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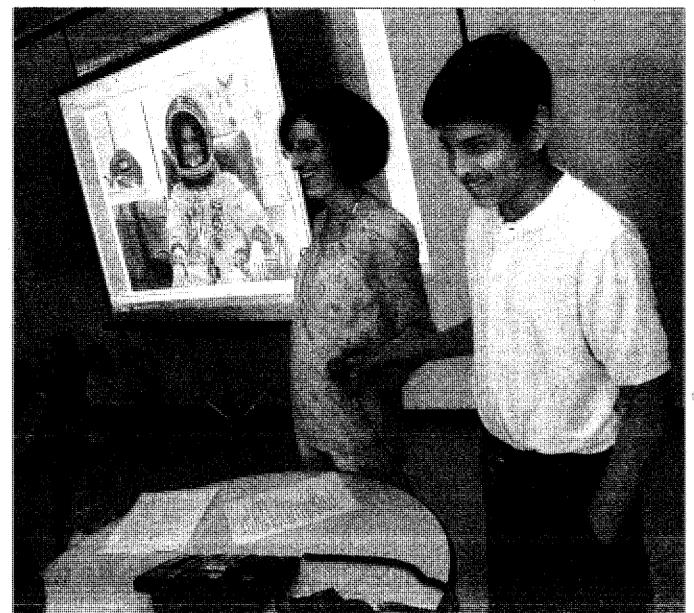


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St. Damian School fourth-grade teacher Kim, Rourke is all smiles after hearing astronaut Suni Williams (seen in a photograph on the wall behind them) tell her cousin, seventh-grader Nicki Pandya, he should be with her on the International Space Station.



Second-graders Michaela Gearin (left) and Makena Junttonen join the rest of the St. Damian students. in saying goodbye to astronaut Suni Williams.

Phoning home

Technology lets students connect with space station astronaut

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

It was a long-distance call that few students at St. Damian School will ever forget.

Monday morning, using technology that could have helped E.T. phone home, students carried on a conversation with Astronaut Suni Williams, the flight engineer aboard the International Space Station.

"I love being up here, it's really a blast," Williams said. "It's nothing

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Parkway gets 2nd name to honor veterans

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A one-mile stretch of Central City Parkway will have a second, patriotic name in time for Memorial Day.

The portion of the parkway between Ford and Warren roads will be dedicated Sunday as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

A formal ceremony will occur on the front lawn of Westland City Hall after a Memorial Day weekend parade arrives there. The parade, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council, will start at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Wayne-Ford

Civic League on Wayne south of Ford. The parade will move north on Wayne to Ford, then west to City Hall for the unveiling of a Veterans Memorial Parkway

"It's important to not only honor all the veterans from all the wars, but the country is also at war now," said Westland City Councilman Michael Kehrer. "This will be a memorial to all

Kehrer proposed the dual naming of Central City Parkway to his council colleagues, who approved the measure Monday. He was approached by a committee that last summer handled a visit to Westland by The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The parkway will not be renamed. Rather, it will have two names. No one will have a change of address as a result.

New signs are expected to be placed along the parkway before Sunday's parade.

Normie Brazier, whose son served in Iraq and whose brother was in Vietnam, commended Kehrer for bringing the proposal to his colleagues.

"This is long overdue," she said Monday.

Also in time for Memorial Day, Mayor William Wild said the city has replaced flags that fly at city buildings. Some of them

Those flags and hundreds more will be disposed of properly by veterans during a ceremonial burning at 3 p.m. Monday at the VFW Romanowski Post 6896, on Joy Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Westland.

The public is invited, said Larry Tebor, commander of the Westland-based VFW Bova Post 9885, which is co-sponsoring the event. Anyone who needs to dispose of a flag may take it to the Romanowski post or bring it to Monday's ceremony.

In yet another development, Tebor said veterans will be placing more than 1,400 flags on graves of veterans starting at 4 p.m. Saturday at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, on Ford Road in

Volunteers are welcome and should meet at the main building at 4 p.m., Tebor said.

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Mother, daughter charged with robbing man, 83

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

An 83-year-old man was robbed in a Westland park by a woman he once paid for sex, police said, and the woman's daughter is accused of helping her take the

The incident happened shortly before 11 a.m. last Friday in Venoy-Dorsey Park, police said. The mother, 37-year-old Tammy Rochelle Kmet of Westland, and the daughter, 21-year-old Shawna Nicole Neumann of Wayne, were arraigned Monday on criminal charges.

The robbery occurred after the 83-yearold man parked his pickup truck in the park on Venoy between Glenwood and Michigan Avenue, police Sgt. John Hoak confirmed.

Hoak described the incident Monday in Westland 18th District Court, saying the mother approached the man's truck after she and her daughter drove to the park in a white Ford Escort.

The mother recognized the man because he had once met her in the park and paid her for sex, according to information from the warrant request that Hoak read in court.

The man declined a similar offer last Friday, Hoak said, and the mother is accused of climbing into the truck through an open window and trying to grab an envelope of money from the victim's shirt

The man fought the woman, but she was able to take the envelope containing \$248, according to the warrant information. The victim got out of his truck and continued to fight the mother, prompting the daughter to start throwing cans at him in an attempt to overpower him, police said.

The mother-daughter pair then fled the park in the white Escort, police said. The incident was reported to Westland police, who spotted the car at Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue.

Police stopped the Escort, searched the two women and found the victim's money and bank receipt, police said.

Kmet and Neumann were arraigned Monday in front of Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of unarmed robbery and larceny from a person. Bokos entered a not-guilty plea for the women and ordered them jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond.

Bokos scheduled a May 31 preliminary hearing that will determine whether Kmet and Neumann should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the women could face up to 15 years in prison for unarmed robbery. The larceny charge is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Neumann also is charged as a seconddegree habitual offender, meaning her penalties could be increased if she's convict-

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It's a date: Mayor ready for State of City speech

Mayor William Wild will deliver his first State of the City address in June.

Wild has invited residents and business owners alike to attend the event, scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the city's Friendship Center, on Newburgh south of Ford.

"I am looking forward to relaying a positive, upbeat, patriotic update regarding the state of our all-American city," Wild said. Among the topics Wild will address will be environmental testing at Central City Park, his proposal for a balanced, \$60-million budget and his V.I.R. (Very Important Resident) program.

Under the latter program, residents may stop by the mayor's office at City Hall and pick up a button to wear that identifies them

Wild's State of the City will be his first since he was appointed in January to become Westland mayor.

A former councilman, Wild got the job for one year in a vote of his former council colleagues after his predecessor, Sandra Cicirelli, became a district judge.

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'Relive the Hits'

Come to Westland's Friendship Center 1-3 p.m. Friday, when performer Michael Carluccio will star as Dean Martin, Elvis, Frank Sinatra and others, while vocalist David James will give a special tribute to Neil Diamond

Admission is \$3 and proceeds will benefit Mayor William R. Wild's "Wild's Walkers" team for the 2007 American Cancer Sociéty's Relay for Life. Advance ticket sales are available at the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road.

Bingo is back

Play bingo at the Wayne Ford Civic League at 10:45 a.m. Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The league, at 1645 N. Wayne Road just south of Ford in Westland, recently installed three giant plasma screen TVs to enhance your bingo experience. All proceeds go to the general fund. For more information, call Vic Barra at (734) 728-5010 or visit the league Web site at www.wayneford.org.

GI Blues Festival

Sponsors are being sought for the GI Blues Festival, a 12hour event planned for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Presented by Veterans Haven and the Detroit Blues Society, the festival will run noon to midnight and feature blues bands, food, drinks, clowns, singing and dancing. The bands are from The Detroit Blues Society and are playing for free to help the homeless veteran population in the Detroit area. Admission is \$10 per car plus \$5 for park-

Sponsorships are available form \$500 to \$5,000. Call Scott Romp, public relations director for Veterans Haven, at (734) 478-0822.

Dems meet

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. The board will meet at 6:30

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734)422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-

Re-grand opening

Harlow Tire and Service will celebrate its 42nd anniversary with a Re-Grand Opening Celebration starting at noon Friday. There will be refreshments, a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. and car show 6-9 p.m.

Harlow Tire is at 1849 N. Wayne Road, just south of

For more information, call 734-722-TIRE

Car Wash

The Salvation Army Girl Guard Troop will hold a car wash noon-4 p.m. Saturday. June 2, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The cost will be \$3 for cars and \$4 for vans and trucks. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Bag it

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6mil 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.

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer.

Spaces are available for 420 each. A limited number of tables also will be available for an additional \$4 charge. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Golf outing

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Grab your clubs and mark July 27 on your calendar. That's when The Senior Alliance will hold its 2007 Golf Classic at the West Course of the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The Golf Classic, which raise money to help older adults live their lives in freedom and with dignity, will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$130 per golfer or \$500 per foursome and includes 18-hole scramble, continental breakfast at registration, lunch available at the

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turn and buffet dinner with prizes. Drinks will be provided on the course and cash bar at dinner. Sponsorships also are available.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase a sponsorship, call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830.

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

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

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

It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Dining to Donate

People who eat at Applebee's can help a variety of Westland organizations through its Dining to Donate program.

Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road will donate 20 percent of the bill to Kicks 4 Kids on June 21, Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug, 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.



Reference librarian Joshua Neds-Fox who works on the Book Club in a Baq program shows off a bag with Friends of the Library president Meriem Kadi, Inga Singleman, reference librarian Marie Promo, Romona Shaney and Dorothy Smiley.

for eight weeks - more than enough time to distribute to a book club, read, meet, discuss, collect, and return to the library.

In the bag: Library

introduces new club

Book Club in a Bag titles are mostly popular fiction like Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner or Audrey Niffenegger's The Time Traveler's Wife, although book clubs can choose from some non-fiction titles and biographies like Barbara Ehrenreich's Nickel and Dimed or Azar Nafisi's Reading Lolita in Tehran.

Each kit includes at least five copies of the title, along with discussion questions and an author biography. Interested readers can ask for Book Club in a Bag kits at the library's Reference Desk.

If you've ever hosted a book club, or had trouble finding enough copies of "this month's book", the Book Club in a Bag can be a big relief. To find out more about these kits, contact the Public Library of Westland at (734) 326-6123, or online at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Hemophilia Foundation honors Anderson as Legislator of Year

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan has named State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, as its 2006 Legislator of the Year. Anderson was recognized for his legislative service to

the bleeding disorders community. "Everyday now we find

another health care program at risk because of our state's budget crisis," said Anderson whose 6th State Senate District which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. "Organizations like the Hemophilia Foundation are crucial to reminding all of us who work here in Lansing what those cuts really mean."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently announced that the state would be forced to reduce payments to Medicaid service providers by 6 percent as part of the cuts necessary to balance this year's budget. These cuts could mean decreased access to health care for Medicaid recipients,

longer waits in emergency rooms, and higher health insurance costs for everyone as doctors and hospitals struggle to pay their own costs under decreasing reimbursement schedules.

"Just last week we saw the effect the budget crisis will have on health care access and hospitals," said Anderson. "In times like these, it just becomes more clear that we need the Legislature to focus on real fixes and a real future for Michigan." The Hemophilia

Foundation of Michigan strives to improve the quality of life for all people affected by hemophilia, vonWillegrand disease, other coagulation disorders, and related complications, includ-

ing HIV/AIDS and hepatitis. The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan was founded in 1956 as a volunteer organization and was able to incorporate and hire staff in 1970 as a result of United Way funding.



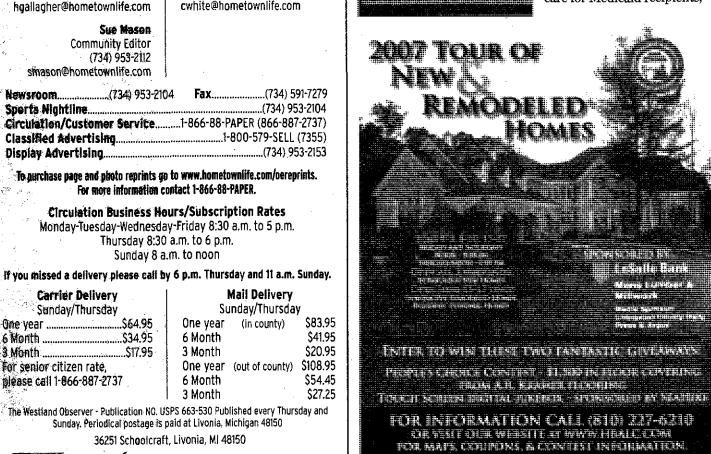
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, receives a plaque recognizing him as Legislator of the Year from Ivan Harner, executive director of the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan.

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OUR VIEWS

Take a moment on Memorial Day

For too many people, Memorial Day means the unofficial start of the summer - a time to fire up the barbecue, head to the lake, or hold family gatherings. Not enough of us take the time to ponder the day's true significance, which is to honor the U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country.

This is particularly the case during a time of war, when we see firsthand the sacrifices our troops make defending our freedoms and way of life.

The war in Iraq has now gone on more than four years - longer than our commitment in World War II and approaching the length of the Civil War, two conflicts that consumed our nation. Yet the reality is that this war has not impacted the daily lives of most Americans, which seems unfair considering some Americans have sacrificed everything. Just ask the families of the more than 3,400 service men and women who have been killed in Iraq.

In fact, since President Bush infamously declared "mission accomplished," close to 3,300 soldiers have been killed in Iraq. And despite repeated claims from Bush administration officials that things are improving in Iraq, military deaths have continued to increase. More than 400 soldiers have been killed in 2007, including 104 in April, which was one of the highest totals of the war.

Those soldiers hailed from all corners of America, including local heroes Trevor Blumberg of Canton; Bryan Burgess, who had ties to Westland, Garden City and Canton; U.S. Marine Nicholas Manoukian of Lathrup Village; Sajer Georges, a Marine interpreter from Southfield; and U.S. Army Infantryman Joe Blake, a former Southfield Christian student.

Their names are but a part of the latest chapter in a stirring legacy of Americans who proudly served their country and paid the ultimate price to be an American. Dating back to the American Revolution, more than a million American soldiers have died as a result of our wars. Their names fill military cemeteries and monuments across this nation.

Come this Memorial Day, which is Monday, their names should also fill our thoughts and prayers. Because without the sacrifices they made, we would not enjoy the freedoms that we will take advantage of this weekend.

If you have the time, participate in one of the Memorial Day events planned around the area. If you don't have the time for that, at least take a few moments to think about what it means to be an American and the price so many have paid to bestow that honor upon us all.

All-day kindergarten? Let the parents decide!

The state Legislature is considering requiring kindergartners to attend school all day.

Proponents point to research showing higher test scores for students enrolled in full-day kindergarten.

Some districts, including Southfield and Pontiac, already mandate it.

Other districts offer it as an alternative. All-day programs are popular among parents who work outside the home and need to have their children in a supervised setting from morning until afternoon. Open-enrollment districts that offer it increase their numbers and collect more from the state in per-pupil funding.

But, one size does not fit all.

At the young age of 5, not all kindergartners are ready for a full day of school. There is a wide variance among them in their social, emotional and physical development. Some may be able to handle the classwork, but they need less structured time during the day for rest and play.

Just because a child is not in school does not mean he isn't learning. A child at home with a parent who can spend time one-on-one with him every day reading, playing and discovering the world around them may learn more than a child enrolled in school who has to share his teacher with 24 or more classmates.

Parents know their children best and understand their individual needs. We think they — not the government should decide whether their 5-year-old is ready to be in school all day.

Just like all children aren't the same, school districts differ, too. Many are using up their fund balances just to meet their current budget expenses. Requiring all-day kindergarten would double their costs at a time when they can't afford it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who supports the legislation, has offered \$200 million in her proposed budget for districts that offer all-day kindergarten.

But with the current state budget crisis, we think the money would be best spent somewhere else while parents decide for their own children what's best for them.



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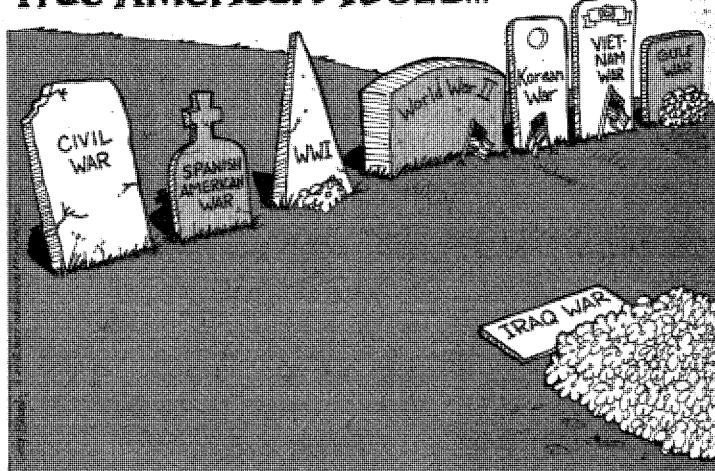
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LETTERS

Reasons to recycle

The recent article, "City looks to revive curbside recycling" by Darrell Clem, in the May 17 Westland Observer, led me to check out some reasons why everyone should recycle.

Recycle for yourself, your community, and your environment.

1) Recycling saves natural resources. By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce use of timber, water, minerals, and petroleum.

2) Recycling saves energy. It cuts down energy used in the manufacturing process. It reduces emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants. Greenhouse gases contribute to global climate change.

3) Recycling saves clean air and water. In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from virgin materials. Turning trees into paper uses more water than any other industrial process in the U.S.

4) Recycling saves landfill space. When recycables are used for new products, they are not going into landfills or incinerators, thus saving valuable landfill

5) Recycling saves money and creates jobs. The recycling process creates more jobs than landfills or incinerators. Usually, it's least expensive waste management method for cities and towns. Recyclable materials such as aluminum cans, scrap metal, baled plastic, baled cardboard, etc., can be sold to vendors to remanufacture. And savings come from avoiding landfill tipping fees. It costs less to have recyclable items hauled away than trash.

Aluminum cans: In terms of energy, one can tossed is like dumping six ounces of gasoline on the ground. It takes 60-90 days to get a "new" recycled aluminum can back on grocery shelves after it's collected, melted, rolled, manufactured and distributed to beverage makers. There is no limit on how many times an aluminum can can be recycled.

Cardboard: Recycling cardboard cuts the emission of sulfur dioxide (part of acid rain) in half. A ton of paper made from 100-percent recycled paper, instead of virgin paper pulp saves 17 trees, three cubic yards of landfill space, taxpayer dollars used for disposal costs, 60 pounds of air pollution, 4,100 kilowatthours of energy and 7,000 gallons of

Americans throw away the equivalent of more than 30 million trees in newsprint each year.

Why recycle cell phones? Cell phones contain lead, mercury, cadnium and arsenic. If cell phones go to landfills, they can leach toxins into the environment.

The Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant is awarded to municipalities for their recycling effort. The grant increases as municipal recycling rate increases. Municipalities can apply for the grant annually.

For various reasons, many people do not utilize the recycle center off Marquette. Since day one, our household has always used the recycle center for glass, plastic, tin cans, newspapers and oil. There are several locations to recycle vehicle batteries and dry cell batteries used in flashlights, toys and watches, and a box is available at City Hall for cell phones.

In my opinion, curbside recycling is long overdue in our community. Let's join some of our neighboring communities who have curbside recycling. For one of the solutions to help save our environment is recycle, recycle, recycle.

Ruth Dale Westland

Letter filled with falsehoods

Regarding the recent letter titled "Eroding women's rights," I strongly disagree with the writer. She has stated many falsehoods in her letter.

1. The fetus is not part of a woman's body. It is not an appendix or a gall bladder, etc., but a separate unborn human being. Medical science bears this out.

2. She says the Supreme Court decision "prohibits doctors from giving advice on the best health interest of both the woman and the fetus." How can taking the life of the fetus be in its best . nealth interest. Only the woman benefits when the child's life is terminated.

3. She says "the medical profession loses influence and freedom." Does she really want to return to Hitler's euthanasia policy, where doctors could kill anyone who didn't meet the standards of the Third Reich?

4. The writer poses a lot of political issues affected by this Supreme Court decision. It was the Supreme Court in 1973 which first brought pregnancy under the political influence of any political party as well as the court system. Abortion may be thought by some to be a political or even a religious issue, but it is definitely an issue of civil rights. This is a person who is being killed ... not yet fully developed or born, but a person nevertheless. Science has shown us through ultrasound that a fetus is more than a glob of cells. It is a human being in the process of growing to full maturity.

5. I don't believe the analogy of abortion and the Iraq War has any relevance, except for this relevance: Many more human beings have been killed by abortion since 1973 than in all the wars of the United States since the Revolutionary War, up to and including the Iraq War.

6. Lastly, does the writer realize that the recent Supreme Court decision regarding abortion only affects "partial birth abortion," which is the most inhumane and grisly method of abortion that exists? Has she seen and heard how and why this procedure is done?

If one researches the pro-life position, they will find that the pro-life endorsers care for both the future baby and the woman. This is true, for I have been involved in that work for more than 35 years and I have seen much compassion for the woman in any difficult pregnancy.

Beverly Bettega Westland

Telling people about Comfort

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your recent article in the Observer regarding Operation: Quiet Comfort, published May 17, 2007. I am an original member of this group, the mother of founder Lori Pate and a Livonia resident. My daughter Sherry Stokes, also a Livonia resident, is a board member and very involved in the group as well. Our membership consists of people from all over the United States, as well as our state of Michigan and is a very hard-working group.

This nonprofit group does fantastic work in spreading cheer and providing comfort to wounded troops in combat support hospitals. Everything that is done for them is a result of contributions, financial or otherwise, made by the general public. People who become aware of Operation: Quiet Comfort seem to immediately want to belong, help or contribute.

I am certain your article will have spread this word to many who would not otherwise be aware of Operation: Quiet Comfort and that could mean one more hospitalized soldier that will be reached as well. Sincere thanks for your effort to inform the public.

Barbara Stokes Livonia

www.operationquietcomfort.com

A standout teen journalist

I just wanted to comment on the teen journalist articles that are running in your paper. One writer especially stands

The ones that I enjoyed reading are those written by Emberley Neidhardt. She wrote one about local venues including The Token Lounge, which brought back memories for me as I grew up in Garden City and went there often.

Also, she wrote a good article about the Science Center/DIA. I had been thinking about going to that exhibit at the Science Center (the body works) and taking my high school age kids. They read the article and were then interested in going. We all went and had a great

I hope to read more articles from Ms. Neidhardt. She writes very well for a high schooler and my kids and I enjoy reading her articles. I wonder if she will be writing articles over the summer. We will be looking for them. She appears to have a good future in journalism.

Kenneth Mach Livonia

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"In order for us to have thriving, healthy communities and bring good jobs home, this type of Brownfield redevelopment is essential in both the long and short term."

- State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, about the grants and loans the City of Westland and Livonia Public Schools have received to develop the former Cooper School property

ASTRONAUT

FROM PAGE A1

like anyplace I've ever worked or been.

The opportunity to talk with Williams was initiated by NASA, which called the school several weeks ago to see if the students would be interested in a video or audio conference.

Lacking the video equipment, the school opted for an audio connection routed to the station through Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

"It's still hard to believe." said fourth-grade teacher Kim Rourke, who coordinated the call for the school. "I think of where she is and it was perfectly clear."

Parents, staff and students, even Westland Mayor William Wild, gathered at the school to hear the conversation, a first for the school and the city.

"This is going to be something you all are not going to forget," the mayor told students while they waited for the call from the space center. "Years ago, we wouldn't have thought we could to talk to someone on a space station."

While it came out of the blue, the call stemmed from

Williams' relationship with seventh-grader Nicki Pandya. The two are second cousins, although Nicki calls her Aunt Suni.

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"It's really exciting," Nicki said. "I've talked to her by email, but not by phone. It was neat to hear her from space. Now everyone in the school knows me because of this."

Nicki was among 19 students and staff members who got to ask questions. They covered everything from training to be an astronaut and being scared when the space shuttle took off to what she eats and how the crew gets supplies and mail. Nicki's question focused on one thing she might take to the station, if she could.

"It would have to be Gorby, my Jack Russell terrier," she said. "I miss taking him for walks on the beach and feeling the ocean spray on my face and sand on my feet. There's no dirt up here."

While Williams was answering the students' questions, a one of her Russian colleagues made a video for the school of what life is like on the space station.

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Williams, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, admitted she never thought about it until she was at test pilot

"People who apply have to be outgoing, like adventure and do well in school," Williams said.

When asked about sleeping, Williams pointed out that her day has 16 mornings and 16 nights. Traveling at 17,500 mph, the station orbits the earth 16 times in a 24-hour period.

"We're up here for six months, that's a long time, so we try to keep it as normal as possible," she said. "We all sleep at the same time and get up at the same time."

Williams took off in the space shuttle Dec. 9, 2006. She told the students she was "amazed it was happening" as the shuttle took off. It docked with the station Dec. 11.

"I was so excited because it was happening that I forgot about the danger," said Williams, who has established a world record for females with four spacewalks, totaling 29 hours and 17 minutes.

According to Williams, the space station is the size of a 747. The crew has to maintain



Students file past a photograph of astronaut Suni Williams, shown wearing the flight suit used during the space shuttle launch.

it, making repairs as needed, and, since it's a work in progress, help build it.

In addition to the space shuttle, Russian Soyuz spacecraft and an unmanned vehicle called Progress make stops at the station. Progress is like a

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truck, bringing the crew supplies and mail and leaving with the station's trash, which burns up with the craft during reentr**y**.

The astronauts' food is both

Russian and American. The Russian food comes in cans, while the American food is dehydrated and in bags. "You just heat it up,

Williams said. "It looks bad, but it tastes good. It's pretty darned good, but my favorite is peanut butter and jelly or peanut butter and Fluff on the weekends."

Williams told the students she expects to return to earth next month and will have a party to celebrate.

"I'll be there," Nicki said.

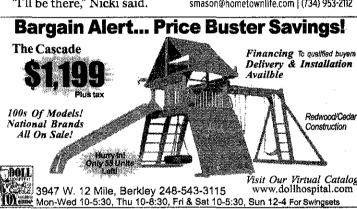
"It'll probably be in Boston. Her family is in Boston, but she lives in Houston."

According to Rourke, the connection with Williams started when Nicki's mother asked if students could make different cards for the holidays to send to her. The students did and Williams thanked them for those cards as part of the call.

While NASA said the call would last about 10 minutes, it was closer to 20 before Williams began losing the connection.

"We had on great feed," Rourke said. "We got a lot of extra minutes."

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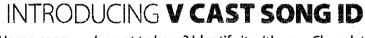
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When gas prices hovered around

\$2.50 cents a gallon, they got the blues. Now, with gas topping \$3 a gallon, these Livonia Public Schools TV students have a state-level award to show

The students, who attend a magnet program at Churchill High School, shot a public service announcement expressing disgust at GGVs - gas-guzzling vehicles.

In the 54-second commercial featuring images of a Cadillac Escalade and other SUVs, junior Danny Martinelli, Matt Reznik and Jon Gray, dressed in dark suits and sunglasses, sing and perform a blues-inspired song they wrote. The tagline states, "Save Your Gas, Save Your World.'

Senior Kenny Myers also contributed to the project. Local car dealerships allowed students to shoot footage on

The PSA won a best in show award in the 2007 Michigan Student Film & Video Festival presented by Digital Arts Film & Television.

The award ceremony was May 5 at the Detroit Film Theater.

But in class, their work earned a C. "Life's tough," said teacher John Boone, unapologetically.

He liked he concept, but he had the students fine-tune the project, with better footage, graphics, audio and

editing, before entering it into the con-

It was one of 32 best of show winners among 284 senior division entries from 42 high schools. Another LPS entry won an award of excellence.

"We figured this would be a modern problem (to use for the PSA assignment)," Reznick said. "It applies to everyone because pretty much everyone

But not everyone has a GGV. Reznick drives a 1996 Buick Century. Martinelli's 1992 Mercuty Topaz gets 25 miles per gallon. Myers drives a 2003 Dodge Stratus, and Gray drives a 1995 Taurus station wagon.

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Livonia TV students (from left) Danny Martinelli, a Stevenson junior, along with Jon Gray, Kenny Myers and Matt Reznik, all Churchill seniors, created and performed in a Blues-inspired TV campaign that won a best of show award in state competition.

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Individuals with disabilities are invited to join Tarzan in searching for hidden treasures, while having climbing the Treasure Tree, making a craft and enjoying a snack from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Fee is \$5 for Wayne County residents; \$6 for others, Pre-registration with payment is required by June 6. Participants are invited to dress in the theme - monkeys, birds, Jane, safari hunter, etc. Cali Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620 or contact her by e-mail at mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us.

Free seminars

Dr. William H. Karl will present a program, Treating Thyroid Disorders Naturally, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Contours Express, 6558 Wayne Road in the Hunter Plaza, Westland. If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and learn the safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself

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

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The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Gentlemen

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

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

Franklin PTSA

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

Tutorial program

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland: The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus, For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Reterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education. Livonia: Call (734) 425-2246.

Friendship Center

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

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer wine. and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-

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Graduates, start off right, get your financial house in order

ongratulations to all college and high school graduates, especially my niece, Jennifer, who has graduated from Michigan State University.

For those who will not be furthering their education — I believe there is no greater investment than a good education — it is important to review some of the basics of personal financial planning.

Graduates must recognize the importance of having their financial house in order. Graduates today will be living longer in retirement than they work. I believe the day you start your career is the day you have to start planning for retirement.

Go back a mere 100 years, when life expectancy was in the early 50s; retirement wasn't an issuc. Even 50 years ago, when people retired, life had already taken its toll and people only lived five to 10 years into retirement.

Today, people don't exist in retirement, they live in retirement. To be successful in retirement, you need to make

sure you have a rising income. You can't live on a fixed or a shrinking income like retirees did 50 years ago. Now think about what retirement will be 40 and 50 years down the road. All the rules will change. Graduates today will not have pensions and who knows what the future of Social Security will be.

There a lot of uncertainties about the future. One thing, however, is certain — graduates today will have to accumulate a substantial amount of money so that they can have a long and happy retirement.

Traditional wisdom says when you start to work you should begin investing in a 401(k) or Roth IRA. However, I believe that there are a couple of others steps to consider.

Anyone carrying a balance on their charge cards needs to begin an aggressive program to pay them off. The average charge card interest rate in America is 18.5 percent. I can't think of any investment that will guarantee that return. Paying off charge cards is one of the best financial moves anyone can make.

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Graduates should also recognize that charge cards are not your best friends and should not be used as a means of financing an item. Charge cards are for convenience only. There is a big difference between being able to afford the item and being able to afford the minimum payment.

It is also important that grads select the right charge cards. For those who do not have balances, the key element is the grace period, the time from when you charge an item to when the payment is due. For those who carry balances, interest rate and how it is calculated is the key factor. An excellent Web site to use in shopping for charge cards is www.bankrate.com.

The second item graduates need to have before beginning an investment program is an emergency fund kept in money market accounts, short-term certificates of deposits or in ultra short-term bond funds. I recommend three to six months of living expenses — not what you can live on, but what you actually do live on. This emergency fund allows you to have resources for

unforeseen events.
As an investor, one of the worst things that can happen is being forced to sell an investment. Having an emergency fund will avoid this problem.

Once charge cards are paid off and an emergency fund is established, graduates should start saving for retirement by establishing a Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA allows money to

grow tax-free, not tax-deferred as in salary deferral programs. Most new grads will likely fall in the lowest tax bracket and the tax saving by using a salary deferral program is minimal. Establishing a Roth IRA and fully funding it is a great way to begin an investment program. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, then participate in the company's salary defer-

ral program.

For those lucky graduates who work for a company that offers a matching program, I recommend participating up to the matching amount, then use the new money for the

Roth IRA. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, start again with

the salary deferral program.
Congratulation, graduates, as you begin the next phase of your life. Get off on the right track by getting and keeping your financial house in order.
Doing that will make life a lot

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(7-01-2007/6-30-2008)

BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statutes, the City of Westland prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 2005-June 30, 2010 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of federal and state sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other federal programs, including Section 8 housing assistance. In addition, the city prepared an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

ADOPTED YEAR XXXIII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipates receiving approximately \$1,085,438 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXXIII Program which begins July 1, 2007, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is proposed to utilize \$100,000 in program income returned to the city from loan and grant repayments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Year XXXIII Program. The total expected HOME funding is \$329,318. The city also anticipates receiving approximately \$10,000 in program income from the HOME Program.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Senior Programs

108 Loan Payment (08-08)

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

- Activities which benefit low and moderate income families.
- Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, and code enforcement programs.
- Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families through capital improvements and the installation of a new public infrastructure.
- Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income families, including senior citizens and the disabled.
- Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community services to low/moderate income persons including senior citizens.
- Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income persons.
- Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the residents. Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital improvements and expansion of social and
- community services, Barrier_free accessibility projects for physically disabled and disabled persons.
- Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes; multi-family or a senior citizen residential rental projects; homebuyer program with financial incentives for low/moderate income families who are renting and wish to purchase new and existing housing; in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods; and, an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the above-stated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the city's Year XXXIII Community Development Block Grant Program.

programs for the city's i	cai AAMIII Commu	ncy Development Block	Grant I rog	am.	
Project	Funding	Classification	Objecti	ves	Location
•	Level	•	National	Local	-
CD Administration	\$235,179	Program Admin.	1	1-9	A, C

Administer Community Development Block Grant program, federal regulations, subgrantee monitoring, housing assistance and state housing grant programs, operate Dorsey Community Center.

\$187,124 Rehab. Admin. Low/Mod. Rehab. (08-02)Admin. Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier_Free and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair substandard units to meet city codes and eliminate health and safety

hazards. Housing Rehab. \$108,150 Low/Mod. Rehab. (08-03)Single Unit Resid.

Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under Item 05-02. Proposed funding could be used to assist (3) homeowners for General Rehabilitations and assist (10) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements.

Low/Mod. Public

(08-04)Service/Seniors Operate Senior Center on Newburgh Road. Provide services including telecare, homebound meals, congregate site lunch, emergency transportation, home chores, etc. (funding for Operation Breadbasket is \$21,600 included in the amount above). The Senior Resources Department may utilize grant funding and resources from other county, state, and federal sources in addition to block grant funds

\$5,000 Low/Mod. Public Hegira Programs Service/Substance Abuse Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups and prescribe treatment programs.

Low/Mod. Public 1 First Step\$5,000 4.6 A, G Sexual Assault Prevention

\$175,000

A program to reduce incidences of spouse abuse and sexual assault, counseling, education, outreach, transportation, and emergency shelter.

Youth Assistance \$30,000 Low/Mod. Public A, Q Program (08-07) Service/Youth Partially fund Youth Assistance Program, a juvenile counseling and mentoring program for disturbed

delinquent youths, 7_16 years of age. В Friendship Center \$32.918 Low/Mod Public Building Expansion, Section Improvement/Senior Centers

Construct additional space at the Westland Friendship Center due to the increasing number of seniors participating in daily activities at the Center. A total of 4,620 sq.ft. addition was constructed on the east side of the existing assembly hall. The addition houses (4) new activity rooms with folding partition walls. The total project cost was \$863,487(excluding architectural fees and interest on the project financing). A primary loan was obtained from HUD via the Section 108 loan program in the amount of \$530,000 and \$100,000 was budgeted for the project in the fiscal 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. Repayment will be made in five years for the first loan. The difference between the revised project cost and the allocated funding was met by the city obtaining a second, concurrent 108 loan in the amount of \$300,000 with a term of ten (10) years. The \$32,918 in funding represents scheduled loan repayments of both principal and interest for both loans.

Low/Mod Public Outreach Ordinance/ \$91,000 Code Compliance Officer Improvement (08-09)

The Building Department will locate a licensed building official at the Dorsey Community Center. This would provide daily access for residents and landlords to resolve health, safety and code compliance issues including securing and maintaining abandoned buildings. This position would also monitor senior and family apartment complexes, as well as group homes for code compliance; also, commercial structures located in distressed areas. This position reports directly to the Building Director.

Carver Sub.. Fire \$87,650 Low/Mod Public 1 Μ Station No. 5, Improvement Section 108 Loan Payment (08-10)

Engineer and construct a 4,823 sq.ft. fire station, No. 5, in the Carver Subdivision (CT 5690) at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The facility is built on city-owned property and is manned full-time to provide emergency medical, advanced life-support, and fire response. An office has been constructed for Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project, which is still to be completed, is estimated to be \$1,180,000 which includes the architectural/engineering, sitework, building, furnishings, and equipment to make the station operational. Funding consisted of \$539,393 in CDBG funds and \$700,000 section 108 loan which will be repaid in annual increments over a ten-year period. The city pledged its full faith and credit to collateralize this loan. Surplus funds will be used to construct a 19,584 sq.ft. children's playground adjacent to the fire facility including site preparation, play surface materials, equipment, furnishings, and landscaping, etc. The \$87,650 in funding represents a scheduled payment of principal and interest for the \$700,000 section 108 loan.

Neighborhood \$70,000 Resource/Code Compliance Officer

This position in the Police Department will handle 50% code enforcement to remove illegal and junk vehicles as well as hazardous materials both individually and in support of an ordinance officer and a fire code inspector working with potentially violent situations in CDBG targeted neighborhoods. Areas focused upon will be schools, senior centers, commercial strips and high-density lower income housing units. The other 50% of the assigned duties will be to perform community policing in CDBG target areas, and work as a school liaison officer for schools also located in CDBG target areas (\$35,000 code enforcement and \$35,000 public

Reconstruction of \$185,813 Low/Mod Public Dorsey Road-Merriman to Venoy Improvement

Reconstruct 5,280 l.f. of existing paved Dorsey Road from Merriman Road to Venoy. Current Road is in unsafe condition and has become a danger to the health and safety of the Neighborhood Strategy Area. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$538,232 with the balance of the funds coming from other state and local

Wayne Westland Schools \$4,000 · Low/Mod. Public A, E Service/After School Program

Support of Family Resource Center that provides assistance in tutoring, clothing, food, housing, utility bill payment, counseling and serves as homeless liaison for students experiencing homelessness in the school

Subtotal Year XXXIII CDBG Program \$1,216,832

REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS: 05-18 Firefighter's Park	<u>Decrease;</u> \$750	Increase:
06-11 Dorsey Center Rooftop Heating Unit 06-13 Carver Subdivision Mass Grading	\$20,000 \$9,089	
06-19 Cayley Park East Phase I SUBTOTAL:	\$1,555 \$31,394	
TOTAL REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS	: <i>\$31,394</i>	

2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF HOME FUNDS

\$110,685 Rehab. Multi-Unit HOME Rental Rehab-D, H, J 1,9 ilitation Program

(Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions) (08-HM01)

Funding to be used to continue existing HOME Rental Rehabilitation in targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate (5) projects with (14) dwelling units for renters at 60% of median income. Must bring entire unit up to the currently adopted 2000 Michigan Residential Code, both interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$14,999 per unit. Lead-based paint affected items which need to be repaired or replaced will have a 75% program participation. Owner provides the remaining project funds from nongovernment sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. Due to new HUD regulations for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects, anticipate a significant reduction of units participating and units completed; and an increased cost and time factor to complete all units beginning in fiscal 2007/2008. (CT 5685 and CT 5690

HOME Funds \$32,479 Administration/ Administration (08-HM02)

In conformance with Federal HOME Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the city for eligible administrative and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset the cost of staff time to administer HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, engineering, environmental, title work, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs.

Set-Aside to \$137,309 Homeownership Non-Profit Housing Organization Assistance (Special (Peoples' Community Subrecipient)

Hope for Homes, Inc.) (PCHFH)

Existing non-profit housing organization has been designated by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will use a 100% recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide additional funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2-3) new homes at Westshire Place. Administrative/ operating costs will be allocated at \$18,350 and the remaining funds, \$140,527 must be used for project costs.

Liberty Hill Scattered Site \$58,845 Rehabilitation/ U Housing Project (05-HM04) Special Housing Needs

Liberty Hill Housing Corporation is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) charitable corporation that leases homes to persons with developmental disabilities. The \$58,845 in funding will be used to rehabilitate to code (10) single family homes located in the City of Westland and leased to people with special needs. This scattered site project involves major and minor rehabilitation including roof replacements, furnace replacements, upgraded bathrooms and kitchens, replacement of windows, walkways and driveways. The average age of each home is 39 years. If these structures are not rehabilitated in the near future, the health and safety of residents may be jeopardized. This money will be matched with other funding from both public and private

Subtotal HOME Funds339,318

TOTAL PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET \$1,216,832 TOTAL PROPOSED HOME BUDGET-\$339,318

Regular Block Grant Allocation: \$1,085,438 U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development \$329,318 CDBG Program Income: \$100,000 HOME Program Income: \$10,000 Reprogrammed Funds \$31,394

*1 It is anticipated that \$100,000 in program income will be received for the current fiscal period of 7/01/ 2006-6/30/2007 and the upcoming fiscal period of 7/01/2007-6/30/2008.

*2 HOME Program income includes \$10,000 anticipated to be received during the current fiscal period of 7/ 01/2006-6/30/2007 and the upcoming fiscal period of 7/01/2007-6/30/2008.

LOCATIONS:

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- City-wide impact for low/moderate income persons 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185
- 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186
- Census Tract 5685, Norwayne, (Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman)
- 8623 N. Wayne Road, Suite 156, Westland, MI 48185 Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland, MI 48185
- 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
- Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, and Middlebelt) Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born, Middlebelt and Henry Ruff)
- Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision (Annapolis, Harrison, Van Born, and Middlebelt) CDBG target areas citywide
- Stottlemeyer Park, Census Tract 5689, Dancy south of Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
- Μ. Fire Station #5, 28801 Annapolis Road, Westland, MI 48186 St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
- O. Wayne Road (museum property south of Wayne & Marquette) P.
- Fire Station #1, 36435 Ford Road, Westland MI 48185 Youth Assistance Office, Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185
- Area bounded by Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood and Chesapeake and Ohio road right-of-way Area west of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill, east of Hix Rd and south of Marquette
- Area east of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 2007/2008 (07/01/07 - 6/30/08)

Listed below is the total anticipated funding to be received by the City of Westland from federal and state

- Community Development Block Grant Estimated funding to be received by City of 1. Westland from HUD
- Time Period for Expenditures (12 Months).
- Program income allowed to new CDBG projects and programs.
- Time Period for Expenditures (12) months.
- Program income allowed to new HOME projects and programs. Time Period for Expenditures - (12) months.
- Participating Jurisdiction HOME funds received directly from HUD.
- Time Period for Expenditures (24) Months.
- Annual contract authority from HUD for 1,090 Section 8 housing choice vouchers
- for participating families or those on the official waiting list at 50% of median
- Time Period for Expenditures- (12) Months.
- Annual contract authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency
- Coordinator. Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing.

Time Period for Expenditure (12 Months). **Total Anticipated Funding:**

\$32,472 \$8,035,008

\$1,085,438

\$100,000

\$10,000

\$329,318

\$6,477,780

DISPLACEMENT:

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXXIII proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

- Payment for replacement housing; Payment of reasonable moving expenses;
- Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing; Referrals to housing agencies:
- Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in accordance with the Uniform Relocation

A complete statement of the city's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, for citizen review during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

A notice of the proposed projects and programs for the 2007/2008 fiscal year was published April 22, 2007. A thirty (30) day public comment period was available from April 17, 2006 on the One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2007/2008. Citizen review and comments were also taken at the May 15, 2007 meeting of the Westland Housing Commission, the May 17, 2007 meeting of the Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee and the May 21, 2007 meeting of the Westland City Council. Anyone who was unable to attend the official public hearings and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low income resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible projects, approved by the city under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citizen Participation Plan is on file in the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

William R. Wild, Mayor City of Westland

Publish: May 24, 2007

JOHN GLENN HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period at John Glenn High School were:

John Abraham, Ahmed Abuzoor,
Ashley Acosta, Kyle Acuna, Ryan
Acuna, Douglas Adams, Kemi Adeyemi,
Jeffrey Adkins, Janell Agius, Hammed
Ajetunmobi, Melanie Aldrich, Maria
Alejandro, Christopher Allen, Jamie
Allen, Maria Alien, Darnell Alleyne,
Juanita Almanza, Zaid Ammari, Amber
Anthony, Jeremiah Austin, Joshua
Austin, Tia Authier, Victoria Awosika,
Lauren Baker, Samantha Baker,
Shantinique Baker, Martha Barajas,
Caitlin Barnes.

Taylor Barnes; Linda-Barrett, Eric Barry, Shane Bartram, Andrew Bartrum, Paige Bartscht, Reginald Bebri, Jacob Bee, Daniel Beier, Laura Belanger, Brianna Bennett, Kelsey Benvin, Matthew Benyo, Andrea Bessinger, Brittany Betrus, Gregory Bevel, Samantha Bevins, Lindsay Bies, Bradley Billingsley, Cory Bilodeau, Patrick Blay, Joseph Blouse, Chekodtah Bobee, Kaitlyn Boczar, Timothy Boes, Erika Bonarek, April Borda, Naythan

Anndrea Boris, Gregory Bosell, Leslie Botts, Nathan Bou, Alisha Boucher, Natalie Bower, Sarah Bowers, Melanie Bowles, Alysha Bowman, Alyssa Bradke, Dazz Bragg, James Brancheau, Laura Bratcher, DeAujejuan Braxton, Marshae Brazier, Ashley Britt, Mallory Brosious, Emily Brothers, Brandi Broughton, Brittany Brown, Daniel Brown, Frederick Brown, Jessica Brown, Natalie Brown, Mary Bruce, Donald Brunetti, Cody Bryan, Amanda Buelow.

Allison Bulson, Jordan Burgess,
Caitlin Burns, Nicole Burns, Norman
Butler, Virginia Butler, Christopher
Button, Alexander Cabildo, Garrett
Camilleri, Scott Campanella, Chelsea
Campbell, Adrienne Camunag,
Jacquelynn Carcone, Alexander Carey,
Amy Carter, Chelsea Caruso, Amanda
Carver, Amber Carver, Daniel Caudill,
Elijah Cavender, Jonathan Celmer, Evi
Cenolli, Claudia Cerda, Justin
Chadwick, Veronica Chambers,
Shardael Champagne.

Andrea Chandonnet, Logan Chaston, Richard Chatham, James Chave, Megan Chave, Angelica Cheeks, Mbongeni Chirunga, Jessica Churchill, Emillie Cichowski, Ashley Cimino, Misty Clooten, Jessica Coatney, Eriona Coka, Kailey Coleman, Holly Collings, Evan Collins, Sarah Collins, James Compton, Shelbi Coniam, Aaron Connolly, Amanda Connolly, Kala Contway, Kimberly Costello, Robert Costello, Cameron Couch, Alias Courtney.

Cody Cramer, Bria Crawford,
Brandon Crooks, Renee Crosby,
Richard Curylo, Jonathon Daugherty,
Quentin Davis, Quinlan Davis, Chelsea
Dean, Jana Dean, Andi Dede, Marien
Dede, Warren Defils, Joslyn Degroot,
Jessica Delaforce, Nicole Delinski,
Andrew Deluca, Melanie Deview,
Melissa Deyo, Natalie Deyo, Nicole
Diehi, Courtney Dobos, Kelly Dodson,
Alexis Doe, Chantel Doe, Briana Domen,
Latifah Donald, Tina Donall.

Justin Dorosh, Linda Dowd, Kathryn Down, Shondelle Downey, Chelsey Draper, Sarah Drum, Melissa Dudash, Jessica Duncan, James Dutchak, Kristin Dutchak, Jerin Eapen, Jessica Easter, Justine Easter, Corine Eastman, Candace Eberhardt, Tyla Echols, Corwin Edwards, Matthew Edwards, Zachary Edwards, Jennifer Egan, lan Eldred, Joshua Eldridge, Abdul-Jabar Elhady, Ariel Ellis, Amanda Elisworth, Zuri Elrington, Jill Erickson, Zachary Ernat.

Shelby Eschker, Matthew Espy,
Jeremy Estepp, Paul Estrada, Mason
Eubank, Sara Evans, Daniel Fabrey, Kyle
Facto, Malorie Fairchild, Natasha
Falkiewicz, Rhonda Farah, Amanda
Femat, Tyler Femat, Amber Fernitz,
Marius Ficut, Wilbert Fields, Dane
Fishaw, Shayne Fitzgerald, Julie Flacks,
Angelina Floied, Marissa Flores,
Jasmine Flowers, Zina Flowers, Corey
Foster, Ryan Fournier, Ashley Fowler,
Karyn Fowler, Dominique France,
Michael Fraser.

Aaron Freese, Patrick Frey, Jessica Gabbard, Ashlynne Gagern, Ashley Gallaher, Jennifer Galunas, Santiago Garcia, Lakeshia Gardenhigher, Brittaney Gardner, Michael Gardner, Devin Gartz, Jacob Gates, Christopher Gawne, Christa Genovese, Christina George, David German, Gordon German, Kayla German, Ryan Gibbs, Jonathan Gillis, Justin Girard, Gloria Girgis, DaVonta Gohl, Adam Golec, Callie Goodin, Sara Grabowski, Kevin

Ryan Graham, James Gramm, Paige Grant, Michael Gray, Samantha Gray, Cameron Greig, Chase Griffin, Allison Griwicki, Justin Groves, Stephen Guinn, Danielle Gunther, Jeffery Guziak, Andrew Gwizdala, Emily Hall, Joseph Hall, Kevin Hall, Maria Hall, Nichole Hamlett, Kyle Hamlin, Michelle Handzlik, Kaitlyn Hanlon, Brittany Harden, Nicole Harrington, Brittany Harris, Kathryn Harris, Timothy Harrison, Jennifer Hartwig, Ashley Hassett.

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Danielle Horton, Tori Horton, Bobby Hubbard, Bradley Hubbs, Bryan Hubbs, Alexis Huddleston, Matthew Huffman, Jennifer Huntoon, Shabnum Hussain, Shahid Hussain, Michael Husseini, Daniel Iacob, Angel Irvin, Brandy Isaacson, Jacqualyn Isenhart, Krista Isenhart, Rajah Ismail, Nicole Ives, Aaron Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Victor Jackson, Trevor Janas, Matthew Jarvis, Ashley Jasieniecki, Jacob Jefferson, Shelby Jesse, Amanda Johnson, Ashley Johnson.

Bemontai Johnson, Collete
Johnson, Coty Johnson, Crystal
Johnson, Felicia Johnson, Julian
Johnson, Keenan Johnson, Michael
Johnson, Philip Johnson, Rex Johnson,
Victoria Johnson, Christina Johnston,
Cordarryl Jones, Jessica Jones, Laura
Jones, Skye Jones, Kevin Jozefczak,
Brittany Julio, Nikhil Kalothia, David
Kalvelage, Chelsea Kangas,
Christopher Kangas, Christina
Karadsheh, Jagvir Kaur, Daniel Kavalar,
Jeanna Keith, James Kelly, Trisha Kelly,
Stephanie Kemppainen, Jessica Kidd,
Corissa Kijek.

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Chariton Lawson, Paul Lawson,
Shelby Lawson, Derrek Lees, Daniel
Leinbach, Brandon Leinonen, Steven
Leitner, Tara Leleniewski, Jacob
LeMond, Ashley Lenczewski, Danielle
Levy, Michelle Levy, Amber Lilla, Kara
Lipinski, Jeffrey Liptak, Nicholas Lloyd,
Ryan Lockhart, Cody Longuski, Ryan
Lopez, Erica Lorey, Chelsea Lott,
Matthew Loudon, Krystal Lowrey,
Monika Lubas, Stephanie Lubeck,
Areanna Luckett, Breanna Luckett.

Eric Lynn, Shelbi Lyons, Cierra Madison, Meleni Maksuti, Lori Mailon, Emily Maione, Ric Daniel Mamuyac, Nkari Mandisa, Leonard Manfre, Collin Mark, Jenna Mark, Stefan Marken, Loren Marku, Zachary Marshbanks, Kasheena Martin, Raquel Martinez, Patrick Mateas, Jeffrey Maxwell, Ryan Maxwell, Joseph May, Daniel McCahill, Cory McCoy, September McCoy, Richard McCree, Molly McFalls, Samantha McFalls, Kevin McGinness.

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Miller, Allianna Miller.
Courtney Miller, Katie Miller, Leslie
Mills, Marlee Mills, Amanda Mirabitur,
David Mitchell, Taun Mitchell, Eric
Mlynar, Rachel Mlynar, Kaiya Montague,
Ashley Montgomery, Jason Moody,
Ryan Moody, Heidi Moore, Jeremiah
Moore, Brett Moore Jr, Holly Morello,
Caitlin Moreno, Taylor Morgan, Jacob
Morris, Shajuan Morton, Razan
Mosharbash, Malcolm Muhammad,
Shawn Murphy, Steven Murphy, Fiona
Murphy-Fahlgren, Ashleigh Murr.

Cortny Music, Elton Mydinliari,
Andrew Myers, Ryan Myers, Deanna
Nabors, Jacob Nabozny, Asra Najam,
Sidra Najam, Emily Narkun, Monea
Neece, Salam Neshewait, Amy Neville,
Jacob Niedermeyer, Sherri
Niedermeyer, Megan Nikula, Ashley
Noeyack, Bradley Noyes, Brittany
Nugent, Casey Nyeste, Christopher
O'Donnell, Justin O'Hara, Amarachi
Ogbuaku, Derrick Oldham, Lauren
Orzech, Lisa Owens, Fatimo Oyedele,
Jase Paciocco.

Brian Palmer, Deandre Parker,
Jasmine Pasley, Alicia Pate, Himesh
Patel, Piyush Patel, Jeffrey Pauli,
Sergio Pavan, Chanel Payne, Kate
Pearce, Lisa Pecorelli, Danielle Peel,
Rachel Peel, Michael Penholtow, Erin
Perry, Gloria Perry, Katelyn Persh,
Casey Peterson, Jill Peterson, Andy
Phagoo, Aranda Phare, Benjamin
Phillips, Brittanie Phillips, Jordan
Phillips, Nicholas Pietras, Stacy Pinard,
Brittany Pingle, Rebecca Pinion, Carly
Pitrago.

Lauracindy Plague, Margaret
Plescow, Christopher Pola, Penina
Polocoser, Maegan Porter, Gerald
Powell, Sarah Prebola, Kimberley
Prendergast, Jeffery Pringle, Sara
Pringle, Jeremy Profitt, Brett
Prokopchak, Sarah Pruett, Joshua
Pugliesi, Dana Quattlander, Amanda
Quinlan, Megan Quinn, William Rafferty,
Monique Range, Haley Rasmussen,
Zachary Redden, Amy Redfield, Justin
Reid, Jessica Reuter, Derrick Rhynes,
Sierra Richardson, Stacey Richardson,
Joseph Riggio, Jessica Riggs, Hala
Rihani.

Rund Rihani, Kelvin Riker, Dale Ripley, Clint Robbins, Shaunte' Roberts, Molly Robinett, Khaleeda Robinson, Lexus Robinson, Mercedes Robinson, Michael Rogers, Zachary Rogers, Sara Rooney, Brandi Rowe, Anthony Rudd, Luther Rush, Aaron Sabal, Anthony Sackett, Halimah Salaam, Demetrius Saliard, Brittany Salyer, Andee Samborski, Justin Samland, Teri Samland, Christopher Sample, Cassie Sanders, Victor Sanders, Troy Sandy.

Teresa Sanford, Sumitha
Santhanam, Katherine Savoie, Bobbi
Scheffer, Kimberly Schepers, Jeannine
Schmitt, Sara Schroeder, David Schultz,
Tyler Scott, Suzanne Seidel, Amy
Selewski, Kathleen Selgado, Stephenie
Sellers, Ashley Sells, Jessica Seman,
Dustin Shaddawvine, Steven Shak,
Ashley Shalhoub, William Shawanibin,
Bradley Sheahan, Asif Sheikh,
Stephanie Shippe, Joshua Sholler, Alan
Siepierski, Jordan Singh, Cody Slater.

Teri Siater, Eboni Smalley, Monica Smarsh, Karlnelia Smelley-Williams, Ben Smieszek, Aaron Smith, April Smith, Christian Smith, Courtney Smith, Daris Smith, Jerry Smith, Michael Smith, Trevor Smith, Timothy Smolen, Joseph Smyser, Ashiey Snyder, Sarah Snyder, Steven Snyder, John Sondergaard, Stacey Sparks, Corea Spencer, Jacob Sperry, Kara Spisz, Shelley Sportsman, Michael St Antoine, Cody Stacy, Howard Stamps Ill, Bryan Staples.

Anosha Starks, Shannon Starks, Jessica Steltzriede, Karina Stephens, Mackenzie Stephens, Caitlynn Stokes, Ashley Stoliker, Bridget Stoliker, Edward Stone, Anya Straka-Conway, Joseph Stulock, Jessica Suarez, Matthew Suchan, Keily Sutherland, Kaitlyn Sutton, Kyra Swan, David Swayze, Bryan Sylvester, Corey Sznyr, Daniel Tamaroglio, Rachel Tanner, Amanda Tate, Brittney Tate, Christopher Taylor, Jesse Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Alissa Telling.

Verica Temelkova, Danyelle Terry, Melanie Teschke, Katelyn Thebeau, April Thomas, Brandee Thomas, Ivan Thomas, Tequila Thomas, Tiffany Thomas, Chelsea Thompson, Courtney Thompson, David Thompson, lan Thornton, Sarah Thurmond, Stephanie Tieppo, Frank Toarmina, Eric Tomassion, Leroy Torres, Emily Toth, Sarah Toth, Catrina Trader, Ashley Treece, Todd Treviso, Brisilda Triepshi, Ashliegh Trout, Dessislava Tzankova.

Alexander Valentine, Jessica
Vantoll, Anthony Vettraino, Gina
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Madonna University hosts transfer night

Students thinking of transferring to Madonna University in Livonia can get help with the process at a Transfer Student Night planned for 5:30 -7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in Kresge Hall at its Livonia campus.

"Transfer students who attend will have the opportunity to receive unofficial credit evaluations," said Director of Undergraduate Admissions Michael Quattro.

The University offers 75 careeroriented undergraduate and 25 master's programs. Flexible scheduling allows students to take day, evening or online class-

To ease the transfer process, Madonna University provides students with such services as academic advising, campus ministry, career counseling and disability resources. There's also the Center for Personalized Instruction and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Nora Shkodra, a Kosovo national, was struggling to pass her English as a Second Language placement tests when she transferred to Madonna University two years ago. She visited Sr. Nancy Jamroz, the vice president of Student Services, who encouraged her and taught Nora techniques to improve her

English.

"She is truly an angel, and I have so much respect for her," said Shkodra. "Many teachers have taught me life lessons here, and I will never be able to forget them."

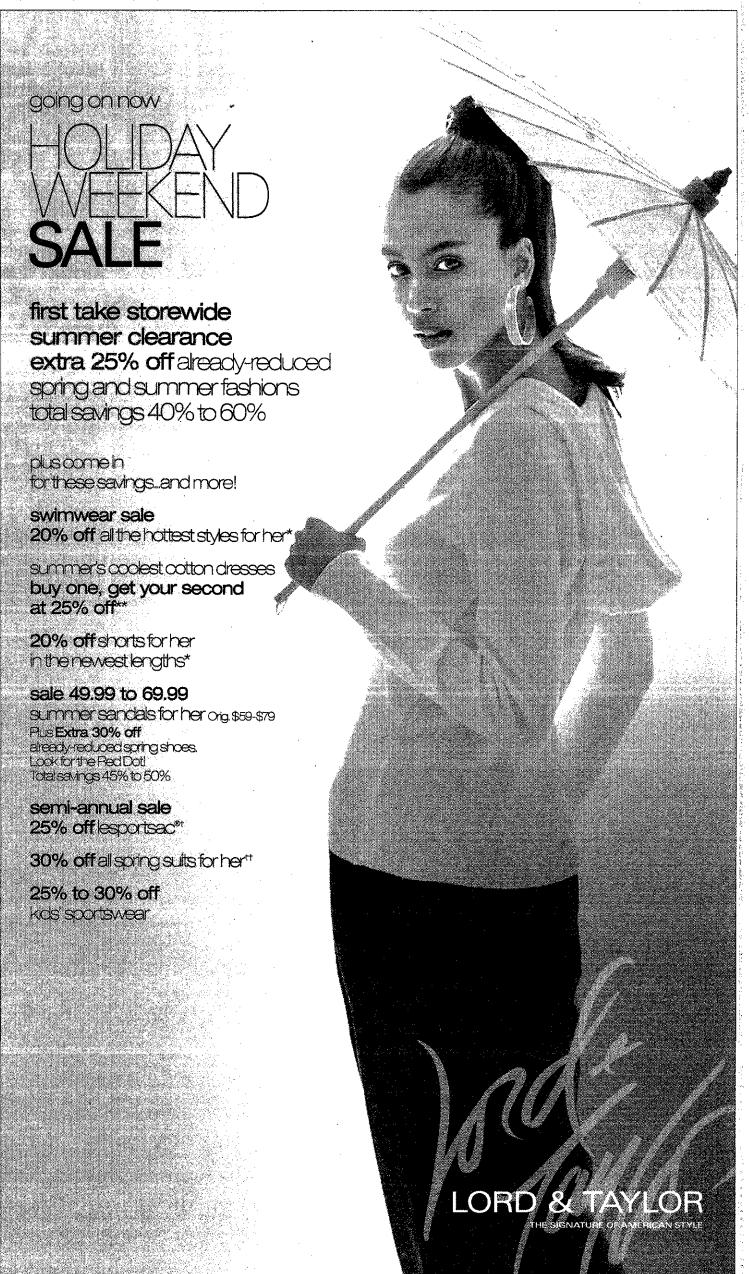
There also are opportunities for students to make friends while gaining experience in their chosen field or improving the community. A television and video communications major, Shkodra joined the Broadcast Club. After one semester of serving as vice president, her classmates elected her president.

She also was invited to join the Student Services Board of Trustees.

"It's a joy to have the freedom to speak from my heart all that I ever wanted to say," she said. "Madonna gives you that option, and that's why I feel like it's a planet of its own. Madonna listens and respects its students."

Madonna University's main campus is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Founded by Felician Sisters in 1937, Madonna is one of the largest Catholic Franciscan universities in the nation.

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Apfelblat: 'Perfect choice' for business honor

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Dr. Amanda Apfelblat has accomplished a lot since opening Michigan Chiropractic Specialists in 2003. From the Westland Chamber of Commerce to the Salvation Army and Westland Rotary, Apfelblat has made sure she's been there to help, all the while building her business.

Her involvement reflects her philosophy about giving and it's an involvement that hasn't gone unnoticed by the chamber, which honored her as the 2007 Business Person of the Year.

"I think it's important to give back to the community, especially where you work," said Apfelblat. "It's very important to belong to the chamber in the community where you work and support other businesses. And around here, it's fun to do the events."

"She's a perfect choice for the award," said chamber President Lori Brist. "She's 100 percent involved and has taken a personal interest in the success of the chamber."

Apfelblat's relationship with the chamber began even before she opened her practice at Ford and Wayne Road, and has continued since her move to a larger office in Garden City.

She has served on a variety of commit-

tees, as a Chamber Ambassador and on the Board of Directors, including chair of the board in 2006. She also has been the co-chair of the annual Taste of Westland since 2004. Brist also credits her with the idea of the annual Shopping Extravaganza at Westland Shopping Center, an event Apfelblat has chaired since its inception.

Brist said it was Apfelblat who decided the Westland chamber needed the shopping event after the two attended the Troy Chamber of Commerce Simply Shopping.

"When she sees something she likes, we do it," said Brist. "Anything she does or puts her energy behind is a success. The proof is the growth of her business."

And there's more.

Apfelblat is a sponsor of the chamber's annual Golf outing, Winterfest Bowling, Restaurant Rally, Taste Fest and Shopping Extravaganza.

She also is active in the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club, sits on the Advisory Council for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and for Schoolcraft College's massage therapy program. In addition to her support of the Salvation Army and Westland Rotary, she also helps other organizations like the Westland Police Tactical Response Unit and the Westland Community Foundation.

"These are wonderful activities, a pleas-

ure to sponsor," she said. "And around here, it's fun to do the events."

She also sponsors a college scholarship for a student pursuing a career in medical assisting through the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and participates in the Westland chamber and Westland Youth Assistance Program's annual job shadowing program.

Apfelblat credits her mother for her community involvement. Her mother, she said, is "a very generous and giving person"

"She's very involved in her church and volunteers a lot of her time, she's very inspirational," she said.

Another inspiration is her husband, Adam, also a doctor of chiropractic who is Business Person of the Year in Waterford where his practice is based.

"I thought this was unbelievable that I should get the award when he got it," Apfelblat said.

Brist believes Apfelblat very deserving of the award, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union.

"Her personality and enthusiasm is something I've never seen before," said Brist. "I think that's why she's so successful. Her personality draws people to her.

"She's a great asset to the chamber."

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Dr. Amanda Apfelblat, the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year, works with patient Pat Bohn. Apfelblat recently completed advanced board certification in pediatric Chiropractics.

Council answers call for recycling

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A grassroots campaign to convince Westland city leaders to start a curbside recycling program has netted nearly 600 signatures of residents who are tired of waiting.

But, one city leader indicated he will not favor spending tax dollars on curbside recycling unless the city conducts a scientific poll that shows broad support.

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Longtime resident Margot
McCormack on Monday turned
over to city officials 594 signatures that she and her friends
collected to show support for

curbside recycling.

McCormack and others want
city leaders to explore a curbside
program – without customer
fees – by using money saved

from lower trash-disposal costs.

To that end, a Westland City
Council majority has agreed not
to reduce the city's trash-disposal tax and not to refund what
would have amounted to \$7.50 a
year for the owner of a

\$100,000 home.
"The proposed refund of
\$7.50 is a joke," McCormack told
the council Monday.

Recycling proponent Kathy Blake, who helped with the signature drive, described residents she encountered as "very positively responsive" to curbside recycling. She said it's inconvenient for many people to drive to the drop-off site on Marquette east of Newburgh.

Mayor William Wild had proposed the tax reduction, but he said he would go along with efforts to explore a curbside program. If officials find it wouldn't work, he said the money could be refunded later to taxpayers.

But, Westland City Council President Charles Pickering said he would support a curbside program only if a scientific poll indicates it would be popular.

Moreover, he has now proposed an even larger return in the trash-disposal tax, saying his plan would give back an estimated \$15-\$20 a year to the owner of a \$100,000 home.

The recycling issue has emerged as an election-year debate. Pickering has said he plans to seek the mayoral job to which Wild was appointed in January, when former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli became a district judge.

Councilman Bill Johnson has sided with Pickering on refunding the trash-disposal tax, but the remaining five council members have said the money will be needed if officials sincerely hope to start a curbside recycling program.

McCormack and others have said they would prefer a curbside program rather than getting a tax refund of a few dollars a year. Some residents, however, have said they want the refund no matter how small.

Wild had originally proposed reducing the tax from 2.15 mills to 2 mills. Citywide, that would amount to \$350,000.

Pickering has said he will propose reducing the tax from 2.15 mills to 1.80 mills, which he said would result in savings around the \$800,000 mark.

Some council members have said Pickering's plan would hurt the chances of starting a recycling program. They also believe the state will eventually force a curbside program.

Pickering has said the city already has a \$1.1 million balance in the sanitation fund that could help pay for a program, if necessary.

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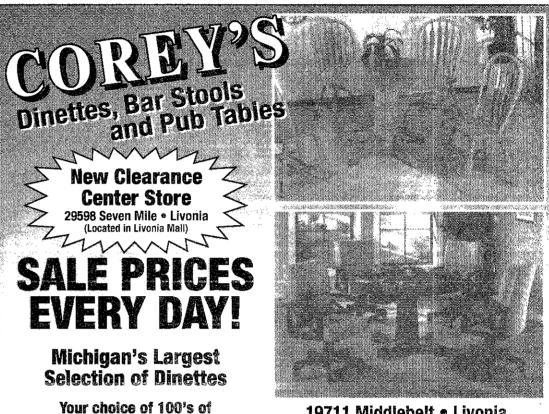
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Resident thwarts break-in of home

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A resident in the 7000 block of Bonnie Drive, near Warren and Venoy, told police that an intruder tried to pry open his bedroom window about 6 a.m. Sunday.

The resident saw the intruder and chased after him on foot but couldn't catch him.

The resident described the

intruder as a black male, 5foot-9, 150 pounds and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a black skull cap and black pants.

Man gets probation A 24-year-old We

A 24-year-old Westland man is serving a four-year probationary sentence for a home invasion that occurred Oct. 5 in the 33000 block of Yuma, north of Warren between

Farmington and Wildwood.

Aaron McGee was recently placed on probation after pleading guilty to charges of

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larceny, second-degree home invasion, stealing a credit card, and receiving and concealing stolen property. McGee was arrested after an alert neighbor contacted Westland police, who rushed to the scene and caught the defendant.

Angry patron

A customer caused some minor damage Sunday evening inside a bathroom at Malarkey's Irish Pub, on Warren Road near Nankin Boulevard.

Another customer heard loud noises and went into the bathroom, where he saw the suspect had damaged a paper towel holder and scattered parts on the floor.

The suspect didn't cause any further ruckus in the bar. He left after someone told him that the police had been called.

Serving jury duty: Nuisance, but it's also a civic privilege

s like Barry Manilow and chick flicks. I've become obsessed with Rachael Ray. A normal breakfast for me is two Boston Cremes and a coke from Tim Horton's. I own two - count 'em, two - pink shirts.

Let's just say I'm used to getting weird looks from peo-



Kadrich

So I barely noticed when people gaped at me when I expressed delight at receiving the first jury summons of my 48 years. To most people, the spectre of jury duty seems to be an unbearable nuisance. But to someone who would have *loved* to serve on the O.J. Simpson jury, getting the summons was akin to a visit by Ed McMahon with one of those big cardboard checks.

Professional cohorts weren't the only ones who looked at me funny. My own sons eyed me as though I'd just sprouted horns, until 16-year-old Marcus thought maybe I'd get on the Stephen Grant case.

Umm ... wrong county, but how cool would that be? I admit I was far more excited a couple of weeks ago when the summons came than I was the day before I was set to serve. Suddenly, the idea of spending the day at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center seemed less appealing. Besides, it was supposed to be sunny and in the mid-60s, and my golf clubs were screaming to be let out of the

And, of course, getting to the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center meant driving to downtown Detroit, a prospect that generally gives me hives. Too many one-way streets and huge buildings that confuse me. Fortunately, my partner in crime here does traffic on the radio, and his predetermined route got me exactly where I was going well before a rash could develop.

I arrived about 15 minutes before the scheduled 8:30 a.m. show-time, filled out the questionnaire then sat back with some two dozen others — to wait. We took our first break (without really needing one) around 9 a.m. People read newspapers or books, talked quietly or watched the Will Smith movie, Hitch. I spent 15 years in the U.S. Air Force, so all this "hurry up and wait" stuff wasn't anything new to me.

Around 10 a.m., we were moved over to the Lincoln Hall of Juvenile Justice for possible jury selection in a child protection case. As we waited for voir dire to begin, conversations revealed a little more about each of us. It was the first time I'd ever been summoned for jury duty. Others had done it often; Michael Long of Van Buren Township said he'd been called "maybe 15 times," though he'd never actually sat on a jury (that was about to change, though he didn't know it).

Another guy said he'd been an alternate on a murder trial, but had been dismissed when the jury went into deliberations. That jury, he said, convicted the defendant

We were led into the courtroom of Judge Frank Szymanski, with whom, I later learned, I had something in common (it was the first jury trial for both of us). The first thing I was struck by was the size of the courtroom. Apparently I've been watching too much Law & Order, because I wasn't prepared for a room that's smaller than my living room.

I was one of the first eight into the box for voir dire, and

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By the time the eight of us (six would actually deliberate the case, with two alternates chosen at random at the end of the trial) were seated Thursday afternoon, there was only time for opening statements, which meant a return trip Friday. That was OK with me for a couple of reasons: I was enjoying the experience, and it meant lunch a second day at Bianca's, the greasy-spoon coney island place next door to the courthouse.

But Friday, the case turned grim. We were charged with deciding whether the court should get jurisdiction over the five children adopted by the same mother. There were charges of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and our charge was to decide whether the court should have jurisdiction over any or all five kids.

We listened to the evidence presented by the attorney general and the defense. We took the judge's orders into consideration, and began our deliberations around 4:15 p.m. Friday. During our breaks throughout the day, I had considered the various emotions I was feeling: trepidation, ebullience, honor.

But after listening to evidence of the rape of a 4-yearold boy and the other abuses that had been heaped upon these five children, the awesome responsibility of what to do about it hit home when the decision was left to us. We ultimately left two of the children as wards of the court and returned the other three to their adoptive mother, feeling the state had not proven she'd been part of the pat-

I'd heard people at work and in the courthouse talk about what a nuisance getting called to jury duty is. I'd heard potential jurors trying to figure a way to be disqualified. I tuned them out, preferring to determine its worthiness by my own experience and not someone

Having been chosen jury foreman, it was my responsibility to stand before the principals in the case and read all five verdicts. Reading them, wondering if we'd done the right thing for those children, having to look into the eyes of that mother — it was about as awesome a responsibility as I've ever undertaken.

When it was over, Judge Szymanski told us it had been a privilege to have us as jurors presiding over his first jury trial. And all I could think was, "No, sir, the privilege was

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LETTERS

Stop taxing income

After reading Phil Power's recent commentary (May 3) on politicians' fear of voting for higher taxes, it immediately brought to mind an economic solution that all politicians and citizens can and ought to support: The Michigan FairTax, a piece of legislation recently introduced into both the Michigan House and Senate.

I am totally against tax hikes, but simply heading off tax increases is not going to assuage Michigan's economic woes in the long term. Michigan's system of tax collection has a major glitch: It taxes income, which benefits no one. This is the larger issue that must be dealt with.

It is high time that we stop taxing income, whether that of individuals or businesses, and replace those revenues with taxes levied on consumption at the consumer level. Taxing income reduces incentives for businesses as well as individuals. We need to let business owners grow their enterprises while at the same time allowing employees to keep the income they earn.

It is noteworthy that those states which fund their governments on sales tax revenues instead of income taxes are among the most prosperous in our nation. Why shouldn't Michigan join their

The Michigan FairTax does the following: It will eliminate the current sales tax, personal income tax, single business tax, personal property tax, the 6-mill state education tax on business and sales tax on all business-to-business purchases. These will be replaced by a simple retail sales tax, which will rid our state of our current complex and unfair tax system and save taxpayers billions of dollars now being wasted in complying with the current tax code.

The Michigan FairTax has been developed with a myth in mind, namely, that businesses pay taxes. Politicians employ the myth to engage in the rankest of demagoguery and class-warfare and to portray business as the enemy of citizens.

The truth is that whatever taxes are assessed against a business, they are paid for the same way that a business owner pays for anything else. He passes them on to his clients. It is a fact, readily admitted by Alan Greenspan, that only individuals pay taxes. When the state taxes business, the one who pays those taxes is the consumer.

By "stripping out" taxes from the

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cost of doing business, prices of goods and services produced in Michigan will be lowered significantly, thereby making Michigan the country's most attractive venue

for conducting business. Foreign products will finally have to compete with our products, instead of the other way around. This, of course, leads to more jobs and a higher standard of living for

The Michigan FairTax is a more stable source of revenue than are the taxes it replaces and will raise the same amount of money for Michigan government.

The tax will be charged on only new goods and services. Taxing services will be something new to our state, but if a retail sales tax is to be truly fair, then it should be collected not only by those who sell products but also by those who provide services. The Michigan FairTax does not have exemptions or loopholes — it's fair.

Although there will be only one rate under the Michigan FairTax, the effective rate will for each household will fall anywhere from 0 to about 9 percent. The vehicle for attaining this highly progressive rate is the innovative "prebate," a monthly refund of sales taxes to every family, based on their poverty level as established by federal guidelines. The prebate is given to all families, regardless of income, but benefits especially those with lower incomes.

For example, a family that spends \$28,000 per annum on consumer goods will have an effective tax rate of 0 percent, whereas the same family will experience an effective rate of 6.8 percent if they spend \$100,000 per annum.

The Michigan FairTax is the right solution at the right time — one when Michigan desperately needs a change for the better. It is simple, transparent, and fair. Best of all, it will create jobs of all kinds and make existing jobs more secure by attracting companies to our state.

All Michiganders ought to take a serious look at this plan, which has the endorsement of the Small Business Association of Michigan among other groups, at www.mifairtax.org. Then they should contact their state representative and senator and tell them to co-sponsor this piece of non-partisan legislation. Calling them makes more difference than one would.

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MAY

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 24-25, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. May 26 (\$5 bag day), at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, north of Ford, south of warren between Wayne and Merriman roads, Westland. For details, call (734) 425-

0260 or (734) 425-0261. Sunday worship

The Power of Love 10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Summer music ministry Potpourri May 31, Brass Quintet June 21, and Cabaret July 19, dinner at 6 p.m. (S5), concert at 7 p.m. Thursdays, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, A love offering will be received for the Music Ministry at St. James. Call (313) 534-7730.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by

Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer, For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Cali (734) 464-0990. All are

welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Youth wanted

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

A healthy you

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

Divorce recovery

Continue to 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at First Presbyterian Church Emeritus Room (upper level), 200 E. Main, Northville. The cost of the workshop is \$45 (scholarships available). To register, call (248) 349-0911.

UPCOMING

Franciscan peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish

Garage sales

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

(313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good

Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, ext.

Car wash

Fundraiser for Girl Guard Troop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. \$3 cars, \$4 trucks/vans. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

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

June 2. Texas Hold-em

Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 8eech Daly, Redford. \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Monthly dance

For 8ethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, June 2, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster road, Redford. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Worship service scheduled

The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp. Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. The Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and the Rev. Sean Humby will preside. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfes-

sion.org. Prayer series

How to spice up your prayer life includes Help! I Don't Have Time to Pray on June 7, Conversations with Jesus June 14, and Prayer Walking July 5, at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

Rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 7-8, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in St. Joseph Church parish hall, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Oearborn. For details, call (313) 593-4510 or (313) 336-3227.

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

reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035. Baccalaureate Mass

And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck, All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, ext. 243 or visit www.olgcparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Monthly breakfast meeting For Bethany Suburban West, a

Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, June 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Community garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rent parking spaces for \$20 each (money raised from your spot is yours to keep), a limited amount of tables will be available for an additional \$10 charge, no weapon sales. at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

Summer safety event

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge, All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son Dinner

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

Road), Livonia. Summer camp

The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The backyard of the church is being transformed into a Western town. There will be some new aspects of the V8S this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. For more information, calt (734) 464-6722.

Avalanche ranch

Vacation 8ible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to

Ifkloiber@ameritech.net. Crafters wanted

St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 200B. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia, Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an appli-

cation (734) 464-5973. Uplifting church services

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

ONGOING

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-200B school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Depression recovery Trapped by depression? Depression

Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill

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

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Alpha sessions

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

Worship services

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

Bible study

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

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

Worship services

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

Kids night

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

Classes

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

Tiny Tots Preschool

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate

Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional). 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and. desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For informa-

www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate. Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, cali (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service

tion, visit

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

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 102 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Riceat (734) 522-1095.

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Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

MARILYN "MIMI"

CHAMPAGNE (nee Brink)

Passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal

Oak following a brief illness. Mimi

was born October 1, 1928 in East

Grand Rapids to the late Edward H. Brink, Sr., and Catharine "Katie"

Brink (nee Towsley). She had a brother, the late Edward H. "Ted" Brink, Jr.

She graduated from East Grand Rapids

Highs School in 1946 and attended the

University of Michigan. She lived in

the Birmingham/Bloomfield area

since 1959. Mimic was a successful

businesswoman through her career in

real estate sales, which began in 1970.

She was a longtime member of the

Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of

Realtors, and held a real estate broker's

license until her death. She was active

in the community, as a benefactor and

participant with the "Our Town" com-

mittee of the Birmingham Community

House since 1998. She was a member of the Birmingham Junior League in

the 1960's and a sustaining member

thereafter. One of her favorite Junior League memories was chairing the

Junior League Follies; and she also

fondly remembered participating with

the St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of

Cranbrook. Mimi enjoyed music.

poetry, theater, dancing, shopping,

gardening, and celebrations with her

four children and her nine grandchil-

dren. Mimi was a wonderful mom,

always putting her children first, encouraging and inspiring them and

everyone she know by her enthusiastic

example. She is survived by her son

William E. Chickering III and wife Sandy of Placerville, CA; son John E. Chickering and wife Karen of Rockford, MI; daughter Catharine

Ratledge (nee Chickering) and husband Keith of Dearborn, MI; and

daughter Melissa Oakley (nee Frick)

and husband William of Lake Forest,

IL. She will be missed by her grand-

children, William E. Chickering IV of Pasadena, CA; E. Michael Chickering

Chickering of Birmingham, MI; John

E. Chickering Jr., of East Lansing, MI;

Marilyn Andrzejewski of Farmington

Hills, MI; David Koch of East

Lansing, MI, William, Carter and

Spencer Oakley of Lake Forest, IL;

and by her beloved poodle dog com-panion, Bubbles. Visitation with

Mimi's family will take place Wednesday, May 23 from 2:00p.m. to

4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the William R. Hamilton

Funeral Home, 820 East Maple Road,

Funeral service

Birmingham. Funeral service Thursday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn

Cemetery - Grand Rapids. Donations

in lieu of flowers can be made to The

Birmingham Community House, or to

Elk Grove, CA, Jullianne

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MARSHALL R. PICKELL

Age 77 of Novi. May 19,2007. Beloved husband of Janis; loving father of Nancy Kelly, Tim, Paul, Mark (Laurie) Pickell and Kate (Todd) Hoeravf; dear grandfather of Hendricks, (Lisa) Mike Hendricks, Paul Jr., Lauara, Cristen, Abby and Zack Pickell. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Celebration of Marshall's Life will be in the near future In Lieu of flowers the family request Memorial Donations to the Fox Run Student Scholarship Fund, 4110 Fox Run Rd., Novi, MI 48377

ROY GALDES

May 21, 2007. Father of John, Roy, Brian, Noreen, Mary and Judy; brother of many, grandfather of 17.

ANN M. TALBOT

Age 59 of Batavia, IL, formerly of Plymouth, MI, unexpectedly passed away Monday, May 21, 2007 in her home. Ann a loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother was born on June 26, 1947 in Jackson, MI. She was the daughter of Julius and Lucille Miller. Ann "Queen" Talbot married John Talbot on March 28, 1970 in Jackson, MI. Ann graduated from Western Michigan University in 1967, with an Associates Degree in Business. She owned and operated The Drapery and Upholstery Shoppe. Ann was also active in The Red Hat Society and the Welcome Club of Fox Valley. She is survived by her loving husband, John; her two sons, Christopher Talbot of Livonia, Ml, and William (Dawn) Talbot of Rineyville, KY; three grandchildren, Joshua Talbot, and Kyle, and Shannon Greenleaf; two sisters, Joette McCully, and Uneri (Jack) and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Ann is preceded in death by her grandson Coby Talbot and her brother Fritz Miller. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 3 pm at the Moss Family Funeral Home, 209 S. Batavia Ave. (Rt31) in Batavia. Visitation will be from 1pm until the hour of the service. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions in Ann's honor may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association in Memory of Lucille Miller. For additional information please contact the Moss family Funeral Home in Batavia at 630-879-7900.

NICHOLAS CAMPBELL

May 18, 2007 at St. Petersburg, FL, age 86. He served in the Coast Guard as a Machinist Mate during World War Two. He is survived by his wife Grace of 65 years. Also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. Services were held Thursday at 1pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ROBERT LAGUE NULTY

local resident and business man, passed away on May 18, 2007. He was born in 1907 in Smith Center, KS and grew up in Jewell, KS. Bob attended Kansas State College and graduated in automotive engineering from General Motors Institute in Flint. Up until 1946, he worked in the automotive industry in Detroit and Jackson, MI. At that time, he founded Great Lakes Airmotive at Willow Run Airport and served as the Cessna Aircraft dealer for the state of Michigan. It was at this time that the family moved to Plymouth. In 1961, he sold the business and returned for a brief time to the automotive industry. From 1969 to 1978, he, along with his son, Bob, operated the Colony Car Wash on Ann Arbor Road. Bob and his wife, Florence (nee Sederlin) enjoyed many years of flying and RV traveling throughout the U.S. in their retirement. Bob was an excellent pilot, hunter and fisherman. Bob was predeceased by Florence, his wife of 72 years, in April 2004. Bob is survived by his son, Robert D. (Phyllis) of Northville, MI, his daughter, Jane Sloan (Laird) of Sugar Land, TX and Grand Manan, New Brunswick, grandchildren Tammy Nulty of Plymouth, Laura Vargas (Doug) of Burke, VA, Lance Sloan (Kim) of Sugar Land, TX and Tom Garner (Kathy) of Louisville, KY and great- grandchildren, Trevor and Austin Garner and Valerie and Philip Vargas. He is also survived by his sisters, Kathleen Conrad of Atchison, KS. Betty Hutchison of Indianapolis, IN and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on May 23, 2007 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth Share memories at:



ALLEN J. HERDMAN Age 82, died Friday, May 18, 2007, at Mercy General Hospital in Muskegon,

MI. Allen was born May 17, 1925, in established Herdman Haven is handling arrangements.

DONALD N. CATLETT

Age 65, of Farmington Hills. May 21, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 44 years. Loving father of Shannon (Rebekah) Catlett and Sabina Catlett. Cherished papa of Cayley and Jacob. Dear brother of Marsha (Bob) Roth. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to

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VIRGINIA BACHUS RICHARDS

Age 76 of Westland died suddenly, peacefully surrounded by her family May 18, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Stewart Bachus and Gerald Richards. Dear mother of Susan Bachus, Michael (Nancy) Bachus, (Jeanne) Bachus, Barbara Ferson, Christopher (Kelly) Bachus and Cornelius Bachus. Dear grandmother of Brendan and Ariadne heridan, Valerie, Laura and Rebecca Bachus, Christopher Bachus, Sean (Natalie) Ferson, Melissa Ferson, Jacob Bachus, Megan and Justin Korpal and Jennifer and Courteney Bachus, sister of Dorothy Mitchell Brown and Andrea Sunday. A private family service has been held. Memorials would be appreciated to your local Meals on Wheels. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



Harrow, Ontario, to Mildred ("Nonie") (McLean) and Allen Herdman, Sr. He served in the Canadian Air Force during World War II. In the late 1970's he Company, a heating and air-conditioning business, which he maintained for many years. On April 4, 1953, he married Jesa Gryce, his loving wife of more than 54 years, in Windsor, Ontario. He and Jesa retired to Ferrysburg ten years ago after living and raising their family in the Detroit area. Allen was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He shared his love of the outdoors with all his family, also spending many years as the leader of Boy Scout Troop 907 in Livonia, MI. He encouraged his children's math skills by teaching them cribbage when they still had to use their fingers to count to fifteen. He mely mastered the computer at age 75 in order to keep in touch with his far-flung family. And he could fix any air conditioning compressor you put in front of him. His other interests included tennis, golf, billiards, cross-country skiing, bicycling and traveling. Allen was also a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven. Survivors include his loving wife, Jesa; three sons: Terry Herdman of Livonia, Jay Herdman of Commerce, MI, and Frank Herdman of Santa Fe, NM; a daughter, Laurie Hordman of Victor, ID; four grandchildren: Randi Pananen of Holland, Bailey Schreiber of Victor, ID, Jordan Schreiber of Victor, ID, and Henry Trapp of Victor, ID; two great-grandchildren, Erik and Ava Pananen of Holland; a brother, Hal (Beth) Herdman; and many loving nephews, nieces, and other family members. The service for Allen was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 2007, at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven with Rev. Daniel Anderson officiating. Memorials to Love, INC are appreciated. VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand

Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

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Worship service All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

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

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

Adult literacy classes

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

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight

support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W, Six Mile,

Northville, Call (248) 374-5920. Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland, Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-D093.

Senior activities

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

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study

group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

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

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Pauf'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) 422-147D. 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.

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Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864, for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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

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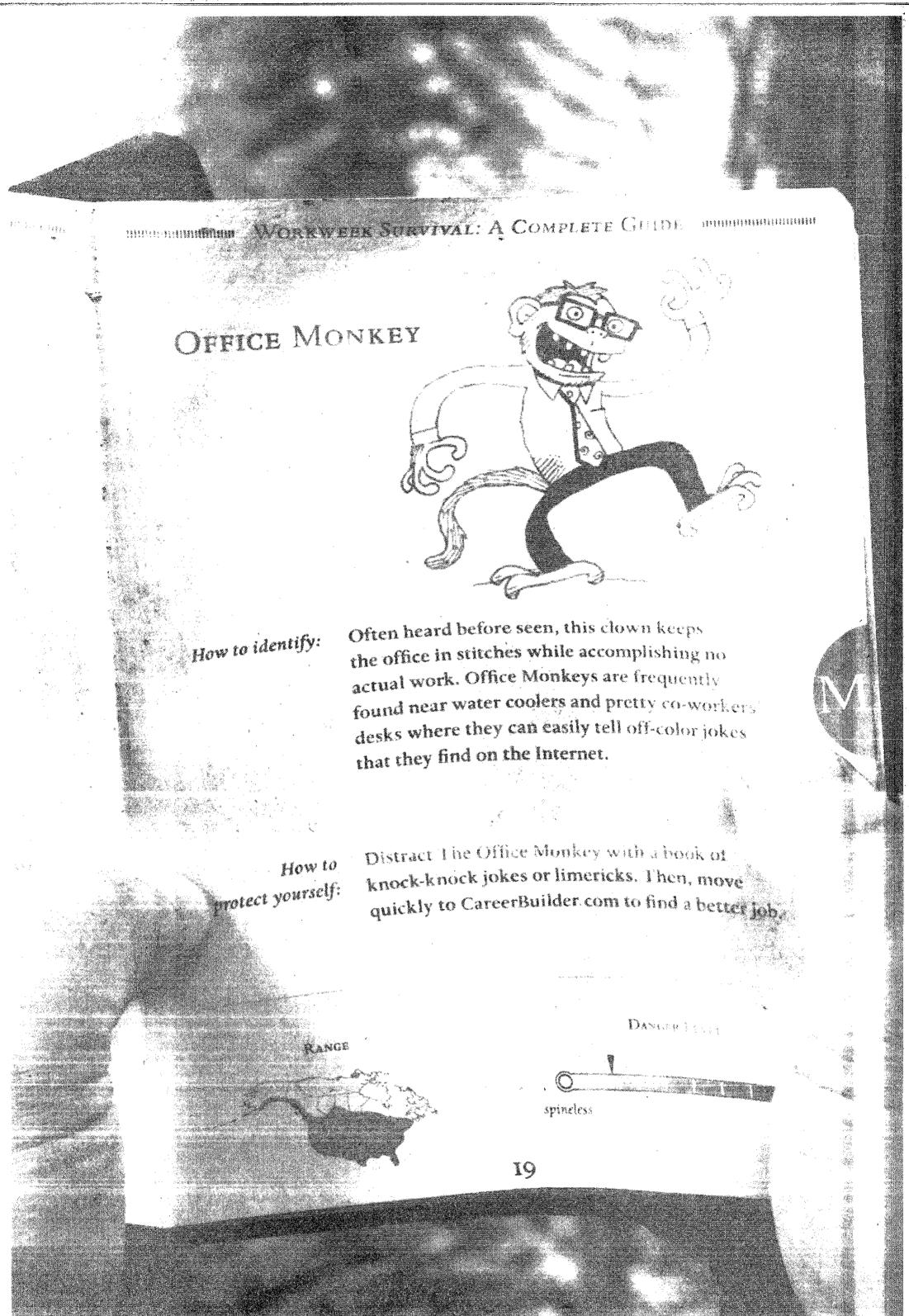
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Lutheran Westland dominates D-4 regional field

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

His team's numbers were staggering — even Lutheran High Westland boys track coach Mike Unger would admit that.

Unger's Warriors racked up 195 points Saturday to repeat their Division 4 regional title at Webberville.

It was the fifth regional title in school history for Lutheran Westland. Genesee was a distant second with 109, while host Webberville took third with 82.

"Usually when you score 80 points, that's good enough

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sometimes," Unger said. "We've scored over a 100 before and last year when we scored 162. I thought it was a lot. The regional was a little weaker than it's been, but the kids had a good day. We had a good meet."

Lutheran Westlaud scored points in 14 of 17 events, including all of the running events.

"We've never had that before and I've coached some pretty good teams," said Unger, who guided the Warriors to the 2001 state championship.

None had a bigger day than

senior Josh Palka, who swept the 200- and 400-meter dashes with times of 22.83 and 50.91, respectively. He also rallied the Warriors to victory in the 1,600 relay (3:34.32) with an anchor split of 50,9 to edge Genesee (3:34.63), Palka teamed up with Kyle Ramthun, Kyle Kempf and Joe Girolamo for

"Josh got the baton behind and went to the lead, the other kid got it back, and he made a beautiful comeback," Unger said.

Other Lutheran Westland individual first-place finishers included Alex Edwards, shot

put (47 feet, 11.5 inches); Paul Rockrohr, discus (127-2); Ramthun, 300 hurdles (41.56); Girolamo, 800 (2:04.87); and Spencer Lyle, 1,600 (4:49.53).

The Warriors' 3,200 relay team of Girolamo, Jim Rockrohr, Josh Rice and Lyle also took first in 8:38.31.

Lutheran Westland's 400 and 800 relay teams also qualified for the Division 4 state meet June 2 at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern with runner-up finishes.

The 400 relay team consisted of Brandon Ross, Aaron Yankee, Paul Rockrohr and Mike Schatz, who clocked a

45.62. The foursome of Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun and Justin Palka went 1:32.85 in the 800 relay.

Ramthun added a runner-up finish in the 100 hurdles (16.18), while Kemph contributed a second in the 200

Schatz took third in the 100 dash (10.95) and earned a Division 4 meet berth as an additional qualifier.

Before the Warriors embark on their trip to the state meet, they will compete this Saturday in the Michigan Interscholastic

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Co-champion 3-peat

Northville, Spartans share golf crown

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Order another extra trophy. For the third year in a row, Livonia Stevenson and Northville will share the Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf crown.

Stevenson, the regular season champion at 11-0, fell eight shots short of the Mustangs in Tuesday's WLAA tourney held at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club.

And based on the formula of total points for the regular season and tournament finish, both teams wound up with 22 points.

Northville's four-player tournament total was 362, while Stevenson finished at 370. Livonia Churchill wound up third with 381, while Walled Lake Western took fourth with 385.

Sophomore Alicia Weber was the WLAA medalist with 77, one shot ahead of defending Division 1 state champion Shannon Warner of Churchill, a junior who fired 78.

Senior Susan Snyder added 80 to earn all-conference honors and was followed by teammates Taylor Johnson (99), Kelley Hill (106) and Arianne Frink (106).

The Mustangs finished runnerup during the dual-meet season to Stevenson after losing by three strokes, 176-179, in a match May 14. Just two days earlier, Northville lost its No. 2 player, Kirsten Freisch, to a broken elbow.

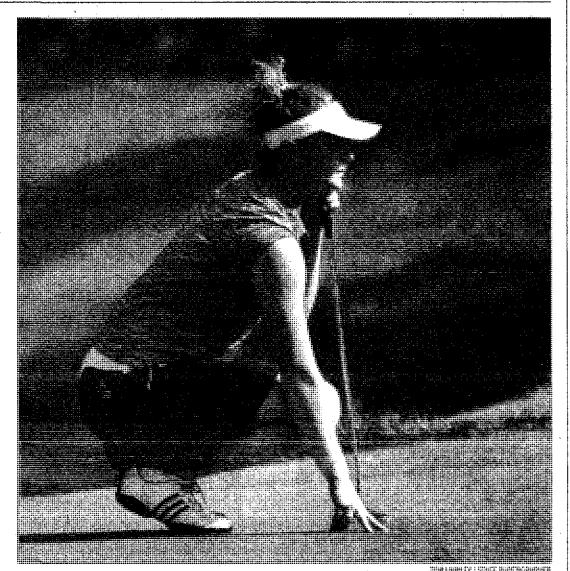
"Everybody stepped up. I did not realize we had this kind of depth," Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola said. "Taylor Johnson had not broken 100 and she goes 91 in the (Oak Pointe) regional and 99 today.

"And it helps to have the conference champion (Weber) ... and she's a sophomore. She's been averaging 88 (for 18) and her previous best was 82 at the regional. Snyder has an 87 average and she goes 80 today."

Stevenson's top scorer was senior Abbev Wolfe, who shot 86 to make all-conference. She was followed by senior Chelsea Bathurst (88), the defending medalist, who also earned all-conference honors in seventh.

Senior Unrissy McHenry (95) senior Lauren Geiger (101) and junior Laura Sims (103) each made all-division for the Spartans.

PLEASE SEE GOLF, 85



Stevenson's Abbey Wolfe lines up a putt during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf tournament at Pheasant Run. Wolfe led the co-champion Spartans with an 86, good enough for fifth overall.

McCall answers call as Patriots' coach

STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin Athletic Director Ron Hammye didn't have to go very far to find his new varsity girls basketball coach.

Hammye elevated JV coach Dave McCall to the position last week. McCall replaces former Patriots allstater Mary Kay Whalen, who resigned

after six seasons with a 47-81 record, including a 15-7 mark last fall. "I think Dave brings a unique style to our program," Hammye said. "The girls enjoy playing for him and he'll get the most of his talent. And given the team

with them." The 48-year-old McCall posted two winning seasons among his four JV

that is coming back, he'll do very well

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campaigns, going 45-35 overall.

The Patriots return five varsity players, including talented sophomore twins Briauna and Brittany Taylor, along with Ashley Price, Melissa Davies and Samantha Floyd.

"I have a lot to look forward to with the (Taylor) twins, but we only have five returning," McCall said. "We'll play an aggressive style of basketball. We'll focus on being a strong defensive team. If you can't play both ends offensively and defensively, you'll have issues and you can't expect to win a lot of games."

McCall is a 1977 graduate of Garden City East High School, where he played football and hasketball. He went on to

play football at Grand Valley State before going into law enforcement with the Livonia Police Department and Dade County (Fla.) Sherrif's Department (where

he was wounded in the line of duty). He returned to the area working in the home improvement business and recently returned to work in the service department for Custom Sprinklers of Northville.

His wife Lana is the athletic department secretary at Franklin and his three children participated in sports at Franklin, including graduates Ashley, an All-Observer basketball player; and David, who earned All-Area honors in hockey and played football. McCall's youngest daughter Andrea, who graduates next month, played both basketball and volleyball.

Churchill girls capture WLAA championship

STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer program is undergoing a rejuvenation and resurrection of sorts.

The Lakes Division champion Chargers earned their first Western

Association title PREP SOCCER since 1996 with a 1-0 victory Wednesday night at Northville, the Western

Lakes Activities

Division champ. "I like the way we played tonight," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team is 13-2-3 overall. "We were dangerous and moved the ball well. We didn't have many lapses. At

the beginning of the year we set our sights on the division and winning the city (title) with a chance to compete for the conference. Now we have to set some new goals.'

None came up bigger for the stateranked Chargers than sophomore goalkeeper Stephanie Turner, who kept the Mustangs, led by speedy Penn State signee Danielle Toney, off the board for the entire 80 minutes.

Another sophomore, Lindsay McMullen, tallied the game-winning goal with 28:28 remaining when she turned around just outside the box and directed a well-placed shot into the upper left corner.

"Lindsay maybe has only five or six goals, but every single one she's scored for us this year has been important," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team improved to 13-2-3 overall. "And Turner made two huge saves for us, one in each half. She gives our

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Free Bucks tickets

The 2006 North American champion Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League announced that tickets for their U.S. Open Cup game at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 26, vs. the Chicago Fire Premier at Canton's Independence Park will be available for free courtesy of the organizers of the 25th annual Canton Cup Soccer Classic.

Crosby co-MVP

Western Michigan University senior co-captain Brady Crosby (Livonia Stevenson), who helped the Broncos to a Mid-American Conference title and an NCAA regional berth, was named co-MVP along with teammate Tim Bradsahw (Bromsgrove, England).

Crosby and Bradshaw will represent WMU in the 32-team NCAA National Doubles Championship, which begins today in Athens, Ga.

Both players were named first-team All-MAC after playing at the top of the singles lineup all season. Crosby went 56-29 overall, while Bradshaw was 51-28.

Top tumbler

Livonia's Cassandra tumbling (level 8) and double-mini (level 7) at the **USA Gymnastics Region 4** meet held last weekend at Illinois State University.

Coached by Valter Meta and Peter Roberts of All World Gymnastics, Skinner also took a bronze medal in trampoline (level 6).

She will compete in level 10 in tumbling and double-mini trampoline at the USAG Nationals, June 19-28, in Memphis, Tenn.

Hardin inks letter **Novi-Detroit Catholic**

Central High pitcher and . infielder Bill Hardin (Livonia) recently signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Ashland University (Ohio), which is currently ranked in the top 25 nationals in Division I and is a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Hardin has been a varsity member of CC since his sophomore year. He earned All-Catholic League and All-District honors as a junior. He is the Shamrocks'

Falcons go 5-0

2007 team captain.

The Livonia Junior Athletic League G-Major (ages 9-10) Falcons went a perfect 5-0 in the second annual Westland vs. Livonia baseball tournament.

The Falcons outscored their opponents 79-29 in the five games while improving to 8-0 overall on the season. Team members include:

Kyle Way, C.J. Weiss, Derek Rotter, Frank Carlin, Jay Hopson, Cameron Mount-Campbell, Gordon Ferguson, Vinny Jenaway, Jack Ferguson, Nick Copperstone, Alex Cleaver, Scott Mims, Jimmy Seewald, Heath Stilwell, Matt Boris and Sean McCann.

The coaching staff includes Jim Hopson, Mike Rotter, Jeff Ferguson and Ken Way.

Stevenson corrals Mustangs for title, 6-3

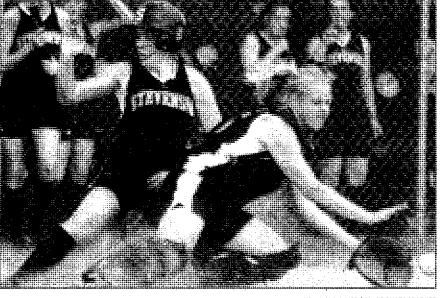
BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The general consensus around Western Lakes Activities Association softball circles was that the Western Division winner would take home the trophy.

But underdog Livonia Stevenson, the Lakes Division champ, had other ideas Wednesday as the host Spartans seized their first WLAA crown since 1985 with a 6-3 victory over a stunned Northville squad, which had to get past both highly-regarded Plymouth and Canton for the divisional crown.

Freshman Emily Hollandsworth's baseclearing double up the right-field gap in the bottom of the sixth inning broke a 3-all deadlock and catapulted Stevenson to the upset

Trailing 3-2, the Stevenson rally started when Lauren Brueck reached base on an infield error. Kristina Vaclavek followed with



Stevenson's Kathleen Hoehn slides in safe at home to score the Spartans' second run of the PLEASE SEE WLAA SOFTBALL, B2 game ahead of the throw to Northville catcher Sarah Rounsifer during Wednesday's WLAA final.

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defenders and midfielders a chance to push forward. If I'm coaching a team and I picking a keeper, she's the first one I'd pick.

Turner continually ventured away her line with athletic plays to break up Northville attacks, either playing the ball at her feet or booming free kicks well down the field.

The victory also wiped out a year's frustration. It was only a year ago when Northville beat the Chargers in a mercy. In this year's season opener, the Chargers battled Northville to a scoreless draw.

"I was just trying to get everybody pumped up," Turner said. "Hopefully it comes from me and spreads out all over the field. We came out ready to play. It was a 0-0 game the first time we played them (in the season opener) and we felt we

should have won that game. Coach (Hebestreit) has a confident in my touch. If they can't touch it, they can't score."

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The Chargers also got solid play from their midfielders. junior Julianne Puroll and sophomore Bailey Brandon.

"Bailey had a different role for us tonight, more of a gritty, ball-winning central-mid, Hebestreit said. "And I thought Julianne was a big part of our success tonight. She played 60 minutes in the central midfield and played outstanding the first two-thirds of the game."

The loss dropped Northville to 11-3-3 overall.

The Mustangs hope to get a rematch with Churchill in next week's Division I district tournament.

"It was a close game, it could have gone either way," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "We've got to learn from this. We have some things to correct. But if we don't correct these things, it will be a wasted

Stevenson pays back Chiefs in crossover

Turnabout was fair play Monday as Livonia Stevenson avenged a girls soccer loss Friday with a 2-1 victory at Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover between secondplace division finishers.

Canton took a 1-0 lead on Kerry McWhirter's goal in the 32nd minute.

But Stevenson, pushing up more offensive players late in the game, struck for the equalizer when freshman Kayla Kimble scored from Kathleen Griffin on a play started by Victoria Slavin.

Griffith then scored the game-winner with only three minutes remaining off a corner kick from Taleen Mergian.

"That was a good win for us, especially after Friday," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the 2-1 setback at home. "There was some redemption there. But more importantly, it's good to finish the regular season with a win prior to the

GIRLS SOCCER

"I was pleased with the girls' effort level tonight, and to tie and win the game in the last 10 minutes take character and perseverance which we definitely had tonight."

Stevenson enters the Division I state tournament with a 9-6-3 overall record.

W.L. NORTHERN 2, FRANKLIN 1: For the second time in three days on Monday, Walled Lake Northern defeated host Livonia Franklin (4-11-1) on goals by Riley Wood (45th minute) and Karlean Herbert (60th minute).

Franklin scored with seven seconds left in the first half after junior goalkeeper Melissa Roumayah played the ball deep to junior forward Molly Perkins following a Northern corner kick. Perkins took a touch past a Knights defender and finished with a breakaway.

"We put up a great fight, and much like Friday, when we were in the same situation, we had a number of great opportunities throughout the half and a few great opportunities late," Franklin coach Jen Barker

said. "We struggled early to get in their end, but then found what was

going to work for us." Barker singled out the play of senior midfielder Meghan Horgan and junior midfielder Kelly Powers, along with defenders Courtney Smith (sophomore), Kelly Roulier (senior)

and Kristine Ostrosky (senior). LUTH. WESTLAND 2, ROEPER 1: Allyson Yankee had a goal and assist Monday as host Lutheran High Westland (7-6-1) avenged a 4-0 loss last year

against Birmingham Roeper. Yankee dribbled from the backline to score unassisted to give the Warriors a 1-0 first-half advantage. Julieann Thomas then made it 2-

O with a second-half goal. Goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles stopped 10 of 11 Roeper shots to earn the vic-

W.L. NORTHERN 1, FRANKLIN 0: In a WLAA crossover game Friday, host Walled Lake Northern tallied a goal midway through the second half to beat Livonia Franklin (4-10-1).

"Our willingness to go forward and play in their end was great throughout the game," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "In the last 10-to-15 minutes, we showed an obvious sense of urgency to pick up a goal and at least tie it. While we had

three great chances in the final five minutes, including one that hit the crossbar, we jut couldn't find a way

We've got some work to do in terms of defending flighted balls in

our box, but that can still be

improved. It was a solid game for us." Barker singled out the play of midfielders Meghan Horgan, a senior, and Kelly Powers, a junior, along with junior goalkeeper Melissa Roumayah.

G.P. SOUTH 3, CHURCHILL 1: In a nonleague match Friday, state-ranked Livonia Churchill (12-2-3) fell victim

to visiting Grosse Pointe South. The Chargers scored at the 15minute mark when Bailey Brandon's throw-in was ruled an own-goal by the Blue Devils.

South scored with eight minutes left in the half and added a pair of

second-half goals to gain the win. The Chargers played without central backs Lindsey Marlow and Jessica Stroud, both out with the flu.

"Several others were ailing as well," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "But we should have taken care of business in the first 10 minues. We were all over them and we should have been up 3-0, but we just didn't finish."

WLAA SOFTBALL

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an infield single and Laura Deacon singled to load the bases. Jamie Johnson's bunt single brought home Brueck to knot the game at 3-all.

That set the stage for Hollandsworth, who had struck out and popped to second in her previous two atbats. She fouled off two good attempts from Northville pitcher Allison Holmes and was faced with a one-two

"I had to choke up and go with the pitch," Hollandsworth said. "I was a little nervous, but I had to get the girl home mäke contact.

"I haven't had one (big hit) like this - especially since we haven't won a conference (title) since 1985. We're trying to start a new tradition."

Junior pitcher Jamie Johnson went all seven innings for the win, scattering six hits and fanning three as the Spartans improved to 21-10 overall.

#I told them today and yesterday in practice that nobody expects us to win," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said.

"They did not tense up. I just told them to have fun and play hard, and that's exactly what they did."

Northville took a 1-0 secondinning lead when Kirstyn Wildey singled and later scored on a Kelsey Lewis RBI ground-

The Spartans answered with two runs in the third when Amanda Paison doubled, took third on an outfield misplay, and scored on a wild pitch. Paison then came home on Kathleen Hoehn's RBI ground-

Northville regained the lead, 3-2, with two runs in the top of the fifth when Kelsey Whelan singled and later scored on a error followed by Sarah

Rounsifer's RBI double. The loss dropped Northville, which made an uncharacteristic four errors, to 23-6-1 over-

"This is the worst defensive game we've played all season," Northville coach Tervn Chrzanowski said. "We've been playing tough defense the last two weeks, but today we had a letdown. We didn't make good choices. We had a bad game. But they (Stevenson) put the bat on the ball and found a couple holes.'

The 2006 Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks improved to 2-0 on the new season after dominating the aggressive Cleveland Internationals last Friday night at Troy Athens

High School. The North American men's champs opened the night receiving their championship rings from Livonia native and Bucks owner Dan Duggan, and promptly returned the favor by gifting him their second shutout win of the season.

If the Bucks can win their next two matches - May 26 in Canton vs. Chicago and May 28 in South Bend against the Indiana Invaders - they are assured of their much coveted US Open Cup berth.

The Bucks high-powered offense was stifled on Friday, as the Internationals did everything they could to contain the Michigan offensive weapons.

But as is usually the case, Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson

College, Ky.) was the instant offense the Bucks needed, as he beat his tight marking Cleveland defender to the ball and flicked it to forward Doug DeMartin (Michigan State), who coolly slotted the ball past Internationals keeper Alex

The Bucks pushed the game at the younger squad for the majority of the first half, but the Internationals would not back down and refused to allow a second goal before intermission.

"They defended us exactly how we expected," Bucks second-year assistant coach Brett Jacobs said. "They did a good job of disrupting our flow and frustrating our midfield connections. I was very happy with the fact that we never got out of our game, even though we didn't finish some well designed chances. Cleveland is a young team that is going to cause several teams a whole lot of problems this year."

The Internationals fall to 0-1 in their 2007 opener and will have a very difficult time qualifying for Open Cup after tonight's loss.

The second half was played at a slower pace than the open-

Bucks' Cup bid continues to runneth over

ing stanza, but the Bucks finally connected with an insurance goal in the 77th minute, when the counter-attacking trio of Jafta, Khelli Dube and Kenny Uzoigwe, pressured the Cleveland goal at a furious

Uzoigwe's pass to Jafta sent the speedy midfielder in alone on goal, only to have him drop the ball to a trailing Dube to finish the second goal of the game. This would prove to be the final tally of the game and the Bucks recorded their second shutout in as many games.

Goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University) served the Bucks well in goal, but was the beneficiary of a rock solid defense anchored by Mike Holody, Kyle Russell and Ian

Daniel that gave Cleveland very few sniffs at goal.

Now the focus quickly shifts to the Bucks Great Lakes rival Chicago Fire Premier (1-0-1), who will come to Canton next Saturday to take on the Bucks for the right to move on to the Open Cup.

The leader of the division after the first four Cup qualifiers moves on to Round One.

The classic match up will take place at 5 p.m. - moved up from 6:30 p.m. original start time at Independence Park as part of the Canton Cup Memorial Day tournament.

The Bucks will then head to South Bend to play the Indiana Invaders on Memorial Day in the last game of Open Cup, before coming back Wednesday, May 30 to Berkley's Hurley Field take on Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew.

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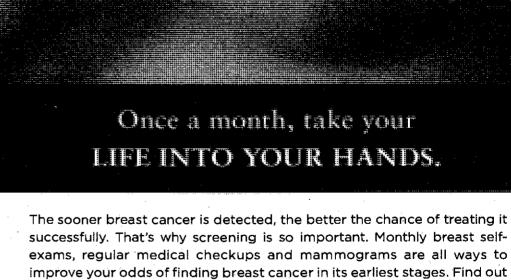
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Franklin suffers 1-run loss again to Spartans

It took eight innings Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson pulled out a 10-9 baseball win over Livonia Franklin.

On Saturday, Franklin lost to Stevenson in the first round of the Livonia City Tournament at Ford Field, 13-12. In that game, the Spartans rallied from a 10-7 deficit with six runs in the sixth inning.

The Spartans, now 19-11 overall, scored the game-winning run when Luke Knochel was hit by a pitch, advanced to third on a hit-and-run single by Dan Rozek, and scored on Matt Loney' game-winning RBI.

Loney went 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Matt Tuttle and Nick Plinka also knocked in runs, while Eric Krauss scored twice.

Grant Campbell, who pitched the final two innings in relief, got the victory. He allowed just one hit, while fanning three.

Patriot starter Matt Madej went all seven innings. He gave up three hits and four walks, while striking out four.

Franklin (7-20) was led offensively by David Leins, who went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Tyler Canyock and Madej

added two hits apiece. LUTH. NORTH 1, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Each team collected just four hits, but host Macomb Lutheran North (11-10, 8-3) pushed across the gamewinning run in the bottom of the fifth to beat Lutheran High Westland (14-6, 5-6) in the third-place Metro Conference third-place playoff game. Losing pitcher Derek Fleetham

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faced just 23 batters in six innings, allowing one earned run on four hits, including a double to go along with a

walk. He struck out one. The Warriors left seven runners stranded against Mitch Farrington, who struck out eight.

Nate Bachert, C.J. Garber, Billy Meier and Adam Zehel had the lone hits for the Warriors.

"It's very difficult to win when you leave seven guys on base in a one-run game," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Derek (Fleetham) pitched well again and gave us a chance, but they (North) made the most of their opportunity in the fifth and we never answered. Obviously we're disappointed to lose such a close game, but it still doesn't take away from what we have been able to accomplish so far this season."

LATHRUP 11, STEVENSON 3: In a nonleague game Monday, visiting Southfield-Lathrup (14-13) collected 11 hits in a victory over Livonia Stevenson (18-11).

Winning pitcher Jeff Beckles limited the Spartans to just three hits.

Larry Klemczak took the loss. Edmond Pamphelt went 3-for-3 to lead the Chargers. Ian Lend added two hits and three RBI, while Anthony Carathers went 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Derek Severson and Matt Loney each knocked in runs for the Spartans, while Matt Tuttle added a double and scored twice.

W.L. CENTRAL 7, WAYNE 4: Torrey Stimson belted a two-run homer and Derek Mitchell added two hits and two RBI Monday as WLAA-Lakes Division champ Walled Lake Central (22-5) downed host Wayne Memorial

Clint Cavanaugh had two hits and knocked in two runs for the Zebras.

Stevenson rallies twice to claim City baseball title

STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's baseball team was a cat with nine lives on Saturday.

The Spartans dug themselves in deep holes in both Livonia City Tournament games at Ford Field, rallying both times in the later innings to earn the title.

Stevenson improved to 18-10 overall by defeating Livonia Churchill for the championship, 6-4, and Livonia Franklin, 13-12.

The Spartans rallied from a 3-0 fifth-inning deficit in the championship game after erase a 10-7 deficit with six runs in the sixth in a semifinal victory against Franklin.

"My players continued to come back inning after inning, they never gave up," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "They fought hard every inning. They were are very determined group of young men on Saturday."

Derek Poremba, Vinny Carozza and Eric Mitchell each had an RBI as Churchill (13-15) led 3-0, only to have the Spartans strike for four runs in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead briefly, 4-3, on just two hits and an infield error.

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After Larry Klemczak singled and Eric Krauss walked, Luke Knochel then hit into a 4-6 fielder's choice. Matt Loney followed with a lazv flyball to center that Churchill center fielder Kirk Ciarrocchi grabbed, but his diving catch was ruled a trap by the umpire as both runners scored.

"Whether it's a trap or not, you don't give them five outs, that's the game – despite the call." Churchill coach Targosz said. "The error in the fifth opened the gates. If we get the out, we would have stopped the bleeding. It's been a lot of the same most of the year - one big inning.

"I'm disappointed because the kids played hard. We've been playing good baseball the last couple of weeks and for that to happen - stinks."

The Chargers, however, evened the count at 4-all in the top of the sixth, but Stevenson rallied again in the bottom half of the inning to score twice on an RBI sacrifice fly by Sam Vomastek followed by Nick Plinka's RBI

Sophomore Jake Wilson, in

relief of starter Jon Samaan, earned his second win of the day. He allowed one run in 2.2 innings of middle relief, while Grant Campbell came on to pitch a scoreless seventh, allowing one hit, to earn his second save of the day.

Churchill starter Bryon Niemczak, who took the loss, went all six innings, allowing six hits and six walks.

Matt Tuttle, Knochel, Klemczak and Plinka each collected two hits. Plinka knocked in four runs, while Tuttle and Klemczak added one RBI each.

Steve Jones and Ciarrocchi each went 2-for-4 in the loss. Brian Runge also scored twice. STEVENSON 13, FRANKLIN 12:

Trailing 10-7, the Spartans scored six times in the bottom of the sixth on three hits, four walks and a pair of costly Livonia Franklin (6-19) errors to pull out the semifinal win.

Eric Krauss went 3-for-3, including a double, three RBI and three runs scored to lead the victorious Spartans. He also had two stolen bases.

Luke Knochel went 3-for-4 with a triple, three RBI and two runs scored. He had two stolen bases, including one of home. Larry Klemczak went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs.

Jake Wilson was the winning pitcher in relief. Grant Campbell

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David Leins was the losing pitcher. The Patriots were led offensively by Alex Dominguez, who went 3for-3 with an RBI. Tyler Canyock went 2-for-6 with a double and three RBI, while Michael Basner collected two hits, scored three runs and had an RBI.

Matt Madej added two RBI and two runs, while Leins also knocked

CHURCHILL 15, CLARENCEVILLE 0: A: 12-run second inning proved to be the difference as Livonia Churchill (13-14) rolled to a semifinal win over Livonia Clarenceville.

Churchill collected a total of 13 hits led by Kirk Ciarrocchi (3-for-3, three RBI, three runs); Steve Jones (3-for-4, RBI, two runs); Tyler Bledsoe (2-for-3, RBI double); and Brad Poremba (triple).

Winning pitcher Rob Matigian pitched all four innings, allowing four hits, two by John McAlpine.

Brad Schwartz was the losing pitcher. FRANKLIN 18, CLARENCEVILLE 3: In-

the City Tourney consolation game on Saturday, host Livonia Franklin (7-19) took advantage of six Livonia Clarenceville errors en route to a three-inning mercy-rule victory. Matt Mills went 3-for-3 to pace the

added two hits and two RBI, while Jeff McCullough doubled twice. Matt Garant doubled and scored

Patriots' 13-hit attack. Neil Copeland

a run for the Trojans (3-20). Michael Basner was the winning pitcher, allowing three hits and three walks over three innings. Allen Mazur took the loss.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DIVISION ! REGIONAL BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 18 at Flat Rock-Woodhaven

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state): 1. Livonia Churchill, 30 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 22; 3. Dearborn, 19; 4. Southgate Anderson, 11; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 8; 6. Livonia Franklin, 7; 7. (tie) Taylor Truman, Wayne Memorial and Woodhaven, 4 each; 10. (tie) Detroit Cass Tech and Detroit King, O

FINAL FLIGHT FINALS

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathney (LS) defeated Nick Payne (LC), 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Kellen Mrkva (Dbn.), 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Alex Clos (LC) def. Alex Bentz (Dbn.), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Kyle Anderson (LC), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Taylor Frangie-Jay Cunningham (LC) def. Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC) def. Cody McDonald-Mo Haider (Dbn.), 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Hussein Anani-Ali Seydoun (DF), 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. · Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS), 6-4, 3-6,

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May 12 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM STANOINGS: 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, D.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (Salem) def. Eric Szydlowski (Canton), 6-4, 6-0; semifinals: Washington def. Tim Wasielewski (N), 6-1, 7-5; Szydlowski def. Gino

McCathney (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

No. 3: Mike Baskins (N) def. Dave Cross (WLN), 6-2, 6-4; semifinals: Baskins def.

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, May 24

Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Luth. South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

Crestwood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26

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GIRLS SOFTBALL Friday, May 25

Crestwood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Ply, Christian, 4:30 p.m.

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, 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,

No. 2: Kevin Zhang-Phil Irvine (N) def. Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC), 6-0, 6-4; semifinals: Zhang-Irvine def. Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS), 6-3, 6-0; Peczynski-Martin def. Casey Johnson-Mike Rivamonte (WLC), 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-O, 6-1; Clairmont-Yandric def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 **WAYNE MEMORIAL O** May 16 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Clos (LC) def. Nick Martin, 6-2, 6-0: No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Tommy

Frangie (LC) def. Andrew Thyrion-Jake Fyfe, John Mayfield-Josh Phillips, 6-1, 6-2. Dual meet records: Churchill, 14-1 overall.

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, May 24

Luth. Westland at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.

Clarenceville at F.H. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.

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Late interception gives Demolition 20-6 victory

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For the second time in as many weeks, the Detroit Demolition earned a hardfought 20-6 Independent Women's Football League victory Saturday against the host Chicago Force.

Coming off a 23-20 win the week before over the Force at Livonia Stevenson High School, the Demolition (4-0) led 13-6 late in the game and got a

clutch 77-yard interception return for a touchdown from Bridget Porter to pull out the victory. Detroit quarterback Kim

Grodus hit 16-of-21 passes for 178 yards and two TDs, including a 62-yard strike and a 48-yard hook-up with wide receiver Miaya Tolbert. "This game was quite a

test for us, beating the Force in Chicago," Grodus said. "What is really exciting about this team is that we are really improving each game and are right on pace to where we want to be by playoff time."

The Demolition's running back tandem of Kiana Dennis and Dawn Adams were held to a combined 126 yards by the stingy Force

On the Demolition defen-

sive side of the ball, veteran linebackers Misty Findlay and Kim Walters bottled up Force QB Samantha Grisafe, who was sacked three times, along with the Chicago running game.

Grisafe passed for just over 100 yards, including a 62-yard TD strike, but was intercepted three times, including two by Porter.

Findlay had 12 tackles, one sack, an interception and a fumble recovery, while Walters added 10 tackles and two sacks.

"Once again, we were in a hard-fought game with a quality and determined team in the Chicago Force - in their house this time," said Demolition coach Tony Blankenship, who ran his overall record to 59-2. "But we did have an effective game plan and the right players to make this big win happen. I'm proud of everybody. We played with a lot of guts."

The loss drops the Force

Meanwhile, the Demolition have Memorial Day weekend off before returning to IWFL action Saturday, June 2 in the Nation's Capitol to take on the 3-0 D.C. Divas.

Johnson hurls Spartans to tourney crown

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson had come up empty three straight years in the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls softball tournament held at Ford Field.

Last Saturday, however, was a different story as the Spartans secured their first title since 2003 by defeating Livonia Churchill, 3-1, in the championship game, after edging Livonia Franklin, 4-3, in the semifinals.

"It's been awhile since we had that title with us;" said Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon, whose team improved to 20-9 overall with the two victories. "I told the girls it's something we'd like to get back and hold onto. It's a big year because it's important to keep up with the standards set by prior teams. And it was important for the seniors this year."

Churchill (14-14) jumped out to a 1-0 first-inning lead on a singles by Jordan Kerr and Emily McShane, followed by Julie Lewandowski's RBI double.

But the Spartans answered with all three of their runs in the second.

Kristina Vaclavek doubled

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and Laura Deacon followed with a walk and stole second. Emily Hollandsworth added an RBI single. Amanda Paison and Kathleen Hoehn both singled - coupled with a Churchill infield error - to account for two more runs and the lead.

That was enough for Stevenson pitcher Jamie Johnson, who kept Churchill off the board the rest of the way. She struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

"When she gets ahead of the hitters, she's done the job," Witherspoon said. "She did an excellent job of giving the hitters only one pitch to hit. She worked the ball around the plate and changed speed to keep people guessing."

Churchill out-hit the Spartans 6-4 with losing pitcher Jordan Kerr and Lewandowski collecting two hits apiece.

"We stranded base runners and did not get the key hit," Churchill coach Meghan Misiak-Hall said. "We watched too many good strikes. We hit her (Johnson) well, but did not get the key hits. She did a nice job for throwing two games.

She got ahead of the hitters and threw strikes."

Stevenson's victory over defending champion Franklin was no walk in the park.

The Spartans were led offensively by Deacon, who went 3for-3 with a walk. She had an RBI double in the fourth, while Johnson contributed an RBI single to put the Spartans up 4-2.

"We have different people taking turns and stepping up in the batting order, which is nice," Witherspoon said. "As long as we keep it close . . . we're scrappy."

Johnson allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Natalie Sanborn (13-7) gave up seven hits, walked six and fanned four.

Briauna Taylor went 2-for-3 with an RBI single in the first inning. She also had two stolen bases and scored a run in the sixth after reaching base on a single to cut the deficit to 4-3.

Alecia Geraghty contributed an RBI double in the fourth.

"I was a little nervous going in because Franklin kept me on the edge of my seat," Witherspoon said. "They have so many athletes throughout their lineup. And Linda Jimenez (Franklin's coach)

does a nice job. They're aggressive, they're hungry and they go after you."

In the other semifinal, Churchill downed Livonia Clarenceville, 8-4, as McShane went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Paula Guzik (2-for-3, two RBI) and Hilary Antal (2-for-2, two RBI) also chipped in for the Chargers. Katie Stodulski also knocked in a run.

Lewandowski went the first six innings on the mound, allowing just one hit. She struck out five. Kerr allowed one hit and fanned two Trojans in the seventh.

Abby Sochacki was the losing pitcher, while Brittany Brooks collected both hits for Clarenceville.

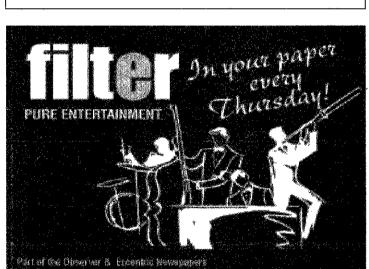
In the consolation final, host Franklin (19-10) downed the Trojans in a four-inning mercy, 16-2, as Kelsey Garbutt (3-for-3, two RBI) and Brittany Taylor (3-for-3, double and RBI) led the way.

Heather Jaroh and Briauna Taylor also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Sanborn (14-7) was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits in five innings. She fanned eight.

Nicole Lexson had two hits for Clarenceville (7-17).

Hawks claim share of MIAC-Red title



For the third year in a row and the seventh in the last eight seasons, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran has clinched at least at share of the Red Division girls softball title in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Hawks improved to 12-5 overall and 7-0 in the Red with a 16-10 triumph Tuesday over host Taylor Baptist Park.

Huron Valley out-hit the Wildcats, 13-11, as winning pitcher Amanda Gruenewald went 2-for-4 with a pair of walks and three RBI. She struck out eight and walked six SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

in seven innings.

Anna Schaffer went 2-for-4 with a double, a pair of walks and five RBI to help support the Huron Valley cause offensively.

On Monday, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (15-5) of the MIAC-Blue Division defeated the host Hawks, 9-4.

Gruenwald was the losing pitcher. She went 2-for-3 at the plate.

FRANKLIN 5, STEVENSON 1: Shortstop Briauna Taylor went 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles, an intentional walk and RBI Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (21-11) upended WLAA-Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson (20-10) in a crossover make-up game.

Allison Bonsall added two singles for the Patriots, who scored twice in

the first inning and added three more in the fifth. Center fielder Brittany Taylor added a hit and scored two runs in the win.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (15-8) scattered three hits and three walks in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Laura Deacon allowed six hits, walked four and struck our seven.

Emily Hollandsworth hit fenceclearing solo homer in the second inning for Stevenson's only run.

W.L. NORTHERN 14, WAYNE 0: Deanna Wagner pitched a three-hitter and Charli Coram went 3-for-4 with three runs scored as Walled Lake Northern (10-15) downed host

The Spartans committed three

Wayne Memorial (2-22) in a WLAA make-up crossover game. Wagner struck out six and did not

allow a walk in six innings. Lindsey Szutka and Wagner each went 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Jordan Berry, Virginia Reid and Kristen Spada had the lone hits for

Wayne starter Taylor Krohn gave up 11 hits, walked 11 and struck out six in six innings.

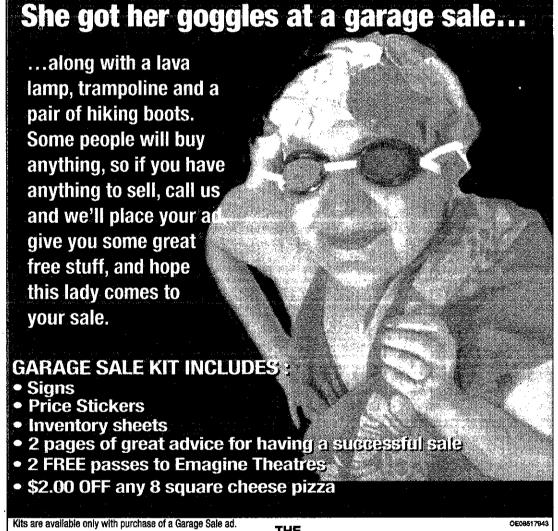
A.A. HURON 7-12, FRANKLIN 6-14: In a non-league doubleheader on Monday, host Livonia Franklin (20-11) and Ann Arbor Huron settled for a split.

Franklin won the nightcap, 14-12, as Brittany Taylor belted a three-run homer in the sixth to put the Patriots up for good, 14-12. She went 4-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Natalie Sanborn added three singles and two RBI, while Heather Jaroh and Alecia Geraghty collected two singles

apiece. Geraghty, the winning pitcher, improved to 6-3 as she allowed 15 hits, walked five and struck out two.

Huron took the opener, 7-6, as the Patriots, missing two starters (out sick) made a total of eight errors.

Sanborn had two hits and two RBI in the loss, while Allison Bonsall and Brittany Taylor contributed two hits apiece.



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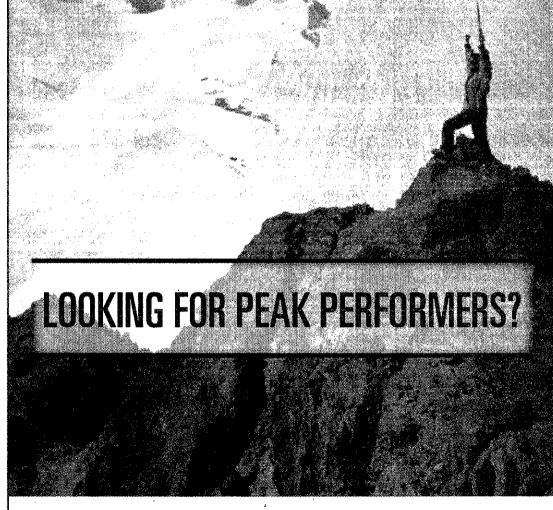


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Whalers stumble again in Memorial Cup

Tyler Ennis figured in on all four goals and Brennan Bosch added a goal and an assist as the Medicine Hat Tigers led from start to finish in a 4-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in a 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup game played before 12.601 at the Pacific Coliseum.

The Whalers are now 0-2 and have to defeat Lewiston (1-1) to remain alive in the tournament. Medicine Hat improved to 1-1. Vancouver leads the four-team field with a 2-0 record.

In all, Ennis - an '89 birthday who scored 26 goals and 24 assists for 50 points in 71 games during the regular season and entered the game with eight goals and four assists in 22 play-

off games - scored twice with two assists. Daine Todd added the other Medicine Hat goal.

James Neal scored the lone Plymouth goal, his third of the tournament and 16th of the playoffs. Medicine Hat led 2-0 after one

period and 3-0 after 40 minutes. Bosch started the scoring at 1:57 of the first period for Medicine Hat when he batted home Ennis' shot from the

left wing past Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth. Ennis scored from the right hash mark and when he beat Neuvirth five-hole at 4:25 of the period to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

At that point, Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci pulled Neuvirth in

favor of Jeremy Smith, who went the rest of the way. Neuvirth faced five shots and made three saves, while Smith went 30-of-32.

"I thought Smith played pretty well," Vellucci said in a post-game press conference. "He hasn't been in net for us in quite a while, so he's going to be rusty. Even though he was thrown in there at the start of the game, I thought he made some big saves for us. He played well for not being on the ice for awhile. Michal didn't get a whole lot of support and it was more to try to change the momentum of the game."

The Whalers were hoping to get off to a good start, but it didn't happen

"We got down two goals real quick be it they weren't great goals, but I'll take full responsibility," Vellucci said. "They came out flying and we weren't ready. It's the coaches' job to get them ready and they weren't ready."

Plymouth didn't get many breaks in the game. Tom Sestito missed an empty net on the left wing lip of the Medicine Hat crease midway through the first period and later in the game hit the crossbar in an attempt to score a shorthanded goal.

Ennis scored his second goal of the game at 1:43 of the second period to give Medicine Hat a 3-0 lead when he onetimed a shot past Smith from the right circle. Todd scored on a rebound a 0:38

of the third period before Neal came back with the Whalers lone goal at 1:32. Medicine Hat outshot Plymouth,

"It's a one-game elimination from here on out," Vellucci said. "We give ourselves a chance with a win tomorrow (against Lewiston) and then. whatever happens between Vancouver and Medicine Hat on Wednesday, there could be a three-way tie. We have to show the character we've shown all season - we started the season at 8-9-0-0 (in November).

"Everyone counted us out and we ran off a great record. So now it's a one-game elimination and anything can happen."

GOLF

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"It was not our best day, but we were only eight strokes behind from winning the whole thing," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said. "We lost to a good team. If we had lost to somebody else, it would have been more frustrating. It was not a real surprise. When you have the

medalist (Wcber), it makes a difference. And their number two kid (Snyder) played very well."

The most troublesome spot on the course, according to Delo, was the 231-yard, par-4 No. 15 hole, along with the

429-yard, par-5 No. 16. "Those are the hardest holes and it separated a lot of teams." the Stevenson coach said. "There's a lot of water, woods. We probably lost eight strokes right there."

Ironically, Stevenson had won the WLAA tourney two vears in a row.

"It was not a bad day," Delo said. "We would have liked to have been outright champs, but a championship is a championship."

Irvine cards ace

For Westland John Glenn's Heidi Irvine, it was a memorable first WLAA tourney.

The freshman broke 100 for the first time this year with 97

thanks, in part, to a hole-inone on the 108-yard, No. 7 hole, a shot which must carry the water.

"I hit a 7-iron, it landed on the left side of the green and it curved in," said Irvine, who earned all-division honors along with teammate Jessie Veltri, who shot 94. "Everybody was screaming.

The first person I'm going to

tell is my mom (Judy)."

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT May 22 at Pheasant Run

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 362 strokes; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 370; 3. Livonia Churchill, 381; 4. Walled Lake Western, 385; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 413; 6. Walled Lake Central, 422; 7. Livonia Franklin, 427; 8. Westland John Glenn, 427; 9. Plymouth, 435; 10. Wayne Memorial, 494; 11. Salem, 516; 12. Canton, 714.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Medalist: 1. Alicia Weber (N), 77. Alf-Conference: 2. Shannon Warner (LC), 78; 3. (tie) Marni Weinstein (WLW) and Susan Snyder (N), 80 each; 5. Sarah Johnson (WLC), 81; 6. Abbey Wolfe (LS), 86; 7.

Chelsea Bathurst (LS), 88; All-Division: 8. Allie Buttery (WLN), 93; 9. Jessie Veltri (WJG), 94; 10. Chrissy McHenry (LS), 95; 11. Danielle Lesniak (LC), 96; 12. Heidi Irvine (WJG), 97:13. Michelle Cha (WLW), 98; 14. (tie) Taylor Johnson (N) and Paige Scarpace (LF), 99 each; 15. Mariel Meyers (LF), 100; 16. Amanda Dobos (LC), 102; 17. Melanie Wilkerson (WLW) and Laura

Sims (LS), 103 each. **TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**

Northville (362): Alicia Weber, 77; Susan Snyder, 80; Taylor Johnson, 99; Kelley Hill and Arianne Frink, 106 each: Eve Avdoulos,

Stevenson (370): Abbey Wolfe, 86; Chelsea Bathurst, 88; Chrissy McHenry, 95; Lauren Geiger, 101; Laura Sims, 103; Elizabeth

Churchill (381): Shannon Warner, 78; Danielle Lesniak, 96; Amanda Dobos, 102; Lexi McFarlane, 105; Jessica Burdette, 106;

Gina Jordan, 160. W.L. Western (3B5): Marni Weinstein. 80: Michelle Cha, 98; Melanie Wilkerson, 103; Megan Purcell, 104; Amanda Schwandt, 106;

Andrea Newcombe, 125. W.L. Northern (413): Allie Buttery, 93; Vikki Zolkewsky, 104; Sarah Holm, 106; Dana Thomas, 110; Kesley Williams, 114; Rachel Blanzy, 119.

W.L. Central (422): Sarah Johnson, 81; Danielle Walker, 109; Kelly Miller, 111; Ashley Phillips, 121; Riley Collins, 126; Chioe Akers,

John Glenn (427): Jessie Veltri, 94; Heidi

Irvine, 97; Courtney McKinney, 108; Dakota Howell, 128; Jamie Young, 130; Justine

Franklin (427): Paige Scarpace, 99; Mariel Meyers, 100: Jessica Stchur, 107: Georgia Patrick, 121; Lauren Bailey and Heather 8acon, 131 each,

Plymouth (435): Patricia Burns and Liz Anderson, 105 each; Missy Gosbee, 111; Melissa Miller, 113; Emily Libby, 141.

Wayne (494): Berlynn Beaver, 105; Taylor Tuttle, 117; Samantha Cruse, 133; Robbie Tomiin, 139; Krystle Crandali, 149. Salem (516): Emily Patton, 112; K.T. Coffey, 134; Krystle English and Erin Classen, 135

Canton (714): Chelsea Osburn and Kara Gregory, 107 each; Alexandria Wee, 140.

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS (based on dual meet/tourney finish) 1. (tie) Northville and Stevenson, 22 points

each; 3. Churchill, 18; 4. W.L. Western, 17; 5. (tie) W.L. Northern and Franklin, 13 each: 7. W.L. Central, 11: 8. Plymouth, 9: 9. John Glenn, 7; 10. Wayne, 4; 11. (tie) Canton and Salem, 2 each. Dual meet standings: 1. Stevenson, 11-0; 2. Northville, 10-0; 3. (tie) Churchill and W.L. Western, 8-3 each; 5. Franklin, 7-4; 6. (tie) W.L. Northern and Plymouth, 5-6 each; 8. W.L. Central. 4-5: 8. John Glenn, 2-8; 10. (tie) Wayne and Canton, 1-10 each; 12. Salem, 0-10.

Western Division standings: 1. Northville, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3. Franklin, 3-2; 4. Plymouth, 2-3; 5. Wayne, 1-4; 6. Canton, 0-5. Lakes Division standings: 1. Stevenson, 5-0; 2. (tie) W.L. Northern and Churchill, 3-2 each; 4. W.L. Central, 1-2; 5. John Glenn, 1-3; 6. Salem, 0-4.

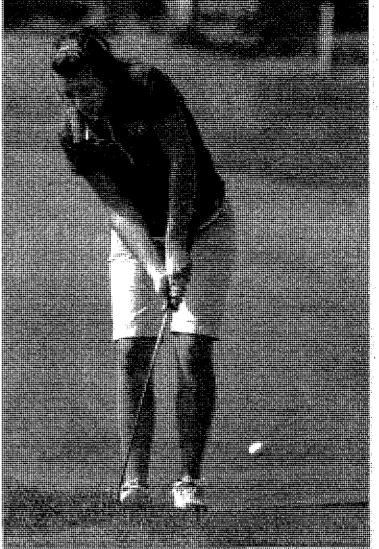
DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVOINA CHURCHILL 190 WAYNE MEMORIAL 231 May 21 at Whispering Willows

Churchili scorers: Shannon Warner, 38 (medalist); Amanda Dobos, 49; Jessica Burdett. 51: Danielle Lesniak, 52; Gina Jordan, 56: Ashley Kuhn, 60.

Wayne scorers: Taylor Tuttle, 50; Berlynn Beaver, 59; Robbie Tomlin, 65; Samantha Cruse 57: Krystle Crandall 69

3 WLAA; Wayne, 1-10 WLAA.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 8-3 overall, 8-



Franklin's Mariel Meyers chips the ball out of the rough during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

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MacKenzie regional catalyst for Warriors

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, May 24, 2007

Katherine MacKenzie figured prominently in Lutheran High Westland's conquest of the Division IV girls regional track championship Saturday at Webberville.

MacKenzie swept the 800and 1,600-meter runs with times of 2:33.38 and 5:38.58, respectively, leading the Warriors to the crown with a team-high 142 points.

Host Webberville was runner-up with 128, while Morrice placed third with 88.

MacKenzie also teamed up with Nicole Zehel, Katey Ramthun and Ashley Taylor-Voss for a first in the 3,200

Track Coaches Association

state," Unger said. "Ottawa

We should get points. How

Metro champions

On Tuesday, Lutheran

Westland captured its 13th

Metro Conference title since

1993 and its 15th in school his-

tory dating back to its days in

the MIAC with a team-high

204 points at Macomb

Lutheran North

Lake-Whiteford is very good.

high we'll finish? I don't know."

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relay (10:54.88).

MacKenzie also contributed a second in the 3,200 run (13:50.34), putting her in four different events for the Division IV state finals.

Saturday, June 2, at Grand

Rapids Forest Hills Eastern.

The Warriors' other first came from the 1,600 relay team of Emillie Freeman, Taylor-Voss, Zehel and Ramthun (4:27.6).

Additional state qualifiers for the Warriors included second-place finishers Schwecke in the 100 (12.48) and 200 (27.58); Olivia Rork, shot put (33 feet, 1 inch); 100 (13.03); and Zehel, 800 (2:39.85).

The host Mustangs were runner-up with 94 points, while Livonia Clarenceville, paced by triple winner John

The Warriors captured three of four relays and received individual wins from Ramthun, 100 hurdles (16:1) and 300 hurdles (41.7); Edwards, shot put (45-9.5); Justin Hempel, pole vault (11-6); and Spencer Lyle, 800 (2:03.6).

Stewart, took third with 83.

Stewart, a senior, swept the 100 (11.2), 200 (22.5) and 400 (50.1, breaking a 30-year-old meet record).

The Trojans also received a first from Brandon Page in the discus (125-8).

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS
CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION MEET

May 22 at Livonia Ladywood TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 123 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 109; 3. Harper Woods Regina, 105; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 70; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 46; 6. Birmingham Marian, 43.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Courtney Whalen (FHM), 39-0; 2. Candace Hurt (HWR), 32-7.25; 3. Brigid Molloy (LL), 32-6.25; 4. Aneyshua Turnipseed (HWR), 32-2; 5. Justina Nagorka (DOC), 32-2; 6. Breanna James (HWR), 31-3.25.

Discus: 1. Trisha Belmore (DDC), 107-7; 2. Courtney Whalen (FHM), 104-3; Jessica Sheahan (FHM), 96-7; 4. Breanna James (HWR), 94-11; 5. Summer Machleit (HWR), 93-1; 6. Lexi Kosik (NDP), 91-2.

Nosik (NJP), 91-2. High jump: 1. Elizabeth Stone (HWR), 5-2; 2. Kathryn Berger (LL), 5-1; 3. Shaina Buhl (HWR), 4-9; 4. Milan Allen (FHM), 4-9; 5. Marteika King (FHM), 4-9; 6. Risa Juliano (NDP), 4-9.

(FHM), 4-9; 6. Risa Juliano (NDP), 4-9. Long Jump: 1. Milan Allen (FHM), 16-10.5; 2. Jenni Neville (OOC), 16-8; 3. Meaghan Ogonowski (HWR), 15-9; 4. Marteika King

(FHM), 15-7.5; 5. Ellie Rose (FHM), 14-11; 6. Jenell Nadolski (HWR), 14-9.75.

3,200-meter reläy: 1. Regina, 9:53.14; 2. Divine Child, 9:58.14; 3. Notre Oame Prep, 10:06.0; 4.

Mercy, 10:11.73; 5. Ladywood, 11:03.12; 6. Marian, 11:42.81. 100 hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik (LL), 16.09; 2. Kortney Mosley (DDC), 16.32; 3. Stephanie

DiGiandomenico (LL), 16.42; 4. Dominique Mosby (FHM), 17.22; 5. Missy Denys (HWR), 17.27; 6. Kelly Brosky (HWR), 17.63. 10 dash: 1. Jenni Neville (DDC), 12.27; 2. Samantha English (FHM), 12.64; 3. Ashley Terry (FHM), 12.72; 4. Sarah Smith (BM), 12.72; 5.

Katie Morasso (LL), 12.78; 6. Ellie Rose (FHM), 13.36. 800 relay: 1. Marian, 1:48.73; 2. Notre Dame Prep, 1:50.1; 2. Regina, 1:50.3; 4. Ladywood,

1:52.37; 5. Mercy, 1:56.43; 6. Oivine Child,

1,600 run: 1. Gina Valgoi (HWR), 5:22.16; 2. Susan Savasky (BM), 5:23.19; 3. Emily Welker (DDC), 5:30.82; 4. Rachel laquaniello (DDC), 5:32.54; 5. Jennifer Martin (FHM), 5:33.29; 6. Liz Barron (NOP), 5:33.53.

Liz Barron (NOP), 5:33.53.
400 relay: 1. Mercy, 52.41; 2. Marian, 53.0; 3.
Regina, 53.46; 4. Notre Dame Prep, 53.56; 5.
Ladywood, 53.68; 6. Divine Child, 54.82.
400 dash: 1. Jenni Neville (DDC), 58.78; 2. Megan

Ladywood, 53.68; 6. Divine Child, 54.82. 400 dash: 1. Jenni Nevilie (DDC), 58.78; 2. Megan Yanik (LL), 1:01.2; 3. Kristina Belt (FHM), 1:02.7; 4. Erin Asher (BM), 1:04.59; Samantha English (FHM), 1:05.33; 6. Milan Allen (FHM), 1:05.36. 300 hurdfes: 1. Dominique Mosby (FHM), 48.93; 2. Jenae Bahoura (LL), 48.95; 3. Kortney Mosley (DDC), 49.91; 4. Shakara Effison (NDP), 50.93; 5. Stephanie DiGiandomenico (LL), 51.11;

Kelly Brosky (HWR), 51.95.
 800 run: 1. Maria laquaniello (DDC), 2:20.69; 2.
 Anna Maria Paruk (HWR), 2:27.31; 3. Erica Saad (NOP), 2:29.93; 4. Emily Welker (ODC), 2:31.59;
 5. Mallory Sneden (HWR), 2:34.95; 6. Beth Ponkowski (HWR), 2:35.22.

200 daśh: 1. Jenni Neville (DDC), 26.03; 2. Samantha English (FHM), 26.74; 3. Juliet Brown (BM), 27.06; 4. Emily Wade (NOP), 27.62; 5. Kelly Kanan (NDP), 27.68;6. Rebecca DeWitt (HWR), 27.74.

(HWR), 27.74.

3,200 run: 1. Rachel laquaniello (DDC), 11:55.B;
2. Gina Valgoi (HWR), 12:08.7; 3. Jennifer
Martin (FHM), 12:41.B; 4. Renee Cholyway
(HWR), 12:52.4; 5. Danielle Kanclerz (LL),
12:54.3; 6. Rachel Hanson (NOP), 13:06.5.

1,600 refay: 1. Ladywood (Berger, DiGiandomenico, Katie Morasso, Yanik), 4:11.55; 2. Notre Oame Prep, 4;14.89; 3. Mercy, 4:17.17; .A. Regina, 4:24.66; 5. Marian, 4:26.65; 6. Divine Child, 4:32.71.

DIVISION 3 May 19 at New Haven

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Oay, 190; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 147; 3. Capac, 60; 4. Almont, 56; 5. Imlay City, 54; 6. Mount Clemens, 32; 7. Madison Heights Madison, 25; 8. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 23; 9. Clawson, 15; 10. Livonia Clarenceville, 9.5; 11. Detroit Communication Media & Arts, 9; 12. New Haven, 8.5; 13. Detroit Community, 6. Clarenceville 2nd: Ashley Hall, discus (92 feet, 7 inches); 6th: Enyiona Okechuckwu, high jump

DIVISION IV REGIONAL May 19 at Webberville

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 142 points; 2. Webberville, 128; 3. Morrice, 88; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 77.5; 5. Bendle, 64; 6. Genesee, 56.5; 7. Burton Bentley, 45; 8. Allen-Park Cabrini, 25; 9. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 14; 10. Detroit-Allen Academy, 5; Detroit City, 3.

Lutheran Westland 1sts: 3,200-meter relay (Nicole Zehei, Katey Ramthun, Ashley Taylor-Yoss, Katherine MacKenzie), 10:54.88; MacKenzie, 800 (2:33.38); 1,600 (5:38.58); 1,600 relay (Emillie Freeman, Taylor-Yoss, Zehel, Ramthun), 4:27.6; 2nds: Lauren Schwecke, 100 (12.48); 200 (27.58); 0livia Rork, shot put (33-1); Zehel, 800 (2:39.85); MacKenzie, 3,200 (13:50.34); 3rds: Rachel Storck, pole vault (7-0); Mryrian Storck, 4-4; Zehel, 1,600 (5:58.25); Brittany Maynard, 3,200 (14:19.334); 4ths: Rork, 100 (13.03); Ramthun, 400 (1:06.05); 800 relay (1:58.83); 5ths: Rachel Storck, 6-6; 6ths: Myrian Storck 100 hurdles (18.38); 7ths: 400 relay (57.78).

Catholic League A-B title taken by Mercy

Host Ladywood girls finish 4th

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Despite a so-so regular season, Farmington Hills Mercy was determined not to give up its Catholic League A-B Division girls track title without a fight.

The Marlins, tallying a teamhigh 123 points, scored in 15 of 16 events Tuesday to overhaul runner-up Dearborn Divine Child (109) and Harper Woods Regina (105) for its third consecutive A-B Division crown.

Host Livonia Ladywood took fourth with 70 followed by Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Birmingham Marian with 46 and 43, respectively.

"It's a credit to the seniors," said longtime Mercy coach Gary Servais. "They held things together when things got tough. We went 2-2 in the dual (meet) season. Divine Child and Regina beat us, but today we got out of the blocks in the field events and made a good showing."

The Marlins were bolstered

by first-year senior performer Milan Allen, who captured the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 10.5 inches, just a halfinch off the school record.

Senior Courtney Whalen added a win in the shot put (39 feet), while Whalen and Jessica Sheahan went two-three in the discus.

"We got 16 points in the long jump, 14 in the discus, 10 in the shot put and eight more in the high jump," Servais said. "It gave us momentum going into the running events. We scored across the board except in the 800. We've got to work on that."

Mercy freshman Dominique Mosby added a victory in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 48.93, just edging Ladywood's Jenae Bahoura in a photo finish.

And despite juggling his 400 relay lineup, Servais got another first from the quartet of Ashley Terry, Cydney Henry, Tori Posa and Ellie Rose (52.41).

"Our potential came through," Servais said. "We had a freshman (Mosby) win the 300 hurdles and she also had a fourth in the 100 (hurdles).

"And our 4 x 100 (hurdles).

"And our 4 x 100 relay was
not our regular team, but they
won. They take a lot of pride in

that event."

Ladywood, under first-year coach Lori Brauer, captured the meet's final event, the 1,600 relay as Kathryn Berger, Stephanie DiGiandomenico, Katie Morasso and Megan

Yanik were clocked in 4:11.55.
Yanik, a ninth-grader, captured the 100 hurdles in 16.09 and added a second in the 400 (1:01.2). Berger, a senior, contributed a second in the high jump (5-1) and Bahoura's runner-up finish in the 300 hurdles (48.95) was a personal best.

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The U.S. Open

LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

The U.S. Open is coming up at Oakmont. But before you hand the trophy to Tiger Woods you might want to consider many reasons why he won't win this year.

Tiger Woods, with 57 career

wins, is already the greatest

golfer of all time. This would be true even if he should not win another tournament. Having said that, he has not won a U.S. Open since Bethpage in 2002. This is the major that he struggles with most and there are reasons for it.

If Tiger Woods has one weakness in his game it is his inability to hit fairways with consistency. At most major championship venues,—especially the Masters — missing the fairway off the tee does not

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Channel

penalize you that much. But no tournament puts a premium on tee shot accuracy more than the U.S. Open. So while Tiger can still hit greens from the rough in most tournaments, that won't be the case in the U.S. Open.

At an Open, the United States Golf Association works to "protect par". The idea of this is making the golf course play as long as possible while often lowering par along with it. The other thing they do is grow the rough from 4-6 inches in length making it near impossible to hit greens from there after a stray tee shot.

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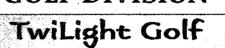
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May 22 at Macomb Lutheran North

Frankie Cain (LW), 41.15; 6. Brandon Page

Discus: 1. Page (C'ville), 125-8; 2. Paul Rockrohr

(LW), 121-9.5; 3. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville), 121-4;

High jump: 1. Scott Wiegand (LN), 6-1; 4. Kyle

Long jump: 1. Oavid Sawitzky (LN), 18-11.5; 2.

Aaron Yankee (LW), 18-6; 4. Josh Haller (LW), 17-7.5; 5. Matt Garant (C'ville), 17-6.5.

Pole vault: 1. Justin Hempel (LW), 11-6; 2. Paul

110-meter hurdies: 1. Kyle Ramthun (LW), 16.1; 2.

Hempel (LW), 16.3; 3. Brandon Ross (LW), 16.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Ramthun (LW), 41.7; 3. Ross (LW), 43.6; 5. Hempel (LW), 45.2; 6. Oan Kubera

100 dash: 1. John Stewart (C'ville), 11.2; 2. Mike

Schatz (LW), 11.3; 3. Yankee (LW), 11.6; 5.

200: 1. Stewart (C'ville), 22.5; 2. Josh Palka

(LW), 22.7; 4. Kyle Kempf (LW), 23.8; 5. Gainer

400: 1. Stewart (C'ville), 50.1 (meet record); 2.

Josh Palka (LW), 51.5; 6. Phillip Grasshof

BOO: 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:03.6; 3. Jae

1,600: 1. Matt Francis (Clawson), 4:38.9; 3. Lyle

3,200: 1. Nicholas Andersen (BHC), 10:28.0: 4.

400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Ross, Yankee,

Paul Rockrohr, Schatz), 45.9; 2. Clarenceville,

46.2; 800 refay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf,

Schatz, Ramthun, Josh Palka), 1:34.1; 3.

Clarenceville, 1:37.7; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran

Westland (Ramthun, Kempf, Girolamo, Josh

Palka), 3:36.9; 4. Clarenceville, 4:08.1; 3,200

relay: 1. Cranbrook, 8:42.8; 2. Lutheran

DIVISION 3 REGIONAL

May 19 at New Haven

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Beverly Hills-O Detroit

Country Day, 170.33 points; 2. Imlay City, 85; 3.

Capac, 78; 4. Macomb Lutheran North, 69.5; 5.

Almont, 49.83; 6. Mt. Clemens, 44; 7. Livonia

Westland, B:44.1; 4. Clarenceville, 10:35.3.

Rilett (LW), 10-0; 4. Justin Palka (LW), 9-0.

Kempf (LW), 5-7; 5. Kyle Wilson (LW), 5-7.

Northwest, 20; 7. Harper Woods, 13. FINAL RESULTS

(C'ville), 38-7.5.

6. Charles Kelly (LW), 106-9.

Jeremy Gainer (C'ville), 11.9.

(C'ville), 57.1.

(LW), 4:40.4.

Girolamo (LW), 2:05.8.

Josh Rice (LW), 11:12.0,

(C'ville), 23.4; 6. Schatz (LW), 24.6.

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SHOT PUT Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40-9 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40-7.75 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 39-5.5 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36-9 Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 35-3.5 Ashley Price (Franklin) 34-7 Olivia Rork (Luth. Westland) 34-6.25 Rvan Anderson (John Glenn) 34-4 Chrystien Guyton (Plymouth) 34-3.5 Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 34-1 DISCUS

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HIGH JUMP Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-6 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 5-2 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 5-2 Shaakira Haywood (Plymouth) 5-2 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5-1 Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-1 Megan Matheny (Canton) 5-0 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 4-10 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 4-10 Cierra Yetts (Churchill) 4-10 Kayla Jones (Thurston) 4-10

LONG JUMP Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 17-4 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16-8.25 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 16-8 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16-1 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-11 Jill Morton (Plymouth) 15-11 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 15-8 Jessica McOougal (RU) 15-7 Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15-7

Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 15-6.25 POLE VAULT Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 11-0 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 10-4 Eren Ural (Churchill) 10-1 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 9-10 Beah Knisely (Plymouth) 9-0 Jamie Marihugh (Churchill) 8-8.1 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 8-8 Alexa VanVliet (Salem) 8-6 Alicia DiMauro (Churchill) 8-3 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 8-3

100-METER HURDLES Mandy Manus (Plymouth) 15.0 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.3 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 15.7 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 16.0 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.1 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.2 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 16.4 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 16.5

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1.600 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 5:07.1 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 5:11.1 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 5:21.9 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 5:29.6 Kelly Hahn (Plymouth) 5:30.0 Kari Saarela (Franklin) 5:31.0 Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson) 5:31.0 Danielle Kanclerz (Ladywood) 5:32.5 Erica Hope (Churchill) 5:34.1 Katherine Mackenzie (Luth. West) 5:36.0

3,200 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 11:12.7 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 11:24.0 Kelly Hahn (Plymouth) 11:28.7 Megan Maceratini (Churchill) 11:37.4 Kari Saarela (Franklin) 11:43.6 Sara Kroli (Churchili) 11:45.9 Erica Hope (Churchill) 11:48.0 Molly Slavens (Plymouth) 12:05.3 Stephanie Perez (Stevenson) 12:12.1

Courtney Plummer (Garden City) 12:34.0 400 RELAY Westland John Glenn 50.7 Livonia Churchill 50.9 Plymouth 51.4 Redford Union 52.0 Redford Thurston 53.2 Livonia Franklin 53.2 **800 RELAY**

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Livonia Franklin 10:05.1 Plymouth 10:30.0 (Updates through May 22)

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Clarenceville, 36; 8. New Haven, 26.33; 9. Clawson, 24; 10. Detroit Community, 19; 11. Detroit Communication Media & Arts, 18; 12. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 204 Madison Heights Madison, 15: 13. Madison points; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 94; 3. Livonia Heights Bishop Foley, 6: 14. Detroit Oouglass, 6. Clarenceville, 83; 4. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Clarenceville 1sts: John Stewart, 200-meter 66; 5. Clawson, 38; 6. Rochester Hills Lutheran dash (22.73); 2nds: Stewart, 400 (51.28); 3rds: Stewart, 100 (11.32); 6ths: Jeremy Gainer, 100 (11.54); Brandon Page, long jump (18-1); 400 Shot put: 1. Alex Edwards (LW), 45 feet, 9.5 relay (48.5); 7ths: Gainer, 200 (26.42); 8ths: Marcus Watkins, shot put (40-7.5); Page, discus inches; 3. Marcus Watkins (C'ville), 41-1.5; 4.

> **DIVISION 4 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET**

May 19 at Webberville TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland 195 points; 2. Genessee, 109; 3. Webberville, 82; 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 57; 5. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 46; 6. International Academy of Flint, 41; 7. Morrice, 35; 8. Bendle, 33; 9. Burton Bentiev, 22: 10. Allen Park Cabrini, 20: 11. Ecorse, 9; 12. Detroit City, 5; 12. Detroit Allen Academy 1; 13. Burton Faith, 0. FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet) Shot put: 1. Alex Edwards (LW), 47 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Mark Silvernale (BB), 46-1; 6. Frankie Cain (LW), 42-10.

Discus; 1. Paul Rockrohr (LW), 127-2; 2. Matthew Kline (Oak, Christian), 125-1; 6. Cain (LW), 111-1. High jump: 1. Dillon Teague (Webberville), 5-9.1; 2. Justin Hairston (Cabrini), 5-9; 6. Kyle Kempf (LW), 5-4; 7. (tie) Kyle Wilson (LW), 5-4. Long jump: 1. James Patilla (Genesee), 21-0; 2. DeWayne Jackson (Genesee), 19-10.75; 6. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-4.5; 7. Aaron Yankee (LW), 18-4.5. Pole vault: 1. Aaron Chamberlain (Webberville), 13-

0; 2. Matt Holmes (Webberville), 11-0.1; 3. Justin Hempel (LW), 11-0; 5. Paul Rilett (LW), 8-9.1. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Kurt Schneider (Oak. Christian), 15.3; 2. Kyle Ramthun (LW), 16.18; 3. Hempel (LW), 16.26; 4. Brandon Ross (LW), 16.42. 300 hurdles: 1. Ramthun (LW), 41.56; 2. Schneider (Oak, Christian), 43.0; 4, Ross (LW),

100 dash: 1. Sean Masters (Greenhills), 10.81; 2. Jeremy Benton (Genesee), 19.03; 3. Mike Schatz (LW), 10,95; 8, Yankee (LW), 11,5, 200: 1. Josh Paika (LW), 22.83; 2. Kempf (LW),

43.85; 5. Hempel (LW), 44.21.

400: 1. Josh Palka (LW), 50.91; 2. Adam Walls (Genesee), 54.02; 7. Justin Palka (LW), 57.13. BOO: 1. Joe Girolamo (LW), 2:04.87; 2. lan Anderson (Greenhills), 2:05.55; 4. Jim Rockrohr (LW), 2:08.66; 5, Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:10.03. 1,600: 1. Lyle (LW), 4:49.53; 2. Blake Scheffer (Morrice), 4:50.54; 8. Dave Moldenhauer (LW),

3,200: 1. Scheffer (Morrice), 10:44.25; 2. Josh Rice (LW), 10:47.53.

400 relay: 1. Genesee, 44.45; 2. Lutheran Westland (Ross, Yankee, P. Rockrohr, Schatz),

800 relay: 1. Genesee, 1:32.33; 2. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun, Justin Palka), 1:32.85. 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Ramthun Kempf, Girolamo, Josh Palka), 3:34,32; 2.

Genesee, 3:34.63. 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Girolamo, J. Rockrohr, Rice, Lyle), 8:38.31; 2. Webberville,

DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND GLENN 78, WAYNE MEMORIAL 59

May 21 at John Glenn Shot put: 1. Bryan Henley (WJG), 48 feet 6 inches 2. Adam Gorring (WM), 45-5; 3. Vernon Bryan (WM), 44-6. Discus: 1. Henley (WJG), 143-0; 2. Zach Bozigian (WJG), 136-6; 3. Austin Hassen (WM), 124-6.

High jump: 1. Ian Thornton (WJG), 6-0; 2. Bryan (WM), 5-8; 3. Shawn Anthony (WJG), 5-8. Long Jump: 1. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 19-10.75; 2. Alain Freeman (WM), 19-4; 3. Anthony (WJG), 18-7.25. Pole vault: 1. Gary Lawrence (WJG), 10-7: 2. Shawn Long (WJG), 9-6; 3. Gary Lockhart

110-meter hurdles: 1. Anthony (WJG), 15.88; 2. Hammed Ajetunmobi (WJG), 16.31; 3. Renaldo Powelf (WM), 16.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 41.2; 2. Anthony (WJG), 46.12; 3. Ajetunmobi (WJG), 46.56. 100 dash: 1. Larry Dawkins (WJG), no time available; 2. Megal Crowe (WM), no time; 3. Thornton (WJG), no time. 200: 1. Oawkins (WJG), 23.3; 2. Anthony Baskin

(WM), 23.7; 3. JuJuan Marks (WJG), 24.24. 400: 1. Jackson (WJG), 51.09; 2. Crowe (WM) 52.1; 3. A. Freeman (WM), 54.5. 800: 1. Keivin Lewis (WM), 2:06.5; 2. Jim Wood (WJG), 2:09.62; 3. Jacob Schofield, 2:14.2.

1.600: 1. Schofield (WM), 4:53.3: 2. James Holbrook (WM), 4:56.6; 3. Chase Sciesky (WJG),

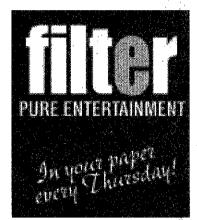
3,200: 1. Holbrook (WM), 11:06.6; 2. Schofield (WM), 11:38.8; 3. Jeff Adkins (WJG), 12:07.03. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Thornton Corey Oavis, Oawkins), 49.3; 2. Wayne, 49.34; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Jackson, Thornton, Marks, Dawkins), 1:32.0B; 2. Wayne, 1:34.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Powell, Lewis, Matt Mills, A. Freeman), 3:40.6; 2. John Glenn, 3:57.6; 3,200 relay: 1. Wayne (Schofield, Lewis, Mills, Holbrook), 8:43.4; 2. John Glenn, 9:08.1.

Dual meet record: John Glenn, 2-4 overall; Wayne, 1-5 overall.

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In a ceremony held May 15 at the state capitol in Lansing, Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, welcomed members of Livonia Churchill High's varsity volleyball team, which captured the state Class A championship in March in Kalamazoo with a five-game triumph over North Branch in the finals after upsetting No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in the semifinals. The Chargers were lauded for their 56-4-1 overall record. 'As a proud father of two Churchill High School alums, it's a great personal privilege and an honor to salute the school's varsity volleyball team,' Anderson said. 'The members, coaches and fans of this team take great pride in achieving this exceptional goal. School sports, and especially achievement at this level, teach kids valuable skills, like focus and teamwork, which help prepare them for success in the workforce. The extraordinary effort this group put into the 2006-07 season is the type of commitment that will help these fine athletes succeed in the workforce."





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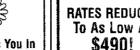
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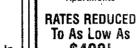
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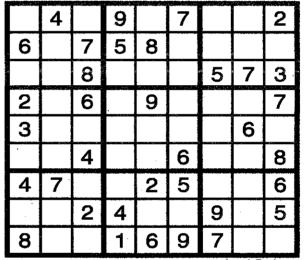
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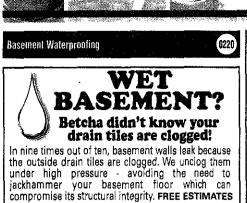
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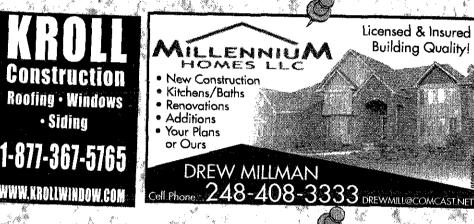


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don't feel complete as a boss, confesses a businessman. who asks not to be named.

"The gratification of achieving something can be so much more than just planning for it and stepping aside and letting others do that work. Delegating may be important, but it's hard to let go of the other stuff."

Reactions to workaholism are mixed. "It is both criticized and applauded in our culture," points out BJ Gallagher, workplace behavior management consultant at Los Angeles' Peacock Productions. "Workaholics are dedicated, committed, loyal and willing to put the company first. We reward them with promotions and raises. We speak out of both sides of our mouth. If workaholism were generally frowned upon and punished, people wouldn't do it. Instead, they make more money, get promotions and get recognition." OPPOSING VIEWS

Discussions about workaholism often make workaholics feel guilty, as the anonymous person above reveals. Eric Darr, provost and associate professor of Management at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Penn., explains that there are degrees of delegation. "A workaholic would be tempted to delegate a piece of work and have second thoughts about whether the person is up to the task," he observes.

"This is a sure-fire way to destroy team member morale and motivation." Also, he maintains that the delegation may be inauthentic, because it doesn't allow an employee to make decisions. He manages all 75 faculty and staff at the University.

Gallagher, in Los Angeles, describes her perspective as "contrarian." She advises you to "understand your own motivation for being a workaholic. If: -- "vou love it.

-- "it gives great enjoyment, and

-- "it's fulfilling, do nothing and keep doing what you do, because that's what made you successful.

A workaholic who loves to work is cool. "If you're driven by insecurity, the fear of being a fraud or perfectionism," she adds, "that will keep you from moving up, because you'll hold onto responsibilities you should be delegating."

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A conscientious workaholic saddled with too much essential work may be compelled to become a better leader. Daniel Harkavy, CEO of Building Champions Inc., in Lake Oswego, Oregon, has 18 coaches on staff working with executives, entrepreneurs and highproducing salespeople. Many of the firm's clients receive help in improving their quality of life by reorganizing their work.

Harkavy recommends breaking down -- in writing -- the three to five most important skill sets and responsibilities for everyone on the team, advice he calls "extremely important when (any) new team is formed, because team members can identify with them.

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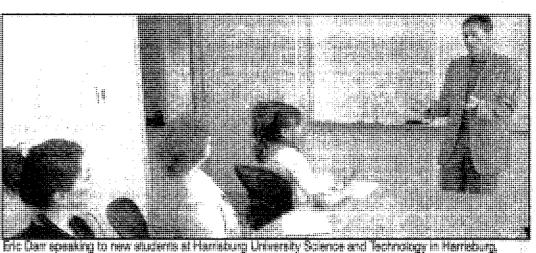
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their tails off," he comments, "as sole producers. This is no longer a good tradeoff for an organization. Your primary role is to tap into, develop and leverage other people. You're robbing the organization if you're not developing others.'

You can enlist the aid of people around you, too. Darr says to seek out a workaholic with a balanced approach on another team as a possible role model. "Workaholics will accept other workaholics," he states. They're often people who, like entrepreneurs and professionals, when they don't work, aren't paid. Harkavy indicates that getting help from others can aid in developing

Should you really ask for help? "I would suggest that your readers leave the workaholic leader alone," Gallagher mentions. "Let him do his thing and enjoy his work. The only danger . . . is that workaholics often expect others to be workaholics, too. . . . You might have to help your workaholic boss understand that not everyone lives to work. Some people work to live. And that's okay, too.

Workaholics are motivated by intellectual stimulation, a high need for achievement, and a sheer love of the process of working," she continues. "They feel most alive when they are working long and hard. In short, working makes them happy. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with that."

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