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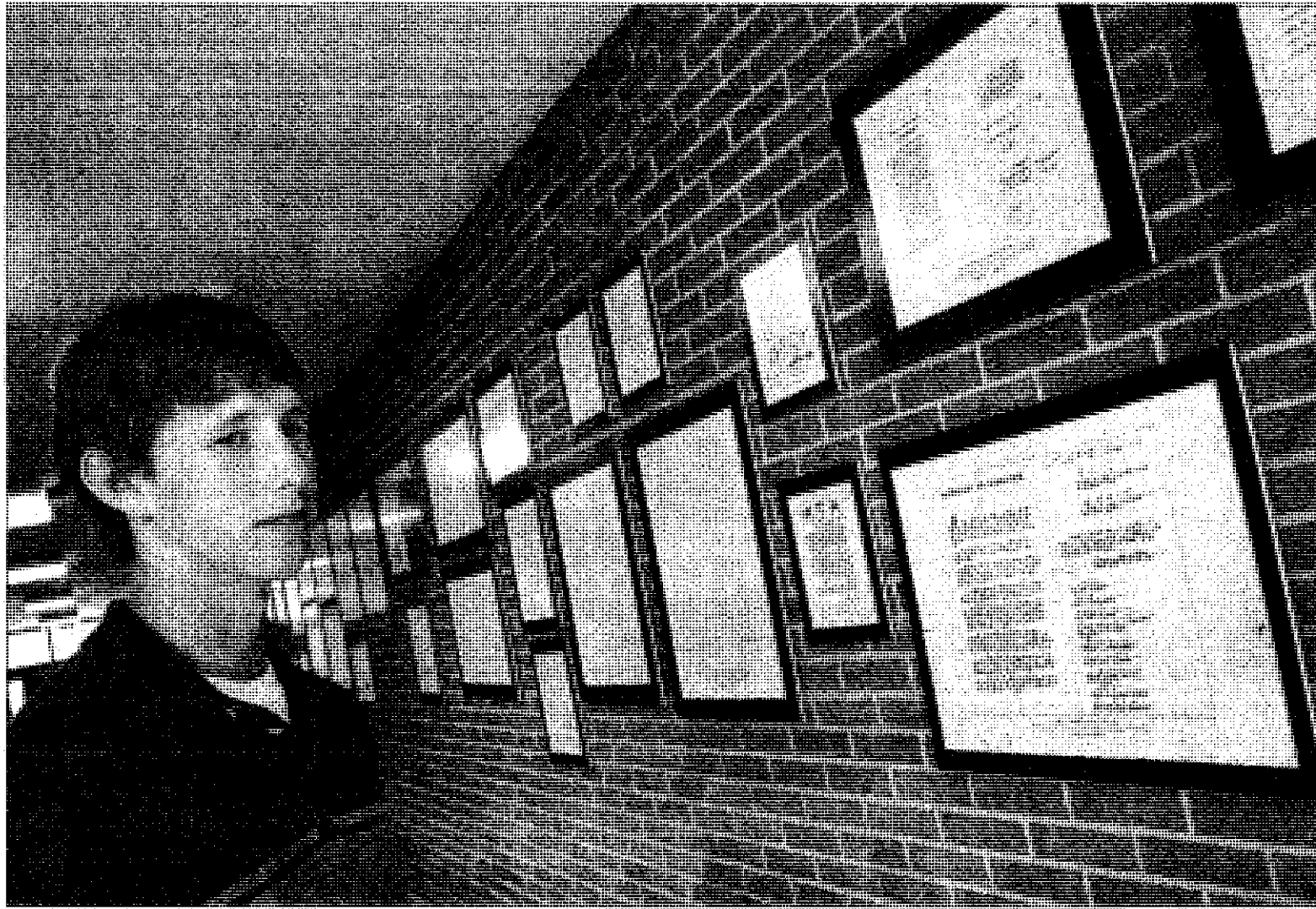
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Nathan Bachert of Plymouth, a junior at Lutheran High School Westland, looks over the historic American documents included in the Livonia Exchange Club's Freedom Shrine.

## Freedom shines in school's shrine

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High School Westland student Nathan Bachert doesn't mind sharing hallway space with the likes of John F. Kennedy Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln.

It's not that his school is haunted by history-makers.

Rather, one hallway contains a new Freedom Shrine, a collection of 30 plaques that contain some of the most important and historic American documents.

"It's nice," said Bachert, a 17-year-old junior from Plymouth, as he paused in the hallway. "I've never seen anything like it."

Lutheran High Westland has become the latest school chosen by the patriotic Livonia Exchange Club to receive the Freedom Shrine. The group of business and professional men and women evolved from a club that started in 1911 in Detroit. It now has 30,000 members nationwide.

Lutheran High's 230 students, its staff and representatives for U.S., state and city legislators attended the Freedom Shrine dedication last week.

"It's a great thing for our school," Principal Steve Schwewe said. "It recognizes our history as a govern-



Senior Andrea Guse of Westland and (left) senior Joe Girolano join the Lutheran High School Westland Chamber Singers in singing the national anthem.  
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## Mature Lifestyle Expo is for the young at heart

Frank Sinatra crooned that fairy tales can come true if you're young at heart.

It's a philosophy that has taken root with older Americans as they embrace a vividly more active lifestyle than previous generations.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College celebrate an attitude with the Mature Lifestyle Expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

"I'm anxious for our Mature Lifestyle Expo to arrive - we have much planned for our attendees," said Frank Cibor, *Observer &*

*Eccentric* classified advertising manager.

"Nearly 60 exhibitors will join the *O&E* and Schoolcraft College, introducing our guests to many new ideas, products and services. Plus, live music and special presentations have been prepared to make this a great event for all."

Exhibitors include financial planners, medical providers, senior living representatives, travel agencies, volunteer organizations and more.

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and a columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* will offer a financial seminar 10-10:55 a.m. Bloom can be heard

on radio at WDTK 1400 AM at 3 p.m. Sundays.

Attendees will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to the historic Bay View Bed & Breakfast on Mackinac Island courtesy of Grand Vistas Travel. Also, drawings will be held at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon to win four tickets to a Detroit Tigers game.

Admission is free and parking is plentiful at the college. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in Henry's Cafeteria in the VisTaTech Center.

The first 100 guests in line at 9 a.m. will receive movie passes for two to Imagine Theatres in Canton and Novi.

## City looks to revive curbside recycling

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland taxpayers will not receive a trash-disposal tax cut after all - a decision that will allow city leaders to explore a curbside recycling program.

In an informal poll during budget talks Monday, a split Westland City Council opted against reducing the tax and returning \$7.50 a year to the owner of a \$100,000 home.

By keeping the tax at 2.15 mills and not reducing it to 2 mills, city leaders will have about \$350,000 to put toward a curbside recycling program - without charging customer fees that twice doomed earlier programs.

"The citizens want it, but they're not going to pay for it," said Councilman Michael Kehrer.

Officials still would have to find additional dollars to support the plan. Some leaders hope to use savings from trash-dumping tipping fees, which are projected to drop from \$34 to \$28 per ton. The city's sanitation fund also has a \$1 million balance.

The informal decision not to reduce the trash-disposal tax and to pursue curbside recycling won support from Kehrer and council colleagues James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer.

Mayor William Wild told the council majority that he was agreeable to the latest plan, although he had

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### Signing on

Westland Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer watches as Mayor William Wild fills out a denim block that will be used to make a Four Freedoms Gratitude Quilt for Operation: Quiet Comfort. For more information on the organization, see Page A9.

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# Dropping charges leads man to say justice wasn't served

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland business owner who was beaten and kicked by three assailants 14 months ago is disappointed that no one has been held accountable for attacking him.

Richard West, owner of R.A.W. Leathers, a shop that sells motorcyclist clothing, said he had curled into a fetal position outside his store near Wayne and Avondale while being beaten on the afternoon of March 31, 2006.

His frantic daughter Samantha, 19, ended the attack by getting a folding knife out of a car and stabbing one of his assailants in the right shoulder, he said.

West, 42, said what has happened since then has shattered his faith in the criminal justice system.

"There was no justice," he said this week.

Local authorities, however, said they handled the case as best they could given conflicting statements by witnesses.

"I told him I would prosecute the case," Assistant City Attorney James Plakas said, adding later, "He told me not to prosecute it."

West said he agreed to have Plakas drop the case because he feared it could result in new criminal charges being filed against his daughter, who is four months pregnant, even though she only came to his defense during the stabbing.

"Is this the protection a business owner is going to get?" West asked, saying he is considering moving his business out of Westland.

The original dispute started when West's daughter and his fiancée's daughter were harassed by three men while standing in line at a nearby Kentucky Fried Chicken store, West said.

The men and West exchanged words, and police confirmed that the men trailed West to his business, where a fight broke out.

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Ultimately, two of the accused assailants faced misdemeanor assault charges, and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office never issued any warrants charging West's daughter with the stabbing.

One of the accused assailants cannot be found, although he is wanted on a warrant, and charges against the second one were dropped Monday in front of Westland District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

One of Plakas' concerns was that felony charges could be brought against West's daughter if she took the witness stand and made statements that potentially could incriminate her.

Moreover, an independent witness had made statements that potentially could have been used against the daughter, authorities said.

"That was a huge problem," Plakas said. West reluctantly agreed that his assailant shouldn't be prosecuted, fearing he would place his pregnant daughter in peril of criminal charges for defending him.

"I wasn't going to put my daughter through that," West said.

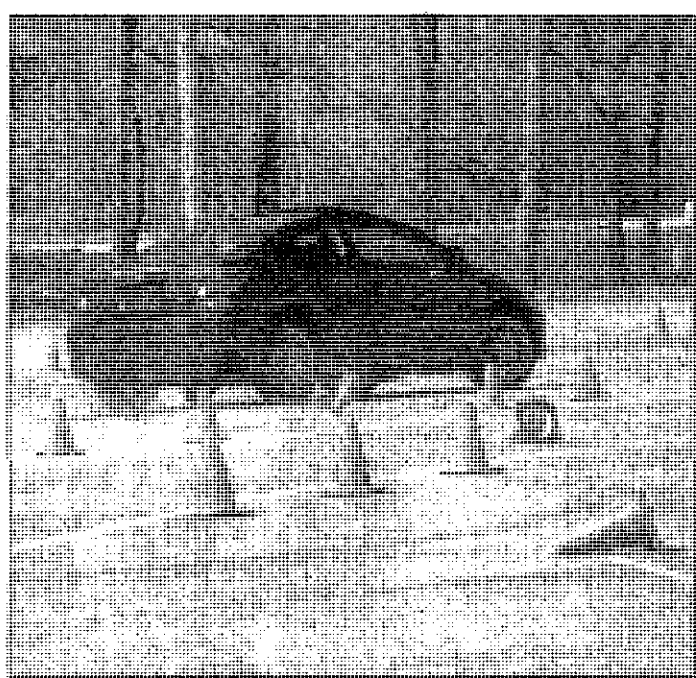
Plakas said he has advised the daughter not to let the case cause her to doubt the justice system. He said he has reminded her that she has a promising future.

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## Behind the wheel

Chelsea Randles of Westland learned about teen safe driving skills at Toyota's recent Driving Expectations Program. The event, intended to teach teen drivers safe driving skills in an effort to lower the fatality rate among teen drivers, was a four-hour program that brought teens and their parents together to learn proper driving techniques from professional drivers. The program featured multiple driving courses and classroom instruction. In addition, a distracted driving course has teens navigated a course drinking water, listening to loud music and talking on a cell phone to demonstrate just how dangerous these activities can be while driving.



# Cost has residents saying no to paving

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

They'd like their dirt street paved, but they say they can't afford it.

With that, residents along a small stretch of Columbia Street, east of Harvey, have signed petitions against the project.

Resident Edward Dittberner estimated it would cost him and his wife \$30,000 to pay their portion of paving costs in

their neighborhood near Wayne and Glenwood roads.

"There's no way we can justify that," Dittberner recently told the Westland City Council, saying he has been unemployed for a year.

Columbia resident William Clifton, a retiree with expensive medical bills, also can't afford the project, according to his daughter, Jan Dennett.

Oftentimes, city residents ask the city to pave streets until they realize what it will

cost them. With the Michigan economy in dire straits, they say their ability to afford such projects has been placed on hold indefinitely.

Columbia's paving - one of the latest projects under consideration - would cost an estimated \$95,000.

Residents can mount opposition to paving projects by having petitions signed by property owners who account for a majority of the frontage on streets. That's what

Dittberner and his neighbors have done.

The council could override the residents, but it would require a vote by at least five of the seven members. That's not likely to happen, council President Charles Pickering predicted.

"I would take the position of not approving the project if it's something they cannot afford," he said.

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- 214- Jason Wozniak- tool box, washer, dryer
- 417- Michael Rowell- washer, dryer, TV
- 422- Patrisha Reyna- boxes, speakers, totes
- 514- Dean Burnett- toys, vacuum, microwave
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- 524- Debra Higgins- boxes, fishing equip., totes
- 620- Robin Baumann- misc. items
- 625- Gina Free- totes, pictures, boxes
- 709-James Reynolds- 3 dresser, tool box, power wheels
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- 838- Amy Kellogg- DVD player, boxes, bags
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- B310- Melissa Henry- fan, bags, suitcases
- B319- Antoine Brand- universal gym, leather chair, boxes
- B345- Audrey Powell- computer, video game systems, bags
- B394- Elgena Rivera- bags, boxes
- B403- Lillian Sellers- bags, stereo
- B406- William Ferguson- totes, dresser, mattress
- C013- Ted Konesky- stereo, dresser, train sets
- C030- Melissa Blevins- TV, couch, love seat
- C039- Ali Yassins- misc. items
- D006- Celestine Henry- dresser, bags, bike
- D009-Cynthia Key- stove, washer, dryer
- D014- Rhonda Jackson- refrigerator, washer, couch
- D036- Dameka Williams- misc. items
- D037- Ramon Marroquin Jr.- washer, dryer, bedroom set
- F018- Bradley Moscarello- 5 tool boxes, 8 totes, 2 bikes

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

**Case #0311C - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed CVS Pharmacy with Drive Thru, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt Road, Bruce A. Michael**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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- 3064- Rachel Prieto- mattress set, vacuum, microwave
- 3067- Tiffany Roots- toys, 6 bags, 12 boxes
- 3091- Jason Dicks- boxes, TV, totes
- 4008- Nicole Spisz- mattress set, entertainment center, boxes
- 4019- Dennis Cole- stove, stereo, Power washer
- 4057- Barbara Koltuniak- misc. items
- 4071- Nicole Monthei- refrigerator, exercise equipment, boxes
- 5026- Yvette Passament- Boxes, Love Seat, Portable Television
- 5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, boxes
- 5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
- 5089- Sandra Church- boxes, bikes, luggage
- 6034- Kevin Davanzo- stove, desk, television
- 6071- Paul Emerson- office equipment, medical equipment
- 6095- Patrick Patterson- boxes, totes
- 6109- Scott Seppala- mattress, boxes, chairs
- 6119- Sherre Roy-30 boxes, chair, stereo
- 6127- Chanta Anderson- washer, dryer, box spring
- 6193- Jason Anderson- ac unit, dresser, desk
- 7029- Mansfield Sports Cards- boxes of baseball cards
- 7054- Denmark Bellman- bikes, lawn mower, 2 televisions
- 7058- Arthur Mesler- toys, boxes, bunk bed
- 9061- Tegra Hall- bunk bed, TV, dresser
- 9092- Rick Doyle- misc. items
- 9100- Aimee Shields- boxes, bags, suitcases

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# UAW chief: 'Play cards you're dealt'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger said he's not thrilled Cerberus Capital Management will become the new majority owner of Chrysler, but "you have to play the cards that your dealt."

"Do we feel good it's an equity fund, absolutely not," said Gettelfinger in an exclusive interview with the *Observer* in his Solidarity House board room, moments before making his first public statements on the deal. "We like to think of it as they come in and strip a company and flip 'em, and sell it for what they can."

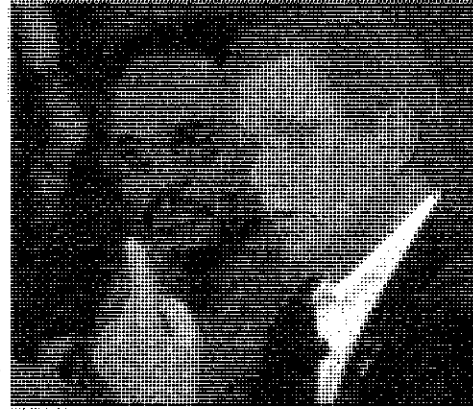
"The indications are here that's not going to happen," he said. "And, you have to place a certain amount of confidence in what you're told ... and we have to take it at face value that they have no intention of stripping and flipping this company."

Cerberus, a New York City fund, will pay \$7.4 billion for an 80-percent stake in Chrysler, with Daimler keeping the remaining 20 percent.

Gettelfinger, who resides in Canton Township, said the union would have preferred to stay aligned with Daimler, however when DaimlerChrysler Chief Executive Dieter Zetsche announced Feb. 14 Chrysler might be for sale and all options were on the table, the UAW knew the future would look different.

"Their stock shot up dramatically, some 30-percent increase with the announcement," Gettelfinger said. "It's pretty hard when that market cap is raised on the stock ... there's no turning that thing around."

"We made one last pitch, but now the decision has been made," Gettelfinger said. "I don't know when they made the final conclusion, but we reviewed their action and it's time for us to move forward to the next chapter. Without question, in our mind, this is the best of the alternatives



UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and Vice President General Holiefield field questions from the press regarding the sale of Chrysler.

that are in front of us."

Gettelfinger noted that with Daimler remaining a minority owner of Chrysler, there will continue to be interaction with their German partner.

"I think there will still be a lot of interfacing between the two companies, that's the commitment they gave us," Gettelfinger said. "I think that's important if you're talking about new technology and joint programs."

Gettelfinger and General Holiefield, a UAW vice president who is head of the Chrysler bargaining team, met Tuesday with top officials of Cerberus and Chrysler Group, a day before the DaimlerChrysler Supervisory Board — of which Gettelfinger is a member — discussed the deal Wednesday.

"Absolutely, they will recognize the contract," said Gettelfinger of Cerberus' intentions toward the union. "I think the fact the current management team (including Chrysler CEO Tom LaSorda) is staying is a positive."

At the news conference, Gettelfinger said he believes Chrysler's earlier

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announcement it will invest nearly \$2 billion dollars to refurbish plants in Michigan won't change.

"I think the commitments that have been made, the \$1.7 billion that will be invested in this area (will continue)," Gettelfinger said. "There's going to be a lot of things that are going to happen to be in the best interest of moving forward."

Holiefield predicted his interactions with Cerberus won't be any different than his dealings with Daimler.

"We've been through this before when Chrysler was assumed by Daimler," Holiefield said. "It was pretty much like it was back then, we were uncertain as to whether that engagement ... would begin to pan out. We feel as though we have an excellent opportunity, and we're going to build the best automobiles you've ever seen out on the street."

When asked by the *Observer* if being owned by an American company will allow Chrysler to regain its own identity, Holiefield said he'd like to see that happen.

"We're all reaching for the Pentastar, we know that's the insignia of Chrysler," Holiefield said. "We certainly welcome the opportunity to embrace that logo again."

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UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said he struggles most in making sure he makes the right decisions for his union and retired members.

# Council turns down fire chief's request for confidential secretary

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Siding with a city union, a Westland City Council majority has refused to give Fire Chief Michael Reddy more latitude in hiring a secretary.

Reddy said he wanted to handpick a secretary from the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1602 and move the employee into a separate, supervisory union.

But the 122-member AFSCME union fought the change, saying it would chip away at their

ranks and thwart a seniority-based promotion.

AFSCME workers also voiced concerns that Reddy would try to disqualify them, go outside the union and hire whomever he wanted — a rumor he vehemently denied.

"It's not anything against the union," Reddy said, during budget talks with the Westland City Council.

AFSCME members perceived it differently, saying workers who have seniority and expertise for the job shouldn't be passed over.

Only two city departments — building and public service — already have what are termed

confidential secretaries. Reddy wanted his own when one of the fire department's two secretaries retires, which could be soon.

Administration officials said a confidential secretary would cost an additional \$9,000 a year in wages and fringe benefits.

Councilman James Godbout became the lone council member to support Reddy's request, saying the fire chief should be allowed to pick a secretary who's right for the job. But council members Cheryl Graunstadt, Bill Johnson, Charles Pickering, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer sided with the AFSCME union.

"I think we owe it to our unions," Stottlemeyer said.

Pickering indicated that allowing Reddy to handpick his secretary could prompt other department heads to make similar requests.

"This could be the beginning of the erosion of these positions in 1602," Pickering said.

Though disappointed, Reddy said the fire department will accept the council's decision, made during an informal poll during budget talks.

"We'll get through it," he said.

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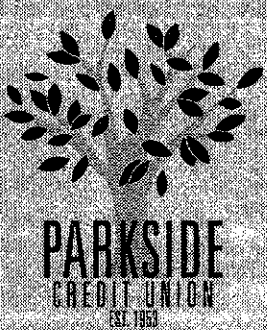
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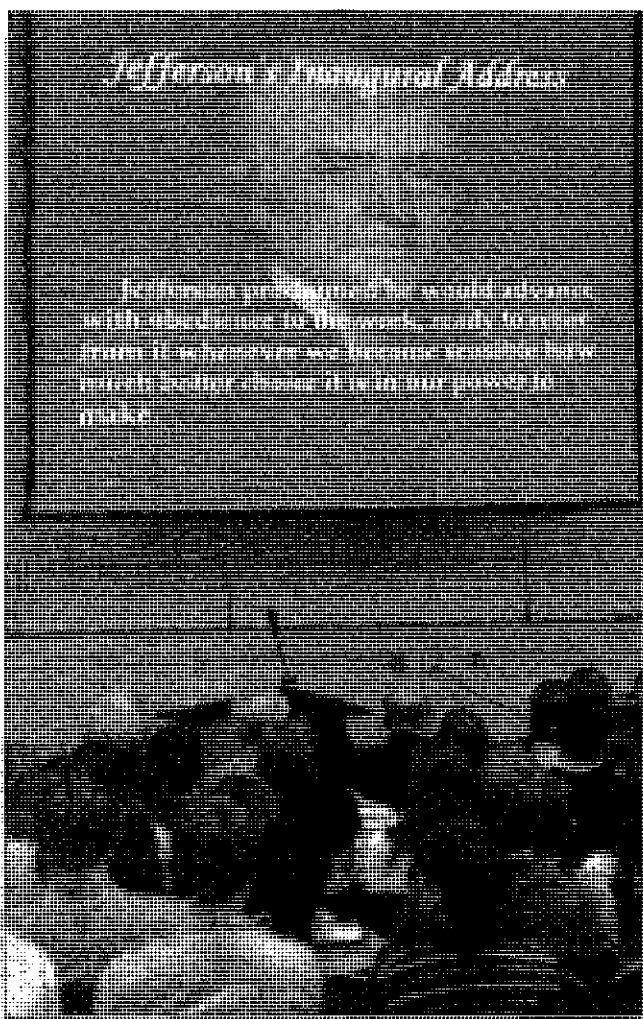


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The audience watches a video explaining the significance of the 30 historical documents included in the Freedom Shrine.

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ment, the freedoms we have and the people who sacrificed to give us those freedoms." The Freedom Shrine includes Kennedy's inaugural address, King's "I Have a Dream" speech, World War II documents of surrender, the U.S. Constitution, the slave-freedom Emancipation Proclamation, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. It also contains the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, a summary of the Gettysburg Address, President Washington's first inaugural address and the words to *The Star-Spangled Banner*, among other documents.

The Freedom Shrine dedication included patriotic songs by Lutheran High's chamber singers, choir and band. The crowd also watched a video explaining the significance of the documents.

"We do this so the children will read what it's all about to have the freedoms that we have," said Wes Evans, presi-



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Lutheran High School Westland staff and students listen to the keynote address by Charles Weidendorf of Livonia Exchange Club.

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Westland City Council President Charles Pickering, a former U.S. Marine who missed the Vietnam War by six months, recalled friends he knew who died there. He also encouraged students to attend a Memorial Day parade that will start at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27. It will proceed north on Wayne Road from the Wayne-Ford Civic

League and then west on Ford Road to Westland City Hall.

Barbara McCallahan, representing U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, told the crowd that the 19th Amendment helped open doors for women like Stabenow, who became the first Michigan woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

The dedication ceremony was in honor of the Rev. John Streit,

a Lutheran pastor and 44-year Exchange Club member. Charles Weidendorf, member of the Livonia club, said he hopes the Freedom Shrine will encourage students to visit libraries and read more about U.S. history.

"It's a past filled with adventure and drama, heroes and heroines," he said.

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### RECYCLING

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proposed the tax cut in his budget proposal.

"I think it warrants taking a look at it," he said Monday.

Proponents said the state will ultimately force communities to pursue curbside recycling programs, and they worried that reducing the tax would jeopardize a funding source.

"I think we would be jumping the gun," Reeves said.

However, Councilmen Charles Pickering and Bill Johnson wanted to refund a portion of the tax - however minimal.

"It's tax dollars that need to be returned," Pickering said. "That's my position."

Moreover, Pickering indicated the city should consider an even larger refund due to the reduced tipping fees. Under his suggestion, \$6.33 would have been added to the \$7.50-a-year tax cut.

City leaders still have some

unknown issues regarding recycling. If enacted, a state House plan would add \$7.50 in trash-disposal tipping fees - a move that could wipe out any savings.

However, officials have been told that the new state tipping fees would be returned to local communities to help with trash-disposal issues, such as curbside recycling. Some remain skeptical, saying the state often fails to live up to its promises.

Monday's talks came as the curbside recycling issue has divided the community. Proponents have collected at least 330 signatures to show support for a plan, but others have said they would prefer a tax cut even if it is small.

Meanwhile, city leaders will consider hiring a low-cost consultant to help them decide the best way to proceed with curbside recycling. Some officials believe the money could be well-spent as long as it results in a cost-effective program.

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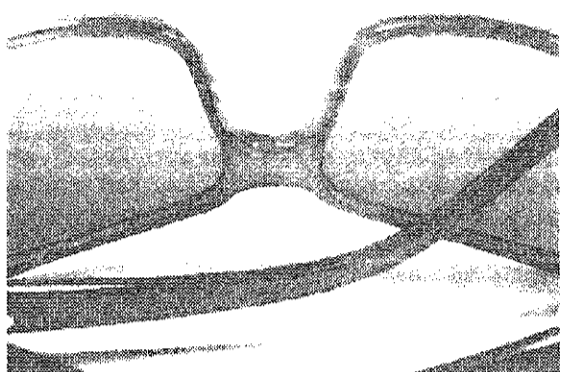
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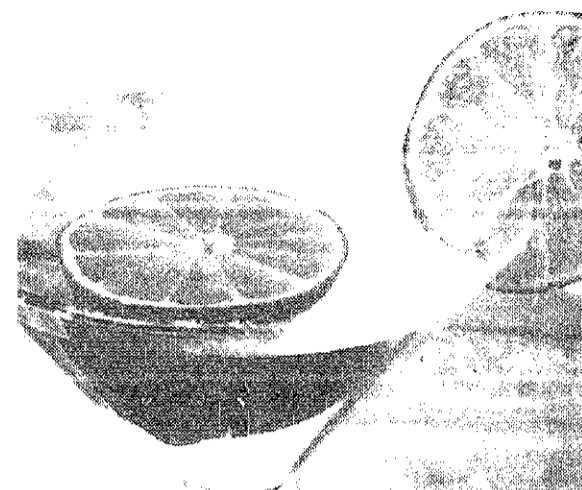
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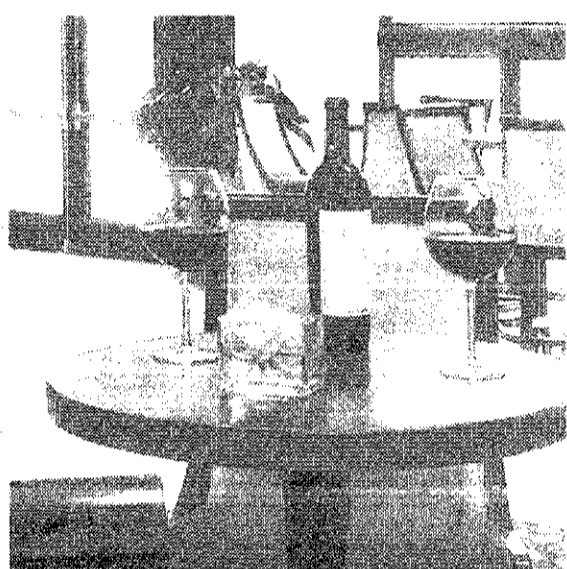
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# Luncheon lets district showcase programs

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Once a year, Tony Rosati comes "back home" and each visit reinforces the information he provides people looking for homes.

"The schools have done very well. I say that regularly," said Rosati, a Realtor with Century 21 Premier in Canton. "I always recommend the Wayne-Westland Schools, if it's an area where people want to be."

Rosati was among Realtors who were invited to Wayne-Westland's annual luncheon, held at Wayne Memorial High School's new Alumni Arena addition.

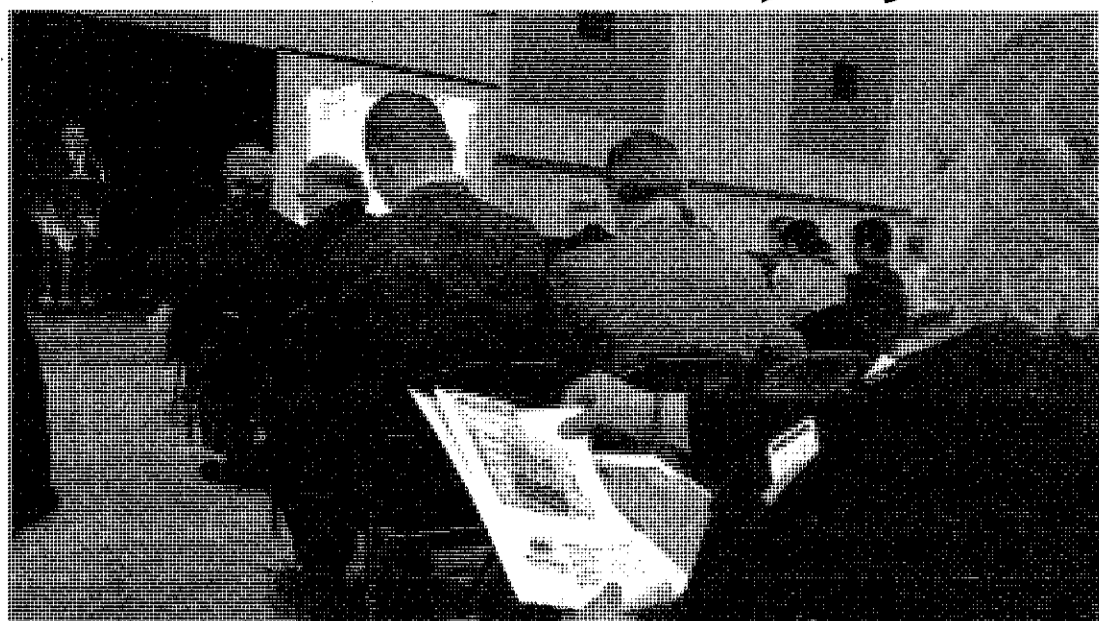
The luncheon is a long-standing tradition in the district. It gives school officials the opportunity to update information about the district and the achievements of the staff and students.

This year, guests heard about the designation of Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton as a Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School, the second district elementary to receive the state honor in three years. The other is Edison Elementary in Westland.

They also heard about the district's highly successful all-day pilot kindergarten program, which will be expanded to six elementaries in the 2007-08 school year.

And there also was mention of the district's schools of choice program that allows students from outside the district to fill a limited number of slots available in the elementary schools.

Pointing out that he continues to be asked about the district's test scores, Supt. Greg Baracy told the Realtors that "the achievement scores give a really good idea of where we are and who we are."



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Noel Derr of Century 21 Dynamic Realty in-Westland looks over information provided during the Wayne Westland Community Schools' Realtors Luncheon.

"We always strive to do a good job," he said, pointing out that the district's test scores are at or above state averages and above county averages.

While the district still has money in the bank, Baracy said its revenue has increased at about 0.5 percent a year since 2001-02, while payroll is increasing at less than 1.5 percent at year.

"That's extremely reasonable," he said. "However, retirement rates have gone from \$7.7 million to \$12 million in that time for a 53-percent increase. Health care has gone from \$8 million to \$14 million for a 60-percent increase."

Speaking to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's call for more shared services, Baracy said the district has consortiums in every area it can, including such things as energy purchases. He also questioned the governor's intent, saying that if the idea is to consolidate, why is there deconsolidation.

"There's 759 school districts

in Michigan because the state provides the vehicle through charter schools, and those are a drain on the state School Aid Fund," he said.

Baracy stressed that the district is working hard to contain costs and do whatever it can to pay down costs without borrowing money and paying interest.

"Financially, we have a challenge, but we're working hard to pay costs without borrowing money and paying interest on that money," he added. "We're better off than most districts that touch us. We're in the best shape we can be under the conditions that have been shed on us."

Baracy told the Realtors he believes lawmakers can come to grips with the state's financial problems, but as it now stands, it could be "very challenging" for the district.

The luncheon was held at the new addition to the Alumni Arena at Wayne Memorial High School. In

addition dining on lunch prepared and served by students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, the Realtors were invited to tour the facility.

"How they keep doing it, I don't know," Rosati said after listening to the presentation. "I'm always looking for content to impress clients and people are always amazed when I pass out this information. I do it five or six times a month."

That's the kind of answer Baracy likes to hear.

"We always strive to do a good job," he said.

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The hallway connecting the new and old gymnasiums at Wayne Memorial High School's Alumni Arena served as the banquet hall for the annual Realtors Luncheon. The lunch was prepared and served by students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Career Technical Center.



Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy talks with Daniel Brist, 11, who was at the luncheon with his mother Lori Brist, Westland Chamber of Commerce president.



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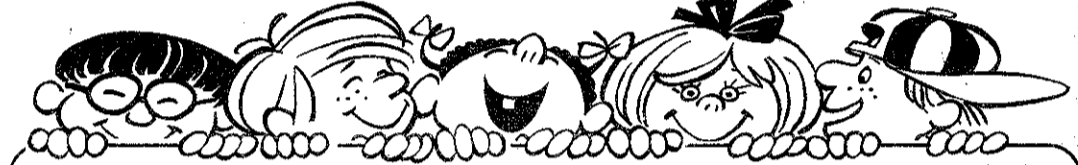
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## Fire strikes Forest Court neighborhood

A fire damaged three properties late Sunday morning on Forest Court, near Farmington and Warren, authorities said. No one was injured. The electrical fire began in an attached garage of a home and spread into an attic area, said Chris Szpara, assistant fire chief and fire marshal. "It consumed the entire roof," he said. The fire also damaged the siding of one neighbor's home and the garage of a second neighbor, Szpara said. He estimated the total damage from the fire at \$120,000. The fire prompted Szpara to issue a warning to residents not to open a door, if they see a fire inside a structure. "The people opened the doors to the garage and left them open," causing the fire to spread more rapidly, he said. "If you do find a fire, it's best to try to enclose it."

### ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-59

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

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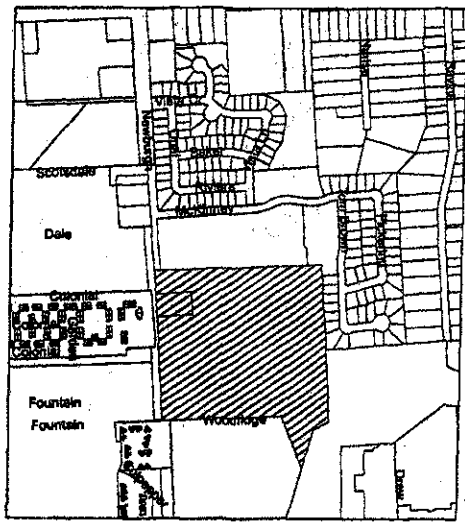
**Section 1.** That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show PUD district classification where CB-3 and R-1 district classification are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

PARCEL 1: ID# 56-018-99-0014-000

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, T. 2 S., R. 9 E., BEGINNING N 03°47'20" W 305.00 FEET FROM THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 5; THENCE N 03°47'20" W 170.00 FEET; THENCE N 86°12'40" E 273.00 FEET; THENCE S 03°47'20" E 170.00 FEET; THENCE S 86°12'40" W 273.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2: ID# 56-018-99-0015-703

PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 5 T. 2 S., R. 9 E., BEGINNING AT WEST 1/4 CORNER SECTION 5 THENCE N 03°47'20" W 305.00 FEET; THENCE N 86°12'40" E 273.00 FEET; THENCE N 03°47'20" W 170.00 FEET; THENCE N 03°47'20" W 185.47 FEET; THENCE N 88°29'55" E. 1303.81 FEET; THENCE S 03°17'10" E 661.74 FEET; THENCE S 02°39'10" E 558.58 FEET; THENCE S 38°24'07" W 295.62 FEET; THENCE S 17°08'59" W 133.85 FEET; THENCE N 22°38'08" W 438.01 FEET; THENCE S 88°15'20" W 912.00 FEET; THENCE 02°16'50" W 508.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



**Section 2.** The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Eileen DeHart  
Westland City Clerk

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Memorial parade

A Memorial Day parade honoring veterans is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. It will proceed north to Ford Road and then move west to Westland City Hall. The public is invited to watch the event, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council.

### 'Historic' cleanup

Volunteers are being sought Saturday to help clean up the Westland Historic Village Park site on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. Volunteers are asked to show up at 10 a.m. or shortly after on Saturday, May 19.

### Adult day care

A new adult day care center in Westland will have an open house Saturday, May 19.

The Evangelical Adult Day Care & Respite Corp. is inviting the public to stop in 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at 400 Venoy, at the southwest corner of Venoy and Cherry Hill roads.

The center is expected to open in early June.

### Country breakfast

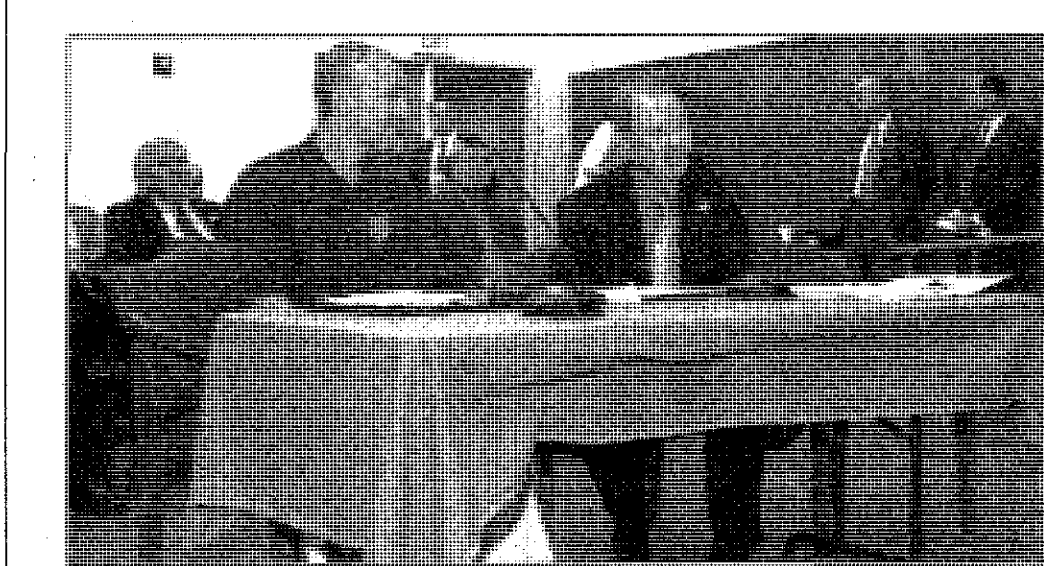
AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 20, at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

### Home buyer seminar

Want to own a new home? Learn how to prepare for your new purchase at a home buyer seminar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at 29126 Currier Ave., in Westshire Place Subdivision in Westland.

Hear from industry professionals - lender, credit counselor and Realtor - at the seminar,



### Giving testimony

Westland firefighter Todd Stanaway joined by State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in testifying recently before the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. Stanaway testified regarding Senate Bill 107 which would provide recourse for firefighters who have developed respiratory illness directly related to their work.

sponsored by Peoples Community Hope for Homes and Detroit Commerce Bank. For more information, call Peoples Community Hope for Homes at (313) 561-1030 or Detroit Commerce Bank at (313) 967-5150.

### Senior Fitness Day

Westland's Friendship Center is inviting all local seniors to take part in the 2007 National Senior Health and Fitness Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

The morning will kick off with a walk in Coburn Park, followed by a jazzercise demo and line dancing. There also will be blood pressure and glucose screenings and spinal exams.

The cost is \$6 which includes lunch and a T-shirt. This year's theme is "Make Every Day a Fitness Day." The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road.

### Spaghetti dinner

The Dyer Senior Center will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday at the center, 36745 Marquette east of Newburgh, Westland. Members of the John Glenn High School

JROTC will be serving dinner while the units color guard will present the colors at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6.

### Plant-seed exchange

Both groups and individuals are welcome to attend the Westland Historical Commission's plant and seed exchange 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Westland Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

### Friends' book sale

Join the Friends of the Library for a book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 18-20, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 16123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren.

### Annual fun run/walk

North Bros. Ford and the City of Westland will hold the eighth annual 5K fun run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event will start at the Bailey Recreation Center. There is a preregistration deadline of May 13 with a fee of \$15 for adults. After that date, the fee is \$18. T-shirts also are guaranteed for those who register by May 13. Day-of the event registration will start at 8 a.m.

There will be prizes and recognition for the top three males and females in all age groups - ages 1-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older. The

race is handicap accessible and there will be awards for the top three finishers in the handicap group. Call Jackie Marcacinni at North Bros. Ford at (734) 524-1230 or by e-mail at info@north-bros.com.

### Heavy duty

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags. Residents and non-residents can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Cheer program

The Westland Stars will hold a cheer and dance summer program 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 14, in the multipurpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Come and join the Westland Stars and learn new dances and stunt with the team. The summer program runs four-six weeks, depending on camp. It's an opportunity for girls to get ready for try-outs for the fall team.

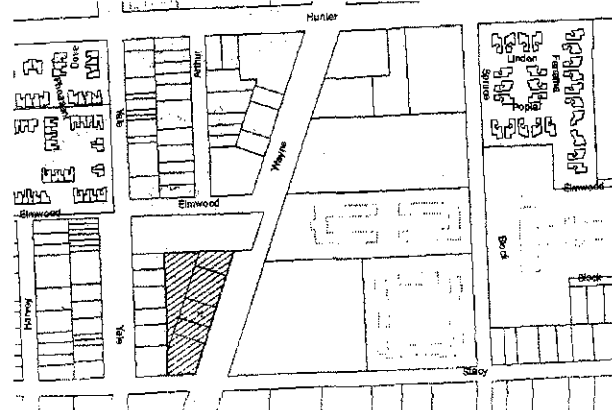
The Stars will be participating in the Westland Summer Festival, a youth cheerleading clinic and summer dance camp. The cost is \$35. Other fees include a \$20 uniform deposit and \$35 for the youth clinic. The cost of the dance camp has yet to be determined.

Register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #2121B - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Coney Island Restaurant, Parcels #032-02-0562-300, -0568-000, -0571-000, -0575-000, -0581-000 and #032-99-0002-000, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Ford Road, SW-9, Milenko Savich**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

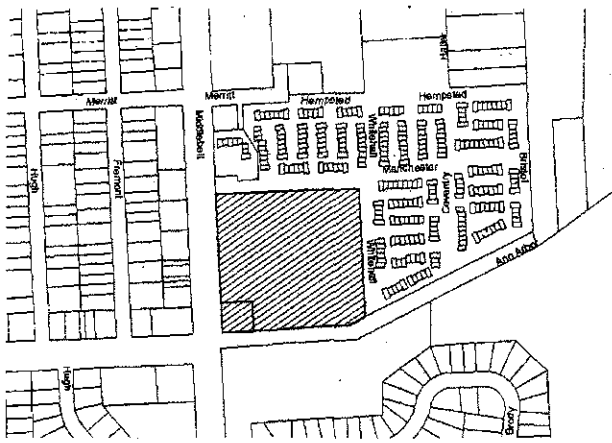
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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**Case #0311B - Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-4, Vehicle Service and CB-2, Shopping Center Commercial Business to CB-3, General Commercial Business, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt Road, Bruce A. Michael**



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### ORDINANCE # A-07-005

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (Dispatchers Unit), hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees for the period April 17, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SALARY ORDINANCE: POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (Dispatchers Unit).**

Effective July 1, 2007				
Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms. Dispatcher Coord.				\$42,966
Clerk-Secretary	\$29,938	\$32,302	\$33,575	\$38,532
Dispatcher	\$32,821	\$35,272	\$36,592	\$39,060

Effective July 1, 2008				
Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms. Dispatcher Coord.				\$45,114
Clerk-Secretary	\$31,435	\$33,917	\$35,254	\$40,459
Dispatcher	\$34,462	\$37,036	\$38,422	\$41,013

Effective July 1, 2009				
Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms. Dispatcher Coord.				\$47,370
Clerk-Secretary	\$33,007	\$35,613	\$37,016	\$42,482
Dispatcher	\$36,185	\$38,887	\$40,343	\$43,064

Effective July 1, 2010				
Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms. Dispatcher Coord.				\$49,739
Clerk-Secretary	\$34,657	\$37,394	\$38,867	\$44,606
Dispatcher	\$37,994	\$40,832	\$42,360	\$45,217

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## Race, media focus of OU forum

The third segment of a groundbreaking television series on race relations in metropolitan Detroit will be taped at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

The public is invited to attend the Detroit Public Television taping of Bridging the Racial Divide, a series co-hosted by former NBC correspondent and news anchor Emery King and WJR radio host Paul W. Smith. The series examines the costs of segregation in Detroit, which is the most racially segregated metro-

politan area in the United States.

"Our hope is that this program will help to inform and enlighten metro Detroiters, many of whom may not believe there are serious ramifications to living so separately," said King.

"Although they may not have clear price tags, many of today's social ills, from inefficient land use in the suburbs to crumbling schools in Detroit, may be traced back to the effects of segregation throughout metro Detroit," Smith added.

The first two programs in the series aired in September

and February and were recorded at Wayne State and Madonna University. Each program in the series focuses on one particular aspect of the problem. The show being recorded at Oakland University will focus on racism in the media.

Invited members of the media will form a panel on stage. King and Smith will interact with the panel, but the intention is to involve the audience as participants as well.

For more information, or directions to Varner Recital Hall, call (248) 370-2032, or visit [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu).

## Wayne RESA names new superintendent

Christopher A. Wigent, superintendent of Calhoun Intermediate School District, was unanimously approved as the new superintendent for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

The RESA board voted May 10 to hire Wigent to replace outgoing superintendent Marlene Davis, who will retire at the end of June.

Wigent has been superintendent of the Calhoun Intermediate District for the



Wigent

past six years. He has also been superintendent of Olivet Community Schools and Dryden Community Schools.

He is active on a number of state and national professional and community organizations, including serving as board chair of the Michigan Virtual

University Board, member of the Michigan State University College of Education National Advisory Board, the statewide School-Public Health Pandemic Issues Workgroup and chair of the National Resources Center for the Healing of Racism Board of Directors.

Wigent will be his new position July 2.

RESA is the intermediate school district for Wayne County.

## Rules to live by when making investments

I was asked about a recent column and why it appeared to be different from the advice I gave someone on my radio show. The issue dealt with taking a lump sum distribution vs. a pension. For one individual, I told them to take the pension offered by their company. For another individual, I recommended taking the lump sum distribution.

The individual I spoke with wanted to know why the contradiction. My answer is there is no contradiction. When it comes to financial planning, you need to look at the individual and his or her personal situation. It would be easy if everyone was in the same situation, however, that is not the case.

There are many factors to consider when deciding whether someone should take a lump sum distribution or a pension. When it comes to money, what may be good for some people may not be good for all.

The following are the rules I use in establishing strategies for clients.

1. I never invest in anything or recommend a financial product that I cannot check out independently. I don't want to rely on what a company says about its product or what a salesperson says. I want to be able to check out an investment independently. Typically, I want to look at two or three independent sources regarding an investment. One of the reasons I like mutual funds is that I can find independent information about them.
2. I don't invest in anything



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

that does not have a track record. I know this is not necessarily politically correct, but I believe the only reason you invest money is to make money. I want to look at an investment and see how it has performed over time.

Generally, I like investments that have been around at least 10 years so I can analyze their three-, five- and 10-year track record. By following this rule, it is possible that I miss out on something new that can do very well. However, more likely than not, this won't be the case. Rather, by following this rule, I won't get involved in something that potentially can cost me a lot of money.

3. I never invest in anything that I do not understand. This doesn't mean I have to understand all the intricacies. I want to make sure that I understand how I can make money, how I can lose money and how I can get my money out when I choose.
4. I never invest in anything until I understand the cost. I want to know what it costs to buy, to sell and to hold an investment. Any independent study says costs do matter. The key to being a successful investor is to minimize the cost of investing. That is why I avoid commission

products and investments that have high ongoing fees. If you want to keep more money in your pocket where it belongs, you will do the same.

I believe commissions create a potential conflict of interest. Is the individual selling you the investment because it is good for you or good for them? The best commissioned salespeople I know never worry about commissions because they always worry about taking care of their clients. However, there are too many people who work on commission who are worried about one thing — what ends up in their pocket, not yours.

My last rule is the smell test. If something smells too good to be true, it usually is. When people make outrageous claims, you know it is something you ought to avoid.

There are different investment strategies that investors can use to be successful, however, do not confuse strategies with rules. Sometimes it seems that by following the rules, you are missing out on a great opportunity. My experience is by following basic rules, being patient and not letting greed dictate your decisions, you will have more money in your pocket — where it belongs.

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

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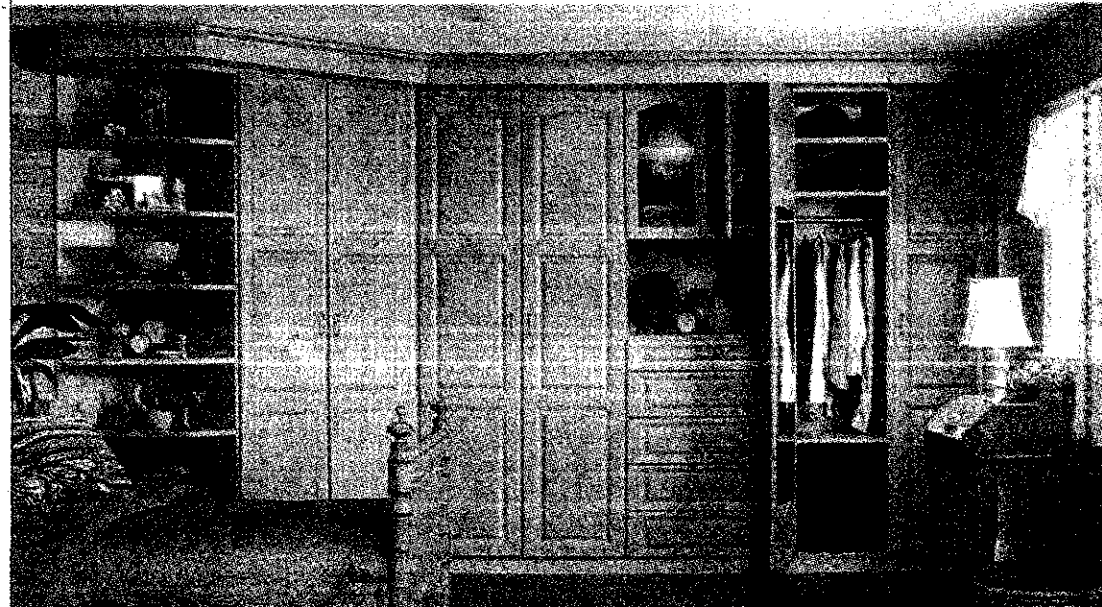


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OUR VIEWS

## Plan builds on area's strengths

In a time of almost unrelenting doom and gloom about the future of southeast Michigan, a group of area leaders is taking a proactive approach toward accentuating the positive in our region.

Detroit Renaissance's Road to Renaissance is a detailed road map for kickstarting our lagging economy by building on our strengths. It proposes drawing on government, business and foundation funding to study, create a timeline and act on important economic initiatives.

The plan focuses on six development priorities: becoming a center for global mobility; growing an aerotropolis; growing greater Detroit's creative community; growing greater Detroit's entrepreneurial capacity; retaining our future talent base; and promoting globally, communicating locally.

The elements are already in place. Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports are perfectly positioned along I-94, between the financial and business center of Detroit and the research and educational might of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The land is available for development and redevelopment. The airport city concept could transform this area into a logistics hub with warehousing and research and development facilities for cutting edge businesses.

The Woodward creative corridor from downtown Detroit to the New Center area has been building slowly but surely over the past decade. This plan will help accelerate that growth.

The plan will also accelerate the growth of new businesses by adding two additional business accelerators to the four that already operate in providing the resources that new businesses need to succeed.

We also support the emphasis on education and keeping talented young people here with new jobs that will challenge and reward them.

By building on what we have and getting key players on board, this is a plan with a good chance to succeed. Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, summed it up succinctly in an interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*: "This is a strategy that focuses on a handful of priorities. It doesn't address everything we need to do to get our economy in fifth gear. But it is a start. What we need to do now is focus. This region has a tendency to 'zig and zag' on the project du jour. Our success will largely be determined by our ability to stick with a strategy long enough to see it through."

## It's time to end water dispute

Water, water everywhere, but the fight continues over ownership.

Summer's warmer weather is sure to bring increased water use by weekend lawn warriors, and a fresh round of battles over the Detroit water department and the system it operates.

Bickering over water rates certainly is not new and in fact is the primary reason a U.S. District judge has the final say over how the system operates instead of the city of Detroit, which owns the water and sewer systems, and the suburban communities that comprise its customer base.

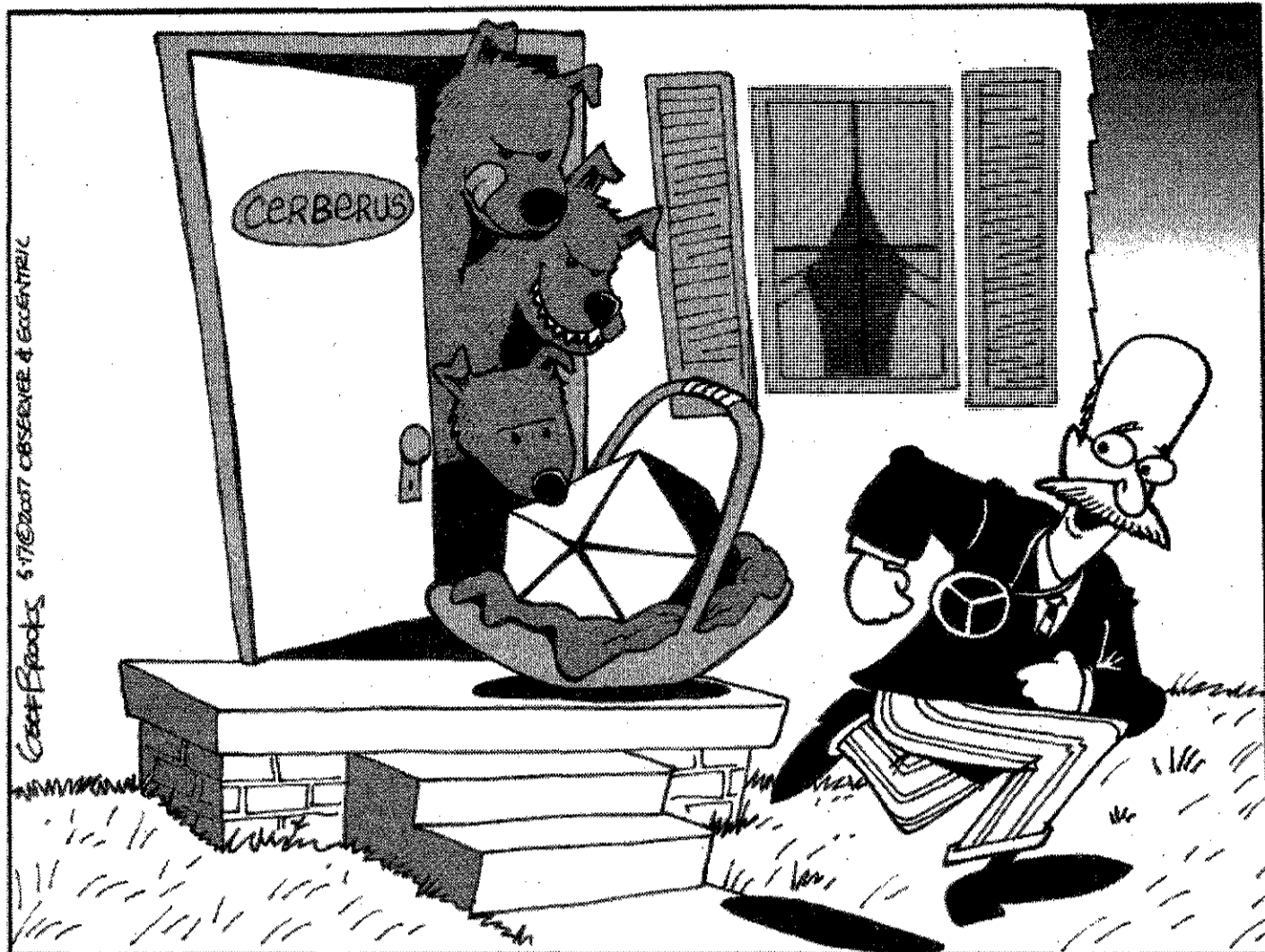
The flag bearer for the opposition continues to be Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, who has argued long and hard — and with some past success — that Detroit's system is mismanaged to the point that water rates are unnecessarily high.

Although McCulloch's complaints largely have fallen on deaf ears when it comes to system administrator U.S. District Judge John Feikens, he did score a major victory when the city of Detroit was ordered by the judge to refund millions of dollars charged to suburban customers for a new radio system used mostly by the city's police and fire departments.

And McCulloch may find some traction in opposing a new regional governing body proposed by Feikens that calls for a new, eight-member regional authority to own and operate the system. Like the current board, the new authority would be slanted toward the city of Detroit, which would have five of the eight votes even after being compensated for transferring ownership of the system.

It seems silly that a region literally surrounded by clean, fresh drinking water would fight so long and so hard over its delivery system. The only way this issue will be resolved is for all sides — the city of Detroit, McCulloch and other suburban leaders, the state Legislature and, perhaps most importantly, Feikens — to continue to work on finding a solution that everyone can accept.

We've heard a lot lately about regional cooperation and the need for city and suburbs to set aside their historical differences to lead a renaissance of economic prosperity for southeast Michigan. Ending the water system dispute would be a good first step.



### Remove Cheney from office

My comments are respectful, but why do Cheney and Bush not respect the people who are against the war who can't stand the price of gas because it is filling the corporate and Cheney's pocketbooks.

I am sick of what they are doing to this country and I want the impeachment to happen tomorrow ... no debates. And why does it take so long? We know Cheney is crooked and yet the government, which has clearly heard from the American public, says not to impeach.

Wake up, let's get busy with this NOW! Forget the Republican Party, Bush is taking care of that party so no one will be elected. So now the Republicans don't have a leg to stand on. They should wake up, too! Doesn't a 28 percent approval rating for Bush mean anything! Please wake up!

Judith Tarjeff  
Westland

### Thanks for the support

The votes are in and the precincts have been tallied. The people in the cities and townships of the Schoolcraft Community College district have elected me to represent them as their Schoolcraft trustee. I am truly humbled by and appreciative of the vote of confidence. I promise you that I will not break the trust that you have given me. I will do my very best to represent you, your families and all of the stakeholders in the Schoolcraft Community College district.

This vote was an endorsement of the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees last December. I truly believe that I was chosen by you because you feel that I best represent the students and families in the district. I have worked hard to earn your trust and I will continue to do my best to make decisions with your best interests in mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who worked on my campaign. It was your tireless dedication that ensured my success. I also could not have done this without my family, relatives and friends. Thank you so very much!

Joan Gebhardt  
Livonia

### Enough is enough, already!

I recently made a trip to the local Social Security office for my elderly mother to obtain a printout of her information. As usual, I had to take a number and wait. While sitting there, and to pass the time, I read through some "official" literature pamphlets from my government.

Well, as I read these pamphlets, I came across some very interesting information. My jaw dropped when I read that when an individual comes to the United States, they do not have to be a "resident alien" in order to collect Social Security! The time limit given to "collect" or "draw from" is for the first seven years while in the United States.

What? I can't believe it! My mom started working at the young age of 14 or 15 years of age! She is now 77.

Why is it that certain individuals can start collecting right from the get-go, and the rest of us poor working stiffs have to work most of our lives just to collect a meager monthly payment? And some-

times have to file several papers just to get what is due us.

In no way will an American worker receive what was actually paid into the system while they contributed when working. What is disheartening is that sometimes a person doesn't reach retirement to collect, they often end up dying before even getting that very first check.

Besides, Social Security will only pay a \$255 death benefit upon the death of the wage earner. Is that fair?

Like I have mentioned, if any people need to "learn something about their language and culture" it should be any and all people coming to the United States of America. This is America! Love it or leave it!

Mark Blackwell  
Wayne

### Listen to the people

The election's over and to my disappointment the incumbents won. As an involved, interested, participating grandparent, I can only hope all of you on the board listen to the people. Consider the opposition's point of view.

And, lastly, before you do anything more to upset the lives of our children, do not ask them to do anything you would not be willing to do yourself, i.e. longer walks from home during the dark hours of winter. Remember, the crimes occurring in the inner city and surrounding communities can bleed into ours. Please listen first, act last.

Nancy Stopa  
Livonia

### Where's the common sense?

When I read the article on transportation feedback in the *Observer* I couldn't believe what I was reading. Are these people serious? Isn't there anyone in this district using their common sense anymore? The idea of sending (i.e. driving) my child to a bus stop God only knows how far away from my house so that he can get off the bus five minutes earlier, only to have to be picked up or take that extra five minutes (probably much more) to walk home again is ludicrous! Who is coming up with these ideas?

If you want the elementary students home earlier then start their school earlier, and not by five minutes. Who cares about five minutes? How about figuring out a way to get these kids back in school at 8 or 8:30 a.m. so they can get home at a reasonable hour and our families can have our family time back?

In the past, this district has been able to manage reasonable start times for the schools, why is it this has now become so impossible?

As for late starts on inclement weather days, this seems to be another ridiculous idea. How are parents supposed to work this? When it snows on one day, the roads may be cleared by 8 a.m., so the kids go to school at 9 a.m.? The next time the roads are cleared by 10 a.m., so our kids are supposed to start at noon? This makes no sense to me, how about anyone else?

What about placing advertisements inside the buses? I don't get it. This advertising is only going to be seen by the children, what is the point in that? If you are going to advertise on the buses, wouldn't it make sense to place the ads on the outside of the bus? Not that I

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think advertising on the buses is a good idea at all, but at least this way it would be logical.

Again I ask, where has the common sense of this district gone?

Carol Jackman  
Livonia

### Stop importing oil

If you want to stop wars like the ones we are in, you have to stop importing oil.

We had the same problems in the 1970s: high gas prices, long lines for gas and importing as much oil as we could. If you send money out of the U.S.A. to places that do not like us, you get wars.

The money these people use to fight us comes from you and me driving big cars and trucks. We would not care or have the problems we have if people would demand better gas-mileage cars and trucks.

If we started when I got out of school in 1974 and demanded one mile more per gallon, we all would be getting 40 to 50 miles per gallon.

Cheap gas or wars for oil. You pick.  
William Dunn  
Plymouth

### Bring them home

Now that the president has vetoed the \$124 billion war-funding bill, members of Congress have a choice to make. They can capitulate to the president, whom they rightly accuse of incompetence and worse in his management of the occupation of Iraq. Or, they can follow the will of the majority of the American and Iraqi people, and the opinion of most of the U.S. troops in Iraq: They can appropriate only the money necessary to bring all U.S. troops and military contractors safely and immediately home from Iraq.

The president should stop using "support for the troops" as an excuse to prolong this unnecessary war. He can show his true support for the men and women in uniform by bringing them home to the warm embrace of their families immediately.

Congress should respond to the president's veto by passing legislation that will provide funding only for an immediate and safe withdrawal of all U.S. troops and military contractors. Congress should turn over all U.S. military bases in Iraq to the Iraqis. Congress should fully fund veterans' health care and other veterans' programs, and provide funds to help rebuild Iraq.

C. Lawrence  
Redford

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# Today's mom can definitely be whatever she wants to be

The older I get, the more I feel like a dinosaur. If it's that bad for me, I can't help wondering how my own mother, who's 80, feels.

I've always thought of my mom as pretty typical of her generation. Married shortly after World War II to a returning GI, she and my dad raised six kids. It was a full-time job, to say the least. Though money was tight with such a big family, there was no thought of her working outside the



Annette Kingsbury

home. Looking back, I can't imagine how she could have, even with the help we got from the grandparents and others in our close-knit extended family.

Today, of course, things are different. It's impossible to pigeon-hole moms; it's not a one-size-fits-all job title, if indeed it ever was. Though I fear for women who do too much trying to do it all, there is no shortage of role models around.

Let's start with Elizabeth Edwards, lawyer, mom and wife of presidential candidate John Edwards. According to her official biography, she and John got married the Saturday after both took the bar exam.

Now 57, she lost a teenage son in an auto accident, then had two more children, now 9 and 6. There is also an older daughter in law school. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, Elizabeth recently revealed that the cancer is back in other parts of her body. Her prognosis isn't good.

Not so long ago, that announcement wouldn't have been made so openly, and her public life would surely have ended. But today's moms have a lot of choices and can follow their hearts. She's chosen to keep doing what she's been doing. Who are we to second guess?

Some of today's moms enter the military, where they can end up in combat. As of March 19, 2007, the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq, 67 women were among the American troops killed. Others, of course, have been wounded.

We don't hear much about military women. Maybe that's because it's no longer unusual for a mom to pack up and leave her family behind for a military commitment. It isn't sexy; it doesn't sell newspapers.

## MOM AS SUPERHERO

Pauline Eickholdt is a Rochester Hills mother of two young children who works two jobs. Tall, slender and athletic, she was at home the afternoon of Nov. 2, 2006, when she saw two strangers hanging out in an alley nearby. A short time later, when she realized something was going on, she told her husband to call 9-1-1 and

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One of the two guys she'd seen earlier was now covered in blood and being chased. Without hesitating, she tackled him. He is now awaiting trial in the murder of Cedimir Taseski, owner of Bozana's, a party store near Eickholdt's home. Pauline was among those honored by the Oakland County Sheriff Thursday for helping to apprehend the two suspects.

"I've been in sports all my life. I'm pretty strong. I'm 6 feet tall, 155 pounds. I can pretty much hold my own on most issues," she said, adding that she wasn't scared and would probably do it again.

"It really didn't dawn on me; your adrenaline kicks in," she said. "I don't know if you'd call it instincts or whatever, but it just kicked in."

It takes courage, of course, just to be a mom. That's nothing new. Back in the '60s there was Viola Liuzzo. A 39-year-old Detroit mother of five, she left her family behind in 1965 to go to Alabama to help register black Americans to vote. She's believed to be the only white woman martyred in the civil rights era.

She was about my mother's age. I was in high school at the time of her death, old enough to wonder what would have possessed her to do such an audacious, amazing thing, and to admire her for doing it. After her death, she was victimized by a smear campaign. The FBI now acknowledges she was killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Another woman who suffered vilification for doing something unconventional was a mother of two named Victoria Woodhull. Women didn't win the right to vote until 1920, but she had the nerve to run for president in 1872. For her courage, she was arrested and jailed to prevent her from attempting to vote.

Today a mom, Hillary Clinton, is considered a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. No matter what you think of her or her chances, you have to admit: Moms have come a long way.

God bless them, every one.

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# Dear lawmakers: Come, see what your inaction has done

To all of our friends in Lansing, I would personally like to invite you all out to our city and personally would like to give you a tour. I would like you to see and hear firsthand what inaction from Lansing does to a district, because it is clear that you have no clue.

If you had any idea of what Proposal A could do to a district or what the lack of funds and inaction could do, you would make it your goal and mission in life to correct it immediately, which apparently none of you have.

I would start this tour at our middle school and would first show you the once-beautiful football field that once not only had some great middle school games, both football and track, but also was at one time the home for some local youth football leagues as well.

Of course, there are no longer any stands on this field because we had to cut football and track from our middle school so long ago that the bleachers had to be removed because they rotted away. So even the children in these youth leagues had to go elsewhere to play. And this once-beautiful field stands alone and unused.

We wrote Lansing for help back then, too. You would be able to see firsthand just how much help we got.

I would then take you to the weedy, rough and empty baseball field, it was never really the best field around, but it was ours. Those stands are now gone as well. It, too, has seen better days, but we're not too worried about fixing it up because we had to cut baseball and softball from our middle school as well. But don't worry, we're saving money.

And by the way, we asked Lansing for help then, too. You again will see just how important our kids are to those in Lansing.

Then we would go indoors to see the now empty middle school gym which at one time was very busy, with wrestling, volleyball, basketball, etc. And, yes, you guessed it we had to cut all these events from our kids as well. We do let local intercity teams use the gym for basketball, but most of kids use it now for class only.

Please let me show you all firsthand how Lansing is helping our children, because during your campaigns all I heard from everyone of you was just how much you're going to be doing for education and our children. Please come see me, let me show you how all your work has paid off.

And before we move on to another school or area, I would then show you our pool. We put a lot of pride in that pool and had just restored it for our kids. And now that we have it all fixed up, we had to close it. Because of cuts we can no longer afford to keep it running. So as you can see our kids are not the only things not running anymore.

I think I would end the tour here and not show you that freshman sports are cut as well nor would I show you the list of books, goods and services that we have cut from our kids. Because this is the point where I normally get too sick to my stomach to continue.

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So please continue to play politics with our kids and education, keep playing while there is something left to play because our kids sure have nothing left to play. But again don't worry, we're saving money.

And please do me a favor and don't tell me how much you care, because, if you truly cared, you would have already fixed it.

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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia (left), listens as Michael Harris, director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, talks about the importance of the Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act.

## Nonprofit provides comfort for wounded

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Elaine Boné of Brownstown and Kathy Long of Woodhaven came prepared for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's press conference Monday.

They were there to show support for his proposed Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act, and there to get people to sign pieces of denim fabric that will be used to make Four Freedoms Gratitude Quilts.

To draw attention to their mission, they had a completed quilt spread out on a table in front of them. Squares on the front were filled with messages for the recipient, a wounded U.S. soldier.

"Remember who it's going to," said Boné as people lined up to do a square.

The two women have been making the quilts for Operation: Quiet Comfort, a Michigan-based volunteer nonprofit organization which provides "meaningful support for our wounded warriors and the amazing medical professionals who care for them."

"I do the cutting, she does the sewing," said Long, a Woodhaven resident.

Beside them, Tracey Roberts of Livonia placed a portable CD player and CDs, personal care items, undershirt, pants, socks, towel, magazine and paper and pens to write letters home on the table. They represent the contents of an Operation: Quiet Comfort "go bag," a transition kit for hospitalized wounded soldiers.

"When they get to a forward (combat support) hospital, their clothes are cut off them and they're separated from their belonging," said

Roberts. "Operation: Quiet Comfort ships out boxes and boxes of go bags to the hospitals."

"All of this is 100 percent donations, the products come from all over the country," she added.

Founded by Lori Pate of LaSalle, Operation: Quiet Comfort started making the Four Freedoms Gratitude Quilts. Pate took the name from a January 1941 speech to Congress by President Franklin D. Roosevelt which identified the four freedoms as freedom of speech and expression and worship and freedom from want and fear.

The mission expanded when the hospitals started contacting her for "everything." When a hospital needed portable bath tubs, she put it on the Web site and got 20 donations.

These days, every room of Pate's house is filled with Quiet Comfort items, and she goes to the post office daily to pick up more donations.

"She does whatever is needed to bring immediate relief to our troops," Boné said.

The organization relies entirely on donations to do its work. Everything that comes in goes to the wounded soldiers.

"They need money," said Roberts. "There's no overhead, every penny they get goes to the troops."

People who liked to help Operation: Quiet Comfort can find more information about the organization on its Web site at [www.operationquietcomfort.com](http://www.operationquietcomfort.com). Donations also can be sent to Operation: Quiet Comfort, P.O. Box 263, LaSalle, MI 48145.

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## McCotter: Tax credit benefits veterans

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Businesses that hire military veterans could get an income tax credit, under a bill introduced Tuesday by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

The bill - Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act, or VETS for short - would provide a one-time credit to employers against income tax for hiring honorably discharged military personnel. The credit would equal 40 percent of the veteran's first-year wages or up to 50 percent, if the veteran is disabled.

"Encouraging companies to hire veterans is not just the smart thing to do, it's the right thing to do," said McCotter in announcing the bill at a press conference at the Harris Kehrer VFW Post in Westland on Monday. "By facilitating their transition into civilian life, we further their good works on behalf of our country

and our community."

McCotter said the tax credit would not necessarily have to be used for the veteran's first job after leaving the service. A veteran who decides to go to school and work could hold onto the credit until finding a job in his or her chosen field of work.

"The key is the veterans," he said. "It allows them to determine when they want to use the credit and that may not necessarily be their first job."

According to U.S. Labor Department data, the current unemployment rate for recently discharged veterans is 10.4 percent, well above the nonveteran unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. Also, 33 percent of the homeless population are veterans and 67 percent of that number served in the military for three or more years.

McCotter also pointed out that federal programs providing tax credits cover groups like welfare recipients, ex-felons and young adults, but none target

companies that hire veterans.

This is the second time McCotter has introduced the VETS bill. He introduced it in the last session of Congress, but it never made it out of the Ways and Means Committee because "the (Republican) chairman wasn't disposed to tax credits," McCotter said.

A possibly stumbling block this time is the Democrats' policy that to offer any tax relief, an area of the budget must be found that can be cut. McCotter, however, said the cost can't be determined since it will depend on how many veterans come back and enter the workforce.

"How much an employer saves will be determined by when they enter the workforce and their willingness to use the credit," he said.

Representatives of several organizations were on hand to show support for the proposed legislation. Among them, Michael Harris, executive director of the Michigan

Paralyzed Veterans Association, who said the bill is "critical" to disabled veterans.

"I'm thankful for the introduction of this legislation," said Harris.

On active duty this week, Army Reservist Maj. Andrew Raczowski of Farmington Hills can relate to the problems facing veterans as a business owner who lost money because of military service.

"It's hard to find something else when people don't look on military experience as a positive," he said. "There is a positive for the ability to do a job, but it's not a positive when you can be called up at anytime."

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Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.  
**Church activities**  
 St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.  
**Eucharistic adoration**  
 The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner

of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.  
**Worship services**  
 All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.  
**Unity of Livonia**  
 Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.  
**Shabbat services**  
 The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.  
**Bet Chaverim**  
 Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The

congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
 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, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

# Your Invitation To Worship

<p><b>BAPTIST</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>			
<p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  33640 Michigan Ave. • Wayne, MI                  (Between Wayne Rd. &amp; Merriman Rd.)                  (734) 728-2180  <i>Virgil Humes, Pastor</i>                  Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.                  Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.                  Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 a.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Clarenceville United Methodist</b>                  20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia                  248-474-3444                  Pastor Beth Librande                  Worship Service 9:30 AM                  Sunday School 11:00 AM                  Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church</b>                  14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96                  734-522-6830                  Sunday Worship 8:15 &amp; 11:00 am - Traditional                  9:45 - Modern                  Staffed Nursery Available                  Sunday School 9:45 &amp; 11 am                  Early Childhood Center                  Phone 734-513-8413                  Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ                  Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden</p>			
<p><b>Canton Christian Fellowship</b>                  "Where the Word is Relevant, People are Loved and Christ is the Key"                  Join us for Worship Service at 10:30am                  Sunday School and/or New Members Orientation: 9:00am                  Located at 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton, MI, 48187                  Between Haggerty Road and Lilley Road                  SW corner of Joy Road and Ronda Drive                  734-404-2480                  www.CantonCF.org                  It's not about Religion, it's about Relationships.                  Come to a place where lives are changed, families are made whole and ministry is real!</p>	<p><b>More than Sunday Services</b>                  Worship Service 9:00, 10:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.                  • Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs                  • Excellent Music Ministries                  • Small Groups For Every Age                  • Outreach Opportunities                  Pastor:                  Dr. Dean Klump                  Associate Pastor: Rev. David Wichert  <b>First United Methodist Church of Plymouth</b>                  45201 North Territorial Road (West of Sheldon Road)                  (734) 453-5280                  www.pfumc.org</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b>                  25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY                  313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP.                  Worship Service 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday School 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Nursery Provided                  The Rev. Timothy R. Halboth, Senior Pastor                  The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor</p>			
<p><b>CATHOLIC</b></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT</b></p>	<p><b>NON DENOMINATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</b></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p>	<p><b>Risen Christ Lutheran LC-MS</b></p>
<p><b>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  Immemorial Latin Mass                  Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1570                  St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8                  26310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan                  5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 594-2121                  Mass Schedule:                  First Fri. 7:00 p.m.                  First Sat. 11:00 a.m.                  Sun. Masses 7:30 &amp; 9:30 a.m.                  Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass                  Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions                  Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>FAITH COVENANT CHURCH</b>                  14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills                  (248) 661-9191                  Sunday Worship and Children's Church 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Traditional                  Child Care provided for all services                  Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups</p>	<p><b>BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>                  Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program                  Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m.                  734-425-1174                  Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p>Worship in Downtown Plymouth  <b>First Presbyterian Church</b>                  Main &amp; Church Streets - (734) 453-6464                  8:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.                  visit us at www.fpcpc.net                  Accessible to all</p>	<p><b>WARD</b>                  Evangelical Presbyterian Church                  40000 Six Mile Road                  "just west of I-275"                  Northville, MI                  248-374-7400                  Traditional Worship 9:00 &amp; 10:20 A.M.                  Contemporary Worship 11:40 A.M.                  Nursery &amp; Sunday School During All Morning Worship Services                  Evening Service • 7:00 P.M.                  Services Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WMUZ 560 AM                  For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</b>                  ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN church &amp; school                  17810 FARMINGTON ROAD                  LIVONIA • (734) 261-1380                  SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  PASTOR JAMES HOFF                  PASTOR ERIC STEINBRENER</p>
<p><b>RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>                  48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187                  451-0444                  REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO                  Weekday Masses                  Tuesday &amp; Friday 8:30 a.m.                  Saturday - 4:30 p.m.                  Sunday - 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</b></p>	<p><b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)</b>                  9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Rds.)                  (734) 422-0494                  www.rosedalegardens.org                  Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am                  Traditional Service 10:30 am                  We Welcome You To A Full Service Church</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</b></p>
<p><b>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b>                  St. Genevieve School - PreK-8                  29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220                  (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries)                  MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a. Sat. 4 p. Sun 11a  <b>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church</b>                  32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616                  (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Roads)                  MASS: Mon. 8:30 a. Fri. 8:30 a. Sat. 6 p. Sun 9a</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 483-1825                  Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.                  Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.                  Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.                  NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER                  (734) 455-3198</p>	<p>First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth                  1180 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI                  734-453-0970                  Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.                  Sunday School 10:30 a.m.                  Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.                  Reading Room located at church                  Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.                  734-453-0970</p>	<p><b>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA</b>                  25500 West Six Mile Rd.                  Redford (313) 534-7730                  Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M.                  Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm                  Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible                  Rev. Paul S. Bousquette</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Presbyterian Church</b>                  Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.                  Dr. Jimmy McGuire                  Rev. William J. Burke Jr.                  Services held at: Madonna University's Kreege Hall                  36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia                  Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan &amp; Schoolcraft • Nursery provided                  Visit our website at: www.Fellowship-Church.net</p>	<p><b>Timothy Lutheran Church</b>                  A Reconciling in Christ Congregation                  8820 Wayne Rd.                  (Between Ann Arbor Trail &amp; Joy Road)                  Livonia • 427-2290                  Jill Hegdal, Pastor                  10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)</p>

For Church Directory changes and information regarding advertising in this directory, please call Donna Hart (734) 953-2153 the Friday before publication.

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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com...

Tarzan Day Individuals with disabilities are invited to join Tarzan in searching for hidden treasures...

Looking for tales Kristy Robinett, a paranormal investigator and ghost fanatic, is looking for lore and tales about Plymouth...

Home buyer seminar Want to own a new home? Learn how to prepare for your new purchase at a home buyer seminar...

Free seminars Carol A. Fischer will present a seminar, Avoid Stress Burnout, at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21...

lifestyle changes. Dr. William H. Karl will present a program, Treating Thyroid Disorders Naturally...

Play time The Plymouth Christian Academy High School Drama Department will present Little Women at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday...

Genealogical Societies The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 21...

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...

HISTORIC Pioneer trek The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area...

Friends of Eloise The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building...

Friends of Museum Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December...

Organizations Toastmasters The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people...

Suburban GOP Women's Club The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration...

Vietnam Vets The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month...

Friends of library The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month...

In Harmony The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church...

Civil Air Patrol Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations...

Habitat help The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising...

Veteran's Haven Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible...

Zonta Club The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month...

Franklin PTSA The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community...

community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA...

Tutorial program A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland...

FOR SENIORS Friendship Center The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults...

Senior dinners The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older...

Crochet & Knit A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette...

Visually Impaired The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 119 N. Newburgh, Westland...

Hearing checks Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free...

Exercise Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout...

vides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance...

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, 119 N. Newburgh...

Dyer Center The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads...

Eating Disorders Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital...

Advocacy group The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church...

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

ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

1994 Oldsmobile, 1GHDU06L6RT323126
1996 Chevrolet, 1G1LD55M3TY167946
1987 Mercury, 1MEBM603HH660310
1994 Ford, 2FMDA5148SBA22211
1994 Toyota, JT2EL43T3R0407643
Sparks Towing, 31797 Block St., Garden City, Michigan 48135, May 24, 2007, 10 a.m.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1132 - Quartesia Fields - Big Screen TV, Couch, Table 4010 - Kevin Harbour - 4 Chairs, TV, Sports Equipment 4058 - Ryan Clark - Entertainment Center, TV Big Screen, Misc Items 5096 - Fayvian Watts - 10 Bags, 10 Boxes, Dining Table 3012 - Shannon Fields - Drums, TV, 3 Bikes

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1082- Mayer Sherman- love seat, couch, boxes 1484- Carla Hickman- 2 couches, love seat, TV 2262- Timothy Elliot- tool box, TV, love seat 2304- Nina Costello- TV, dresser, boxes 2380- Brandy Clever- washer, dryer 2386- Jerry Taylor- sectional couch, exercise equipment, TV

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #0311D - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Shopping Center Renovation, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt Road, Bruce A. Michael

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday June 5, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 9 - 5/7/07

Presiding: Council President Pickering Present: Graundstadt, Johnson, Kehrre, Reeves, Stottlemeyer Absent: Godbout 129-Approved minutes of reg. mtg. held 4/16/07. -Approved req. PD Graham School to hold annual "Neighborhood Walk" 6/4/07 @ 12:30 p.m. -Approved req. RAW Leathers hold open house & Ride Straight promo on 5/12/07 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1332 S. Wayne Rd. -Approved bid for fuel pumps, Tank Testing, amt. \$12,409.95 -Approved bid for DPS Roof, William Molnar, amt. \$64,391.00. -Approved Amended/Restated Agreement w/Western Wayne County Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Assoc. to allow Belleville & Sunpeter to join. -Approved Addendum to Prof. Services Agreement between AMS & City. -Adopted Budget Amendment 2007-12; General Fund; \$31,000.00. -Adopted Ord. 248-A-59, to rezone CB-3 & R1 to PUD, Parcels #018-99-004-000 & 0015-703, e. side of Newburgh Rd, s. of Joy Rd. -Adopted of Joint Resolution re: State Budget Crisis. -Approved req. from Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Committee to hold 2007 Memorial Parade on 5/27, from Wayne Ford Civic League, n. to Ford Road, to City Hall. 130-Granted request to go into Closed Study Session; re: Moody Sewage Claim. 132-Postponed Big Lots req. for sidewalk sale. 133-Set 5/21/07 as public hearing for One Year Action Plan for Program Year XXXIII of the Comm. Devel. Block Grant Prgrm. 137-Approved req. for one-year extension of Site Plan for Prop. Comm. Develop. Parcels #013-01-0555-000 thru 0558-000, n. side of Ann Arbor Tr., w. of Farmington Rd. 138-Granted request for variance from noise ord. for Strawser, Inc. on Ford Rd. bet. Venoy Rd. and Lotz Rd., from 5/15 to 6/17/07, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. 139-Appointed G. Osborn to ZBA, term expires 5/12/2010. 140-Appointed R. Caldwell to ZBA, term expires 5/12/2010. 141-Appointed D. Walker as Alternate to ZBA, term expires 5/12/2010. 142-Confirmed re-appoint. of E. Turner to Cable Comm., term expires 3/18/2011. 143-Confirmed re-appt. of J. Kazaleh to Cable Comm., term expires 3/18/2011. 144-Confirmed appt. of C. Couch to Cable Comm., term expires 5/7/2011. 145-Approved Checklist Activity: \$1,118,844.90 & Prepaid: \$16,781,266.91. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

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Don Yowchuang, district representative for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, receives a peace pizza pie from, seated left to right, Mary Albertson and Rosemary Doyle and standing, left to right, Linda Curry, Cathy Beal, Colleen Mills, Linda Lieder, Dottie Ochala, and Becky Sapkiewicz.

## McCotter's office receives a 'peace pizza'

Livonia-Staffers at the Livonia headquarters of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter received a peace offering of an unusual sort Friday, May 11. It was a pizza with the pepperoni placed in the shape of the familiar peace symbol.

The pie was presented by nine members of the 11th Congressional District Citizens for Peace, headquartered in Livonia, to remind representatives that it would only take a small portion of

the federal budget to fund a cabinet level Department of Peace.

Each year, advocates for the establishment of a Department of Peace, deliver a pie to their local representatives around Mother's Day as part of an ongoing campaign for more diplomatic ways to foster peace and non-violence. The idea of giving a pizza with a peace symbol was that of Mary Albertson, vice president for political affairs for the Citizens for Peace.

She and Citizens for Peace president Colleen Mills then met with district representative Don Yowchuang of McCotter's office and outlined the process and goals of the local group.

McCotter has opposed the idea of establishing a Department of Peace.

Anyone interested in learning how to help with the library peace collection is invited to contact Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079, e-mail cmills0079@yahoo.com.

## Sheriff, TRIAD sponsor Safe Senior Day

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is once again teaming up with Wayne County TRIAD for Safe Senior Day, an annual event designed to help provide Senior Citizens the information and tools they need to protect themselves, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Southland Center in Taylor.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office will be on hand to present and provide information on personal safety, emergency

preparedness and more. Other presenters will provide information during the program. The event is being sponsored by Wayne County TRIAD, a senior advocacy organization that partners with various law enforcement agencies.

Among the topics being covered at the event will be:

- Telephone fraud
- Home and travel safety
- Medical prevention & safety
- Free photo ID cards

In addition to information provided by each of the participating law enforcement agencies, there also will be numerous vendors providing health care and medical supply information, legal advice and consumer advice. There also will be prize drawing and entertainment.

Southland Center is on Eureka Road east of Telegraph in Taylor. All members of the media are encouraged to attend.

## Motorcycle safety classes have openings

Summer is the perfect season for biking in the sunshine. Before you jump on that motorcycle, or if you've finally decided it's time to learn, sign up for a motorcycle safety education course at Schoolcraft College.

The college, through a grant from the Michigan Department of State, offers classes in basic riding, in riding skills to qualify for a license, and for experienced

cyclists who own large touring motorcycles and sport bikes.

The basic rider course offers 16 hours of instruction during one or two weekends or on weekdays or nights and bikes are provided. The two advanced classes are one-day sessions and students must provide their own bikes.

If classes are closed, students can use the walk-in option, by arriving at the

classroom no earlier than 30 minutes before the first class session ready to register, pay and attend all classes. Their names will be included in a random drawing for available spots.

A complete schedule of motorcycle safety classes is posted at [www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp). For more information call the motorcycle information hotline at 734-462-4452.

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best to keep everyone safe.

plenty of younger children learning to ride or stretch their legs on their blocks. They are probably young riders, so everyone should be on their vigilant

While on the roads, older and more experienced riders will clip along at faster paces. On major roads, bicycles are considered vehicles and the riders must be aware of the rules of the road. All traffic signs and signals must be followed. Many car/bike crashes take place when bikes try to sneak through a light or stop sign and are not noticed by a car driver in time to stop.

As a child, I remember hearing the wrong message over and over again. I won't repeat it, but will tell you the newer rule of bike riding on the roads - ride with traffic! If you get bumped from behind while going with the flow of traffic, you may be shaken up or slightly worse. If you are hit head on going 15 miles per hour and are hit by a car going 40 miles per hour, the impact

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Dress appropriately for the ride. While comfortable clothes are not the main topic of this article, safe dress while riding is fair game. Wear bright colors, preferably with some reflective material on them. One major way to avoid

being hit by a vehicle is by being as visible as possible. A helmet is a great addition to the wardrobe, as it can reduce the chances of suffering a head injury by as much as 85 percent.

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The State of Pennsylvania has an excellent website with plenty of safe biking tips and a great interactive game to play with the family about potential biking hazards. The website is [www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/index.htm#](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/index.htm#). With a little planning and routine maintenance, you will be well on your way to a full (and hopefully long) season of bicycling. Enjoy the ride!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter who writes a regular column on safety issues for the *Observer*.

## Metro Airport begins runway rehab project

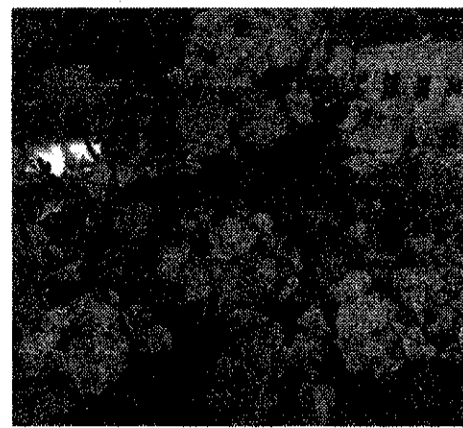
This week, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will begin critical rehabilitation work on its second-longest runway, resulting in a temporary change in air traffic flow arriving and departing the airport.

"This project has been widely publicized already," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "However, we want everyone to know that we have now received authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to begin. The project starts Monday, May 14, and is scheduled to be completed in mid-November. When it's complete, the FAA will return to normal air traffic control procedures."

The purpose of the rehabilitation project is to extend the useful life of the runway - a critical piece of the Detroit region's transportation infrastructure - by at least another 20 years. During construction, aircraft operations usually assigned to the closed runway will be reassigned to one of DTW's other three parallel runways. At peak times, it is anticipated that Runway 9R/27L, one of the airport's crosswind runways, will also be used for arrivals and departures as weather conditions permit.

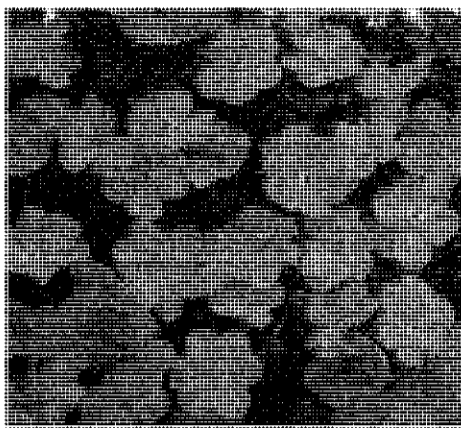
During this construction period, communities immediately north and east of the airport may experience a temporary increase in air traffic noise.

DTW has a total of six runways, making it among the most operationally-capable commercial airports in North America. The Airport Authority is continually revising its Airport Master Plan to ensure DTW continues to meet the rapidly developing transportation needs of south-east Michigan.



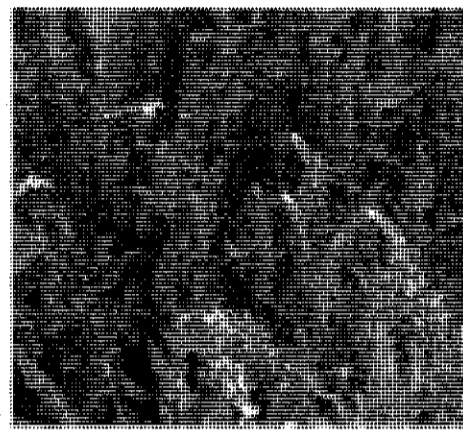
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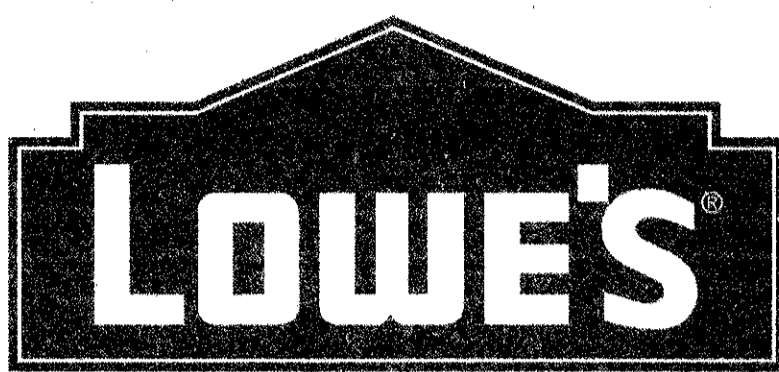
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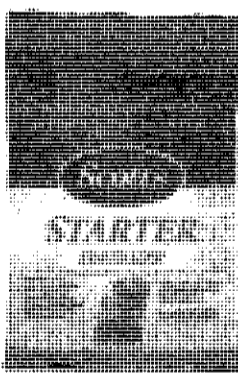
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## Lakes champion Spartans earn spot in WLAA final

Livonia Stevenson clinched its first Lakes Division girls softball title in the Western Lakes Activities Association since 1985 with a 7-2 victory Monday at Walled Lake Northern.

Pitcher Jamie Johnson tossed a seven-hitter. She struck out nine and did not allow a walk as the Spartans improved to 15-8 overall and 8-1 in the division.

The win sets up a matchup at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at home against the WLA's Western Division champion, which has yet to be determined between Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

In the win over Northern, Amanda Paison led the Stevenson offense going 3-for-4 with a run scored. The Spartans had a total of 11 hits, as Emily Hollandsworth and Kristina Vaclavek

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each went 2-for-4.

Hollandsworth delivered a two-run double in the second inning, while Vaclavek contributed an RBI double in the sixth.

Charli Coram had two hits and scored both runs for the Knights, who committed five errors. Brittany Brown also went 2-for-4 in the loss.

Losing pitcher Jodi Wagner allowed six earned runs. She struck out four and walked two.

### Spartans 2-1 in tournament

On Saturday, Stevenson won its first two games in the Farmington Invitational before being derailed by the

host Falcons, 3-0, as pitcher Dana Velzy struck out 11 and allowed only three hits.

Sarah Yarmuth paced Farmington's offensive attack, going 2-for-3 with an RBI double.

Emily Hollandsworth went 2-for-3 in the loss.

The Spartans committed three errors in the loss. Losing pitcher Jamie Johnson allowed just one earned run on three hits. She struck out six.

In the second round, Johnson outdueled Farmington Hills Mercy hurler Kathleen Howard in a 10-inning game, 2-1. Johnson gave up just three hits, walked two and struck out seven.

Howard allowed four hits, fanned eight and did not allow a walk in beating the sixth-ranked Marlins.

Under the international tiebreaker rule, Stevenson won it in the 10th when Kathleen Hoehn's safety suicide squeeze bunt scored pinch-runner Tara Sharpe.

In the tourney opener, Janice Hollandsworth went 2-for-3 with a double and scored two runs in the Spartans' 6-2 win over Walled Lake Western in a game played at North Farmington.

Lauren Brueck contributed a two-run double to spark a four-run Stevenson uprising in the fifth inning.

Laura Deacon, the winning pitcher, allowed just three hits. She walked six and struck out eight over seven innings.

Western's Emily Carlson, who gave up just four hits, took the loss. She allowed six earned runs, walked five and fanned nine.

## Division title sewed up by Churchill, 3-0

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer team can breathe a little easier following Monday's 3-0 victory at Walled Lake Central.

The state-ranked Chargers had cause to celebrate after sewing up the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes

Association, their first divisional title since 1996.

The Chargers, who bounced back from Friday's 4-0 setback to unranked Rochester Adams, improved to 11-1-3 overall and 7-0-2 in the Lakes.

Central falls to 11-2-2 overall and 4-2-2 in the division.

"We were excellent all over the field, the defense, the central midfield and the outside midfielders," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I'd say we controlled 70 to 75 percent of the

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### On the rise

Stevenson's Ian Petty returns a two-fisted backhand during a singles match Monday against North Farmington. For a look at the Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis tournament, see page B6.

## Rheault takes reins as new Patriot coach

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

During the school day, Jeremy Rheault's passion is art as a teacher at Livonia Franklin High School.

After school, Rheault hopes to paint a different picture as the new varsity boys basketball coach for the Patriots.

The 35-year-old Rheault succeeds Russ Keberly, who stepped down for family considerations after four seasons with a 30-55 record, including 2-19 mark this year.

Rheault, who coached three varsity seasons (2000-03) at Canton High, going 27-36, spent the past two years as the Patriots' freshman coach. Most recently, he coached the Westland John Glenn JV girls team and stayed active as a coach at Frost Middle School.

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In all, he has coached in 25 different seasons, including track, since the age of 21.

"I like the challenge and the opportunity to work with these players," said Rheault, who began his high school coaching career as a volunteer coach the ripe age of 19. "I love coaching and being in the building where I teach. I'm not going to change for change sake. I'll make adjustments to some of the things I've done in the past, but also continue to do things that I'm used to doing. It will take work and you have to be positive."

Franklin Athletic Director Ron Hammye gave Rheault a ringing endorsement upon his appointment.

"Jeremy has spent a lot of time in high school basketball," Hammye said. "He brings a lot of knowledge and experience to Franklin. He has been involved as a freshman coach in our basketball program. He also teaches here as well."

"He knows the conference and he's coached in the conference. He knows a lot of people and I'm certain he'll do a good job."

Rheault said he has met with most of the players, including the incoming seniors. He has also set up a summer basketball workout schedule.

"I like pressure-man defense and a motion offense. We'll be patient, but aggressive; a lot of it depends on making reads," Rheault said. "We'll throw in some zone, too, when we have to."

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## Dempsey, Gatt newest recruits for MU program

Madonna University volleyball head coach Jerry Abraham announced the signings of Livonia Franklin outside hitter Liz Dempsey (Westland) and Anna-Marie Gatt, a member of Livonia Churchill's state Class A championship team.

A 5-foot-8 Dempsey is a four-year letterwinner in volleyball at Franklin.

In her senior season, she was named team captain, first-team All-Observer and first-team All-Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Liz has a great work ethic," Abraham said. "She will help provide depth to our back line and we are excited to have her join our program."

Dempsey, who was a scholar-athlete during her prep years, was the team captain during her junior season. She is a three-time All-Observer pick and two-time All-Western Lakes selection.

"I chose to attend Madonna because of the winning tradition," Dempsey said. "It's a great thrill for me to stay close to home and compete at such a high level every night."

Dempsey will enroll at MU in the fall to pursue a career in nursing.

Gatt is another defensive specialist to join the Crusaders in 2007.

The 5-6 Livonia native is the younger sister of current Madonna volleyball player Jacqui Gatt.

"This will be the first season that our program will have sisters on the roster," Abraham said. "It's exciting for these two siblings to be together and a part of our program next season."

Gatt is a two-year varsity letterwinner and helped her squad to the state championship to cap off her senior season. She was also named a scholar-athlete and All-Division in the WLAA during her final prep season.

"The volleyball program at Madonna is a step above any other in the area," Gatt said. "I'm looking forward to not only playing at the collegiate level next season, but also being on the same team as my older sister in her final year."

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ladywood's Andrea Warzyniec follows her drive off the No. 5 tee during Tuesday's Catholic League Championship tournament held at St. John's Golf Center in Plymouth.

## Bittersweet day Ladywood runner-up to rival Mercy

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Alainna Stefan and her Farmington Hills Mercy teammates pulled off a hat trick Tuesday, three-peat as Catholic League girls golf champions.

The Marlins, riding Stefan's low round of 81, edged regular-season champion Livonia Ladywood by four strokes, 352-356, for the team title at St. John's Golf Center. Bloomfield Hills Marian was a distant third with 402.

Rounding out Mercy's All-Catholic League contingent was senior Kristen White (88), junior Diana Karvelis (91), senior Maria Uhrin (92) and junior Megan Novak (97).

It was third tournament victory of the season for Stefan, the University of Detroit-Mercy signee who has also been medalist in each of the Marlins' dual meet matches this spring.

It was also her third straight Catholic League individual title.

"She's not happy because she didn't break 80, but our other three girls played real solid and we knew it would be close," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "That was Kristen White's low round of the year (88). She finally broke 90."

"And Diana Karvelis is just getting better and better. We played a tournament here three weeks ago on the back side (holes 10 through 27), which isn't easy, and she (Karvelis) goes from a 93 to a 91. They both came through today. And if we don't count Megan (Novak's) 97, we'd lose. That's why it's a team. And if you look across the board, we have depth."

The Blazers put up a gallant fight despite missing their No. 2 scorer, senior Angela Jamrog, who was lost

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## Signelines

### Blazer lacrosse 1st

On Saturday, host Livonia Ladywood captured the Catholic League girls lacrosse championship with a 12-7 win over Pontiac Notre-Dame Prep.

Center Rachel Killian and attacker Lauren Anastos paced the Blazers' offense, while Milly Niemijski stood out in defense.

On Monday, Killian paced the offense and Caitlin Cox led the defense in a 14-4 win over Northville.

With three regular season matches left before taking on Riverview Gabriel Richard in the first-round of the state tourney, Ladywood is 8-3-2 on the season.

### King off to SVSU

Livonia's Brian King, a freshman member of the Oakland Community College men's golf team, has committed to play his sophomore season at Saginaw Valley State University, where he'll join his brother Mike, a three-year starter at SVSU.

Both were members of the 2003 Division I state championship team and first-team All-State selections at Redford-Detroit Catholic Central High.

### Grenier gets nod

Mark Grenier, who guided Livonia Churchill to the 2007 state Class A girls volleyball championship, has been invited to participate in the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Senior All-Star Classic on Saturday, July 7 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

An awards luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. with the two semifinal matches at 3 p.m. followed by the consolation and finals at 5 p.m.

### Bowling champs

The 39th annual City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Bowling League Roll-offs featuring age-group fall and winter league representatives from Cloverlanes, Merri-Bowl, Wonderland Lanes and Woodland Lanes were crowned May 7-8 at Woodland Lanes.

Among the champions in the Bantam-Prep Division included Ryan Cole, Ben Szmatala, Evan Daniels and Dan Aguire.

Junior Division champs included Corey Coughlin, Kyle Coughlin, Alex Jaynes and Trey Torres.

### MU signs Coker

Tyler Coker, a 6-foot-4 swingman from Whitmore Lake High School who averaged 19.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball next season at Madonna University.

Coker's brother Drew just completed his second season with the Crusaders. Tyler led the Trojans to a 12-9 record.

## Franklin earns crown in Farmington tourney

Livonia Franklin's softball team put in a 13-hour day - and it was all worth it.

The Patriots captured all four games Saturday to win the Farmington Invitational, including a 3-2 victory in the finals over the host Falcons.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (11-5) scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out three in seven innings.

She also had an RBI single in the third inning and an RBI double in the seventh with Brittany Taylor scoring both runs. Brittany Taylor also contributed an RBI double to store Jessica Stailey.

Franklin, which improved to 16-7 overall, also made four key defensive plays in the win including throwing out a runner attempting to steal second; a pick-off at third (Nicole Emery to Briauna Taylor); and throwing a runner out at the plate (Brittany Taylor on the throw).

Losing pitcher Dana Velzy went six innings, allowing nine hits and one walk. She struck out five.

Farmington tallied both of its runs in the sixth when Sarah Yarmuth doubled and later scored on an overthrow followed by Taylor Cummings' RBI single scoring Velzy.

Franklin opened pool play with a 4-2 win over West Bloomfield as Sanborn went the distance, allowing six hits and four walks while fanning five. Brittany Taylor went 2-for-2 for the Patriots.

In the second game, Franklin defeated North Farmington, 8-3, as Allison Bonsall went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBI. Briauna Taylor also was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Brittany Taylor and Sanborn collected two hits and an RBI each.

Sanborn scattered six hits,



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin third baseman Nicole Emery fields a bunt in a recent game against Plymouth. The Patriots split Monday with WLAA-Western Division co-leader Canton and won the Farmington Invitational with a 4-0 record on Saturday.

walked four and struck out two.

North pitcher Jackie Arnold struck out seven of the first 10 batters she faced before the Patriots struck for three runs in the fourth inning.

In the third round, Franklin took six innings to mercy

Farmington Hills Harrison, 13-3, as winning pitcher Alecia Geraghty (5-2) allowed five hits and walked three.

Top Franklin hitters included Briauna Taylor (2-for-3; 2 RBI); Kelsey Garbutt (2-for-3; RBI); and Sanborn (2-for-3; RBI).

## Plymouth whips Zebras to remain in title chase

There's a three-way tie heading into Friday's girls softball finale in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth, tied with Canton and Northville at 7-2, remained in the hunt Monday with a 12-1 mercy-rule triumph at Wayne Memorial.

Pitcher Ally Ciotti (6-1) struck out nine and allowed four hits over five innings as the Wildcats improved to 14-3 overall.

Jessica Cicerelli had a pair of hits for Plymouth, while Amanda Burnard tripled and scored twice.

Taylor Krohn was the losing pitcher.

Jessie Harris had two hits for the Zebras (1-18, 0-9), including a double.

The season finishes with Canton at Northville and Livonia Franklin at Plymouth.

The winner travels Wednesday to meet Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson in the first-place crossover. Game time is 4 p.m.

**FRANKLIN 4-0, CANTON 1-1:** In a WLAA-Western Division twin-bill Monday, Livonia Franklin (17-8, 4-5) gained a split with the host Chiefs (19-4, 7-2) by rallying for four runs in the top of the seventh to pull off the upset in the opener, 4-1.

Franklin broke up Canton pitcher Hilary Payne's perfect game bid in the top of the seventh on a single by Brittany Taylor, an RBI double by winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn, a single by Briauna Taylor followed by two-run single by Kelsey Garbutt, who later scored on a wild pitch.

Sanborn (12-5) scattered six hits and one walk over seven innings.

Payne struck out eight and allowed four runs on four hits, all in the seventh.

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"Our team continues to fight, we never give up," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "I thought we might be a little flat after playing four games on Saturday, but we continued to battle. Our defense played outstanding. We had three putouts at third base and one at the plate."

In the nightcap, Amy Dunleavy got the victory on the mound and Stephanie Sadek went 2-for-3 with an RBI in an 11-0 Canton victory in five innings.

Losing pitcher Alecia Geraghty (5-3) allowed 11 runs on 11 hits in five innings.

**W.L. CENTRAL 12, CHURCHILL 0:** Pitcher Kristin Hardy and Allie Banks combined on a two-hitter and nine strikeouts Monday as Walled Lake Central (17-7, 7-2) rolled to a five-inning WLAA-Lakes Division triumph at Livonia Churchill (12-12, 2-7).

Krista Hakola and Kara Weichert each went 3-for-4 for the victorious Vikings, who collected 18 total hits. Heather Weidenhimer added two hits and two RBI, while Kathryn Russette chipped in with two hits and an RBI.

Emily McShane had two hits for the Chargers.

Julie Lewandowski was the losing pitcher.

**SALEM 11, JOHN GLENN 2:** In a WLAA-Lakes Division game Monday, host Westland John Glenn (0-18, 0-8) fell to the Rocks (12-11, 5-4).

Tarra Anderson and Lauren Backer each had two hits for the Rockets, while Emily Pitcoole led Salem with a double and single.

Salem pitchers Melissa Leach, who went the first three innings, and Kelly MacDonald, who finished up, combined for nine strikeouts and four walks.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook struck out four, walked four and allowed six hits over seven innings.

**DIVINE CHILD 3, LADYWOOD 2:** Caitlin Hamman collected two RBI to lead Dearborn Divine Child (17-10) to the Catholic

League victory Monday over host Livonia Ladywood (10-16).

Senior Lauren Taylor went all seven innings in the setback for Ladywood. She also had two hits.

**LUTH. NORTH 14, CLARENCEVILLE 4:** In a first-round Metro Conference playoff game Monday, host Macomb Lutheran North used an eight-run sixth inning to mercy Livonia Clarenceville (6-15, 3-6).

Winning pitcher Kari Wangelin keyed the outburst for North with a three-run double. She was also effective on the mound with nine strikeouts and only two walks. Wangelin allowed four hits.

"We played well for five innings by playing decent defense, fought for some runs to stay in the game, but Lutheran North managed to get key hits at key times," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "Wangelin was tough to keep off base."

Racheal Bohm, Megan Gentile and Brittany Wangelin chipped in with two hits apiece.

Losing pitcher Abby Sochacki (6-14) allowed 10 earned runs on 12 hits and four walks in 5.2 innings.

Clarenceville committed six errors, while North had three.

Kellie Manis scored two runs for the Trojans, while Charmaine McQueen and Jenna Mrljak each added a run.

**CHURCHILL 6-4, DEARBORN 5-13:** In a non-league doubleheader Saturday, host Livonia Churchill (12-11) and the Pioneers (11-7) settled for a split.

Churchill took the opener, 6-5, as Katie Stodulski and Hilary Antal each went 3-for-4. The Chargers outthit Dearborn, 16-14.

Jordan Kerr, the winning pitcher, scattered 14 hits and struck out five. She did not allow a walk.

In the second game, Sam Kerr went 4-for-5 with four RBI to lead Dearborn to a 13-4 victory.

Stephanie Zdeb was the winning pitcher, while Churchill starter Sidnee Mattison suffered the loss.

Paula Guzik went 3-for-4 for the Chargers, while Jordan Kerr went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

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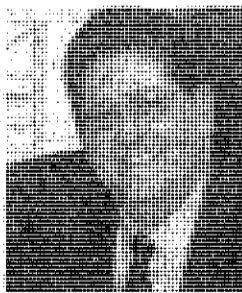
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# Splitsville: Pats divide bill; Spartans' Tuttle aces test

A 10-run fifth inning helped Livonia Franklin salvage a split in a WAAA Western Division double-header Monday afternoon against visiting Canton.

The Chiefs won the opener, 8-3, before dropping the nightcap, 15-7. The split left Canton at 10-10-1 overall and 4-5 in the division; the Patriots stand at 6-16 and 3-6, respectively.

Canton junior southpaw Erik Wright (5-2) earned the win on the mound in the opener as he yielded four hits while striking out eight in the complete-game effort. Franklin starting pitcher Sean Sciba struck out eight in six innings of work for the hosts.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 1-1 in the third before padding their advantage with three in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth. The Pats scored their final two runs in the fourth.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring and junior outfielder Dan Stoney paced the Chiefs' offensive attack with three hits a piece. Gring's day included a double, triple and three runs while Stoney contributed four RBI, two coming on a round-tripper in the sixth.

Other potent hitters for Canton were Ben Vaughn (2-for-4), Wright (2-for-3, RBI) and Ryan Neu (2-for-4, RBI).

Jesse Carpenter had a nice day at the plate for Franklin, going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Canton out-hit the Patriots, 13-4, in a clean defensive game that included just one error (Franklin's).

The Patriots exploded for two big innings — a five-run third and the 10-run fifth — to run away with Game 2. The Chiefs led 6-5 in the fifth until Franklin's double-digit uprising. Nine of the 10 runs scored after two were outs.

Mike Basner earned the win for Franklin, throwing a complete-game nine-hitter. He struck out three and walked four.

Canton's Dan Milus suffered the setback after working the first 4.2 innings. Stoney finished the fifth before Vaughn

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came in to work a perfect 1-2-3 sixth.

Tyler Canyock ignited the Patriots' offense with two hits, two runs and two RBI. Dave Leins added four RBI, including a key two-run single in the fifth.

Swinging hot bats for the Chiefs were Gring (2-for-3, two runs), Stoney (3-for-3, three runs, RBI), Vaughn (RBI double), Neu (2-for-4) and William Tidwell (2-for-3, two-run double).

**STEVENSON 10, W.L. NORTHERN 3:** Matt Tuttle pitched a three-hitter and Livonia Stevenson (15-9, 5-4) rode a 13-hit attack in a WAAA-Lakes Division triumph Monday at host Walled Lake Northern (11-11, 3-6).

Tuttle (7-0-1) worked all seven innings, allowing two earned runs. He struck out nine and walked three.

Jeff Sorenson and Dan Rozek each collected two hits and combined for six RBI for the Spartans. Other Stevenson hitting stars including Andy Jones (two doubles); Nick Plinka (2-for-3, RBI); and Luke Knochel (2-for-4, RBI; two runs).

B.J. Johnson led Northern with two hits and two RBI.

Losing pitcher Kevin Petsch gave up 10 runs on 11 hits in 5.1 innings.

**SALEM 10-1, JOHN GLENN 8-13:** In a WAAA-Lakes Division twinbill Monday, host Westland John Glenn (12-14, 5-4) split with the Rocks.

Salem won the opener, 10-8, as Sam Ott went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Justin Horger also went 3-for-4 with one RBI.

Glenn was led by Jerry Smith (2-for-3; three RBI) and Andrew DeLuca (2-for-4; two RBI).

Robert Fraser was the losing pitcher.

In the nightcap, DeLuca went 4-for-4 with a run and two RBI, while Smith contributed a three-run homer in a 13-1 Glenn triumph.

Chris Kangas was the winning pitcher, while Brad Way took the loss.

**W.L. CENTRAL 10, CHURCHILL 9:** For the second time this season Walled Lake Central (15-5, 8-1) escaped with an identical win Monday over visiting Livonia Churchill (10-14, 2-7).

The Chargers battled back from an 8-3 deficit after two innings.

Eric Mitchell, who went 2-for-5 with three RBI, belted a solo homer in the top of the seventh to pull the Chargers to within one.

The inning ended when Kirk Ciarrocchi, who had walked and advanced to third, was called out at the plate while trying to score after a wild pitch on a walk.

Other Churchill offensive standouts included: Tyler Bledsoe (3-for-5); Bryon Niemczak (2-for-5; three RBI); and Steve Jones (2-for-4).

Garrett Reichle went 3-for-4 with four RBI to lead the Vikings. Brent Reichle belted a two-run homer in the first and added a two-run double in the fourth.

Central starter Torrey Stimson lasted only three innings, allowing seven runs on nine hits and two walks.

Brian Runge, the losing pitcher, gave up 10 runs on seven hits and three walks. Reliever Shea Dwyer held the Vikings scoreless on one hit and three strikeouts over the final 2.1 innings.

**PLYMOUTH 10, WAYNE 4:** Garrett Rebaun tossed a four-hitter Monday as the Wildcats (11-11, 5-4) downed host Wayne Memorial (8-15, 2-7) in a WAAA-Western Division game.

Rebaun walked four and struck out seven in going the distance.

Ben Kosmowski went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI for Plymouth. Ron Goble contributed two hits, including a triple and RBI, while Ryan Valle went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Tim Siegfried had a hit and knocked in two runs for Wayne.

Losing pitcher Jon Bryant allowed four runs, two earned, on three hits and three walks in three innings. Eric Robertson and Brent Patterson finished up.

**SOUTH LYON 10-1, JOHN GLENN 6-2:** In a non-league doubleheader Saturday, Westland John Glenn (11-12) and the host Lions settled for a split.

Dan Greteback went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while teammate Dan Vess added two hits and an RBI in a 10-6 South Lyon victory.

Glenn's Chris Kangas went 3-for-3 with an RBI in the loss.

In the second game, Glenn starter Jon Gillis pitched a complete game eight-hitter in a 2-1 victory. Gillis struck out five and did not allow a walk. He also went 2-for-3.

Justin Reid had the game-winning RBI in the top of the fifth.

Vess led South Lyon with two hits.

**CHURCHILL 10-5, N. FARMINGTON 1-4:** Livonia Churchill (10-13) took both ends of a twinbill Saturday at home against North Farmington (8-12).

Josh Matigian went all seven innings in the opener, strikeout out three and walking one as the Chargers prevailed, 10-1. Matigian

allowed just six hits.

Losing pitcher Mike Allen went 1.2 innings, allowing eight runs on three hits and five walks.

Jimmy Tyler and Brian Runge each had two-run doubles to spark an eight-run Churchill second inning.

Alex Manion finished with two hits for North.

Churchill also took the nightcap, 5-4, as reliever Bryon Niemczak got the final out to quell a three-run North rally in the top of the seventh.

Matt Luneak, who got the victory, went 6.2 innings, allowing four runs on nine hits and one walk.

Allen, who went six innings for the Raiders, took the loss. He struck out four, walked none and allowed eight hits.

Niemczak, Luneak and Anthony Marietti each collected two hits and an RBI for the victorious Chargers. Manion went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace North. Matt Cole and Jeff Young also collected two hits and one RBI apiece.

**STEVENSON 11-7, GARDEN CITY 1-6:** Freshman Jeff Sorenson got the win in the opener and junior reliever Jon Samaan came on to get the victory in the nightcap Saturday as host Livonia Stevenson (13-9) swept the Cougars (6-10).

Sorenson allowed just one run on three hits and three walks in the first game as Stevenson won, 11-1, in five innings (mercy rule). Sorenson struck out six and helped his own cause with two RBI.

Other hitting standouts for the Spartans included: Matt Loney, double and two RBI; Matt Tuttle, double and two RBI; and Nick Coram, two RBI.

Losing pitcher Mat Fitzgibbon lasted just two-thirds of an inning, allowing nine runs on five hits and three walks.

Anthony Glass knocked in the lone run for the Cougars.

Starting pitcher Larry Klemczak knocked in the game-winning run to score Dan Rozek, who earlier doubled, in the bottom of the seventh to give Stevenson a 7-6 triumph in the second game.

The Spartans rallied for three runs to win it.

Samaan pitched the final two innings, allowing one run on one hit, to pick up the win.

Klemczak went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Luke Knochel, Eric Krauss and Rozek each finished with two hits.

Aki Itoh, the Garden City starter, gave up seven runs on nine hits and two walks in 6.1 innings. He struck out four.

Brett Lackey had two hits and two RBI for the Cougars.

## Fleetham's no-hit gem advances Warriors, 1-0

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team parlayed a tournament victory over the weekend with an impressive first-round Metro Conference playoff on Monday.

The fifth-seeded Warriors got a no-hitter from pitcher Derek Fleetham in a 1-0 triumph at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Both teams are 13-4 overall and 5-4 in the Metro.

Fleetham faced just 26 batters. He struck out 12 and walked six (one intentionally) in outdueling Northwest starter Jacob Rinkinen, who also went all seven innings.

Rinkinen faced only 24 batters, allowing two hits, one each to Chris Ake and Dan Abbott. He struck out three and hit one batter.

"Derek pitched a great game and gave us a chance to win," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

"The defense behind him played well and preserved the 0-0 score in the bottom of the fourth."

With one out and a man on second, Fleetham struck the Northwest batter out, while a runner on second was attempting to steal third. Abbott's throw sailed into left field, but Billy Meier made a heads-up move in backing up the play. Meier fielded it cleanly and threw out the runner at home to keep the score knotted at zero.

In the top of the seventh, Ryan Baglow led off the inning by getting hit by a pitch. Pinch-hitter Sean Vandenbrink sacrificed Baglow to second and the runner took third on a wild pitch.

"Baglow rounded third as the catcher walked out to the mound, he whispered to me, 'Did they call time out?'" Wade recalled. "I said, 'No, go,' and Ryan did."

Baglow stole home to score the go-ahead run.

"It was a strange situation, but Ryan definitely

had his head in the game and it paid off for us," Wade said.

## Tourney conquest

On Saturday, the Warriors earned the tournament title at home with a 2-1 win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Ryan Baglow pitched a four-hitter to earn the victory. He struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Justin Barber went six innings for the Chargers (10-4), allowing two earned runs on three hits. He struck out 11, walked four and hit one batter.

Tyler Daniels' RBI sacrifice fly in the top of the sixth scored Daniel Doran for a 1-0 Inter-City lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Adam Zehel and Aaron Derminer drew walks for the Warriors. Baglow then loaded the bases with a bunt single.

Abbott's shot down the first base line brought home Zehel and Derminer with a game-tying and go-ahead run.

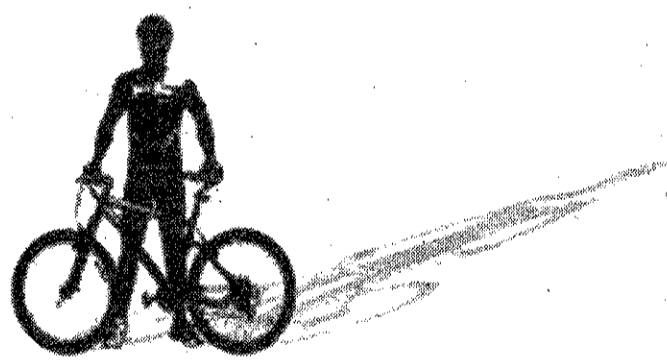
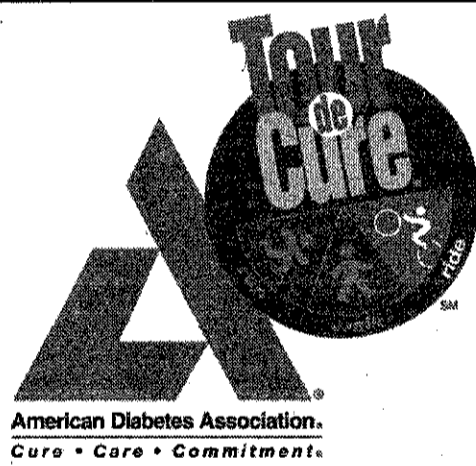
Baglow then worked out of a jam in the top of the seventh.

Inter-City's Justin Yunk doubled and took third on an infield error, but the Lutheran Westland hurler got Daniel Lambert, who was 2-for-3, to strike out to end the game.

In the first game, the Warriors took five innings to mercy neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 12-1, as Austin Baglow went 2-for-2 with two RBI and two stolen bases.

Abbott added two runs and scored twice, while Micah Hausch had a hit and knocked in three runs. C.J. Garber also had an RBI.

Micah Hausch held the Hawks hitless over the first four innings to earn the victory. He struck out six and walked five. Dan Krzyske finished up.



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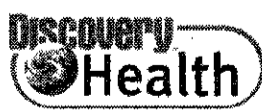
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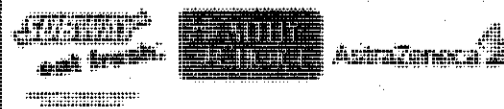
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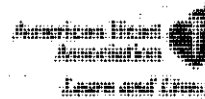
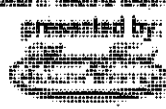
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**LADYWOOD**

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recently for the season with a broken wrist.

Ladywood was led by the trio of junior Erica Mazur and senior Kelly Thomas, who tied for second with 84 each; and senior Andrea Warzyniec, who carded 85 to finish fourth. The Blazers' other scorer, sophomore, Rachael Fuller, finished 16th with 103.

The tournament place, how-

ever, was somewhat bittersweet for coach Kellianne Nagy.

"We always do battle with them," Nagy said of Mercy, which is rated No. 6 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll. "We're happy to finish second today. We got the league (regular season) trophy. And I thought Rachael Fuller came through today with a 103."

Ladywood, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, now focuses its attention on today's regional at Huron Meadows.

"We only have five on the

varsity right now, but when we go to the regionals and 'states' if we can be in the 350s (team total), we'll be OK," Nagy said. "We just have to play a little harder and play with a little more heart."

Meanwhile, Mercy tries to secure one of three spots in today's Division 1 regional at Oak Pointe, where the field includes such strong teams as Brighton (No. 7), Northville (No. 8) and Hartland.

"We'll have to play our best," Kowalski said.

**GIRLS GOLF RESULTS**

**CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**  
May 15 at St. John's G.C.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 352; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 356; 3. Bloomfield Hills Marian, 402; 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 405; 5. Harper Woods Regina, 415; 6. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 451; 7. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 507.

**Medalist:** Alaina Stefan (FHM), 81.  
**All-Catholic:** 1. Stefan (FHM), 81; 2. (tie) Erica Mazur (LL) and Kelly Thomas (LL), 84 each; 4. Andrea Warzyniec (LL), 85; 5. (tie) Kristen White (FHM) and Caitlin Steele (DDC), 88 each; 7. Diana Karvelis (FHM), 91; 8. (tie) Maria Raffoul (WHR) and Marina Uhrin (FHM), 92 each; 10. (tie) Marlowe Timlin (BM) and Kelly Canavo (BM), 96 each; 12. Megan Novak (FHM), 97.

**TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**  
Mercy (402): 1. Stefan, 81; 5. White, 88; 7. Karvelis, 91; 8. Uhrin, 92; 12. Novak, 97; 21. Lindsay Mack, 109.

Ladywood (356): 2. (tie) Thomas and Mazur, 84 each; 4. Warzyniec, 85; 16. Rachael Fuller, 103; 25. Alaina Vince, 116.

Marian (402): 10. (tie) Timlin and Canavo, 96 each; 16. Amelia Watts, 103; 19. Claire Morgan, 107.

Divine Child (405): 5. (tie) Steele, 88; 12. Katie St. Andrew, 97; 19. Jenny Blazo, 107; 24. Kristi Clemens, 113; 27. Donna Fiscelli, 119; 30. Bailey Zurawski, 124.

Regina (415): 8. (tie) Maria Raffoul, 92; 15. Melissa Raffoul, 101; 22. (tie) Katie Wilson and Leah Stapleton, 111 each; 31. Brooke Hunt, 125.

Notre Dame Prep (451): 14. Kaitlyn McDonald, 100; 18. Rebecca Barbarosso, 105; 26. Alyssa Stanton, 117; 33. Emily Slaga, 129; 35. Marisa Gabriel Richard (507): 28. (tie) Kelly Soranuf and Shannon Sexton, 121 each; 33. Ellie Kirchner, 129; 36. Mackenzie Farlie, 136; 37. Erin Norton, 142; 39. Bridget Kennedy, no score available.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 176, NORTHVILLE 179**  
May 14 at Fox Creek  
Stevenston scorers: Chelsea Bathurst and Abbey Wolfe, 41 each; Laura Sims, 46; Chrissy McHenry, 48.

Northville scorers: Alicia Weber, 36 (medalist); Susan Snyder, 41; Kelly Hill, 49; Eve Avdiulis, 51.  
Dual meet records: Stevenston, 10-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Northville, 9-1 WLAA.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 182, JOHN GLENN 202**  
May 14 at Willow Metropark  
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 36 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, Amanda Dobos and Danielle Lesniak, 48 each; Jessica Burdette, 58; Ashley Kuhn, 59.

Glenn scorers: Jessie Veltri, 47; Courtney McKinney, 49; Heidi Irvine, 50; Jessica Riggs, 55; Taylor Morgan, 56; Carrie Kulkowski, 68.  
Dual meet records: Churchill, 5-2 overall, 5-2 WLAA.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 184, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 199**  
May 11 at Ivy Wild  
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 36 (medalist); Amanda Dobos, 45; Lexi McFarlane, 51; Danielle Lesniak, 52; Gina Jordan, 55; Katie Worley, 65.

Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 46; Mariei Meyers, 48; Jessica Stchar, 49; Heather Bacon, 56; Lauren Bailey, 62; Georgia Patrick, 69.  
Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-2 overall, 4-2 WLAA; Franklin, 9-3 overall, 7-3 WLAA.

**CHURCHILL**

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play. We came out with a different mindset. We were under control the entire time."

Hannah Otto scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at the 25-minute mark of the first half from Alisha Lussiez, who Hebestreit said "made us go."

Callie Mack added a goal from Alyssa Mira in the 54th minute and Bailey Brandon completed the scoring in the 62nd minute from Otto.

Goalkeeper Stephanie Turner registered Churchill's seventh shutout of the year. The victory puts the Chargers into the WLAA championship game at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Western Division champion Northville.

**STEVENSON 2, W.L. NORTHERN 0:** Goals by Kathleen Griffith and Stephanie Gutkowski lifted Livonia Stevenson (7-5-3, 5-3) to a WLAA Lakes Division triumph Monday at home against Walled Lake Northern.

Taleen Mergian set up Griffith's header for the first goal at the 22-minute mark.

"This was a good test for us," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "Northern ran with three forwards all night, but couldn't break our back line."

"But Northern was able to find their forwards including Christy Naife in dangerous areas to finish the half, however not really creating much but shots from outside 20 yards."

Just seven minutes into the second half, after creating a couple of other opportunities, Griffith controlled the ball from approximately 30 yards from goal in the middle of the field and found a cutting Gutkowski, who took the ball just outside the 18 and finished

for an insurance goal.

Spartans goalkeeper Mandi Keedle (two saves) got help from back-liners Jen Gately, Liz Tokarsky, Amber Sharp and Kayla Kimble, along with mid-fielders Jamie Chandler, Gutkowski and Mergian.

**SALEM 3, JOHN GLENN 0:** Victories have been few and far between for the Rocks (4-7-1, 2-6-1) this season, a fact that made Monday afternoon's conquest of Westland John Glenn (2-11-1, 0-9) that much more sweeter.

First-time starter Ashley Tucker recorded four saves in goal for her first victory of the season.

Salem struck first when Taylor Carlson found the net six minutes into the contest on a brilliant pass from Sarah Stanislawski.

The score remained 1-0 at the half before Miranda Evers doubled the advantage 10 minutes into the second half following a beautiful pass by Stanislawski, who registered her second assist of the night.

Lindsey Newton closed the scoring for the winners when she scored later in the second half.

**FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 0:** Late first-half goals by junior forward Amy McGaughey (on a breakaway) and senior Meghan Horgan (off 25-yard free kick) carried Livonia Franklin (4-7-1, 3-4-1) to a WLAA Western Division triumph Friday at Wayne Memorial.

Junior forward Molly Perkins added a pair of second-half goals for the Patriots.

"We had quite a few good chances and played well," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We could have been a bit more aggressive in the offensive end, but we're still working on that. Wayne only got dangerous a couple of times and we held strong defensively. It was a good finish to the week for us."

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By Jeff Lesson

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We all know how tough it is to sell a house these days. Picture trying to sell an entire golf course. The result has been a boon for golfers who haven't seen green fees rise much in years, and are now seeing prices actually falling. This is the ultimate buyers market.

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CAMPS/CLINICS

Spartan football camp

Stevenson High School will host two free football camps in preparation for the 2007 season. The Spartan Youth Clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (grades 3-5) and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (grades 6-8) on Saturday, May 19. Pre-registration is available through the Stevenson High WebSite at www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/high/stevenson/athletics/athletics.html. Same day registration starts at 8 a.m. The Spartan Varsity Camp for current grades 9-11 will be Wednesday-Thursday, July 25-26, at Stevenson. For more information, e-mail coach Tim Gabel at tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Franklin football camp

The Future Patriots Football Camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3 p.m. (grades 5-8) Saturday, May 19, at Livonia Franklin High School. The cost is \$15. To obtain a camp brochure, visit franklinfootball.googlepages.com.

Field hockey camp

The 2007 Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp for grade six through incoming freshman will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Livonia Ladywood High School. The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt with on-site athletic trainer). Registration is due June 15. The camp, directed by Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, will put an emphasis on fundamentals and techniques. All camp participants must bring shin guards, a mouthpiece and water bottle. Rubber cleats are recommended along with a field hockey stick (some available for signout at the camp). You should also bring a sack lunch. For more information, e-mail coachkris@ameritech.net.

All-Star Hoop Camp

Registration is on for the All Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15 hosted by Madonna University. MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will direct three sessions of boys camps including: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 13-16; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22; also July 30-Aug. 3. The girls camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9. The cost for each session is \$175 (hot lunches are available for \$5 per day). For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School will offer a series of summer sports camps including: Baseball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2007) - 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday through Thursday, June 19-21, at high school field (cost \$52). Directed by Ron Targosz. Boys basketball (grades 6-9) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81). Directed by Jim Solak. Girls basketball shooting (grades 5-9) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Wednesday, July 9-11, at the fieldhouse (cost \$52). Directed by Keith McDonald. Girls basketball skills (grades 5-10) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81). Directed by Keith McDonald. Football (boys in grades 3-8) - 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26, at the football fields (cost \$38). Directed by John Filiatraut. Football (boys in grades 9-12) - 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26, at the football fields (cost \$60). Directed by John Filiatraut. Girls gymnastics (ages 11 and up) - 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 18-22; and July 16-20, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81 for each session). Directed by Kelly Grodzicki. High jump (grades 8-12) - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday-Saturday,

July 20-21, at the Churchill fields (cost \$115 with lunch provided both days). Directed by Vern Williams. Pole vault (co-ed grades 8-12) - 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 5; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7, at the Churchill fields (cost \$157 with lunch provided July 6-7). Directed by Vern Williams. Hockey skills (grades 9-12) - 8-9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20; and from 9-10:30 a.m., July 23-27, at Edgar Ice Arena. Limited enrollment to 45 skaters and five goalies (cost \$175). For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at Pmazzoni@livonia.k12.mi.us. Girls fastpitch softball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2007) - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, at the Churchill baseball field (cost is \$57). Directed by Meghan Misiak-Hall. Girls volleyball (eight days) - 8:15-10:30 a.m. (grades 10-12) and 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (grades 7-9), June 13-22, at the fieldhouse (cost \$99). Directed by Mark Grenier. For more information, including schedules for the tennis and swim camps, call the CES Enrichment Office at (734) 744-2602.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps including: Elite - 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth - 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Hitters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12. For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

Blazer hoop camp

The 12th annual Blazer Basketball Camp for girls will be from 9 a.m.-noon (grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, at Livonia Ladywood High School. The cost is \$95 (before June 1) or \$105 (after June 1). Space is limited to the first 60 applicants per session. For more information, call Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski at (734) 637-8581; or e-mail coachgorski@gmail.com.

Stevenson camps

Livonia Stevenson High School will stage a series of summer sports camps (registration deadline June 1) for the following: Wrestling (grades 5-12 entering fall) - 8-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21; and June 25-28 at the fieldhouse (second floor wrestling room). Cost is \$107. Call Dan Vaughan at (734) 262-4162; or e-mail teachdvaug@yahoo.com. Boys basketball (grades 5-9 entering fall) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 18-22 at the fieldhouse. Cost is \$81. Call Brad Miller at (248) 982-1651; or e-mail bmliller@novi.k12.mi.us. Lady Spartans basketball (grades 5-9 entering fall) - 8-10 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28 at the fieldhouse. Cost is \$57. Girls volleyball - 9-11 a.m. (grades 7-8) and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (grades 9-10), Monday through Friday, June 18-22, at the competition gym. Cost is \$57. Call Kelly Graham at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 71122; or e-mail kgraham@livonia.k12.mi.us.

C'ville girls hoops

Livonia Clarenceville will stage a fundamentals camp for girls entering grades 4-9 in the fall from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school gym. The cost is \$60 per player (includes camp T-shirt). For more information, call Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will stage a series of summer sports camps including: Girls volleyball - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12 (session I); July 9-16 (session II). The fee

is \$160 for each session. Camp coordinator is Schoolcraft women's coach Rich Lamb. Boys basketball - 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 25-29 (session I); and July 30-Aug. 3 (session II). The fee is \$125 for each session. Men's basketball coach Randy Henry will coordinate the camp. Girls basketball - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 (session I); and July 23-26 (session II). The fee is \$125 for each session. Women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will coordinate the camp. Boys and girls soccer - five-day camps start July 9, 16, 23 and 30. Students (8-18) will be divided by age groups and skill level. Half-day (\$125) and full-day (\$150) are available. The camp coordinator is men's coach Rick Larson. For more information, call the Physical Education Department at (734) 462-4804.

Jeff Suspeck camp

The 12th annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 9-14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The camp is free. The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College player who died in 1994. Glen Donahue and Joe Charnley will run the camp. Lunch will be provided by White Castle Systems, Inc. To obtain registration material, e-mail jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com; or call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.).

Skyhawk camps

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a series of Skyhawk summer sports camps for the following: Mini-Hawk Multi-Sport (ages 5-7) - soccer, basketball and baseball offered from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields (No. 3). Cost is \$130 for resident; \$140 for non-residents. Tiny-Hawk Multi-Sport (ages 3-4) - 1-2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the LCRC soccer fields (No. 3). Cost is \$75 for residents; \$85 for non-residents. Mini-Hawk Soccer (ages 5-7) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at LCRC soccer fields (No. 3). Cost is \$130 for residents; \$140 for non-residents. Tiny-Hawk Soccer (ages 3-4) - 1-2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at LCRC soccer fields (No. 3). Cost is \$75 for residents; \$85 for non-residents. Flag football (ages 6-9) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, at LCRC soccer fields (No. 3). Cost is \$130 for residents; \$140 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Ignition soccer camp

The Detroit Ignition has announced the 2007 Detroit Ignition Summer Soccer Camp Program. With camp locations to be positioned throughout Metro Detroit, Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is currently the only Detroit area soccer program that will offer registrants the opportunity to train with professional soccer players and staff. Designed for children ranging in age from 4-18, the Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players looking for an edge on technical and tactical training. For Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp locations and schedules, visit www.detroitignition.com or call (888) 436-GOAL (4625). Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is sponsored by the Hantz Group and Henry Ford Medical Group. Information regarding purchasing tickets to see the Detroit Ignition at Compuware Sports Arena can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625), on online at www.detroitignition.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Chargers eye regional, trip to D-1 state finals

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Only one team stood in Livonia Churchill's way of winning its first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis championship. Northville, undefeated during the regular season, swept all four doubles flights and took two of four singles titles on Saturday to earn the team crown with 28 points at Plymouth High School. Churchill, which has won 13 straight dual matches including 10 in the WLAA after falling to Northville in their season opener, was runner-up with 19. Last year's co-champion, Salem got singles titles from Lawrence Washington (No. 1) and Neil Bakshi (No. 2) to finish third with 14 points. Rounding out the field was Canton (12), Walled Lake Northern (11), Walled Lake

Central (10), last year's co-champ Livonia Stevenson (10), Plymouth (4), Walled Lake Western (4), Livonia Franklin (3), Westland John Glenn (3) and Wayne Memorial (0). Churchill reached five finals, but came up empty in all five. "Our performance was just like the season, very good except against Northville," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. Churchill, which scored non-league wins Monday over Farmington and Tuesday over Farmington Hills Harrison, now focuses its attention on the Friday's Division I regional at Woodhaven. The Chargers, gunning for their first-ever state berth, must finish among the top two teams or score 18 points to earn a trip, June 1-2, to Midland. The Chargers have excelled in all four doubles flights this season led by the No. 1 team of Jay Cunningham and Taylor

Frangie, who dropped their first match of the season in 16 tries during Saturday's final against Northville. Churchill's No. 3 doubles team of Robert Fortney and Steve Mazur are 14-2 overall, while the No. 2 duo Kyle Peczynski and Dan Martin are 13-3. Paul Yandric and Andy Clairmont also have enjoyed a productive year at 12-3 at No. 4 doubles. Freshman Aniket Patil, who reached the No. 2 singles final before losing to Bakshi, has put together a solid year at 13-3. Senior Kyle Anderson, who plays No. 4, is 13-2. Nick Payne (No. 1) and Alex Clos (No. 3) are 9-6 and 8-7, respectively. "If we play well, we can get out," Friedrichs said. "We have a couple of tough draws as the seeding meeting was last night (Monday), but we have a chance and it should be fun."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 12 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 28 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 19; 3. Salem, 14; 4. Canton, 12; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 11; 6. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Central, 10 each; 8. (tie) Plymouth and Walled Lake Western, 4 each; 10. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin, 3 each; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0. FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (Salem) def. Eric Szydlowski (Canton), 6-4, 6-0; semifinals: Washington def. Tim Wasietleski (N), 6-1, 7-5; Szydlowski def. Gino McCathey (LS), 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Neil Bakshi (Salem) def. Aniket Patil (LC), 6-4, 6-1; semifinals: Bakshi def. Peter Curran (N), 6-4, 6-3; Patil def. Eric Hamann (WLC), 6-2, 6-4. No. 3: Mike Baskins (N) def. Dave Cross (WLN), 6-2, 6-4; semifinals: Baskins def. Brad Yanalunas (WLC), 6-4, 6-1; def. Jake Burnstein (Salem), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. No. 4: Steve Irvine (N) def. Dave Benson (Salem), 7-5, 6-2; semifinals: Irvine def. Erik Koch (LS), 6-1, 6-1; Benson def. Kyle Anderson (LC), 6-3, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Harry Zhang-Lee Schechter (N) def. Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC), 2-6, 6-2; def. Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC), 2-6, 6-2; semifinals: Zhang-Schechter def. Matt Rohloff-Andy Sanders (WLN), 6-2, 6-0; Cunningham-Frangie def. Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang (Canton), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. No. 2: Kevin Zhang-Phil Irvine (N) def. Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC), 6-0, 6-4; semifinals: Zhang-Irvine def. Justin Collins-Ben Bagezinski (LS), 6-3, 6-0; Peczynski-Martin def. Casey Johnson-Mike Rivaromonte (WLC), 6-2, 6-2. No. 3: Andy Mills-Mike Hagan (N) def. Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC), 7-5, 6-2; semifinals: Mills-Hagan def. Brian Indianer-Koji Niwa (WLC), 6-0, 6-3; Fortney-Mazur def. Bob Bell-Parker Wood (WLN), 6-1, 6-4. No. 4: Graham McHenry-Jason Raymond (N) def. Andy Clairmont-Paul Yandric (LC), 6-1, 6-2; semifinals: McHenry-Raymond (N) def. Dan Popoff-Jeremy Lindlbauer (Canton), 6-0, 6-1; Clairmont-Yandric def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 FARMINGTON HIGH 2 May 14 at Farmington No. 1 singles: Quentin OeSaegar (F) defeated Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-4; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Aashay Yande, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No. 3: Alex Clos (LC) def. Steve Gibson, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Tyler O'Hara, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Karthik Prabhu-Suraj Pillutla, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Logan Morgan-Harrison Smith, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Eric Haas-Jimmy McKenzie (F) def. Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Seena Tehrani-Nikhil Kulkarni, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. Churchill's dual meet record: 12-1 overall.

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1 May 14 at Harrison

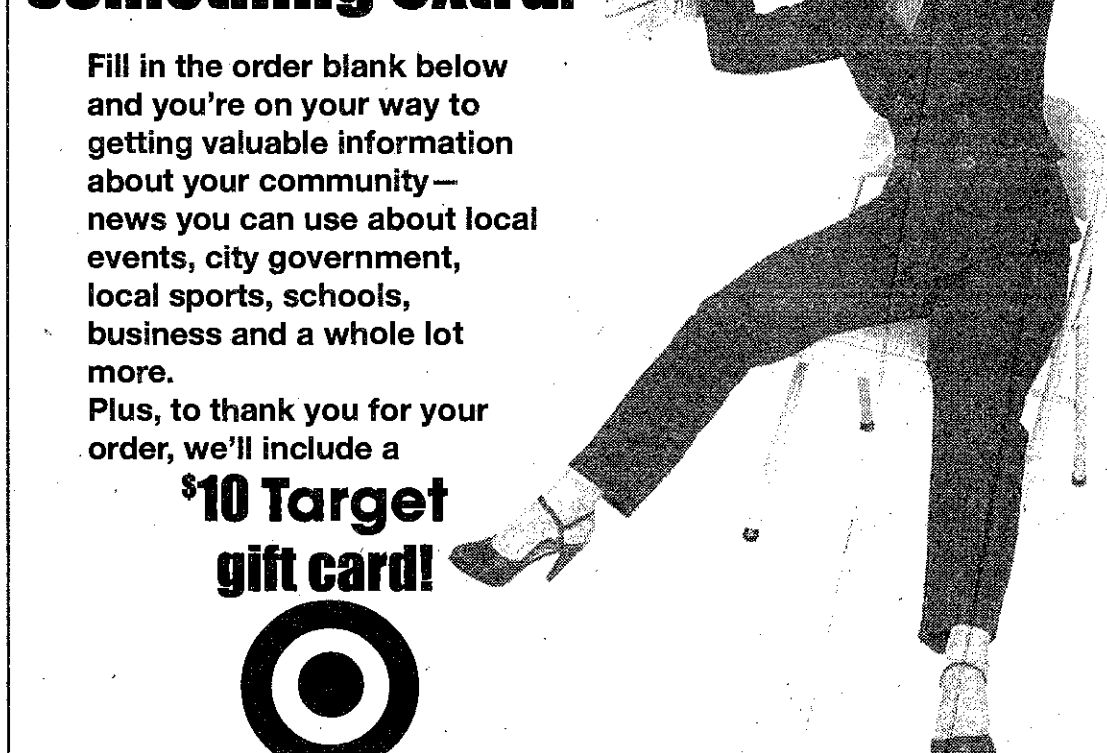
No. 1 singles: Michael Cleland (FHH) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Zack Durham (FHH) def. Tony Semonick, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Josh Farnie (FHH) def. Steve Trapp, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Zach Allen (FHH) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Luke Miller-Masahiro Hatsuda (FHH) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 7-5, 6-4; No. 2: Jay Ronan-Matt Bailey (FHH) def. Galym Tusupov-Justin Adams, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Joe Buczek-Derek Laczowski (FHH) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Don Perian (LF) def. Phillip McKelvey-David Dadomov, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5. Dual-meet records: Harrison, 7-3 overall; Franklin, 2-10-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 1 May 15 at Harrison

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Michael Cleland, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Zach Allen, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Josh Farnie def. Alex Close, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Phillip McKelvey, 6-0, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Luke Miller-Bob Coleman, 7-5, 6-0; No. 2: Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC) def. Jay Ronan-Matt Bailey, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Joe Buczek-Derek Laczowski, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Ayush Mathur-Masahiro Hattuda, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2). Churchill's dual meet record: 13-1 overall.



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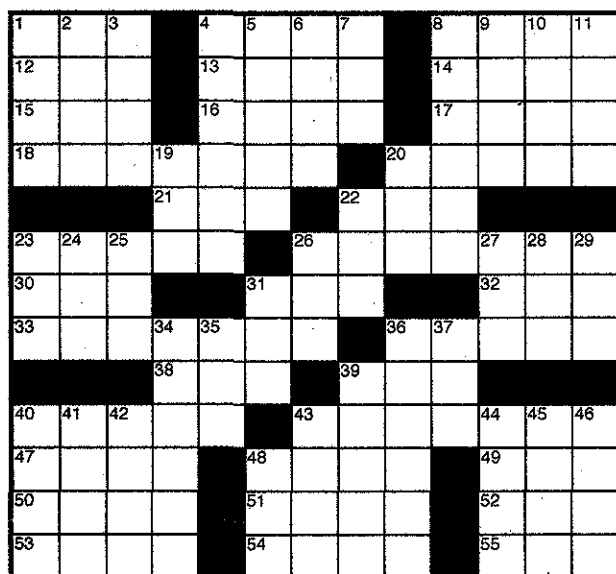
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