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Group mounts campaign for curbside recycling

BY DARRELL CLEW STAFF WRITER

A longtime Westland resident is spearheading a new push to convince city leaders to start a curbside recycling program.

Margot McCormack and a few of her friends have collected 158 signatures and they're seeking more - from residents who are tired of waiting.

The group has collected signatures in several residential neighborhoods scattered from the Joy-Middlebelt area in the northeast end to the Newburgh-Glenwood area on the southwest side.

"This is not political," McCormack, 66, told the Observer. "We just want curbside recycling in Westland. It's a world issue. Trash is a world issue.'

She should know. McCormack, a certified advanced master gardener, moved from Germany to the United States in 1969 after she met her husband. Jim, who was in the Army. She officially became a U.S. citizen in February 2006.

"Growing up in Europe it was part of our life to recycle," she said.

The McCormacks, who have two adult children, have been in Westland since 1973, just seven years after it became a city. They paid the \$34-a-year fee in

1997 to subscribe to a curbside recycling program that failed due to poor participation.

A similar program for \$50 a year never took off in 2003. Residents who want to recycle may take their materials to the city's public service yard on Marquette east of Newburgh. Some people also take theirs to friends who live in cities that have curbside programs.

Residents like McCormack believe that more people would recycle if they had a program that is more convenient. McCormack couldn't believe it when

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Margot McCormack talks about her support for a Westland curbside recycling program. She came to an interview with prorecyclina signatures she and her friends collected, and maps showing where they collected them.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students feel the heat in welding contest

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Alex Kivari, Chance Wright, Chad Klavinger and Terrell Davis sat at the table looking over a Patriot Missile exhaust tube. They were on a mission to identify the manufacturing problems that caused the tube to fail.

"We've found quite a few," said Klavinger. "The first group found out they used the wrong filler rod. They used carbon instead of stainless steel.

"The T joint and butt joint, they welded aluminum to stainless steel. The alloys don't add up."





3 men plead guilty to brutal break-in

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Three young men charged in a torturous home invasion on Westland's northwest side pleaded guilty this week and accepted lengthy prison sentences.

James Michael Hobson, 18, Harry James Taylor, 23, and DeCory Lamar Sharpe, 19, admitted their involvement in a brutal home vasion last Sept Westwood Village Apartments, at Joy and Hix roads. A 47-year-old victim told police he was robbed at gunpoint after intruders came in his doorwall, tied him up with a cord and packing tape, ransacked his apartment and stole a gun, liquor, credit cards, a cell phone and his 2005 Monte Carlo. Taylor, a Canton resident, faces 14 to 25 years in prison for armed robbery and two years for a felony firearms charge. He pleaded guilty Monday in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Michael Hathaway. Hobson, also of Canton, has accepted 10-20 years in prison for armed robberv and two years for a felony firearms charge. Sharpe, a Westland resident, faces 10.5 to 20 years behind bars for armed robbery.



Hobson

Sharpe

case that brought the victim back to Michigan from his new home in 🔤 Arizona. "He actually came back



from Arizona to make sure that justice was done," police Set. David Heater

There was no government contract hanging on the results of their investigation. It was a test for 34 welding students from at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center with the top score getting an \$800 top-of-the-line welder and a summer job at Woolf Aircraft Products Inc.

The daylong competition was the idea of Joe Pavlanis, process and quality engineer at Woolf. Students in Nick Regets' welding class have been visiting the factory for more than six years, and Pavlanis wanted to kick it up a notch.

TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn High School junior Richard Curylo works on his TIG (gas tungsten arc) welding as part of a competition sponsored and held at Woolf Aircraft Products in Romulus. The competition was for welding students from the William PLEASE SEE WELDING, A6 D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Suspect sought in holdups at CVS stores

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland drugstore has become the latest target in a series of early-morning robberies of area CVS stores, authorities said.

The latest holdup happened shortly after 7 a.m. Sunday when a lone gunman robbed the CVS store on the northeast corner of Warren and Venoy, police Sgt. David Heater said.

The gunman took cash, fled out the back door and was last seen leaving in a black SUV with a license plate on the lower left bumper, police said.

No one was injured during the robbery, police Sgt. Ed Price said.

"There were no shots fired - just some scared people," he said.

The gunman was described as a lightskinned black male or a Hispanic man, about 6 feet tall and 210 pounds. A CVS employee

told police the suspect had a beard and wore a white jacket and a white ballcap.

Anyone who has information about the robbery is urged to call the Westland Police Department's Detective Bureau during daytime business hours at (734) 721-6311. Otherwise, call the police station's main telephone number at (734) 722-9600.

The latest CVS robbery followed four others, including two in Farmington Hills and two in Southfield, authorities said.

In Farmington Hills, the second armed robbery within a week was reported at 7:10 a.m. April 8.

One female employee was arranging newspapers in the front of the store at 29000. Orchard Lake Road when a suspect entered, walked to the first aisle, turned around and approached her and another worker, police said.

The suspect, described as a heavyset black

male wearing a hat, ordered the two women to an office while he pointed a handgun at them, authorities said. He demanded cash and told them to put it in a bag, then fled on foot out the back door.

Four days earlier, the CVS on Nine Mile at Haggerty was robbed by an armed man who demanded cash from an employee. That incident happened at 4:45 a.m. in a 24-hour store.

The worker described the suspect as a black male, 30-40 years old, about 5-foot-10 and 240 pounds.

The gunman was wearing an orange coat and was caught on a video surveillance camera, according to Farmington Hills police.

Details about the Southfield CVS robbery weren't immediately available.

Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this story.

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Taylor and Hobson pleaded guilty Wednesday - the same day they were to face trial.

All three men will be formally sentenced by Hathaway on May 16, but they averted a trial and accepted their punishment after prosecutors agreed to drop other charges, such as torture, first-degree home invasion and car theft.

If convicted during a trial, the trio could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Westland detectives welcomed the outcome of a

Prosecutors refused to offer lenient sentences to the defendants, partly because the

home invasion was so brutal. The victim feared he was going Tavlor

to be killed as the intruders tied him up and ransacked his apartment.

Police Sgt. Steve Borisch described himself as "very satisfied" with the way the case was resolved.

"That's a long time to go to prison," he said. "But I do feel sad for all the parents and relatives."

Hobson, Sharpe and Taylor made their pleas after a fourth defendant, 19-year-old Laquinta Cuntez Terry of Southfield. pleaded guilty in late March to an armed robbery charge.

Terry - the first to admit his involvement - was sentenced to seven to 15 years in prison. Westland police arrested the suspects last October after allegedly linking fingerprints to one of the defendants from another case in Canton. Ultimately, the suspects made statements implicating themselves in the Westland home invasion.

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LOCAL NEWS

LPS students earn awards in art contest

Thirteen Livonia Public Schools students received awards at the Michigan PTSA Reflections Awards Ceremony, which took place April 21 at Walled Lake Central High School. They are:

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- Mariah Morgan, from Holmes Middle School, with an award of excellence in photography, middle division.

- Alexander Dehne, from Churchill High School, with an award of excellence in photography, senior division.

- Jacob Bieganski, from Grant Elementary, with an award of excellence in visual arts, primary division.

- Pranavia Midathada, from Frost Middle School, with an award of merit in visual arts, middle division.

- Aaron Dunn, from Stevenson High School, with an award of merit in visual arts, senior division.

- Daniel Fairbanks, from Stevenson, with an award of excellence in visual arts, senior division.

- Aimee Moccia, from Riley Upper Elementary, with an award of merit in literature, intermediate division.

- Christian Vandercook, from Franklin High School, with an award of merit in literature, senior division.

- William Sweetman, from Hoover Elementary, with an award of excellence in music, primary division.

Logan Vines, from
Riley, with an award of
merit in music, middle
division.
Alwin David, from

Webster Elementary, with an award of excellence in music, middle division.

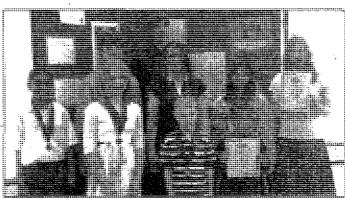
- Heather Huber, from Stevenson, with an award of excellence in music, senior division.

- Blake Morgan, from Stevenson, with an award of excellence in music, senior division.

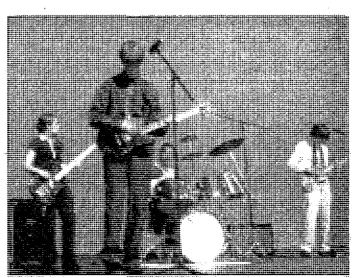
In addition to theses awards, Fairbanks' visual arts entry earned the Best of Theme Award and the Connie Ernst Award, which is the state's top award.

Also, Blake Morgan's music entry and Fairbanks' visual arts entry have been selected to represent Michigan at the National PTA Convention in St. Louis this June.

The award ceremony was highlighted with a musical performance by Blake Morgan, who did a live version of the musical composition he entered into Reflections, a piece called "Autumn Mist."



Nine of the thirteen LPS students who received awards at the Michigan PTSA Reflections award ceremony show off their awards. They are (clockwise from top) Blake Morgan, Heather Huber, Pranavia Midathada, Mariah Morgan, William Sweetman, Jacob Bieganski, Logan Vines, Alwin David and Daniel Fairbanks.



Blake Morgan, center, performs his Reflections entry, 'Autumn Mist,' at the state awards ceremony. Assisting him are Heather Huber on bass, Rick Morgan on drums and Graham Liddell on guitar.



CORRECTIONS

In the April 29 edition of the *Observer*, Livonia Blue's Kelly Tapella should have been identified as a junior captain from Franklin High School who earned first-team All-Observer honors in girls gymnastics. The article appeared in The Big Show Winter Sports All-Area Teams for 2006-07.

The headline for the Westland Public Library's Information Central column which appeared in the Sunday, April 20, issue of the *Observer* should have stated that April is National Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

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LPS Foundation offers college savings plan for first-graders

BY REBECCA JONES STAFF WRITER

It's not quite the Kalamazoo Promise. But it's a competitive edge:

And that's just what the Livonia Public Schools Foundation is calling its plan to provide district firstgraders with a savings plan for college.

LPS Foundation president Jim Cambridge announced the Competitive Edge at Monday's school board meeting.

"As a way to attract new families to the community and show existing families the commitment we have to their family, we hope to provide a college planning and savings program for each first-grade student in our district," he said. "We want to tell current homeowners and potential new homeowners, here at LPS we are invested in your child's success and we care."

The LPS Foundation's goal will be to help families begin their planning for their children's post-high school education early, and also hopefully providing seed money to begin their savings, Cambridge said.

Just how much money the program could raise is not known. The idea is in its early stages, Cambridge said.

"We don't have a (fundraising) goal. We know it is going to be a lot of money, but we think we're going to be able to raise it," he said. "We're encouraged by our prospects."

Here's how the program works: Incoming firstgraders would get a 529 college savings plan and the foundation will "fund it to some extent," Cambridge said. Parents and grandparents could augment that savings. "It's our hope that by the time the first-graders graduate from Livonia Public Schools, they would have enough money to go to college."

The plan has been discussed at LPS Foundation board meetings, but all the details are still being worked out. Cambridge added that he doesn't know when the program would begin. "Basically what we have now is a very good idea."

The Competitive Edge is inspired by the Kalamazoo Promise.

Unveiled in 2005, the Kalamazoo plan provides each Kalamazoo Public School graduate with up to a scholarship covering up to 100 percent tuition for college. It is funded by anonymous donors.

"That has had a tremendous effect on that community," Cambridge said. In addition to helping market the school district, he added that such a plan could spur economic development and jobs and increase housing values.

"If it works it will have a profound effect," he said.

Local real estate agent Betty Bjarnesen said the plan would be "an added perk" for Livonia.

"Off the top of my head, I can think of several clients who moved from other communities to Livonia because of our educational programming," said Bjarnesen, who works for Keller Williams Realty on Five Mile. A program that gets residents and businesses working closer together to promote the educational system would be another key selling point, she said.

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Arena goes tropical for annual ice show

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The temperatures won't be as balmy as a tropical paradise, but there'll be plenty of sand and tiki huts, when the Westland Figure Skating Club presents its 31st annual Ice show this weekend.

The club has transformed the Mike Modano Ice Arena for the show that features 79 ice skaters ages 3 through adult.

"The music will be everything you can think of as tropical - the Beach Boys, music from Bermuda, reggae and from movies like Finding Nemo and Little Mermaid," said assistant director Kate Wojtowicz.

The show will feature skating groups, soloists and pair groups.

The groups can be as small as four skaters up to 27 girls who will perform to a medley of Beach Boys songs to open the show. One of the soloists in this year's show is Dave Petzel. He's also one of two male performers and the oldest skater in the show. Petzel, 60, took up ice skating 15 years ago because of his wife's interest in the sport. She is a recreational skater, but he turned to competitive figure skating and this year placed second in his age group in national competition.

"It's amazing, I spend a full year learning a routine for competition and two weeks to learn one for the show," he said, adding that skating in the spotlight has its drawbacks. "I get disoriented. I'm going south when I should be going north?

The boards and glass around almost half of the ice rink have been removed to make room for the footlights, something Wojtowicz says makes the Westland show so special to skaters.

"That's our biggest asset, the skaters want to be in the show because of that," she said. "It's like a real ice show and it's a big draw because you can reach out and touch

the kids. The arena takes them down for us and we appreciate it."

A tiki hut with real sand and scenes of palm trees and sandy beaches fill the arena lobby and carry in to the rink area, showing off the creative artistry of parent Norene Desilets who has been doing the scenery for vears.

A master of setting the stage on a shoestring budget, she recycles props from previous years and gets help building what's needed from Jeff Daugherty.

Opposite the bleachers, Desilets has created a 96-foot long piece of scenery that offers a view of the seashore for the first part of the show and is transformed to an under-the-sea look with shimmery fabric and fans for the second half.

"We give her an idea and she runs with it," said Wojtowicz. "She's an interior designer by trade. Jeff does all the construction. He took his week's vacation to help with the show."

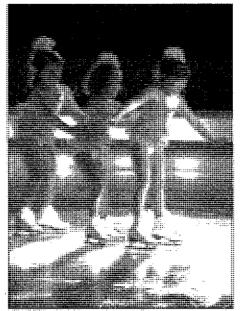
The ice show is no small undertaking. According to Petzel, who also is the skating club president, the group spends close to \$30,000 on the annual production, which this year is under the direction of Raquel Razor.

"It takes us all year to plan for this," said Petzel, "It takes 300-400 man-hours and 25-30 people to put it on."

This is Razor's first year as director. Helping her are Wojtowicz and Becky Bockstanz, also an assistant director, and intern April Zuk. Jim Salamay also works as the show announcer, disc jockey and publicity manager.

But it's the parents who play a big role in the show's success, according to Wojtowicz.

"All of the parents are required to put in four hours, but there's 10-15 parents who are here around the clock," said Wojtowicz. "Without the parents we wouldn't have a show."



Skaters Katrina Kariotoglou, Hayley Chapman and Emily Czarniecki practice their routine, set to the music of Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini.

TROPICAL TIME

The Westland Figure Skating Club will present its annual ice show, Tropical Paradise, Friday-Sunday at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood at Hunter in Westland. Showtimes at 7 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for

children and senior citizens. For more information, call the ice arena at (734) 729-4560 or visit the club's Web site at www.WestlandFSC. com.

Mother: Daughter wanted her child

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A jailed Detroit woman never would have set a fire inside a Westland apartment building if she had thought her 4-year-old daughter was inside, a relative said.

However, police have said that a fire should never be started in a building - regardless of who may be inside.

Keli Angelique Coleman, 28, was accused of dousing a front-door area with gasoline and starting a fire that was quickly doused last December at Willow Creek Apartments.

Authorities had said that Coleman, now serving nine months in jail for arson, mistakenly believed that the child's father had seized the girl and taken her to Willow Creek, where his mother lives.

"She never thought the baby was there," Coleman's mother, Fayette Coleman, said in a telephone call to the Observer. "Why would she set the fire knowing that her child was in there?"

Keli Coleman set the fire while three people, not including her daughter, were inside the apartment. She pleaded guilty to arson after prosecutors agreed to drop charges of assault with intent to murder.

Fayette Coleman and Westland police agreed that the child's father had taken

the girl, and it was later learned that he had left the state with her.

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Fayette Coleman now is caring for her 4-year-old granddaughter while Keli Coleman is serving a jail term ordered by Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny.

Fayette Coleman didn't deny that her daughter started a fire while residents were inside the Willow Creek building, on Newburgh south of Ford.

"She just wanted them to tell her where her baby was," Fayette Coleman said.

Fayette Coleman described her daughter as a mother of five who would never do anything to place her children in harm's way.

She contacted the Observer to say she wanted to clear up any misconceptions.

However, Westland police have said that starting a fire inside an apartment building is no way to resolve a dispute.

Keli Coleman had been ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing in. January in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Her defense attorney had portrayed her as a mother who shouldn't stand trial, saying she was desperate to get back a daughter who had been taken by the father.

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John Glenn names Terry its Distinguished Alumnus

A retired Westland Police officer has been selected as the John Glenn High School 2007 Distinguished Alumnus.

Michael Terry will be honored as part of the high school's commencement ceremony next month.

Born in Canada, Terry moved to Michigan when he was eight years old. His family settled in Westland where he attended Wilson Elementary School and Marshall Middle School. He graduated from John Glenn High School in 1969.

Terry joined the Westland Police Department in 1973.



He was promoted to sergeant For 13 years, he served as the department's sex crimes and child abuse investigator, handling hundreds of cases involving rape and sexually abused children.

responding to a domestic violence complaint.

television show Top Cops. The incident led to his interest in becoming a police academy

instructor.

He taught classes on domestic violence in the Wayne County Regional Police Training Academy at Schoolcraft College and later taught sexual assault investigation at the Wayne County Sheriff's Academy.

Terry has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna University, and a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit Mercy.

In 1999, Michael was named the Wayne County Victim Advocate of the Year by the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, given to

someone who exemplifies "the compassionate" handling of crime victims."

Following his retirement, Terry worked as the police security liaison at John Glenn High School. He currently is the program chair for the School of Criminal Justice at ITT Technical Institute in Canton, a two year associate's degree program.

Terry and his wife Barbara, a domestic violence supervisor for First Step, have two children - Dawn, 25, and Darren, 24.

Terry will be honored at a reception then address the Class of 2007 during commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 2.

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she read an April 12 story in the Observer in which city leaders mentioned reducing a garbage-disposal tax from 2.15 mills to 2 mills and returning \$350,000 to taxpayers.

Some City Council members predicted that such a move would essentially kill hopes for curbside recycling.

At what cost? The owner of a \$100,000 home would receive a mere \$7.50 a year, or 63 cents a month, with the tax reduction.

"Everybody laughed at it," McCormack said.

She and others considered it ludicrous that officials would consider returning such a small amount when the money could be put toward a curbside recycling program.

They believe that the savings from a now-closed incinerator would be more wisely spent on recycling.

To be fair, Mayor William Wild said Tuesday that the \$350,000 from the proposed tax reduction would have to be supplemented to pay for curbside recycling. The latest cost estimates for a program range from \$663,260 to \$732,083.

Still, Wild said city officials should consider a new round of talks about curbside recycling. "Perhaps this is an issue that we

should discuss in a separate study session," outside of other budget talks, Wild said.

Councilman James Godbout, who chairs the city's recycling committee, said he and others share the frustration of McCormack and residents who want curbside recycling.

"I just think it is important to a number of people in the community. People who are active and believe in it want to make sure this (curbside program) comes about," Godbout said.

He predicted the issue will be revisited as city leaders continue budget talks this month. Council members are due to approve a budget in early June.

Meanwhile, McCormack urged others who want to collect signatures – or simply sign the sheets – to contact her at (248) 787-1762. If she doesn't answer, leave a message.

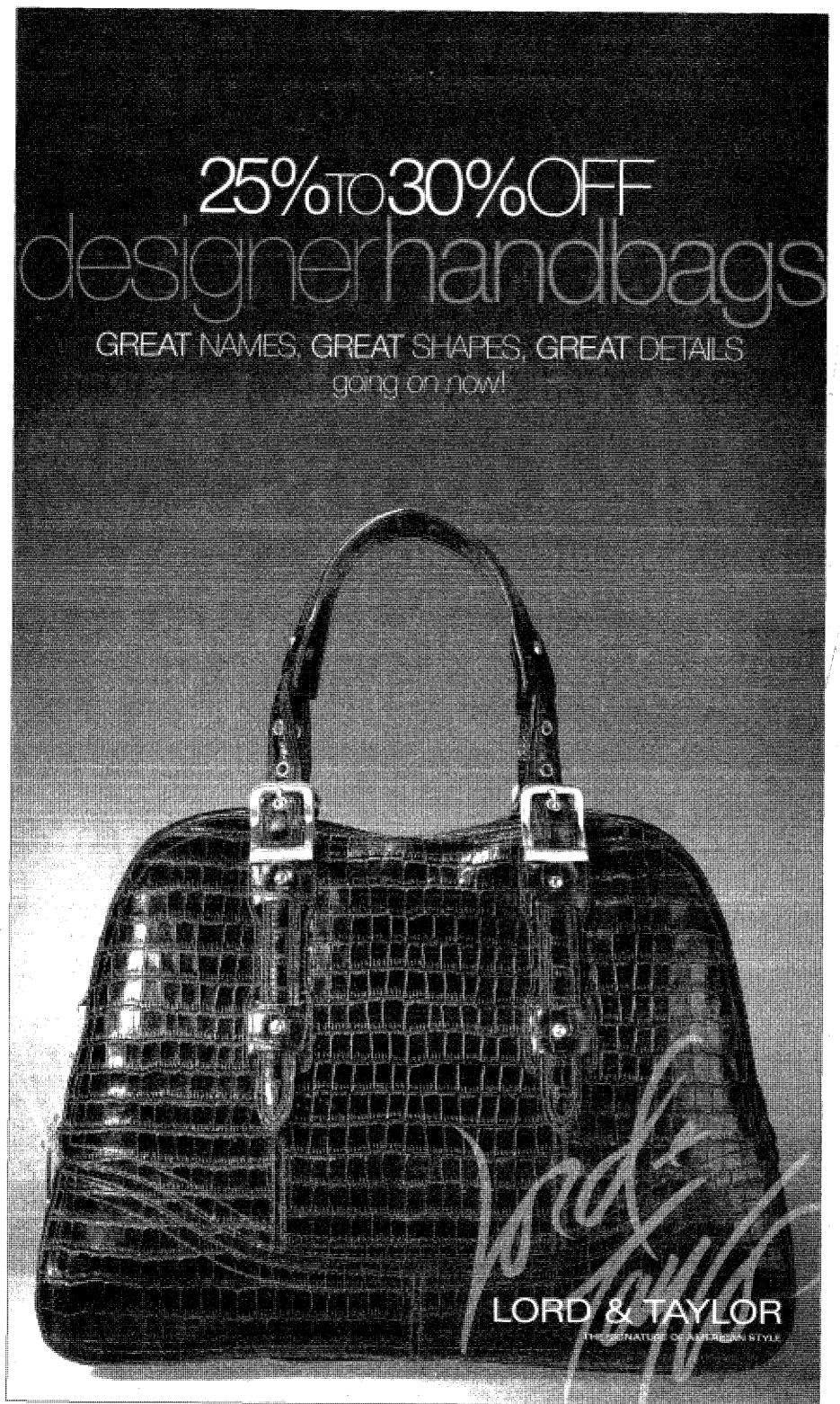
She and her friends hope to collect more signatures before turning their lists over to city officials sometime this month. The sheets they are circulating state, "Westland get with it! We want curbside recycling. The incinerator is off our back. Let's use the money left in the budget and finally begin curbside recycling ASAP."

By recycling, proponents have said the city could reduce the amount of trash it now sends to a landfill. That, in turn, would reduce disposal costs, they have argued.

Already, garbage-disposal costs have declined due to the closing of a Dearborn Heights-based incinerator that five communities, including Westland, once used.

"Now that the incinerator is off our back, what other excuses do we have not to have curbside recycling?" McCormack asked.

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AROUND WESTLAND Poppy sales

American Legion Post 251 of Westland will hod its annual Poppy Sales Friday-Saturday, May 4-12. Members will be at the intersection of Wayne and Ford roads as well as at various business in Westland and Canton.

Proceeds from the annual sale are used for the rehabilitation of and assistance for veterans and their families.

Members of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 also will hold a poppy sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Look for members at various intersections throughout the city.

Beer tasting event

The Westland Jaycees will host an International Beer Tasting night and a Mystery Card Party at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Among the beers being tasted are Zywiec from Poland and Xingu from Brazil. Domestic Beer and Wine Coolers will be offered for purchase.

Admission for the tasting and the card party is \$10. For more information, call (734) 226-0400.

Art show

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present the Thaddeus McCotter Congressional High School Art Competition now through Saturday, May 5, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

There will be special Saturday hours – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The open house will feature the high school art show as well as a framed art sale. Gallery 774, featuring original pieces by local artists, also will be open during these hours.

It's back!

Saturdays in the Park returns to Hines Park Saturday, May 5. Six miles of Hines Drive will be closed to traffic Saturday for the public of all ages to run, walk, skate, or cycle safely. Parking is available at Warrendale picnic area on Hines west of Outer Drive and the Nankin Mills picnic area at Hines and Ann Arbor Trail.

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Play time

The Plymouth Christian Academy High School Drama Department will present Little Women at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, in the auditorium of Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Free seminars

Dr. William H. Karl will will discuss holistic solutions to allergies at a seminar at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

If you suffer from a runny nose, itchy watery eyes, nasal congestion or any other allergy symptom, Karl have safe, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself.

Harl also will present a workshop on thyroid disorders at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Contours Express, 6558 Wayne Road (Hunter Plaza), Westland.

If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and learn the safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself.

Dr. Carol A. Fischer will present a seminar, Eating Your Way to Thin, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15,also at Contours Express in Westland.

Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why eating the correct fat will not make you fat.

There is no charge for classes, however, call (734) 525-8588 to reserve a seat.

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'We're really blessed to have a company do this for us.' Nick Regets



Dearborn Crestwood junior Russell Shafer (from left), Wayne Memorial senior Tim Ursem and Wayne Memorial junior John Mitchell try to identify the problems that caused a Patriot Missile exhaust tube to failure in the theory portion of the competition.

Business reflected love of airplanes

While Woolf Aircraft Products is firmly planted in Romulus, it traces its roots back to the city of Wayne where founder Clarence Woolf started his business in a two-car garage at Clinton and Chamberlain in 1942.

Mr. Woolf had grown up in Ohio and learned to weld there. His love of flying led him to learn who to weld the landing gears of planes, the most difficult.

"When the war started, he was one of 200 certified aircraft welders, he taught welding at the bomber plant," said his son, Dan. "His job was to repair the part and get it back online in the war."

He also trained the welders at the bomber plant, and hired the best for his business.

He also found a product niche, tubing. When the war ended, business slowed, but Mr. Woolf started making tubing for TV antennas and schools.

Mr. Woolf didn't live to see his company grow to a 52,000-square -foot facility in 10 acres in Romulus. He died suddenly in 1973 and his son stepped in to move the company forward. His son, Adam, now works at the plant, making for a third generation of Woolfs.

Today, Woolf Aircraft is the premier tubing manufacturer in the country for commercial aviation and the military. Among the products it produces is the exhaust pipes for the military's Predator aircraft.

Ironically, the plant, which recently underwent a 16,000-square -foot expansion, sits in front of where the Stinson aircraft were once built.

"He loved airplanes, he loved flying," said Dan Woolf: "As a kid, he just wanted to fly."

By Sue Mason



Jeanette Cavins, welding department leader at Woolf Aircraft Products, offers a few tips to the students participating in the welding contest.

WELDING

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"We do a shop tour once a year, but Joe wanted to do something more," said owner Dan Woolf. "We both thought it was a great idea."

The company shut down the welding shop so students could do welding under the watchful eye of Woolf employees. The students were divided into three groups for the competition.

In addition to being judged on their welding, they also took a 50-question written test and evaluated the problem part. There also was time to tour the factory and lunch.

They were judged on welding they did and how well they did in identifying the problems with the exhaust tube, according to Pavlanis.

"We created a theoretical failure, we used a defense contractor because if something breaks down, people could die," said Pavlanis, adding that the part had at least six defects. "We have to provide our customers with a quality product every time. This shows them the importance of product quality."

Over the years, Regets' students have had a chance to meet all of Woolf's welders. According to Pavlanis, having the students come in is "always exciting."

"It's been a wonderful experience every time they come." he said.

"They're hungry, some want the job bad," said Keith Strickland, who works with Regets at the career technical center. "They're getting ready to step out into the real world."

Gary Lawrence, a student at John Glenn High School, was hoping he would land the job, but had to admit it wasn't looking good.

ing good. "I'd did a lot better at the written test than on the welding; it was a lot more difficult than it looked," he said. "I did the head butt wrong, I know I could have done better. Coming into the shop and doing this means a lot."

At the end of the day, Lawrence didn't win. It was a "very excited" Richard Rose



Adam Woolf (from left), his father Daniel Woolf , owner of Woolf Aircraft Products, teacher Nick Regets, John Mitter, a Wayne Memorial High School senior and vocational student at Woolf, and welding leader Jeanette Gavins watch as John Glenn High School junior Denis Knight works on his part.

who took first place. Placing second was Andy Klotz who won an auto-darkening welding helmet worth about \$250. Tied for third were Brian Manning and Derrick Ingraham who received a Woolf shirt, TIG gloves and grips.

Regets can't say enough about the company and what it does for his students.

"Not a lot of companies would go out of their way to give up production time to do this," he said. "It's a humbling feeling. You're glad that somerifice. They're losing thousands and thousands of dollars."

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He added that it took a considerable amount of effort to put on the competition and acknowledges that what Woolf Aircraft did "will change these kids."

"We're really blessed to have a company do this for us," he said. And what Woolf Aircraft did wasn't lost on the students.

"It's cool," said Lorenzo Wilson. "They shut down the place to let us train on a project. It's a good time."

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Calcium Chloride Dust Control Contract

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Emergency Sewer Repairs

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204. Bids must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Date: May 24, 2007

Time: 1:30 p.m. EST

Place: Board of Education Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185

Attn: Sheila King, Supervisor of Business

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after May 2, 2007.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects – Engineers –Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the MCGRAW-HILL CONSTRUCTION DODGE PLAN ROOM, Detroit, Michigan; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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This project is to bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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EMU senior debates way to national honors

A Westland resident walked away with honors in state and national forensics competitions

Senior Kyle Zrenchik, a member of the Eastern Michigan University's awardwinning forensics team, placed in five events at the National Forensics Association Tournament April 19-23 at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

He grabbed second in persuasive speaking; placed third in poetry interpretation; teamed with Vanessa Boatwright, a senior from Shelby Township, to take another third in dramatic duo; and fourth in after dinner speaking. He also placed third in the pentathlon.

Zrenchik also won right to attend the Interstate Oratory, the oldest speech tournament in the nation, by placing second in the Michigan state Persuasive Speaking competition. He'll join team member Chris Griesinger, a senior from Middletown, Ohio, at the competition open to the top two finishers from each state. Griesinger placed first in state competition.

The EMU forensics team placed second nationally to Western Kentucky University at the tournament. The performance was the best showing for EMU nationally in more than a decade and exceeded expectations, said Ray Quiel, director of EMU's forensics team.

He had predicted Western Kentucky and Bradley University as the likely favorites, with EMU in the next tier of potential champions with Illinois State University and Arizona State University.

"I never thought second place would taste so good!" said Quiel who has been associated with nine national EMU championships.

Griesinger is a three-time



Kyle Zrenchik, a member of the Eastern Michigan University's forensics team, shows off the trophy won at the National Forensics Association Tournament last month.

national champion, placing first in the categories of prose interpretation, after dinner speaking and persuasive speaking.

Griesinger also placed second in informative speaking and in the pentathlon (top speaker in the nation), for overall performance in five or more events.

Overall, EMU had 24 students qualify in nine speaking categories during the four-day tournament. After the quarterfinal and semi-final rounds, EMU qualified nine finalists.

"EMU is back!" said Judy Sturgis-Hill, an assistant professor in communication and theatre arts and EMU's firstever forensics national champion in 1972 for after dinner speaking and interstate oratory. "It has been a glorious day for EMU forensics. Alumni in Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Florida, Texas and elsewhere have been in regular contact with the team and the department.'

Arizona State placed third, Bradley fourth and Illinois State fifth, in the competition.



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Applications accepted for WOW scholarship

The Women of Westland are currently accepting applications for the organization's Barbara Douglas Scholarship

tional goals, leadership and need as well as the age and residency requirements. More information is available online

The scholarship is available to women who live or work in Westland and are at least 21 years old. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for undergraduate study.

Applicants will be judged on academic performance, educaat www.womenofwestland.com. Applicants also can send a letter to the WOW Scholarship Committee. The deadline for applications is June 10, 2007, and should be submitted to Maria Mitter, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland, MI 48186.

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Road Gravel & Slag

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Two Mill Plastic Trash Bags

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogy workshop

The Detroit Genealogical Society will present a beginning genealogy workshop 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Internet Training Lab of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Get started on your family research and learn to make use of the collection of resources of the 8urton Historical Collection. Special emphasis will be on helpful internet resources. The workshop is free of charge and includes and opportunity to tour the Burton Historical Collection. For more information, call Mary Lou Duncan at)313) B84-0039 or Catherine Phillips at (248) 541-0403 or by e-mail at cpsrch@aol.com.

Quilt-A-Fun Day event

The Western Wayne County Ouilt Guild will hold a Quilt-A-Fun Day from 9 a.m. -5 p.m., May 12 at South Middle School, 45201 Owen St., Belleville. The guild's goal is seven quilts in one day to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The group needs all types of help, so if you're a guilter, have sewn garments or have never attempted to sew, they have a spot for you. The guild will have coaches that will walk participants through the process. Bring a team or just yourself. Reservations are required by May 5 for the free event. Call Terry at (734) 697-6162 or Roxann at (734) 485-4271. Prizes, surprises, fun and learning will be throughout the day with lunch being provided.

Poker tournament

A top prize of \$1,000 is up for grabs in a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, sponsored by Livonia Costco to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. The poker



Free Comic

Mike Boyle and Peter Johnson of Back to the Past collectibles in Livonia shows off some of the comics that will be given away free on Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 5. Back to the Past is at 27462 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Other participating stores are A-Z Cards and Comics, 32647 Ford Road, Garden City and Comic Archives, 25650 Plymouth Road, Redford.

tournament will take place Saturday. May 12, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The tournament fee is \$100 per person, which covers the tournament buy-in, two drink tickets and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The tournament, which begins at 8:30 p.m., is limited to 120 people with the top four players earning cash prizes. First place will receive \$1,000, second place \$500, third place \$300 and fourth place \$100. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a spot in the tournament, call Costco's Ann Chaloux at (248) 755-1348 or by e-mail at w390mkt01@costco.com. Remaining tickets can also be purchased at the door, starting at 7:30 p.m. A number of items will be offered during a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle will be held. Laurel Manor is located on Schoolcraft

 Road between Newburgh and Eckles roads.

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 18hour training program is provided; the next training program is provided; the next training session is April 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org. **Explore Girl Scouting**

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community





service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. See what Girl Scouts has to offer. Call (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688.)

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Friendship Center

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

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The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$1D donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010 **Crochet & Knit**

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or calt (734) **72**:7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

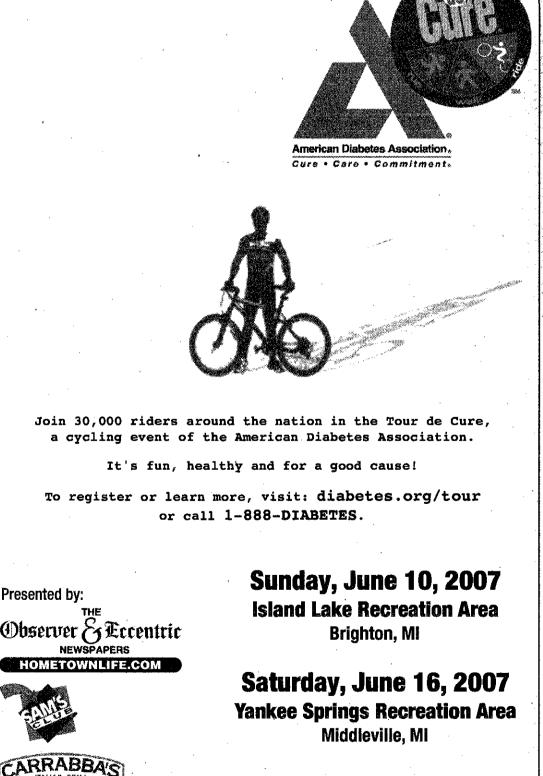
Exercise Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 1D:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

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



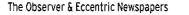
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Thursday, May 3, 2007

Buying a poppy shows we care

It's a tradition that dates back more than 75 years that will be repeated during the next few weeks. Veterans groups will be at locations in and around the city, exchanging poppies for donations to help veterans and their families.

Look for American Legion Post 251 of Westland at the intersection of Wayne and Ford roads as well as at various business in Westland and Canton Friday-Saturday, May 4-12, while members of the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will be at various intersections throughout the city Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12.

The poppy sale is an annual event, but one that hasn't received the publicity of years ago. But the idea behind it remains as important today as when the VFW and Legion began distributing them in the 1920s.

The small red flower, immortalized in Canadian Lt. Colonel John McCrae's poem, In Flanders Fields, is symbolic of the blood shed in defense of freedom in World War I.

The flowers, which are made by and benefit disabled veterans and their families, have become the world-wide symbol of the price of war and the sacrifice of millions. It's a reminder of those who have served and died for our country in all wars, including the our current global war on terror.

The poppy should remind this community and this nation of the sacrifices and continuing needs of veterans and service members. Many of our young men and women are returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan severely injured. They need the help of this nation to overcome those injuries and return to civilian life.

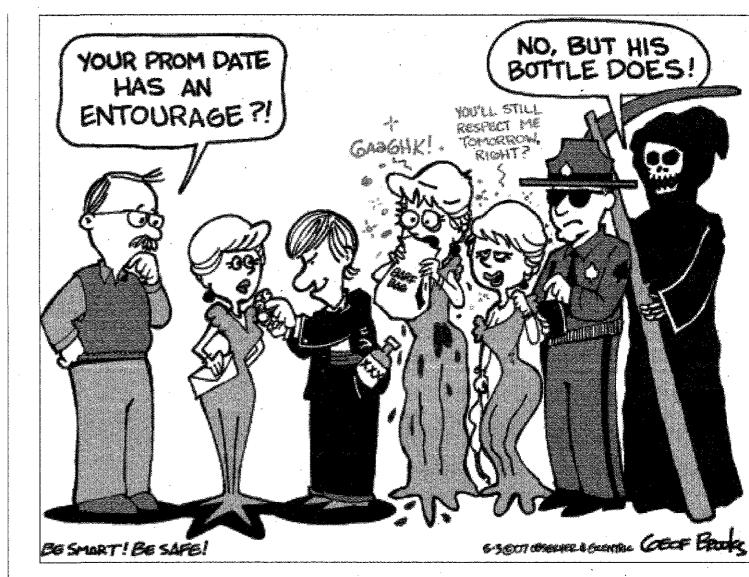
No matter what your opinion of the wars we are now involved in, we urge you to give a donation and accept the poppy in return. We are the land of the free and the home of the brave because of those who have chosen to put on a military uniform.

Do as American Legion Auxiliary is urging its members to do: Wear the red memorial poppy this Memorial Day as a sign of appreciation.

Drinking alcohol, prom should not mix

Prom marks the beginning of an exciting time for high school seniors, who are beginning their transition from childhood to adulthood. Graduating from high school is a tremendous milestone, and prom is certainly a time to celebrate it with friends who have been part of the journey.

In many cases, though, teens turn to alcohol to help celebrate the milestone, which is unfortunate considering the dangers associated with underage drinking. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol is the No. 1 drug problem among America's youth. Despite warnings, drinking alcohol continues to be widespread among teens. According to one nationwide study, three-fourths of high school seniors admit to having consumed alcohol at some point in their lives. There is a cost to this trend. Each year, some 5,000 minors die as a result of underage drinking. The majority of those deaths occur when drinking and driving are involved. In 2005, for example, there were 421 alcoholrelated traffic fatalities in Michigan. Of those, 70 were the result of underage drinking. Nationally, there are about 1,900 traffic fatalities linked to underage driving each year.



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of helping his family out, so we hope to see you there.

> Bud Somerville Westland

Yes to save our streets

As a Wayne resident for over 35 years, I encourage our residents to vote yes for Proposal 1 May 8.

Voting yes will approve 1 mill for 25 years, which will maintain and repair our sidewalks and streets in our community.

I am very aware of the budget crisis that exists in our state; there is no money to repair, replace or maintain our streets and sidewalks. As responsible residents of Wayne, we need to address these issues now. Voting yes will save our streets.

Please join me in voting yes for Proposal 1 May 8.

Martha Pitsenbarger 🛛 😡

Wayne

Proposal is good one

I've lived in Wayne since 1943, so I've seen it go through lots of changes. Most of them have been good; however, some of think of the great educational opportunities for all of us in Livonia and the surrounding communities.

I also think of Brian Broderick and the work he has done for Schoolcraft College. I have known Brian since he attended Catholic Central High School with my son. He has been a great leader at Schoolcraft College and is an effective member of the Board of Trustees. Brian has deep roots in the community and is committed to public service. I was pleased when you endorsed him for Schoolcraft trustee.

To maintain excellence in education that Schoolcraft offers, I urge you to keep Brian Broderick as a Schoolcraft trustee. He has my vote and my enthusiastic support. I hope he will have yours May 8.

> Marlene Kriscovich Livonia

Questions about guns

Are you as mad as I am about the massacre of students by a mentally ill gunman? If so, please call your senators and ask them:

Why there have been no new gun laws passed since the Columbine murders eight years ago? Why are assault weapons legal in the U.S.? Why are high-capacity ammunition clips that make it so easy to kill people are sold in the U.S.?

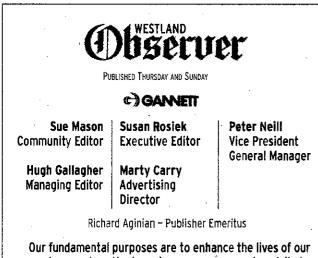
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, these deaths spike during the months of April, May and June — prom and graduation season.

But getting killed in a car accident is not the only danger drunken teens face. Studies show that drinking alcohol plays a significant role in risky sexual behavior, which can lead to unwanted pregnancies or the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases. The chance of sexual assault also increases when alcohol is consumed.

With prom season getting under way, we all have a responsibility to make sure it is as safe as possible. Retailers who sell alcohol need to be vigilant, especially during the prom and graduation season, to make sure their products are not making their way into the hands of teens.

And certainly parents have a responsibility to talk to their children about the risks of drinking alcohol. Unfortunately, too many parents turn a blind eye or even contribute to underage drinking when it comes to prom. Not only is this dangerous, it is illegal.

The bottom line is teens do not have to drink to have a good time during prom or any other graduation events. This should be a time of celebration, not of tragedy.



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1966-72. I coached my first team in 1974. I came back in 1991 and coached until my health got worse in 2002. I joined the board in 1992 and am a lifetime board member.

50 years helping kids

Where were you in 1958? Well, I was

going to be 3 years old in December of that

year. Let me tell you what else happened in

Westland, or should I say Nankin Mills. The

That's why I am letting you know that in

organization was Westland Youth Athletic

2008, it will be our 50th anniversary. We

are already working on plans for a celebra-

What an accomplishment, a place for

is ever turned away. We are here for the

kids to play and, may I remind you, no child

We are going to try to locate past presidents, lifetime board members, former play-

ers, coaches, etc. We want to try to get as

many people as possible to be involved for

We are in the process of trying to get old

pictures and stories for a program we are

making, We want to have this be first-class

I played for WYAA for the first time in

We are going to have a dinner/reception.

Association or, if you prefer, WYAA.

tion to take place all over Westland.

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1958. A kids organization was formed in

Keith Demolay has been a board member and coach since 1986. He was the Comets football unit director for 19 years. Among his other duties are announcer, coach and pretty much anything we need. He is also a lifetime board member. He has been involved for the past 25 years. He made a promise to his sister he would do this in her memory and what a great promise it has turned out to be.

Most of you probably know him. If you don't, just stand on a field where sports are played and you will hear those famous words: "son of a gun, son of a gun." Never forget those words, because every kid that has been involved in this organization knows these words very well.

We have some great people involved. Our organization cannot run without these people. Some of the lifetime board members that are active are Todd Kangas, Mark Rodriguez, Joe Wilson, Jack Proffitt and Darin Murphy, among others. Like I said, we have many good people. We all love what we do or we would not be here. W are always looking for board members, coaches and people just to help us out.

If you are a business owner in Westland or wherever, if you would like to sponsor or put an ad in the program we are making for this great experience, we would love to have you. If you know of anyone that wants to help out, sponsor or place an ad, call us at (734) 421-0640. W would love to have you be a part of our celebration.

And last but not least, please join us at 11 a.m. Saturday May 5, at Marshall Middle School for our opening day. We are going to have Nashville recording artist Sarah Lenore singing the national anthem. She is a fantastic singer, and this will be her second year of singing for us. For those of you that did not know, Josh Gracin came out for several years and sang the anthem, so we hope to see you there. We are also going to have a fish bowl for people to donate to the Todd Stanaway family. He is a Westland fireman, one of our local heroes as a first responder, and it will be our way them haven't worked out as well as hoped.

Since the 1980s, the city has been steadily improving public facilities. We have a great library, community center, aquatic center, police building, fire station, historical museum, State Wayne Theater, public works facility, court and senior center. Now we must turn our attention to improving our streets and sidewalks.

I feel the city's proposal of 1 mill for 25 years is a good one. I particularly like the idea that if it passes, the responsibility for replacing deficient sidewalks will become the city's during the next 25 years rather than the homeowner's or business owner's.

That's why I am voting yes on Proposal 1 and I would rather encourage you to do the same.

Robert W. Boyles Wayne

Broderick is right choice

The Observer Newspapers made the right choice in endorsing Brian Broderick for a third term as a Schoolcraft College trustee. Brian brings a wealth of knowledge and commitment to his role as trustee.

The Schoolcraft faculty, clerical and maintenance staff have all seen the wisdom in giving Brian another six years on the board and I hope our community will do the same.

We need strong, committed citizens to serve on our local education boards. Brian Broderick fits that description well. During his 12 years of service on the board, Schoolcraft has grown to new heights and has become the leading community college in southeast Michigan. Returning Brian to the Board of Trustees will further enhance Schoolcraft's position in the community.

Make your vote count and vote Broderick for Schoolcraft College trustee Tuesday, May 8.

Jim Plakas

ex-state representative, 6th District Garden City

Broderick has deep roots

When I think of Schoolcraft College, I

"It was an amazing tribute to my son. They told us how much they cared for him and loved him. From a father's standpoint, it was just incredible, something I will never forget."

James Daniel in talking about his late son James Daniel, a Marshall Middle School teacher who died unexpectedly March 5.

Why don't we require background checks for all gun sales, including those at gun shows?

Why have we childproofed everything but handguns?

Why don't we strengthen law enforcement tools by allowing for easier tracing of guns used in crimes?

Why it is harder to get over the counter drugs like cold medicine, prescription drugs, land antidepressants, as well as a driver's license, than it is to get a deadly weapon?

None of these laws will affect hunting. This is about our children's safety.

You can Google U.S. senator to get your senator's e-mail and phone number.

It takes five minutes, but that five minutes could save a life

Let's demand that our senators, representatives and president work for us and not the gun industry.

> Juliet Hentschel Bloomfield Hills

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Lawmakers fear repercussion of voting for a tax increase

ichigan is teetering on the brink of insolvency, but our leaders in Lansing can't seem to get their act together to fix it. How come?

We're being paralyzed by a rich mix of motivations, ranging from fierce partisanship to rigid ideology to the power of special interests to outright inexperience. But a big part of it is simple: fear.



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The single most powerful force in Lansing today is the widespread belief that any legislator who votes for any tax increase of any sort will be dead meat and probably recalled on the spot.

All this stems from a series of events that took place nearly a quarter of a century ago, when former Gov. James Blanchard, newly in office and facing a budget deficit even bigger than this one, signed a law temporarily raising the state income tax. That resulted in the recall of two,

Phil Power

Democratic state senators, giving the GOP control of the state Senate, which it has kept ever since. That event also made one John Engler Senate majority leader, and the rest, as they say, is history.

That story has assumed such mythic status, and looms so important in the minds of so many decisionmakers in Lansing, that it's worthwhile retelling. Except this time, we need to examine what really happened ---and take a clear-eyed look at the lessons to be learned from it. The fact is that while the politics of the increase could have been handled better, it was needed, and it worked to bail out the state without permanently increasing taxes.

Flash back to November 1982, when Blanchard, best known as the congressman who engineered the Chrysler bailout, was elected. Things were grim in Michigan. The auto industry was in the tank. Our unemployment rate had peaked at 17 percent. Interest rates were high and Michigan had the lowest credit rating in the nation. State government faced an enormous budget deficit.

The new governor cut spending by \$225 million (that's around \$480 million in today's dollars) and delayed payments to try to cover the cash shortage. He also convened a financial crisis advisory panel that concluded that spending cuts alone could not get the job done.

So he called for a tax increase in his State of the State speech, narrowly got it through the Legislature, and on March 30, 1983, signed a temporary 38-percent increase in the income tax, from 4.6 percent to 6.35 percent - retroactive to the first of the year. He said the tax hike was necessary "to rescue the state from bankruptcy."

Critics howled. They focused their anger on two newly elected Democratic state senators, both narrow winners in marginally Republican districts: Phil Mastin, a threeterm state House member from Pontiac, and David Serotkin, a lawyer and former legislator from Mount Clemens. Fanned by conservative talk radio and grassroots organizing, recall petitions were successfully circulated in both districts. On Nov. 22, 1983, both Mastin and Serotkin were overwhelmingly recalled, giving the GOP control of the state Senate.

Immediately, Blanchard's favorable ratings dropped from 60 percent to 30 percent. But they didn't stay

there, and rose as it became apparent the tax increase was working. Less than two years later, a ballot proposal that would have rolled taxes of all kinds back to where they were in 1981 was overwhelmingly defeated.

Blanchard rebounded to defeat Wayne County Sheriff Bill Lucas by the greatest margin in modern Michigan history, 68-31. Polls showed he could have defeated any Republican candidate.

These days, the former governor is an influential Washington lawyer and lobbyist who still has a home in Oakland County. When I asked him what lessons could be drawn from his tax increase, he was forthright: "Everybody recognized that something had to be done about revenue, even though a lot of people were mad about the tax increase. The big political mistake was not going after the recall petition drive once it got started -challenging the signatures and so on. Once the recall got on the ballot, Mastin and Serotkin were toast."

Serotkin has passed away, but Mastin is enjoying his retirement in Fenton. What, I asked him this week, if he had it to do all over again? "I'd have made a much stronger effort to achieve bipartisan support (for the tax increase)," he said. "It's hard to mount a recall drive when there are lots of votes from both sides of the aisle."

Pat Harrington is a knowledgeable Lansing lobbyist who was a young Democratic House member in 1982 when he voted for another temporary tax increase proposed by Gov. William Milliken. He lost a bid that fall for a Senate seat in Monroe County to a candidate who had a license plate that read "NOTAX."

"Voting for a tax increase doesn't necessarily mean vou face certain recall," Harrington says. "You have to do your homework, set out the alternatives and make the case. But you ... have to combine that with real expenditure cuts."

So does a legislator who votes for a tax increase automatically get recalled? There's no doubt that a vote for a tax hike gives opponents a political opening. But getting bipartisan cover is extraordinarily important. Milliken was able to arrange bipartisan support for tax increases without much political damage. And even Blanchard, who acted courageously without Republican support, ultimately was re-elected.

There is even less of a collegial atmosphere in Lansing, and it's particularly hard to get bipartisanship on tax matters these days. That's because many lawmakers signed a "no tax" pledge, and anti-tax groups like the Michigan Taxpayer Alliance are running around with "recall" posters in their hands.

What is clear is that no matter what the solution to our present financial crisis may finally be, our leaders have to put everything on the table while negotiating. The no-tax dogma is terribly rigid, risks financial disaster and represents a misreading of history.

There *is* a "grand bargain" available, and most people in Lansing know it: cut government expenditures big time (including some symbolic ones like judges' cars and perks for legislators) and drag the tax system kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

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LETTERS

First year of Legacy Initiative

I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the year of change. I am still spinning from all of the changes. I see old friends from our former school, Nankin Mills, and we hug. We lament about the great times that we had at Nankin Mills with a faint smile. My family doesn't see those people much anymore because my families' area was separated from the rest of the Nankin families. Allow me to reflect on all that this year was for our family.

Let's see, two of my children attended the Jackson Center. It is a nice enough building. That would have happened anyway. I am glad that this district kept the Young 5's program. It is a great program for the child that is not ready for kindergarten yet. Mrs. Fyxell, my son's Young 5's Teacher, is absolutely wonderful!

My two older children were relocated to Garfield. Mr. Green and Mr. D. have been so helpful and caring. The boys have gotten a wonderful education, with a big emphasis on the individual student. My boys seem to excel in math, so they get a lot of individualized math help. The teachers have been wonderful, too. Of course, the only reason the children were somewhat okay with leaving all of their friends to go to Garfield was Mr. Bentley, the gym teacher.

It was very hard for them because they had to leave their Nankin Family to go to Garfield. Nankin was like Disneyland where all of the children were happy, where all of the parents felt connected and heard, where parent participation was abundant, and all was right with the world. Now, we are at a school that does not get the parent participation that it needs. People do not always show up for the special events and the PTA can hardly get people to join the PTA. Why? A school is only as good as its people!

The teachers and staff of Garfield are wonderful, but the parents do not seem to know each other. Also, people say what a rough school it is. I do not agree. The teachers are trying to teach the children how to be positive and "live" together peacefully! Mr. Green is a wonderful principal who always has a minute to chat whenever I am in the building. These people know who my children are, and it has only been a year. It is a real group effort at Garfield, at least for the teachers. I have not heard that at the other schools, that is, when I talk to some other people in the district. Those who are going to other schools because they think Garfield isn't a good school have never been there and they are missing out on a great education!

My daughter is at Johnson. She is a fifth-grader. She had to leave the friends that she has had since kindergarten! She also had to leave all of the teachers that she built relationships with over time. It was so hard for her! She is a singer,

dancer, and actor. She was the lead in plays and musicals at Nankin and our church, Merriman Road Baptist Church. When she got to Johnson, she had a hard time making new friends. She was not happy. She was not herself. She was quiet and insecure, which were never words that would describe my daughter in the past.

The school was more like a middle school than an elementary school. I tried to encourage her to make new friends. found out that the school had a play tryout, and she was not excited about it at all. I am grateful to her chorus teacher, Ms. Danke, for giving her the lead in the Suessical at Johnson. It really made her feel like her old self. I was so proud of her! I also told Ms. Danke "thank you" for giv, ing her the opportunity.

I wish that all of this did not happen. Our family is separated at too many schools! Everything has been made hard er. My husband and I work full time, he coaches two soccer teams and does Little Kickers, we both are doing PTA at two' schools instead of one, we work on political campaigns for people that we support, and we are active members that volunteer and attend at our church. Through all of this, we find time for our family. It is all so much harder now that the schools are different and so far apart from each other.

I moved to the Livonia School District. because of the K-6 elementary configuration. Who knew that a small group of peo- . ple would come up with all of this crazi-. ness, and then actually implement the whole crazy plan! Again, I am still whirling from all of the change!

My son is starting kindergarten, and he will not have Mrs. McClowry, which brings tears to my eyes. My other three loved her so much! She is an outstanding teacher, and built a relationship with her, and now we are starting over.

In the Livonia School District, we have learned that loyalty is not something that the leaders of this district understand, or only have toward each other. I am still debating if this district is what my family needs. I think that the district has benefited by lower housing prices because more people would have moved out. I know that was a stopper for our family, and many others.

So, as I reflect on the past year of change, I will be asking for more change ... a change in the faces of the Livonia School Board. I will be voting for Mr. Futrell, Ms. McDonnell and Ms. Mang on May 8. I am hoping that their combined effort of intelligence and heart will restore community trust and greatness in the school district that is Livonia. They are a wonderful and new team that will shed some truth and newness to this divided district.

Thanks for listening to my reflection of the past year of Legacy.

> LuAnn Englehart Westland

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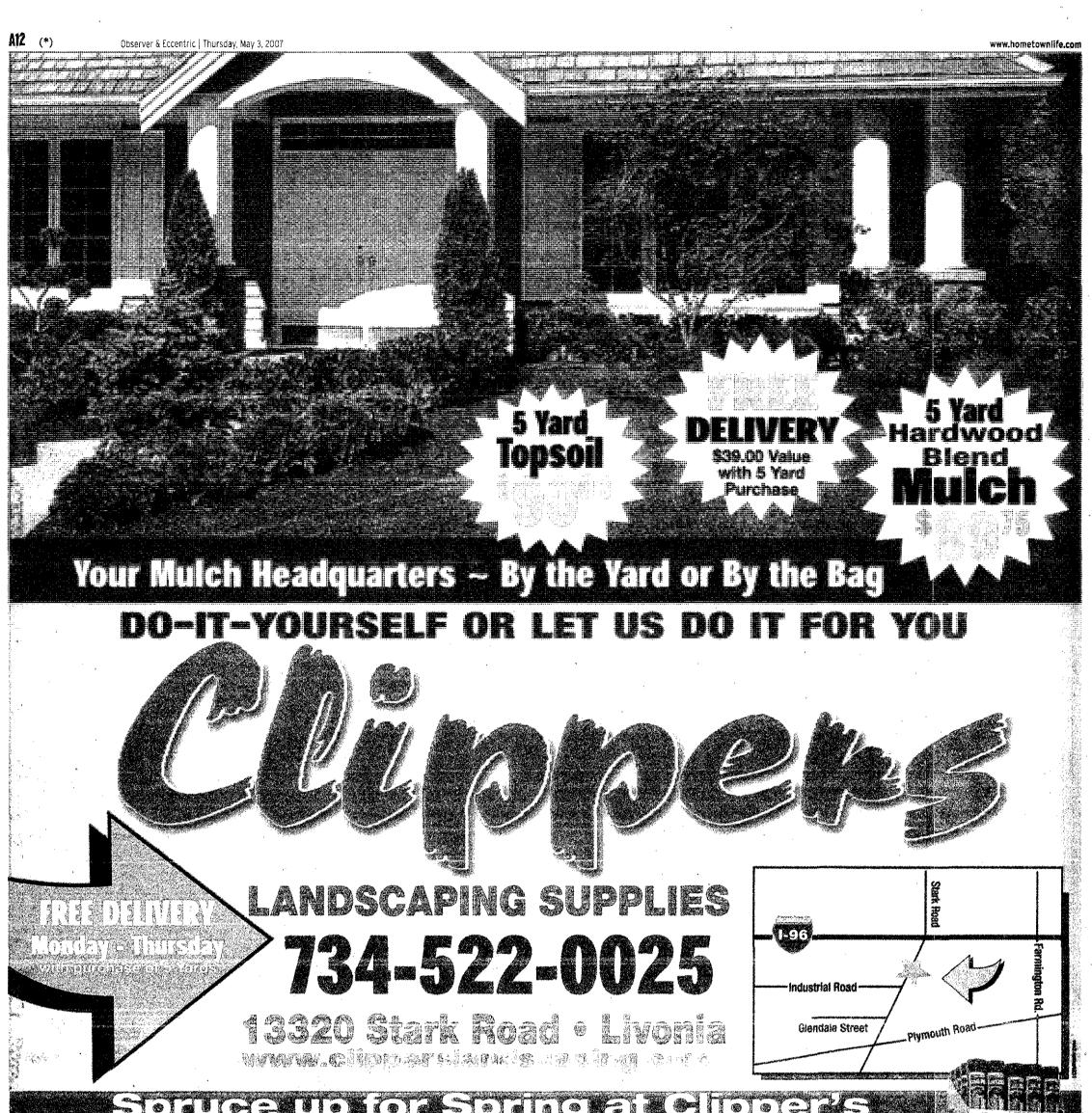
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COUNTY NEWS

Observer & Eccentric, Thursday, May 3, 2007

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Area leaders honored at 60th Madonna commencement

Madonna University's 60th commencement is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5. at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit-Mercy. Approximately 980 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks, with some 700 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed upon 1959 alumna Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski, CSSF, and retired General Motors Vice President Edward P. Czapor The Distinguished Alumna 🦉 🕅 award will be given to Joan Duggan, class of 1973.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. The mace bearer will be Kevin King, director of the sport management



Duggan Ziolkowski

All gradu-

program in the College of Education. ates and their families are invited to attend the Graduation Czapor Mass, which

will be celebrated 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Presentation Chapel at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse (36800 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia). The celebrant will be Bishop Francis Reiss, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit, A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa will be held in the Residence Hall Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

performed is called Sing for the

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Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

wrote words to the music after

Sing for a Cure to raise funds for Karmanos Cancer Institute

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Chorale director Michael Gross, presents its Spring Concert, Sing for the Cure, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville.

Reserved tickets are available for \$25 or \$30 and may be purchased by calling (734)340-4807. Tickets are also available at the door before performances. Visit the BeckRidge Chorale Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org for more information

The main composition to be

"The Smith and Berry Terminals have served our region well throughout the past 50 years. It is now time for a brand-new facility that meets the needs and standards for efficiency and convenience set by today's airlines and travelers."

When it opens in 2008, the \$426 million terminal will be Detroit's home to Air Canada, American, AirTran, British Airways, Frontier, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian, Southwest, Spirit, United, US Airways, and USA 3000, as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others. Northwest Airlines and its SkyTeam partners, Northwest Airlink, Air France, Continental and Delta will remain in the McNamara Terminal.

only the significance of this new terminal for Southeast tradesmen whose hard work continues to make this new facility a reality," said Authority CEO Lester W. Robinson.

The North Terminal Redevelopment Project will create an estimated 3,200 new, local construction jobs. Upon completion of the new



The Wayne County Airport Authority recently celebrated a milestone in its North **Terminal Redevelopment** Project with the placement of the final steel beam composing the terminal structure at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

The new, 26-gate terminal will open in 2008, replacing the aging L.C. Smith and Berry Terminals.

"The Airport Authority could not be more pleased to celebrate this important milestone in the redevelopment of the North Terminal-and in reality, a milestone in the redevelopment of our region," said Authority Chairman Michael Glusac.

"Today we recognize not Michigan, but also the skilled

facility, the existing Smith and



Detroit Ironworkers proudly affix their signatures to the final steel beam completing the framework for the new north terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.



Ironworkers place the last beam in the framework for the new North Terminal.

Berry terminals will be decommissioned-making DTW one of the newest, most operationally-capable and efficient airports in North

Available

America. Together with the McNamara Terminal, which opened in 2002, DTW will soon feature two new terminals, nearly 150 gates, six jet runways, and two modern Federal Inspection Services facilities for international arrivals.

"The North Terminal will primarily serve local travelers - those beginning or ending their trip at DTW - who will now enjoy the same worldclass facilities that our connecting passengers already do at the McNamara Terminal," Robinson said.

The tradition of topping-off

ceremonies dates back to a centuries-old tradition and signifies the completion of the terminal's framework. Over the next several months, the project team will focus on completing the exterior walls of the facility and then begin building-ont the terminal's interior.

The Airport Authority plans to install a model of the new North Terminal facility, along with artist renderings, in the check-in lobby of the Smith Terminal. The community is invited to track the terminal's progress at www.metroairport.com.



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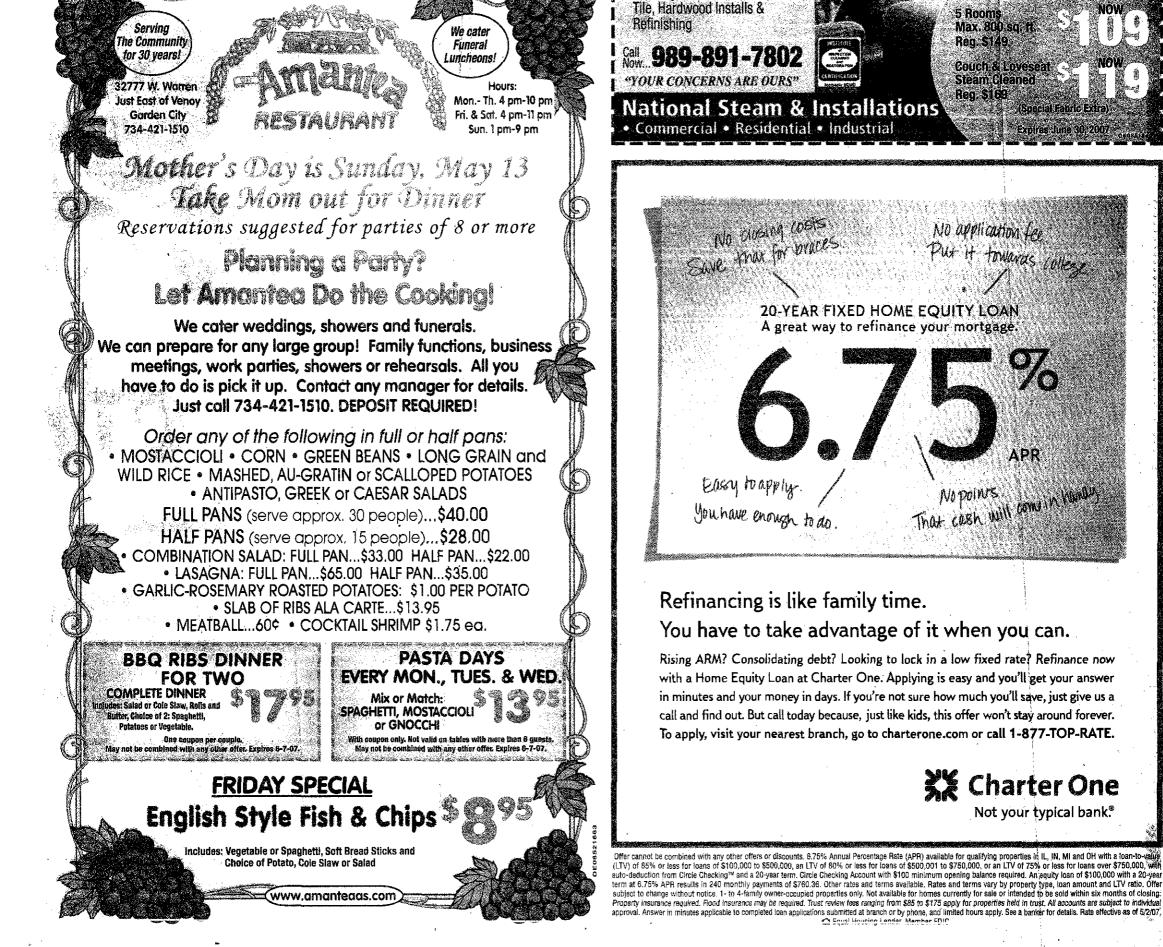
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MAY

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4. and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. May 5. admission free. Saturday everything is half price.

Chef appearance

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union sponsors a cooking demonstration at the International Women's Show in Novi by award-winning local chef Tom Mackinnon from Five Restaurant located at The Inn at St. John's. Mackinnon's cooking demonstration titled, Dressing Up Your Dining Experience, takes place at the International Women's Show 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3. For more information. call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org

Grief counseling

Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary is sponsoring an eight week grief counseling workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning 7~8:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the St. Mary

Activity Center (lower level of the church building), 18200 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge and open to the community. It will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group particination led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. To register, call Jim King, the Director of Youth and Outreach Ministry at (734) 422-0010.

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Mom to mom sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Saints Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, between Venoy and Merriman, Westland, Admission \$1 for adults, kids free, Baked goods for sale also, Each paid ticket receives a raffle ticket for prizes. Food and drink available also. Strollers welcome. For table rental or other information, call Amber at (734) 238-0382 or Judy at (734) 522-3322 or e-mail to amber2brandon@vahoo.com.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious ill-

ness, facing surgery, or suffering from " a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending. Rummage sale

Volunteers and baked goods needed for Rummage Sale Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, in the school gym at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Drop offs Monday through Friday at the Gym 3-7 p.m. through Friday, May 4. Sale is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 6. Sunday is our \$3 brown bag sale. Jeweiry, bake goods and large items are NOT included in this sale. Please call the Rectory at (313) 534-9000 if you can help us out.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the gym at St. Valentine's School in Redford. Bag Sale starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. Drop off for sale is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 4. For more information, call (313) 533-7149.

Concert of prayer

Hassages

The Senior Choir of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton presents Somebody's Praying Me Through by Gary Rhodes and Karla Worley 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, in the church sanctuary (7000 N. Sheldon) to commemorate the

National Day of Prayer. For information, call (734) 459-3333. All are welcome.

Bridal fashion show

And luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile, west of I-275. Novi. For information, call (248) 348-7757. Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Cost is \$10. Refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716,

Response to violence lecture

Trudy Huntington, Ph.D., a noted Michigan author and researcher speaks about the remarkable way in which the Amish community responded to the Oct. 2006 shootings at their school in rural Pennsylvania, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago, Redford. Huntington wrote the book, Amish in Michigan, and co-authored Amish Children. For more information, call Michael Fletcher at (313) 937-1199.

Youth concert

Victory Voices Choir (grades 4-6) presents the musical Simon Says 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The Bell Choir will be having a Spring Ring from 5:30-6 p.m. that day in the sanctuary. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Youth wanted Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Once a month our youth have an outing/activity geared specifically to their needs. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Worship dancers The Earth to Eternity Ensemble, a

group of worship dancers, will be featured at the 10 a.m. service of the Anglican Church of Livonia Sunday, May 6. The church meets weekly at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark. If you have never witnessed worship that combines dance with praise music, you are in for a special treat when the troupe, choreographed by Christina Eby, performs its unique art form during the service. For more information, call (248) 442-0422.

37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh. Westland. Do you ever wonder what your doctor said after you return from an office visit? Need to know what your prescription does? Have trouble hearing or understanding your medical directions? Join us for this Teachin. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or send e-mail to colleen@princeofpeacewestland.com. Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City, All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479. J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth. ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment: After lunch, feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games.

UPCOMING

Garage sales 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. If you need it, you will find it. Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

Rummage sale

Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8' tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for vourself on June 2.

Italian night & auction Cherry Hill United Methodist Church presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to support the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035.

Baccalaureate Mass

And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m.

Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information. Sunday services

Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Alpha sessions

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

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road; Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

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. Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper-included. Call (734) 421-7620.

Classes

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



ANNA YASIN

Age 95, formerly of Beverly Hills passed away December 11, 2006 in North Carolina. A memorial service will be held at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

MAGERY E. DOBBS

Age 77, passed away on April 27, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of Janet (Dan) Hayden of Hancock, Ed (Marilyn) Dobbs of Charlotte and Jerry (Cheryl) Dobbs of Brooklyn. Dearest grandmother of David, Julie, Craig, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Meghan and Molly. Dear great-grandmother of Sergio and lylie. Dear sister of Jennie (Jim) Wellman of Cocoa, FL, June (Harold) Hansor of Howell, Ardith Drury of



Passed away on April 21, 2007 at the age of 94 in Spring Hill, FL. He is survived by his daughters, Kathryn E. Thorden and Sarah Coulton-Moritz; four grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren. Father Coulton served as Minister of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Livonia from 1950 to 1966 on then went onto St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Trenton, MI. He retired in Spring Hill, FL and Baldwin, MI, where he continued serving the Episcopal Church. Memorial service will be held on May 5, 11 AM at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, MI.

ROBERT WALLACE KIRKPATRICK

DAVID C. RATHBUN

Age 67, passed away April 27, 2007. Funeral was held May 1st, 2007. Survived by his beloved sister, Mary Ellen and niece, Jeanne. Lifetime Plymouth resident and long time chef of Hillside Inn.

WALTER OGDEN VOGT 92, of Falmouth, ME, died

April 22, 2007. Born in Waterbury, CT on May 7, 1914, Walter ("OG") was the

son of Von Ogden and Nellie Walter Vogt. He grew up in Chicago and attended the University High School in Chicago before obtaining his Bachelors degree at Beloit College and Masters at the University of Chicago. He served in the Pacific in WWII as a Captain in the Army Air Force. Walter was married to Carlyn Ashley for 55 years until her passing 2002, and they raid their children in the town of Birmingham, just outside Detroit, Michgain, where Walter was employed with Barger-Coleman for 28 years as a Sales Engineer before his retirement in 1979. Walter loved boats, and sailing was his passion. He spend many Barber-Coleman sailing the Great Lakes with friends Once retired, he indulged his love of adventure and his interest in new people and places traveling the world with wife Carlyn. He was a loving father and a devoted husband, and he made new friends everywhere he went. He will be remembered by many for his quick wit, his easy smile, his generosity, and the twinkle in his eves. He leaves five children Buck Frederickson of Denver, CO. Joby Margadant of Davis, CA, Carlyn Klein of Royal Oak, MI, John Vogt of Falmouth, ME, and Prudy Yates of Winston-Salem, NC There are ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren He was predeceased by a Philip Walter Vogt. brother Memorial service will be held in Michigan in September at the Birmingham Unitarian Church with interment at Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Jones Rich & Hutchins, Portland, ME.

Livonia, Earle (Joan) Bassett of Plymouth and the late Lester, Warren Edward Bassett. Visitation and Thursday 2-9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Services Friday 11 am at the funeral home. Share memories at:

schrader-howell.com **OLAN WAYNE EATON**

Age 76, of 22 Covey Hill Lane, Greenville, SC and formerly of Birmingham, MI,

died Monday, April 30, 2007. Born March 19, 1931 in Bonne Terre, MO, he was the son of the late Irvin W. Eaton and Elsie Mertine Richardson Eaton. Mr. Eaton served our country in, the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed by the Ford Motor Company in the finance and marketing department. Surviving is his wife, Joan Eaton; two daughters, Pam Eaton and husband Joseph Roddy and Lisa Eaton, both of Greenville, SC and one brother, Leon Eaton of Bonne Terre, MO. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6 until 8PM at The Mackey Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Concerned Citizens for Animals, P.O. Box 1332, Greenville, SC 29681 or to Safe Harbor, Inc., P.O. Box 174, Greenville, SC 29602-0174. The Mackey Mortuary, Greenville, SC. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.mackeymortuary.com



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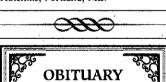
Fifty-year resident of Livonia, age 89, passed away Sunday, April 29,2007. Born in Cadiz, Spain. Beloved wife.of the late Donald. Loving mother of Richard (Kathe), Linda and Donna Jean. Dear grandmother of Janie. She touched the lives of many with her kindness, optimism and sunny disposition and was especially devoted to her children. She worked for Burrough's Corporation prior to marriage and raising a family. Following her husband's death, she went to work at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers where she worked in the Circulation Department for more than 15 years. In later years, she enjoyed her travels back to Spain. Visitation Thursday, 6-9pm with an Eastern Star Memorial Service at 7:00pm, and funeral service Friday at 1:00pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice

Age 86, a long time resident Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills MI, passed away April 28,2007 in Paim Beach

Gardens, Fl after a brief illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen; his daughters Wallace Berg of Corte Madera Ca, Robin Grams of Buffalo Grove IL, Nancy Scherba of Bloomfield Hills MI and Christine Millis of Clarkston Mi.and his grandchildren Sarah, Ted, Peter, Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. 'Kirk", as he was known to his family, was born in West VA where he vent on to attend Marshall University before joining the Marine Corps in 1943. In 1945 he moved to Michigan where he raised his family until his retirement from Amherst Industries in 1979.He spent his winters in Palm Beach Gardens Fl where he was active in tennis and golf until his passing. He was an Honorary Life Member of Birmingham Country Club and PGA National.Kirk, who was a WWII Marine pilot will forever be a hero to his family. Tributes may be made at Contributions may be made to: Buckskin Council Boy Scouts of America 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, West Va 25311-1727. Edgley Cremation Services, W. Palm Beach, FL.

GEORGE W. HURRELBRINK, JR.

age 69 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2007. He was born on June 21, 1937 in Northville, Michigan to George W. and Mary F. (Keller) Hurrelbrink. George was united in marriage to Glenda Nitzel on November 1, 1958. He had been a resident of Plymouth since 1970, he was formerly of Northville and Westland. George proudly served his country with the National Guard and then the Marine Corps. He retired from maintenance at Ford Motor on Sheldon Road in Company on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Mr. Hurrelbrink was a member of the Northville Moose Lodge 1190 and served as a past president of the Northville Eagles Club. He enjoyed gambling and going to the casino, especially Las Vegas where he would stay at the Rivera. He also enjoyed watching golf. He is survived his devoted wife, Glenda Hurrelbrink; his loving son, Scott D. (Carol) Hurrelbrink; his dear sister Arlene (Edward) Holzschuh; and his adoring grandchildren Krystal L. Jones, Madison Hurrelbrink, Christine Thomsen and Tom Thomsen. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stacey Anne Hurrelbrink, his parents, and sister, Cheree Gaydos. A time of gathering will be held Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 1 p.m. at Caterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Luftgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Research, 1111 Stewart Bethpage, New York, 11714. Stewart Ave..



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Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor Mass 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free, secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org. Prayer breakfast

Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia, Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, Tickets \$15, \$10 students, and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Cinco de Mayo

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Linus Activity center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Hohts. Please bring a dish of Mexican or spicy food or a Duice de Leche Cream Cake (double cream cake), and \$5 at the door. Cards and board games afterward. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Mother and daughter dinner

4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for moms and their daughters. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. This cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by May 9 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

Real estate seminar

1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodnev@newburgumc.org.

Teach-in

A journey to eliminating health care disparities 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243, or visit www.olgcparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Father and Son Dinner

4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult: \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road). Livonia.

Uplifting church services Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia,. Call (734) 464-0990.

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Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Church members wanted

The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James)* Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 4B170-0156 or send email to www.psaiml2verse6@yahoo.com for

more information. **Depression recovery**

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

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

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 1B100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register. call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service

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

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland, For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

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Worship services

Explore your destiny ~ God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait. Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I

Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330. Adult literacy classes

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.BueSeason.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' 8ecket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call 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 informa-

tion, 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

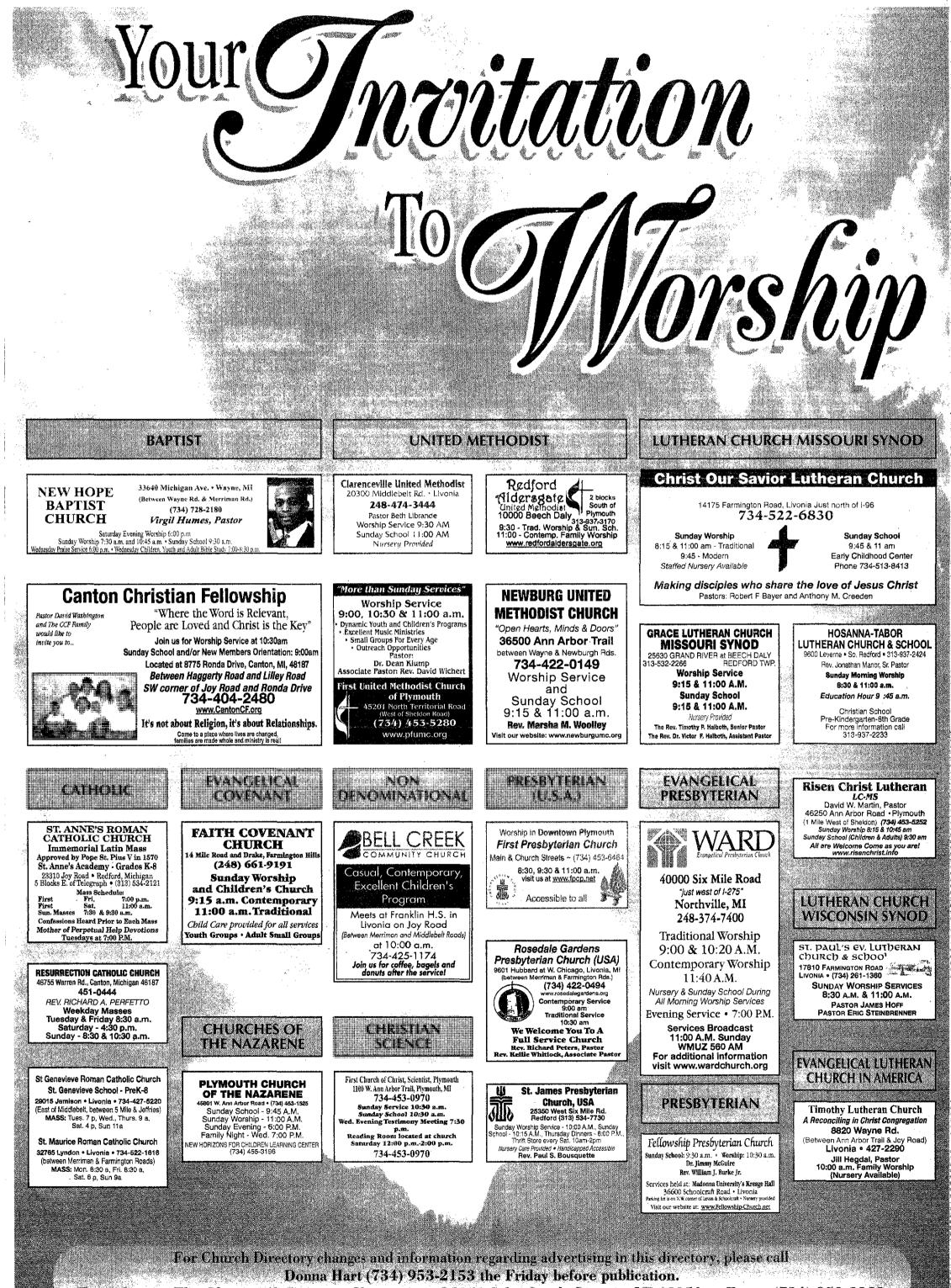
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of

Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages" at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222. Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.," Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville, Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care, Call (734) 699-3361



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County delegation learns logistics of Europe's airport cities

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

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Logistics may become as important to metro Detroit's future as automobiles have been to its past if Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano can round up support for the development of an aerotropolis.

Toward that end Ficano led a 25-person delegation April 23-27 to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and Frankfurt, Germany. The group included such prominent figures as Jim Epolito, chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance; Dick Blouse, president of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the communities along the I-94 corridor that connects Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

"No. 1 was to expose leaders in the area to how airports are driving economic expansion and how they get it in Europe, in Hong Kong and



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Shanghai," Ficano said. The aerotropolis would center development around the area between the two airports with an emphasis on just-on-time transportation, warehousing and development of high tech industries that depend on speedy transportation. The area along I-94 also connects Ann Arbor to Detroit and the research facilities at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

The county has been studying the concept for several vears, working with John Kasarda, director of the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina, Kasarda is regarded as the leading authority on airport development.

Kasarda chaired the conference in Frankfurt and gave two presentations one on framing the airport cities concept and another on logistics.

He said Wednesday Detroit can learn from Amsterdam and Frankfurt.

"They have fully developed their airport facilities for job creation and investment," he said.

He said the delegation was able to learn how they were able bring together private and government investment. Kasarda believes the two county airports are prime for economic development.

"You have one of the largest airports in the country ... and the speed and connectivity that businesses are looking for," he said.

In addition to observing airport operations at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, the delegation attended an Airport Cities Conference in Frankfurt and gave a presentation on Wayne County. The county hosted the annual conference in 2004 at Detroit Metro Airport.

Ficano said there is nothing to compare to Amsterdam and Frankfurt in the United States, with the possible exceptions of Memphis, a hub for FedEx, and the burgeoning Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

"Amsterdam is interesting because at one time it was a major seaport and now the airport drives its economy," Ficano said. "We have a great opportunity for growth. The concept of development is no longer location but speed, speed, speed."

He said international shippers have always thought of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport as the primary location for the

Midwest. "They have topped out. There are impediments to their growth," Ficano said of

O'Hare. He said that unlike Detroit's two airports, O'Hare is landlocked with no room to grow and its skies are overcrowded.

As part of a plan to develop the airports as a leader in logistics, the transportation of materials, Ficano said he would like to convince Northwest Airlines to relocate its cargo operations from Chicago to Detroit. Detroit is a hub for Northwest passenger service.

"Our assets are enormous. Ford and GM do \$9 billion a year in logistics alone," he said. "Logistics operations in Amsterdam provide 60,000 iobs.'

He said logistics are critical to the auto industry and to other industries and the two research universities as well. Ficano said he is especially interested in getting cargo forwarding operators to set up headquarters around the airports.

While Ficano is pushing the aerotropolis concept, he is also trying to get Wayne and Washtenaw county communities along I-94 to follow the county's lead in developing a 60-day permitting process for developers.

"We don't have the luxury of dragging this out for a year," he said.

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AARP driver safety program designed for age 50 and over

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The rules of the road have changed since Lois Ann Beerbaum began driving. That's why the 67-year old Canton woman is volunteering her time to help drivers like herself update their skills by taking the AARP Driver Safety two session course 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, May 7-8, in Room D of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. The entire program takes place in the classroom.

The cost is \$10. For more information, call (734) 981-6424 until Monday night or afterwards (734) 895-8034.

One incentive for taking the course is the new Michigan law (HB-5661) which allows insurers to give discounts to residents age 50 and older who take a driver safety course. The Hartford, associated with AARP, gives the discount.

Beerbaum says there are several reasons people age 50 and over should take the course. According to the Federal Highway administration there are an estimated 75 million drivers age 50 and older in the U.S., or 38 percent of all drivers on American roadways. These figures are expected to rise in the future and increase the need for safe driving skills.

"It's important because older drivers have the highest rate of left turn crashes. It's a judgment exercise," said Beerbaum. "This program is good at distance evaluation. It helps all of us at keeping the distance appropriate between cars, to properly enter and exit from freeways. Neck turn capabilities are not as flexible as they used to be. We do demonstrate exercises for flexibility."

Beerbaum uses a presentation prepared by AARP, dialog and interactive video to teach drivers about reaction time, how to compensate for agerelated changes in hearing and vision, safe driving strategies. and influence of medications.

People with disabilities are encouraged to request, in advance, any special arrangements they may need to participate in the AARP course.

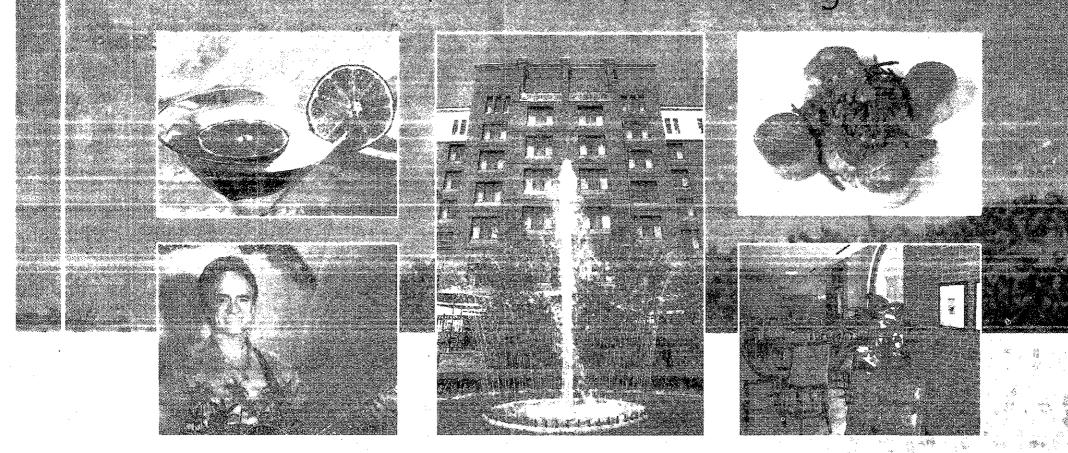
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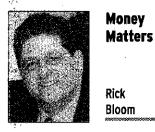
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Rising Dow index doesn't reflect entire stock market

📲 he Dow Jones Industrial Average broke through the 13,000 mark and has set an all time record. Although I am always happy when the market does well, I want to take a step back and remind investors that we should not be overly giddy just like we shouldn't be overly depressed when the market is not doing as well. Investing is sort of like baseball season. A team's success in April will not guarantee winning the World Series in October. Just as there are many twists and turns in baseball, the same thing can be said about investing.

It is important to recognize the Dow, although being the most famous of indexes, is generally not reflective of the entire stock market. Only 30 companies are represented in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. These are all large companies and meant to reflect an overall view of the American economy. It does not contain any small companies and also does not reflect every industry. When you consider that there thousands of publicly held companies, 30 companies cannot adequately reflect the entire market.

How the Dow is calculated also is important to understand. The Dow is calculated using a price-weighted index method. This means that stocks that have the highest share price get a greater weighting in the index. This is different than how other indexes are calculated like the S&P 500 Index which is broader and contains 500 of the largest U.S. companies. The S&P is calculated using a market capitalization method. This means companies that have the largest market va get a greater weighting in the calculation of the index. If you go back to March 2000 before the meltdown in the technology sector and look at how the 30 Dow stocks performed (even though the index is up and reaching new highs), a significant number of Dow components are still lower than they were in 2000. Examples are **GM** which is 62 percent lower, Intel nearly 69 percent and IBM 16 percent lower. All too often, investors will only look at the Dow and make the assumption that since it is rising, everything else is. This is not the case. In fact, although the Dow is the most popular index and the one most widely reported, it is not an accurate reflection on the overall stock market. In fact, you will get a different view of the stock market if you look at the S&P 500 Index where companies that are worth more count for more. The S&P 500 Index is still not where it was back in March 2000 and is still 2 percent lower. Is there one index that investors can look at to get an overall view of how the stock market is performing? Unfortunately, no. Particularly in today's world where international investing has become a significant factor, one index alone whether it is the Dow or the S&P 500 cannot fairly reflect stocks in general. One last note, remember whatever happens in the stock market on a day-to-day basis is relatively immaterial to you and me as long-term investors. Although this sounds boring, the reality is to be a successful investor you must be diversified, think globally and most importantly, don't overreact to the day-today volatilities of the market.

Sheriff offers 'Ladies Only' CCW gun safety class

Women who wish to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) will have a chance to receive their required safety training as a group when the Wayne County Sheriff's Office offers a "for women only" CCW gun safety class on Saturday, May 12, Sheriff Warren Evans said today.

"We are seeing an increasing number of women who, for business or personal reasons, are choosing to carry a concealed weapon," Evans said. "We thought that having a women's only class would make for a more comfortable environment since some of the women attending might be there because of stalking or domestic violence issues involving men."

The Class will run from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The first half of the day will consist of classroom-based instruction at the Sheriff's Training Center, at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.The second half of the day will consist of firearms training at the Sheriff's indoor pistol range, located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland.

The cost for the class is \$125, which is much less expensive than many privately run CCW classes. Payment should be in the form of a money order made payable to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Required equipment for the class includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, a cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms. Warm, loose clothing is suggested. Guns and ammunition will be provided by the Sheriff's Office

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To register for the class, contact the Sheriff's Training Center at (734)699-6007.

This is a gun safety class. Completion of the class does not guarantee that each individual's application for a CCW license will be approved by the Wayne County Gun Board.

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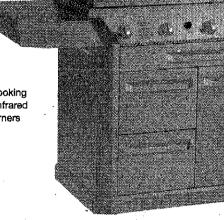
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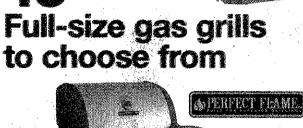
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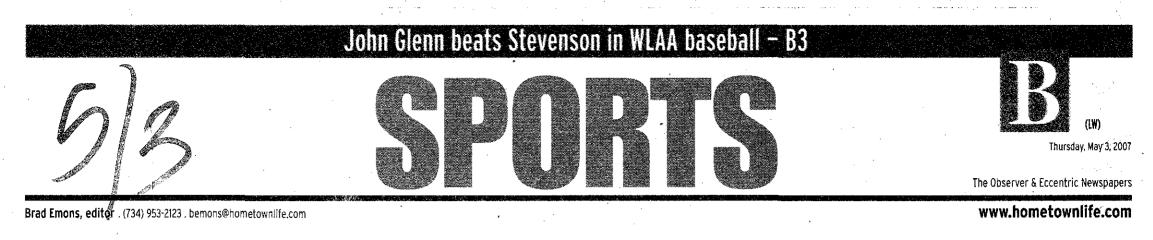
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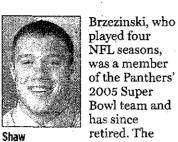
Carolina calls C'ville grad Shaw in 5th round

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Tim Shaw could become the second Livonian to play for the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League

After two days of waiting, the 6-foot-1, 236-pound linebacker from Livonia Clarenceville High and Penn State University finally heard his named called Sunday afternoon. He was taken late in the fifth round, the 164th pick overall.

Former Redford Catholic Central High and Boston College offensive guard Doug



Livonia native was originally drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, with whom he spent three years.

"These have been the longest two days of my life," Shaw told Panthers.com, the club's official Web site. "I wasn't getting worried, but every thought goes

through your mind. I knew somebody was going to pick me up, but I tell you it's been a long couple of days. I'm glad its over and I'm glad it's Carolina."

Shaw started 32 games for the Nittany Lions and played five different positions, including running back, inside linebacker, outside linebacker, middle linebacker and defensive end (as a senior).

In 46 games at PSU, the twotime All-Academic Big Ten choice had 177 total tackles along with 12 sacks, 16 tackles for loss and 16 quarterback pressures.

The former Michigan

Gatorade Player of the Year adds depth at linebacker for the fourth-rated defense in the NFL and could also make an impact on special teams.

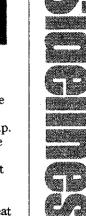
"Tim Shaw was a guy that we had highly rated as far as football character," Carolina head coach John Fox told the Charlotte Observer.

Shaw, who earned with a degree in business management, trained for the NFL Combine with coach Tom Shaw at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. He caught the eye of many NFL scouts and coaches after running 4.42 seconds in the 40yard dash; doing 26 reps in the bench press; and leaping 10 feet, 6 inches in the broad jump.

"I'm so excited to play for the Panthers," Shaw said in a press release through his agent, Scott Smith of X-A-M Sports & Entertainment (based in Madison, Wisc.). "It's just a great situation for me and all I need to do now is go in and prove myself as a football player."

The Panthers open their exhibition season Saturday, Aug. 11, at the New York Giants.

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Demolition 83-0

The Detroit Demolition beat the Detroit Predators 83-0 in a rainsprinkled, regular season Independent Women's Football League seasonopening rout Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Demolition's dynamic backfield running back duo of Aisha Brown and Kiana Dennis combined for more than 150 yards rushing and had seven touchdowns.

Quarterback Kim Grodus threw for one touchdown and ran for another. The offense led 71-0 at halftime and sent in the second string for the second half.

The defense did the rest, easily shutting out the Predators, and giving up less than 100 vards total offense.

The Demolition are 1-0 and travel Saturday to face the lowa Crush.

Spartans Fish-Bowl

The Livonia Stevenson High girls swimming and diving team will stage a bowling fund-raiser, its first-ever Fish-Bowl, from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at Westland Bowl, located on 5940 N. Wavne Road (just north of Ford Road).

All proceeds will go

37th Observerland Field competitive again for coveted title

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Get out the cameras because it could be another photo finish this Saturday in the annual Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays.

This year's 17-team invitational, which starts at 3:30 p.m. at Farmington High School with the field events, promises to be as tight, if not tighter, than last year, when Canton captured its fifth title in seven years by edging Livonia Stevenson by a point, 64-63. Both Northville and Livonia Churchill were a close third with 58 points apiece.

By the time the finals of the running events get started at 7 p.m., things could become a little more clearer as to which teams have a legitimate shot at the coveted crown.

One team never to count out is Canton, despite a 70-67 dual-meet loss to WLAA Western Division rival Northville.

"I'm looking forward to seeing if we can repeat," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "It should be one of the

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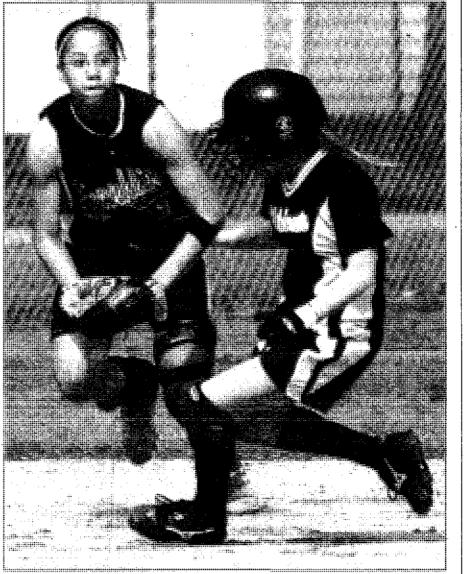
What: 37th Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. When: Saturday, May 5. Field

events begin at 3:30 p.m., running prelims at 6:30 p.m. and finals at 7 p.m.

Where: Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, Farmington. The school is north of Grand River, south of 10 Mile and west of Orchard Lake. Competing schools: Canton (defending champ), Novi-Detroit

Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Clarenceville, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Garden City, Farmington Hills Harrison, Westland John Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Northville, Plymouth, Redford Union, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial.

Open events: 110-meter high hur-



toughest Observerland meets in a long time. There will be a lot of great teams there, including Northville, (Livonia) Stevenson, (Livonia) Churchill and Plymouth. There are probably five or six teams that can win it. We're going to set our lineup to be as strong as possible and hope that the guys run fast, throw far and jump high.

Relays: pole vault, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, 6,400 meters, distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$2 for students. PLEASE SEE OBSERVERLAND, B8

dles, 1,600 run, 100 dash.

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Cat-and-mouse

Franklin shortstop Briauna Taylor fields the ball deep in the hole and tags out Plymouth baserunner Jill Brennan in Monday's WLAA Western Division matchup. See a roundup of area prep softball games on page B2.

Warriors' Ake homers in 3 straight at-bats

[°]Chris Ake provided the fireworks in a Roy Hobbs-like manner as Lutheran High Westland unveiled its new baseball scoreboard Saturday in a doubleheader sweep of Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The senior second baseman played Robert Redford in The Natural, lighting up the Warriors' scoreboard like a Christmas tree with homers in three consecutive at-bats, including twice in the first inning, in an 18-2 mercy-rule win.

All told, Ake went 4-for-4 with pair of three-run homers along with a two-run blast. He also added a two-run single and finished with 10 RBI and three runs

Austin Baglow and Aaron Derminer

Madonna University senior Gary VanAllen wrapped

up the regular season on a hitting tear that earned

the Week honors.

him Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of

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contributed two hits and two RBI apiece. Billy Meier also collected two hits.

Dan Kryske was the winning pitcher. "I am still in awe what Ake did in that first game," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "That was simply unbelievable. To hit two in one inning and three in three consecutive at-bats is something I might never see again. And it's not like the wind was blowing out to left-center, because it wasn't."

Lutheran Westland also outslugged the Cougars in the nightcap, 12-7, as Ake went 3-for-4 with a pair of singles and

three runs.

Dan Abbott and Sean Vandenbrink also added two hits apiece. C.J. Garber and Derek Fleetham each knocked in two runs.

Rob Seltz, with relief help from Austin and Ryan Baglow, got the victory.

"We have done some fund-raising over the past year to purchase and install a new scoreboard," Wade said. "It came in this week and everyone involved with the program has been excited to get it up and running. We haven't hit like that all year. It was nice to be able to do and be able to christen the scoreboard like we did."

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B3

VanAllen sparks surging Madonna

With Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week Gary VanAllen continuing his hot hitting, Madonna University's baseball team sent VanAllen and nine other seniors off in grand style Sunday.

The Crusaders swept Concordia 10-0 and 14-4 to close the Ilitch Ballpark portion of the 2007 campaign and gear up for this week's conference tournament. That followed Saturday wins of 16-3 and 7-6 at Concordia (23-18, 12-8 in the WHAC).

In Game 1, Madonna pounded out 11 hits and watched senior hurler Josh Regits fan six over six innings of work with just two hits allowed in a 10-0 run-rule shortened victory.

The Madonna bats scored eight runs in the first two innings, including a two-run double by VanAllen in the first and an RBI double by freshman Rikco

Rhoades in the second.

That was all Regits needed on the way to his third win of the season. In the nightcap, the bats stayed red-

hot, pounding out 14 hits off five different Cardinals pitchers in the 14-4 seven-inning win.

Junior first baseman John McCracken provided the bulk of the punch, going 3-for-4 with a pair of home runs and four RBI. Catcher Zach Flavin added a pair of RBI, while VanAllen contributed two more and fellow senior Manny Alvarado (Southfield) drove in a pair.

Junior Will Kennedy (4-1) earned the win, going five innings with two strikeouts and scattering three hits. Senior Dan Miller put a feather in

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B5

Mitchell gets nod as coach for Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson wasted little time in hiring a new boys hockey coach, going to a rival school to get Livonia Churchill assistant David Mitchell.

A 1992 Churchill grad, the former Western Michigan University goaltender succeeds Mike Humitz, whose contract was not renewed after going 87-31-10 in five seasons.

The 32-year-old Mitchell spent last season running Churchill's defensive corps under head coach

Pete Mazzoni as the Chargers reached PREP HOCKEY the Division 1 quarterfinals and cap-

tured the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

Mitchell coached eight years in the Compuware AAA program, most recently spending three seasons with the '92 age group before going to Churchill.

Mitchell was scheduled to meet Tuesday with Stevenson's returning varsity players and has already met with the Spartans' outgoing senior captains.

"It is without question that David Mitchell is an outstanding educator and hockey coach," Stevenson A.D. Lori Hyman said. "David is a proven coach with an outstanding win-loss record as a triple-A head coach at Compuware.

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towards new scoring equipment and team functions. Check-in is at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per bowler (includes three games, shoes, pizza and soda). Each team will consist of four-to-six bowlers. There is also 9-pin no-tap cosmic bowling along with a 50-50 raffle, gift basket raffle and "Best Team T-shirt" contest.

For more information, e-mail shsgirlsswimming@hotmail.com.

Free soccer clinic

The Michigan Hawks of the W-League will stage a free soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 5-14) from 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday; May 6 at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The clinic will features 2006 W-League MVP Kristi Swaving along with 2005 W-League MVP Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson).

All youth players in attendance will receive an autographed poster and one free ticket that can be used to attend any Hawks home game. during the 2007 season. For more information, visit www.michiganhawkswomen.com.

10K Walk for Earth

Style Masters Salon of Garden City will stage a 10kilometer Walk for Earth Month, which will benefit the Alliance for the Great Lakes, on Sunday, May 6, at Newburgh Pointe in Hines Park.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the 6.2-mile walk, an out-and-back course from Newburgh Pointe to Wilcox Lake, starting at 10:15 a.m.

Registration forms are available at Style Masters Salon, 32669 W. Warren Road, Suite No. 3, Garden City.

For more information, call (734) 422-6420.

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Noder sharp as MU gains No. 2 seeding

A Sunday sweep at Indiana Tech enabled Madonna University's varsity softball team to end the regular season on a winning note and enter this week's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament as the No. 2 seed.

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Madonna (29-14, 14-6) earned 2-0 and 3-2 victories Sunday over the Warriors to bounce back from Saturday's doubleheader defeat at the hands of Cornerstone.

In Sunday's opener, senior pitcher Shannon Noder's five-hitter lifted the Crusaders. It was her fifth shutout of the season.

MU took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on a solo homer by junior third baseman Christina Finch and tacked on a run in the sixth when an error allowed freshman pinch runner Rachael Kethe to cross the plate.

Finch had two of the Crusaders' six hits, with Livonia Churchill grad Caitlyn Sidor (freshman first baseman) also registering two safeties.

The nightcap victory featured strong pitching from junior Liz Ballinger, who blanked the Warriors (23-18, 12-8) until giving up two runs in the seventh.

Madonna opened up a 2-0 lead in the first with an RBI double by Finch keying the surge. Another run scored on a groundout.

In the third, junior outfielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton) singled and stole second with one out.

Following a walk and an infield fly, sophomore catcher Alison Grant (2-for-4) singled and Richardson scored on a subsequent error by the Indiana Tech

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

center-fielder.

Also contributing two hits in the win were freshman second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton) and sophomore outfielder Hannah Godfrey.

Cornerstone takes 2

The Madonna softball team was swept in a league doubleheader for the first time this season after Cornerstone won game one 6-2 and then claimed the nightcap 4-2.

The Golden Eagles (16-18, 9-9) had a long day at the ballpark, playing a doubleheader at Aquinas before returning to their home field to host the Crusaders.

In the opener, Madonna had a 2-0 advantage after three innings of play as Scero scored in the first inning and Tedi Johnston hit a solo homer in the third.

Cornerstone tied the game up after scoring a single run in the fifth and plated the tying run in the sixth inning off MU starter Noder.

The Golden Eagles finished off Madonna in the seventh inning as Jessica Dood hit a walk-off two-run homer to give CU a 4-2 win. In the nightcap, MU led 1-

0 in the second after Grant hit a solo home run. Cornerstone then erupted for four runs in the third inning to take a 4-1 lead.

Cornerstone tacked on a pair of insurance runs off MU starter Ballinger in the fifth inning to take a 6-1 advantage.

The Crusaders were able to push across a single run in the sixth inning, but their comeback bid fell short.



Something had to give Tuesday when Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn met on the softball field.

With each team searching for its first win of the season, host Wayne prevailed with a 7-4 win as Heather Henning went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

The Zebras (1-12) broke a 3all deadlock with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, including a pair of two-run singles from Henning and Colleen Blake.

Winning pitcher Taylor Krohn went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Blake also added two hits.

Krohn struck out seven and scattered seven hits and two walks in going the distance.

"Our team this year is really resilient," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "If they make a mistake, they shrug it off and go onto the next play. I'm happy for them. It was an evenly matched game. They're young and we're young."

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook and Stacey Truskowski each had two hits for the Rockets, who slipped to 0-11 overall.

Holbrook struck out seven, walked three and allowed 10 hits.

PLYMOUTH 12, FRANKLIN 11 (8): It took eight innings Monday as the Wildcats (7-2, 3-2) downed Livonia Franklin (7-4, 1-3) in a WLAA-Western Division game.

The winning run scored when freshman Stacey Klonowski reached on a fielder's choice then scored on fellow freshman Amanda Burnard's single.

The Wildcats held a slim 4-3 advantage in the sixth before busting loose for seven runs to jump ahead 11-3. Franklin rebounded with three in the bottom of the sixth and five in the seventh.

Junior Megan Patterson earned the win on the mound for the Wildcats as she gave up 11 hits and one walk while striking out five in

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Walled Lake Western (5-6, 2-3)

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in a WLAA-Western Division game.

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runs scored for the victorious Warriors.

Jessie Harris was the losing pitcher.

Kelly Reeves went 2-for-4 with two

tossed a one-hitter. She struck out

nine and walked only one.

Danielle Kotlarczyk and Amanda.

Monday as host Livonia Stevenson

(6-4, 4-0) took five innings to mercy

Westland John Glenn (0-10, 0-5) in

Paison and Emily Hollandsworth

Plymouth's Amy Bondy beats the throw to home plate as Franklin catcher Heather Jaroh reaches for the ball. The Patriots rallied with three runs in the sixth inning and five in the seventh, but Plymouth pulled out a 12-11 triumph.

seven innings of work. Patterson pitched all but the seventh inning when she gave way to Ally Ciotti.

Melissa Butzow, Kim Klonowski, Beth Heldmeyer and Amy Bondy each collected two hits for Plymouth. Butzow clubbed a two-run homer in the opening inning.

Brittany Taylor went 4-for-4 with three doubles, four RBI and two runs scored to lead the Patriots. Twin sister Briauna went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and two runs.

Natalie Sanborn, the losing pitcher, singled three times and knocked in two runs. Nicole Emery and Leslie Giacobozzi also singled twice.

Lakes Division game Monday, the visiting Rocks (3-9, 2-3) unloaded for 12 hits to beat host Livonia

knocked in two runs and scored twice for Salem, which broke the game open with four runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth:

Amanda Emmons also had two hits apiece for Salem.

was a triple.

Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

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HURON VALLEY 18, AGAPE 1: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-3, 3-0) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win Monday at Canton Agape Christian.

Winning pitcher Amanda Gruenewald struck out 12, walked one and allowed just two hits. She also went 2-for-4 with five RBI.

Brandy Nocella doubled twice walked three times and knocked in five runs in the rout.

CLARENCEVILLE 12, PCA 0: Abby Sochacki pitched a one-hitter Monday and host Livonia Clarenceville (5-9) took advantage of five Plymouth Christian Academy errors in a non-conference win.

Sochacki struck out four and walked only one in five innings. She also helped her own cause at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI.

Other Clarenceville hitting standouts included Brittany Brooks, 2-for-3 with two RBI; Charmaine McQueen, 2-for-4 (with a triple) and two runs; Jenna Mrljak, two runs and two RBI; and Chelsea Lawler, two RBI.

Beth McKenzie had a first-inning single for the Eagles. PCA hurler Amy Carmerale took the loss.

On Saturday, Clarenceville dropped a pair of games to visiting Farmington Hills Harrison, 10-1 and 13-2.

CHURCHILL 8-4, REDFORD UNION 6-3: It was a clean sweep Saturday for visiting Livonia Churchill (7-4) against the host Panthers (4-8).

In the opener, the Chargers rallied from a 3-0 deficit to earn an 8-6 win as Paula Guzik collected two hits and knocked in four runs. Amber Holod added two hits and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Julie Lewandowski struck out five, walked 10 and allowed three hits.

RU pitcher Erin Cathey also went seven innings, allowing six hits. Teammate Katie Gleeson contributed a two-run single.

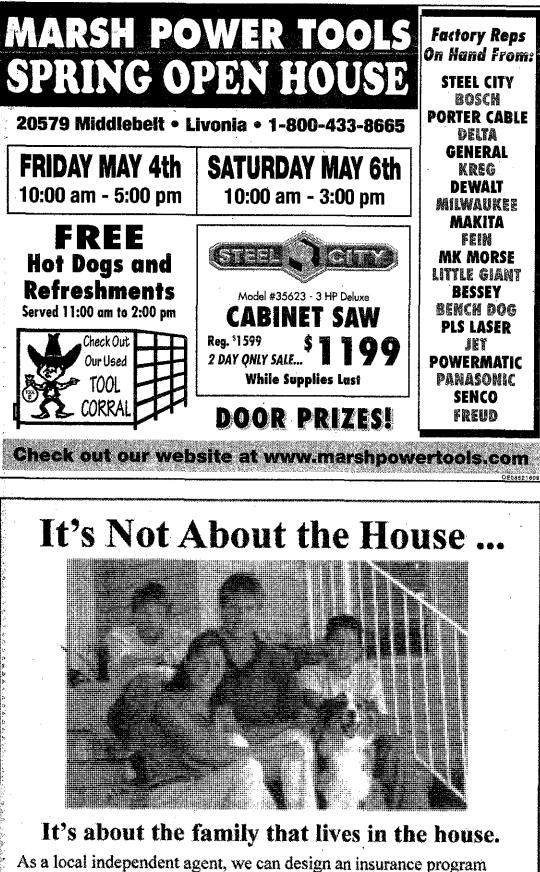
In the nightcap, pitcher Sidnee Mattison earned her first varsity win in a 4-3 triumph. She allowed 10 hits and walked five in seven innings. RU hurler Kelsey Weekley gave up six

hits, walked one and struck out seven. Katie Stodulski and Holod each had two hits for the Chargers, while

Sarah Sanders led RU with three hits, including a triple. Weekley also had two hits. On Friday, Churchill fell to WLAA-

Lakes Division rival Walled Lake Central at home, 16-1, in four innings.

The Vikings' Kristin Hardy picked up the win. She limited the Chargers to three hits.



SALEM 10, CHURCHILL 5: In a WLAA-

Churchill (7-5, 1-4). Katie McKinley doubled twice,

Mary Cox, Liz Thomas and

Jordan Kerr and Paula Guzik contributed two hits and one RBI apiece for the Chargers. One of Kerr's hits

went four innings, allowing seven

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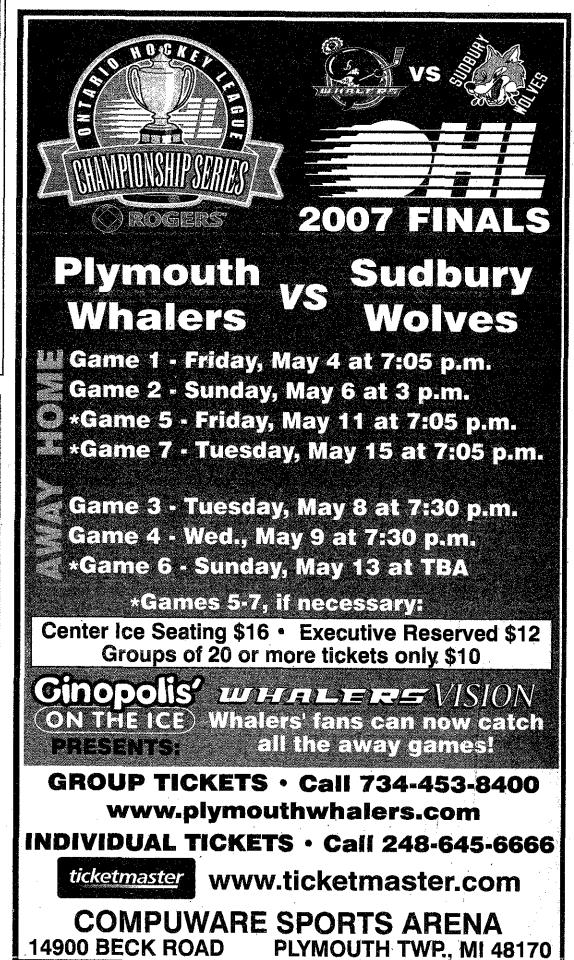
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John Glenn pounds Stevenson for 1st Lakes triumph

The bats were sizzling Monday for host Westland John Glenn, which rolled to four-inning, 18-3 WLAA-Lakes Division baseball victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Rockets, now 5-7 overall and 1-3 in the division, blasted out 13 hits as Jerry Smith went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored. Chris Kangas also went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBI.

Kevin LaFave added two hits, including a double and five RBI. Al Siepierski also collected two hits.

Smith, the winning pitcher, gave up three runs on five hits and six walks. He fanned four in the mercy rule victory.

Nick Plinka went 2-for-2 with an RBI for the Spartans, who dropped to 6-7 overall and 2-3 in the Lakes.

Losing pitcher Larry Klemczak gave up six runs on five hits in one inning.

WAYNE 12, W.L. WESTERN 8: Wayne Memorial (6-8, 2-3) pounded out 17 hits against three pitchers Monday in a WLAA-Western Division triumph at Walled Lake Western (6-5. 3-2)

The Zebras scored three runs in the first inning and four in the sec-

PREP BASEBALL

ond en route to the win. Jon Bryant went 3-for-5 and scored four runs to lead Wayne. Trey Raynes added two hits and three RBI, while Tim Siegfried and Mike Green each added two hits and two RBI. Jack Zimmerman went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Reliever Brent Patterson, who came on in the third inning for starter Clint Cavanaugh, went the final five innings for earn the victory for Wayne. Patterson allowed three earned runs on six hits and five walks.

Mark Carnacchi started the game for Western. Zack Gatten took over in the second inning and ended up with the loss.

Junior Steve Astrien, who hit his second home run of the season, was 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead the Warriors.

SALEM 3, CHURCHILL 0: Sam Ott pitched a seven-inning complete game and knocked in a pair of runs Monday as the Rocks (7-6, 2-2) blanked visiting Livonia Churchill (5-9, 1-4) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Ott allowed just three hits and a walk while fanning 10. He also had an RBI single in the first inning, allowed an RBI triple in the third and scored on a passed ball.

Losing pitcher Shea Dwyer also went the distance, giving up three runs on two hits and two walks. He struck out four. Steve Jones went 2-for-3 for the Chargers.

PLYMOUTH 12, FRANKLIN 2: In a fiveinning mercy Monday, winning pitcher Matt Priebe went 3-for-3, including a 3-run homer and five RBI as the host Wildcats (6-8, 2-2) downed Livonia Franklin (2-10, 0-4)

Priebe also scored three runs and pitched all five innings in the WLAA-Western Division triumph. He struck out five, walked four and allowed four hits.

Plymouth's Ben Kosmalski went 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Patriots starter Dave Leins gave up 11 runs on 10 hits over four innings before giving way to reliever Matt Madai.

REDFORD UNIÓN 5-8, CHURCHILL 4-5: In a non-league twinbill Saturday, the host Panthers (13-1) swept both ends against Livonia Churchill (5-8).

RU's Matt DeLong walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh to bring home the gamewinning run in a 5-4 win.

DeLong and Chris Gazley each had two hits and an RBI. Bobby Ray also added two hits.

Tyler Bledsoe went 2-for-5 with two RBI to lead Churchill, which left 15 runners on base. Eric Opiela added two hits and scored a run.

Eric Mullen, who pitched the final 3.2 innings in relief, did not allow a run. He struck out five, walked one

and allowed four hits. Gazley, the starter, allowed four runs on five hits and four walks.

Losing pitcher Jimmy Tyler went 6.1 innings, gave up five runs on 11 hits and five walks. He fanned four.

In the nightcap, Mullen went 3for-3 with three RBI, while Gazley added two hits and scored twice in an 8-5 RU triumph.

Ray, the winning pitcher, went six innings, allowing five runs on eight hits and five walks. Keith Landon got the save.

Losing pitcher Matt Luneack, in relief of starter Tyler Cotter, gave up seven runs on 11 hits.

LAKELAND 5-8, FRANKLIN 2-2: White Lake Lakeland (7-4) swept a pair of games Saturday from visiting Livonia Franklin (2-9) in a non-leaguer.

In the opener, Rickey Samuel went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Josh Norrix went 2-for-2 with two runs scored in a 5-2 victory.

Alex Bennett was the winning pitcher, while Sean Sciba took the loss.

Sciba gave up two earned runs. He struck out six and walked three.

Reliever Jesse Carpenter, Mike Basner and Dave Leins each collected two hits in the setback. Lakeland also won the nightcap, 8-2, as Jon Wissner had two hits and

one RBI. Samuel, the winning pitcher, gave

up just four hits, two to Leins. Basner suffered the loss.

N. FARMINGTON 12-8, STEVENSON 2-7: Junior catcher Brad Hebden went 7for-7 and drove in four runs Saturday as visiting North Farmington (5-5) swept a nonleague doubleheader from Livonia Stevenson (5-5).

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Alex Novak earned his first varsity victory, allowing five hits and two earned runs over seven innings. He struck out two and walked five. Jeff Sorenson was the starter and loser for the Spartans, giving up five runs and two of North's 12 hits over three innings. He also walked four

and Stevenson made three errors. Hebden was 3-for-3 with two doubles and one RBI; Doty was 2for-4 and batted in two runs; Matt Cole had three RBI with a two-run single and a fielder's choice; Tyler Besh was 2-for-4 and scored three runs, and Mike Allen got the Raiders started with a two-run single in the first inning.

Andy Jones hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the Spartans.

In the nightcap, North scored two runs in the top of the seventh to erase a 7-6 deficit and complete the sweep.

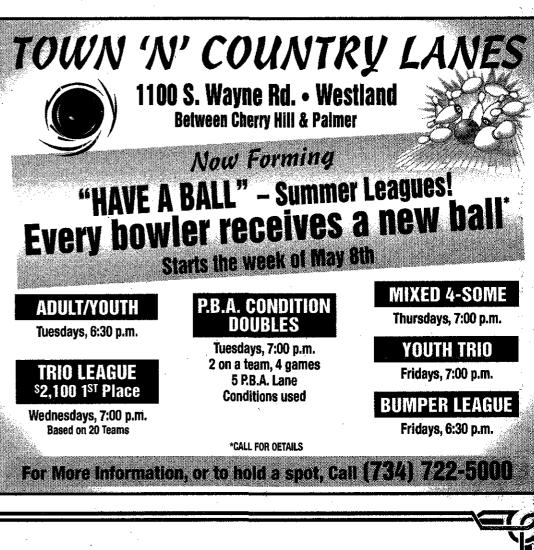
The Raiders loaded the bases with a leadoff single by Hebden, a sacrifice, an error and a walk. Allen followed with an RBI single, and Besh knocked in the winning run with a fielder's choice.

Alex Manion pitched one inning to get the win. He worked the sixth in which Stevenson scored three times to take a 7-6 lead, but he was still the pitcher of record when North rallied in the seventh. Doty retired the Spartans in order in the seventh for his first save of the year.

Hebden was 4-for-4 with a double and three RBI; Doty was 2-for-2 with a double and one RBI.

Losing pitcher Mike Tuttle worked the sixth inning but didn't get anybody out in the seventh. Jake Wilson finished the game.

Jones was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI; Dan Rozek, Matt Loney and Matt Tuttle were 2-for-3. Rozek and Tuttle also had two-base hits; Rozek knocked in two runs and Loney one.



Warriors, now 7-3 overall and 2-3 in the Metro.

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BASEBALL

The twinbill nearly didn't happen as players and parents, along with maintenance man Tim Kostelnik, arrived early Saturday morning to drain the waterlogged field. A 16-gallon wet-dry vacuum was brought in to drain the outfield.

The sun came out and the field turned out great, as did the games," Wade said.

On Monday, the Warriors pounded out 11 hits in a 12-2 Metro Conference win at Hamtramck.

Ryan Baglow went 3-for-3 with three RBI, while Garber, Adam Zehel and Ake added two hits apiece for the

four innings to earn the win.

2-9 overall and 0-3 in the Metro.

Lutheran Northwest downed the Warriors, 5-3, as Austin Baglow collected the lone hit.

hits and Hausch pitched a three-hitter and struck out 11 in a 6-4 non-conference win over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

PCA 8, CLARENCEVILLE 3: Justin Govan went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead Plymouth Christian Academy (3-5) to a non-conference victory Monday at Livonia Clarenceville (3-11).

PCA hurler Trevor Zinn limited the Trojans to five hits in earning the

Allen Mazur suffered the loss. He

HARRISON 19-21, CLARENCEVILLE 7-0: Farmington Hills Harrison scored a pair of mercy-rule victories Saturday

In the opener, Kyle Sutton went 4for-5 with five RBI to lead the Hawks to a 19-7, five-inning triumph. Craig Sacha added a double and knocked

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Ryan Baglow took the loss. On April 24, Garber had two

in three runs.

RBI for the Trojans.

Harrison also won the second game, 21-0, in three innings as Collin Dan Sirovy added two hits and four

Mark Hurt got the win on the

win, also went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

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MADONNA

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first career homer, a solo blast in the third inning, to start the scoring.

Between games, Madonna honored nine seniors and a graduating junior, playing their final game for the home fans.

The 10 players - VanAllen, Miller, Alvarado, Regits, Kyle Fedorka, Matt Humenay (Livonia Churchill), Mike Orehek, Mike Hand (North Farmington), Tony Luttman (Farmington) and Andy Wojcik saw the Crusaders clinch a berth in this week's WHAC baseball tournament and the No. 2-seed overall.

In Saturday's twinbill, sophomore Ryan Morrow went 4-for-4 to pace a 17-hit attack as the Crusaders cruised to the opening win, 16-3. Junior lefty Eric Wendling pitched six innings and earned the victory.

Madonna made it a sweep with a late rally in the nightcap, scoring five runs in the eighth and two more in the ninth. Leading the way was Luttman, who ripped three doubles in four at-bats and drove in two. Also big at the plate was junior catcher Garrett Ignasiak (4-for-5).

The Crusaders (30-16 overall, 15-9 in the WHAC) finished the regular season Tuesday, with a 10-9 win over host Western Michigan (15-21).

Freshman Zach Flavin and senior Alvarado each went 2-for-4 at the plate and sophomore Ryan Brodowsky (Farmington) picked up the win in relief.

Madonna opens tournament play today at Indiana Tech against an opponent to be determined.

Honors for VanAllen

As for VanAllen, the third baseman from Dearborn Heights Crestwood was tabbed Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in a statement released by the league office Monday afternoon.

He helped the Crusaders to a perfect 5-0 record during the week, including the four-game sweep of conference foe Concordia over the weekend.

During the week, VanAllen hit at a .444 clip in 18 at-bats with eight hits, including three doubles and a pair of triples. He also slugged .833 over the five-game period while driving in eight runs and scoring six runs of his own.

VanAllen recorded two hits in three games during the

MITCHELL

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"His philosophy and work ethic mirrors exactly what we're looking for at Stevenson High School. David is dedicated, experienced and has displayed an exemplary commitment to excellence.'

Humitz's departure raised more than a few eyebrows and drew some protest in the Stevenson hockey community after he was let go following

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a 17-7-2 season.

"He (Humitz) ran a good program and I hope to continue to build on what he's done, and go from there," said Mitchell, who teaches computer classes at Livonia's Holmes Middle School. "I respect what he has done. The opportunity presented itself. He laid a solid foundation and it's my job to take the program on from here."

Mitchell said the season he spent under Mazzoni, the Observerland Coach of the Year who guided the

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Chargers to a 23-3-2 record. was valuable in more ways than one.

"What I learned in one year with Pete (Mazzoni) is how to run a program," said Mitchell, who holds a master's degree from Wayne State University. "'Mazz' does a phenomenal job. Nobody could have prepared me any better. He's very well-organized and his teams are disciplined. He has his stuff together."

Mitchell's said his coaching philosophy will be direct and to the point.

"We'll be hard-working," he said. "We'll play a disciplined style that shows up every night. If you work, work, work, the rest takes care of itself. And if you prepare the best way you can, things usually work out."

Mitchell's father Adam, ironically, coached Churchill during the mid-1970s. He has worked part time as a special statistician in the Detroit Red Wings organization all through the Mike Ilitch era. Adam Mitchell reports to head coach Mike Babcock. "As far as coaching? No,"

David Mitchell said of his father's involvement. "But I'll use him as a sounding board, a consultant. When I was with Compuware, he was involved directly and indirectly, whether it was managing the team or offering help. Anybody with that many years of experience ... I'd be foolish not to get his input. He's retiring from Livonia (Public Schools as a counselor), so I expect him to be around, and I think it's cool that he'll be available."

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week, including a 2-for-3 performance in MU's 16-3 rout of Concordia.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 1 April 30 at W.L. Northern No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) def. Sam Hall, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Greg Watson, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: David Criss (WLN) def. Alex Clos (LC), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Nick Matie, 6-2, 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Andy Sanders-Matt Rohloff, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Steve Olson-Cole Davis, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Bob Bell-Parker Wood, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. John Andrew-Max Edgington, 7-5, 6-1. Churchill's dual meet record: 5-1 overall, 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association. LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 2 April 30 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathney (LS) defeated Clay Bartelt, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Eric Hamann, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Brad Yanalunas, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Jovan Acuff. 6-0. 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Brian Hurd-Mike Rivamonte, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Casey Johnson-Ryan Rivamonte (WLC) def. Ben Bagazinski-Justin Collins, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Brian Indianer-Koji Niwa (WLC) def. Alex Cook-Brady Thom, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Josh Bartosik-Leon Voskov (LS) def. Ilya Kleyman-Ryan Halteen, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-1 overall, 6-1 WLAA. NORTHVILLE 8, WAYNE MEMORIAL O

April 30 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Kevin Zhang (N) def. Kevin Erdmann, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2:Harry Zhang (N) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Phil Irvine (N) def. Tommy Pattenaude, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Lee Schechter (N) def. Mike Hicks, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Andy Mills-Mike Hagan (N, def. John Mayfield-Jake Fyfe, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jason Raymond-David Connett (N) def. Andrew Morton-Nick Martin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3; Brian Lovett-Ben Ackerman (N) def, Josh Barnett-Blake Berry, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Chase s Dehne-Travis Dehne (N) def. Andrew Thyrion-Kevin Tarnowski, 6-1, 6-0. Wayne's dual meet record: 1-5-2 overall, 0-4-

1 WLAA. **NORTHVILLE 7** LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 27 at Northville No. 1 singles: Tim Wasielewski (N) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Steve Irvine (N) def. Tony Semonick, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Brian Lovett, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); No. 4: Graham McHenry (N) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Harry Zhang-Lee Schechter (N) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Andy Mills-Mike Hagan (N) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: David Connett-Ben Ackerman (N) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Chase Dehne-Travis Dehne (N) def. Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tusypov, 6-0, 6-2. Franklin's dual meet record: 0-5-1 overall: 0-5 WLAA.

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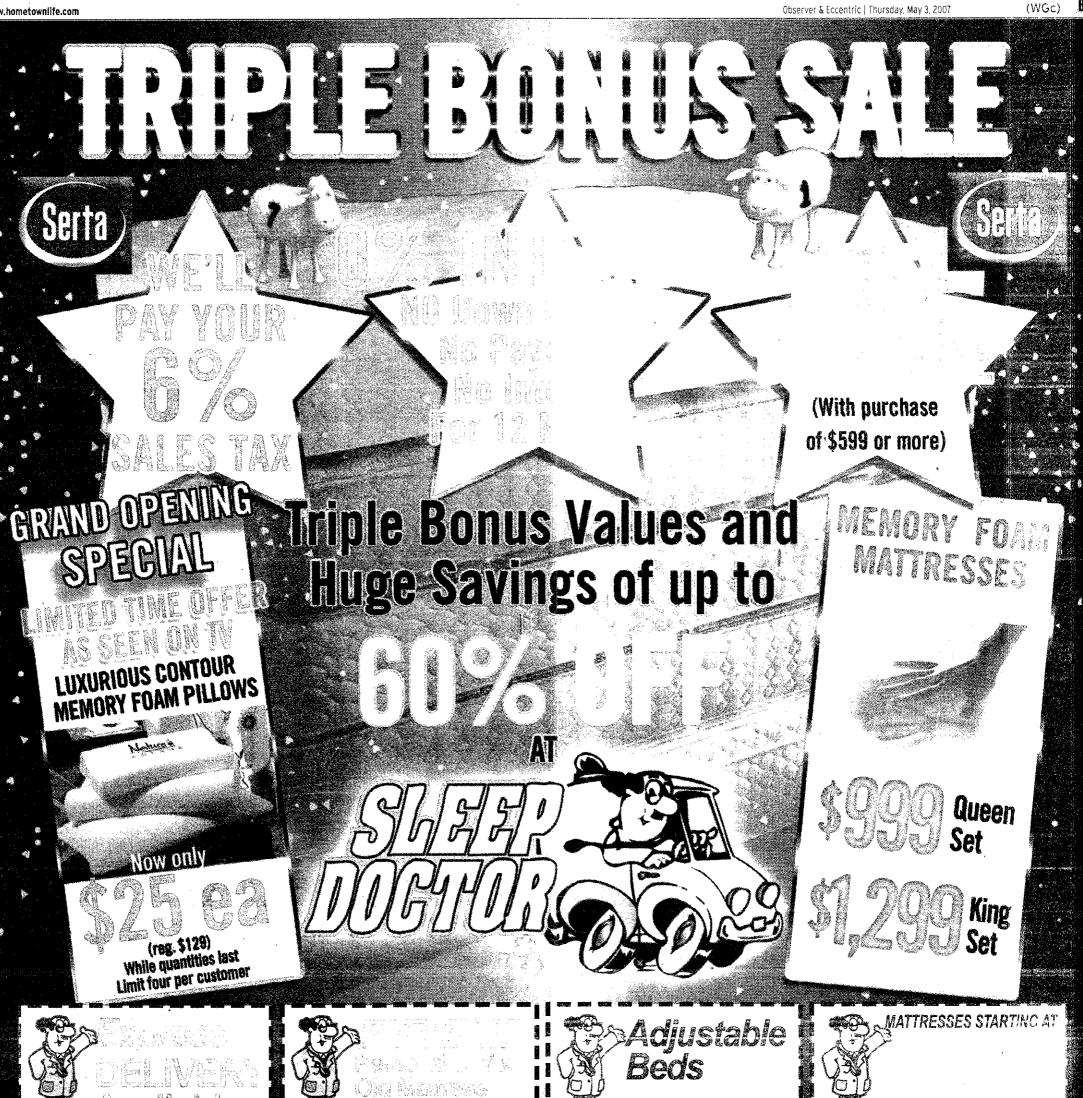


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Summer-spring leagues continue its popularity

ow is the time to think about spring and summer leagues and there are three good reasons to take part in one or more.

Number one: If you have been bowling well, you might want to keep up your tempo and not let a long summer layoff get your game stale. If you are on a roll, stay with it so you will transition easily to the next season.

Number two: If you have been bowling badly, this is the best chance to work on your game under competitive conditions so you can enter the fall leagues in better shape.

Number three: Summer leagues are usually lots of fun, the season is shorter, it costs a bit less with a wide variety of 🐘 activities available.

There are plenty of summer leagues for mixed, youth, ladies and little kids.

Check with your local bowling center, but here are a few typical ones to consider:

Woodland Lanes, located on Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers a Men's Senior House Trio League at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays for high average bowlers. There's also a mixed league, Guys and Dolls, at 7:30 p.m. Mondays or combination of four with complimentary pizza. Youth Leagues starting at 4

p.m. Tuesdays begins on June 12. You can bowl two games with pizza and pop provided.

The Semor Citizen League, will be offered at noon Mondays and Fridays (no-tap). Also available are a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday ladies league, (all averages welcome), along with an adult-youth league at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

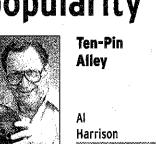
The Detroit Tigers Adult-Youth Bowling Club includes Tiger tickets and more. Bumper bowling starts at 4 p.m. Tuesdays (two games with pizza and pop.) For more information, call

(734) 522-4515. Everyone is invited to join the three-day walk and bowl to wipe out breast cancer with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a partner of the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

The bowling portion starts at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills located at 30250 W. Nine Mile Road. (Check-in is at 8 p.m.)

Cost is \$20 per person and it includes bowling, mystery games and pizza. Reservations are required.

For more information, call



On Feb. 28, Garden City's Yves Szmansky literally shot the lights out at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland in the Wednesday Nite Merchants with scores of 300-290-278. The total pinfall was 868, the second highest ever in this house.

On March 13 while subbing in the Friday Nite Invitational, Szmansky rolled a 245-268-290-803. These were the first 800s for Yves.

Town 'n Country Lanes, located on Wayne Road in Westland, offers several "Have a Ball" leagues featuring a full schedule and an established weekly fee. You will also receive a new bowling ball.

The 15-week Wednesday Summer Trio starts at 7 p.m. May 9. First place pays \$2,100 based on 20 teams. Cost per week is \$28 (includes a new Ebonite Total NV ball worth \$229); or pay \$27 and get a Hammer Black Widow; while \$26 earns a Hammer Toxic ball.

For those who want the ultimate challenge, the 15-week "Bowl Like the Pros" starts at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on May 8 under PBA lane conditions (Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion, Shark and Chameleon oil patterns). It features four games per session.

The 15-week Thursday mixed "Have a Ball" league starts May 10. The \$23 per week fee earns a new Ebonite Total NV ball.

The 14-week adult-youth league starts May 8. You need four bowlers per team - two youth and two adults; or three youth and one adult.

Meanwhile, at 7 p.m. starting on May 11, there will be the 14week Friday Youth Trio "Have a Ball league, which includes music and lights for children ages 4-8. There's also free rental shoes and bumper bowl T-shirts, trophies and mini-banquet during the final week of play.

All this for only \$6 per bowler per week. For more information, call (734) 722-5000.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, May 3 Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m. Agape Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 4 W.L. Northern at Churchill, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5 Farmington invitational, 9 a.m. Franklin at Clarkston (2), 10 a.m. Clarenceville at Annapolis (2), 11 a.m. Wayne at Garden City (2), 11 a.m. **GIRLS SOFTBALL** Thursday, May 3 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Agape Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 4 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m. Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5 Salem Invitational, 8 a.m. Mich. Stars Classic, 9 a.m. Brandon Invitational, 9 a.m. Crestwood at Churchill (2), 11 a.m. Clarenceville at Annapolis (2), 11 a.m. **GIRLS SOCCER** Thursday, May 3 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Ladywood at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5 Ladywood at Mercy, 2:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Thursday, May 3 Churchill at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m Saturday, May 5 Stafford Relays at W.L. Western, 9 a.m. Tory Clark Inv. at Adrian, 9 a.m. Woodhaven Invitational, 10 a.m. Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m. **Observerland Relays** at Farmington H.S., 3:30 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Thursday, May 3 Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m. Wayne at Salem, 4 p.m. Friday, May 4 Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m. **GIRLS GOLF** Thursday, May 3 W.L. Northern vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Twin Lakes G.C., 3 p.m. Friday, May 4 Franklin vs. Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 2:45 p.m. Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood C.C., 2:45 p.m. John Glenn vs. Canton at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5 Seaholm-Mercy Tourney

Upstart Sudbury sets sights on Whalers

When the Plymouth Whalers take on the Sudbury Wolves in the best-of-seven **Rogers Ontario Hockey** League Conference Championship Series that starts Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena, they'll be taking on a team that legendary groundskeeper Carl Spackler would love. Sudbury is the Cinderella Story of the OHL Playoffs.

The Wolves were the sixth overall seed in the Eastern Conference during the regular season, but have has caught fire in the playoffs, defeating Mississauga in five games, sweeping top-ranked Barrie in four games (winning three in overtime) and advancing to the finals in eliminating Belleville in six games.

The Wolves have won six games in overtime in the playoffs, including a 4-3 triple-overtime victory in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

Matt Dias scored at 3:23 of the third overtime to send the Wolves to their first Championship Series since 1976.

Sudbury last played in the **OHL** Championship Series in 1976, when they were eliminated by the Hamilton Fincups (now Erie Otters) four-games-to-two.

The Wolves, coached by former Red Wing Mike Foligno, features Marc Staal (a first-round pick of the New York Rangers) and Adam McQuaid (Columbus) on defense; and center Nick Foligno (Ottawa) up front. Goaltender Sebastian

Dahm has played well in the OHL playoffs with a leagueleading 12 wins, a 2.23 goals against average and .937 save percentage.

Meanwhile, Plymouth, which finished 49-14-2-3 (103 points) during the regular season and second overall in the OHL, swept Guelph in four games before ousting

both Kitchener and London in five.

The Whalers, who are coached by OHL Coach of the Year Mike Vellucci, has perhaps the deepest team in the OHL, led by eight National Hockey League draft choices - forwards James Neal (Dallas), Tom Sestito, Jared Boll (Columbus), Evan Brophey (Chicago), Daniel Ryder (Calgary) and Dan Collins (Florida); defenseman Ryan McGinnis (Los Angeles) and goaltender Michal Neuvirth (Washington). Neuvirth leads the OHL playoffs with a .942 save percentage.

Plymouth used a familiar script in eliminating London in Game 5 of the Western Conference Finals on April 26. The Whalers received * excellent goaltending from Neuvirth, gritty penaltykilling and timely goal-scoring in a 4-1 victory over London.



PURE INTERIAINMENT

Pam Jones, who will take part in the three-day, six-mile walk, at (248) 476-3201.

member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

Friday, May 4 Whalers vs. Sudbury or Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. TBA ~ time to be announced.

at Dearborn Country Club, 8 a.m. GIRLS LACROSSE

Thursday, May 3 N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

OHL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF SERIES



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By Jeff Lesson

A couple of the hidden gems in

are the Westwynd Golf Club in

upscale public golf in Metro Detroit

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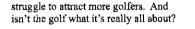
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have hosted a futures tour event in the past. The futures tour is no the developmental tour of the LPGA Tour. The bottom line folks is that there

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400 (52.59)

Stuart Gregory (LF), 16.6; 3. Chris Wilson (P),

100 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.18; 2. Malik

Rich (P), 11.28; 3. Janerian Caldwell (P); 11.42.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor McKinney,

Malik Rich, Janerian Caldwell, Nate Gholston),

1,600 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 4:41.21; 2.

Justin Huey (P), 4:46.28; 3. Matt Lewandowski

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor. McKinney,

Malik Rich, Janerian Caldwell, Nate Gholston),

400 dash: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 52.26; 2. Mike

Hanchett (P), 53.25; 3. Ken Lomske (P), 54.9.

300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 42.91; 2.

Stuart Gregory (LF), 44.57; 3. Chris Wilson (P),

800 run: 1. Justin Huey (P), 2:07.71; 2. Matt

Lewandowski (P), 2:07.90; 3. Joe Morris (LF),

200 dash: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 24.13; 2. Marvin

Whitaker (P), 24.72; 3. Ryan Kiseda (LF), 24.92.

3,200 run: 1. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:18; 2.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Hanchett, Ken

Lomske, Marvin Whitaker, Kyle Wallath),

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1

WLAA-Western Division); Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1

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WAYNE MEMORIAL 58

April 26 at Wayne

Wayne 1sts: Casey Wolfe (WM), 11.1; 200 (23.0);

800 relay (Antwain Calloway, Alan Freeman,

Anthony Baskin, David Freeman), 1:34.3; A.

Freeman, long jump (19 feet, 8 inches); Jacob

Schofield, 1,600 (4:45.2); 400 relay (Jonathon

Vanderloop, D. Freeman, Baskin, Wolfe), 46.0;

1,600 relay (Renaldo Powell, Keivin Lewis, A.

cus (122-6); A. Freeman, 400 (53.2); Lewis,

800 (2:01.2); Vernon Bryan, high jump (5-6);

Baskin, 200 (23.5); 3rds: Powell, long jump (18-

6.75); Powell, 110 hurdles (15.5); 300 hurdles

(42.4); James Holbrook, 1,600 (4:46.7); 3,200

Dual meet records: Northville, 3-0 overall; 3-0

WLAA-Western Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3

BERKLEY INVITATIONAL

April 21 at Anderson M.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 75 points; 2.

Royal Oak, 65; 3. (tie) Dearborn Fordson and

Ferndale, 58 each; 5. Wayne Memorial, 54; 6.

Berkley, 45; 7. Redford Union, 38; 8. Madison

Heights Lamphere, 34.5; 9. Dearborn Edsel

Ford, 33.5; 10. (tie) Allen Park and Orchard

Lake St. Mary's, 19 each; 12. Bloomfield Hills

Lahser, 16; 13. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 10;

14. (tie) Pontiac Notre Oame Prep and Auburn

Wayne 1sts: Keivin Lews, 800-meter run

(2:09.D); 400 relay (Antwain Calloway, Alan

Freeman, David Freeman, Casey Wolfe), 45.0;

8DO relay (Renaldo Powell, Lewis, A. Freeman,

Calloway), 3:33.8; 2nds: A. Freeman, long jump

(20 feet, 1.5 inches); 3rds: 800 (Calloway, A.

Freeman, O. Freeman, Wolfe), 1:33.7.

(10:39.7): Calloway, 400 (53.8),

WLAA-Western Division.

Hills Avondale, 1 each.

3:42.94; 2. Franklin, 3:45.86.

WLAA-Western Division.

Derek Lax (P), 10:36; 3. Alex Noble (P), 11:03.

1:36.47; 2. Franklin, 1:36.85.

45,52; 2. Franklin, 45.78.

(P), 4:46.63.

46.02.

2:12.37.

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Nobody disagrees that the meet, which features all relay events with the exception of the 100-meter dash, 110 hurdles and 1,600 run, is unique.

"The key to doing well in a meet like this is to make sure vou score at least some points in as many events as you can," Richardson said. "Even if you don't finish high in an event, you need to score points."

Stevenson hasn't won a title since 1980, but the defending WLAA and Division 1 regional champ, led by the White brothers, Myles and Mitchell, along with distance runner Matt Rzepka, could be ready to atone for last year's one-point setback to the Chiefs.

"We're young with only three or four seniors, but our young kids are contributing right now, too," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We have decent depth. The meet setup is difficult. You have the distance events up top and the sprints thereafter.

"The long jump and high jump will be our strongest events, along with our relays. With our 4 by 100, 4 by 200 and 4 by 400, we should be able to compete. We're going to run Matt Rzepka in the open 1,600, so we won't be able to use him in the 4 by 6,400 (relay)."

Shaw, however, realizes the field is as competitive as ever.

"Northville has some hurdlers and pole vaulters, along with a good distance runner in (Jason) Turnbull," the Stevenson coach said. "They beat Canton in a dual. Canton should be strong, they've got some people going in the shot put and discus, along with some pole vaulters. Churchill is strong across the board. It's going to be very competitive."

Churchill will take on Stevenson today in a key WLAA Lakes Division dual meet in preparation for the meet. The two teams met last week in the Livonia City Meet, with the Spartans hanging on for a 100-97 win.

Churchill has some outstanding individuals, led by pole vaulter Derik Peterman and middle-distance runner David St. Amant.

"We feel we're a well-rounded team," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We should have field event representation along with the distance and the sprints. Our pole vaulters will

as many events as possible. Our speed relays have to come up big. And they're at the point of their training where we can earn some points."/

There are sleepers out there as well, according to the Churchill coach.

"Plymouth could figure in and it looks like Northville has a strong team," Austin said. "Stevenson obviously made a strong showing in our City Meet and Farmington always has speed, which makes Observerland exciting."

Austin also may have summed it up best when talking about the 37th running of Observerland.

"It's an event our kids always get geeked up for," he said.

The host Falcons, who won the Farmington city meet, have quality sprint relays and could do well in the long jump, high hurdles and shuttle hurdle relay, too.

One drawback is the schedule. Farmington's dual meet Tuesday with Lahser was postponed to today, which means three meets in six days for the Falcons.

"We've been looking forward to (Observerland) all year, and we intend on giving it a very good effort," coach Chip Bridges said. "Initially, it fell very well into our schedule with a Tuesday (dual) meet. Now we have a Thursday, Saturday, Tuesday. I don't know yet if that's going to change our lineup, but we definitely want to have a good showing.

"We think we can put together some potent relays. I don't know if we can win it, but we think we can be in the mix.

'We have a couple key kids with injuries, so that will play a part as well. If they're healthy, that will really help us. If they're not, we'll score some points, but we won't be able to make a real push."

Farmington Harrison is a past champion, but it's been a while since the Hawks won at Observerland. Harrison is always strong in the sprints and field events, and this year is no different.

"It's always an awesome meet," coach John Reed said. "We're excited for the sprint relays; we think we're going to be real competitive in those."

The same goes for the high jump and long jump, he added.

"We think we're going to do well (in those areas)," Reed said. "But some teams are real powerhouses. Northville, Churchill and Stevenson are really good teams.

"I don't know if we have the

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 114**

CLAWSON 23 May 1 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: Alex Edwards (LW), no mark; discus: Paul Rockrohr (LW), 112 feet, 1 inch; high jump: Kyle Kempf (LW), 5-2; long jump: Aaron Yankee (LW), 17-10.5; pote vault: Justin Hempel (LW), 11-0; 120-yard hurdles: Kyle Ramthun (LW), 16.8: 330 hurdles: Ramthun LW), 44.0: 100 dash: Mike Schatz (LW), 10.9; 220: Josh Palka (LW), 24.0; 440: Palka (LW), 54.0; 880: Joe Girolamo (LW), 2:09.4; mile: Spencer Lyle (LW), 4:45.7: 2 mile: Francis (C), 11:13.6; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Yankee, P. Rockrohr, Schatz), 49.1: 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun, Josh Palka), 1:40.5; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Jim Rockrohr, Kyle Wilson, Josh Rice, Bob Schwartz), 4:02.8.

Lutheran Westland 2nds: Josh Haller, Iong jump (17-0.5); Frankie Cain, shot put (no mark); Wilson, high jump (5-0); Paul Rilett, pole vault (9-6); Hempel, 120 hurdles (17.4); 330 hurdles (47.4); Kempf, 220 (24.1); Dave Moldenhauer, 2 mile (12:03.5; 3rds: Ethan Haller, long jump (16-11.5); Jon Mazzei, high jump (4-9); Joe Krueger, discus (90-5); Justin Palka, pole vault (9-0); Rilett, 120 hurdles (18.2); 330 hurdles (48.2); Yankee, 100 (11.1); Alex Kemp, mile (5:50.3); Justin Palka, 4D0 (59.5); J. Rockrohr, 800 (2:13.7).

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 7-0 overall, 3-0 Metro Conference.

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL

April 28 at West Bioomfield TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 71 points, 2, Livonia Churchill, 54; 3, Saline, 53.5; 4, White Lake LaKeland, 46; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 43.

Churchill 1sts: Derik Peterman, pole vault (14 feet); 2nds: Joe Tessner, pole vault (13-9); shuttle hurdle relay (Jacob McDonald, Andrew LaBerge, Mark Zehner, Peterman), 1:04.7: 1.600 relay (McDonald, Billy Gutowski, David St. Amant, LaBerge), 3:26.2; 4ths: Jon Robinson, shot put (48-3); Gutowski, long jump (21-1.5); 800 relay (St. Amant, LaBerge, Gutowski, Daran Carev), 1:32.6: 3.20D relay (Mark Waterbury, Jim Waterbury, Brandon Grysko, St. Amant), 8:13.9.

Stevenson 1sts: Myles White, long jump (21-9.5); Znds: David Simor, long jump (21-5.5); 3rds: Myles White, 110 hurdles (14.7); 1,600 Farmington, 26-0. relay (3:31.1); 4ths: sprint medley relay (3:42.1); 6ths: 800 relay, 1:32.8; Kelly, Bryan Henley), 131-6; 2. Stoney Creek,

CHARGER INVITATIONAL

April 28 at Dearborn Heights Crestwood TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 50.5 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 47; 3. Lutheran High Westland, 39,5; 4. Carleton-Airport, 34; 5. Redford Thurston, 14; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 5.5; 7. (tie) Crestwood and Riverview, 0 each.

Lutheran Westland 1sts: 800-meter relay (Kyle Kempf. Mike Schatz, Kyle Ramthun, Josh Palka), 1:33.1; 3rds: Matt Edwards, shot put (42 feet, 2.5 inches); Palka, 200 (23.15); 3,200 relay (Joe Girolamo, Jim Rockrohr, Josh Rice, Spencer Lyle), 8:33.0; 4ths: 1,600 relay (Ramthun, Kempf, Girolamo, Palka), 3:35.0);

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 110

CLAWSON 23

May 1 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: Olivia Rork (LW), 32 feet, 11.5 inches;

discus: Katie Krueger (LW), 72-3: high jump:

Katey Ramthun (LW), 4-4; long jump: Costine

(C), 12-9.25; pole vault: Myrian Storck (LW), 6-

6; 110-yard hurdles: Becca Refenes (LW), 19.3;

330 hurdles: Ashley Taylor-Yoss (LW), 569; 100 dash: Rork (LW), 12.6; 220: Lauren Schwecke

(LW), 29.4; 440: Ramthun (LW), 1:08.4; 880:

Katherine MacKenzie (LW), 2:46.5: mile:

MacKenzie (LW), 5:49.0: 2 mile: Brittany

Maynard (LW), 15:13.4; 440 relay: Lutheran

Westland (Rork, Emillie Freeman, Amy Mayard,

Schwecke), 57.3; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland

(A. Maynard, Taylor-Voss, Ramthun, Schwecke).

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Maynard, Taylor-Voss, MacKenzie), 12:38.6. Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-0 overall, 3-0 Metro Conference.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 66 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 62 May 1 at Livonia Ladywood

Shot put: Courtney Whalen (FHM), 38 feet; discus: Brigid Molloy (EL), 1D0-11; high jump: Kathryn Berger (LL), 4-8; Iong jump; Jenae Bahoura (LL), 15-3; 3200-meter relay: Mercy (Jennifer Martin, Katie Patterson, Katie Clark. Hannah Brinza), 11:D5; 100 hurdles: Stephanie DiGiandomenico (LL), 17.1; 100 dash: Samantha English (FHM), 13.1: 800 relay: Mercy (Ellie Rose, Natalie Oulzo, Tori Posa, Milan Allen), 1:56.2; 1.600 run: Jennifer Martin (FHM).

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Sths: Schatz, 100 (11.7); Justin Hempel, pole

vault (10-0); 6ths: Schatz, 200 (24.53); Palka,

2007 RAIDER RELAYS

April 27 at North Farmington

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 58 points; 2.

Rochester Stoney Creek, 51; 3. Royal Oak, 45;

4. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Wayne Memorial,

44 each; 6. Farmington Harrison, 42; 7. North

Farmington 40: 8 Westland John Gleng 36: 9

Walled Lake Western, 20: 10, Oxford, 13: 11.

Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8; 12. Detroit Community,

1; 13. (tie) Ann Arbor Huron, Berkley, Harrison

FINAL RESULTS

6.400-meter relay: 1. Royal Oak (Gardner, Hull,

Gaulier, Banyai), 19:00.B; 2. Western, 19:24.I; 3.

Salem, 19:27.9; 4. North Farmington, 19:57.1; 5.

Shuttle hurdles: 1. Salem (J.P. Truesdale, Scott

O'Connor, Mike Giles, Baze Efremov), 1:05.7: 2.

Harrison, 1:06.8: 3. Stoney Creek, 1:07.8: 4.

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Norman Shuford, Mark

Dell, Darius Davis, Chris Pride), 1:32.2; 2. John

Glenn, 1:34.5: 3. Wavne, 1:34.9; 4. Royal Oak,

Raider Relay: 1. Stoney Creek (Bogedin, Hoyer,

Olson, Poling), 5:53.3; 2. North Farmington,

6:09.5; 3. Salem, 6:26.8; 4. Franklin, 6:30.6; 5.

Sprint medley: 1. Royal Oak (Rushton, Radley,

Jackson, Banyai), 3:41.8; 2. Edsel Ford,

3:48.0; 3. Wayne, 3:49.2; 4. John Glenn,

3:50.5; 5. Harrison, 3:55.5; 6. North

Distance mediey: 1. Royal Oak (Hull, Plachta.

Gaulier, Gardner), 11:54.0; 2. Stoney Creek,

11:27.6; 3. North Farmington, 11:51.9; 4.

Wayne, 12:02.6; 5. Harrison, 12:10.3; 6.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Norman Shuford, Mark

Dell, Darius Davis, Chris Pride), 44.4; Z. Wayne,

45.19; 3. Western, 45.24; 4. Salem, 45.47; 5.

1,600 relay: 1. Stoney Creek (Bogedin, Hoyer,

Olson, Poling), 3:30.4; 2. Royal Oak, 3:32.4; 3.

Wayne, 3:34.1; 4. Salem, 3:37.9; 5. Oxford,

Pole vault: 1. Franklin (Nick Fenner, Mike

128-04; 3. Wayne, 123-11; 4. Franklin, 123-2; 5.

Discus: 1. North Farmington (David Gammouh,

Mike Baughman, Troy Lambert), 369-11; 2.

Stoney Creek, 368-3; 3, John Glenn, 357-3; 4,

Oxford, 332-3; 5. Franklin, 324-10; 6. Salem,

High jump: 1. Franklin (Kevin Beadle, Israel

Wilford, Charles Pinnace), 17-4; 2. Salem, 17-4;

3. Harrison. 16-8: 4. North Farmington, 16-0; 5.

Long jump: 1. Salem (Baze Efremov, Adam

Western, 16-0; 6. Royal Oak, 15-11.

North Farmington, 121-7; 6. Salem, 115-5.

John Glenn, 45.5; 6. Community, 46.5.

3:39.4; 6. Franklin, 3:43.5.

Royal Oak, 6:34.9; 6. John Glenn, 6:37.6.

1:35.5; 5. Western, 1:36.3; 6. Franklin, 1:36.4.

Franklin, 20:13.5; 6. Stoney Creek, 20:24.2.

Township L'Anse Creuse, O.

Western, 1:13.5.

Farmington, 3:56.7.

Oxford, 12:11.3.

320-0.

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 88 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 49 April 26 at Churchill

inches; 2. Jon Robinson (LC), 46-5; 3. James Kelly (WJG), 42-6.

Discus: 1. Henley (WJG), 150-6; 2. Zach Bozigian (WJG), 129-4; 3. Duane Najarian (LC), 125-11

Thorton (WJG), 6-0: 3. Ryan Whittum (LC), 5-6. Long jump: 1. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 19-3; 2. Rodney Dennis (LC), 17-2.5; 3. Marks (WJG), 16-

Tessner (LC), 13-9; 3. Chris Barnard (LC), 9-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. McDonald (LC), 15-.9; 2. Ajetunmobi (WJG), 16.4. 300 hurdles: 1. McDonald (IC), 41.5: 2.

Franklin, 1:09.7; 5. North Farmington, 1:10.9; 6. (WJG), 45.1. 100 dash: 1. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 11.2; 2.

Thornton (WJG), 11.4; 3. Jajuan Marks (WJG), 11.7.

200: 1. Dawkins (WJG), 23.4; 2. Travis Tomey (LC), 23.8; 3. Jackson (WJG), 24.1.

400: 1. LaBerge (LC), 51.5; 2. Jackson (WJG), 52.6; 3. Brandon Grysko (LC), 53.8.

Wood (WJG), 2:08.1: 3. Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:09.4

1,600: 1. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:50.1; 2. Brian Robertson (LC), 4:50.1; 3. Eric Puroll (LC), 5:0D.1

Pilut (LC), 10:48.5; 3. Matt Freyberg (LC), 11:13.5.

Snider, Torney, Emmanuel Dixon), 45.4 ; 2. John Glenn, 46.5; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Carey, Dixon, LaBerge, St. Amant), 1:33.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:33.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Brad Evans, M. Waterbury, Puroli, Michael Schmidt), 3:47.1: 2. John Glenn, 3:52.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (St. Amant, Evans, M. Waterbury,

WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 0-4 overall; D-3 WLAA-Lakes Division.

Shot put: 1, Mike Wood (LF), 41 feet, 7 inches: 39-1D.25.

Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 136-0; 2. Mike Wood (LF), 135-3; 3. Kevin Wengert (LF), 115-8.

Connor McKinney (P), 19-6.75; 3. Mike Sylvester (LF).

Whitaker (P), 5-10; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-8. Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-0: 2. Mike Sylvester (LF), 13-0; 3. Andrew Shepherd (P),

Scaparo, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski, Kyle Wallath), 9:08; 2. Franklin, 10:02.

run: Katie Patterson (FHM), 2:44.4; 200 dash:

English (FHM), 27.2; 3,200 run: Martin (FHM),

Ladywood 2nds: Molloy, shot put (33-6.5);

Bahoura, 10D hurdles (18.03); DiGiandomenico,

300 hurdles (53.4); Morasso, 100 (13.2); 2D0

(no time); Berger, 400 (1:06.0); Danielle

Kanclerz, 1,600 (5:58.0); 3rds: Palge Evans,

shot put (32-4); Allison Spitziey, 100 hurdles

(18.88); Maureen Murphy, 200 (28.6); Meghan

Clarke, 40D (1:10.0); Emily Bambach, 800

Dual meet records: Mercy, 2-1 overall, 1-1

Catholic League (Central Division): Ladywood.

1-2 overall, 1-2 Catholic League (Central

(2:49.D); Kanclerz, 3,2DD (12:54.0).

12:30.4; 1,600 relay: Ladywood, 4:26.8.

110 high hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 15.3; 2.

Livonia Churchill, 69; 3. Southfield, 48; 4. Detroit Cody, 42; 5. Brighton, 37; 6. (tie) Clarkston, 31: Rochester Adams, 31: B. Milford. 3D: 9. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Waterford Mott, 22 each.

Churchill Ists: Kyndra Abron, shot put (38 feet, 7 inches); discus (112-4); 2nds: Kristin Zoorecki, pole vault (1D-1): 3rds: Kailee Hobbins, discus (112-4); Eren Ural, pole vault (10-1); sprint medley relay (4:20.4); 40D relay (51,3); 4ths: 3,200 relay (9:59.8); shuttle hurdles relay (1:11.7); 1,600 relay (4:14.5); 5ths: Tauri Rothermel, 300 hurdles (48.8); Rachel McFarlane, 3,200 (11:25.2); 6ths: Sara Kroll, 1,600 (5:22.0);

Stevenson 1sts: Maria Winkler, pole vault (10-4): 3rds: Courtney Calka, 1.600 (5:17.3): 5ths

Shot put: 1. Bryan Hensley (WJG), 46 feet, 11

High jump: 1. Jacob McDonald (LC), 6-0; 2. Ian

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 14-0; 2. Joe Andrew LaBerge (LC), 16.3; 3. Hammed

Ajetunmobi (WJG), 45.0; 3. Shawn Anthony

800: 1. David St. Amant (LC), 2:06.8; 2. Jim

3.200: 1. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:33.5: 2. Mark

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2. Sam Richards (P), 40-3; 3. David Fortin (LF),

Long jump: 1. Israel Woolfork (LF), 19-8: 2.

High jump: 1. Woolfork (LF), 6-0; 2. Marvin

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Anthony

Kashoro, Jace Beardon), 55-3; 2. Wayne, 54-7; 3. Franklin, 54-5; 4. Harrison, 54-4; 5. North Farmington, 52-10; 6. John Glenn, 52-9.

Sylvester, Kevin Beadle), 32-6; 2. Salem, 29-6; 3. Oxford, 29-0; 4. John Glenn, 27-0; 5. North Shot put: 1. John Glenn (Zach Bozigian, James

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Daran Carey, Kyle Freeman, Calloway), 3:39.4; 2nds: Adam Gorring, shot put (42-1.25); Austin Hassen, dis-

Schmidt), B:21.9; 2. John Glenn, 9:31.0. Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0

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do well and we expect our throwers to perform well this Saturday. You've got to score in

complete team they have, but we expect to be right in there in the sprint relays and field events."

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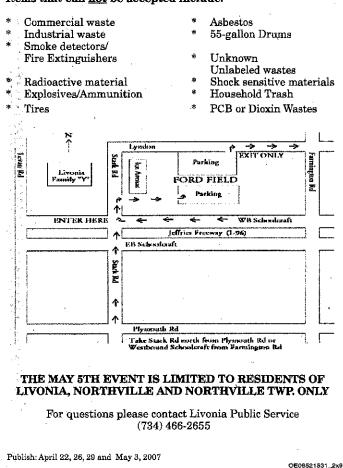
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5:47.4; 400 relay: Mercy (Rose, Duizo, Posa, Allen), 55.6; 400 dash: Katie Morasso (LL), 1:04.8; 300 hurdles: Bahoura (LL), 51.7; 800

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL April 28 at W. Bloomfield TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 87 points; 2.

Division).

Colette Fodera, discus (94-9); 6ths: Chelsea Pashnick, long jump (15-6.5); Michelle Blackstone, pole vault (8-6);

Griffith's five-goal barrage lifts Spartans, 8-0

The Kat is back.

Senior forward Kathleen Griffith scored five goals Monday as Livonia Stevenson rolled to an 8-0 girls soccer victory over host Westland John Glenn.

Stevenson is 4-5-1 overall and 2-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Glenn falls to 1-8 overall and 0-5 in the Lakes.

Griffith, a first-team All-Observer pick as a junior. scored four times in the opening half as Kaitlin O'Hara assisted on two of the goals, while Victoria Slavin and Taleen Mergian each added one.

"It was definitely nice to see Kat get on the scoreboard, she was overdue," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "And you could tell she was happy to be putting the ball in the net

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again."

In the second half. Stephanie Gutkowski scored from 25 yards out with a nice left-footed shot over the Glenn keeper. Griffith then tallied her fifth with 15 minutes to go on a Mergian feed.

Stevenson's final two goals came from freshman Molly McConnell with Jenn Gatley getting an assist on the first. The second goal ended the game with 8:25 left.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 3: Amanda Moody scored a pair of goals, including the game-tying tally with six minutes remaining Tuesday to give host Livonia Clarenceville (3-4-1, 1-2-1) the Metro Conference deadlock with Lutheran High Westland (2-5-1, 1-3-1).

Theresa Parent also scored for the Trojans.

The Warriors got goals from

Julieann Thomas, Jessica Welser and freshman Miranda Kasprowicz.

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: Stefanie Turner made a key second-half save en route to her fifth shutout of the season Monday as WLAA-Lakes Division co-leader Livonia Churchill (7-0-2, 4-0-1) defeated host Salem (3-5, 1-4) at Centennial Educational Park.

"It was a highlight reel save," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were up 2-0 and (Katie) Shull hit a driving shot to the far post and Stefanie made the stop \dots we needed it because it could have been a one-goal game."

Bailey Brandon scored on a header for the game-winner during the opening half off a 40-yard free kick from Alisha Lussiez. Brandon then added her second goal - unassisted as the Chargers built a 2-0 halftime advantage.

Alyssa Mira completed the scoring in the second half off an assist from Lussiez.

"It was a good win and it's nice to go undefeated through a tough first round in the (Lakes) division,"

Hebestreit said. WAYNE 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: Wayne Memorial (3-4-1, 1-3) held on late in the second half Monday at Walled Lake Western for the WLAA-Western Division triumph as Whitney Jacobs had a goal and assist.

Jones opened the scoring from Kellie Newstead followed by Samantha Dye's goal from Jacobs to give the Zebras a 2-0 halftime lead. Jacobs then scored from Jones to

make it 3-0, but the Warriors stormed back with goals in the 60th and 72nd minute to close the gap.

But Wayne, behind a great save from Nickole Jarvis and a defense anchored by junior captain Danielle Borg, held on for the victory.

PLYMOUTH 2. FRANKLIN 1: Goals by Chelsea Quinlan and Kelly Dobbs carried the Wildcats (2-4-3, 2-0-2) to a WLAA-Western Division win over visiting Livonia Franklin (3-5, 2-3).

Kelly Powers scored for the Patriots. Meghan Horgan, Diana Brda and Kelly Roulier led the defensive effort.

Stevenson girls earn top-10 finish Up North

Off to a 4-0 dual-match start, defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson ventured last weekend to the Traverse City Invitational and earned a top-10 finish in the 37-school field. Rochester captured the title with a 718 followed by East Kentwood (724), Grand Blanc (731),

Farmington Hills Mercy (732), Traverse City West (735), Northville (748) and Brighton (765). Livonia Churchill's Shannon

Warner, the defending Division I state champion, was runner-up medalist.

The Spartans had a two-day total of 788 at the Grand Traverse Resort, shooting a 391 Friday at the Wolverine followed by a 397 Saturday at the tougher Spruce Run course. Chelsea Bathurst, the WLAA

GIRLS GOLF defending medalist, fired rounds

of 89-90-179 followed by Abbey Wolfe, 94-95-189; Chrissy McHenry, 98-98-196; and Elizabeth Grace, 100-115-215. Stevenson's non-scorers were

Julie Francisco (118-125-243). In the 18-team Brighton Invitational (April 23) at Oak Pointe, Stevenson took seventh with a one-day total of 379 led by Bathurst and Wolfe with 90 each. McHenry added a 93, while

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Ladywood scorers: Angela Jamrog, 39; Andrea

Thomas, 48.

Mercy scorers: Alainna Stefan, 1-under 34 (medalist); Megan Nowak, 40; Marina Uhrin, 45: Lindsay Mack, 49. Dual meet records: Ladywood, 5-0 overall, 4-0

Catholic League (Central Division); Mercy, 7-1 overall, 4-1 Catholic League (Central Division).

LIVONIA STEVENSON 174, PLYMOUTH 218 April 30 at Hickory Creek

Stevenson scorers: Abbey Wolfe, 41 (medalist); Chrissy McHenry, 42: Chelsea Bathurst, 45; Lauren Geiger, 46 Plymouth's scorers: Patricia Burns, 50; Liz Anderson, 54; Missy, 56; Melissa Miller, 58.

Stevenson dual match record: 4-0 overall, 4-0 WLAA. LIVONIA LADYWOOD 183

HARPER WOODS REGINA 209 April 30 at St. John's G.C.

Ladywood scorers: Kelly Thomas, 40 (medalist); Andrea Warzyniec, 42; Erica Mazur, 48; Rachael Fuller, 53. Regina's top scorer: Maria Raefol, 43. Ladywood's dual meet record: 4-0 overall, 3-0

Catholic League (Central Division). WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 194, SALEM 242

April 27 at The Woodlands Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 45 (medalist); Jessie Veltri, 48; Courtney McKinney, 49;

LIVONIA STEVENSON 189, WAYNE 251 April 25 at The Woodlands Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 42 (medalist); Abbey Wolfe and Lauren Geiger, 47

Carrie Kulikowski, 52; Jessica Riggs, 57; Jamie

Salem scorers: Erin Classen, 53; Emily Patton,

Glenn's dual meet record: 2-3 overall, 1-1

59: K.T. Coffey, 61: Natalie Barnett, 69.

Young, 61.

WLAA.

each; Elizabeth Grace, 50. Wayne scorers: Robbie Tomlin, 59: Taylor Tuttle.

61; Berlynn Beaver, 62; Samantha Cruse, 69. LIVONIA STEVENSON 195

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 214

April 19 at Links of Pinewood Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 37 (medalist); Chrissy McHenry, 50; Abbey Wolfe,

52: Elizabeth Grace, 56. Western scorers: Marni Weinstein, 49; Melanie

Wilkerson, 52; Amanda Schwandt, 55; Michelle Cha. 58.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 194, CANTON 291 April 18 at Fox Creek

Stevenson scorers: Cheisea Bathurst, 42: Lauren Geiger, 48; Abbey Wolfe, 51; Julie Francisco, 53.

Canton scorers: Chelsea Osborn, 57; Kara Gregory, 68; Alex Wee, 81; Amy Provost, 85.

Lauren Geiger (112-118-230) and

May 1 et St. John's G.C.

Warzyniec and Erica Mazur, 40 each; Kelly

Geiger shot a 106. Traverse City West took the

team title with a 346. LIVONIA LADYWOOD 167



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GIVE ME A CALL SBM, 38, 6'2", seeking a woman, 25-38, for casual fun, movies, dinner and more. **m**191863

TAKE A LOOK

DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occa-sional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ${\bf \varpi}163984$

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing per-sonality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. =531308

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN

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

COULD IT BE YOU? SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelli-gent, hard-working, enjoys soulfood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. 2189723

WORTH THE CALL

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SBM, 21, 6', self-employed, independent, enjoys the beach, traveling and cuddling, seeking a woman, 24+, kind, caring, attrac-tive, for friendship/LTR. α186855 LET'S TALK

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SM, 26, 5'5", 140lbs, independent, no chil-dren, cute, down-to-earth, fun, looking for similar lady friend to share the good time in life. \$\pi187636\$

WHAT'S UP LADIES

Sociable, genuine SBM, 27, 5'10", black/ brown, 165bs, well-built, looking for a cute, sweet SF, to share the good times in life. ±187781

ARE YOU THE ONE

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DWM, 56, 510", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

GOOD TIMES SWM, 30, 5'8", N/S, enjoys the beach, the outdoors and traveling, seeking a woman, 21-40, active, in good shape, with similar interest, for friendship, maybe more. ±186087

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

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D-free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygo-ing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. **π**165682

HI LADIES

Loving, respectful SBM, 28, 6'2", 195lbs, brown complexion, solid build, fun to be with, looking for a nice, cool, loving lady to share some fun tomes, friendship and maybe romance. **183672**

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LONELY & READY

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SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. 5146012

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IRISH GIRL

SF, 59, 5'6", seeking SWM, 59+, N/S, irish a+, respectful, honest and sociable, for companionship on my 60th birthday and more. Let's celebrate. m165289

WORTH THE CALL

SBF, 24, 5'10", 198lbs, goal-oriented, curva-ceous, sociable, honest and genuine, D/D free, enjoys soul food, Italian, seafood. Seeking nice, respectful, secure gentleman, who knows how to treat a lady right. **±**173903

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. 2973365

FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5' 3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. 2113901

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gen-tlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'il be each others soul mates. 2592074

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

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

WATERFORD AREA

SF, 46, 5', 120lbs, enjoys swimming, biking, working, staying active. Seeking fit SM, 38-45, with similar interests for friendship and possible LTR. m189575

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HI LADIES

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

NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friend-ship and fun. #140690

SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. ϖ 192324

SEEKING A SPECIAL LADY SBM, 6', caring, likes quiet evenings, romantic walks, movies and picnics, seeking a B/HF, 24-46, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possible LTR. a 192108

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

GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks com-patible SWF, to have and hold. 1992943

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 2692418

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hardworking, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. 2956910

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

CALL ME!

SWM, 56, black/brown, clean-shaven, N/S, adventurous, seeking a SWF, 45-58, for friendship, maybe more. 2185903

LOOKING FOR LOVE

26-year-old, marriage-minded male, seeks foreign female. Must be sweet, caring, and attractive. = 192333

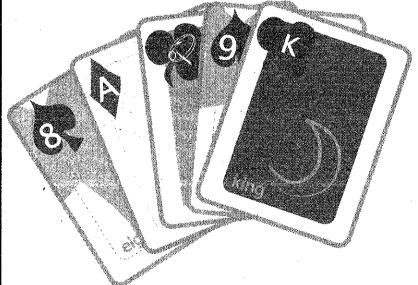
ARE YOU THE ONE?

SM, 55, youthful, enjoys cookouts, concerts, shooting pool, karaoke, entertaining friends, simple fun. Looking for a sociable, good-humored lady to share life, laughter and possible LTR. = 190762

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