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Council's split vote buries snow ordinance

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Next winter, tell Frosty the Snowman he can leave the yard and play in the street. A proposal to crack down on property owners for pushing snow onto city streets was narrowly rejected Monday night by a split Westland City Council. The meltdown came as the council voted 4-3 against Councilman James Godbout's proposal, which he said was intended to prevent potential accidents. Although state law has penalties for dumping snow on major roads, Godbout wanted to

strengthen city rules after he received complaints. His plan would have given the city broader powers against violators by allowing employees of four departments - public service, building, police and fire - to issue tickets. Offenders would have faced a \$50 fine for a first offense and \$100 for subsequent violations. Godbout voiced concerns about potential accidents not only by routine motorists in residential neighborhoods, but also by school buses, police cars, fire and rescue trucks, and handicap-accessible vehicles. Godbout said his proposal "doesn't discriminate" between property owners who dump snow on major roads and residential streets.

He won support from colleagues Cheryl Graunstadt and Robert Stottlemeyer, but they were outnumbered by council members Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Charles Pickering and Dewey Reeves. Even Stottlemeyer called his decision "a hard one." Kehrer reiterated his earlier statements that it's virtually impossible to clear snow from private property without blowing some onto city streets. Johnson repeated his concerns that the proposed ordinance would pit neighbor against neighbor, leading to petty squabbles. He also said city employees have more pressing issues to address than issuing such tickets.

Resident Dan Devlin, the self-described "mayor of Sanford Drive," told city leaders Monday that he helps those in his neighborhood who can't clear their sidewalks and driveways. He said most people don't push snow into the street. Even if they do, he questioned how the city could prove it. Resident Lida Hartman had supported Godbout's plan. She didn't address the council Monday, but her reaction from her seat was clear when the proposal was voted down. "I can't believe it," she said.

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Sgt. Timothy Abramski, the longest-serving member of the Westland Police Department, will mark his last day on the job Friday.

'... a guy you could always count on'

Abramski retires as city's longest serving police officer

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police Sgt. Timothy Abramski will end a history-making career Friday when he leaves his job. Abramski, 59, has worked for the Westland Police Department longer than any other officer in the city's 41-year history. Abramski started his job as a rookie officer on Dec. 2, 1970. For perspective, it was the same month Elvis Presley visited President Richard Nixon in the White House. "It's tough to imagine that it's all coming to a close," he said Monday, sitting in his Special Investigations Unit office. "But, it's time to move forward." Much of his career has involved drug investigations, and he often worked long,

odd hours to take drug dealers off the street. "He's a guy you could always count on," Police Chief James Ridener said. "He would always respond to the department's needs. He's a man of integrity and a very honorable man. We're going to miss him." As a Garden City teenager delivering newspapers, Abramski became interested in law enforcement after John Thomas, a police officer on his route, emerged as a role model. "We would sit down and talk about his job as a police officer," Abramski said. Abramski became the first in his family to consider a career in police work. His father, Henry, worked as a transportation supervisor for Chrysler Corp., and his mother, Marcella, was employed at Ford Motor Co.'s Rawsonville plant.

A graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Abramski was later drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He returned and started studying at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he was a walk-on for the football team. Money was tight, so Abramski decided to quit college and pursue his real dream in law enforcement. He attended a Westland police academy and became an officer in December 1970. He worked as a patrol officer and a juvenile crime investigator, and he spent time in the detective bureau solving fraud cases that involved credit cards and bad checks. His department supervisors wanted him to move to the Special Investigations

PLEASE SEE ABRAMSKI, A5

Pickering becomes 2nd candidate to enter mayor's race

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With a campaign slogan of "experience is everything," Westland City Council President Charles Pickering has announced his bid to reclaim the mayoral job he lost 22 years ago. Pickering cited his 35 years of city experience as the reason voters should elect him in November to finish an unexpired two-year term of former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, now a district judge. "I have the proven experience, leadership, dedication and integrity to move



Pickering

Westland forward," he said, in a prepared statement released Monday. Pickering, 64, has become the second candidate to formally announce his intentions, although he still has to file his nominating petitions. Mayor William Wild, appointed in January by his then-council colleagues to serve this year, filed his petitions in March.

PLEASE SEE PICKERING, A5

Mulligan seeks positive change in school district

Editor's note: Five candidates - Bhagwan Dashairya, Skip Monit, Brian Mulligan, Martha Pitsenbarger and T. Cortez Span Jr. - are campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the Tuesday, May 8, election. This is the third of five stories profiling the candidates based on their responses to questions submitted to them by the *Observer*.



Mulligan



For Brian Mulligan, winning or losing in the annual school election doesn't matter as long as he has "contributed to a positive change" in the schools and society. The Westland resident is making his first bid for an elective office, hoping to get the one four-year term that will be filled by voters in the school district on Tuesday, May 8. "I'm running for the Wayne-Westland school board because I believe that ordinary citizens need to take a more active role in their communities," he stated. "I believe that all parents need to take responsibility for their children's education and actively participate in that education, not only for their children's benefit but for our society as well." A high school graduate who attended Eastern Michigan University and Oakland Community College, he studied for five years at JATC Trade School to become a licensed electrician. Mulligan has lives in the district. He is engaged to Angela Cotter and is involved with Scout Troop 1736 with her son, Tyler. When asked what he sees as the role of the school board in pub-

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Coming Sunday in Health



Organ donation focuses on film, fund-raiser

AROUND WESTLAND

Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 22, at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

What's your bid

St. Damian will hold its ninth annual auction Saturday, April 28. This year's theme is Hawaiian Luau. There will be a live auction, featuring a trip to Maui.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and include a full dinner, dancing, entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and more.

St. Damian is at 29891 Joy, Westland. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 421-6130.

Hazardous waste

The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

For the first time, items such as cell phones and computers will be accepted. The drop-off program is open to residents of CWCSA communities which include Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn Heights.

Card Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a Blossom Time luncheon and card party 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy in Westland.

Bring a friend and play cards or games of your choice. Tickets are \$6. For reservations, call (734) 722-1343. Tickets also will be available at

the door. Flapjack benefit

The Westland Grange 389 will hold a flapjack fund-raiser 8-10 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Applebee's, 36475 Warren, Westland. The cost is \$6 for pancakes, choice of meat and beverage.

Proceeds will benefit the Grange's third-grade dictionary program and fibromyalgia group.

Helping veterans

Veterans Haven Inc. is seeking sponsors to help pay for a G.I. Blues Festival in the works for this summer. The event is expected to be held at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

Businesses can gain recognition and become a sponsor by contacting Veterans Haven public relations director Scott Romp at (734) 478-0822.

The nonprofit organization is seeking bronze sponsors for \$500, silver for \$1,000, gold for \$2,500 and platinum for \$5,000.

More details will be announced later in addition to information about ticket sales.

Entitlement seminar

A program to help seniors prepare now to handle their post-death matters will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

The seminar will include information on veterans' and Social Security benefits, chapel services and the advantages to planning now for a funeral.

To register call (734) 722-7628.

Now enrolling

St. Damian Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. The school offers a 3-4-year-old preschool program and full day kindergarten in addition to grades 1-8.

St. Damian is at 29891 Joy, Westland. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680.



Emerson Middle School eighth-grader Brandon Manenti gets a little guidance from technology teacher Ron Wilson on programming his robot. Manenti and other students are preparing for an upcoming robotics competition.

Students get on a roll learning robotics

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

For all the tools, sensors, extra parts and Legos laying around, eighth-grader Brandon Manenti insists that building and programming robots isn't that hard.

"It doesn't take a whole lot of knowledge to do the programming," the Emerson Middle Schooler said, with his laptop by his side. "It's not like you have to learn a whole other computer language."

Manenti and Mason Larkin — teammates in Emerson's competitive robotics league — were working after school trying to design an arm that would allow their robot to pick up and carry a ball.

They fiddled with a claw, a net and some kind of metal box contraption.

"The claw is probably the easiest thing to use," Larkin

said, after trying out the net. Emerson bought nine robot kits for the after-school club. Other students worked on them in different areas of teacher Ron Wilson's industrial technology classroom labs.

But only two robots can be entered into competition later this month. The qualifying regional Robofest challenge takes place April 21 in Canton. From there, Emerson could go on to the World Robofest Championship on April 28 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, where they would be battling teams from as far away as Singapore, using all sorts of different robot kits.

"We're hoping to do well to slide into the world competition," said Wilson, who will teach a robotics class for the first time next year. That's not bad for the school's first year

of participation. "A lot of these teams have been at it for years," he said.

The robots have to go down a ramp, capture a ball and bring it back up. It's all timed, and the robots must move autonomously. That means students must figure out how to place and adjust various motors and sensors so the robot can "see," "hear" and "feel" obstacles.

Using laptops, students set up a sequence of movements, then transfer those commands to the robot's "brain" so it can move on its own. Educational software makes the technical programming look as easy as playing a computer game of Solitaire.

From an academic standpoint, students are using science and math skills.

"All of the simple machines are represented in these robots," said Eric Cassie, a seventh-grade science

teacher, who said he was excited about the impact the robotics curriculum will have on other subject areas.

Next year, Emerson will offer a robotics class for seventh-graders. At least 149 students — enough for at least five classes — have expressed interest, Wilson said. The school may eventually offer an advanced robotics class for eighth-graders, he said.

Students have asked for a robotics class for five years, he said.

"I got online and just jumped into it," Wilson said. Districts in Milford, Northville and Novi offer robotics and Lego developed a "fantastic" curriculum, he said.

"It's been exciting to see the kids excited about learning."

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Westland City Clerk will hold a public accuracy test on the M-100 voting equipment for the Wayne-Westland Community School District Board of Education election to be held on May 8, 2007 on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. All interested parties from the Township of Canton, and the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Westland are hereby notified.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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

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5006 - Ricky Kraus - Stereo, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5022 - Wanda Johnson - 5 Bags, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5042 - Timothy Lockhart - Mirror, DVD Player, Misc Items

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION MAY 8, 2007

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons living in Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, and Westland who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. Those living in Romulus and Wayne may contact the Wayne City Clerk's office. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in their respective City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM CONSULTING FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN

The City of Westland will receive written qualifications for providing Consulting Engineering and Testing services for the resurfacing of Ann Arbor Trail from Hines Drive to Inkster Road.

The project will consist of the rehabilitation and resurfacing of approximately three miles of major roadway, including traffic signalization improvements, utility structure adjustments, concrete curb installation, pavement marking installation and restoration. The project is scheduled for the September 7th, 2007 MDOT bid letting.

The construction engineering for this project will include all surveying, staking, field inspection, construction administration and quality control testing in accordance with MDOT requirements, specifications and guidelines during the spring and summer of 2008. Consultants considered for these services must hold an approved status on MDOT's pre-qualification list for Road Construction Engineering. All firms must also have working experience with Field Manager software and the MERL Program.

Submit Proposals to the City of Westland for consideration by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 2, 2007 in care of:

Mr. Kevin Buford, Director
City of Westland
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37137 Marquette
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2007-08 budgets. This hearing is scheduled for the purpose of public input on the proposed budget.

This notice is given by order to the Board of Education.

ROBERT FREEMAN,
Secretary

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Organizers seek sponsors to defray costs of festival

Westland Summer Festival plans are moving ahead with a few new features this year, Chairman Kenneth Mehl said. The festival will run June 28 through July 4, ending with a fireworks display.

As always, the festival will start with a parade scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Thursday, June 28. It will move north from the Wayne-Ford Civic League and then west to Westland City Hall.

To get parade applications, call Jeanie Cox at (734) 722-6979 or visit the festival Web site at www.westlandfestival.org.

Those who want to become involved in the arts and crafts displays should call Gale Armstrong at (734) 994-0450 or visit the Web site.

Those who want to set up food concessions should call Normie Brazier at (734) 326-

2099 or visit the Web site.

Sponsors also are needed to help defray the festival's costs. To help, call Mehl at (734) 261-5955. Also, anyone who wants to volunteer to help with the festival may call Tony Wager at (734) 331-4586.

"There will be lots of things happening during the festival for children and adults," Mehl said. The 37th annual event will be held in the city's municipal government complex, although Central City Park is expected to remain closed off until the problem of lead contamination is resolved.

The main entertainment stage will be in Tot Town, a separate, smaller park on Carlson just south of Ford. Flutist Alexander Sonjic, who has drawn large crowds at previous festivals, will perform the evening of July 1.

Times will be announced later for certain events, but Mehl said a new country music-themed day is being organized for Saturday, June 30.

"We're hoping to start the music in the early afternoon," he said.

Three VFW posts from Westland will sponsor a Vegas night and Texas Hold 'Em tournament during the festival, with details to come.

The Foundation for American Veterans and two chapters of the Rolling Thunder motorcycle club will sponsor a poker run, with details to come.

Riders will pick up cards at five stops on a specific route, then report back to see who has the best hand. Prizes will be given.

"We're working on a lot of things this year," Mehl said.

Contestants sought for pageant

Miss Westland Pageant organizers are looking for a few good women - 20, to be exact.

Contestants are being sought for the competition. A winner will be crowned Thursday, June 28, after a parade kicks off the Westland Summer Festival.

Miss Westland contenders will vie for more than the prestige of winning. Scholarship money is at stake, too, said Debbie Lindquist, who is coordinating the program with Shaun Kovatch.

Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 22, Lindquist said. They also must live in Westland and never have been married.

Applications are available at local high schools in Wayne-Westland and the Livonia district, Westland City Hall and

the Bailey Recreation Center, according to Lindquist.

The contest features no swimsuit or talent competition. Judging will be based on the application, poise, personality, an essay and general appearance.

Applications must be typed or printed and submitted by May 1 to Debbie Lindquist, 37281 Amhurst Dr., Westland, MI, 48185.

Applications must be completely filled out; additional paper may be used to include information about education, hobbies and other interests.

A recent photograph is required, as is a copy of the contestant's most recent report card and a letter of recommendation.

The contest is limited to the first 20 applicants. Miss Westland will win \$1,200 in

scholarships, a crown, sash, trophy and roses. First runner-up will receive \$800 and second-runner up \$500 - all in scholarship money.

For more information, call Lindquist at (734) 765-0499 or send an e-mail to her at deb0829@yahoo.com.

Kovatch may be e-mailed at shaunkovatch@yahoo.com. Dress rehearsals will be the night before the pageant at the Bailey Recreation Center. All contestants will be in the summer festival parade and will wear a sundress, a gown or similar attire for the pageant.

There will be eight judges. The pageant will be held on the festival grounds near the Westland municipal government complex.

The three winners will be required to participate and volunteer during the festival.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Got the beat

Ray Morrison, 8, of Westland keeps the beat with a boom whacker at Drummunity, a drum and percussion instrument program offered at the Garden City Library last week. Joining him were sisters Angela, 11, Sabrina, 10, and mom Laura Morrison.

Council remembers those killed in Virginia Tech shootings

As the nation mourned the Monday morning killings of 33 people, including the suspected gunman, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Westland city officials paid their respects.

Westland City Council President Charles Pickering called for a moment of silence Monday evening at the start of a council business meeting.

Mayor William Wild and Councilman Dewey Reeves

voiced disbelief at the nation's worst gun-related massacre and expressed sorrow for what the families of survivors must be feeling.

"That's horrific," Reeves said of the campus shootings. "I can't imagine what those families are going through right now. It's heartbreaking."

Westland has never had a killing spree even remotely as large as the one at Virginia Tech.

Westland's worst shooting spree occurred on Sept. 11, 2003, when gunman Michael Schofield shot and killed four people at Neil's Party Store, on Newburgh north of Ford.

Schofield then killed himself following a high-speed car chase.

Co-defendant Leslie Gordon, who accompanied him during the botched robbery, is serving life in prison without parole.

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Vets tell their stories at job fair

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A few months ago, Dan LeClerc was a U.S. Army sergeant on his second tour of Iraq.

Now, after five years and two months as an active-duty soldier, LeClerc works dispensing advice for Primerica Financial Services and is settling down in Redford Township.

"Bought a house, trying to do the civilian thing," said LeClerc, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Clarenceville High School in 2001.

LeClerc spoke at a recent job fair for veterans at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 345 in Redford. With his rapport with new veterans and the ability to understand both military lingo and "civilian speak," he was a natural to represent Primerica.

"I was the same guy a month, two months ago," LeClerc said of the job-seeking veterans walking by. He landed his job after stopping by the Primerica table at a job fair in Livonia about two months ago.

LeClerc's Iraq experiences, and his shift to civilian life, were among a variety of stories told by veterans at last week's fair.

He joined the Army in the summer of 2001, right after high school. The 9/11 terrorist attacks "kind of just sealed the deal," he said. He was inducted in October of that year.

'Very dark place'

LeClerc was a motor carrier operator in Iraq, providing transportation and convoy security. His first tour, with the 1st Armored Division, was from May 2003, shortly after the country fell to U.S. and coalition forces, until August 2004.

Americans were welcomed after the government of Saddam Hussein was overthrown, but as problems such as food shortages and a lack of electricity mounted, Iraq "went from a very very nice place to a very very dark place very quickly," LeClerc said.

Employers recruit military veterans

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Despite Michigan's slow economy, employers in a variety of fields turned out at a Redford job fair to recruit military veterans.

The job fair was sponsored by Michigan's Veterans of Foreign Wars organization and the state's Department of Labor and Economic Growth. It was held at the VFW's Don S. Hubert Post 345 on Schoolcraft Road.

"We're here for one reason only. That is to provide (improved) opportunities to veterans," said Jackie Gaiters, a Michigan DLEG section manager.

Forty employers and schools had responded to invitations to the fair, Gaiters said, and 43 showed up.

There was a heavy presence of law enforcement agencies and training organizations - including two truck-driving schools - but there was also a financial company, an automobile dealership, a bottled water company and a nonprofit community service agency.

"People out of the service are just phenomenal," said Mike Reiter, a regional leader with a Primerica Financial Services office in Southfield. Veterans come out of the military with leadership and communications skills, Reiter said.

He saw action at the first Battle of Fallujah and at the Battle of Najaf during his first tour.

The second tour, with the 101st Airborne Division, began in September 2005 and lasted about a year. It was a much more dangerous time, he said.

Overall, his time in Iraq was "a very maturing experience," LeClerc said. "It really taught you a lot about people."

LeClerc was affected by the

Reiter was accompanied by Dan LeClerc, who was discharged from the U.S. Army in December after five years. LeClerc was hired by Primerica about a month ago, after meeting Reiter at a job fair in Livonia.

"I'm happy. I love the people I work with," LeClerc said.

Paul Dare of Westland, who's worked for the telecommunications company Global Crossing for seven years, said he likes his current job but wanted to see what else is out there.

Dare was a communications specialist in the U.S. Army, part of the Signal Corps.

"I'm kind of looking forward to more of these," Dare said. "I'm thankful that the VFW would sponsor something like this."

Kim Quinn of U.S. Truck Driver Training School Inc. in Detroit said veterans she met often mentioned they drove in the military.

"They have the experience and they've already done it," she said. Quinn said there is a nationwide shortage of semi truck drivers.

The VFW and Michigan DLEG plan job fairs in other parts of the state. For more information, visit the Web site michigan.gov/veteranjobs.

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military's "stop loss" policy, which extended his enlistment period for a year. "They decided they needed me for that second tour," he said.

He likes what he's doing now - he describes it as helping families make sound financial decisions - and likes the people he works with.

Desert duty

Ex-Marine Kevin Sharp of Farmington Hills jokes that he trained in the desert, was

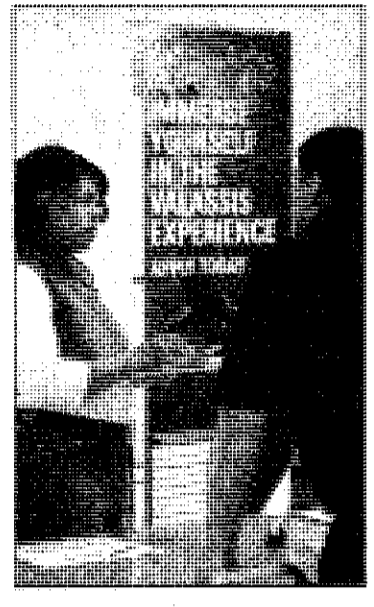


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U.S. Navy veteran Stephanie Goodman of Westland came to the job fair looking for a career change.



U.S. Army veteran Martin Corral of Detroit talks with Primerica representative Ramones "Bobby" Ramos.



Navy veteran Stephanie Goodman speaks with Scott Van Wormer of the EGT Group during the job fair.

sent to Iraq to join a war in the desert and live in the desert, and was sent home - to the Marine base at Twentyninepalms, Calif. - to live in the desert some more.

Sharp, who also had two tours of Iraq and was recently discharged, has his sights set on a career in law enforcement. He plans to study criminal justice beginning in May, and wanted to talk to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration representative during the job fair.

He sounded nonchalant about his Iraq experiences. "Between getting hit with roadside bombs and people shooting at us, it was exciting, to say the least," he said.

But fellow Marines, including close friends, were killed and seriously wounded there. Sharp himself suffered a minor shrapnel wound.

"There's quite a few people I know that died, in the two tours," he said.

Unlike LeClerc, Sharp found his second Iraq tour (from February to August of last year) safer than the first. Vehicles were better armored

than during his first tour, he said.

Sharp is rankled by what is says is a lack of media attention to progress in Iraq. Iraqi soldiers are being trained, he said, schools are being protected so that children can attend them, and water treatment plants are up and running.

"You don't hear that on the news," he said.

Instead, he said, "they're trying to fuel the war machine," attempting to convince people in the U.S. that more troops are needed by making the situation look worse than it is.

Sharp said the Marine Corps did a good job of preparing him for civilian life, with programs on attending school, adjusting to the workplace, and settling into a less regimented life - one that doesn't require a fitness run every day.

"We had to run every day in Iraq," Sharp said.

Career change

U.S. Navy veteran Stephanie Goodman of

Westland headed to the job fair with a career change in mind. She's worked for years in the medical field.

"I'm just looking for something different," she said.

Goodman said she enlisted in 2001, after becoming disappointed with herself for failing a college class. She was discharged last June.

She was a deck seaman (her duties included helping guide the ship) on several aircraft carriers, including one that took part in Navy combat operations in the Middle East, she said.

She's also sailed to Hawaii, Australia, Tasmania and other locations around the world. Goodman recommends the Navy. "To me, it's the better branch," she said.

The Navy provides many career opportunities, takes care of its personnel, and offers the chance to travel, she said.

"It's just a beautiful experience, to live out on the sea," Goodman said.

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Council schedules meetings to review budget

The Westland City Council will continue discussing Mayor William Wild's proposed budget during a series of meetings that will resume at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 23.

That night, officials will discuss the following departments — building; parks and recreation, including historical issues and the Municipal

Service Bureau; community development and housing; assessment department/board of review; law; and cable.

The talks will continue at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, with discussions of youth assistance; senior resources; economic development; planning/planning commission; clerk/elections, including fire

and police civil service and zoning appeals board; and personnel, including general civil services.

The next round of talks at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, will focus on the library; executive/mayor's office; legislative/city council; and finance, including City Hall and grounds, general government;

and police and fire retirement board.

There also will be a final budget overview that evening. "My goal is to have everything done by May 14," said Westland City Council President Charles Pickering. The council is expected to approve a budget at its June 4 meeting.

PICKERING

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Pickering began his involvement in Westland government in 1971, serving 10 years as supervisor and assistant director of the parks and recreation department.

He then won a four-year mayoral term and served in 1982-85 before he was defeated by former Mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin.

Pickering was mayor during difficult economic times that he described as similar to the state's current budget crisis.

"I inherited a deficit in Westland's budget," he said. "The state of Michigan was experiencing hard economic times similar to what the state is facing today. Yet, I was able to balance the budget annually, without loss of services to our residents for each of the next four years."

Moreover, Pickering said he left the city with a budget surplus when his mayoral term had ended.

Naming achievements that occurred during his administration, Pickering cited construction of the senior citizen Friendship Center and the ushering in of cable TV in Westland.

He also touted his 16 years of experience as a council member, including a fourth term as president.

"During my tenure on the City Council, we have always adopted and maintained a balanced budget," Pickering said.

One of his goals was to

televised council meetings — an achievement that he said happened in his first term as council president. He also cited his support for such programs as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and the Youth Assistance Program, which combined, have helped thousands of young people.

Pickering also said he supported funding for the Westland public library and the city's fifth fire station, in the south end.

Pickering, who has two adult daughters and five grandchildren, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and graduated from Wayne State University. He also has studied culinary arts.

He served as council president during four of the five years that Cicirelli was mayor.

"Through her leadership and the support of the council, we are currently enjoying a fund balance of over \$2 million," Pickering said.

As mayor, Pickering had his share of clashes with the council. Later as council president, however, he took credit for returning civility to council meetings following the turmoil that erupted over the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons in 2000.

Pickering said he has the skills to help Westland survive economic problems, such as possible deeper cuts in state-shared revenue.

"I have the desire, energy, enthusiasm and, most of all, the experience to move our city forward in a positive way," he said.

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ABRAMSKI

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Unit in 1989, and that's where he found his real home inside the police department.

"You try and remember that you're part of a team," he said. "No one person on the team is a star."

Don't tell that to special investigations Lt. Mark Engstrom, who said Abramski has masterfully handled such duties as seizing drug forfeiture money — the cash that allows the unit to continue its work.

"It begins and ends with him," Engstrom said.

Abramski has solved drug-related killings, and in the 1990s he helped bust an illegal sex club, Peaches & Cream, that drew hundreds of people to a Westland rental hall.

Even with his busy career, he found time to earn his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and political science at Madonna University in Livonia.

Despite the inherent dangers of police work, Abramski said he has never found himself in a situation where he believed he would be killed.

Still, he said, "when you bang on a door, you don't necessarily know what's on the

other side of that door."

When asked what has made his job memorable, he said it's that he has never caused anyone to be injured, he never lost evidence and he always succeeded in securing drug-forfeiture money.

When he leaves his job Friday, Abramski and his wife, Maggie Cesnick, a retired road patrol commander for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, plan to spend a month in Florida "to get a fresh perspective on life."

However, he said he will likely seek other work, at least for a few years, after he returns to Michigan. He also will stay

involved in the lives of his children — son Derek, 25, and daughter Devon, 23 — from a previous marriage.

Abramski also plans to continue his hobby of showing his 1984 Corvette at car shows, which he attends with his wife and some of their friends.

As could be expected after more than 36 years on the job, Abramski will leave with mixed emotions.

"I'll miss my friends here," he said. "A police department is like a family. You don't always get along, but they're family. And I'll miss them."

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MULLIGAN

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lic education, Mulligan stated that trustees should "actively compare our district with other districts and educational models throughout the country, looking for programs that have increased grade point averages and graduation rates and prepared students for careers in the ever-changing field of technology."

"I believe the school board's role in public education is to set goals and standards for education within our district by modifying these programs to fit our community base, to subsequently provide the necessary tools to the schools in the district to achieve these goals and standards, and to change our

district from 'very good' to 'the model school district' for others to follow," he added.

While Gov. Jennifer Granholm is encouraging sharing services, Mulligan believes that "given the size of our district and location compared with other districts in Wayne County that it is not a suitable candidate."

"In an era of skyrocketing oil process, I believe that any cost savings by regionalizing and consolidating would be quickly eaten up by rising fuel costs in the necessary expansion of transportation services to students in these areas," he said.

In regard to the new high school curriculum, Mulligan stated that it "appears to be a continuation of the poorly funded No Child Left Behind Act, which came from an

administration that has recently given orders to give first consideration to non-U.S. persons for high tech jobs within our federal government."

"Its passage should have come with money to cover its implementation, directly from the feds who can seemingly come up with money for every other part of the world, except our own schools," he stated.

When asked what one thing he would like to change about public education, Mulligan stated that it would be how education is treated by this society, "like an inconvenience."

"The only thing of any real value in life is knowledge, a good education," he stated.

"Whether you are balancing a family budget or state budget, whether you are raising a child or running a country, a good

education is the key," he stated. "Without it, we lose the order needed for a society to function and prosper."

"A good education should be treated as food, air and water, a necessity for life. It should be available to everyone, and everyone should strive to make our public education the best in the world. If not, I fear we are doomed to be the last in the world."

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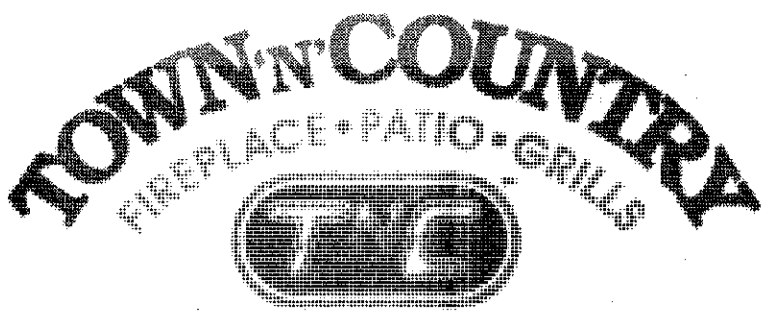


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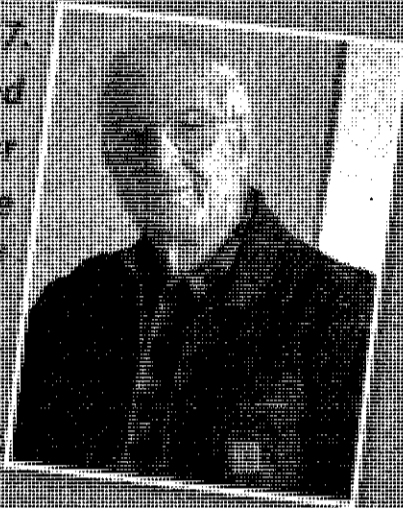
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Teach college-bound students fire safety

Many families are making plans for their children to attend college. While there are many things to consider if your child goes away to college, many families are so busy they tend to overlook fire safety.

Since January 2000, there have been 108 campus-related fire deaths across the country, with 81 percent of them occurring in off-campus housing. In addition to those unfortunate deaths, countless others have been injured, lost their housing, personal belongings and school work in fires. When selecting a school, make an informed decision about your child's well-being and ask these questions when you are visiting campuses:

- How many fires have occurred on campus in the past five years?
- Are residence halls equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system?
- Does every student's dorm room have a smoke alarm?
- How often are fire drills



Tom Kiurski

conducted? While these measures are very important, there are many other lifesaving pieces of information you can pass along to your college-bound children, since many of them have never been away from home for so long before. These include:

- Teach them how to use a fire extinguisher, and the importance of an early call to the emergency dispatcher to ensure a quick response.
- Be sure the smoke alarms in their rooms are kept in proper working order.
- Make sure your kids know what to do when smoke/fire alarms are sounded, and have them take all alarms seriously.
- Stress the importance of pre-planning what to do in an emergency, and practicing

the plan, to make it more permanent when things get stressful.

- Don't smoke or use candles in dorm rooms.
- Don't leave cooking items unattended on burners and keep a tight-fitting lid next to the pan you cook in. Also, use a timer to remind you of food in the oven or on the stove.

Some of the contributing factors leading to the off-campus fire fatalities often include: lack of automatic fire sprinklers, missing or disabled smoke alarms, careless disposal of smoking material and alcohol.

Preparing for college can be a stressful time, and it can also bring out many emotions. Amidst the vast sea of paperwork that must be filled out, visits to make and packing that needs to be done, it is also important to take the time to make sure your children's safety is given a high priority by the college they plan to attend.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Handling your taxes should be a 12-month-a-year job

The April 15 deadline has come and gone (or I should say the April 17 deadline this year) and the majority of us have filed our 2006 tax returns. Thus, we can forget about taxes for another year.

Wrong! Unfortunately, too many of us do our tax return in the filing cabinet and then forget about taxes until next year's return is due. That is almost as bad as those people who let the tax tail wag the dog and think that the goal is to lower their taxes as opposed to maximize their worth. The reality of the situation is that there is a middle ground that we all need to find.

It would be nice if we only had to worry about taxes once a year. It certainly would make things simpler; however, that is not the reality.

Taxes are a 12-month-a-year job and it's something that you and I always need to be aware of because, as I've always said, the goal is not necessarily to lower your taxes, but to be smart with taxes. After all, it is not more patriotic to pay more taxes than you have to. I believe there are things that everyone should be doing now to make the next tax season easier and to make sure you are letting the tax laws work for you as opposed to against you.

What makes doing our tax returns so difficult is that most of the time we can't find the right information to complete the returns. All too often, too many people panic because they can't locate their W-2 or 1099 or they can't find their cost basis for a sale. I believe that the simple way to prevent this is for everyone to set up a tax record-keeping system. You should begin to save all the receipts you will need to help you do your 2007 tax returns. Any record-keeping system should be simple and easy. It does not have to have a lot of bells and whistles; it just has to work for you.

You need to have the discipline so that, when you receive canceled checks, you sort through them and keep



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the ones that will have tax implications in a separate file. If you are charitable in nature and you make charitable contributions, you should always attach the canceled check to the confirmation letter you receive from the charity. If you charge your contribution, you should save a copy of your charge card statement in your tax file. A good record-keeping system not only will save you money by allowing you to take all the deductions you are entitled to, but it will also save you a lot of grief and last-minute rushing around in April!

This is a great time of year to start obtaining the basis for all your investments. You should look at your portfolio and if you do not have the cost basis on an investment held in a taxable account, you should start the process now of obtaining the basis. This certainly will save you grief and aggravation next tax season. And remember that your cost basis is only necessary for your non-IRA investments. Many companies, such as Schwab and Vanguard, provide cost basis on investments held in IRAs, but that is not needed to prepare your taxes.

Most people made their 2006 IRA contribution over the last month. My thought is that you should not wait until March or April 2008 to make your 2007 IRA contribution. Why not start a program to do it now? After all, if you make a 2007 IRA contribution now, it is going to grow an extra year tax-deferred or tax-free. You do not have to make your entire contribution now, although that would be beneficial, you can start a program where you are investing on a monthly basis. In many cases when people wait until the following year to make their IRA contribu-

tion, they find that money may be tight at that point in time, thus they miss out on taking advantage of an IRA contribution.

Now that most of us have our tax returns done, why not look at whether you should convert your existing traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This transaction can have great benefits in the fact that as opposed to money growing tax-deferred, it will now grow tax-free. Using 2006 tax returns, you can guesstimate where you will be in 2007 and this should help you make the decision whether you should convert or not.

When you purchase investments throughout the year, it is important to not only select the right investment, but to put that investment in the right part of your portfolio. In other words, should it go into your tax-deferred account or your taxable account? Where you are individually with taxes helps you make this decision. After all, in most cases you want to defer ordinary income, not capital gain income.

I would love it if we had an easier tax system and one that is relatively automatic and routine. Unfortunately, our tax system is the exact opposite. It is not simple, in fact, it is complex and confusing. Our tax laws are not routine in the fact that what is good for me may not be good for you and what made sense last year may not be good this year. The reality is you always have to look at your individual situation and make decisions that are good for you. Therefore, don't just put away your tax return and forget about it for the next 12 months. Use it as a tool to help you keep more money in your pocket where it belongs. Good luck!

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Meeting to showcase resources for parents, students

The Detroit Regional Chamber, the DTE Energy Foundation, WXYZ Channel 7 and the Detroit News are sponsoring a live town hall meeting to air 8-9 p.m. today, April 19, on Channel 7. The prime-time program will showcase innovative and effective resources for preparing students to succeed in the 21st century and will further the dialogue about the importance of a high-quality education in the knowledge economy, a conversation started during the Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference last year.

"Schools and parents need to place much greater value on

education by embracing innovation and raising expectations if we're going to compete in the global economy," said Detroit Regional Chamber Chairman and former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer.

The program will feature a panel of education and business experts including:

- Dennis Archer, Detroit Regional Chamber Chairman of the Board
- Carol Goss, The Skillman Foundation President & CEO
- Mike Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Sharif Shakrani, Michigan State University Professor

■ Nolan Finley, Detroit News Editorial Page Editor

An audience comprised of parents, students, community activists and business leaders will have an opportunity to actively participate.

"The show's key objectives of empowering parents and improving education are in line with the Foundation's mission of supporting educational programs that make a difference," said Anthony F. Earley Jr., DTE Energy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

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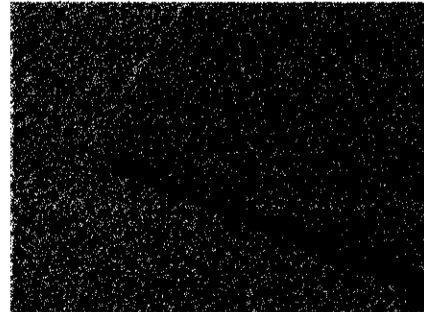
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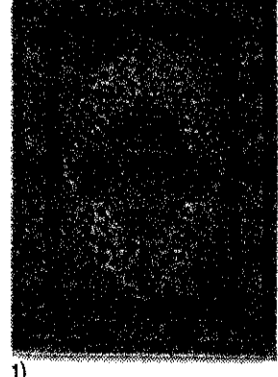
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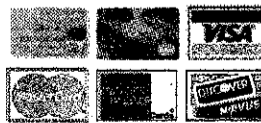
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OUR VIEWS

McConnell is worthy of honor

Each year The Westland Observer and the Westland Chamber of Commerce team up to honor the city's First Citizen, an individual who epitomizes volunteerism in the community.

In its 21st year, the award is meant to honor a person who has contributed to the quality of life in the community and made Westland a better place in which to live, work or play.

This year, that individual is Mark McConnell. An assistant city attorney, McConnell has worked hard to make the city a better place, and as an average Joe, he has done a lot for children through his involvement in civic organizations.

His commitment to the city is impressive. He is president of S.P.A.R.K. (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids). A nonprofit organization, S.P.A.R.K. is dedicated to improving recreational programs for Westland children.

He also is involved with the Westland Summer Festival and Westland Community Foundation, which benefits the programs of the Salvation Army and provides scholarships for high school students among other things.

But his commitment to the community doesn't end there. As a member of the Westland Rotary, he has helped raise thousands of dollars for the group's charitable endeavors. The club has given new meaning to civic mindedness with its projects that, among other things, provide hats, coats and gloves to youngsters at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementary schools and help the local Salvation Army's after-school tutoring program.

We are proud to recognize Mark McConnell as the 2007 First Citizen. He has proven that there is no such thing as a full plate when it comes to volunteerism.

And we know that because of his commitment to the community, Westland is indeed a better place to live.

Breen, Broderick, Fausone best for Schoolcraft board

Every candidate for the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has high praise for the community college. They used words like "jewel," "gem," and "cutting edge" to describe the expanding community college on Haggerty Road in Livonia.

And each candidate was eager to bring his or her special expertise to helping run the college that will be a key factor in providing relevant education for the 21st century workforce.

Five candidates are competing for three six-year positions on the board in the May 8 election. Board members do not receive compensation for their service.

Each candidate has something to contribute to the college's mission and choosing from such a qualified group of candidates is difficult.

But we believe that incumbent board members **Mary Breen** and **Brian Broderick** and Schoolcraft Foundation board member **James Fausone** are the best choices.

Breen and Broderick have been part of the college's success. They have supported Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress in his careful management of the college's resources and in his vision to push the college toward health and technical education. They have successfully developed college property to provide capital for new buildings without putting the college in debt.

Breen has a long history as an educator who understands the college's special place in the education process and retains a real enthusiasm for what the college is accomplishing.

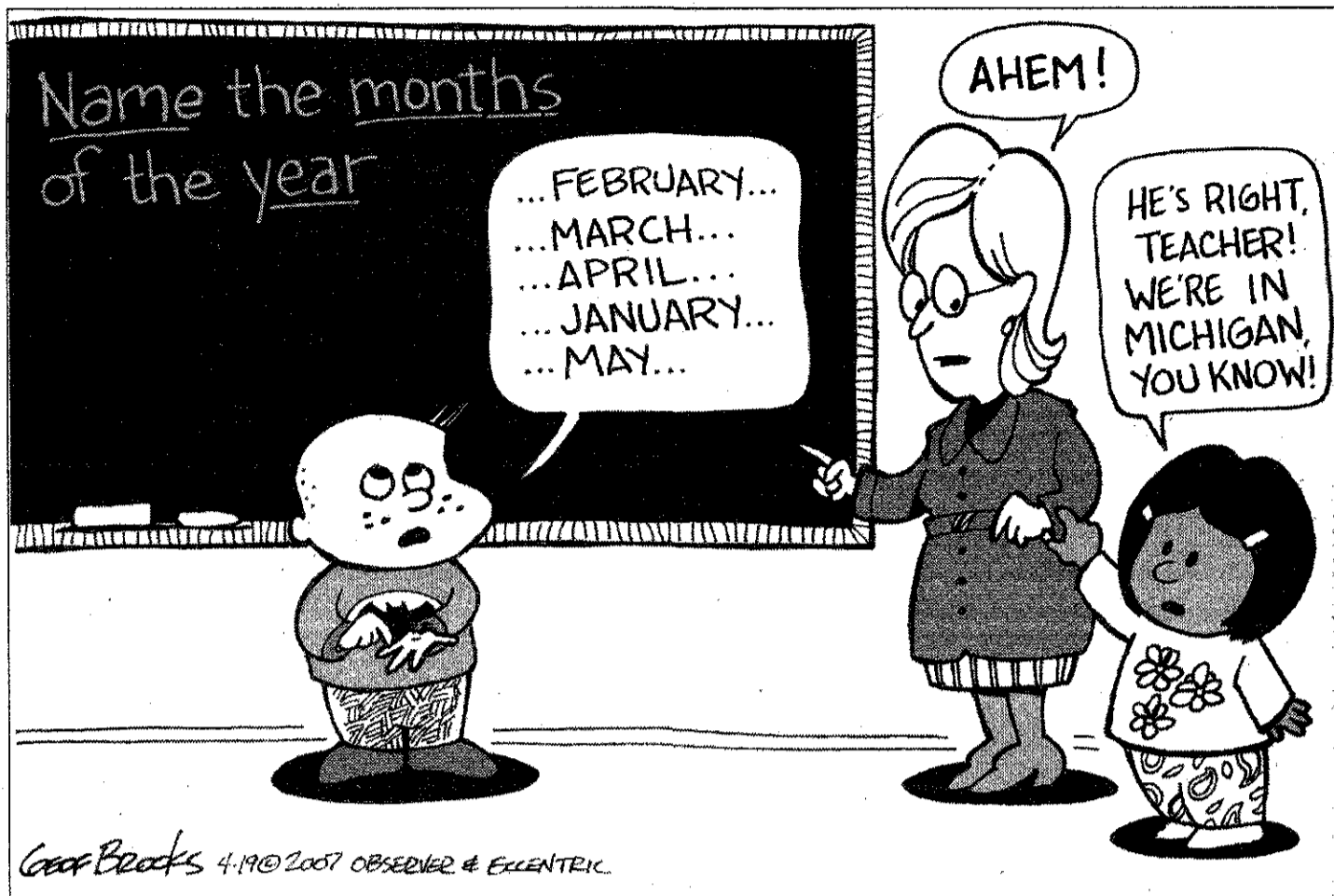
Broderick is a lawyer with a solid understanding the college's budget situation and the need to find ways to replace the loss in state funding without burdening students.

We respect the candidacies of Ron Randall and Joan Gebhardt.

Randall worked for more 30 years at Schoolcraft, ending his career as the college registrar. He obviously brings a lot of understanding of the college's history. Gebhardt has a long history as an educator and strong political ties. She was appointed in December to replace former board member Kevin McNamara.

But it is Fausone who brings the most interesting ideas to the table. The Canton attorney volunteered to serve on the college's foundation board. He is supportive of the college's direction but critical of its marketing and its use of technology, even as it moves to take a leadership position in technical education. He seems to have a strong grasp of both budgetary and educational issues. In a strong field, he emerges as the best choice.

We urge voters to cast their ballots for Breen, Broderick and Fausone.



Racism - nobody wins

Well, by now everyone has heard what Don Imus said - the words heard around the world. Once again someone has put their foot in their mouth. Why can't people learn? He said he was just messing around, it was meant as a joke. Well nobody is laughing now. He now has been fired by CBS, so his show is over and done because of what came out of his mouth. Ignorance.

He is not the first to do such a thing. Al Campanis from the L.A. Dodgers made a comment many years ago and he was fired. Recently, Michael Richards did his bit in a comedy club, again not so funny. These won't be the first or last time, sorry to say, as long as someone can speak, something will be said that is not liked.

I am not a racist, never have been, never will be. Racism has been around for thousands of years and it still is around today.

When Rosa Parks passed away, I took my grandson Kaden to the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit to honor her. Many years from now he will look at the program we got from there and say he was part of history. We were among the thousands to pass by her casket. I had the pleasure of meeting her on two occasions. Everyone knows who she is and what she stood for. I was honored to meet her.

The girls from the Rutgers basketball team did not deserve this assault. All they did was play a game, and everything they achieved was put on the back burner because of this nonsense. What a shame. Their season ends on something like this.

Another problem I have with this whole situation ... Two of our more honorable pillars of society have decided to join in - as they ALWAYS do - the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Hmmm, I remember when Mr. Sharpton was involved in the Tawana Brawley case many years ago and after all was said and done, I don't think he was fired from anything, yet he is still around, bigger than ever. If you ask anyone, he has had involvement with police, why has nothing happened to him? And Jesse Jackson ... well what can you say about him. If the sun rises, he wants to get involved, have a press conference over it.

I think Mr. Jackson and Mr. Sharpton are more concerned with themselves than with anything else. As long as their faces make the news they are happy.

Racism ... Nobody wins and yet everyone loses. Black, white, red, yellow, brown, whatever color you may be, regardless, we are all one race and it is called the human race. Let's all work together, no name calling, no back stabbing ... Oh, yeah, you are right, that is wishful thinking. Hopefully all of us can figure it and like Spike Lee said, "do the right thing."

Bud Somerville
Westland

Gleaners sponsors festival

I would like to announce that we have our first formal sponsor for our GI Blues Festival. Gleaners Community Food Bank has given us \$5,000 in our food account. We use this not only to feed our veterans, but on every Wednesday we have a food distribution program where we help out those in need in our commu-

nity. Since we have partnered with Gleaners, we have given away more than half a million pounds of food through this program. I would like to thank Gleaners for stepping up to the plate and helping our heroes!

Scott Romp
public relations
Veteran's Haven

Road millage is needed

The upcoming May 8 road millage in Wayne is very important to the future of Wayne.

The condition of our neighborhood roads and sidewalks is not good. The average age of our paved roads is 45 years. We need to invest in repairing and repaving our roads and sidewalks now. If we wait, then our roads and sidewalks will rapidly get worse.

Addressing this problem in the future would certainly be much more expensive than the 1 mill for 25 years road millage on the ballot May 8.

Please join with us on May 8 in voting for the road millage.

Sue and Albert Damitio
Wayne

Vote no on road millage

With the election approaching us on May 8, I would like to address my fellow residents of the City of Wayne.

On May 8, the residents of our city will be asked to vote on a proposal to put into place a 1 mill millage for 25 years. I have some reservations as to voting in favor of this millage. For one thing, I have seen residents lose their homes because of the current status of our economy. There are at least two HUD homes on my street alone. I consider that too many!

The roads in the City of Wayne do need to be repaired and/or replaced. I have no argument to that. But what I cannot agree with is the time that this is being proposed. If the economy was better than it currently is, then I would probably vote for it, but for now, I have to say NO!

Look at who has jumped on the "band wagon" for this. The superintendent has ALWAYS been in favor of INCREASING our taxes! That alone should be argument enough to vote against this. It appears that a Wayne-Westland school board member has used their address as the committee mailing address. I find this to be a conflict of interest myself. The literature that has been handed out to residents states that "roads will deteriorate rapidly, dramatically impacting cost and property values." Rest assured, this could not happen simply overnight.

The City of Wayne is required under the City Charter to maintain our streets. With the proposed budget coming up for approval, it makes you wonder if there will be pay increases for the administration. If they have money to give out raises to the administration, then the City of Wayne has the money to fix our streets WITHOUT asking for a tax increase!

As for me, I am voting NO on this millage proposal. Maybe, the economy will get better, then we all can afford the extra money to address this problem later.

VOTE NO on PROPOSAL 1! NO ROAD TAX ON OUR BACKS.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

Tax is money well-spent

As a life long Wayne resident I would like to urge a YES vote for Proposal 1, on May 8. I recently had a flat on my truck, since it is a lease and a rainy day, I went ahead and called service to change and fix the flat. I asked the technician, "What would this cost had it not been covered by my lease?" His response was, "about fifty bucks." I would rather pay \$50 a year for the repair of over 50 miles of roads and sidewalks, than \$50 each time I get a flat.

This proposal benefits everyone who walks, jogs, bikes, runs, skateboards, and drives our roads and streets. For more information please visit www.saveourstreetswayne.com Please vote YES on May 8.

Jim Henley
Wayne

Where's coyote evidence?

Is the Observer now observing the If-It-Bleeds-It-Leads school of journalism? (Dog attack blamed on coyotes in Hines Park, April 15).

You publish a story about killer coyotes without a shred of evidence. The only thing that supports your headline is that the woman "believes" it was coyotes.

Yes, there are coyotes in Hines. It's a park. Could it have been coyotes that attacked the poodle? Maybe, but there is nothing in the article to prove it was coyotes and not another dog.

If your purpose was to scare readers, you probably succeeded. If your purpose was to provide news, you failed.

Marty Johnson
Livonia

Unfair to coyotes

I think that the front page story on the alleged coyote attack is totally out of line. You have placed a story about coyotes on the front page without any factual information that ties them to the story.

The pictures of the injured dog along with the mention of the coyotes will create an impression in many peoples minds that the coyotes are guilty. This will make people fearful of the coyotes.

It is very likely that the dog was in a fight with another dog, there is no evidence that a coyote was involved. This article should not have been printed.

Bill Sturm
Livonia

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality project manager Beth Vens about surface studies at Central City Park.

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It is an eye opener to hear how others view your work

You never really understand what it is you do in life until someone gives you their version of it. In my eyes, I'm a journalist. I spend my days gathering information and crafting it into stories I hope people will want to read.

But in the eyes of someone else, that thing I do takes on a new meaning.

Last week, I was invited to have dinner with the Westland Civitans. In most cases, such invitations come with the phrase "to do a story." This time it didn't — that should have been my first clue — and since it was my brother extending the invitation, how could I say no? And, to be truthful, I wouldn't have said no. I have far too much respect for what the Civitans do to not go.

They wined and dined me and asked if the rest of the family would be coming later. That should have been my second clue, but, hey, I was on vacation, my suspicious reporter side was turned off for a few days.

So there I sat with my daughter — she had decided that dinner with Uncle Jimmy was far better than a cold evening at her brother's soccer practice. We listened as Civitan President Marlene Dean Doran talked about the many things the group had done over the past year.

I was amazed, truly amazed. Had I had to make a list of the activities the group is involved in, mine would have paled in comparison. Its involvement in the community, I learned, goes far beyond the annual Halloween Walk, Nursery School Olympics and Easter Bunny Brunch I've written about in the past.

But Marlene wasn't there to tout the club, she was there also to honor the Civitans' Citizen of the Year. I knew this. If it's spring and the Civitans call to come to dinner, bring your notebook because it's time for their Citizen of the Year. Clue three — right over my head.

So as I sat there and listened to my brother talk about this year's yet-to-be-named winner and realized that I was the honoree. I heard a different explanation of what I do. In their eyes, it wasn't the stories that I have written that made me their Citizen of the Year, but what those stories have done for the community.

It can be uncomfortable sitting and listening to people talk about you in the third person, but it can be an eye opener. My brother, the former English teacher, used plenty of adjectives, but the one that stuck in my head

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was the word positive. He talked about the stories I have written that showcase the students and staff of the Wayne-Westland schools. He talked about women and women's issues and my involvement with the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

He denies involvement in nominating me for the award and I believe him, but he takes full credit for what he read at the meeting. I've always been proud of my brother, now I know he's proud of me. It takes something like this award to open your eyes.

I do what I do because I love working with words. A late colleague, the master of witty sayings, would often say that when your work with words, words are your work. It's true. There are times I struggle to find the right way to say something, and other times I can't keep up with the sentences forming in my head.

I'm also a realist. Not everything I do is going to please everyone and, by and large, it is the person who disagrees who calls or writes. That comes with the territory.

But an award like this ... wow! I wish I could say I'm speechless, but, obviously, I'm not. However, I am honored beyond belief.

I have known many of the Civitans for many years and have chronicled their work. They are the unsung heroes of Westland, there to help where help is needed. I have heard many times from Margaret Martin in the Parks and Recreation Department about being able to count on the Civitans for help. To have them honor me for what I do is a double wow!

I have received many awards for my writing from those in the business, and each has been a thrill. But it is those honors that come from outside the business — the Michigan PTA, the Wayne-Westland schools and, now, the Civitans — that mean the most.

Thank you, thank you, thank you Westland Civitans, for this honor. I hope I can continue to be a good citizen.

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Sue Mason

LETTERS

Gebhardt is must-keep trustee

Joan Gebhardt should be elected for a full term as a trustee of Schoolcraft College in the May 8 election. For the many years I have known Ms. Gebhardt she has continually impressed me with her enthusiasm and commitment to education and our community. Her past and present accomplishments stand as clear testament of her substantial abilities to make a positive difference.

Currently serving as an adjunct professor at Madonna University, Joan has 31 years of experience inside both the classroom and within the administrative network of our education system.

She has also taken a very active role in her community. Joan has shown her dedication to education in the State of Michigan, by working to hold leaders accountable for how their decisions affect education issues. Her list of both professional and independent projects is very impressive and demonstrates how Joan continuously excels at every assignment she undertakes.

Joan is an intelligent, articulate, energetic and enthusiastic manager and mentor. Her ability to bring differing points of view together for a common goal has proven her to be a very valuable educator and leader within our community. Joan's impressive balance of commitment and exuberance make her a must-keep trustee that should be retained on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Sen. Glenn Anderson
6th District

Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Westland

Supports Gebhardt

The Faculty Forum at Schoolcraft College (an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association) and the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan are endorsing Joan Gebhardt for trustee for Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, election. As educators and staff, they have selected someone who they think will be an ambassador and advocate for the college and do what is in the best interest of the students and staff attending Schoolcraft.

I join those two professional organizations in supporting Joan Gebhardt because I was an educator who worked with Joan in the Taylor schools for 30 years. Joan is a consummate educator who truly understands the needs of education and of the stakeholders she represents.

I attended her swearing-in ceremony in January, and have followed her progress. Joan takes this position very seriously, she has attended every event that has occurred during her time on the trustee board. She has prepared for the meetings and asks thoughtful, intelligent and practical questions about issues brought before the board.

Joan Gebhardt should be retained in her position on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. I ask that voters give her serious consideration when they cast their ballot and join me in putting Joan back as a trustee to represent us.

Peggy Kopy
Northville

Schoolcraft needs Fausone

I encourage your readers to join me in supporting Jim Fausone for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the May 8 election. His law firm has been in Northville Township on Six Mile for 13 years now.

Jim Fausone is devoted to the community and unselfishly volunteers his time for charitable endeavors. For example, because of his hard work, Jim was recognized as the 2003 Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County Volunteer of the Year. He has also worked with the Northville Community Foundation.

Jim currently serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board and the Canton Public Library Board. He knows that excellent community colleges and public libraries strengthen communities. He has been a dedicated member of the University of Michigan College of Engineering Alumni Society Board and its past chair.

You can always count on Jim Fausone to get involved and make a difference. Because of his selfless service to our community, there is one clear choice for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees — Jim Fausone.

Mark J. Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

Vote for future, solutions May 8

May 8 is a very important date for the city of Livonia. That is when the citizens of this city will decide three seats on the Livonia School Board.

The CFLF is running three of its members for these seats. Two of these candidates (Steve Futrell and Patrice Mang) were personally responsible for the lawsuit that cost the district huge amounts of money; money that could have been used for our children. They were also the leaders behind the failed recall election that also drained much-needed money from our schools.

Livonia Schools, along with all school districts in Michigan will continue to face many challenges in the future along with inadequate state funding.

Lynda Scheel, Rob Freeman and Greg Oke are committed to leading the almost 18,000 students in our district toward the future and work toward solutions. The other candidates have shown that they are part of the problem. What course is best for our city? Your vote, May 8 will determine our path.

Dave Matthews
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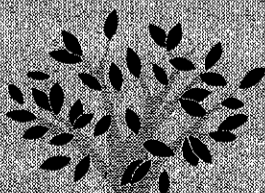
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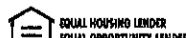
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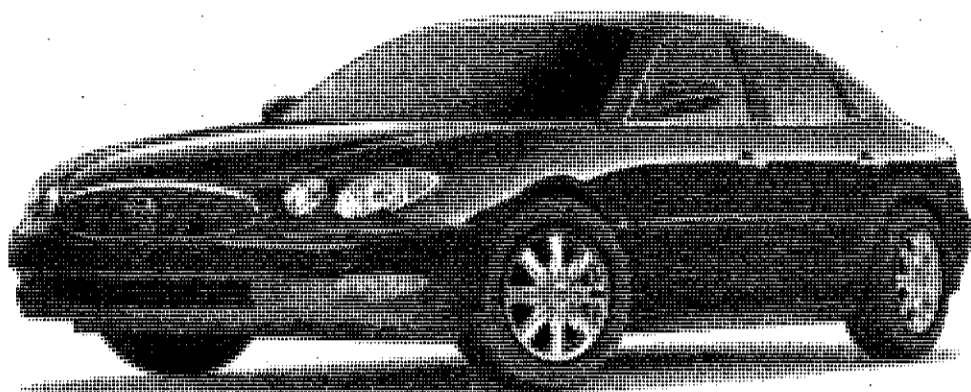
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Stamp club hosts 38th annual Plymouth Show

The West Suburban Stamp Club holds its 38th annual "Plymouth Show" 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

Admission and parking are free. The exhibition with more than 2800 exhibit pages is the largest stamp show in Michigan. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society judges will determine the exhibition award levels.

The Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS "World Series of Philately." The grand award winner will be able to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW 2007 in Portland, Ore., against winners from the 30 other national shows. The grand award winner will also receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition to the grand award, a reserve grand award, the customary five levels of medals and numerous special awards will be presented.

On Sunday afternoon, an APS judge's critique will take place. Exhibitors can ask judges questions regarding their awards and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. This is also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting.

New this year, the club

will hold "Stamps in Your Closet" sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The sessions will be patterned after the successful APS national "What's in Your Attic" program. Experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on the collection's worth.

In conjunction with the show, the club is offering for sale a multicolored cachet cover saluting the 2006 American League Champion Detroit Tigers. Each cover will have one of last year's 39-cent baseball slugger commemorative stamps, with a special show cancel picturing an old English D next to the date circle.

Collectors can purchase the covers at the show or by mail for \$2 each. To order by mail, send a check or money order plus a No. 10 SASE to WSSC, c/o Diane Gorney, Box 700049, Plymouth.

A 40-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The dealers will come from nine states and Canada.

The United States, United Nations and Nordica postal administrations will be on-site during show hours to sell their current stamp and postal stationary issues.

A donation raffle will award a used 1847 Franklin (Scott No. 1), a 65-cent Zeppelin (Scott C13) or a 50-cent Baby Zepp (Scott C18) to three lucky collectors.

State universities square off over funding proposal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A coalition of Michigan universities has been organized to oppose a proposal by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to split off the big three universities — the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University — from the higher education funding bill.

But Harvey Hollins III, WSU vice president for community and governmental relations, argues that the three research universities are significantly different than the other 12 Michigan public universities.

"What's doing this is the economy and what we're saying to the legislature on state funding is that we are concerned they are comparing apples to oranges," he said in an interview Friday.

Seven universities have united to form The Education Alliance for Michigan (TEAM). The schools are Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Oakland, Saginaw Valley State and Western.

Greg Rosine, vice president of legislative affairs for Western Michigan University, was in Lansing Tuesday to lobby legislators to oppose the proposal.

He said that he agrees that the big three are different. "They are distinct, but there are 15 universities and



Hollins



Rosine

each is distinct from the other. Michigan State is as distinct from Wayne as Wayne is from Michigan," he said. "Wayne is an urban university, more part-time students than full time and has a low graduation rate."

Hollins said the big three universities each have a medical school and support major research operations that incur costs but also provide significant returns.

He said the big three bring in about \$1.3 billion a year in federal research money. Wayne State accounts for about \$220 million annually.

"We get funding from the state and we leverage that money to bring back more money to the state," he said.

He cited as an example a National Institutes of Health Perinatology Research Branch established at Wayne State to do research on infant mortality and premature birth. Wayne State was awarded the branch in 2002.

"We landed that with \$3 million from the state and it's grown to \$20 million a year from the federal government. But it benefits all

the universities in the state that do research on parenting," he said.

Hollins said Wayne beat out Yale University for the center.

He denies that the proposal is a "money-grab" by the big three.

"In one bill last year, when all 15 were in the bill, funding for the three was about 56 percent of the budget for higher education," he said. "If you split the three out, I don't envision that 56 percent going up. It's not about money, it's about accountability. There's a perception that we produce what can't be produced at the other universities."

Rosine said there was no reason that the big three couldn't be held accountable within the same funding bill.

"We think their arguments are specious. Whenever anyone says they want to be held accountable, hold on to your pants," he said.

Rosine said that going through the appropriations committee is an indication that the proposal is about funding. He said that by separating the big three from the other universities, they will be able to ask for a larger share of the funding. "This is about money," he said.

He said the big universities already receive more money. He said Wayne State currently receives \$8,700 per student while Western receives \$4,800.

"And they have a 32 percent graduation rate," he said of Wayne State.

But Hollins argues that Michigan is competing with other states for research dollars and recognizing the difference between the big three and the other universities will help in that competition.

"We want maximum output in all 15 universities," he said. "We're different apples. We don't say the work of the other 12 is insignificant. What they do is significant."

Rosine said the other 12 universities account for two-thirds of Michigan public university students.

"We have two-thirds of the students and the focus should be on funding students not funding the institutions," he said.

Significant changes have been happening at Wayne State's urban campus in Detroit. Hollins said the 900-plus residence hall has been a step toward moving Wayne from its traditional commuter college image.

Hollins said that the university's success will depend on Detroit's ability to rebound. He said as the city becomes more trendy, singles and empty nesters will be drawn to living in the city and that the university area will be the major beneficiary.

Wayne State recently broke ground for a retail and residential development on the old Vernor Ginger Ale property on Woodward.

Dr. Ruth to liven up 'Woman's World'

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

She's a heavy hitter despite being on the small side of 5 feet and the far side of 70.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the woman who delivers her frank sexual advice with a grandmother's twinkle, will be the featured speaker Tuesday, May 8, during Congregation Shaarey Zedek's Woman's World 2007 in Southfield.

"Last year, we had (*In Her Shoes* author) Jennifer Weiner and that was such a hit that we wanted to bring in someone who could top that or at the



Westheimer

very least really deliver a punch," said Suzi Terebello of the Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood.

Dr. Ruth, famous for her own television and radio programs as well as her numerous appearances with David Letterman, Jay Leno and Regis and Kelly, more than fits the bill.

Her appeal is to all ages. "As it was, my sister saw her speak at a recent graduation in

San Francisco and she said Dr. Ruth not only connected with the older members of the audience but with young people as well," said Terebello, who is co-chair of the event along with fellow Southfield resident Jami Fishman.

Women's World is billed as a "girl's day out" for women of all ages. It not only features the luncheon but a daylong gift boutique focusing on Israeli-made goods.

It is also the biggest annual fund-raiser for the synagogue's sisterhood, a charitable organization which supports camp scholarships and college out-

reach programs and recently helped refurbish portions of the synagogue's Southfield facilities.

Woman's World runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, between 11 Mile and Telgraph roads. Dr. Ruth will speak at noon with lunch immediately following. The gift boutique is free; luncheon tickets are \$45.

A sexual therapist with a doctorate in education from Columbia University, Westheimer began her pioneering radio program, "Sexually Speaking" in September 1980.

Her quick wit and unblushing style have continued to make her a much-sought lecturer and television guest. The German-born Westheimer subsequently gained new respect for her equally frank discussion of the toll taken on her immediate family by the Holocaust.

For tickets and further information on Woman's World, call Laynie Langnas at (248) 357-5544.

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Opera singers to perform Seven Last Words of Christ oratorio

The Friends of the Opera of Michigan present the nonprofit's annual Easter concert featuring Theodore Dubois' oratorio, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

Quinto Milito of Livonia serves not only as the artistic director of F.O.T.O. but is baritone for the performance with soprano Karin White, tenor Shawn McDonald, and the Lapeer County Concert Choir conducted by Jennifer Davis and accompanied by pianist Nancy Tazzia.

White most recently was the soprano soloist with the Manistee and Plymouth symphonies. She has also appeared with the Michigan Opera Theater and Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

McDonald has performed with Arbor Opera Theater. He is on the voice faculty at

Marygrove College in Detroit and serves as pianist, composer and choir director at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield.

Milto graduated from the G. Rossini Conservatory of Music in Italy. He has sung in Europe and throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The Seven Last Words of Christ was originally performed in 1867 at Saint Clotilde in Paris where Dubois was choirmaster. Each word or section is a musical setting of one of the seven final sentences or phrases uttered by Jesus as recorded in the Bible.

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For more information, call (313) 582-0997 or (248) 476-4700.

The performance will be repeated April 29, at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer.

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Worship service At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

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

Personal ministry Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on

Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

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

TOPS Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weight-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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

Church service

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

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

Church activities St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro. The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third

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

Worship services All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge,

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Program helps teens to understand credit

Middle and high school students can learn about credit and how it works at a presentation Monday, April 23, at the Michigan State University Extension in Wayne.

The Extension is joining the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and 31 other local organizations in presenting the fourth annual Money Smart Week Friday-Sunday, April 20-29. Their mission is to combat financial illiteracy and provide greater education to consumers throughout the state of Michigan.

As part of the observance, the Extension Service will hold a "Credit and YOUth" educational presentation 6:30-8 p.m. Monday at its office at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne.

The session will look at what credit is, how credit works and the good and bad of credit. Middle school and high school youth are welcome to attend the free event.

Teens interested in attending can call (734) 727-7236 to reserve a spot. Reservations, however, are not required to attend.

"Credit and YOUth" is being presented in conjunction with the Western Wayne County 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club. The 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club is a free club open to youth ages 12-16 who are interested in being their own boss, want to learn how to start their own business, want to gain leadership skills and enhance their resume, and enjoy making new friends.

The 4-H Future Entrepreneurs will create their own business plan to present at a business expo at Exploration Days at Michigan State University in 2008.

Any youth interested in the 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club can contact Wayne County 4-H Educator Laurie Rivetto at (734) 727-7236 to find out more information.

Members of the Money Smart Week Michigan Advisory Council have committed to providing a variety of seminars and events to help educate consumers - especially the elderly, the unbanked, and young people - in personal finance matters.

Although financial illiteracy isn't limited to these demographics, they are the most likely to over-extend their credit, make poor financial choices, become victims of identity theft and potentially seek bankruptcy as a cure for financial woes.

This year's topics will include "Improving Your Credit History," "Saving for College," "Retirement Planning" and "Teaching Children to Save." For a full listing of sessions taking place across the Metro Detroit area, check out www.chicagofed.org/consumer_information/msw_michigan.cfm on the Internet.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogical Society

Karen Krugman will discuss the importance of recording sources when the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan meets at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, Detroit. The program, "Sourcing - Who Needs It," is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call Michael Braitigan at (734) 454-3495.

Career Day/Youth Summit

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

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

Hospice care help sought

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

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Suburban GOP Women's Club

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

Vietnam Vets

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

Friends of library

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

In Harmony

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

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

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Zonta Club

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

Franklin PTSA

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

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

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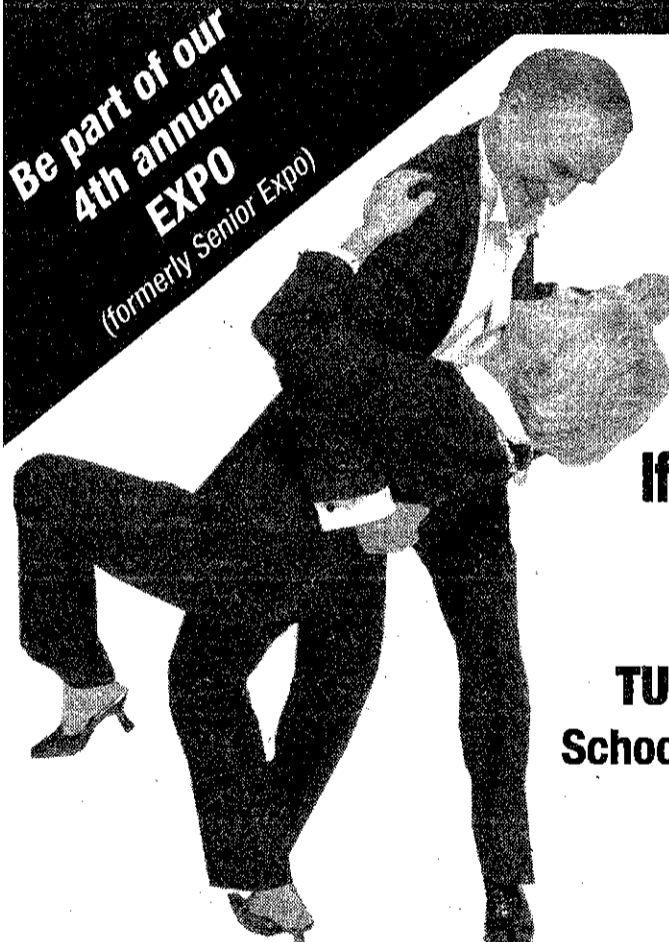
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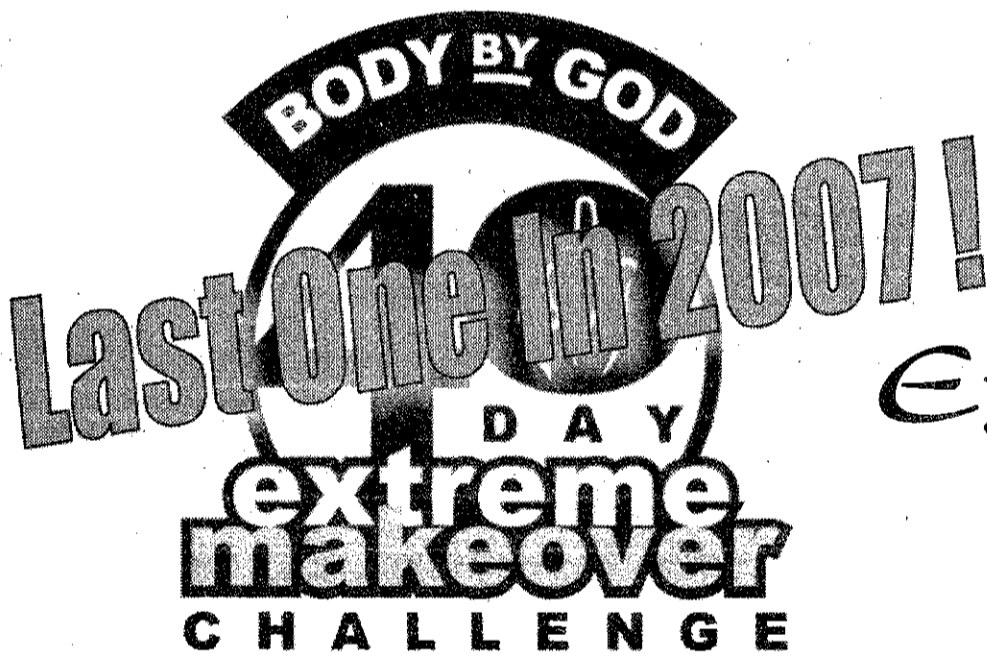


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Five chefs will compete in crafting an authentic Michigan-themed meal in the state-of-the-art VisTaTech Center. As the chefs prepare the cuisine, a live video and audio feed of the challenge will be simulcast throughout the evening into the reception area for guests to view. Alexander Zonjic, internationally known flutist and host of the Smooth Jazz V98.7 Morning Show, will

emcee the event. Participating chefs are: Aaron Cook, CEC, Executive Chef, Schoolcraft College; Chunyi Hou, Second-year student, Schoolcraft College; David Koshizawa, Executive Chef, Asian Village, Detroit; Jeff Mellas, Executive Chef, Portofino Restaurant, Wyandotte; Brandon Taylor, Sous Chef, Asian Village, Detroit.

Judging will be based on overall food presentation and taste. Celebrity judges include Sylvia Rector, food writer for the Detroit Free Press, Shawn Loving, CEC, of Loving Spoonful, and Eric Villegas of Restaurant Villegas and Fork in the Road.

Guests of the event will be presented with six food sta-

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on micro greens with a chef's vinaigrette, Michigan blueberry parfait topped with whipped cream, Empire Apple crisp, strawberry rhubarb cobbler with vanilla ice cream, and a gourmet coffee station.

Tickets are \$100.00 per person. \$50 of each ticket is tax-deductible. Proceeds will bene-

fit Michigan Humanities Council's development of the Michigan Foodways exhibit and Schoolcraft College.

For more information, contact Sharon Common at Schoolcraft College at 734-462-4463. Tickets available by calling 517-372-7770 or by visiting <http://www.michigan-foodways.org/support/chefchallenge.shtml>.

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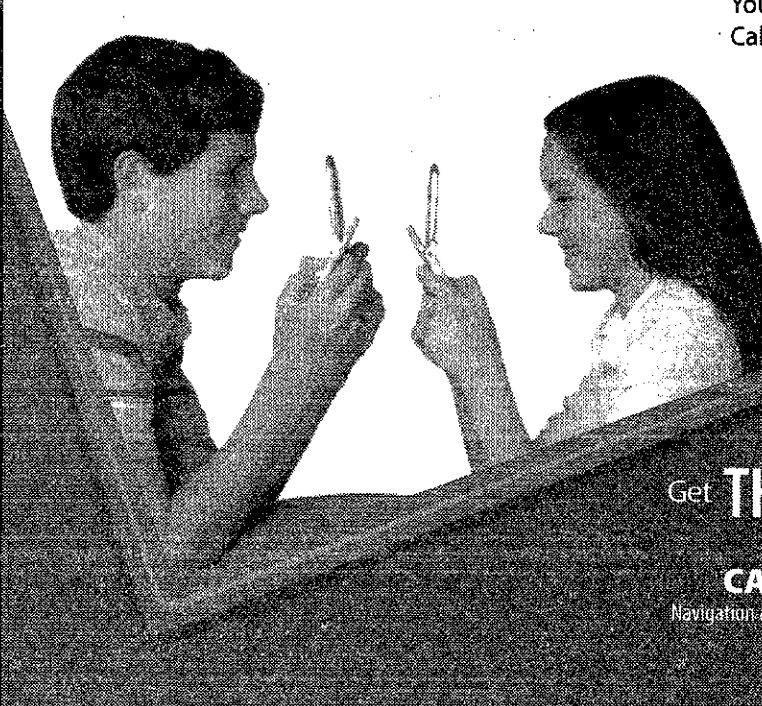
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Chargers boot rival Stevenson girls in soccer test

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The rivalry appears to be relevant again.

Livonia Churchill, starting nine sophomores and two juniors, ended 13 years of frustration Wednesday night with a convincing 2-0 girls soccer victory over host Livonia Stevenson, its first win over the Spartans since 1994 when Nick O'Shea, now the head coach at Oakland University, was guid-

ing the Chargers.

Both goals came from members of Churchill's state runner-up cross country team - Alyssa Mira and Hannah Otto.

Churchill, off to its best start since 1998, improved to 4-0-1 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It's a young, team, they're close, best of friends, and they're hungry," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, who is back coaching the Chargers

after a one-year hiatus after undergoing a heart transplant. "We have five girls who have run cross country. The whole team is pretty fit."

Churchill, playing its second game in as many nights, was able to withstand some early Stevenson pressure before settling down late in the first half.

With the score tied 0-0 at intermission, Hebestreit made some tactical adjustments to get the Chargers untracked.

"The first half we were play-

ing our forwards flat, but in the second half we stacked our forwards and had our outside midfielders rotating through each side," Hebestreit said. "But that's not why we won, we just came out with a different intensity level."

Churchill wasted little time in tallying the game-winner as Bailey Brandon busted through the middle of the field off the second-half kickoff and slid a pass to Mira on the right side. The Churchill sophomore then

placed a ball perfectly along the ground just inside the left-post from 15 yards out past a diving Stevenson goalkeeper Rachel Simari.

The goal with 39:45 remaining in the game was followed up by Otto's goal off a scrum in front of the Stevenson net with 30:31 remaining.

Churchill's defense - led by Jessica Stroud, Andrea Lopez, Tessa Allen and Lindsey

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Spartans ice coach

Humitz won't return for '07-08 season

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike Humitz, who spent the past five seasons as Livonia Stevenson's varsity hockey coach, will not have his contract renewed for the 2007-08 season.

Humitz guided Stevenson to an 87-31-10 overall record, including a Western Lakes Activities Association crown and Lakes Division title as the Spartans finished 23-2-1 overall in 2005-06 when he was named Observerland Coach of Year.

"Mike did some positive things for the Stevenson hockey program, but we decided to repost the position, anybody can apply," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said.

When the Stevenson AD was asked whether there were any specific issues regarding Humitz's stint as coach, she responded, "I can't get into anything of that nature."

Humitz guided Stevenson to five straight winning seasons, including a 17-7-2 record this year when the Spartans had 14 new players on their roster.

The outgoing Stevenson coach said he was reviewed last month in a one-on-one interview by the athletic director and was informed of the reposting of the position over the phone two weeks ago.

"She (Hyman) told me some things in the program were not a good fit and that they wanted to try something different and go in a different direction," said Humitz, who teaches



Humitz

in the Redford Union school district. "I was completely surprised and blindsided by it. But I'm not the final decision maker in the process. It's Lori's program and it's best not for me to second-guess. Both parties work on a yearly contract and they're free to do what they want."

Hyman said the posting ends internally for the Livonia Public Schools on April 23.

"The players are anxious to know who is going to be the new head coach and we're working hard to solidify the leadership of that position," Hyman said. "I want to reassure everyone that good candidates will apply and we'll get a coach as soon as possible. We'd like to wrap it up by the end of the month."

Humitz, meanwhile, said he has no regrets about coaching at Stevenson.

"I had nothing but good times with the kids," he said. "I felt I had five good years of coaching and I was surprised the way it ended. I enjoyed going to the rink, coaching in the games and coaching that age group. I really enjoyed high school hockey and if the right opportunity comes up, I'd do it again."

"The one thing I've learned from this is to keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

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Safe haven

Clarenceville's Nick Garant slides safely into home under the tag of Lutheran Westland catcher Dan Abbott during Monday's Metro Conference game. See a roundup of area high school baseball games on page B4.

Stevenson prevails in 14-inning marathon

They ran 26.2 miles in Boston while another marathon was taking place Monday in the Lakes Division girls softball opener between Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

In a three-hour, 14-inning affair, the host Spartans earned a 4-3 victory over Salem thanks to Kristina Vaclavek's one-out, game-winning RBI single scoring Lauren Brueck.

Stevenson (2-3, 1-0) trailed 3-2 after Salem (0-1, 0-1) took the lead in the top half of the 14th on a single by Liz Thomas, a sacrifice bunt by Kelly Behr and an RBI single by Mary Cox.

The Spartans tied it in the bottom half of the inning on Amanda Paison's RBI single scoring Janice Hollandsworth.

PREP SOFTBALL

Stevenson, which hadn't played in 13 days, got a sterling pitching performance from junior Jamie Johnson, who worked all 14 innings to pick up the victory. She scattered 10 hits, walked one and struck out seven.

"After 10 innings I thought she might run out of steam," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "But she said she was OK. She just kept on smiling and was having a good time."

Losing pitcher Melissa Leach went 13.1 innings, allowing 15 hits and a walk while fanning four.

"We stranded quite a few runners,"

Witherspoon said of the 13 left on base. It was the longest game I've ever coached. It was a fun game to coach.

"I guess we needed the extra playing time after being off from spring break. Half of our girls came back just yesterday (Sunday)."

Brueck went 4-for-6 with two runs scored to lead the Spartans, who tallied a pair of runs in the opening inning. Vaclavek went 3-for-7 with a double and two RBI, while Hollandsworth contributed two hits.

Behr paced Salem with four hits, including a double. Cox added two hits.

The Rocks scored a run in each of the first two innings.

MU captures 1st tourney title of 2007

The Madonna University men's golf team earned their second tournament title in school history Tuesday at the Aquinas College Spring Invitational, finishing one stroke ahead of Spring Arbor.

Madonna's first tournament title occurred Sept. 23, 2006, as first-year head coach Steve Mato guided the Crusaders to a title at Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic

MEN'S GOLF

Conference Jamboree No. 5, which was hosted by MU at Fellows

Creek Golf Course in Canton. The Crusaders, who led the eight-team field with a total of 313, were again led by Westland freshman Steve South (Livonia Franklin High School) who finished tied for second place with a four-over-par 76.

Spring Arbor's Kris Bradshaw edged South and two other second-place finishers with a two-over-par 74 to claim the individual medalist honors.

Canton junior Aaron Cheesman (Salem H.S.) tied for seventh place overall after carding a six-over 78 and junior Jon McMahon (Windsor, Ontario Massey) turned in a seven-over-par 79 to tie for ninth place.

Senior Steve Robinson (Livonia Churchill) carded an eight-over-par 80 and freshman Justin Laurence (Wyandotte Roosevelt) rounded out the Crusaders efforts after turning in an 89 on his scorecard.

Late barrage gives Zebras Hank Klotz baseball crown

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial captured the first Hank Klotz Baseball Classic with a come-from-behind 19-5 victory Saturday over Redford Thurston.

The tournament was hosted by Redford Union in honor of Klotz, a longtime baseball coach in Redford Township who died in 2006.

"It was a tough one, obviously the game was a lot closer than the score showed," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said. "But the bats hung in there and I knew the hits would come."

It took much of the game for the Zebras (3-2) to heat up on offense on a brutally cold day. Wayne trailed 5-2 entering the sixth,

managing just three hits in the first five frames against Thurston pitchers Ryan Smith and Phil Lewis.

But the sixth was another story. Wayne immediately went to work against Thurston reliever Josh Miller, who walked four of the six batters he faced to get the rally in motion.

Following a sacrifice fly by Tim Siegfried, which knotted the game at 5-5, the Zebras took the lead on a two-run single to left by designated hitter Clint Cavanaugh (2-for-4, one run, four RBI) against Thurston relief pitcher Aaron McMann.

The top of the seventh provided more of the same, as the Zebras parlayed seven walks and seven hits into a 12-run outburst which

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SHAWN CLANNIN
Wayne Memorial pitcher Ryan Collop throws one toward home plate against Redford Thurston in Saturday's Hank Klotz Baseball Classic.

Singles

Boston finishers

A contingent from the Livonia-Westland area made a strong showing in Monday's 11th running of the Boston Marathon.

Livonia's top finisher was 47-year-old Kevin Leddy, who covered the 26.2-mile course in 3 hours, 14 minutes, 59 seconds.

Other Livonia finishers included Robert Nenciarini, 47, 3:25:54; Kristen Stempien, 28, 3:50:07; Mary Holbrook, 30, 3:54:11; and Gregory Unsicker, 43, 5:51:02.

Westland's Lori Hahn, 30, earned an 879th place among women in 3:30:28.

Other Westland finishers included Michael Glennon, 31, 3:30:22; Ron Parent, 47, 3:30:33; and Keith Hahn, 3:58:51.

200th for Crosby

In a 5-2 men's tennis win Saturday over Ball State, Western Michigan

University senior Brady Crosby (Livonia) became the fourth player in Bronco history to register his 200th win overall (doubles and singles combined).

It was the 55th-ranked Bronco's first win in Muncie, Ind. since 1982 as Crosby defeated Aaron Phillips at No. 2 singles, 6-4, 6-2, and teamed up with No. 3 doubles partner John Pelton for an 8-6 triumph over Jarrod Epkey and Joe Vallee.

MU golfers fourth

St. Francis (Ind.) captured the two-day Madonna University Invitational women's golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday at the Golden Fox in Plymouth.

St. Francis had a two-day total of 407-416-823 to finish ahead of Aquinas College, 419-421-840; Siena Heights, 426-454-800; and the Crusaders, 471-458-929.

Jessica Morse of Aquinas was medalist with a 199 total on rounds of 98 and 101 (plus 55) on the par-72, 6,024-yard layout.

MU's Ashley Laws (Wayne Memorial) took sixth with a 96-109-205, followed by teammate Danielle Elswick (Wayne), who was 10th with a 112-103-215.

Other MU scorers included Lisa Rodriguez, 130-120-250, and Kassi Jacob, 133-126-259.

Spartan grid camp

Stevenson High School will host two free football camps in preparation for the 2007 season.

The Spartan Youth Clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (grades 3-5) and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (grades 6-8) on Saturday, May 19.

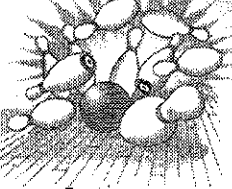
Pre-registration is available through the Stevenson High website at www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/high/stevenson/athletics/athletics.html. Same day registration starts at 8 a.m.

The Spartan Varsity Camp for current grades 9-11 will be Wednesday-Thursday, July 25-26, at Stevenson.

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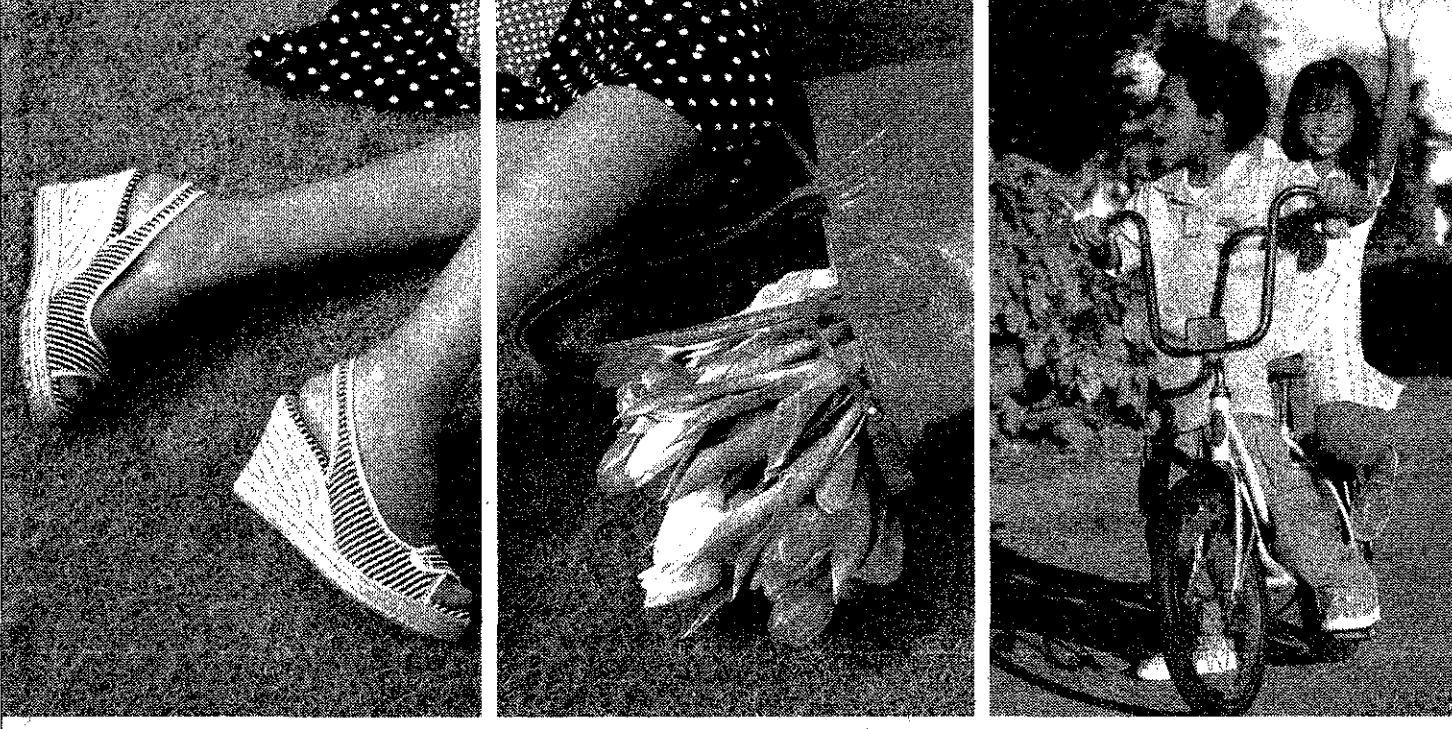
Frosh Guerrero lifts Crusaders to victory

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Freshman right hander Pedro Guerrero pitched four innings of two-hit ball in relief to record his first collegiate win as the Crusaders defeated host Northwood 6-4 in Midland Tuesday afternoon. Madonna, now 20-14 overall, scored three runs in the first inning capped off by a two-RBI single by junior catcher Garrett Ignasiak. Northwood (13-17) picked up an unearned run off MU sophomore starter Ryan Brodowsky (Farmington) in the bottom of the first, but the Crusaders would score in the top of the second after senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) crossed home plate on a double steal.

The Timberwolves would pick up another unearned run in the home half of the second on a throwing error by senior third baseman Gary VanAllen. Sophomore first baseman Gary Rule would score the fifth Madonna run in the fourth inning after senior infielder Matt Humenay (Livonia Churchill) singled to center field. Northwood would cut the lead to just one run (5-4) after plating two runs off Brodowsky in the fourth, chasing him from the contest. Guerrero came on in the fifth inning and surrendered two hits before settling down and keeping the Timberwolves bats silent before giving way to senior right hander Mike Hand (North Farmington) in the ninth inning. The Crusaders picked up an insurance run in the ninth inning as Alvarado scored on a double down the left field line by Humenay. After the lead off batter reached base for the host team in the ninth inning, Hand replaced Guerrero to work the final inning and pick up his

third save this season. Ignasiak, Rule and Humenay led the Crusaders attack at the plate, with each player recording a pair of hits and a pair of RBIs in the win. **McCracken honored** The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference has announced that John McCracken (Pinckney) was named Pitcher of the Week after posting a 2-0 record in two relief appearances. McCracken hurled a total of seven innings during the week, allowing just two hits and an unearned run, while striking out six batters. The 6-foot-2 two-way player shut down Aquinas in two innings of work, fanning one as the Crusaders won 6-4. McCracken followed that act up by pitching five innings of relief against league leading Indiana Tech and yielding only two hits and an unearned run, while striking out five batters as MU pulled off a 4-3 win in 10 innings. He also proved to be hero at the plate for MU against Indiana Tech with an RBI single in the 10th inning, which plated what proved to be the winning run.

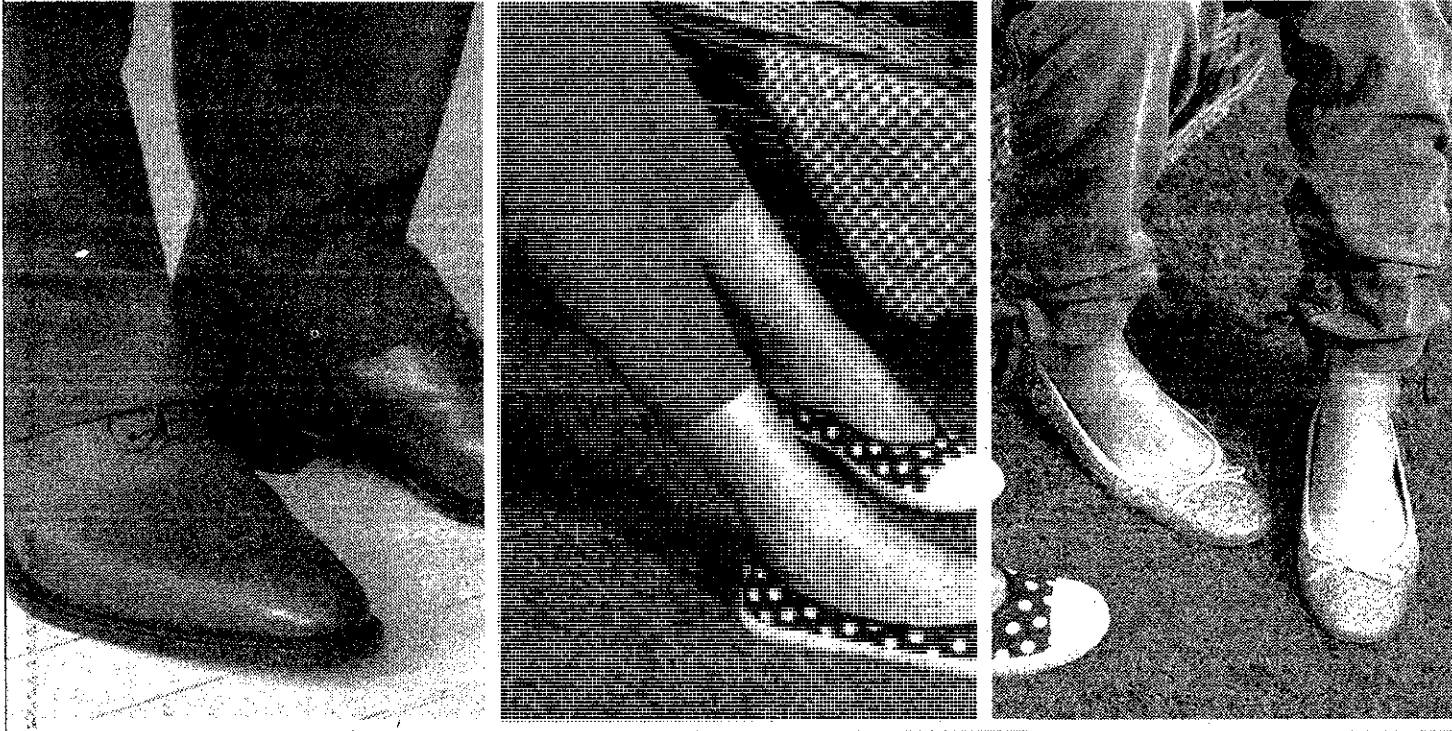


Weekend productive for MU baseball team

Madonna University had the upper hand against league-leading Indiana Tech in a pair of weekend baseball double-headers. After dividing a Saturday twinbill, the Crusaders swept the Warriors, 6-1 and 4-3, Sunday in Fort Wayne. The Crusaders, now 19-14 overall and 7-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, scored in the first three innings of game one and then cruised the rest of the contest as junior southpaw Eric Wendling limited the Warriors (25-10-1, 11-3) to just five hits and one run in a complete game effort. Wendling (4-1), who lowered his season earned run average to 1.96, surrendered a first inning home run to Shane Tiry before locking in and not allowing an Indiana Tech runner to advance past second base for the remainder of the contest. The left-hander also struck out 11 batters in the win. MU scored three runs in the first inning, one run in the second and two more runs in the third inning to secure the win in the opener. Sophomore Ryan Morrow and junior Garrett Ignasiak (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) each recorded a pair of hits to lead the Crusaders attack at the plate. In the second game of the doubleheader, MU starter Josh Regits (Lake Orion) lasted three batters into the fifth inning before leaving with the game tied at 2-2. After senior Mike Hand (North Farmington) finished up the fifth inning for the Crusaders on the hill, junior John McCracken took over and pitched the final five innings. Madonna pushed across a run in the seventh inning as senior Manny Alvarado (Southfield) scored while the Warriors were busy turning a double play off a grounder by senior Kyle Fedorka. Indiana Tech managed to score an equalizing run in the bottom of the ninth inning after an error by the Crusaders defense. In the 10th inning, the Crusaders received a lead off

single by senior Tony Luttmann (Farmington), who advanced to second base on a ground out by Ignasiak. After a pop out by Westland senior Matt Humenay (Livonia Churchill), McCracken stepped in and singled home Luttmann for the go-ahead run. Following his heroics at the plate in the top of the inning, McCracken returned to the mound to record the win after retiring the Warriors with a pair of strikeouts and a fly out. McCracken worked five innings, allowed just two hits and one run and struck out five. He also recorded the game winning hit, which allowed the Crusaders to complete the doubleheader sweep of the Warriors and move into sole possession of second place in the current WLAC standings. **Saturday split** On Saturday, at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia, the Crusaders won the opener 3-2 before falling 6-5 in the nightcap. In Game 1, a three-run fourth turned out to be just enough for Madonna to ward off a late rally bid by Indiana Tech. A two-run single to center by McCracken put MU on the board and another run scored on a wild pitch. Earning the victory with 5.2 innings of strong pitching was Mike Orehek (Dearborn Heights Crestwood). Hand retired the final four outs for the save. Going 2-for-3 at the plate for the Crusaders was Morrow. Madonna looked to be on the verge of a sweep with a three-run first in Game 2, with Luttmann's RBI double the big hit of the frame. But the Warriors scored the next six runs off a parade of Madonna pitchers to build enough of a cushion to hold off the Crusaders - who scored two in the eighth with Luttmann's single accounting for one of them. Luttmann went 2-for-4 with two RBI while third baseman Gary VanAllen delivered a single and scored two runs. Alvarado went 1-for-3 and drove in a run.

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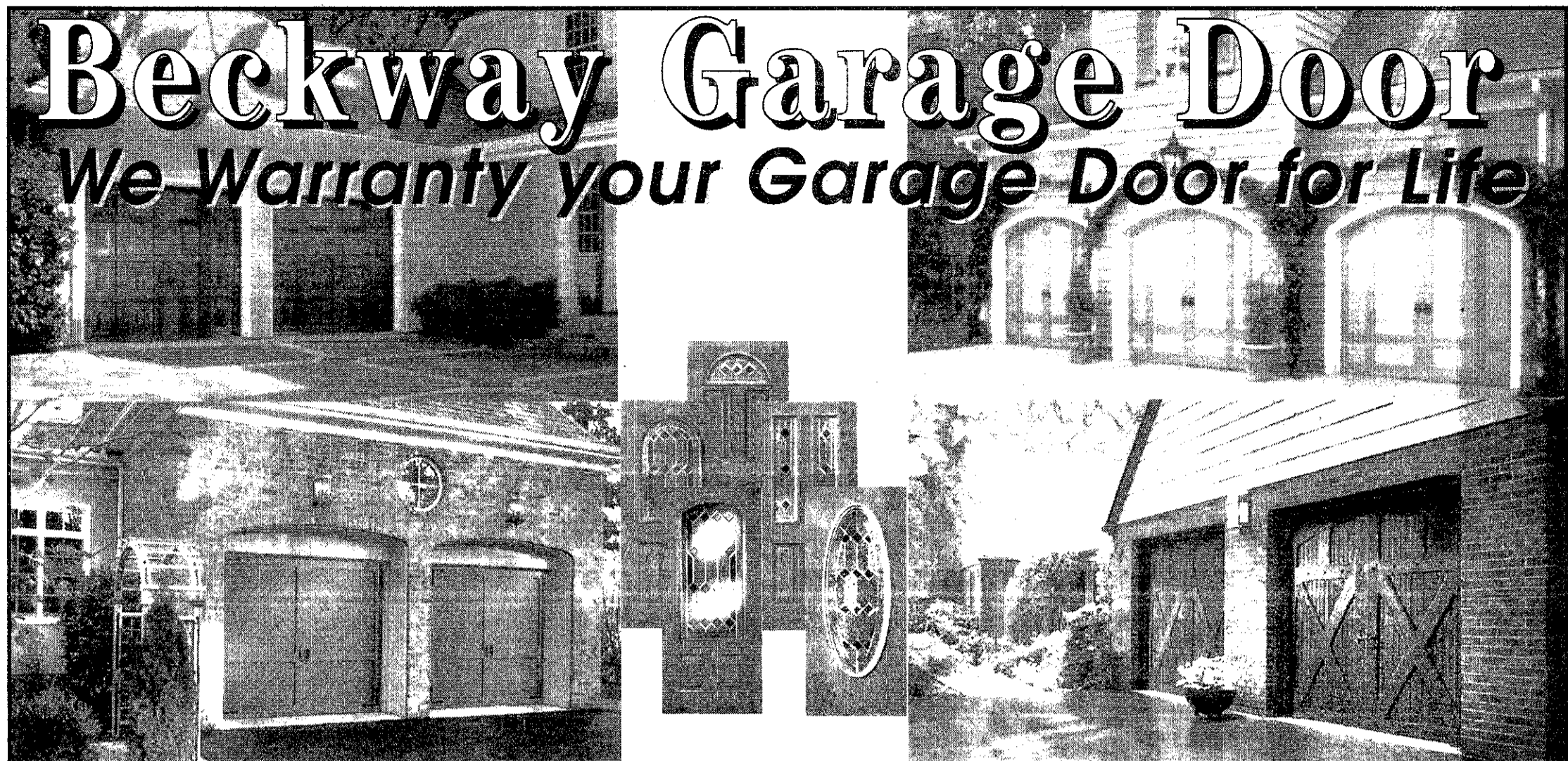
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only ended because Thurston coach Bob Snell asked for, and was granted, permission to end the contest via the mercy rule.

"In the second game, we scored enough runs and had a 5-2 lead," he emphasized. "But our pitchers just used up so much on walks and our defense was on their heels and all of a sudden it turns into a fiasco here at the end."

"It was kind of both ends (of the spectrum). You get good pitching and it lends to good defense in the first game... Then the walks caught up with the hits, and the fielding went south so everything kind of collapsed."

Fueling the huge surge - in which 15 of 16 batters reached base - were a pair of RBI safeties by first baseman John Smoes (2-for-2, two runs, three RBI), a ground-rule double to left-center by Brent Rexin (3-for-3, two runs, two RBI) and a run-scoring hit by Jamie Harris (2-for-3, three runs, two RBI).

Earning the victory for Wayne was starting pitcher Ryan Collop, who allowed seven hits.

"We have a real good hitting team and I was just waiting for them to jump out," noted Garcia, whose team started the tournament with an 11-0 rout of Detroit Community High School.

The fifth and sixth innings were good for us and we really jumped on them in the sev-

enth inning and put some more runs on the board. The good thing is we didn't give up."

Thurston's defense was much better earlier in the game, with several fine plays temporarily putting the Eagles in position for a tournament victory.

In the first, junior catcher Brian Corner (2-for-2, one run, two RBI) retrieved a wild pitch and fired to sophomore pitcher Ryan Smith covering the plate to retire Rexin trying to score. Rexin had reached third on a one-out triple to left.

McMann, who started at first, prevented a run from scoring in the second when he slickly fielded an in-between hop and flipped the ball to the pitcher.

With a Wayne runner at second base and two out, Eagles freshman second baseman Ishmael Banks, up from junior varsity, ranged to his right to field a ball that was headed into center field and neatly threw the batter out.

WAYNE 11, COMMUNITY 0: Pitchers Jon Bryant, Jon Smoes and Trey Raynes combined on the shutout Saturday as the Zebras blanked Detroit Community.

Bryant struck out eight in his three innings, while Smoes and Raynes worked the fourth and fifth innings, respectively, to preserve the shutout in the five-inning mercy.

Andrew Ponican had a hit, two RBI and a stolen base, while Jack Zimmerman added a hit and RBI.

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Warriors whip Clarenceville in Metro matchup

Lutheran High Westland picked up right where it left off from spring break, rolling to a five-inning 14-2 mercy rule baseball win Monday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

The Warriors, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Metro Conference, was led by Chris Ake's three hits and three runs. Sam Ahlersmeyer had two singles and an RBI, while Ryan Baglow added two hits and two RBI.

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Baglow, the winning pitcher, worked the first three innings, allowing two runs on three hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

Losing pitcher Allen Mazur, the Clarenceville starter, was roughed up for 13 runs on six hits and four walks in 1.2 innings.

Nick Garant collected two hits in the loss for the Trojans, now 2-4 overall and 0-1 in the Metro.

Mazur also had a hit and an RBI.

W.L. CENTRAL 2, GLENN 1: Brad Nedrow scored the winning run in the third inning Tuesday as Walled Lake Central (3-0, 1-0) edged host Westland John Glenn (3-2, 0-1) in a WLLA-Lakes Division opener.

The Vikings had runners at second and third with the score tied at 1-1 in the third.

When the Rockets caught the runner at second in a rundown, Nedrow raced home from third and beat the throw to the plate.

Both pitchers threw four-hit, complete games.

Central's Torrey Stimson struck out 10 and didn't walk anybody. Jerry Smith (2-1) fanned seven and issued three walks for Glenn.

Garrett Reichle was 2-for-3 with a double for the Vikings.

W.L. WESTERN 11, FRANKLIN 6: Walled Lake Western (3-1, 1-0) scored five times in the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday to break a 6-6 tie and defeat visiting Livonia Franklin in a WLLA-Western Division game.

Jake Holloway, who entered in the fifth with two outs and the score tied, pitched the final 2.1 innings to get



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Lutheran Westland's Chris Ake (left) turns, but missed the tag on Clarenceville's Nick Garant as he slides safely into second base during Monday afternoon's Metro Conference game.

the win. He allowed one hit and struck out three after taking over for Marc Carnacchi.

Franklin starter Michael Basner pitched four full innings and was replaced in the fifth with no outs. He allowed seven runs on nine hits and four walks.

The Warriors had a total of 11 hits. Steve Astrein went 3-for-3, Brett Lubanski 2-for-2 and Ryan Warwick 2-for-4. Each player had two RBI.

Andy Buchanan contributed a two-run single. Pinch runner Zack Gatten, substituting for catcher Max Weberman, scored three runs.

Sean Sciba went 3-for-4 with three RBI and a run scored for the Patriots, who had seven hits. Jesse Carpenter, who reached based on two errors and a walk, scored three runs.

Only one of Franklin's six runs was earned as Western made five errors.

W.L. NORTHERN 4, CHURCHILL 3: In a WLLA-Lakes Division opener Tuesday, host Walled Lake Northern (4-0, 1-0) stopped a Livonia Churchill (2-2, 0-1) seventh-inning rally to preserve the win.

Tyler Bledsoe's RBI double pulled the Chargers to within one in the top of the seventh, but the Chargers left a runner at third when Northern second baseman J.D. Tinkey knocked down Kirk Ciarrocchi's bullet shot up the middle with one-out to save a

run. Northern reliever Andy Tinkey, who pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Kevin Petsch, got the final out on a strikeout.

Petsch allowed one run on three hits and four walks over five innings. He struck out three.

Losing pitcher Josh Matigian gave up three runs on five hits and four walks in five innings. He fanned two. John Rodeman finished up as the Knights tallied an unearned run in the sixth.

Senior catcher Brendan Clarke went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the Knights. Chris Kangas had an RBI single for the Rockets.

SALEM 5, STEVENSON 4: In the WLLA-Lakes Division opener Monday, the host Rocks (1-3, 1-0) rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Livonia Stevenson (1-2, 0-1).

Dave Hales, who went 2-for-4, had the game-winning RBI, scoring Joe Posler, who doubled in two runs during the seventh-inning rally.

Sam Ott also knocked in two runs for Salem, while Heath Parling score twice. Kyle Powell also scored a run.

Dan Cassidy, in relief of starter Joe Posler, worked the final inning to pick up the win. Cassidy gave up two runs on two hits as Stevenson took a 4-1 lead.

Posler gave up one run on six hits.

Nick Plinka went 3-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases for the Spartans. Andy Jones added a double and two RBI. Dan Rozek knocked in the other run.

Stevenson starter Matt Tuttle went 6.1 strong innings before giving way to brother Mike in relief. Mike Tuttle, who have up one run on two hits and a walk, took the loss.

NORTHVILLE 3, WAYNE 1: Bret Spencer fanned 13 and tossed a four-hitter Monday as the host Mustangs (2-2, 1-0) downed Wayne Memorial (3-3, 0-1) in the WLLA-Western Division opener.

Dominic Benavides went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the Mustangs, who scored twice in the first inning on an RBI triple by Mitchell followed by Spencer's RBI sacrifice fly. Northville added another run in the sixth on a single by Gerard Powell, followed by a Wayne throwing error and a sacrifice fly by Demarii Sanderson.

Brent Rexin scored on a first and third double steal for Wayne's lone run in the opening inning.

Clint Cavanaugh, the losing pitcher, gave up three runs on five hits and three walks over five innings. He struck out four. Brent Patterson had two strikeouts and allowed one hit in his one-inning stint.

Rexin, Andrew Ponican, Trey Raynes and Tim Siegfried each collected a hit for Wayne.

Salem is no match for Stevenson girls, 4-1

Victoria Slavin provided the offense with two goals and one assist as Livonia Stevenson scored an impressive 4-1 girls

soccer victory Monday night over host Salem.

The Spartans, now 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes

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Division, jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead as Jamie Chandler scored from Slavin followed by Slavin's goal from Chandler.

Slavin's goal 10 minutes into the second half on an assist from Taleen Mergian made it 3-0. Mergian capped the scoring for the Spartans with 25:21 remaining on an assist from Kaitlin O'Hara.

Salem's Kelly Adsit spoiled goalkeeper Rachel Simari's shutout bid with just 35 seconds remaining with a rifle shot from 35 yards out.

The Spartans' defense was anchored by senior Liz Tokarsky.

The loss drops the Rocks to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the division.

CHURCHILL 3, W.L. NORTHERN 1: Livonia Churchill (3-0-1, 1-0) scored all three goals in the first half and opened its WLLA-Lakes Division schedule Tuesday with a win over host Walled Lake Northern (2-1-1, 0-1).

Alyssa Mira tallied the first goal off a set piece from Hannah Otto.

Alisha Lussiez made 2-0 off an assist from Bailey Brandon followed by Brandon's goal from Lussiez.

Lindsey Marlow anchored Churchill's defense in the back as goalkeeper Stefanie Turner earned the victory.

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Marlow - then held fort and goalkeeper Stefanie Turner came up with a key save on Stevenson's Molly McConnell with 11 minutes remaining to preserve the shutout.

"We played through the fatigue, we got our legs back the last 15 minutes of the first half," Hebestreit said. "We were able to build on it and take a positive note into the second half. And Turner was able to play the ball with her feet, and that alleviates so much pressure."

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta liked the way his team started, but not the way they finished.

"We came out of the gates well," said Pinta, whose team falls to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in

the Lakes. "We played hard and took it to them, then we leveled out after 20 to 25 minutes."

"The second half they out-worked and out-thusted us. They wanted it more. They're a good team and we don't have any excuses."

Pinta singled out the play of Kaitlin O'Hara, Liz Tokarsky, Jamie Chandler, Kayla Kimble and McConnell.

"That's who I liked, they worked hard, and they were consistent," the Stevenson coach said. "After we got down we kind of panicked. We haven't dealt well with being down and learning how to fight back. They're up 2-0 and they're still sliding to keep balls in play. It's a matter of heart and determination, and Churchill had that."

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Ladywood earns split with DC; Knights outgun Patriots, 14-11

Meredith Stasa pitched a two-hit shutout in the nightcap Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood earned a split its Catholic League Central Division softball doubleheader against visiting Dearborn Divine Child.

Stasa went all seven innings in an 8-0 triumph. The junior struck out eight and walked only two.

Courtney LaValley went 3-for-3 for Ladywood, now 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the Central after dropping the opener, 5-3.

Kyla Suchy and Gina Sykes added two hits apiece for the Blazers, who took advantage of eight Divine Child errors.

Ladywood made four errors in the opener as the Falcons scored twice in the top of the seventh as Ashley Shay delivered the game-winning RBI single. She finished with four hits.

Maddie Essen was the winning pitcher, scattering seven hits and two walks. She struck out six.

Losing pitcher Lauren Taylor (0-2) allowed 10 hits, walked two and struck out six.

Erin McLaughlin collected two hits for the Blazers, while Suchy knocked in a pair of runs.

"They outhit us and you can't have four errors," Ladywood first-year coach Sara Thiesmeyer said of first-game setback.

W.L. WESTERN 14, FRANKLIN 11: Livonia Franklin (5-2, 0-1) lost its WLA Western Division opener Tuesday at home as Walled Lake Western's Alysha Johnson went 3-

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for-5 with pair of fence-clearing homers with three RBI.

Emily Carlson also went 2-for-4 with a homer.

Carlson and Kala Mapes combined on the mound for seven strikeouts and seven walks.

Patriot pitchers Natalie Sanborn (3-1) and Alecia Geraghty (2-2) combined to give up 12 hits on 12 walks and three strikeouts.

Each team committed three errors.

Sophomore Brianna Taylor went 4-for-5 with three RBI, while twin sister Brittany added three hits and three stolen bases. Freshman Keely Wilson went 3-for-4 with three RBI.

W.L. NORTHERN 7, CHURCHILL 1: Alyssa Wagner pitched a five-hitter Tuesday as Walled Lake Northern opened WLA Western Division play with a win over host Livonia Churchill (1-2, 0-1).

Wagner struck out five and did not walk a batter.

After Northern got four runs in the fourth, Churchill tallied its lone run in the bottom of the inning when Paula Guzik was hit by a pitch, advanced to third on two passed balls and scored on Julie Lewandowski's double.

Jordan Kerr and Amber Holod also doubled for the Chargers. Julia Hassell contributed two hits.

Lewandowski, who went the first 4.1 innings, took the loss. Kerr came on to pitch the final 2.2 innings.

Price led Northern with three hits. **NORTHVILLE 13, WAYNE 0:** Allison Holmes pitched four hitless innings and helped her own cause by going 2-for-3 with three runs scored Monday as the Mustangs (3-0, 1-0) downed host Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-1) in the WLA Western Division opener for both teams.

Seven different Northville players collected two hits apiece as sophomore Sarah Rousifer reached base four times and had two hits. Kristylen Wildey also added two hits and scored twice.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up 16 hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out three in the five-inning mercy.

CLARENCEVILLE 21, LUTH. WESTLAND 11: Livonia Clarenceville (3-3, 1-0) came back from spring break Monday with a 15-hit attack to win its Metro Conference opener at Lutheran High Westland (1-2, 0-1) in a five-inning mercy.

Senior Nicole Lexson led the Trojans going 3-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored.

Other offensive standouts for Clarenceville included senior Kellie Manis, 2-for-4 with two RBI and three runs; sophomore Charmaine McQueen, 2-for-2 with three walks, three runs and three RBI; senior Abby Sochacki, 2-for-4; sophomore Brittney Brooks, two runs and two RBI; and senior Jenna Mirjak, 2-for-4 with a double and two runs.

Sochacki, the winning pitcher, gave up nine earned runs on 11 hits and six walks. She struck out six.

The Warriors scored six times in the second inning to knot the count at 8-all thanks to Rachel Becker's grand slam homer.

Losing pitcher Amanda DeVries went 2-for-4 with four RBI. Lauren Harris added two hits, an RBI and scored three runs.

"It's nice to open the Metro with a win, but it's just the start to a tough Metro Conference schedule," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "We overcame a big blow (by Becker) and scored seven in the third and six in the fifth. My coach and I have expressed to the girls that contact - whether it's hit, ground balls or fly balls - is very important and that's what we did against Westland. We made hard contact."

Crusaders, Indiana Tech battle to draw

The Madonna University softball team settled for a doubleheader split with visiting Indiana Tech Saturday at MU Field.

The Crusaders (19-10, 6-2 WHAC) won Game One, 1-0, after senior Shannon Noder scattered five hits and struck out seven batters en route to her second shutout of the season.

Indiana Tech (15-13-1, 4-3-1 WHAC) staved off a late comeback bid by MU to hold on for a 4-3 win in the nightcap.

In the opening game of the day, Madonna battled the cold temperatures and solid pitching performance by Indiana Tech freshman Jessie Williams.

Williams held the Crusaders to just two hits, but Madonna scored what proved to be the winning run in the third inning after Heather Richardson (Canton) doubled home Hannah Godfrey.

The one run was plenty for Noder (10-5), who stranded

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six Warriors on base and did not yield a walk in the win.

Indiana Tech jumped out to a 4-1 lead on the Crusaders in the second game after Liz Ballinger surrendered a two-run homer to April Alexander in the second inning.

The Crusaders picked up a run in fourth inning to cut the lead to two runs (4-2) as Tedi Johnston scored on a throwing error by the Warriors.

Madonna would inch closer in the sixth inning after Godfrey hit a ground ball single up the middle, which lured Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) to cut the lead to just a single run (4-3).

In the seventh inning, MU loaded the bases before the Indiana Tech hurler Nikki Winger slammed the door to give the Warriors a win in the back end of the doubleheader.

Freshman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill) led the offensive attack for the Crusaders in game two with a 3-for-4 performance and one RBI.

Noder honored

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced Monday that Noder was named pitcher of the week after posting a pair of conference wins.

Noder (10-5) started the week with a 4-3 win over Concordia and a complete game effort with three strikeouts.

The southpaw finished up the week with a complete game shutout win over Indiana Tech Saturday in Livonia.

In the win against the Warriors, Noder recorded seven strikeouts en route to her second shutout of the season.

This is also the second time this season that Noder has been named the WHAC Pitcher of the Week.

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MISL crown at stake Saturday for Ignition

Captain Novi Marojevic's sudden-death goal against the Milwaukee Wave Sunday afternoon propelled the expansion Detroit Ignition into the Major Indoor Soccer League's championship game 4 p.m. Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Ignition will take on the Philadelphia KIXX.

After the two teams split the first two games - Milwaukee captured the opener before Detroit came back to win Game 2, 10-8 - a series-deciding "Golden Goal" format kicked in.

Following a brief intermission after Game 2, a sudden-

death overtime session lasted just 1 minute and 20 seconds before Marojevic's series-winning shot.

Sunday's dramatic semifinal matchup was played before the ninth consecutive sellout crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena, according to Ignition officials.

Saturday's championship contest will be broadcast live nationally on Versus Network.

In Game Two, Wave defender Lovelace Ackah started the scoring 42 seconds into the opening frame with a two-point goal. Milwaukee forward Anthony Maher then put one past Ignition netminder

Sanaldo at 10:25 to extend the Wave lead to 4-0.

Ignition defender Bill Sedgewick countered with his first goal of the post-season - a three-pointer at 14:29 - to cut the Wave's lead to 4-3.

Defender Joe Hammes cushioned the Wave lead to 6-3 with a two-point goal at 3:24 of the second frame.

Marojevic then banked a three-point goal in off a Wave defender at 11:23 to tie the contest at 6-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wave forward Todd Dudosky scored to make it 8-6 at 11:13 of the fourth quarter. Ignition rookie forward

Worteh Sampson knotted the contest at 8-all just seven seconds later.

The former Madonna University star then registered his second goal of the fourth quarter - and the eventual game-winner - at 12:49 to force the "Golden Goal" Game 3.

Marojevic made short work of the Wave in the sudden-death session as he beat netminder Brett Phillips with a two-point goal just 80 seconds after the first kick.

Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo stopped 23 of 27 shots and earned his first two playoff victories of the season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
 Thursday, April 19
 B'ham Roper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 20
 Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
 Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL
 Thursday, April 19
 Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 20
 Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 21
 Canton at Anchor Bay Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Tecumseh Tourney, TBA

GIRLS SOCCER
 Thursday, April 19
 Luth. Westland at Clawson, 4:30 p.m.
 Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 20
 John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
 PCA at B'ham Roper, 7:30 p.m.
 Lathrup at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
 Thursday, April 19
 Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 21
 Monroe-Jefferson Inv., 9 a.m.
 Birm. Groves Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Berkley Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Elks Relays at Dearborn, 10 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
 Friday, April 20
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Canton, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 21
 Holly Invitational, 8 a.m.
 Saline Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Herald Inv. at Taylor Truman, TBA.

BOYS LACROSSE
 Thursday, April 19
 PCS at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, April 21
 PCS at Flint Powers, 11 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
 Thursday, April 19
 John Glenn, Franklin
 at Taylor Truman, 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Links of Pinewood, 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
 Friday, April 20
 John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands-Van Buren, 3 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Northern at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
 Canton at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
 Saturday, April 21
 Grosse Ile Invitational at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
 Friday, April 20
 Troy at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all doubleheaders)
 Saturday, April 21
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Iitich Ballpark, 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 22
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 Friday, April 20
 (all doubleheaders)
 Madonna vs. Rochester College at University Field, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 21
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at University Field, 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 22
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at University Field, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS (best-of-7 series)
 Thursday, April 19
 Whalers at London Knights, 7 p.m.
 Friday, April 20
 Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
 Monday, April 23
 Whalers at London Knights, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 24
 Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
 Saturday, April 21
 Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Arena, 4 p.m.

Surging Whalers to square off against London

The Plymouth Whalers will play the London Knights in a best-four-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Final playoff series beginning tonight at the John Labatt Centre in London.

The series features the two top teams in the Ontario Hockey League. London (50-14-1-3, 104 points) finished first overall in the OHL during the regular season, with

Plymouth (49-14-2-3, 103 points) one point behind at second overall.

London and Plymouth played four games during the regular season, with the Whalers winning three of the four meetings.

Game 2 is set for 7:05 p.m. Friday at at the Compuware Sports Arena; Game 3 will return to London on Monday while Compuware will be the

setting for Game 4 on Tuesday.

If necessary, Game 5 will be hosted by London on Thursday, April 26; the Whalers would host Game 6 on Saturday, April 28; and Game 7 would be played in London.

Plymouth fans can watch all Whalers road playoff games on WhalersVision at the Compuware Sports Arena's Ginopolis on the Ice

Restaurant.

The restaurant will be offering food and drink specials during the broadcasts. Reservations can be made by calling Ginopolis on the Ice at (734) 453-4455.

Tickets for the series are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Madonna signs two players for softball squad

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White has announced the signing of two more high school seniors for the 2008 season.

Michelle Henning and Karen House (North Branch) have each signed letters of intent to further their educational and softball careers at MU beginning in the fall of 2007.

Henning comes to Madonna from Cardinal Stritch High School in

Oregon, Ohio where she has been a three-time all-conference selection and team MVP. She owns a 31-20 overall record in the circle over the last three seasons with 353 strikeouts in 316.1 innings pitched.

"Michelle is a very strong player in the circle," White said. "We are thrilled to have a player that has the ability to be dominating against opposing hitters."

Henning, who plans on studying pre-med at

Madonna, posted a career best 1.26 earned run average and 171 strikeouts during her sophomore season and as a junior she recorded a .619 batting average and .762 slugging percentage on the offensive side of the diamond.

House is currently in her fourth season as a varsity member of the North Branch softball team and earned all-conference honors following her junior campaign.

"Karen is a very skilled outfielder who has the ability to track the ball very well off the bat," White said. "She will be a great contributor to our club in the future and we are excited to have her join our program."

House, who plans on studying Spanish and English at MU next fall, is also an accomplished cross country runner and was a two-time all-conference selection at the high school level.



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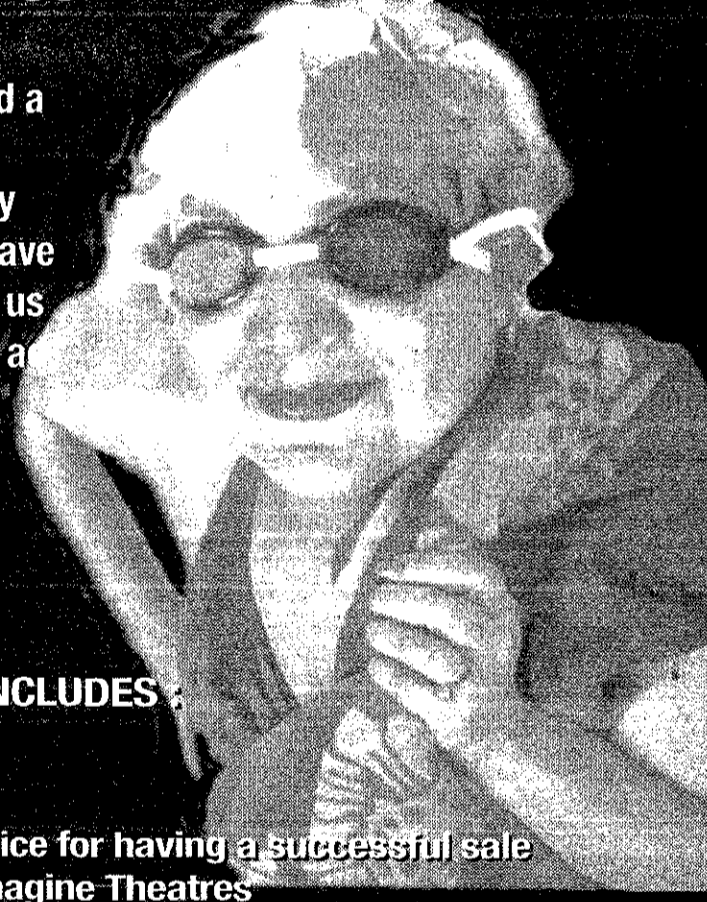
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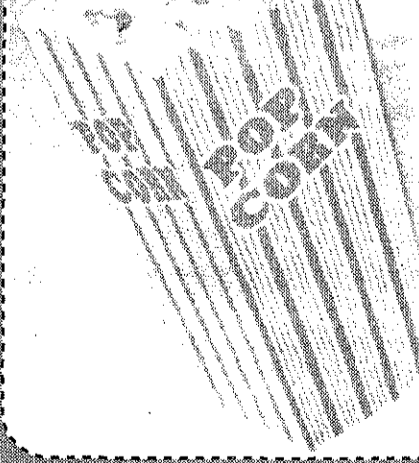
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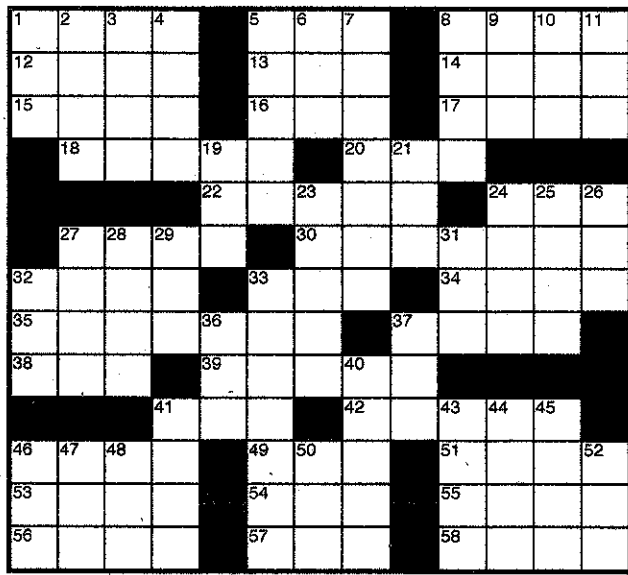
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- 29 Flee hastily
- 31 "The," to Wolfgang
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- 33 Turn signal
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SUDOKU

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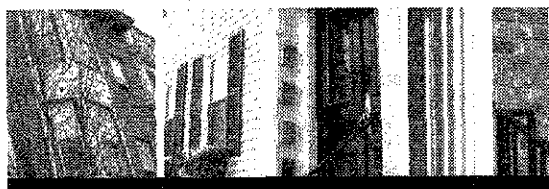
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