn Heights Crestwood High School Booster Club start a hockey program and coached AAA, AA, A and house teams from 1971-82. He also was a

clinic instructor three year for AHAUS.

Jobbitt, who graduated and played hockey at Western Michigan University, spent one season as an assistant coach at Franklin (1981-82) before taking over the varsity reins.

"I have played or coached every year since I was 7 years-old," Jobbitt said. "My wife Kathy (of 35 years) has always been my inspiration and greatest supporter. Without her support I could not have coached."

"I have also been very fortunate to have three very supportive A.D.'s, and the administration at Franklin has been great."

Jobbitt will join past inductees Father Enright, Mike Turner, Ron Baum, Rex Luxton and Art Armstrong in the MSHCA Hall of Fame.

"I have observed Coach Jobbitt over the last seven seasons and have always been impressed with his passion and love for the game," Franklin principal Dan Willenborg said in his nomination letter to the MSHCA. "He is upbeat and enthusiastic about each season and player. He spends numerous hours in preparation and in scout work, and his teams are respected for always being ready to play."

"Coach Jobbitt has stressed academic achievement to his players and several of his teams have been recognized as Academic All-State Teams. He has served as an exemplary role model for the young men in our program."

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### PREP HOCKEY

#### 2006-07 WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS

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**Churchill:** Jason Proctor, Andy LaBerge, Keith Yackley, Matt Heinzelman, Dustin Wischmeyer, Steve Greco, Tony Ross; **Stevenson:** Chris Rapp, Steve Soave, R.J. Kierdorf, Mark Bekkiala; **Plymouth:** Adam Lazorka, Joe Perkovich, Brandon Patterson, Mark Oliver; **Northville:** Anthony Deneau, Steve Dawson, Mike Garbacz, Wes Gates, Matt Kraeger; **Salem:** Ralph Aspenwall, Kris Brandt, Nathan Werda, Aron Markwell, Mike Haburne; **Canton:** Brad Barath, Justin Ward, Kevin Swanberg, Zane Birchler; **W.L. Northern:** Jeff Walters, Mike Roberts; **W.L. Central:** Drew Semhenn, Jack Kennedy, Brett Malbin, Rob Archambault, Cody Farber, Matt Johnson; **W.L. Western:** Ben James, Ben Shaham, Jon Jolagh; **Franklin:** Jordan Chisholm, Jordan Short, Dan Ostrosky; **Alex Wypoc;**

### OVER 30 HOCKEY

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**Dynamic trio**

The Dynamic Boxing Club if Westland fared well in the Unity Boxing Club Show Feb. 24 at First United Methodist Church. Trainer Paul Soucy (left), age 68, got into the ring and took a three-round slugfest against 58-year-old Mike Richer of Wixom. Jamale Odum (right) defeated Pontiac's Matthew Maclay in a tough and exciting bout that brought the crowd to its feet. Dynamic, which is also coached by Chad Jacquillard, will be heading into a busy schedule of action beginning April 2-7 with the Midwestern Olympic Trials in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Detroit-area Golden Gloves follow April 13-15 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor followed by the Michigan Junior Olympic Championships, May 12-13, in Lincoln Park.

**Ineligible player finding cost Zebras 4 cage wins**

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Wayne Memorial boys basketball team used an ineligible player during the first semester and it will have to forfeit four victories because it violated the Michigan High School Athletic Association transfer rule.

The *Observer* learned the violation was reported last month to Wayne officials by a Dearborn Heights Robichaud athletic administrator.

"Their A.D. saw his name in the paper, he called us, and brought it to our attention," Wayne first-year athletic director Greg Ambrose said. "He said he had to go through the same thing. He said he had to

forfeit some football and basketball games because of a change of address."

The student-athlete was supposed to sit out the first semester, which ended Jan. 19, under MHSAA transfer rule.

After the violation was reported, the player in question, an underclassmen, sat out additional games during the second semester, but was reinstated and played in last week's 61-51 Class A district tourney loss to Belleville.

"We did an investigation and we discovered it was not a full and complete move as determined by the MHSAA rules," Ambrose said. "We wish we

would have caught it prior to the season. It's a dual residency issue, which isn't a concern now."

Wayne, which finished the season with an 11-10 overall record, will forfeit victories against Riverview (Dec. 19), Westland John Glenn (Dec. 21), Livonia Stevenson (Jan. 9) and Walled Lake Central (Jan. 12) - all non-division games.

A letter was forwarded by Ambrose to the athletic directors at the above mentioned schools in notification of the violation.

The four forfeits mean the Zebras end the year technically with a 7-14 record.

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**SPARTANS**

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Jordan contributed eight points a piece.

Snow followed up his own missed free throw with a layup with nine seconds left in the first quarter to put the Spartans in front, 14-13. However, Henry Ford's Dearborn Tate secured the ensuing inbounds pass, dribbled to the top of the key and banked in a triple at the buzzer to give the Trojans a 16-14 edge after one.

Stevenson would never lead again.

"I thought we played a great first quarter and then we ran into a little bad luck when he banked in that three," Miller said. "It's tough

to counter their overall quickness and overall athleticism. We didn't want to get into a transition game with them, but they kind of controlled the tempo after the first quarter."

Snow buried a short jumper 1:29 into the second quarter to knot the game at 16-16, but Henry Ford seized control of the contest with an 18-2 run to close out the half with a 34-18 lead.

Mulcahy drained a triple to open the second half and cut Stevenson's deficit to 34-21, however, the Trojans sealed the win with a 12-2 run, the highlight of which was a one-step, two-handed slam by Wright.

Led by Wright's seven rebounds, the Trojans dominated the boards, 40-22. Despite his modest 5-11 height, Mulcahy led the Spartans with

six boards.

Henry Ford also finished on top in the turnover department, committing just five to the Spartans' 17.

Stevenson connected on 12-of-42 field goals (28.5 percent), while the Trojans sank 32-of-61 shots (52.4). The Spartans made 10-of-13 free throws (76.9).

The game concluded a glorious high school basketball career for Knochel, who defied opposing defenses with his quick feet and incredible shooting range.

"Luke's a great athlete, but he's a special person, too," Miller said. "He'll definitely be missed here at Stevenson. Wherever he decides to go to college, he'll be an asset, both on and off the court."

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**GUZIK**

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around along with three individual events.

After cheering on her teammates in the Division II competition, Guzik went out to Buddy's Pizza with some of her teammates to celebrate.

"Paula was a great surprise, but I knew she was capable," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "Between the vault and the beam, she's been very consistent all year. She's actually strong on all four. "She, myself and the team were very thrilled."

Guzik's work ethic all season didn't go unnoticed by Grodzicki.

"She's very, very focused at practice, determined to get all her requirements and she's also a great leader," Grodzicki said.

Guzik spent almost 11 years with the Livonia Gymnastics Academy before making the switch to the high school team as a freshman last year with the Livonia Unified team.

"Instead of spending four hours at the gym every night, I felt like high school gymnastics was something easier to do and it's been a lot of fun," the 10th-grader said. "You have your ups and downs during a season. When the teams split (between Red and Blue) this year, I didn't know what to expect, but it was good overall."

Freshman Emily Quint of Livonia Blue tied for seventh in the all-around at 37.325 and gained all-state recognition with a third on floor (9.525); an eighth on bars (9.3); and a tie for 10th in the vault (9.35).

Other all-state performances by Livonia gymnasts came from Red senior Andrea Pisani, who took seventh on bars (9.35), and Blue junior Meghan Powers, who tied for 10th on floor (9.25).

Powers wound up 16th in the all-around (35.95), while Pisani was 17th (35.9).

In between sessions for Division I and II, Pisani was awarded the Kim Rennolds \$500 Memorial Scholarship by the Michigan High School

Gymnastics and Judges Association. The award goes to top senior gymnast based on performance, character and academics. Pisani carries a 4.0 grade-point average.

In Division II, Livonia Blue sophomore Laura Nomura took sixth in the all-around (36.175) with Northville's Julie Foucher finishing first (36.675).

Nomura gained all-state accolades with a seventh in the vault (9.3); a fifth on floor (9.2); a sixth on beam (9.1); and a tie for 10th on bars (8.575).

Livonia Blue's Kelly Tapella, a junior captain, added a tie for seventh en route to all-state laurels on bars (8.6).

Other Livonia Blue Division II scores were turned in by Tapella, 16th, floor (8.925) and Katie Bridges, 21st on floor (8.8).

Red's Margarita Lazarevskaya was 24th in the vault (8.9), while Brittany Swazey added a 32nd (8.525) in the same event.

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# Top 10 hopes dunked

## Stevenson settles for 13th in Division I state meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson had high hopes again entering last weekend's Division I state boys swimming and diving finals at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

But the Spartans, coming off a third-place finish in 2006, slipped 10 spots to 13th in 2007 with 66 points.

Birmingham Brother Rice earned the team title Saturday with 231 points. Zealand finished runner-up with 207.5, while Western Lakes Activities Association champion Northville, which finished one place behind Stevenson last year, moved up to third with 193.

"We swam average, and unfortunately when you swim average at the state meet, you have an average outcome," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "We did not have anything all weekend. We kind of fell apart, so it was kind of a disappointing state meet."

Stevenson's highest individual finishers included senior Travis Hatt, who took fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (51.66), and senior Jeff Pauza, who placed sixth in the 500 freestyle (4:45.97).

Pauza also added an eighth in the 100 backstroke (54.21) after setting school record in Friday's prelims with a time of 53.62, eclipsing the mark held by Spartans assistant coach Joe Bublitz.

"Jeff had a real good state meet," Shoemaker said. "He swam 4:39.82 in the prelims of the 500 (freestyle) and is only the second swimmer in school history to break 4:40 (the

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other is school record holder Eric Smith)."

Also scoring points for the Spartans were junior Robert Luke, who took a 12th in the 100 butterfly (53.74) and a 13th in the 100 backstroke (55.26). Hatt added a 16th in the 200 individual medley (2:01.17) after posting a clocking of 1:57.2 in the prelims.

Stevenson's 200 medley relay team of Luke, sophomore Joey Wingett, Hatt and Pauza placed 10th in 1:39.3 after going 1:38.64 in the prelims.

The Spartans' 400 freestyle relay team of Pauza, Sam Loria, Kyle Hermann and Hatt went 3:16.26 in the prelims and wound up 15th overall after clocking a 3:20.02 in the B final.

"We've got a relatively young team," Shoemaker said. "But we lose two big studs (Hatt and Pauza), so our younger kids are going to have to swim in the off-season in order for us to move back up."

Two other area performers earned four points apiece in the state meet for their respective schools.

Westland John Glenn diver Jon Whitt, a senior, wound up 13th on the 1-meter board with a total of 329.05 points despite an injury.

"It was a quite a courageous effort," Glenn first-year coach Bob Harding said. "He stepped in a small hole on the pool deck that required 10 stitches on the back of his heel. We had to take him to the hospital. The doctor said he was O.K. to go as long as we taped him up to

prevent any bleeding."

Whitt found himself in 10th place after the prelims with 248.30 points.

"He did the eight dives on Friday and came back after being on crutches for the final three on Saturday," Harding said. "It would have been easy to scratch himself, but he's a tough kid and a very fierce competitor."

Livonia Churchill senior Drew Randall also finished 13th in the 100 freestyle where he posted identical times of 48.44 in both the prelims and B final.

The last time the Chargers had a state qualifier was 1995.

"Drew had a good meet," Churchill coach Aaron Rieder said. "He was ranked 24th going in and was 15th after the prelims, and then moved up to 13th in the (B) finals."

Churchill's 200 freestyle relay team of senior Ben Lamerand, junior Steve Jones, senior Mark Gordon and Randall placed 19th overall in Friday's prelims with a time of 1:31.19, breaking the school record of 1:31.29 set in 1995.

The Chargers finished one place ahead of the Stevenson foursome of Hermann, Luke, Loria and sophomore Michael Cruce (1:31.71).

"We definitely think we made some progress this year," Rieder said. "We'll miss all those seniors."

Other area prelim performances were turned in by Hermann, 34th, 200 freestyle (1:49.9); and 44th, 100 freestyle (50.18); and Cruce, 37th, 100 butterfly (56.65).

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# Whalers hit 100-point mark with 6-1 win

Chris Terry led a balanced attack with a goal and three assists and Michal Neuvirth stopped 31-of-32 shots as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 6-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 3,004 fans Sunday afternoon at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Besides Terry - who scored his 22nd goal of the year - Plymouth received goals from Andrew Fournier (20), Jared Boll (28), Vern Cooper (9), Steve Ward (15) and Kaine Geldart (5).

Brandon MacLean scored his 18th goal of the season for Sault Ste. Marie.

With the win, Plymouth hits 100 points with a record of 48-14-1-3 - the second time in the Whalers' 17-year history they've hit 100 points in a season. The 1998-99 Whalers hold the franchise record with 106 points (51-13-4).

Plymouth remains tied with London as the top team overall in OHL and the Whalers and Knights will go down to the final weekend of the OHL regular season battling for the top spot.

The Whalers pulled away from Sault Ste. Marie in the game, leading 1-0 after one period and 5-1 after forty minutes.

Fournier scored the only goal of the first period at 13:43 on a power play when he batted home a rebound past Sault Ste. Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski. Terry set up the play with a good low shot from the left point.

The Whalers blew the game open in the second period on goals by Boll at 0:40 (shot from the right circle inside the far post), Cooper at 1:01 (jammed in from the right goal post), Ward at 10:45 (hard shot from the high slot) and Terry (low shot from the right hash mark) to lead 5-0. MacLean scored the only Soo goal at 19:51.

"As soon as they scored their third goal, it just took everything out of us," Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg told Canadian Press. "We did not respond. (The Whalers) are what they are, the best team in the league. You have to be prepared to play every shift against them. And if you're not, that's exactly what happens. They take advantage."

Geldart closed the scoring in the third period with a short handed goal at 15:54 when he blocked a shot in his own zone, collected the puck a center ice and skated hard right wing to the Soo goal, where he beat backup goal-

tender Matt Hache with a well-placed shot.

The Whalers complete the regular season this weekend, playing in Sault Ste. Marie on Friday and then hosting Kitchener on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in the Annual Green-Out game. London plays a home-and-home series with Erie this weekend - Friday at the John Labatt Centre and Saturday in Erie.

Plymouth has home ice in the first round of the upcoming OHL playoffs and will open the playoffs at 7:05 p.m. Saturday March 24 against an opponent to be determined.

Single game playoff tickets and playoff packages can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400.

### WHALERS FACE GARAY:

Former Plymouth goaltender Justin Garay had a hard time sleeping last week before the Whalers played last Friday in Erie.

Garay has had an injury-plagued season, but has come back in March in a bid to stake a claim for regular work in Erie next season as an average.

"They (the Whalers) were the better team," Garay told the Erie-Times News after Plymouth's 5-1 win over the Otters. "They are workmanlike. They don't beat themselves. I thought I competed pretty well. I think we just got out-teamed. I'm glad it's over."

# Crusaders wrap up trip with 3-2 win

The Madonna University baseball team finished up a successful spring trip to Pace, Fla. with a 3-2 triumph over Fisher College (Mass.) Saturday, behind the pitching of senior righthander Josh Regits.

The Lake Orion product earned his first victory as a Crusader, pitching six and 2/3 innings and fanning a career high nine.

Senior reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington) closed out the win, which improved MU's record to 8-5.

It was his first collegiate

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save.

Madonna scored three runs in the first three innings after an RBI double by senior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington) in the first inning, an RBI single by sophomore infielder Ryan Morrow in the second inning and an RBI sacrifice fly by senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) in the third, which

proved to be the winning run.

The Falcons (2-1) plated two runs in the seventh inning to chase MU starter Regits from the game before Hand came on to secure the win.

The Crusaders now will gear up for the home opener, a doubleheader slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at Ilitch Ballpark against Malone College of Ohio. Ilitch Ballpark is located adjacent to Ladywood High School off Newburgh between I-96 and Five Mile Road.

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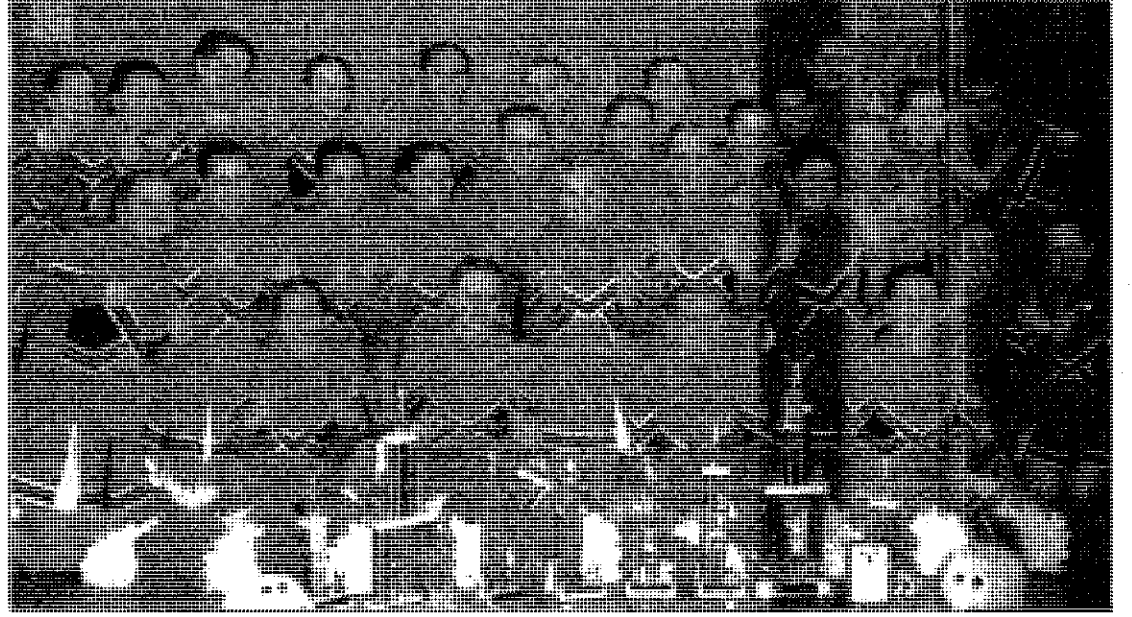
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**JV hockey champs**

The Novi-Detroit Catholic Central JV hockey team, coached by Jim Glynn, went 19-2-3 overall in its inaugural season capped by a 3-2 double-overtime victory over Warren DeLaSalle in the playoff championship. Josh Walters' slap shot from the center circle proved to be the game-winner. Nick Kristock and Nick Bates also scored for CC. Goaltender Zack Cisek stopped 25 of 27 shots on net. Other members of the 15-1-1 MIPHL Conference champions include: Nick Crowley, Chris Waterstreet, Korey Kiefer, Eric Fragoso, Corey Smith, Evan Malecke, Steve Smith, Bret Schrader, Ryan Obuchowski, Dan Brown, Marcos Madrigal, Rob Brzezinski, Anthony Rossi, Nick Bates, Kyle Nelson, Davey Middleton and Nick Stoley. Assistant coaches include Bernie Crowley, Geoff Middleton and Jim Cisek.



**Regional champs**

The Livonia Middle School pom pon squad (grades 6-8) captured first place for the fourth year in a row at regional competition held Jan. 20 at Churchill High School. Members of the team, coached by Andrea Shook, include: Jennifer Alberts, Tori Barnes, Ciara Diamond, Allison Estes, Brette Gurski, Callie Gurski, Katelyne Johnson, Lauren Karnesky, Stacey Kuehn, Kristy Lindensmith, Mallory Mager, Nicole Marzolf, Alison McDonald, Alic McGrorty, Tegan McGrorty, Jen Mueller, Tina Olter, Breann Ostlund, Brittany Rees, Brittany Schulte, Kristen Schwarz, Chelsea Sieber, Becky Snyder, Autumn Stahl, Shelby Stec, Angela Swirlies, Hayley Tsermegas and Nickie Walker. Assistant coaches include Emily D'Annunzio and Ashley Thomas.



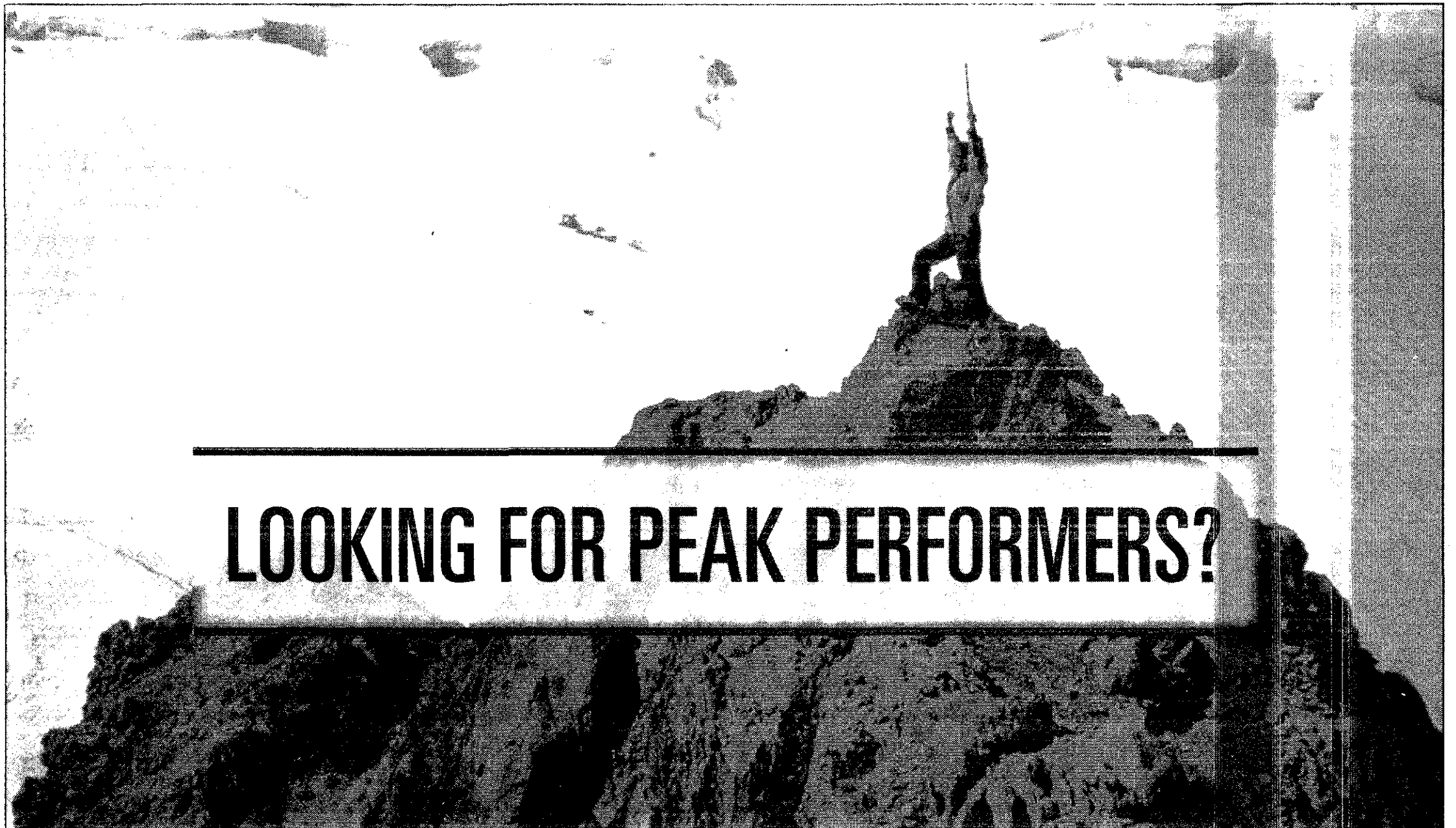
**President's champ**

The '96 Livonia Knights, a Squirt AA travel hockey team, captured the President's Day Invitational Tournament, Feb. 17-19, in Strongsville, Ohio with victories over the Romeoville (Ill.) Huskies in the final, 4-1, and the Strongsville Mustangs in the semifinals, 3-2. Members of the Knights, coached by Ray Chartier, include: Mickey Sinclair, Luke Otto, Tyler Irvine, Cole Christie, Evan Gibboney, Devin Kelly, Drew Puishes, Chris Murphy, Ray Chartier, Charlie Supernois, Kyle Witherspoon, Matt Taliaferro, Dominic Lutz, Dante Seychel, and goaltenders Bryan Abell and Steven Hurley. Assistant coaches include Jim Gibboney, Joe Chartier, Doug Witherspoon and junior coach Cooper Christie. The team manager is Mike Sinclair.



**National champs**

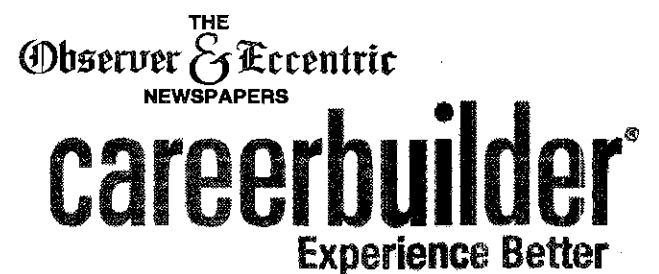
The under-13 boys Waza FC soccer team, composed of players from Waza East and Waza West, won the national indoor championship Feb. 17-18 in Sterling, Va. Waza, which had a 3-0-1 record in the tournament, defeated the Green Turtle (Salisbury, Md.), 12-3; and the HMMS Strike Eagles (Mechanicsburg, Pa.), 5-1; tied Team America (Washington, D.C.), 5-5; and, in the championship game, defeated the Midwest Wings (Olympia Fields, Ill.), 8-3. It's the first Division 1 youth national indoor championship for the Waza team. The team members are (front row, left to right) coach Mario Scicluna, Jake Finkbiner, Farmington; Jeff Thomas, Livonia; Nicholas Sobczynski, Rochester; Adriel Neely, Farmington Hills; assistant coach William Furgason, Plymouth Township; (back row, left to right) Connor Furgason, Plymouth Township; Cameron Roberts, Redford; Matthew Delang, Shelby Township; Scott Poole, Madison Heights; Jacob Flanigan, Sterling Heights; Jacob Sims, Oxford; and Joe Serra, Macomb.



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### ACROSS

- 1 Happy sighs
- 4 Tabula — (clean slate)
- 8 Brass instrument
- 12 Pinch
- 13 Mountains or river
- 14 Rubaiyat author
- 15 Proximity
- 17 Stop the car
- 18 Height, to a cager
- 19 Georgetown athlete
- 21 Is, to Fritz
- 23 Montezuma's empire
- 27 Lemony taste
- 30 Ice palace
- 33 Galleon cargo
- 34 Doing business
- 35 Novelist
- 36 Attired — Umberto —
- 37 Dr. Morgan of the comics

### DOWN

- 1 Tolstoy heroine
- 2 Speeds off
- 3 Locale for a Jacuzzi
- 4 Undersized pups
- 5 — you kidding?
- 6 Window frame
- 7 Too
- 8 November stone

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## SUDOKU

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| BLANKET  | DIAPERS  | POWDER   |
| BONNET   | LOTION   | STROLLER |
| BOTTLES  | PACIFIER | TOYS     |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

A	D	W	B	O	N	N	E	T	L
E	I	R	T	P	I	Y	S	T	O
B	A	S	S	I	N	E	T	F	T
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N	R	T	I	D	W	S	L	W	N
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9	5	7	2	8	3	7	4	6
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