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Weathering economic storm 7 arrested in

Budget avoids layoffs, holds on to surplus

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Despite worsening economic problems, Westland Mayor William Wild has proposed a balanced budget that maintains a \$2 million surplus, avoids layoffs and protects city services.

"We're still holding our own," he said. "I feel like we're still in good shape — better shape than some surrounding communities."

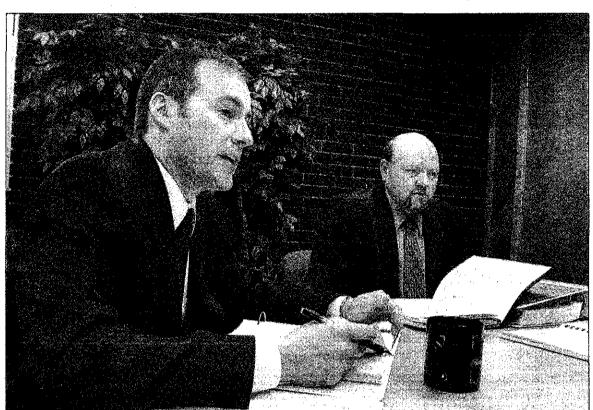
Cost-cutting measures and an increase in investment revenues have helped offset rising expenses for fuel, utilities, employee health care and repairs to aging city buildings. Even so, city officials expect deepening losses in state-shared dollars, road funds, cable franchise fees and new building revenues.

"Michigan's worsening economy has made balancing the budget a very challenging ordeal," city Finance Director Steven Smith wrote in a twopage budget summary to Wild.

Wild, Smith and Deputy Mayor Courtney Brown responded Wednesday to questions about the proposed \$60.8 million general fund budget during a meeting, requested by the Observer, in the mayor's office.

Wild has submitted his budget proposal to the seven-member. Westland City Council, which will start a series of public discussions at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The first round of talks will include a budget overview and then focus on 18th District Court and three city departments

- fire, police and public service. The council will consider any changes before voting on a spending plan in early June. Michigan's woeful economy has prodded Lansing officials to



Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and Finance Director Steven Smith discuss the city's proposed budget, which is balanced despite economic problems.

trim revenues they share with local communities. During the last six years, that has meant about \$8 million less than what was once projected for Westland.

During the budget year that starts July 1, city officials are bracing for potential further cuts in state-shared revenue, possibly as much as \$275,000.

"We could absorb it," Wild said, but the \$2 million surplus would

Despite a bleak economy, the new spending plan isn't all gloom and doom for residents, who themselves are struggling to survive amid job losses, increasing expenses and rising foreclosures. Consider why:

Wild has proposed reducing the garbage-disposal and drain-. project taxes, saving the owner of a \$100.000 home about \$15 a year unless the council decides against it.

- Layoffs would be avoided,

meaning that police, fire and other services would be main-

Although some businesses have closed their doors, new companies also have located in Westland. Brown viewed that as an indication that the city is weathering the economic storm as much as possible.

 Water-sewer rates would inch up just 2.7 percent, compared to substantially larger increases in some communities. A typical household that uses 22,000 gallons every two months would see costs increase \$20 a year, Smith said. Water-sewer rate hikes would reflect only those increases passed to the city from Detroit and Wayne County.

- Dorsey Street, between Venoy and Merriman in the mostly low-income Norwayne neighborhood, would benefit

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Westland Deputy Mayor Courtney Brown says the city continues to draw new businesses, despite a gloomy economy.

major home break-in ring

BY DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITER

Livonia police nabbed four men and three women this week in a major home invasion ring that operated across at least a half-dozen western Wayne County

Police say the crew was responsible for 20-30 house break-ins in Canton, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Livonia. They mainly stole jewelry and other valuables such as cell phones, cameras, computer equipment and guns.

On Friday, four of the suspects were facing possible weekend arraignments in Westland, police Sgt. Thad Nelson confirmed.

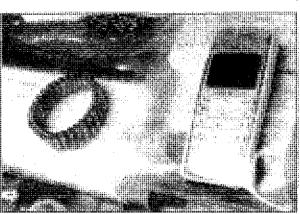
One or more suspects have been linked to seven home invasions from January to early April in Westland, including five in the Merriman-Ann Arbor Trail area and two in the city's south end, Nelson said.

Those on the south side occurred in an area bounded by Wildwood, Wayne, Palmer and Avondale, he

Their method of operation was viewed firsthand in Livonia Wednesday at a home on Harrison Street near Joy, thanks to a Livonia police surveillance team, according to Livonia Sgt. Cory Williams.

Those officers had followed the crew for two days after tracking them down due in large part to a woman who described a man with a crew cut and a

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Jewelry and cell phones were among the recovered items.

Eager for **Easter**

Luke and Katheryn, 2, pull along their mother Theresa Tumavitch to gather the marshmallows that were dropped Friday at the 23rd annual Wayne County Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park off Hines Drive in Westland, For more on the event, please see page A3.



Library week promises activities, fun for all

With the search for a new director over, the Westland public library is gearing up for some National Library Week activities that employees promise will offer fun for visitors of all ages.

"We're really excited," said Marilyn Kwik, head of reference/adult services and acting co-director until new Director Cheryl Napsha takes over May 1. Library employees hope that new

and longtime patrons, alike, will buy into this year's theme, Come Together at Your Library. National Library Week will be

April 15-21. 'We're really promoting all these programs to people of all ages. ... We're always interested in bringing more people into the library," Kwik

For more information and specific dates and times about the following programs, call the Westland

library at (734) 326-6123 or visit its

Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

On Sunday, April 15, the library will kick off a week of special programs with a visit from characters from the Rainforest Café.

Patrons are welcome to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon with Matt Watroba from the Detroit public radio program Folks Like Us as he performs an all-ages show of folk music and singing, illustrating this vear's theme of Come Together at Your Library.

On the evening of Monday, April 16, library employees say it's time to step up the pace a notch and learn some smooth moves in salsa or hiphop classes taught by dance instructor and freelance choreographer Lisa Davis-English.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 17, coffee and food will be available at Coffee House & Game Night.

Library employees welcome patrons for a game of Pictionary or some chocolate chip cookies, and patrons are urged to bring their friends and family.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 18, children are invited to an interactive story time and puzzle craft program.

Then, National Library Week will come to a close with Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 21, with a showing of the film Eragon, adapted from the hit young adult novel.

In addition to the many programs at the library, there will be a continuous stream of raffles, activities and contests, providing ample opportunity to win some great prizes.

The activities were planned by a committee that included Kwik, Amber Browne, Bernadette Dewyer, Mary Beth Fixler, Anne Prokopchak and Bridget Sturdgy.

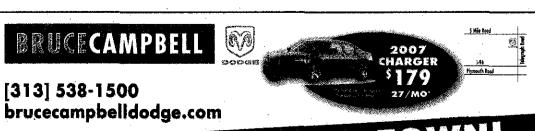
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Alternative fuels

One of the hot topics these days is the use of alternative fuels, especially in the automotive industry. Alternative fuels, as defined by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct), include ethanol, natural gas, propane, hydrogen, biodiesel, electricity, methanol, and p-series fuels.

Using these alternative fuels in vehicles can generally reduce harmful pollutants and exhaust emissions. In addition, most of these fuels can be domestically produced and derived from renewable sources.

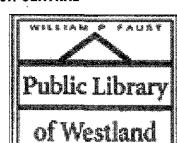
In his 2007 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush championed energy alternatives. Among his emphases was the potential of biomass plant materials - to fulfill a greater share of our nation's transportation fuel needs.

One of Bush's latest initiatives is his 20-in-10 plan, which calls for reducing U.S. gasoline consumption by 20 percent in 10 years through boosting alternative-fuel consumption to 35 billion gallons a year from 7 billion gallons now, as well as raising fuel-economy standards.

Using alternative fuels is not a new idea. Electric vehicles have been around since the 1800s, but lost favor in the mid 1900s due to better road conditions, need to travel longer distances and a growing domestic oil/gas industry.

The 1960s and 1970s saw a need for alternative-fueled vehicles to reduce the problems of exhaust emissions from internal combustion engines and to reduce the dependency on imported foreign crude oil. These reasons haven't changed over time and the effect on global warming has become an added incentive to look once again at alternative fuels.

If you're interested in learning more about alternative fuels, the William P. Faust Public Library has resources that might be of interest to you. Some books that might help you sort out the reasons for using these types of fuel include Energy Alternatives: Opposing Viewpoints; Richard Heinberg's The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies and William Sweet's Kicking the Carbon Habit: Global Warming and The Case for Renewable and Nuclear Energy.



If electric and hybrid cars are of interest to you, check these out: Who Killed the Electric Car? (DVD); Curtis D. Anderson's Electric and Hybrid Cars: A History; Joe Sherman's Charging Ahead and Daniel Sperling's Future Drive: Electric Vehicles and Sustainable Transportation.

Two Web sites to check out for specific information on alternative fuels and the government's energy initiatives are www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/altfuel/altfuels.html and www.nrel.gov/.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted activities

Spring Cleanup for

Gardeners: 11 a.m. April 14. Join Michigan Nurserywoman Sandra Healey to learn about getting your garden ready for planting after the long winter. Register by calling (734) 326-6123.

Microsoft Word for Beginners: 2 p.m. April 14. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word - a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and

print. No registration is required. National Library Week Kickoff: 2 p.m. April 15.

Come together to celebrate National Library Week with Folks Like Us' Matt Watroba, the "voice of folk music in Michigan." An accomplished folk singer and songwriter, Watroba will give a free concert at the library. Space is limited, so reserve your seats at the Reference Desk or by calling (734) 326-6123.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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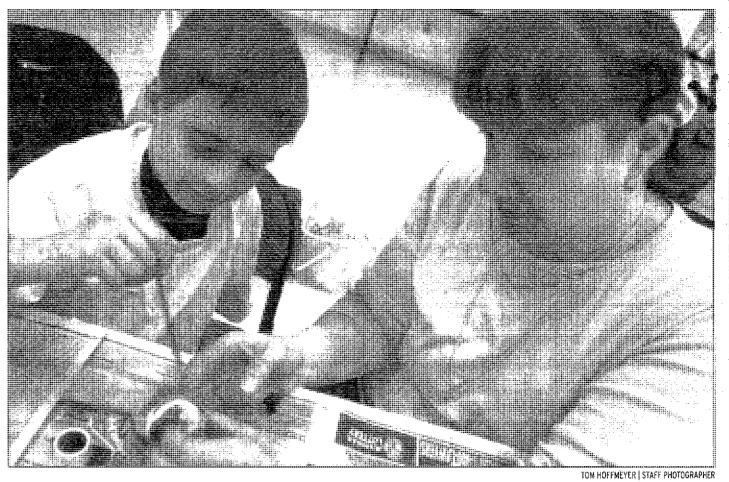
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Seven-year-old Jacob Kendrick and his mother Melissa work on decorating an Easter craft during a program Monday at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. Youngsters also decorated baskets as part of the pre-Easter activity.

LIVONIA SCHOOL ELECTION

Freeman stands by Legacy plan, wants more teacher development

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

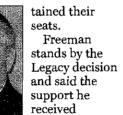
Robert Freeman, an engineer and father of two Livonia Public Schools graduates, is seeking a second term on the school board.

Freeman, who volunteers by reading with first-graders and mentoring middle schoolers, said he serves on the board because he wants to give back to the community.

"I love being able to make an impact on kids' lives," said Freeman, 49. Big issues facing the board

include finances and preparing to meet all requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act by 2014. To that end, Freeman proposes more professional development for teachers.

In his first term, Freeman voted in favor of a plan to close seven schools and reconfigure grade levels. He and like-minded trustees were targeted for recall in August, but main-



received throughout the recall led him to decide to run again. As for next year's budget, he

said, "we're looking at anywhere between \$5 million and \$10 million in cuts. But, he added that music and other upper elementary

programs added as a result of the Legacy Initiative are safe. There were two reasons for the Legacy Initiative, fewer students and fewer finances, Freeman said. Academics was his No. 1 concern throughout the deci-

"We knew that we needed to close schools," he said. "I think we have a better educational model as a result of what we did."

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sion-making process, he said.

Futrell: Focus on enrollment, communication and finances tained their ning to undo

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

Steve Futrell, a father of four who owns three Livonia businesses, is running for a fouryear term on the Livonia Public Schools board.

He said he wants to improve communication, finances and district enrollment. "The district is in a financial

mess," he said, adding that board members have to take the lead in that regard. "I will be that person who asks those questions."

Futrell, 41, formerly served as president of the group Citizens for Livonia's Future, which led a failed recall effort against school board members following their decision to close seven schools and reconfigure grade levels.

Futrell said he doesn't like the new school grade configurations, citing busing and bullying concerns based on sizes of buildings. His children, ages 13, 11, 7 and 5, will all attend different LPS schools next year. However, he said he is not run-



Futrell

How do we bring children back to the district? How do we establish a plan going forward financially, and understanding what our parents and citizens want as a district?"

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Initiative.

LPS should survey families to see if the district can lure private and home schools students, he said. "What is it that they're needing that they're not getting in Livonia Public Schools and why aren't we asking those questions?"

The Legacy Initiative was a symptom of a problem, he said. "It did not solve any of our financial woes."

Current school board members suggest lobbying the state legislature for funding, he said. "At what point do we take a level of responsibility and put together our own plan?" he asked.





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The event is sponsored by the Wayne County Parks department and gathers youngsters together to watch thousands of marshmallows be dropped from a helicopter. Then, the children – separated by age groups – can pick up one or more marshmallows in their baskets and later turn them in for a treat, with one treat per child.

The event, along with another drop the same morning in Trenton, is put on in cooperation with the Westland Civitans and Trenton Parks & Recreation. Help is also provided by DTE Energy, ITCTransmission, WNIC radio and Morley Candy

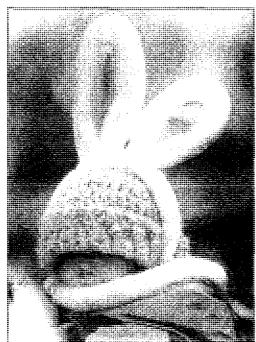
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Ready to high-five the Easter bunny is Matthew Wilson, 2, (right), in the arms of mother Ariana. They live in Livonia.



Nicholas Painter, 5, of Garden City picks up a marshmallow.



Bundled up, Abby Watt $3\frac{1}{2}$ of Dearborn waits for the helicopter to arrive.



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A helicopter drops its soft and sweet cargo at the annual Wayne County Marshmallow drop.



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Bill would let residents place security freeze on credit info

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, recently voted in support of a plan to fight identity theft by allowing residents to place a security freeze on their credit report.

The plan also prohibits a credit-reporting agency from releasing or using information without proper authorization.

"As identity theft grows, we must ensure that our làws are keeping pace," said LeBlanc, a reserve police officer with the Canton Police Department. "Identity theft is growing at an alarming pace. This plan gives our consumers the tools they need to keep their personal financial information in a lock-

The legislation features security provisions, including a personal identification number (PIN) that gives users easy access to their personal and confidential credit information.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, 10 million people are harmed by identity theft each year. That means about 19 individuals become identity theft victims every minute. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, identity theft has passed drug trafficking as the No. 1 crime in the nation and costs businesses and consumers billions of dollars each

The bill combats this crime by locking down unsecured access to consumers' credit information, limiting security breaches. The bill also lets consumers freeze all accounts, limiting access to those records through the sole use of the consumers'.PIN. The freeze will remain in effect on all accounts through the three official credit reporting agencies until the consumer chooses to lift it.

"Identity theft can happen in seconds, but it can take years to recover when your personal information has been stolen," LeBlanc said. "This plan will help our residents maintain control of their personal information, and will protect that information from being compromised by identi-

"This is the right thing to do for our consumers."

BUDGET

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from a \$550,000 paving project. "I can't remember the last time the city did a road project in Norwayne," Wild said.

Residents who use the Mike Modano Ice Arena and Jaycee Park would benefit — or at least their vehicles would from parking lot repairs.

- Some services are expected to improve, such as the ability of residents to conduct more city business online, Smith said.

In a minor cost-saving meas-

ure, council members last month rejected pay raises of 1 percent this year and next for themselves, overriding a decision by the Local Officers Compensation Commission. Moreover, Wild proposed no salary increases for his direc-

Those decisions came as the city prepares this year to enter into contract talks with some employee groups.

For years, one of the most troubling aspects of financial planning for city officials has been sudden changes in income, such as state-shared revenues. Smith, in his letter to the mayor, warned of potentially deeper problems.

"It is apparent the probability of cuts will continue for the foreseeable future," Smith wrote. "In addition to the yearly cut in state-shared revenues, the state is starting to cut other revenue streams the city receives."

In conclusion, however, Smith wrote, "While Michigan's economy is still slow to recover, we were able to produce a budget that has met all of the challenges."

The hope of city officials is that those challenges don't become substantially greater.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 will be held on Monday, May 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall; 36601 Ford Road; Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

> Eileen DeHart City Clerk

ARRESTS

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vehicle after a break-in last week while she was at her home in the Joy and Middlebelt area, Williams said.

The break-in on Harrison happened about 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. There, police watched a woman knock on the front door and then act as a lookout, while a man kicked in the back door.

Officers caught him and found assorted jewelry in his pockets - including a woman's watch and ring - valued at about \$1,100, according to reports.

The other members of the crew were arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property. They were expected to have been arraigned Friday or Saturday.

Williams said the group was selling the stolen items to pay for crack cocaine.

All the robberies were daytime burglaries, often in quiet neighborhoods where most of the people were at work, Williams said. The

crew, all western Wayne County residents, used different vehicles in different

"This is going to clean up a lot, a lot of the home invasions and burglaries, and more will come forward," Williams said. He cited the work of Livonia Detective Martin Donnelly and the help of other police departments in breaking the case.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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Personal property described below in the matter of 2045 - Donna Bauer - mattress set, television, boxes

2077 – Chanda Stewart – boxes, dresser, totes 3082 – Michael Height – dressers, Yamaha 1986 Radian – Vein #

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3098 - Debbie Ryan - boxes, toys, snow blower 4025 - Steven Arp - 2 bikes, 15 boxes, television 4057 - Barbara Koltuniak - 40 boxes, entertainment center, chairs

5020 – Sonya Martins – pictures, dressers, car parts 5043 – Yvonne Blanding – bikes, china cabinets, freezer 5055 – Robert Howell – 2 bags, boxes, sled

5079 - John Reardon - love seat, mattress, television

6034 -- Kevin Davanzo -- stove, desk, television

6059 - Judith Ryan - boxes, lawnmower, compressor 6109 - Scott Seppais - mattress, boxes, chairs

6119 - Sherre Roy - 30 boxes, chair, stereo 7027 - Gaye Shreve - china cabinet, boxes, end tables

7054 - Demark Bellman - bikes, lawn mower, 2 televisions 7057 - Kelli Hoilfield - totes, boxes, headboard

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

> Asbestos Abatement Western Wayne Skill Center

Contract Documents may be examined at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Department Office at 15125 Farmington Road, from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Bid forms, specifications and drawings are available at the Maintenance Department of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. A \$25.00 fee is required for the specifications and drawings.

A mandatory site inspection is required and will be held on

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Western Wayne Skill Center (Ford) 8075 Ritz, Westland, MI 48185 at 1:00 pm. Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 am on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Board of Education Administrative Services Office, 15125

Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. The bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Vendors are encouraged to attend. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a

Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Jim McMuldroch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500, ext. 42158.

> Sandra L. Pollack Supervisor of Finance Livonia Public Schools

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Voter deadline

Monday, April 9, is the last day to register to vote in local school board elections. For more information, call the Westland City Clerk's Office at (734) 467-3185.

Chili cook-off

The Westland Democratic Club will have its secondannual chili cook-off Tuesday, April 24, at the Dorsev Community Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of

Cooks will be there at 5:30 p.m.; tasters at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for tasters, who will vote for their favorite chili. Cooks also will pay a \$5 entry fee.

There will be two categories, one for candidates/elected officials and another for political activists.

Beverages and desserts will be included in the cost. Extra votes for the best chili may be cast for \$1.

All proceeds will benefit the Westland Democratic Club. For more information call

Mike at (734) 788-1550 or Nan at (734) 674-7327.

Spring break

Activities are blooming the week of Spring Break for local students. Activities planned by the Westland Parks & Recreation Department include a bowling party Monday at Westland Bowl; golfing Tuesday at the city's municipal golf course; a basketball clinic Wednesday at the Bailey Center; a Rockers soccer clinic Thursday; and a spring teen dance and skate park blast Friday.

Students from neighboring communities also are welcome. For exact times, additional information or to register for any of the events, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734)722-7620.

It's not too late to sign up for

classes or to have a quilt dis-

Plymouth/Westland Grange

No. 389's fifth annual quilt

show on Saturday, April 21.

p.m. at the Westland senior

south of Ford in Westland.

The show will be 10 a.m. to 5

Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh

The event will feature quilts,

vendors and appraisals. This

year's class will be a jigsaw

played at the

Teen videos

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour will present two teen violence videos, Into the Light and It Could Happen to You, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the church, 29425 Annapolis Road, Westland. The program is free of charge and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, holds an all-youcan-eat pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday 12, of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford. The cost \$4 per person for buttermilk or multigrain pancakes, coffee, juice, low fat milk, sausage and bacon. Sugar-free syrup will be available. The center holds pancake breakfasts on the second Thursday of the month.

Also, the Friendship Center's travel club will meet at I p.m. Friday, April 13. For more information, call (734) 722-

Texas Hold 'em

St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, will have a Texas Hold 'em tournament 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 4, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Cost is \$40 to get into the tournament.

Tickets are available only in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Call Ken at (734) 634-4898 or Mary at (734) 425-4421, voice mail No. 10, for tickets or information. Participants must be 18 to play and 21 to drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Top prize will be \$500.

Recycling meeting

The Westland Recycling Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the

puzzle quilt taught by Jeannie

Klay. The class starts at 8 a.m.

Seating is limited, and par-

ticipants are asked to register

form to Grange 389, 5692 N.

Globe, Westland. MI 48185.

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clothing, wall hangings and

quilts to be judged in such cate-

gories as machine quilting, hand quilting, appliqué, art quilts,

other. The quilts must be turned

in advance by sending an entry

and costs \$55 per person.

Quilts still sought for Grange show

Westland City Council conference room on the second floor of City Hall on Ford Road. The meeting is open to the public.

Skate park

Concrete Jungle, the Westland-based skate park, has opened for the season.

Sessions are 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon-3:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults for a session, or \$5 for children and \$7 for adults for an all-day pass.

The park is featuring bike nights 4-7:30 p.m. every Sunday in April. No skateboarding is allowed during those times. Admission is \$5 per person.

The park is having 18 and older skate nights 8-10 p.m. every Friday in April. Admission is \$5.

A skate park blast will be featured Friday, April 13, with \$1 admission all day and special prizes.

Spring Break at the Concrete Jungle is scheduled for noon-3:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. through 15, with the park closed for Easter Sunday.

A season kickoff party is planned noon-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, including food, prizes and live music. Admission is \$3.

Coffee Hours

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

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

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, April 9.

in by no later than April 15.

free of charge.

Quilts also can be display

There also will be door

prizes and thank you packages

for those attending the show.

Food and beverages also will

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In addition to quilts to dis-

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

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

Tax help

Senior citizens with low to moderate incomes can get help preparing their taxes through an AARP program offered at the Westland senior Friendship Center, on Newburgh Road south of Ford.

Sessions will continue 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Monday and Friday through April 13, but appointments are necessary. Call (734) 722-7628.

Food distribution

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food to eligible residents Thursday, April 19.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities on between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Dorsey Community Center at 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

For Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue, the pickup day is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at the building. They should contact the building manager for the distribution date.

Greenwood Villa residents

for volunteers to help with the

Admission is \$1 in advance

Friendship Center. Tickets will

For more information, call

Sharon Strebbing at (734) 722-

show as well as vendors. A 5-

by-5-foot space costs \$10.

and are available at the

cost \$2 at the door

4857 after 6 p.m.

must pick up their food items at their building.

Tuna, peanut butter and powdered milk are being offered for the month of April. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

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

Democratic Dinner

Presidential candidate John Edwards will be the keynote speaker at the Michigan Democratic Party's 2007 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Saturday, April 21, at Cobo Center in Detroit. For more information, call the Michigan Democratic Party at (517) 371-5410 or Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard at (313) 224-0902.



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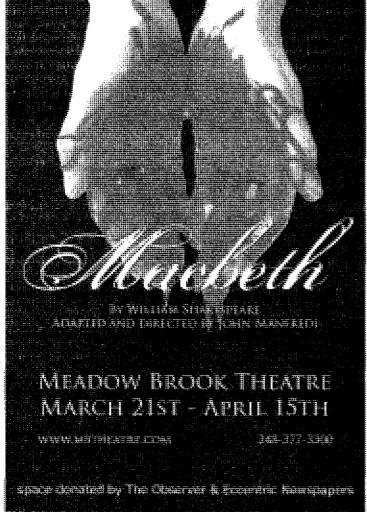
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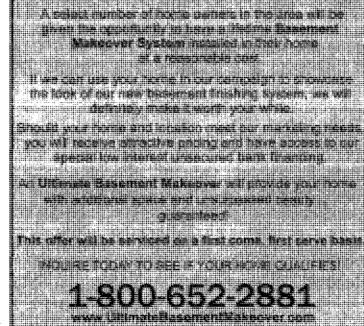
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogical Society John Castle will focus on researching Michigan's township records when the Western Wayne Genealogical Society meet Monday, April 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, Castle will speak following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting. Sue Cromwell will speak about "Obits, Death Records, Cemeteries, Funeral Homes and Their Connections" at the 6:30 p.m. session. The meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. For more information, visit the Web site at

www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050.

Democrats meet

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"Irag for Sale ... The War Profitteers," a documentary on the waste and fraud in military spending on the war in Iraq, will be sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democrats at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Quality Inn. 30375 Plymouth Road. Livonia. Melanie Goldberg, immigration attorney and member of the Coordinating Council of Detroit Area Peace With Justice Network, will discuss the topic and lead a questionand-answer session following the film. For more information, call (248) 624-4753.

Career Day/Youth Summit

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, April 8, 2007

Ford Motor Company and the Detroit Branch NAACP will host the seventh annual Career Day and Youth Summit 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Cobo Conference Center in Detroit. The half-day event includes interactive workshops and a college and university career fair, all designed to prepare students for their futures. Ford will also award \$20,000 in scholarships to the winners of an essay competition. Admission is free, and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.fordnaacpcareerday.com online or call (313) 203-7038.

Crafters wanted

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Hospice care help sought Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice

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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. **Explore Girl Scouting**

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and support patients at the end of

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

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

Advocacy group

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

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church. 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Weighin is 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

Menopause & More

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

Support group

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

AIM

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

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

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

,Fibromyalgia

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

HISTORIC

Pioneer trek

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has heen designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay 8eard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of Museum

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki 8rannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Suburban GOP Women's Club

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 32D-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Vietnam Vets

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

Friends of library

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

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.

Two youngsters win court time with the Pistons

Matthew Hunt of Livonia and Samantha Zwick of Southfield are winners in the Observer ♂ Eccentric Newspapers' Detroit Pistons Ball-Kid Contest.

Matthew will be on the court today, April 8, when the Pistons take on the Cleveland Cavaliers at 1 p.m. at The Palace. Samantha will be ballgirl for the last home game of the 2006-07 season when the Toronto Raptors come to town April 17.

Matthew, who is in the sixth grade at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia, is taking his mom, dad and 19vear-old brother, Don, to today's game. Matthew's favorite player is Chauncey Billups.

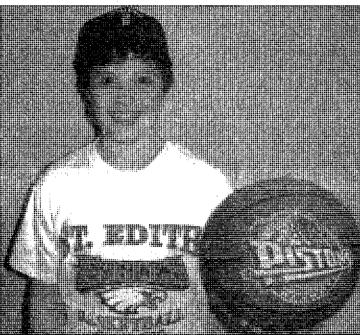
"I play three sports - baseball, baseball and football. I play for the Northville Broncos for baseball, I play for the St. Edith Eagles for football and basketball," he said.

Samantha, a seventh-grader at Akiva Day School, will be taking her her mom, dad and brother, David, to the April 17 game. Samatha's favorite player is Rasheed Wallace.

More than 425 students ages 12-16 participated in the online ball-kid contest, which asked "Who's your favorite Piston?"

Billups was No. 1 with $O \in E$ online readers, followed by Richard Hamilton and Wallace. Ball kids are on the court

pate in the Pistons' shootaround. Ball kids also receive a thank you gift, photo op with a Pistons player and tickets to the game.



Matthew Hunt is "goin' to work" as a Pistons ball boy.

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 Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, Mi 48034 (248)263-3880 4/24/2007 at 1:30 pm. 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

1004 -- Jessica Verhille -- television, couch, mattress set 1025 - Nicole Hellems - mattress set, bike, television

1118 - Tina L. Stafford - 2 beds, boxes, totes 1126 - Willie F. Hodge Jr. - 2 dressers, couch, 20 boxes

137 -- Donna Alexander -- dryer, 8 totes, vacuum 149 -- Jillian Gruber -- 40 boxes, 20 totes, bikes 223 – Pat Mosolgo – piano

238 - Kimberly Sidar - stereo, boxes, bags 610 - Alan Bonds - stove, love seat, couch

622 - Corey A. Grimes - couch, mattress set, entertainment center

709 – James Reynolds – 3 dresser, tool box, power wheels 805 - Jeremy McCray - computer, love seat, stereo

944 – Lisa Rudzik – television, exercise equipment, 20 boxes Publish: April 8 & 15, 2007

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

> Hoist Decommissioning/Concrete Removal Livonia Career Technical Center

Contract Documents may be examined at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Department Office at 15125 Farmington Road, from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Bid forms, specifications and drawings are available at the

Maintenance Department of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. A mandatory site inspection is required and will be held on

Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150 at 10:00 am. Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 am on the Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Board of Education Administrative Services Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. The bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Vendors are encouraged to

Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Livonia Career Technical Center, 8985

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Jim McMuldroch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500, ext. 42158.

> Sandra L. Pollack Supervisor of Finance Livonia Public Schools

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be offered for sale to the highest bidder: YEAR MAKE BODY STYLE COLOR VIN# 1997 SATURN 1G8ZK8274VZ103025 SL2/STWGN TAN 1997 FORD TAURUS/4 DR GREEN 1FALP52U8VG252265 1991 CHEVY 1G1LT53GXMY217338

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On APRIL 17, 2007 the Westland Police Department will conduct a

public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will

begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd..

Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will

1987 KAWASAKI MOTORCYCLE GRAY JKAZXCA14HB509109 WHITE 1994 FORD ESCORT/4 DR 3FARP13J8RR111038 1990 CHEVY LUMINA/4 DR BLACK 2G1WN54T8L9282517 1999 MERCURY SABLE/4 DR SILVER 1MEFM53S9XG634755 F150/PUTRUCK GRAY 2006 FORD 1FTPX14546FA70869 1998 CHEVY MALIBU/4 DR RED 1G1ND52TXW6151005 All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will

start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Asbestos Abatement & Reinsulation Riley Upper Elementary School

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A mandatory site inspection is required and will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Riley Upper Elementary School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48154 at 10:00 am.

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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2006. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

City of Westland Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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Michigan at defining moment to get financial house in order

ny company facing disaster must do three things: 1) Cut costs to the bone in order to survive.

2) Stabilize its financial position to gain breathing room. 3) Invest heavily and systematically in whatever distinctive, proprietary and competitive assets it has. The goal has to be to drive sales up and gain market share.

Michigan is no different. We're facing financial disaster. And this state needs to right-size and stabilize itself fast - while figuring out how to become more competitive in the future.

Let's look first at where we stand: State government faces a general fund budget deficit that is now at least \$686 million, and which must be resolved in less than six months.

But then a new fiscal year starts — and the total projected

shortfall for the 2007-08 fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1 is

around \$900 million. That's assuming the Single Business Tax that the Legislature voted to repeal as of Dec. 31 is fully replaced. That tax produces around \$1.9 billion a year in money

the state cannot afford to lose. Yet the

Legislature still isn't close to agreeing on any

replacement tax, and the clock is ticking. There's more. For years, the state has been borrowing more than \$1 billion every year to paper over the chronic general fund deficit, a shortfall created by unrealistic economic

Seven years ago, when we had a healthy "rainy day" fund, we were raking in nearly \$140 million from

Today, the cupboard is bare, and we're spending \$85 million a year in interest to finance the deficit. But the shell game is about over. Michigan is at its short-term borrowing limit, so we won't be able to finance our fiscal irresponsibility any longer, at least this

What all this means is that we need to launch - right now! a far-reaching, broadly acceptable package of financial reforms modeled on what any company has to do in order to survive:

1) First, cut costs. Michigan is operating on a structure of government dating back to the 19th century that we simply cannot afford today. The buzz word is "restructure."

What that means is taking a hard look at how government is organized, what it does and how much it costs.

Thanks to the Home Rule Act, adopted in 1909, we have one of the most complex local government systems in the entire nation. We have 83 counties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities with less than 10,000 population, 259 villages and 553 school districts.

And each of those has its own overlapping and duplicating costs, bureaucracies and sources of funding. Do we really need that many school districts and townships? Of course we don't. We should require consolidation and cost sharing for any money the locals get from the state.

Our teachers do, by and large, an OK job. But they're among the highest-paid in the country. And their pension and health care benefits are gold-plated, a legacy of the good old days when we were the world's automaker. Health care alone costs more than \$1,200 per pupil, and best estimates are that one in every three dollars of school aid funds will go to pensions and health care by 2018.

The total unfunded liability for state workers' and school district employees' pension and retiree health care benefits is \$35

Workers in the private sector have had pension and health care benefits cut, so why shouldn't public employees share the pain?

moral legitimacy to bring the tax system kicking and screaming into the 21st century. In advocating a 2-percent sales tax on services, Gov. Jennifer Granholm got the sequence wrong. She should have started with cutting government costs and only then looked

Many people — including, very privately, many members of the Legislature — believe we cannot simply cut our way to prosperity. They expect that taxes are going to have to be raised. But it is not simply a question of turning a tap. It will take the Department of Treasury months to work out how to administer and collect whatever tax system the Legislature passes and the governor

Lansing, which will need that money as soon as possible, needs to realize that time is rapidly running out.

3) If we fix the tax system, we have a chance to stabilize our financial position by curing — once and for all — the chronic, structural billion-dollar annual deficit in the general fund. For years, the Legislature and governor have papered over this deficit by a combination of one-time fixes, accounting gimmicks and mid-year budget cuts. Left unresolved, this chronic budget deficit will result in a "fiscal train wreck," according to Tom Clay, the highly respected and semi-retired research director of the Citizens Research Council.

4) If we stabilize our financial position, we can generate the funds required for a sustained investment program to beef up Michigan's durable, distinctive, competitive assets. Those include our colleges and universities; the brains and skills of our people; our environment and the admirable quality of life it brings. Without such an investment program, we'll lose the competition with other states and enjoy chasing Alabama and Mississippi in the race to the bottom.

None of this is rocket science. Indeed, conversations I've had with thousands of Michiganders over the past year leads me to believe this program taps into the core of an emerging consensus of far-reaching reform principles for our state.

But a complete fix will be a complex and long-term matter, and nobody I've talked with thinks it can be enacted thoughtfully or competently by Lansing in the next few months.

What's much more likely in the short-term is that the governor and the Legislature will cobble something together over the next month or two that just barely squeaks us past financial dis-

But we can and should do some things right now, to start us on the longer-term road for reform, Granholm should re-summon the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel that was so disgracefully ignored after its fir-seeing and intelligent report was released at the end of January. She might add to it a group of the state's most distinguished and powerful business leaders to add financial realism and just plain guts to the discussion.

The governor should also convene a panel of experts to examine the structure and costs of state and local government. One perfect vehicle for that already exists: The Center for Local, State and Urban Policy at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy.

The hour is late. The full magnitude of the crisis is almost upon us. We're approaching Michigan's defining moment. And we — all of us — better snap to it, before it's too late.

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Who was that? Some names deserve to be remembered

id you know that Mark Twain's daughter lived in Detroit?

Neither did I. But I stumbled across her name as I was perusing my copy of The Official Who's Who in Michigan for 1936. There she is, on page 74: "Clemens, Clara, (Mrs. Osip Gabrilowitsch). Singer; Actress. ADDRESS — 611 Boston Blvd. W., Detroit, Mich.; b. Elmira, N.Y.; (daughter) Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain") ...

It goes on to note that she played eight leading roles at the Civic Theatre in the 1928-29 sea-

son, and was the author of Why be Nervous and MyFather Mark Twain.

Oh, and she was an adherent of the 'Yoga Philosophy." I like to rummage through old

Kowalski

books on local history. You can find some fascinating facts, like the reference to Clara Clemens. There are about 1,500 names

listed in this Who's Who, each with a brief bio. Interestingly, Henry Ford's bio is three-and-a-half inches long. That's typical, but hardly compares to Dr. Virgil Raymond Drexel Kirkham's bio, which is a whopping nine inches long.

He was an "economic geologist," whatever that is, with the Peters Trust Co., whatever that was. And he must have been pretty impor-

In a way, this is a sad book. Of the 1,500 or so people listed in it, I counted out all the ones I recognized: 24, and one them, Mrs. Maurice Keyworth, I only knew of through her husband, who was a great educator. Others still notable, at least to me, were Carl Sandburg, of Harbert; Walter Briggs, Edgar Guest, William Scripps and Homer Ferguson of Detroit; and an assortment of other persons from around the

I recognized one of the 20 names from Birmingham -George Averill, editor and publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric and two of the 12 from Bloomfield Hills, Henry Booth and Eliel Saarinen.

I despise clichés, but nevertheless will resort to one here: Fame

is fleeting. Granted, I'm sure other people going through the list would recognize names that I don't, but does anyone remember Elmer Osum, who was a physician, or Howard Spedding, a photographer in Detroit who was not only included in this volume, but also in Who's Who in Portraiture in America? Or how about Harry S. Toy? He is one who generated some long-lasting recognition somewhere, as he served briefly as a justice of the state Supreme Court. But how many people

remember that name today? As one interested in local history, I hate to see names lost to the past. Everyone who ever lived had an impact on someone else, and in that way, on the world as a whole. With the exception of those who turned on society, child killers perhaps, no one should be forgotten.

I'm in the process of creating biographical files of "significant" (I hate that term, but it will do for now) people from my home town. I have a few thousand already and add about 10 a week. I pore through old newspaper, magazines and books, like The Official Who's Who in Michigan, for new ones to add. In a way, I feel I am reaching into the past and pulling people from the darkness of forgotten obscurity into the light of today.

These people lived and made an important contribution to the world of our community and sometimes to the world as a whole. The above mentioned Mrs. Keyworth's husband Maurice designed educational programs that were adopted by school districts across the country and even overseas. He was the state superintendent of schools in 1936, was considered a brilliant educator and was respected nationally. He certainly would have earned his own entry into Who's Who, but died in a car accident, probably just as the book was being edited. He deserves to be remembered. Ever heard of him? You have

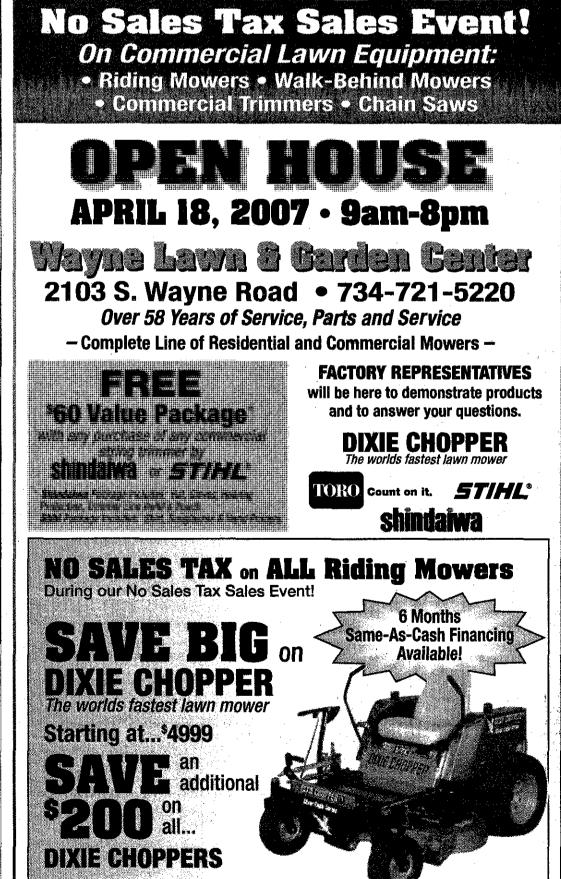
And that's the point.

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Shredder essential tool to destroy documents

I just got done completing my tax return. How long do I need to save my old tax returns and how long should I save financial papers in general?

With regards to your tax returns, the IRS can audit you up to three years after your return has been filed. For example, your 2003 tax return would have been filed by April 15, 2004, unless you filed for an extension. Therefore, the IRS can audit you on that return up until April 15, 2007.

You need to save your tax returns and underlying documentation for a minimum of three years after you file the return. In a great majority of situations, you can destroy your tax returns and supporting documents after three years. The one exception is the IRS can audit you up to seven years after the return has been filed if they suspect fraud. Therefore, if you have taken any unusual deductions or if there was anything unusual about your tax return, then I would retain that tax information for seven years after the

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Мопеу **Matters**

Rick Bloom

return has been filed.

My general rule on financial statements is destroy the old statement when new statement arrives. When I receive my March statements, I destroy my February statements. If there are any statements to save, it would be the vear-end statement.

I generally destroy checks after I reconcile my bank account, except checks that I ueed for backup documentation for tax returns. In today's world where so much information is stored digitally on computers, there is very little reason to retain this type of documentation.

When I talk about destroying a document, whether it is a check or old tax returns, I do not mean just throwing it in the garbage. You need to shred the document. A shredder, as far as I am concerned, is an essential appliance. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing white collar crimes in America and although there is nothing that you and I can do to eliminate the risk, we certainly can make it harder on crooks.

I have a large position in DaimlerChrysler stock. It represents approximately 90 percent of my portfolio. I read your column about diversification and (agree that I need to do something. Should I wait until Chrysler is divested from DaimlerChrysler to sell my stock or should I sell it now?

Although there has been much speculation over the last few weeks, it was confirmed at the recent DaimlerChrysler shareholder meeting in Germany that Chrysler is for sale. The problem is we have no idea when the sale will occur or the terms.

Lots of things can happen which can affect the value of the stock both positively and negatively. I believe keeping 90 percent of your portfolio in one stock is far too great of a risk. My recommendation is you begin to reduce your position in DaimlerChrysler stock now.

That doesn't mean you have to sell all the stock at once. You could begin a program of dollar-cost averaging out of DaimlerChrysler. In other words, you may decide to sell 10 percent of your DaimlerChrysler stock now and another 10 percent next month and so on. Just as dollar cost averaging makes sense for people purchasing an investment, it also makes sense when selling. The bottom line is you own too much of Chrysler stock and that you need to diversify. Good luck!

I am 66 years old and consider myself a very conservative investor. I do not need income and i have some cash to invest, I am concerned with taxes and I am considering a CD or an annuity. Which would you recommend?

In your situation, I lean towards a fixed annuity. A fixed annuity will give you the same protection as a CD. Fixed annuities in Michigan are guaranteed up to \$100,000 just like CDs but in addition, annuities give you the benefit of having money grow tax-

deferred. The fact this money grows tax-deferred will save taxes in two ways. First, since you do not need the income and you are letting it reinvest, that money will grow tax deferred unlike a CD which is subject to income tax. In addition, because you are 66 and are collecting Social Security, you may find because you are letting money in the annuity grow tax deferred, your Social Security is subject to less income taxes.

Unfortunately, not all annuities are the same. I would recommend a traditional-fixed annuity or an equity-indexed annuity. In a traditional-fixed annuity, you get a guaranteed rate of return. In an equityindexed annuity, you also get a guaranteed rate of return, typically a little lower than the

fixed annuity, however, if the stock market does well, you get additional earnings based on the growth in a broad market index such as the S&P 500 Index. In the equity-indexed, just like the fixed annuity, you can't lose money. If you do not need the money for a number of years, the equity-indexed annuity is the way to go.

Not all equity-indexed annuities are the same. I like the no-load variety which just like in mutual funds, means more money ends up in your pocket where it belongs.

Annuities, unlike mutual funds, require you to use an agent. A local company that handles no-load annuities is Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444.

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The best treatment for a worn out knee or shoulder is joint replacement However, this solution may not be appropriate if you suffer from advanced lung of heart disease, are under treatment for cancer with chemotherapy, or are experiencing a neurologic problem such as advancing Parkinson's Disease, to

name a few of the conditions that would preclude joint replacement.

If joint surgery is out of the question, what are your alternatives? Medication to relieve pain helps. You could continue with Tylenol, ibuprofen, and possibly small amounts of codeine-like drugs. Another option is periodic joint aspiration and

The common view is that you should undergo only a limited number of injections a year for the shoulder or knee. Some people say three injections a year others say no more than five. The fact is that the medical profession has never established a single number that is good or bad. Any number you hear is without

What is important is that your knee or shoulder is as free from pain as is reasonable, and that you are able to care for yourself and exercise as needed for your health. Experience with injections will determine the number of ejections appropriate for you; it may even mean one a month.

A schedule for joint injections that is best for you, is an example of the medical

motto: If the standard is not practical, the practical becomes standard

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The Michigan Head Pain & Neurological Institute is seeking individuals 18 to 65 years of age to participate in a research trial to evaluate an investigational medication to treat chronic headaches.

You may qualify for this study if you:

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League merger plan between WLAA, KVC ready

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

A merger between the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference appears all but a done deal for the 2008-09 school year.

The merger will also include two Waterford schools, Mott and Kettering, from the Oakland Activities Association.

The conference, yet to be named, will feature 24 schools divided into four six-team divisions based on geographic loca-

"I'm confident in saying things are close," said Lakeland athletic director Greg Michaels, who has helped spearhead the merger effort. "Things are positive and we just have to tie up some loose ends as far as drafting a resolution, as well as putting a constitution and the bylaws together."

Michaels said that one major hurdle was cleared last week

when principals from the $\,$ Western Lakes unanimously voted to accept being part of the

The two leagues will have a follow-up meeting to discuss scheduling issues, by-laws and a constitution on April 26.

"The only reason we could not put it in writing is because it has to be approved by the boards in Pinckney and Howell, but it's my understanding both

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WLAA-KYC MERGER PLAN

South Division: Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Canton, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial. Central Division: Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, South Lyon East.

North Division: Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, White Lake Lakeland, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott.

West Division: Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Howell Parker, Pinckney, Milford.



Stevenson's Chelsea Bathurst returns as the Western Lakes Activities Association medalist.

Shannon Warner Churchill



Andrea Warzyniec



Erica Mazur



Chelsea Bathurst

Tee times booked

Area girls golf teams focused on more success

See capsule outlook of area girls golf teams, B4.

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

With eight of the area's top 12 players returning this season, three area girls golf teams will have plenty to say this season at the statewide level.

Livonia Ladywood, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill should all make plenty of noise

Ladywood returns four of its top six players off last year's team, which finished runner-up in the Catholic League, second in the regional and sixth in the Division II state finals. The Blazers are led by senior Andrea Warzyniec, the Catholic League runner-up and third-place finisher at the regional. She was 11th in the state tournament held at Grand Valley State's The Meadows.

First-team All-Observer picks Angela Jamrog and Erica Mazur also are back along with secondteam All-Observer choice Kelly Thomas.

"Our young ladies have the talent to be state champions, but as we all know, it takes more than talent to win a state championship," said Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy, whose team finished 6-1 in the Catholic League. "Our focus this year is to work hard and put together all of the elements that it takes to be a champion, one step at a time.

We have our team goals as well as each plaver having their own goals and together, one day at a time. We will tackle all of them, and in the end, we hope to attain all of our goals."

Livonia Stevenson just missed making the Division I state tournament a year ago, finishing six stroke behind third-place finisher Saline en route to a fourth at the regional.

The Spartans, however, enjoyed a stellar regular season, going 11-1 overall and winning the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

PREVIEW

The Spartans are led by senior Chelsea Bathurst, who earned WLAA medalist honors along with a seventh at the regional.

She is joined by a pair of second-team All-Area performers, Abbey Wolfe and Chrissy McHenry, both seniors.

"Our ultimate goal is to make it to states as a team and repeat as conference champion," Stevenson second-year coach Jason Delo said.

Nobody can underestimate Livonia Churchill, which finished 8-3 in dual meets and took third in the WLAA tourney. The Chargers, fifth in last year's regional, are led by Michigan's premier prep female golfer, junior Shannon Warner, who earned the state title as a sophomore shooting 67-69 last June at Forest Akers (East Course) in East Lansing. The Chargers, despite the loss of second-team All-Area pick Ashley Bint, hope to contend as well for postseason honors.

"Our team goals are to win the conference and make the state tournament," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "We believe this team has the potential to compete hard and accomplish these

"We have some new players on the team this year that have some great potential. I'm excited to see them develop throughout the season."

Improvement is the key word this spring for Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

Franklin returns four starters for new coach Brian McCalister, led by All-Division honoree Mariel Meyers, a senior.

Westland John Glenn, 6-8 last year in dual meets, returns its entire cast.

Wayne Memorial, winless in the WLAA a year ago, already has a victory (over Taylor Truman) in 2007 for new coach Lee VanValkenburgh, who takes over for Dennis Chall.

This haul catches walleye anglers by surprise

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It was far from beginners luck. That's because Greg Sultana, Ron Barry and Scott Delano are all experienced anglers when it comes to catching walleye.

But in the Downriver Walleye Federation's first tournament of 2007 season last Sunday, this big haul took the three by surprise.

In the waters off Great Lakes Steel Co. in the Wyandotte area on the Detroit River between the U.S. and Canadian side, the trio, along with Barry's 7-year-old son Andrew, won the tournament with impressive five-catch weight total of 39.08 pounds, 10 pounds better than the runner-up team.

What made the win even more special was that three of the five walleye all weighed in the 10-pound

"It's pretty rare to get that many 10-pound fish in the boat in one day, it's not that common," said Barry, a food service manager who lives in Livonia.

Barry should know a thing or two

because he works charters for Michigan Walleye Adventures as a guide for Tom Dennewith, who won the FLW League event the night before on the Detroit River.

Urged on by his son Andrew to enter, Ron Barry paid the \$15 tournament entry fee and hopped aboard Delano's Stratus watercraft, which was sold to him by pro guide Jim Barta.

Fishing started promptly at 7:30 a.m.

And it didn't take long for the foursome to hit quickly.

Using both five-eights and threequarter ounce jigs attached with a 4inch rubber Wyandotte Wonder Worm called the Tattle Tale, the crew got hot on the Canadian side, as Sultana hooked 10.5-pounder followed by another that weighed 9.6.

We had five bites in a flurry, we stayed in the spot for two hours,"

Sultana, a technologist for Ford Motor Co. who also lives in Livonia, couldn't believe it happened within the first hour despite a nasty wind

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Scott Delano (upper left) displays the winning walleye catch along with Ron Barry and son Andrew, and Greg Sultana (upper right).

EMU adds Madonna

With recent frigid weather playing havoc to outdoor events. Eastern Michigan University head baseball coach Roger Coryell announced the addition of Northwood University and Madonna University to the schedule of upcoming events.

The Eagles and Northwood square off in a single game at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Oestrike Stadium.

Madonna and EMU will play a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, also in Ypsilanti.

Officials lauded

Livonia's Martin Kennedy, Jr. will be among 24 registered officials with 50 years or more service honored at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 28th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni banquet set for Saturday, May 12 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing.

A total of 389 officials with 20 or more years of service will be honored at the banquet, which starts at 7 p.m.

Also honored will be Livonia's Joseph Trachy, Jr., Westland's Terrence Madigan and Lutheran High Westland athletic director Mike Unger, all with 20 years of service to the MHSAA.

Tickets are available to the public and are priced at \$15 per person. (Tickets will not be sold at the door.)

For more information, call Faye Verellen at (517) 332-5046.

Hawks hold clinic

The Michigan Hawks of the W-League will stage a free youth soccer clinic for players ages 5-13 beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The clinic will give area youth players an opportunity to meet and train with: many of the player from the 2006 Midwest Division champions.

Each youth participant will receive a free ticket good for any one of six home games. Season tickets and T-shirts will be available at the clinic for purchase. E-mail michiganhawkswomen1camp@yahoo.com; or visit www.michiganhawkswomen.com.

Senior men's golf

A general membership meeting for the Livonia Senior Men's Golf League will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The \$25 registration fee includes a \$15 ticket to the annual awards banquet. Membership is open to all male residents of Livonia who are 62 years of age and older. League play begins

Tuesday, May 1 and is scheduled through Tuesday, July 31. There are five handicapped flights: You must play at least 10 nine-hole rounds during the league year to establish a handicap. Call league president Tom Amadori at (734) 261-4718; or league secretary Don Hooper at (734) 464-6975.

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school districts are on board

and ready to go," Michaels said. The proposed set-up would include a division with all schools from the 12-school WLAA including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Canton, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

The next division would merge three schools each from the WLAA and KVC including Livonia Stevenson, Salem and Northville, along with Novi, South Lyon and South Lyon East (which opens in the fall of

Yet another division will consist of schools along the M-59 corridor - Walled Lake Western, Central and Northern, all from the WLAA; White Lake Lakeland of the KVC; and both Mott and Kettering from the OAA.

The fourth division will include all schools that are cur-

rent members of the KVC -Brighton, Hartland, Pinckney, Milford and Howell, along with Howell Parker (set to open next fall as well).

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Concerns about rising transportation costs caused both leagues to look at ways to maximize scheduling concerns, as well as accommodating new sports such as lacrosse, bowling, figure skating, etc . .

"We don't have any fall schedules set yet (for 2008-09), but we now can certainly get more creative now." Michaels said.

The Lakeland A.D. said he also hopes the new league can address the gender equity issue following Monday's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld a lower federal court decision to switch girls basketball to the winter and girls volleyball to the fall. Also affected was both boys and girls golf and tennis, which is being flipflopped between the spring and fall.

"There's a lot ahead,"

Michaels said. "As far as scheduling girls basketball, we're looking at three different scenarios and seeking a consensus in 2008-09. But this (merger) was a natural because we both (the KVC and WLAA) share the same philosophies."

Michaels is pleased the way the divisions have been set up geographically.

"Those schools in our division are all 11 miles within each other and it benefits us the most distance-wise," he said. "The Waterford schools have been in the mix unofficially all along.

"After the three Farmington schools (Harrison, North and Farmington of the OAA) said no to our invitation last fall, we got a letter of inquiry about joining awhile back from Tim Domke when he was A.D. We've always had a close working relationship with Mike Butterfield (at Mott) because they're right in our back yard."

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Members of the Belle Tire 16-and-under USA Hockey National AAA Midget Minor team celebrate their recent championship.

Championship material

Belle Tire rules USA Hockey's 16-and-under Nationals

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Kyle Krug, who coached Hobey Baker Award winners Kip Miller (Michigan State) and Brian Holzinger (Bowling Green), knows a thing or two about hockey talent.

And the Livonia resident put it to good use last weekend as he guided Belle Tire's AAA Minor Midget team, which captured the USA Hockey 16and-under National Championship Sunday at Great Lakes Sports City in Fraser.

Belle Tire, which finished 61-7-6 on the year and took third in the Midwest Elite Hockey League, reached the national tourney by defeating Little Caesars, 4-1, in the Michigan **Amateur Hockey Association** championship game played last month at the Taylor SportsPlex.

In the National Tournament, which opened March 28, Belle Tire earned a 3-2 overtime win over Shattuck St. Mary's (Minn.).

Krug's team capped a sixgame tournament run by beat-

ing the same Shattuck St. Mary's team in the championship, 2-1, as Westland's Tyler Brown (Livonia Churchill High) scored the game-winning goal in the second period, while Trenton's Jordan Miller added the other goal.

In between, Belle Tire defeated New Jersey (3-1), Team Wisconsin (4-3 in double-overtime), Little Caesars (3-1) and TPH Thunder Attack of Atlanta, Ga. (6-0).

We played really consistent, we just keep coming at you with all four lines," Krug said. "This team has been together for two years. We added seven new guys this year."

Goaltender Joe Rogers of Port Huron, who started five of the six tourney games, was in the nets for the final. Rogers' story is unique and has been chronicled recently. He plays with just one hand due to a birth defect.

Belle Tire's defense is anchored by Krug's son Torey, who attends Churchill; Micki Mihailovich, a student at Westland John Glenn High; Chris Leone, Dearborn Heights; Kevin Albers and P.J. Klebba, both of Lake Orion; Beau Schmitz, Howell; and Kyle Verdino, Trenton (via Phoenix, Ariz.).

Schmitz was the second pick overall in the Ontario Hockey League Draft by the Windsor Spitfires, but Krug said he is expected to play next year for the USA Hockey's Under-17 National Development Team.

Verdino, meanwhile, was drafted by the Kelowna (B.C.) Rockets of the Western Hockey League.

Southgate's Matt Boley is Rogers' backup in goal.

Joining Brown and Miller on the forward lines are Trenton's Kevin Bechard and Brad Smith (committed to Ohio State); Zach Golembiewski, St. Clair; Doug Clifford, Woodhaven: Mac Olson, Grosse Pointe; Travis Lynch, Milford; Monroe's R.J. Mahalak and Blake Coleman (via Dallas, Tex.); Zach Rourke, Lake Orion; and Travis Lynch, Milford.

Krug is assisted on the bench by coaches Mike McLean, Rob Smith and Randy Sedlak.

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and fog. "It was unreal, it was a great start to the year," he said.
"I just entered the club. I fished a number of events in the Michigan-Ontario Muskie

"This is tough competition. There are a lot of good fishermen down there.'

Things eventually quieted down and as the 3:30 p.m. tournament deadline approached, Delano's Stratus moved over to the U.S. side. They also switched earlier from a brown-colored worm to a

bright green one with a garlic scent (purchased at Cabela's).

And despite having 32 pounds already in the boat, the group figured it was already a productive day even though they didn't know where they stood overall. "I said to myself, 'Let's head

in and have a beer,' but they were real determined," Sultana, who four years ago hauled in a walleye that weighed 14 pounds, 5 ounces. "They wanted to fish like maniacs. It was awesome."

With just five minutes to spare from the cut-off in 13 feet of water, Delano (of Allen Park) reeled in another walleye

that weighed in 9.8 pounds. We had one heck of a time out there," Barry said. "I told my son, 'This is lot different

than going out for just pleasure. Being in a tourney is a whole different ballgame." The group's catch of 39.08 pounds was not a record compare with last year's 43-pound

total, but it was nothing to

"Most people would be happy to put one of the three on the wall, Barry said. "It was one of the best days I've had on the water.

"It rates right up there."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS TRACK Wednesday, April 11 John Glenn at Dearborn, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Tuesday, April 10 na vs. Rochester College at llitch Ballpark, 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 Madonna vs. Concordia at Hitch Ballpark (2), 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14 Madonna at Indiana Tech (2), 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15

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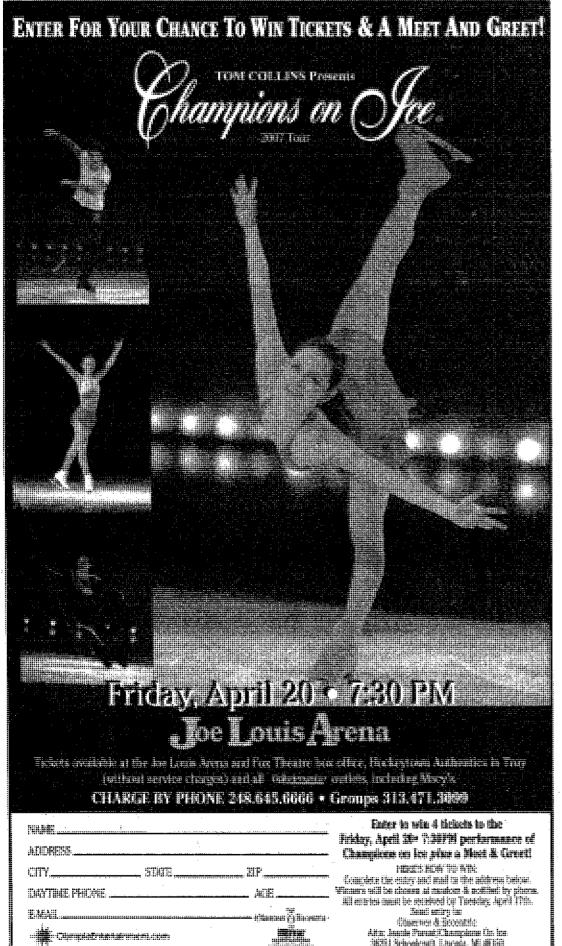
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Lousy weather puts MU schedule on hold

With snow, brutal cold and wind continuing through the Midwest, all weekend Madonna University baseball and softball games have been cancelled with no make-up dates announced.

The Crusaders baseball team edged Indiana Wesleyan 6-5 on Tuesday, to improve to 14-11 overall and 2-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

But Wednesday's doubleheader at Aquinas was rained out and games Thursday at Indiana Northwest and Friday-Saturday at St. Xavier were cancelled due to cold weather and a forecast of

snow. On the plus side, Madonna announced a doubleheader at Eastern Michigan University 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25.

Although the Crusaders are scheduled to host Rochester at 1 p.m. Tuesday and Concordia at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ilitch Ballpark, there is no guarantee those games will be played, either.

The early forecast for midweek calls for a mix of snow and

As for the MU softball team, things weren't any better. Because of cold, winterv

weather in Grand Rapids and the Chicago area, Thursday's doubleheader at Aquinas was postponed and the weekend tourney at St. Francis cancelled.

The Crusaders (16-9, 3-1) will host Concordia at 4 p.m. Tuesday in a doubleheader, again, weather permitting.

Meanwhile, Madonna's golf team is competing Monday in the Siena Heights Invitational, rather than the originally scheduled Saturday date. The tournament also is being moved to Lenawee Country Club in Adrian.





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GIRLS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Head coach: Gary Harper, fourth year. League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division). Lest year's dual-match record: 8-3 (WLAA). Last year's finish: third place (WLAA meet); fifth (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Ashley Bint (second-team All-Area); Sarah Walls, Theresa Nutten, Tanaya Karnik, Sara Blaharski, Kim Reich, Katie Tierney.

Leading returnees: Shannon Warner, Jr. (firstteam All-Area; Division 1 regional and state medalist); Ashley Kuhn, Sr.; Lexi McFarlane, Soph.; Amanda Dobos, Jr.; Danielle Lesniak, Jr.; Sarah Linder, Soph.; Gina Jordan, Jr.; Katie Worley, Jr.; Kristina Kruppa, Soph. Promising newcomers: Jenna Bazzi, Jaimy Lucko, Jessica Burdette, Madison Van Britson. Harper's 2007 outlook: "We lost seven seniors from last year's team, turning us into a very young team. "Although we're young, we do have experience, i have four returning players that played in almost every match last season. We have some other players that got some great experience playing JV and are ready to compete for spots in the varsity

"Playing time on varsity is going to be a real competition in our practices that can only lead to good things."

LIVÔNIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Brian McCalister, first year. League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division). Last year's dual-match record: 4-7 (WLAA). Last year's finish: tied for sixth (WLAA meet); 10th (Division | regional)

Notable losses to graduation: Keely Mog. Leading returnees: Mariel Meyers, Sr. (All-Division): Jessica Stchur, Sr.; Lauren Bailey, Sr.; Paige Scarpace, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Heather Bacon, Jr.; Michelle Thompson, Jr.; Heather DeGuise, Fr.; Rebecca Geersen, Fr.; Chelsea Duffy, Fr.; Georgia Patrick, Fr.

McCalister's 2007 outlook: "This team has worked hard and is excited to start the sea-

have had with our core of players, and we hope that we can have them graduate and go



Chrissy McHenry Stevenson

10-1 (WLAA).

(Division I regional).

Julie Francisco, Sr.

son. The three seniors will pro-

match in a tough WLAA.
LEVONIA STEVENSON

Read coach: Jason Delo, second year.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's dual-match record: 11-1 overall;

Last year's finish: WLAA champions; fourth

Leading returnees: Chelsea Bathurst, Sr.

(first-team All-Area; WLAA medalist); Abbey

McHenry, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Laura

Sims, Jr. (All-Division); Elizabeth Grace, Jr.,;

Promising newcomers: Claire Massman,

Delo's 2007 outlook: "I think we have an

excellent chance of competing for the WLAA

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Steve Pilon, third year.

title again. It has been an amazing run we

Soph.; Gabrielle Sabatini, Soph.

Wolfe, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Chrissy

Notable losses to graduation: Priyanka Joshi.



Kelly Thomas Ladywood



Angela Jamrog Ladywood

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division). vide leadership and stability at the top of the Last year's dual-match record: 6-8 overall; 3lineup. Our goal is to be competitive every B (WLAA). Last year's finish: 10th (Wi.AA meet): 16th

> Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Jessie Veltri, Sr.; Jessica Riggs, Sr.; Taylor Morgan, Sr.; Courtney McKinney, Soph.; Carrie Kulikowski, Sr.; Jamie Young, Jr.

(Division | regional).

Promising newcomers: Kim Murdoch, Jr. Plion's 2007 outlook: "Our four seniors -Riggs, Morgan Veltri and Kulikowski - have helped improve our team every year and are ready to put John Glenn on the map. "We also have a solid base of younger players led by McKinney, Young and Murdoch. Our team is ready to have a fantastic season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Lee VanVaikenburgh, first year. League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division). Last year's dual-match record: 0-11 (WLAA). Last year's finish: 12th (WLAA meet); 17th (Division I regional). Notable losses to graduation: Jenny Schmidt.

Leading returnees: Samantha Cruse, Sr. (captain); Berlynn Beaver, Soph.; Taylor Tuttle.

Soph.: Robbie Tomlin, Soph.: Rayvine Gilmore, Sr.: Tonia Overstreet, Jr. Promising newcomers: Rachel Roth-Fuller, Soph.; Crystle Peterson, Soph. VanValkenburgh's 2007 outlook: "This year we're going to be better. We're starting the year 1-0 with the victory last Tuesday over Taylor Truman.

'We have realistic expectations. We want to have a good time and improve our scores."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD Head coach: Kellianne Nagy, eighth year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Last year's dual-match record: 6-1 (Catholic

League) Last year's finish: second (Catholic League and Division II regional); sixth (Division II

Notable losses to graduation: Kara Efimetz (second-team All-Area); Lauren Doroghazi (second-team Ali-Area).

Leading returnees: Andrea Warzyniec, Sr. tricaptain (first-team All-Area); Angela Jamrog, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Erica Mazur, Jr. tricaptain (first-team All-Area); Kelly Thomas, Sr. tri-captain (second-team All-Area); Alaina Vince, Jr.: Rachel Fuller, Soph.: Gabby Vessosi,

Promising newcomers: Marissa Ley, Fr.; Katelyn Papier, Soph.; Marissa Briden, Fr.; Val

Nagy's 2007 outlook: "Our look this year is promising. We have a young talent that has grown together for four years to become one. We will be led by our tric of seniors - Kelly Thomas, Angela Jamrog and Andrea Warzyniec - and junior Erica Mazur. We're looking to them to be the backbone of the team and lead us through the season. They are very talented, some of the best in the state if you ask me. They have worked very hard on their game during the preseason as well as in the off-season. I'm hoping that their hard work and dedication pay off this

added the game-winner in the seventh for a 12-11 victory. We could have lost this game by laying down, but our girls decided to play a little in

Livonia Clarenceville's soft-

break with a 2-3 record thanks

to its second straight improba-

ble come-from-behind victory.

eight runs in top of the ninth

inning Monday after trailing

Westland John Glenn, did it

again on Wednesday against

Clarenceville trailed 11-3

sixth against the Vikings, but

rallied for eight runs to tie and

entering the bottom of the

Inkster.

10-3 for an 11-10 triumph over

The Trojans, who rallied for

ball team goes into spring

Joe DeCaire said. "Despite the snow and the (low) temperature, we go the win." Sophomore Charmaine McQueen's 3-run triple keyed the eight-run comeback in the sixth. The Trojans took advan-

the sixth," Clarenceville coach

the game at 11-all. And after Inkster stranded a runner in the top of the seventh, the Trojans earn the vic-

tage of five Inkster walks and

added three hits to deadlock

GIRLS SOFTBALL

McQueen, Sillanpaa lift

Trojans to another win

tory as McQueen had a lead-off single, stole second and took third on a passed ball. That set the stage for junior left fielder Samantha Sillanpaa, who col lected her second hit of the game to bring McQueen home with the game-winner.

Abby Sochacki, the winning pitcher in relief, had two hits along with McQueen and Sillanpaa.

Junior Danielle Maples, the starting pitcher, lasted two innings before giving way to Sochacki, who earned her sec ond win of the year. In five innings, Sochacki allowed four runs on two hits. She walked seven and struck out five.

"McQueen and Sillanpaa" really stepped it up, and Abby kept us in it," DeCaire said. "Inkster really came to play and we had trouble matching their energy."

Clarenceville returns to action 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 at Lutheran High Westland in the Metro Conference opener for both teams.

Mazur bolsters C'ville to victory

Livonia Clarenceville earned its second baseball victory of the season Wednesday with a 10-3 triumph at home over Inkster.

The Trojans, who went winless in 19 games a year ago, are now 2-3 overall. The loss drops Inkster to 2-2.

PREP BASEBALL

Allen Mazur was stellar both on the mound and

with the bat to lead Clarenceville. He pitched all seven innings, allowing just two hits and two walks, while fanning 15. Offensively, Mazur went 3for-3 with a run batted in.

Other standouts for the Trojans included Nick Garant, 2-for-2, with two RBI and four stolen bases: Paul Wilcox, 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI; and Andrew Abbott, 1-for-3 with two RBI

Baseball tryouts

Open tryouts for the 18-and-over Ann Arbor Baseball League will start with registration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 15 at Ann Arbor's Veterans Park (No. 5) located at the corner of Maple and Dexter.

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Komen Bowl-a-Thon

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The cost is \$20 per person (includes bowling, mystery games, pizza). Reservations are required.

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The fee is \$8 per player. It is limited to 24 players and four goalies.

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Girls fastpitch

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a liability waiver form.

Registration for the 2007 Westland Lightning girls fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland. Birth certificates are required. For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.





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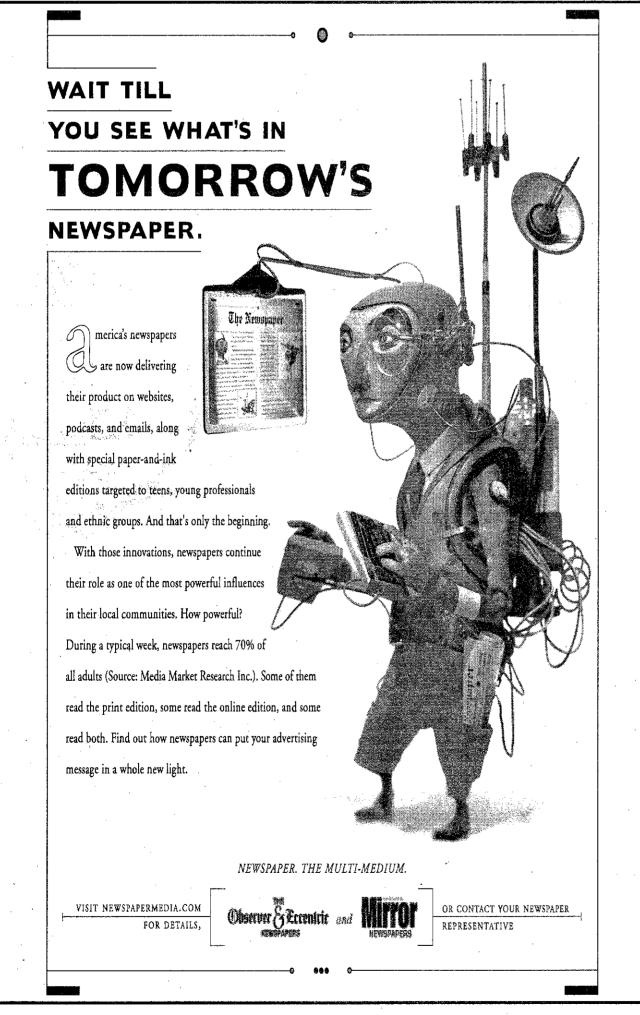
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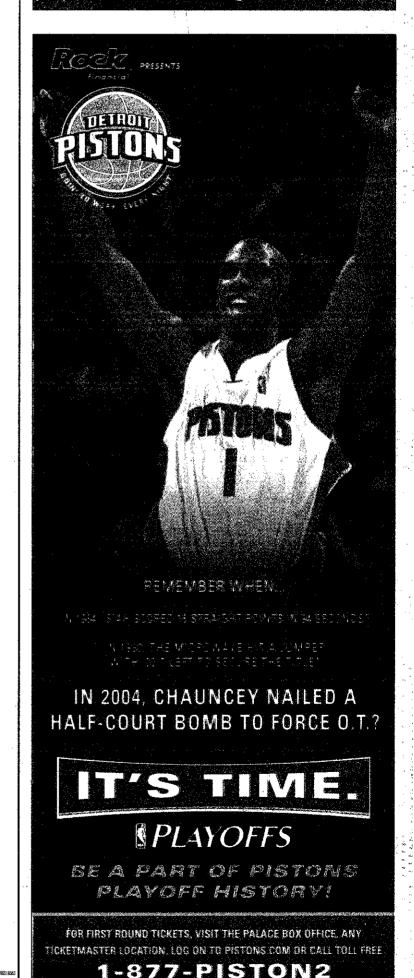
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Focus on desires gets results

y brother and sisters were teenagers when I was born. There was no sibling rivalry with such a wide age gap, at least not on my part. I enjoyed their attention.

My sister, Nancy, who was the baby of the family until I showed up, surprised me on my 21st birthday when she said, "I finally forgive you for being born."

My oldest sister, reminiscing, gave me a compliment. She said, "Even when you were in elementary school, you were a centered person. It

even showed in the poster you had hanging in your bedroom."
She couldn't be talking about the David Cassidy and Bobby Sherman posters.

When those came down, I filled my walls with posters of chimpanzees, my favorite animal after seeing the movie, *Planet of the Apes.* That movie sparked a huge interest in communicating with real apes. It was the focus of my ninthgrade term paper. I learned about sign language being

taught to gorillas and clicking sounds being used to communicate with dolphins. I read everything the library had to offer, and everybody in the family knew it was my favorite topic of conversation.

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The biggest poster in my room, was a chimpanzee sitting in a flower pot with a big flower hat on its head. My sister said, "You always seem to live by the caption on that poster." I didn't remember a caption. "Bloom where you are planted," she said.

Could it be that those words had somehow stuck with me? They didn't seem to be there when I was wilting after several years as an information systems consultant in the 1980s. I hated

There were no blooms where I was planted, but there was a small bud of hope that held the potential for changing my path to follow my desires. Soon, I blossomed as a pregnant lady and in three years time, produced two little offshoots, and started following my passion the way I did as

This time, it was communication with humans – especially the way people communicate with themselves. It's what helped me cope when my kids reached that "you can't make me," stage. It's what helped me be supportive when my husband said, "I know I'm 40, but I want to start a rock and roll band, and practice in our basement."

Recently, I spent five powerful days with Jack Canfield, on the assisting staff, at his Advanced Success training in California. Much time was spent on visualizing successes, feeling the feelings you'd have if you had already achieved those successes, and getting your actions in alignment with desires. During an exercise, I kept thinking about Michigan.

Right now, our economy is ranked near the bottom. What used to work, is no longer working. The car companies are scrambling to figure out what to do. People are worrying about job security and whether their kids will have jobs here when they graduate. Business meetings are filled with people announcing, "I'm moving away," and others saying, "I'm so tired of going to going-away parties."

I started visualizing and asking myself, "How can Michigan transition into a successful thriving state?" And what about you? How can you transition from where you are to where you want to be? Success comes quickly when you focus on the opportunities that your current situation holds. I can be more productive by focusing on my desire for a thriving state, than focusing on my fears and losses. Inspired action comes from desire, not fear.

Yet, transition can ruffle your feathers. It's scary if you focus on what's bad about the change, but transition can be exciting and filled with the buds of possibility.

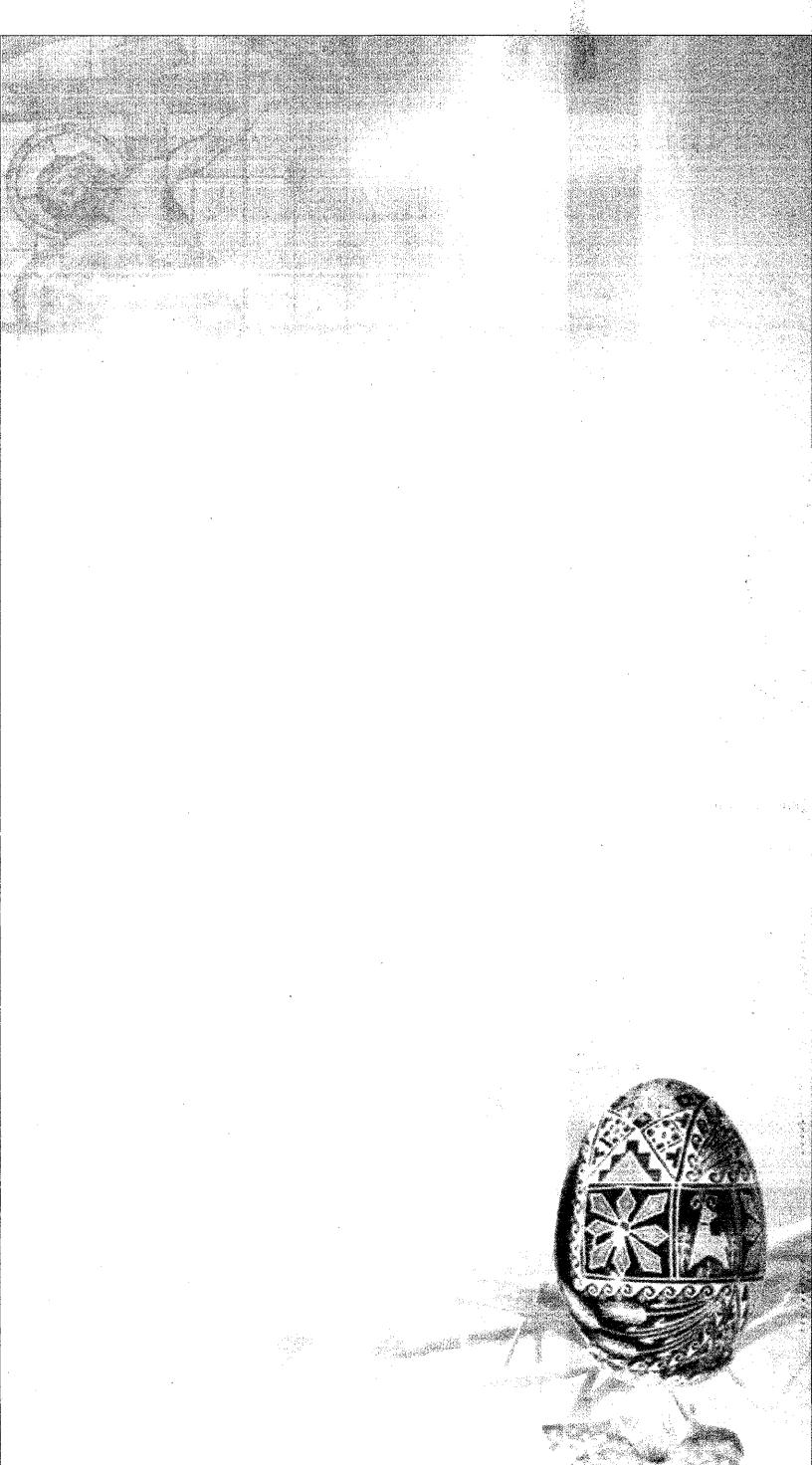
The leaders and residents who envision Michigan as it can become, and follow that desire, are the best champions for success. How can you be a champion for your successes?

Read the following questions to help you uncover the thoughts and actions you need to bloom where you are planted: If you knew for certain that you would succeed, what dream would you go after? What did you want to do when you were a kid that still lights you up now? What opportunities exist in one of your current difficulties? What action can you take now, so your desire can lead to future successes?

I met a woman at a party. She had a high power career before having kids and now is living her passion of being a full-time mom. She shared that someday, when her kids are older, she'd like to produce a show involving her love of exotic animals. It's a dream I have to put on a shelf for

now," she said.
I asked her, "What could you do now, that would help you be more prepared to achieve your dream when the time is right?" In a gush of excitement she realized that now would be a wonderful time to learn some of the things she might need to learn, read the books she might need to read, and develop relationships with the people who she might need to know. I wonder if, one of her future shows will feature apes.

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Orchestra to perform lighter side of Shostakovich



West Bloomfield pianist Pauline Martin performs with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN Staff Writer

Volodymyr Shesiuk is always trying to come up with a signature sound so when the Livonia Symphony music committee was selecting programs for the 2006-07 season Dmitri Shostakovich came to mind.

Shades of Shostakovich introduces the audience to the lighter side of the Russian composer 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in the fifth concert of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra series at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. Shostakovich's music is often referred to as dissonant. His Symphony No. 9, Ballet Suite No. 3, First Piano Concerto, Romance (from Gadfly), and Waltz II (Jazz Suite No. 2) demonstrate his witty,

Tickets are \$17, \$5 child/student, and available at Livonia libraries and at the door. For more information, visit

spirited nature.

www.livoniasymphony.com or call the hotline at (734) 421-1111. The concert is sponsored by the Livonia Town Hall.

"It's a little different program with Symphony No. 9. Not many orchestras play this. It was written after World War II. It's so personal for me," said Shesiuk who like Shostakovich lived under Soviet rule – Shostakovich in St. Petersburg, Shesiuk in Ukraine.

"We also have nice surprises with Pauline Martin performing (Shostakovich's) concerto for

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Matti Michaelis of Scuthflinid is one of the ducting plantats performing in a benefit concert for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Dueling for dollars

Pianists to raise money for free jazz festival

Pianists Matt Michaels and Cliff Monear duel each other on Steinway Grand pianos 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. They will follow the format used on Public Radio's Marian McPartland Piano Jazz program.

The concert will be totally improvisational and unrehearsed. In between dueling, the pianists will discuss the tunes they play, the composers, and different ways jazz allows the freedom to never play a piece the same way twice. They will each solo and may play duets on the same or separate pianos.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the door or by calling (248)

Proceeds go toward producing the 13th annual Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College.



Cliff Monear (above) along with Matt Michaels improvise on two Steinway grand planos Sunday, April 15, at

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piano, strings and trumpet." Martin has been a guest artist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra a couple of times in the past. The West Bloomfield pianist earned a doctorate of musical arts at the University of Michigan

School of Music. In addition to appearing as a soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, New American Chamber Orchestra, Florida West Coast Symphony, and Orchestra London (Canada), Martin performs with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. In 1989 she founded the St. Clair Trio whose CD, Hobson's Choice, received a first round Grammy nomination in 1996. Martin currently teaches at Oakland

University in Rochester. She

also serves as artistic director of the Pro Mozart Society of Greater Detroit.

"Shostakovich's First Concerto features prominently the trumpet so it's really interesting scoring," said Martin.

"People have a tendency to

think of Shostakovich as less accessible. The more one hears his music you recognize, at least in my opinion, he's the most expressive composer we might have found in the 20th century. Shostakovich puts in his score a huge range of emotion with an economy of means.

The slow movement is absolutely beautiful. There's a lot of humor in his work. His music is more and more gaining popularity.

Clarenceville High School is at 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile.

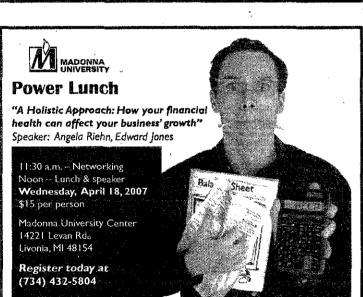
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Reliefs by Redford sculptor inspires dance

The Detroit Dance Collective is premiering new works by Barbara Selinger and Paula Kramer which features the art of internationally recognized painters Jo Powers and Mel Rosas, and sculptor Sergio De Giusti of Redford.

The Michigan Trilogy II Concert takes place 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$22, \$18 students and seniors, \$15 for individuals in groups of 10 or

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Selinger, DDC's artistic director and a Farmington Hills resident, choreographed Moments of Revelation which was inspired by De Giusti's thought provoking bas reliefs of shrouded figures.

The piece opens the program with breathtaking images of mysterious veiled figures that emerge from within, followed by a dynamic trio who are bonded together by long bands that. stretch across the stage. A sensuous duet and mesmerizing finally complete the dance. The work is performed to the music of Christos Hatzis.

Selinger also presents The Line Between which was inspired by a painting of Rosas whose dreamlike landscape divides the real world from the imaginative. Through the use of video projections Rosas' painting is exposed layer by layer as the artist created it.

Choreography by Paula Kramer, DDC's founder and former co-artistic director, includes Up for the Count inspired by Powers' paintings. Kramer created this solo work for Selinger to music by Kenji Bunch.

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Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5,50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style

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Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Chili Cook Off

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Patrick's Parish, 140 Superior, Wyandotte, Bring a spoon and \$5. Enter your chili and you could win \$100 prize. If interested in being a chili chef, call Marion at (734)324-8983 for details.

Dance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, St. Cyril of

Jerusalem Church, 6441 Pelham Road, Taylor, Admission \$10. Contact Marion at (734)324-8983 or Judy (313)389-473D. Dinner & Movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, T.V. Diner,

2441 Fort St., Trenton. Contact Al at (734)284-7595 or Judy at (313)389-

11 a.m. Sunday, April 29, St. Joseph's Church, 345 Eim St. Wyandotte. Brunch follows. Contact Jerry at (734)283-

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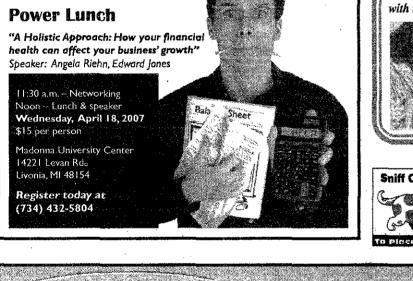
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EASTER

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Even before the birds start to sing on Easter Sunday morning, Volodymyr and Luba Shesiuk head for church to celebrate the Resurrection at Mass. It's a tradition the Garden City couple brought with them from

Ukraine in 1991.

Afterwards, they'll gather their two adult daughters, son-in-law and friends around the kitchen table for a breakfast shared only on this festive Christian occasion. Over the years, different ethnic groups have observed Easter Sunday in a variety of ways, but church services and food remain at the heart of rejoicing over Jesus rising from the dead after his crucifixion.

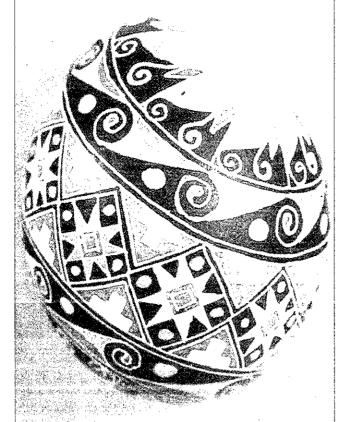
"Luba is preparing very special bread. It smells so nice in the house. It's a very long preparation for this," said Volodymyr Shesiuk, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. "Around 5 a.m. we go to church then have a very special breakfast with eggs. paska (sweet bread with raisins), kielbasa (sausage). At Easter time everything tastes so good."

POLISH EASTER

Sister Nancy Jamroz grew up in a Polish family who celebrated the entire week from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter, Today as a Felician nun, Sister Jamroz follows similar observances.

"On Holy Thursday for Catholics the evening Mass is the Last Supper and celebration of the institution of the priesthood preceded by a supper or agape from Latin meaning love feast." said Sister Jamroz, vice president for student services at Madonna University in Livonia. "On Good Friday, many Polish people spend all three hours in church. Besides the Stations of the Cross, Polish people have special prayers called lamentations. If you talk to any Polish about Gorzkie Zale they will know."

Earlier in the week or on Good Friday afternoon, Sister Jamroz's family colored eggs in preparation for Swicconka, the Easter

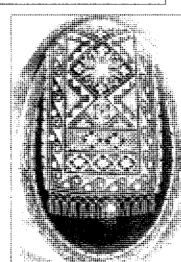


Roman Seniuk combines traditional designs with his compositions in these Ukrainian pysanky. Seniuk demonstrates the art 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Scarab Club.

feast. On Holy Saturday, Polish and Ukrainian families traditionally take their Easter baskets filled with paska bread, sausage, salt, butter, and eggs to church to be blessed. At the Felician Motherhouse, a priest comes to hless the food eaten by the nuns.

"We have eight tables with breads made into rabbits and Easter baskets, a table with meats including Polish sausage, dairy products with butter lambs, another with desserts including candy and bunny cakes, another table with fruits," said Sister Jamroz. "There is a special blessing for each of the

"On Sunday morning at 6 a.m. is a Polish tradition of the Resurrection Mass. Children wear new Easter clothes and carry lilies in procession, and either have a cross without the hody of Jesus draped with white cloths, or the resurrected Jesus. Afterward all the food that was blessed on Saturday will be eaten during large family eatherings."



ITALIAN EASTER

Quinto Milito left Italy in 1959 but brought the tradition of the Easter feast with him to America. Ou Easter morning the Livonia man will go to church before gathering for a "huge family dinner."

Two weeks later, the artistic director of the Friends of the Opera of Michigan, presents the nonprofit's annual Easter concert 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For details about the concert featuring Theodore Dubois' The Seven Last Words of Christ, call (313) 582-0997 or (248), 476-4700.



Five generations

Grandma Susan Kmet of Garden City (left background), age 47, Great grandma Mary Ann Jane Winters-Johr, 66;, Great-great grandmother Rita Ruth Vescoso, 86; Gabriel Scott Winters, 3, and mom Rachel Nichole Winters (center), 25, recently gathered for this five generation photograph.





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Froelicher-Jones

Hans and Joan Froelicher of Annapolis, MD, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Froelicher, to Brian Jones, son of Tom and Cindy Jones of Canton.

Joan Froelicher, a 1999 Annapolis High School graduate earned degrees from Connecticut College and the London Center for International Relations. She is pursuing a juris doctorate at George Washington University.

Brian Jones, a 2000 Livonia Stevenson graduate, earned degrees from Western Michigan University and George Mason University. He is a proposal coordinator at USIS, a defense contractor.

A May wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARIES



Raycraft 40th Wedding Anniversary

Gerald and Lynne (Herdell) Raycraft of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 7.

The Raycrafts were married on April 7, 1967, at St. Monica's Church in Detroit.

The couple was attended by: Joyce Hoxsey, Carmen Herdell, Kathy DiRusso, Tom Raycraft, Chuck Raycraft, Bryce Rainer, and Mike Schier. The bride was walked down the aisle by her brother, Wayne Herdell, and the flower girl was her niece, Debbie Taylor. They had reception at the home of the groom's parents, Russell and Alberta Raycraft. Jerry and Lynne moved to Livonia in 1997. Jerry is a code enforcement officer for the city of Livonia. He is retired from the Detroit

Police Department. Lynne is a retired mortgage officer. The couple have three children: Scott (Melissa) Raycraft of Garden City, Amy Raycraft of Plymouth, and Todd Raycraft of Canton.

The Raycrafts celebrated their anniversary with many family and friends at a surprise party hosted by their children at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia.



Dunigans to celebrated 50th anniversary

Thomas Dunigan and Julie (Lindauer) Dunigan of Westland were married May 11, 1957, at St. Mary's in Jackson, Mich.

Children are Kathy (David, deceased) Solomon of Wayne, Susan Taylor of Romulus, Patricia (Ronald) Walker of Taylor, Christy (Carl) Wiese of Wayne, Daniel (Karen) Dunigan of Westland and Jennifer Rauton of Garden City.

They have 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren

They enjoy playing cards, reading and spoiling their grandchildren. Tom is a member of the Board of Review of the City of Wetland and they both belong to Sts. Simon & Jude Church.

They will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 12, 2007 at the Wayne Tree Manor in Wayne.



VIRGINIA "SANDY"

CONHEIM Age 93, of Farmington Hills, MI. Born in Detroit in 1914, she died April 3, 2007 in the Hospice wing of Beaumont Hospital after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of the late Melville B. Conheim, founder and president of Shifrin-Willens Jewelers. A lifelong and enthusiastic student of languages and literature, she had books and articles in five languages on her bedside table at the time of her death. She is survived by her two daughters, MaryAnne Conheim of Philadelphia, PA and Catherine Conheim of LaJolla, CA; also her devoted caregivers of many years, Kathleen Nicolin, Laura Magewick, Joan Stenerson, Carolyn Webster, Grace Joseph and Deborah Wessel. A Memorial Mass will be offered at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at St. Colman Church, 32500 Middlebelt Road (at 14 Mile Rd.) In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of Beaumont Hospital or to the Michigan Humane Society. Please sign Virginia's online guest book at www.cremationmichigan.com



JOHN CABOT DILLER, III

April 5, 2007 Age 43. Beloved Husband of Angi, Dear Father of Alexis, Loving Brother of Christine, Marianne, Thomas, Liz and Charlotte, Dear Son of John, Jr. & Mette, Also remembered by His loving Mother-in-law Rose Ajoian and Sister-in-law Christy (Greg) Fornwalt. John was A Lifelong resident of Birmingham. Graduate of Seaholm High School class of 1982. Prior to John's Illness some of his favorite activities included watching professional sports, golfing, collecting sports memorabilia and spending time in his Garden. More han anything John loved spending time with his Daughter playing video games, going to movies and particiin her school functions. Despite his long fought battle with cancer John never lost his indominable spirit or his sense of Humor. He will be missed. John's Wife would like to offer a special heart felt thank you to all of the friends and family hat have offered their kindness and support during John's affliction. Share Memories with the Family at their" On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com



EDITH M. DONAHEE

Long time member of the Plymouth Salvation Army. April 3, 2007, age 86. Beloved wife of the late Lewis. Beloved mother of Lawrence (Linda) Donahee, Lillian Ritter, Edith Donahee Denton, Sondra (Ray) Redilla and Lawrine Easley. Also leaves 14 grand-children and 28 great-grandchildren. Sister of Phyllis Doane. Services were held Saturday at The Salvation Army, lymouth. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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Age 90, of Bowling Green, OH, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the Heritage Inn, Bowling Green, OH. He was born on August 28, 1916 in Luckey, OH to Arthur and Lydia (Welling) Joseph. On January 31, 1948 Paul married Gladys I. Warner in Morgantown, WV and she preceded him in death on February 3, 2000. He was a sales engineer for Delwal Corp., Novi, MI for 50 years retiring in 1997. Paul was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, OH and because of his love for the Detroit Lutheran Singers, Detroit, MI. Surviving Paul are sons: James (Cynthia) Joseph of Clarkston, MI, Thomas (Marie) Joseph of Ann Arbor, MI, brothers, C. Fred (Helen) Joseph of Utica, OH, Donald (Carolyn) Joseph of Chesapeake, MD and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in dearth by his parents, wife, Glayds and step-mother, Helen (Groile) Joseph. Family and friends will be received on Monday, April 9, 2007 from 2-4 and 6-8pm at the Marsh Funeral Home, 110 W. Main Street, Luckey, OH. Funeral Services will be conducted on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 11:00am from St. Mark's Lutheran church Bowling Green, OH, where additional visitation will be from 10:00am until time of service. Officiating will be Rev. Dale Schaefer. Internent will be at Troy Township Cemetery, Luckey, OH> There will be a bereavement luncheon held at Troy-Webster American Legion Post #240, OH, immediately following the committal service at the cemetery. Those wishing to give a memorial contribution may wish to consider Detroit Lutheran Singers. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at:

HAZEL R. WILCOX

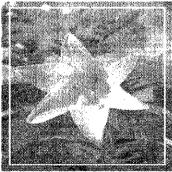
www.marshfuneralhomes.com

Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Birmingham, MI. Age 90, died Thursday, April 5, 2007 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born November 11, 1916 in Marlette, Michigan, the daughter of John W. & Vera (Prowse) Jackson. At age 18, Hazel met David E. Wilcox at a Methodist camp in Forester, Michigan. They were married on May 18, 1940 in Marlette, MI, and he preceded her in death on April 6, 1988. Hazel was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham for 50 years where she was active in the United Methodist Women and was a Sunday School Teacher for many years. Survivors include three sons, Ronald A. (Linda) Wilcox of Oneonta, NY, Craig J. (Kate) Wilcox of Royal Oak, Paul A. (Barb) Wilcox of Jackson; one brother, Warren Jackson of Phoenix, AZ; four sisters, Dora Jickling of Marlette, MI, Grace Seeker of Greenville, OH, Lola Hicks of Kettering, OH; 6 grandchildren; and many nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband David, son James; two brothers. Robert Jackson and John Jackson; and two sisters, Merle Spencer and Genevieve Kennedy. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 14, 3:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, with Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish officiating. Her ashes will be interred in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community, 801 W. Middle St, Chelsea, MI 48118 or First

United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

HENRY "Hank" A. WYESS

Of Livonia. March 26, 2007 age 74. Born July 15, 1932 in Hamtramck, MI to the late Frank and Pauline (Sroka) Wielgoszynski. He served in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Hornet as an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1955. In a 30-year career as a tool and die maker, he worked in machine shops around the Detroit area and as a supervisor in the Experimental Tool Room at the General Motors Hydra-Matic plant in wife of 46 years, Marie (nee Delich); his daughter Pamela and her husband, Sidney Moen, of Saline; special grandchildren John Moen, Brim, Ashley Warren, Katie Warren and Adam Hill-Warren and his wife Xochitl. Also survived by his brother Theodore and his wife, Ann and their children, Paula Kerrebijn, Greg Wyess and wife Inna and their daughter, Georgia Ann Wyess. He'il also be missed by an aunt and several cousins. A memorial visitation will be held at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman) Livonia, on Wednesday, April 11th, 1-3pm and 5-9pm. Funeral Mass on lîhursday, Aprîl 12th at 11am at St Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Online condolences at www.neely-turowski.com



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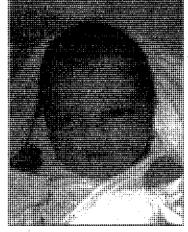


Carter Francesco Caccamo

Kay and Todd Caccamo of Canton announce the birth of their son, Carter Francesco Caccamo, on Feb. 21, 2007, at Beaumont Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Dan and Ethie Neuzil of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, and Frank and Rosemary Caccamo of Auburn Hills.



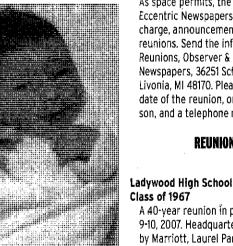
Collin Timothy Battle

Bob and Ginger Battle of Novi announce the birth of their son, Collin Timothy Battle, on March 3, 2007, at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Collin weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. His grandparents are Bob

and Peg Battle of Livonia and John and Pat Krawczynski of Lansing.

Collin has a big sister. Delaney Battle, 5.



A 40-year reunion in planned for June

9-10, 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott, Laurel Park, Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681-7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information. Livonia Bentley High School

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REUNIONS

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion Saturday, June 9, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Cost \$45 per person due May 1. For information, call Janice Sue Fernandez, (734)427-1288.

Livonia Churchill Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, No. fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Northville High School

Class of 1997



Advertising Correction Notice

The Lowe's circular in this week's newspaper contains an error. The price for Stainmaster Carpet (#74491) on page 8 is for carpet only and does not include labor or pad.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this error may cause to you, our valued customer.

REUNIONS

A 10-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 5th Avenue, Novi, private party on second floor. Cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple due no later than April 16. Make checks payable to Matt Zielinski, 12829 Lanatana Ridge Court Austin, Tx 78732. For more details join the Google group at

http://groups.google.com/group/nhspa Novi High School

Classes of 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977 A combined class reunion, July 28, 2007 at Rock Financial in Novi. For information please contact: Laurie (Maier) Butler (1974) Ibutler@motorcityharley.com; Claire (Salow) Klingelhofer (1975) clairekl@comcast.net; Leigh (Tarczy) Guzowski (1976) laguzow@alumni.nmu.edu; Patty (Pohiman) Mayer (1977)

mayer123@comcast.net **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Class of 1966 Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634.

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept, 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or email at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@comcast.net

Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. Email Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1957

A 50-year class reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 19, 2007, at American Legion Post, 9318 Newburgh Road (near Ann Arbor Trail), Livonia. Also a Wayne High Alumni Association "All Class Reunion," honoring class of 1957 on Friday, May 18. Try to attend both!

For details contact: Richard Smith at (248)442-7543 or Carl Allore at (810) 231-2713 or Larry Schafer at LES87@aol.com.

Class of 1997

Wayne Memorial High class of 1997 reunion is this year June 1,2 and 3. If you have information about classmates, pleas call Marlon Redd at (734)721-9358.





Grandma Donna Kenske of Canton hunts Easter eggs grandchildren Olivia, Anthony and Emily.

Home hunts a happy Easter happening

BY DONNA KENSKE CORRESPONDENT

Grandmothers unite! Instead of the "big" Easter Egg Hunt put on by parks, have you ever given thought to having one at your house, condo or homeowners association? Think it's too much trouble? Wrong. A few simple steps and you'll find a new family tradition your grand-

children will await with glee. This is your lucky day! Calling all kids, the hunt is on!

Invest in a few bags of plastic eggs; the amount varies by the number of children attending (be sure to retrieve eggs at end of hunt for next year). Next, a bag or two of wrapped candy will do, or visit the bulk-food section at the grocery store for a greater variety.

Raid your change jar and the couch. I put either one or two pieces of candy or small change in each egg and secure with scotch tape.

Opportunities are endless, because the eggs can be filled with anything. Need some ideas? Girls love barrettes or hair bows while boys prefer matchbox cars or tattoos. All kids love stickers, bubbles and glow-in-the-dark bracelets or even a deck of cards.

This Easter I kicked it up a

notch by writing "Grandma Coupons" to put inside the eggs. My coupons say "You have won a trip to the movies, one-night stay at Grandma's house, a trip to the library, lunch with Grandpa", you get the idea.

Personalize your coupons to fit your children. Make a master list so you can record who won what.

Now: Hiding the eggs. Children actually love the hunting part more than the contents of the eggs! They feel like pirates going after buried treasure. Do not underestimate the ability of even the youngest

They can sniff out candy anywhere. They feel like pirates going after buried treasure. They will look high and low.

I hide my eggs in the bushes, in and under trees, the window ledge, on the landscape rocks or the park bench. Don't forget the hose cart, the front porch or window sills. Having a car in the driveway is a bonus. Place an egg in front of and behind a tire, on the hood or bumper; balance an egg on the door handle.

Here's the most important part: Get out your camera and have a ball, capturing the giggles and surprises as reflected in their faces.



Down the Beach

This pastel painting, Down the Beach, is one of the landscapes on exhibit by Jerry Power through April 29, at the Village Theater Gallery, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Meet the artist 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (734) 394-5300.

Lecturer looks at faith in Detroit history

Dr. Angela Dillard, associate professor at the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, will discuss "True vs. False Religion: How Faith Mattered in Detroit's Radical History" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, in the alumnae hall of Madame Cadillac building on the Marygrove College campus, corner of Wyoming and McNichols, in Detroit.

The lecture is based on Dillard's new book, Faith in The City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit, due out this spring from University of Michigan Press. The book looks at religion's place in Detroit's protest communities from the 1930s-60s.

Angela Dillard joined U of M in 2006 in the Residential College and the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies. She holds a PhD and a Master of Arts in American Culture from U of M; an Master of Arts in Political Science from the New School for Social Research; and a Bachelor of Arts in Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy from Michigan State University.

She is the author of James Meredith, The Conservative Turn and the Boundaries of the American Historical Imagination and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Now?: Multicultural Conservatism in



Dr. Armein Düberd

America (2002). Dillard's appearance is a "Defining Detroit" event of Marygrove's Institute for Detroit Studies, an interdisciplinary series of public exhibits, lectures, performances, readings and discussions that explore different aspects of Detroit life. Previous presenters include Detroit poet laureate Naomi Long Madgett, novelist Joyce Carol Oates, historian Thomas Sugrue, poet Philip Levine, musical conductor and choirmaster Brazeal Dennard and poet Lawrence Joseph.

The lecture also is an Inaugural Event commemorating the inauguration of Marygrove's eighth president, David Fike.

For more information call (866) 313-1927 or visit www.marygrove.edu.

Art exhibit features encaustic paintings

Artist Dee Ann Segula exhibits her unique, colorful and richly textured encaustic paintings through April 29, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday. Visitors can meet the artist 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, during special exhibit viewing hours. A self-supporting artist, Segula has been working in oil painting, print making, draw-

more than 25 years. While this Milford-

ing, metals, calligraphy, and mixed media for

based artist has always been known for her whimsical and thought-provoking work, she has recently learned the ancient technique of

Encaustic is the method of painting molten beeswax and pigment on a surface. Historians date this practice back to ancient Greece and it has even adorned the statues at the Acropolis. Every century since, artists have utilized encaustic in one form or another including Diego Rivera and Jasper Johns.

Segula's take on the encaustic technique has found her experimenting with themes of

nature like animals, flora and fauna. She combines layers of lacquer between layers of oil paint which gives her paintings and drawings a distinctive depth and brilliance.

"It's the hands-on process that intrigues me, the tactile feeling of the medium and the myriad ways you can work with it," said Segula, "It's exploring unknown territory and unexpected results. It's the beauty and the richness that can be achieved that has held

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Advances in treatment

Cause for hope for people with multiple sclerosis

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robert Lisak has seen more progress in treating multiple sclerosis in the last decade than the years since 1966 when he became involved with MS research. This is good news for patients suffering with the devastating autoimmune disease which attacks the central nervous system, in many cases crippling the body and mind.

In early March, the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society held a series of events to let MS patients and their families know there is help for the nerve-damaging disease. Lisak presented the latest findings. He is considered the leading authority on MS and internationally known for his research work at Wayne

State University. Lisak emphasizes that while none of the six therapies approved by the Food and Drug Administration are a cure, the treatments do decrease the relapse rate and severity of attacks in general, and over a three- to five-year period reduce the amount of disability. About 85 percent of patients have relapsing multiple sclerosis with periods of remission."We have several clinical trials at WSU including newer agents and our MS Center is involved in basic science in genetics. We're looking for genes to see who gets mild or horribly disabling MS, to see what genes get MS and who doesn't," said Lisak, professor and chair of neurology, and professor of immunology and microbiology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Neurologistin-Chief, Detroit Medical Center, and Chief of Neurology, Harper University Hospital.

The six FDA-approved therapies include three injectible interferon beta drugs; glatiramer acetate, which is not an interferon but works for relapsing MS; mitoxantrone, a chemotherapy drug used for T-cell leukemia and patients in secondary MS to stabilize the disease; and infusion natalizumab for relapsing-remitting MS which was approved then withdrawn from the market because some patients developed progressive multi-focal leukoencephalothaty, a brain virus usually only seen in AIDS patients. The FDA put it back on the market, but not for use in combination with other therapies. Lisak said most physicians would not use this as the first drug.

"I'm encouraged we'll have better and better therapies," said Lisak of Bloomfield Hills. "The first step is understanding the disease and getting better therapies and eventually if not have a cure, although we

Kevin Palmer says he's seen an improvement in his brother, Jason Bledso, since Palmer began giving him daily injections of the noninterferon Copaxone (glatiramer acetate) in January. Bledso came to live with his brother in West Bloomfield in December after their mother died in Kansas where Bledso had been staying.

"Prior to this he had episodes



Joyce Nelson and Jason Bledso recently took part in National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter events to raise awareness about the disease. Nelson is president and CEO of the national organization based in Denver.

when MS would prohibit nerves from relaying messages to muscles," Kevin Palmer said. "He hasn't had any episodes since receiving injections."

Diagnosed with MS in 2000 at the age of 21, Bledso became unable to walk four years ago but can still feed himself and brush his teeth. He's especially grateful for the social activities and classes provided by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter based in Southfield.

Bledso takes part in tai chi, yoga and computer classes once a week. Palmer says his brother is a "stickler on having his independence and insists on taking the SMART bus by himself" to classes.

"I look forward to yoga because I get to breathe in deep and relax," said Jason Bledso, 28.

Joyce Nelson says the National Multiple Sclerosis Society exists to make sure MS doesn't stop people

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Weight is linked to cancer risk

Rich from Southfield e-mails for the latest research on the link between weight gain and

Rich, we all know that weight gain puts the heart at risk, but not much research has

been done linking obesity and cancer. Now the largest study ever done shows a powerful link between being overweight and a variety of cancers, in fact nearly all of them.

Researchers tracked a million men for years. They found that excess weight accounts for 14 percent of cancer deaths in men and 20 percent in women. In the U.S., that adds up to around 90,000 extra cancer deaths

per year. If you are overweight, these numbers should scare you. Talk to a doctor or nutritionist about a proper diet before you become a statistic.

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Jim e-mails from Southfield and asks for information on the dangers of osteoporosis in men.

Jim, osteoporosis is a male health hazard that often goes unnoticed. In fact, a male over the age of 50 has a greater chance of a bone. break because of osteoporosis than of being diagnosed with prostate cancer. Here's another sobering statistic: one in five men will suffer a hip fracture by the age of 90; one-third of them will die during the healing process. But medical experts say that osteoporosis continues to be viewed as a woman's disease.

Men should know the warning signs. They include things like height loss, poor posture and sudden back pain. Treatments for men are getting better. There are new medicines and testosterone replacement therapy. Men, like women, can also help prevent the disease by not smoking, taking calcium supplements and exercising.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



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Colorectal cancer screening saves lives

Michigan passes law for CF screening of newborns

Dr. Michael Biederman is trying to raise awareness of the colorectal cancer and emphasize the importance of early detection through screenings. Colorectal cancer is the cancer of the colon and/or rectum and is the third most common cancer in both men and women. It is also one of the most preventable cancers because it can develop from polyps that can be removed before they

become cancerous. Colorectal cancer usually starts as a small polyp growing on the inside of the colon or

rectum.

"Most polyps never become cancer, but if you find them and remove them, you significantly reduce the risk of it becoming colon cancer," said Dr. Michael Biederman, a Botsford Hospital gastroen-

terologist. "Everyone should

have a colonoscopy when they are 50 as this is when the cancer usually starts to show

In addition to people age 50 and older, individuals with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer, colorectal polyps, or inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease); smokers, or people who are obese and are sedentary are also at risk for

colorectal cancer. Biederman offers the follow-

ing prevention tips: Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight.

■ Eat a healthy diet that includes fruits, vegetables and

whole grains. ■ Do not smoke and do not drink alcohol excessively.

■ The most important prevention measure is to get regular screening tests.

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from moving. When myelin, a fatty tissue protecting the nerve fibers, is damaged in one or "multiple" areas and results in scarring, the nerves are unable to conduct electrical impulses to and from the brain. The scarring or "sclerosis" thus hinders movement and causes vision and memory problems, bladder and bowel dysfunction, spasticity, numbness, pain, and fatigue. The progression and intensity of symptoms varies in the four recognized types of MS. In addition to offering services and programs for MS patients and their families, the Society funds research on the causes and treatments for the unpredictable disease.

We had over \$3 million of research going on at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in 2003," said Joyce Nelson, president and CEO of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society based in Denver.

Nelson was in town during the week of March 5-11, which was proclaimed "MS Awareness Week" in Michigan by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. During that time the national organization launched a campaign to make the public aware of the devastating disease affecting more than 16,000 people in the state and 400,000 in the country.

Once thought to attack people between the ages of 20 and 50, Nelson says children as young as age 4 are being diagnosed with MS today. Lisak says he doesn't know if there's a trend in children developing MS or that it was just underdiagnosed. Advances in diagnostic tools such as the MRI could account for the increase. In response to the growing numbers, the society is funding six regional pediatric centers to treat children with MS.

"I'm excited about letting

everyone know there is a movement afoot," Nelson said. "I want to encourage everyone who has MS or a family member to contact the chapter here in Michigan to get the latest information on treatments,

"The six FDA-approved therapies, while not a cure, do seem to show a slowing of the attack. Unfortunately they're all injectibles or an infusion and also very costly. The cost of these drugs can be as high as \$40,000 a year. We work with Medicare and Medicaid folks and private insurers to make sure people have access to these therapies."

RoseJones Taylor works daily to raise awareness not only about the help available at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Southfield, but the disease itself. In March she was encouraged by the collaboration which occurred during an MS advocacy conference in Washington, D.C. Non-MS Society groups together with the organization are working to promote public policy to benefit people with MS.

"We want to raise awareness about the MS cause, increase visibility so we can reach people with MS and anyone who's a part of the lives of individuals with MS - caregivers, professionals," said Rose Jones Taylor, vice president of programs for the Society's Michigan Chapter. "We want to make sure they know we're here for them."

For information on the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, visit www.nationalMSsociety.org or call (248) 350-0020, ext. 235, or (800) FIGHT-MS.

To support the launch of the Society's new campaign, a new Web site is available for those interested in helping to eliminate MS. Learn more about volunteering, participating in a MS Walk or Bike Ride, or donating by visiting www.jointhemovement.org.

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was created in 1955, few chilin CF patients. Early diagnosis dren lived to attend elemenallows affected infants to begin tary school. Today, as a result

Newborns in Michigan will be screened for cystic fibrosis (CF), beginning in fall 2007. Michigan is the 36th state, plus the District of Columbia, to support routine CF screening at birth.

Cystic fibrosis is a fatal genetic disease that affects 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. Newborn screening for CF is important because more than 10 million Americans are unknowing, symptomless carriers of a cystic fibrosis gene. Most people who have a child with CF are not aware of a family history of the disease. Cystic fibrosis causes thick mucus to build up in the lungs and other organs, causing life-threatening infections and serious digestive complications.

Research studies show that newborn screening for CF will likely improve and extend the lives of those born with CF. Newborn screening involves a blood test that searches for the

most common defective gene nutritional interventions immediately. In research studies on the benefits of newborn screening, these interventions have been shown to improve height, weight and cognitive function as well as benefits in maintaining or improving lung function and life expectancy. and in reducing hospitaliza-

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of dramatic improvements in research and care, supported by donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, the median survival age for a person with CF is nearly 37 years.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the leading U.S. organization devoted to curing and controlling CF. For information, visit www.cff.org.

Luncheon begins at 8:30 a.m.

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Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Learn about diabetes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, hosts diabétes lecture 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, with speaker Dr. Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. No charge. Pre-registration not required.

Stop smoking clinic

Begins 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 12, and continues Monday-Friday, April 16-20, with graduation on Monday, April 23, in the fellowship room at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Coordinated by Arthur Weaver, M.D., and funded by donation. For information, call (248) 349-5683.

Tai chi for seniors

Six week series of classes begin noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. To register, call (248) 937-3314.

Fund-raiser

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team Red, White and Blue are having a large indoor garage sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All proceeds go toward a cure for cancer. Donations welcome. No very large items or big furniture. For

information, call (734) 525-3736.

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 appoint-

ment necessary. CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, April 16, at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake, east of Telegraph. The parent presentation will be on Medication for Children and Adolescence with AD/HD with Dr. Birget Amman, child psychiatrist. Adult group features noted author Dr. Arthur Robin speaking on Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Treating Adults with AD/HD. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m., registration at 7 p.m. Meeting ends 9 p.m. No charge to. CHADD members and their families, \$5 donation per non member family. For

details, call (248) 988-6716. Hatha Yoga classes

5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning April 17 to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength, includes meditation and breathing techniques. Class participates need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease.

Bone marrow transplant Educational series for individuals who have received transplants, their family and caregivers 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17, and May 8, at the Troy Community Center, Topics include emotional aspects of survivorship and coping strategies, nutrition for health maintenance,

resources, integrative medicine. To register, visit

www.nbmtlink.org/edseries, send e-1 mail to info@nbmtlink.org or call (800) LINK-BMT (546-5268).

Alzheimer's update

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce: Learn about new research and latest treatment options. To register, call (248) 937-3314. Pre-registration recommended as space is limited. Hatha Yoga classes

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Catch your breath Women's Lung Health Conference and

Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott Hotel, Hosted by American Lung Association, the event features speakers on topics of interest to laypersons and medical professionals including lung cancer and women, COPD, healthy homes, hazards of mainstream industry personal care and cosmetics product, tobacco marketing to women, nutrition, smoking cessation, clean air, asthma, infections, and pulmonary hypertension. Cost is \$75. For more information, visit www.catchyourbreathmi.org. For questions, call (248) 784-2012 or (248) 784-2000, Dr. John Ruckdeschel, presi dent and CEO of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, is one of the medical experts scheduled to lec-

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Italian cuisine, live auction, raffles, entertainment and karaoke 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Penna's, 38400 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Tickets \$100, all proceeds go to Care House. help child victims of sexual and physicai abuse. Cali (586) 463-0123.

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DON'T LET FOOT INJURIES RUIN YOUR SPRING BREAK

As thousands of Americans hit the beaches in Florida, Mexico, or the Caribbean, Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights, shares these safety tips from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Puncture wounds and cuts: Wear shoes to protect your feet from puncture wounds and cuts caused by sea shells, broken glass and other sharp objects. Don't go in the water if your skin gets cut - bacteria in oceans and lakes can cause infection. To avoid complications from e puncture wound, see a foot and ankle surgeon for treatment within 24 hours.

Jellvfish stings: Remember that a jellyfish washed up on the beach can still sting if you step on it. If their tentacles stick to the foot or ankle, remove them, but protect your hands from getting stung too. Vinegar, meat tenderizer or baking soda reduce pain and swelling. Most jellyfish stings heal within days, but if they don't medical treatment is required.

Sunburns: Feet get sunburn too. Rare but deadly skin cancers can occur on the foot. Don't forget to apply sunscreen to the tops and bottoms of your feet.

Burns: Sand, sidewalks and paved surfaces get hot in the summer sun. Wear shoes to protect your soles from getting burned, especially if you have diabetes.

Ankle injuries, arch and heel pain: Walking, jogging and playing sports on soft, uneven surfaces like sand frequently leads to arch pain, heel pain, ankle sprains and other injuries. Athletic shoes provide the heel cushioning and arch support that flip-flop and sandals lack. If injuries occur, use rest, ice, compression and elevation to ease pain and swelling. Any injury that does not resolve within a few days should be examined by a foot and ankle surgeon.

Diabetes risks: The 20 million Americans with diabetes face serious foot safety risks at the beach. The disease causes poor blood circulation and numbness in the feet. A diabetic may not feel pain from a cut, puncture wound or burn. Any type of skin break on a diabetic foot has the potential to get infected and ulcerate if it isn't noticed right away. Diabetics should always wear shoes to the beach, and remove them regularly to check for foreign objects like sand and shells that can cause sores, ulcers and infections.

For treatment of beach-related foot injuries, contact Dr. Bernstein at (313) 274-7047 27235 Joy at Inkster

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