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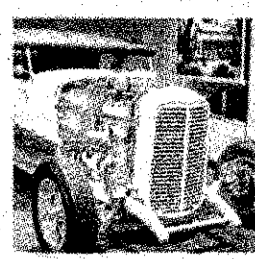
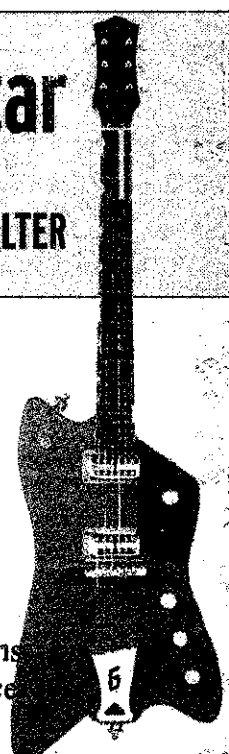
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Council tax vote favors curbside recycling

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An election-year battle over a trash-disposal tax cut culminated Monday as a sharply divided Westland City Council voted against reducing existing rates.

A council majority blocked a tax-cut proposal, saying it would kill hopes for a curbside recycling program and siphon dollars that could be needed if state officials increase garbage-disposal tipping fees.

The same 5-2 majority also voiced fears that yearly trash-disposal costs could soar by \$230,000 or more if the city has to hire a new garbage hauler, which already has lost work in some communities.

However, the council's tax-cut proponents said a decision to maintain existing rates amounts to charging property owners for services they're not receiving. They said taxpayers deserve a refund, however minimal, amid Michigan's economic crisis.

"They're struggling to pay their bills," said council President Charles Pickering, who for weeks has drawn support from Councilman Bill Johnson.

Pickering proposed reducing the trash-disposal tax from 2.15 mills to 1.8 mills. He also sought to slash by \$300,000 the amount budgeted for the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

Pickering has said his plan would save taxpayers more than \$800,000. Put another way, the owner of a \$100,000 house would save an estimated \$20 a year.

Wild had initially proposed cutting the trash-disposal tax to 2 mills and returning \$7.50 a year to the same homeowner. However, he said he could accept the council majority's decision to maintain the tax rate and explore curbside recycling.

But Wild cautioned Monday that "for me to support a program, it's going to have to make sense." If such efforts fail, he said, the city could opt later to cut taxes.

Ultimately, those council members who voted

to keep the tax intact included James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer.

Stottlemeyer initially supported Pickering's proposal on Monday.

Johnson said he believes some of the city's \$1.2 million surplus in the sanitation fund could be used to start curbside recycling. Others, however, said a move to deplete that fund could lead to financial problems.

Referring to curbside recycling efforts, Godbout said, "We're negligent if we ignore that and turn our backs on it."

He and others have said that, eventually, the state is likely to force a curbside program.

Moreover, Godbout and Kehrer said city officials may have to try to dip into the sanitation fund if the city is slapped with high cleanup costs for Central City Park, which is fenced off due to contaminants such as lead.

Kehrer, who said he has been unemployed several months during the last year, said his vote against a trash-disposal tax cut shouldn't be

interpreted as being insensitive to taxpayers. "I can feel the pain of every citizen here that's having a hard time," he said.

But, Kehrer said the issue "is technically a vote on recycling." Moreover, he held out hope that, if the city begins a successful program, costs for dumping trash at landfills eventually will be reduced.

Pickering and Johnson said their stance on the trash-disposal tax shouldn't be viewed as a vote against recycling, which they said they favor.

Some officials fear that reducing the trash-disposal tax could lead to financial problems that could threaten the city's general fund, precariously hovering around the \$2 million mark.

Monday's vote came as the council approved a \$60 million general fund budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. It also came after a group of citizens launched a grassroots effort to support curbside recycling by collecting hundreds of signatures.

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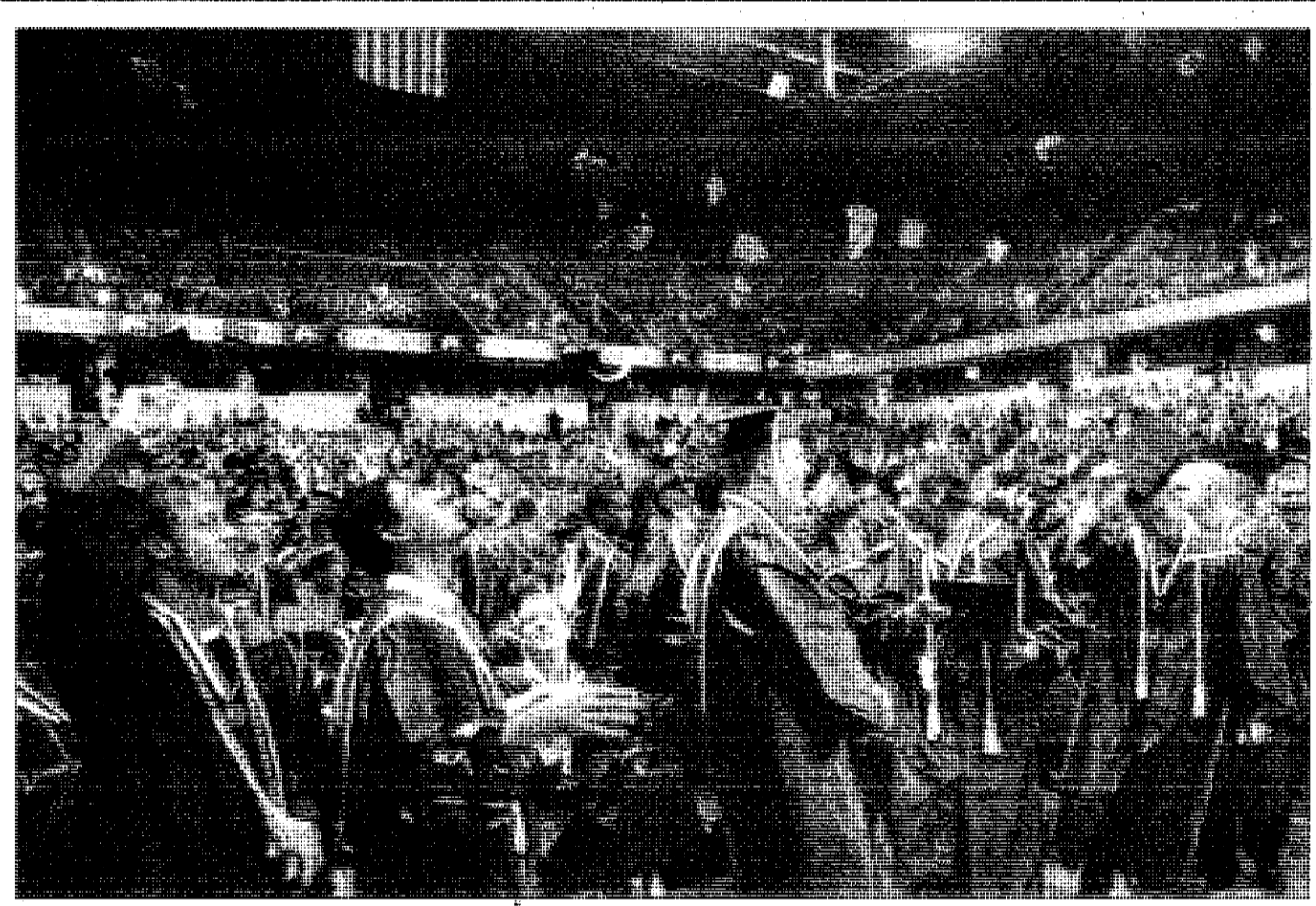


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It's official

John Glenn High School graduate Nicholas Lloyd (left) and Samer Suleiman (near left) celebrate as they are declared graduated during the Commencement ceremony on Saturday. Lloyd had the highest ranking in the class of 2007. For more photos, see Page A3. For a complete list of graduates, visit the Westland Observer Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

Reward offered for information about bank holdup

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are seeking a suspect involved in a Monday afternoon robbery at the Comerica Bank branch on Wayne Road south of Warren.

A lone bandit went into the bank about 1:47 p.m. and handed a note to a female teller, warning that he had a gun, according to police reports. The man demanded money and escaped with several hundred dollars. Before he fled, the bandit ordered the teller to return the note to him.

Police have released a picture of the suspect, who was caught on a surveillance camera. The teller described him as a white male in his mid- to late 50s. He was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 200 pounds. He had dark but graying hair that was pulled back in a ponytail. He also had a mustache and goatee.

According to police, the



Westland police are seeking help identifying this suspect, wanted for a bank robbery Monday. Call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

suspect wore a light-colored, vertically striped shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes. He also wore what was described as prescription eyeglasses, possibly tinted or with transition lenses. He wore a baseball cap.

The teller told police that the suspect didn't speak during the robbery. He entered the bank from an east door. He fled the scene in an unknown direction. Police said Comerica is offering a \$2,000 reward for information that helps authorities nab the robber. Call the police department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

1 charged, 2 sought in shooting incident

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A shooting suspect was arraigned on criminal charges Wednesday after a 26-year-old Westland man was wounded early Sunday, when assailants forced their way into his home on South Hubbard north of Palmer, police said.

The investigation was continuing, but police Sgt. Chris Benson said Tuesday that "it appears the motive was robbery."

The victim was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne. He was shot in the left shoulder by a handgun during the 1:15 a.m. inci-

dent, Benson said. A 9-month-old child also was in the home but was not injured, the detective said.

Police Sgt. David Heater said one of three suspects was arraigned Wednesday in front of Westland District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

The defendant, 25-year-old Jason William Hicks, is charged with assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, first-degree home invasion, felony firearms, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Hicks was jailed on a \$750,000 cash

bond and ordered to appear in court June 14 for a preliminary hearing to determine whether he will face trial.

Heater confirmed that two other suspects are being sought. Anyone who has information is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

Some details about the incident remained unclear, such as a possible connection between the victim and the assailants.

"It's unclear to what extent they knew each other," Benson said.

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Mayor asks for meeting about grass complaints

Citing a record number of vacant properties and foreclosures on homes, Mayor William Wild said his office has been inundated with complaints about tall grass not being mowed.

Wild, during a Westland City Council meeting on Monday, said the issue now ranks as causing the most phone calls to his City Hall



office. It's a problem he said the city is having problems tackling, with foreclosures now reaching into the hundreds.

That said, he has asked the council to schedule a study session to discuss the issue. A formal request was made Wednesday to council President Charles Pickering, who schedules such meetings.

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Fire, police square off in 2nd Battle of Badges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland residents bled blue last year, giving local police officers a victory in a friendly contest with city firefighters to see who could sign up the most blood donors.

This year, firefighters hope to claim the trophy in the Battle of the Badges to benefit the American Red Cross.

Fire Capt. John Adams joked this week that police officers had the guns to force blood donors to their side. But it didn't seem to rattle Police Chief James Ridener, who said the men and women in blue won a fair fight.

"I think we beat you last year," Ridener reminded Adams during a Westland City Council meeting on Monday.

Truth be told, both sides simply want to sign up as many donors as possible for a blood drive scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford east of Newburgh.

In true political fashion, Mayor William Wild has stopped short of taking sides in the Battle of the Badges. He has issued a statement

simply saying he is backing the good-natured competition.

"When it comes to giving back to your community, there is nothing like giving the gift of life," Wild said. "We've witnessed a fantastic turnout in past Battle blood drives, and we anticipate seeing an even higher number of donors this year."

Residents who want to

choose sides and sign up to donate blood are urged to stop by the mayor's office or call (734) 467-3200.

While all blood types are important, the American Red Cross especially needs Type O donors - the universal blood type that can be transfused to any patient in an emergency.

According to the mayor's office, blood donations take on greater significance dur-

ing summer months due to an increase in outdoor and water-sports accidents.

Regardless of which side brings in the most donors, the winning department will be given a Gold Blood Bag Award by Wild during the July 9 Westland City Council meeting.

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Homeowners get help replacing ash trees

Residents seeking to replace ash trees they lost to disease can get financial help from the city, Mayor William Wild announced.

Residents willing to pay \$75 to replace a tree in city rights of way, generally the areas between sidewalks and streets, can have the rest of the tab picked up by the city.

Act quickly, though. Only the first 200 residents to seek help will qualify for assistance, made possible by a \$20,000 federal grant received by the Westland Public Service Department.

The city took down thousands of ash trees destroyed by an aggressive insect, the emerald ash borer.

"The impact of the emerald ash borer

was certainly felt among many Westland homeowners, and we want to help," Wild said, announcing the tree-replacement program. "This grant is a step in the right direction in replacing what was lost."

A list of available trees will be given to residents who choose to participate in the program. Residents may call DPS Director Kevin Buford at (734) 467-3241.

AROUND WESTLAND

Surplus food

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, to residents living north of Michigan Avenue at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

For Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue the pickup will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the second Monday at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt Roads. For more information, call (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at Taylor Towers by contacting their building manager for their day of distribution.

Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of June distribution will include grapefruit juice, tuna and peanut butter.

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

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, June 11 at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

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

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, June 11.

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

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

Appreciation Day

Dunkin' Donuts is tipping its collective hat to construction industry professionals by designating Wednesday, June 13, as Construction Workers Appreciation Day. All construction workers can receive a free, large coffee or double brewed medium iced coffee, including choice of flavor, at any participating Dunkin' Donuts in Michigan, simply by showing their union or business cards or badges.

CORRECTION

The June 3 story about Saturday's Ride for Life should have stated that parking is reserved for motorcycles only at Chatters Lounge and Westland Car Care. Vehicles should use Westland Veterinary Clinic for parking.

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Difference of opinion

Historical park to be called village

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A rift between Westland historians has ended with a cluster of historic buildings being officially named the Westland Historic Village Park.

The property in question, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, is home to such buildings as the Helen C. Brown Westland Historical Museum and the 1800s-era Octagon and Rowe houses.

Historian Ruth Dale, a member of Friends of the Museum, favored naming the site the Westland Historic Park and leaving out the word "village." She said the nearly 4.7-acre site lacks certain buildings, such as a church and an old schoolhouse, that would make it a true village.

"This is not a village," she said Monday during a Westland City Council meeting. But other historians defended naming the site the Westland Historic Village Park, and they wore T-shirts Monday that displayed their name of choice.

Historian Georgia Becker reminded city leaders that she and others have sold T-shirts, coffee mugs and other memorabilia that refer to the site as the Westland Historic Village Park. She also said such leaders as former Mayor Sandra Ciciro supported the name.

"I think the name should stay the same," she said Monday.

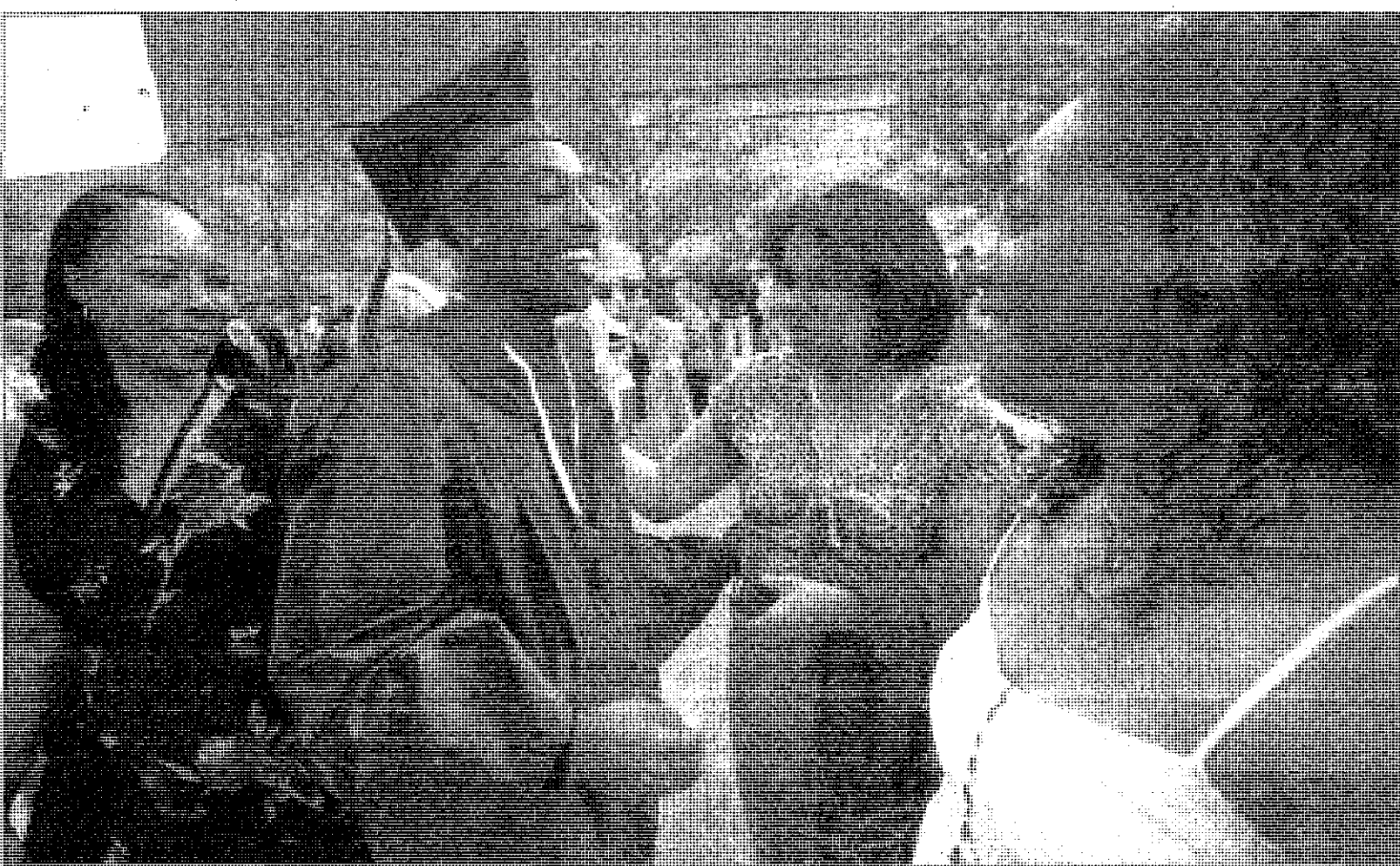
A split Westland Historical Commission earlier voted to use village in the name - a name that commission Chairwoman Jo Johnson said has been used for six years during fund-raisers to restore historic buildings.

"If you change the name, what are you telling the people that supported us?" she asked city officials.

In the end, the Westland City Council sided with the commission Monday and formally adopted the name as the Westland Historic Village Park.

City leaders agreed that historians on both sides of the issue have the city's heritage at heart. Councilman Michael Kehrer held out hope that the two sides could find a way to work together rather than argue over such issues as the park's name.

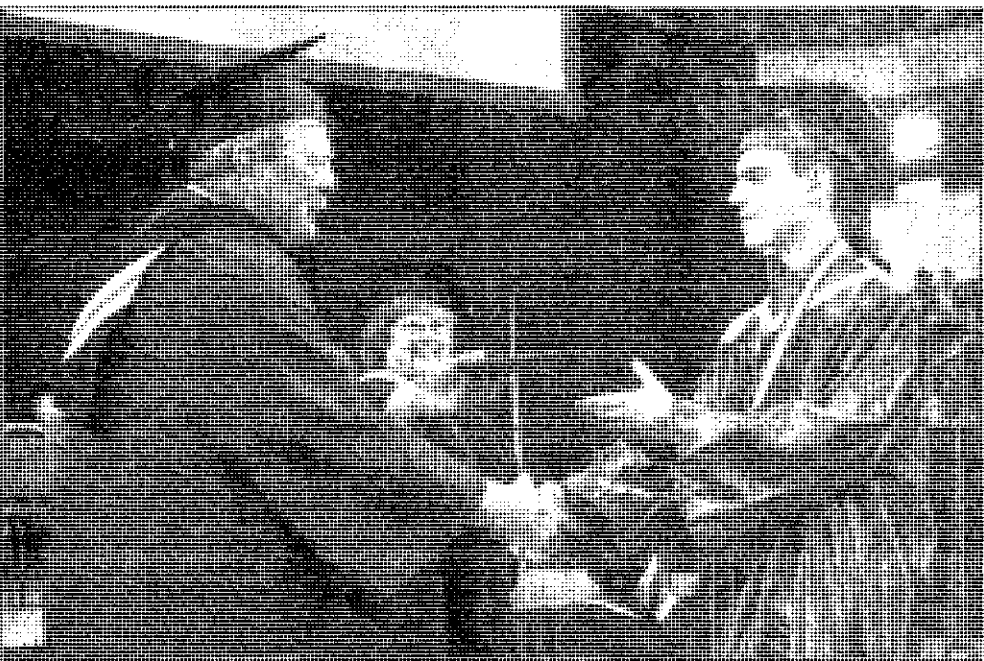
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A proud moment

Tramaine McGill greets his family, aunt Kathy McGill (left), Deborah McGill (center right), and his mother, Tracy McGill (right) following the John Glenn High School commencement ceremony on Saturday.



John Glenn High School graduate Leonard Manfre Jr. accepts his diploma from school board Trustee Skip Monit during Saturday's commencement ceremony.



In a bittersweet moment, John Glenn High School seniors Razan Mosharbash (right) and Chelsea Weaver (left) wait to be declared graduates during the commencement ceremony.

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Ron Hassen finds a bicycle tire in the Rouge. Aaron Hunter steps over a log-jam.



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A volunteer drags a log from the Rouge at Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland.

On Saturday, thousands of volunteers gathered to remove river debris, plant native species and remove invasive species, stabilize streambanks and learn about river conservation at workshops.



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Cub Scouts Cameron Kuhne and Nicholas Barton fish floating trash from the Rouge at Lola Valley Park. They belong to Pack 342 from Keeler School.

Rouge Rescue 2007

This is Water Week in Southeast Michigan, a time to celebrate Michigan's most abundant resource.

Water Week activities include the annual Rouge Rescue, held Saturday, June 2, at locations throughout Oakland and Wayne County. Clinton River Day, Livingston Waterfest and St. Clair County River Day are scheduled June 9-10.

On Saturday, thousands of volunteers gathered to remove river debris, plant native species and remove invasive species, stabilize streambanks and learn about river conservation at workshops.



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Young volunteers drag logs from the Rouge River in the Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. About 100 volunteers worked at the site on Saturday.

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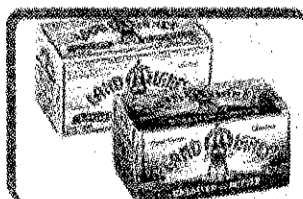
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Survival Flight team members saved lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robert Kelch and the University of Michigan Health System staff were in mourning Tuesday morning over the loss of Survival Flight Team members Dr. David Ashburn, Richard Chenault II, Dennis Hoyes, Richard Lapensee, Bill Serra, and Dr. Martin Spoor, but vowed that the U-M Transplant Program would continue even though the deaths were a "tremendous blow to the institution."

The six team members were on a return flight after procuring organs in Milwaukee when their plane crashed in Lake Michigan on Monday afternoon. As of 6 a.m. Tuesday, the mission became one of recovery. There were no survivors.

U-M president Mary Sue Coleman lauded the team's accomplishments saying they were doctors and nurses who perform heroic work.

Kelch, executive vice president for medical affairs, called the men a "highly skilled team."

"They were all wonderful, caring human beings who were dedicated to saving lives," said Kelch.

Survival Flight teams transport about 150 organ donations by helicopter and fixed-wing jet annually.

More than 7,000 children and adults have received transplants at U-M since the first patient received a kidney in 1964. The 15 surgeons in the Transplant Program are responsible for performing about 400 heart, liver, kidney, lung, and pancreas transplants a year.

"We want to honor and remember their contributions," said Kelch. "They died trying to help someone else."

The patient awaiting the transplant was in critical condition as of late Tuesday morning.

While no clinical activities had been suspended at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, celebrations to mark the opening of the new 350,000 sq. ft. Cardiovascular Center on June 11 were canceled.

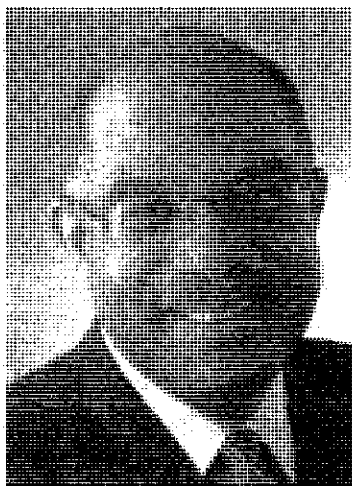
Hayes Jones named new SMART general manager

Hayes Jones, 68, has been selected to become the new general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation to replace retiring Dan G. Dirks.

Jones appointment was announced last week following a special meeting of the SMART Board of Directors.

Jones, a former Olympic gold and bronze medalist, has more than 40 years of government and private business sector experience. Recently, Jones served a partial term as the Democratic state representative in the 29th District. He also was the director of Oakland County's Economic Development and Community Affairs and the senior advisor for Automation Alley.

"Hayes brings a unique set of skills and experience that will be invaluable in the role of General Manager," said Matthew Wirgau, Chairman SMART Board of Directors. "His experience in the private



Hayes Jones is general manager for SMART.

sector, transportation and Michigan State Legislature will be beneficial as SMART continues its success in obtaining the State and Federal funds it needs to continue operating quality transit service."

Dirks is retiring effective June 30 after 30 years with

SMART and its predecessor SEMTA. He is the longest serving general manager in the agency's history.

Dirks has guided SMART through three successful millage elections, bolstered ridership, created a community partnership program that has become a national model, replaced the fixed route fleet with ramp equipped buses and has elevated the awareness of SMART's role in public transit.

"Working 30 plus years at SMART I have developed a great fondness for the organization and its employees," said Dirks, "It is gratifying to know I am leaving the agency in the hands of two very capable people who should move SMART forward."

Jones taught school in Detroit, but left his post when appointed by Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh to the Youth

Employment Project, a program organized to train high school graduates in employable skills. In 1968, Jones also was appointed by Mayor John Lindsay as New York's first Recreation Commissioner. Locally, Jones has had various management positions with Stroh' Brewery Company, Pro Air Inc. and American Airlines.

He has been a board member of several organizations including the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, Pontiac School District, Pontiac Area Urban League and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee-Oakland Business Roundtable. He is an honorary chair of the 2007 and 2008 Michigan Senior Olympics.

Jones holds an Olympic Gold Medal for the 110-meter hurdles from the 1964

games in Tokyo, Japan and an Olympic Bronze Medal in the same event in the 1960 games in Rome, Italy.

The SMART Board also recommended the appointment of Steven M. Brown to serve in the previously unfilled position as Deputy General Manager. Steven Brown is the Director of Administration - Public Health for Wayne County, current part time Mayor of Lincoln Park and was a former SMART Board member.

The SMART Board of Directors consists of two members from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne counties and one member from Monroe County. SMART is the suburban transit system for Southeast Michigan providing 12 million rides annually for commuters, entry level workers, senior citizens and people with disabilities.



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GC couple opens family friendly karate studio

Ray Johnson is a second-degree black belt and a certified kyo sa, or instructor, in the Korean tang soo do form of karate. His wife, Kathy Johnson, doesn't practice karate, but earned her chops as a University of Phoenix business major.

Together, the Garden City couple runs Redford Karate, a school on Plymouth Road in Redford Township. They bill it as a family friendly studio (parents can take classes with their children) with an emphasis on community service.

Ray Johnson, a former Ford Motor Co. assembly-line worker, taught for three years at the Professional Karate Schools of America studio on Five Mile, but recently parted ways with PKSA, opening the new, and much bigger, studio on Plymouth early this month.

Karate is more than a martial art, the Johnsons said. It's a way of life involving self-discipline, confidence, honor, and respect for oneself and others.

Mr. Johnson sat down with the *Observer* recently to answer a few karate questions: **Why locate in Redford?**

"I was raised here. My parents still live here. I love the city. I just want to give something back."

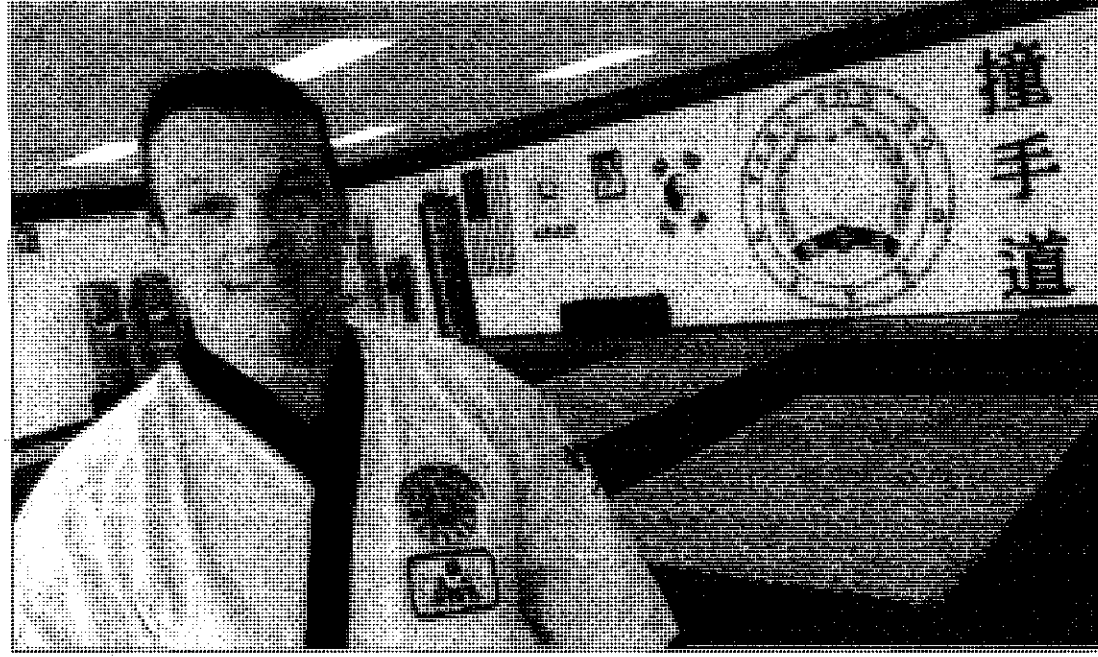
Were you a different person before you took up karate?

Mrs. Johnson, laughing: "Yes, he was."

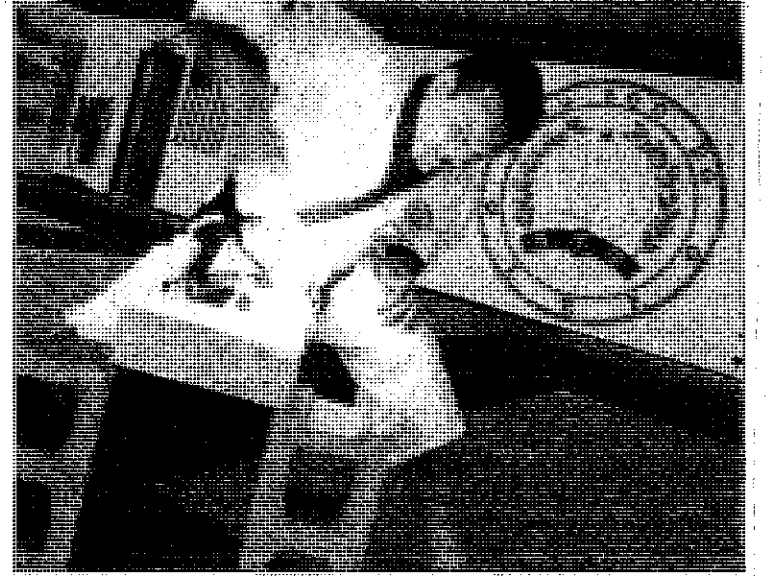
"I think I'm the same person. ... I'm a little more humble now."

I noticed you call people sir, call each other Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson -

"Yes, sir."
Is that part of self respect, giving respect to others?



Former Ford assembly-line worker Ray Johnson is now a second-degree black belt, and practices and teaches tang soo do karate, which he says is an authentic Korean form of karate with a long history.



Kyo Sa, or instructor, Ray Johnson, of Redford Karate, is about to strike five stacked boards, the top one is on fire after being doused with lighter fluid.

"Giving respect to others."
Mrs. Johnson: "Even if I'm talking to a 5-year-old, I'm calling him sir and he calls me ma'am."

When you're away from the studio, at home, are you still calling each other Mr. and Mrs.?

Mrs. Johnson: "We like to say we call each other honey all the time, but sometimes it's 'Hey you.'"

Why did Mrs. Johnson laugh when I asked if karate had made you a different person?

"She knows I'm a little nicer."

You must get students at various levels of fitness, all interested in karate. How do you accommodate all of that?

"Not everybody's going to be Bruce Lee. We're just asking that you do the best you can do."

Is tang soo do karate more of

an offensive martial art or a defensive one?
"It's more of a defensive martial art. But defense is also part of its offense."

Is part of the philosophy to turn back an attacker's energy on him?

"That's more like judo or hapkido. We're just going to block it and counter, or put him on the ground so he doesn't continue."

I guess people don't mess with you. ... Have you ever had to use your karate to defend yourself?

"No. That's a good thing, though, isn't it?"

What do you like about Redford?

"Everybody that I knew growing up, and the families that we've met through the karate, they're nice people. It's just a nice little town."

To Mrs. Johnson: How do you like running the business side of

things?
"I enjoy having a business where I can have a good rapport with the customers, who are the parents and the families."

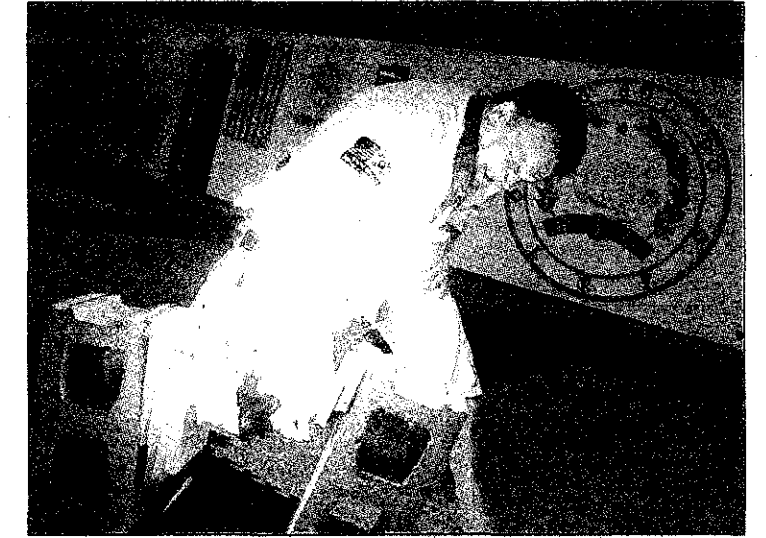
Do you ever get students whom you can tell aren't taking karate for the right reasons?

"We've been very lucky." Only two students have been troublemakers, Mr. Johnson said. One day the police brought them in after picking them up for throwing rocks at cars.

"We basically told the parents that we could not train their children because they were not respecting the martial art."

You have a lot of scars on your hands. Are they from breaking bricks and boards and stuff?

"No. I worked on the line for



Ray Johnson breaks five stacked boards, the top one ablaze, at his new school on Plymouth Road, Redford Karate.

nine years and then I did a lot of tool and die. ... Most of it's from working on the line or working on machines."

For more information, call Redford Karate at (313) 937-5700.
By Matt Jachman

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Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Guiley Rd., Dearborn Hgts., MI **June 9, 2007 @ 1:00 PM.**
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GC Lions club donates \$1,000 scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship for a Garden City High School student has been donated by the Garden City Lions Club.

Completion of the Lions club service project is a benefit to the community because it shows the public that money raised in the community stays in the community, said club

member James Kowalik, and in this case, benefits one very deserving high school student.

"Money raised during the year will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community, including Garden City Needy Family, Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children,

Garden City Goodfellows, hearing aids, eye glasses and examinations," said Kowalik. "Lions members thank everyone who contributed to this important work. You are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community."

The Garden City Lions Club currently has 25 members.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Maplewood Community Center.

For more information or to get involved with the Garden City Lions Club, call Kowalik at (734) 524-1330.

Visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

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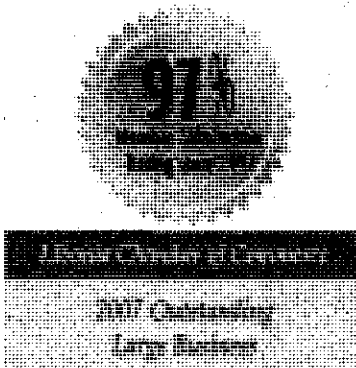
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Westland man caught in Internet sex sting

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A 54-year-old Westland man faces a June 14 preliminary hearing in 18th District Court on charges he used the Internet to solicit sex with and send sexually explicit images to a minor.

Craig William Randles was arrested and computer was confiscated early Tuesday morning by members of the Michigan Attorney General's Internet Predator Unit. He was arraigned the same day before Judge C. Charles Bokus on four counts of using the Internet to communicate with a minor for immoral purposes, a 10-year felony, and two counts of using the Internet to disseminate sexually explicit information to a minor, a four-year felony.

A not guilty plea was entered on Randles' court file, and bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety. Bokus also was ordered that Randles have no unsupervised contact with a minor and no contact with computers.

According to Matt Frendey of the Attorney General's Office, Randles had been chatting online for several months with an undercover officer posing as a 14-year-old girl.

"Overtime the discussion turned sexual in nature to where he was using a Web camera to send sexually explicit



Randles

it images," Frendey said.

"Obviously, we think it went beyond a threat. We were seeing that he actively wanted to meet with the girl and that raised the stakes."

Frendey added that parents should check their children's buddy lists "whether it's AOL or Yahoo" for Randles' online name of discreetmeat48186.

"Parents need to be vigilant about where their children go on the Internet," he said. "The Internet is like a walk through the park, you invite a lot of strangers into your home. It's important to know what your kids are doing and monitor them."

Parents can find a list of 10 tips for Internet safety at the Attorney General's Web site at www.michigan.gov/ag. Parents can also report suspected Internet child predators via the Report Internet Abuses Against Children link, or by calling the Child and Public Protection Unit at (313) 456-0180.

Randles' arrest brings to 136 individuals who have been apprehended by the Attorney General's Internet Predator Unit.

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Car wash benefits Coach Carr Fund

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Need a car wash? Want to help a good cause? If so, you may want to stop by the parking lot of the John Glenn High School soccer field on Cherry Hill Saturday, June 9.

That's when members of the high school football and cheerleading teams will be washing cars to raise money for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund.

"Coach (Lloyd) Carr taught at John Glenn, what better way is there to have John Glenn come back with funds for coach Carr," said Marshall Middle School teacher Tina Areeda-Borgerding.

Areeda-Borgerding and fellow Wayne-Westland employee Cheryl Deluca are participating in Women's Football Academy, a principal fund-raiser for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund. Much like events like Relay for Life, participants collect donations.

Areeda-Borgerding hopes to raise \$500 to \$1,000 to take to football camp. That, she said, would be "awesome."

The students are doing the car wash as a form of community service, and according to Areeda-Borgerding, doing it for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund makes sense.

"They like doing things like this, it's good for the fund and a way to give back to the community and a good cause," she said. The Women's Football Academy will be held Saturday, June 16, at Schembechler Hall on the U-M campus. As the name implies, it's for women only.

Carr, his football coaches,

staff and players will conduct the daylong academy. There will be drills, position instruction, offense, defense and special team strategy sessions, and it all culminates with play-scrammages in the Big House.

"By the end of the day you know everything about the game," said Areeda-Borgerding. "But the afternoon is the biggest thrill. You stand in the tunnel and Coach Carr talks to you, then you run out on the field. There's banners and music and football."

According to Areeda-Borgerding, Carr formed the fund following the death of his mother due to cancer. She was attracted to the academy because of Carr's connection to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and having lost her father to cancer.

"This is going to be such a thrill for me," she said. "Only 400 women do it every year and they have raised more than \$1 million."

People who'd like to make donations on behalf of Areeda-Borgerding or Deluca can log on to www.cancer.med.umich.edu/about/womens_football_academy.shtml. Click on the helmet and use Tina Areeda-Borgerding and Cheryl Deluca as donor/participants.

According to Areeda-Borgerding, donors will receive an immediate conformation and a tax receipt from the University of Michigan. The online giving link will be available through 11 p.m. June 12.

"Come support a good cause and get a great car wash," she added.

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Wounded warriors have date with MIS

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Robert Stottlemeyer is in need of a few wounded warriors who have an interest in auto racing.

Thanks to a donation from Roger Curtis of Michigan International Speedway, the Westland city councilman has tickets available for the Citizen Bank 400 June 17 for members of the military who served and were wounded while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"The focus is on the wounded soldiers and their kids," said Stottlemeyer. "Each soldier will get a ticket plus one for a guest."

Stottlemeyer came up with the idea and mentioned it to State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. He liked the idea and shared it with someone in

Lansing who also thought it was great and contacted MIS.

Like everyone else, they also thought it was great idea, including Roger Curtis at MIS who provide the 50 tickets worth about \$5,000.

MIS officials have asked that the tickets go to the wounded warriors and they will be given first opportunity, Stottlemeyer said.

The Stottlemeyers initially thought about getting a bus to transport the soldiers and their guests to the speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., but the \$800 charge was too pricey. So soldiers who call for the tickets will have to provide their own transportation for the afternoon of Nextel Cup NASCAR racing in the Irish Hills.

And since the event was quickly arranged, participants will meet at a specific location

at MIS to get their tickets. The race starts at 2 p.m.

"When they call, I explain that we will get back in touch with the information on where we will meet at MIS," said Betty Stottlemeyer.

The Stottlemeyers have gotten some response to fliers that they gave to people to give out at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, and have given some to the VA Center for Guidance and Counseling in Dearborn, but there's about 35 tickets left.

According to Betty Stottlemeyer, the first call they got, the soldier was so excited.

"He said, 'It'll be such a great bonding day for my son and I,'" she said. "The people who called who are really into this, asked for multiple tickets. We've told them we'll contact them later. Right now we're

guaranteeing two tickets per soldier."

This is the third time the Stottlemeyers have been involved in events benefitting wounded warriors. They've help raise thousands of dollars through a USO-style dinner dance and a concert by Lee Greenwood.

Stottlemeyer shuns any attention given to what he is doing for the soldiers.

"The focus is on the wounded soldiers and their kids," he said.

Wounded soldiers interested in seeing the race, must call the Stottlemeyers at (734) 721-4594 by Sunday, June 10, for more information.

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GOLF OUTINGS

The warm weather will likely have even the less than diehard golfers thinking about hitting the links. Here are some upcoming golf outings to benefit local charities.

Chamber of Commerce

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is holding a joint golf outing with the Wayne Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 12, at Woodlands Golf Course in Wayne. The cost is \$140 per golfer. Other packages and sponsorships are available. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and an hors d'oeuvres award reception following. For more information, call (734) 422-4448.

Senior Alliance

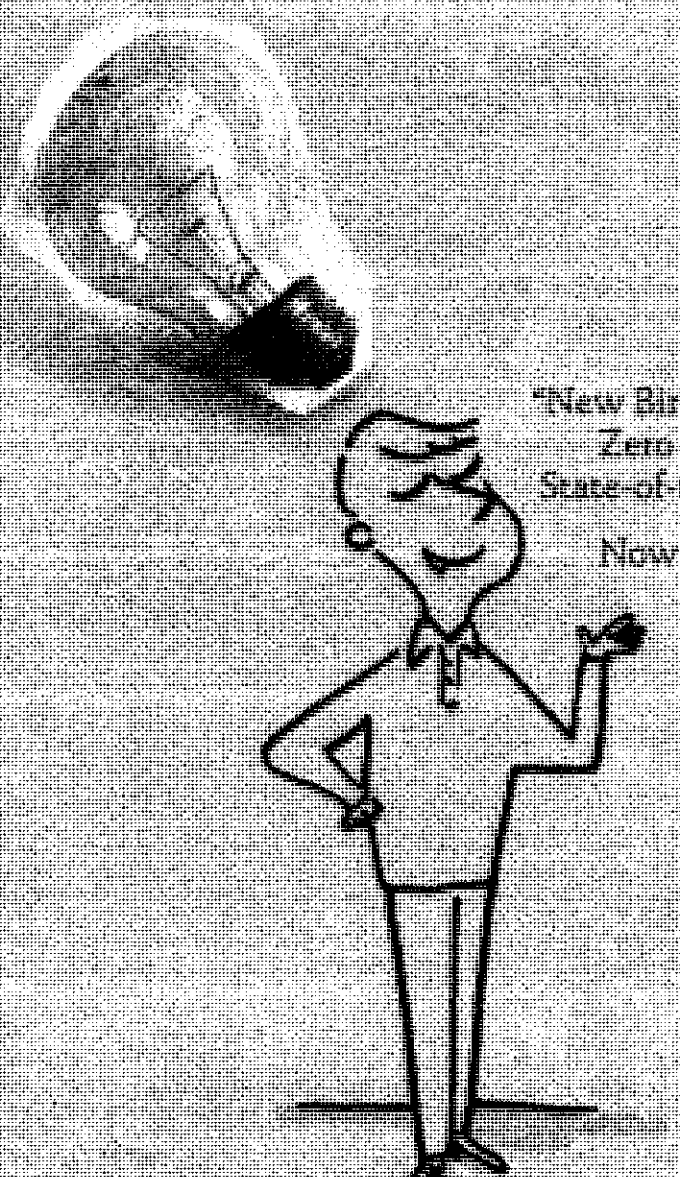
Grab your clubs and make July 27 on your calendar. That's when The Senior Alliance will hold its 2007 Golf Classic at the West Course of the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn

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


Players also will have a chance to win prizes for longest drive (men and women), closest to the pin (men and women), hole-in-one and the famous Ficano Cup awarded to winning foursome. Sponsorships also are available. For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase a sponsorship, call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830. All proceeds from this event are donated to The Senior Alliance.



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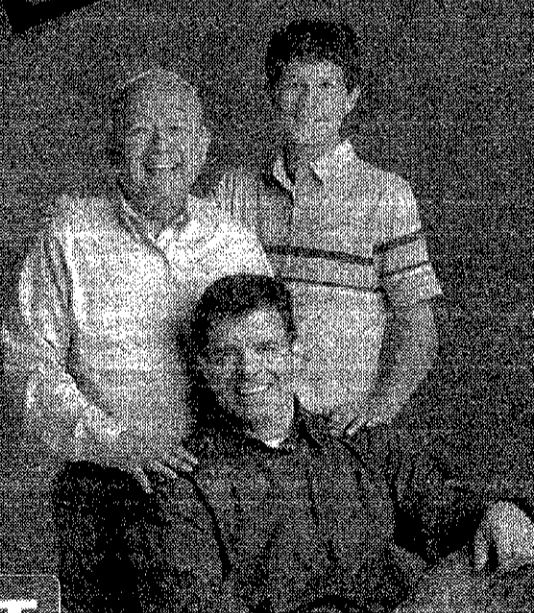


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Crain's lauds copy editor Tardy from O&E

For helping lead the "handmade revolution" in metro Detroit, Stephanie Tardy, a copy editor and page designer at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, was recently recognized by Crain's Detroit Business as one of its "20 in their 20s Class of 2007."

The award honors those "trying to make a creative difference in the region."

Nearly 200 people were nominated. Tardy, who lives in Pleasant Ridge, was nominated by O&E staff writer Megan Pennefather.

"Stephanie is one of the most creative, generous and loving people I know, and her idea for the Detroit Urban Craft Fair was so innovative that I thought more people should know about it," Pennefather said.

"I nominated her for two reasons: I wanted her to get credit for all the wonderful things she does with the Detroit Urban Craft Fair, and I also wanted to get the word out about the great organization she founded 'Handmade Detroit.'"

Tardy maintains a busy schedule in the crafting world. She's the founder of Phantom Limb, her personal craft company.

"I am the sole employee, and I really see it as an extension of my graphic design background," she said. "It produces handmade paper goods and writing-related items, such as stationery and journals, as well as some sewn items like journal covers and my personal zines."

She's also a co-founder of Handmade Detroit, a collective for do-it-yourself crafters.

"The group has an 'open door' policy, meaning we consider everyone who participates in any of our outlets (as a seller at an event, as a commentator on our blog, or is one of our MySpace friends) to be a member," Tardy said.

"We think of it this way so that people see that others are into the same stuff as them, and also to encourage every 'member' to share opportunities and work with each other to do stuff. Saying that though, there are six core members who help run the day-to-day functions of the group, such as organizing events, writing the Web site, helping promote, etc. These girls also produce the Detroit Urban Craft Fair."

Other Handmade Detroit members include Bethany Nixon of Pontiac, Amy Cronkite of Oak Park, Alicia Dorset of Plymouth (a former O&E page designer) and Carey Gustafson of Ferndale.

The Detroit Urban Craft fair is a one-day alternative craft fair at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit. Last year's fair was the first and had 50 vendors and 1,200 people attend. Soon after, the group held the Handmade Detroit Holiday Market at the Magic Stick. The Holiday Market hosted 25 vendors and had about 400 attendees.

In February of 2007, the group started hosting Sunday Crafternoon, a mini fair on the first Sunday of every month at the Woodward Avenue Brewers in Ferndale. These events feature five to seven

artists and see about 200 attendees every month.

"I am excited for Stephanie and a big fan of her endeavors with Handmade Detroit," said Dan Dean, O&E presentation editor. "She is very creative person and it is cool to watch her pursue her passion and turn it into a business."

"The main idea behind DIY, or 'the handmade revolution' as it's sometimes called, is to elevate traditional crafting to a creative art," she said. "It's the old art vs. craft debate. In DIY, a painting is worth as much creatively as a hand-sewn skirt. DIY also values the process of making something as equally as the finished good. This is very similar to art, and makes the vibe of a DIY craft show very different than a traditional one."

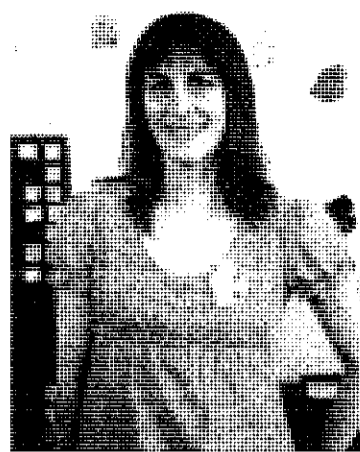
"Handmade Detroit exists to celebrate the art of making things by hand as well as the

process and artist behind the work. Our mission is to form a community around DIY artists in Detroit and, ultimately, in Michigan."

The 2007 Detroit Urban Craft Fair is set for Aug. 4 at the Majestic Theatre. This year's fair is expected to feature more than 50 vendors from all over Michigan and the United States. It will also feature a benefit raffle so that Handmade Detroit can set up a local DIY grant.

For more information on Handmade Detroit, check out www.handmadedetroit.com. The Detroit Urban Craft Fair is online at www.detroiturban-craftfair.com.

By Greg Mullin



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It's one of six Relay for Life events that will be taking place this weekend in the tri-county area. For 24 hours, team members will walk the half-mile path around the park, each step marking a commitment to finding a cure for cancer and honoring those who have survived and those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Westland has been hosting a Relay for Life for some seven years and each year it seems to get bigger and better in terms of participation and the amount of money raised for the American Cancer Society. Its goal this year is 35 teams raising and \$101,000. To us, it looks like organizers are on task to meet at least one of those goals.

But the event isn't meant for just the teams. Relay For Life is a community gathering, where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. It's meant to be fun-filled overnight and designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs for ACS. The relay offers something for everyone, from the newly diagnosed, to caregivers and friends to long-term survivors.

There's plenty to see and do for families who want to show their support for the relay through fund-raising that will be going on throughout the 24 hours or by experiencing its special events - the opening ceremony to the survivor's victory lap at 4 p.m. and the lighted luminaries at 10 p.m. that line the path in remembrance of those who have died.

Kudos to those people who have stepped forward and made Relay for Life an annual event in the city. Know that you have made Westland a part of a worldwide effort to fund cancer research as one of thousands of Relay for Life events being held in 23 countries this year.

Way to go!

Governor, Legislature fail to address problem

After months of negotiations, arguments, grandstanding and threats, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Michigan legislative leaders agreed to do the same old thing to clean up the state's 2007 budget.

Instead of finally grappling with Michigan's structural imbalance, they've made some reductions in government service combined with the usual budget balancing gimmicks of past years - shifting costs, delaying payments, raiding funds, borrowing.

Neither side seems willing to address the central question: What kind of state government do we want and need and how much are we willing to pay for it?

One of the major factors in our current budget situation is a series of ill-considered tax cuts in the 1990s, when Michigan's economy was sailing along with the rest of the country. A shift in school funding from property tax to a sales tax, rising health costs and pension programs for school and state employees have all increased the burden.

The decline in Michigan's one-industry economy sapped revenues while the state's obligations continued to rise. Many of those obligations do not specifically pay for state government.

According to the Citizens Research Council, which analyzes state tax and funding issues, less than 20 percent of the total budget is retained within state government for state operated programs. The rest goes to K-12 schools, the universities, local governments and the organizations providing services for Medicaid and community mental health.

Steep cuts have been made in state spending, particularly in community grants which have drawn complaints from local governments about maintaining fire and police services.

At a time when both sides are arguing that the state needs to act to stimulate our moribund economy, the deal includes some cuts that seem to undercut that commitment including millions of dollars in cuts or delayed payments to the state's universities and community colleges and \$30 million from the bipartisan 21st Century Jobs Fund.

There is waste and inefficiency in state government. There are programs that are luxuries in a time of economic stress. But there are key government programs that need to be protected if this state is ever to move forward.

The state needs to monitor its spending and contracts, cut out waste, cut out programs that do not meet the needs or expectations of residents. It needs to address the problem in our state corrections system. It needs to deal with health care and pension issues and eliminate all double dipping by public employees who collect wages and a pension.



Thank the troops

Well, another Memorial Day has come and gone, the parades are over, the celebrations, the barbecues, but the troops keep fighting on and on, and the troops keep putting their lives on the line.

And to date they have done just that. It is the end of May as I write and the news keeps coming - eight more soldiers killed on Memorial Day, which brings us to a total of 110 who were killed in May and 3,460 since the start of this war. The price for freedom is incredible. These men and women are fighting for us every day. We need to remember all of our troops past and present, they are all heroes.

Our family would like to say thank you to all of our troops for making it possible for all of us to do whatever we need to do, whether it be to go to a store, a movie, a baseball game, for that matter any sporting event, the right to just get in your car and go for a ride, because remember the troops are fighting for our rights. But they cannot do anything I just mentioned ... at least not until they come home and that's the important thing. They need to come home.

I am totally against war, however, we need to be there. Nobody should be able to kill hundreds of thousands of people, no dictator has that right. He needed to be removed and he has been, and certainly protecting our shores against all enemies has to be preserved.

So when you go shopping or for a ride, or whatever it is you enjoy, thank a veteran. I make it a point to thank each and every soldier I meet, and if I have found out you served our country, I will thank you also. So for those of you I can't meet, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for being a proud veteran. It is because of you I can play with my grandkids, read all the books I read, go to the movies and pray everyday for the safe return of all of our troops, which we do daily.

For my son and to all of you troops fighting for our freedom, we love you and come home safely. God Bless all of you.

Bud Somerville
Westland

It's still un-American

I listened to the recent Republican presidential candidate debates. The "debate" was run by the Republican propaganda media organization, Fox, hence no substantial questions arose, but it gave all the candidates equal opportunity for sound bites, short catchy few-word phrases that form the basis of Republican campaigns. They were quite interesting and amusing at the same time. Many of the candidates' sound bites, meaningless statements, reminded me of a reply to an editorial opinion I submitted regarding the repeal of affirmative action.

The author replying to my letter wrote that he was offended by being called un-American for not supporting the American ideal of equality and justice. He had used the tired statement, "I served in the military" and "my brothers were in the service" and expected this accomplishment entitles him to be a patriotic American. Immediately the thought came to mind that of *Popeye* cartoons. Popeye sticks his thumb in his mouth and blows as his chest inflates and then socks it to Bluto or Brutus.

The thought of the current com-

mander-in-chief and how he has embarrassed the military, the uniform, also came to mind. Too afraid for real service, he gets "placed to a prize position," of which there were many candidates more qualified, but it removed him from seeing combat. He has proven himself to be an embarrassment to the military and this country.

I remember the times in my life when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily and the particular phrase "with liberty and justice for all." This phrase has stuck with me forever and it couldn't be more appropriate for the current times. We have recently experienced a change in government, where some participants not responsible to the people of the U.S. can undertake illegal actions and not answer for it. Most Republicans struggle with the English language, so let me refer to Merriam Webster, justice is "the quality of being just, impartial, or fair."

Affirmative action and the programs it instilled help correct some, not all, of the unfairness this country still harbors. It comes as no surprise that Republicans are opposed to affirmative action. Here in Detroit, perhaps one of the most racist cities in the country, this is important. It doesn't correct all the problems, but it does correct some.

I said in my opinion letter, not supporting affirmative action and the justice and fairness it tried to create within an imperfect country was un-American. And I say it again: If you voted against affirmative action, you are un-American, though Republicans and Bush supporters can be excused. They have been fed so much propaganda that the truth is not within their grasp.

Maybe the author of the reply to my letter did serve honorably and contributed to an honest war. I will be the first to thank him for his service. But it is not a free pass for life to support un-American ideals.

Frances Meese
Westland

Recycle without taxes

I recycle without paying taxes! So don't pass it. People in Westland can do it for free on their own, if they really want to! They don't want their taxes up for that garbage!

I recycle big time on my own, so leave things well enough alone. Get on with something more important like why are there so many dogs and cats running the streets? How pathetic are those people that let this happen.

How pathetic that our big park is close, while we pay taxes on it.

How do we know if the whole city isn't contaminate? My neighbors lawn is really hilly, there may be garbage way underneath it. After all it is garbage city - Westland - wasteland!

Mari Squire
Westland

Cuts improper

Back in 1984, Michigan residents experienced the loss of more than 78,000 vehicles, and there was a huge public outrage over the auto theft crime and resulting high comprehensive insurance rates that people were paying to cover those losses.

Like today, state and local government had no funds for new programs that

could help reduce auto theft and so officials joined together to support the development of Michigan's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. They chose to fund this program with a \$1 assessment on all private passenger vehicles that would be collected by all of Michigan's insurance carriers so that no carrier would have a competitive advantage over another.

This assessment provides approximately \$6.2 million in revenue each year.

In order to assure Michigan insurance carriers that this assessment would not become an additional source of revenue for the Legislature, the statute clearly states: "Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall not be considered state money."

What has been the result of the ATPA program? Michigan's auto thefts fell to 49,064 in 2005 - a 37-percent reduction from 1984. Since the start of the ATPA program 20 years ago, Michigan's auto thefts have fallen in 17 of those years.

Have all these arrests and convictions saved Michigan citizens any money on their comprehensive insurance premiums? You bet.

The state budget is dire. However, we think the governor made a grave mistake in transferring \$4 million from the ATPA in her recent executive order. The governor's advisers apparently thought that the ATPA had a \$4 million surplus, but they failed to provide ATPA staff a chance to explain that the money was already committed to 47 different governmental jurisdictions in the form of grants for 2007, before the governor issued her executive order.

The ATPA board is now forced to consider how to cut grant programs that have already acted on accomplishing their program goals. Recently, the attorney general ruled that the governor's executive order program violates state statute and takes money that is statutorily restricted for reducing auto theft.

The ATPA board is considering a reduction of 42 percent for all grantees. That would mean the elimination of 51 grant-funded law enforcement positions. Michigan has already lost 1,600 law enforcement positions since 9/11. The state budget should not be balanced on the back of public safety.

David Gorcycia
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State's business leaders not impressed with budget fix

MACKINAC ISLAND - This year, the atmosphere was a little different. The Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual policy conference featured some interesting themes, to put it mildly.

Bottom line from those in the know: Business and labor haven't exactly distinguished themselves. But our elected leaders have really led the league in failing to get the job done.

That's a rough consensus based on conversations with dozens of the 1,500 or so real and self-proclaimed movers and shakers who crowded onto the island last week.

If there was anything that especially roused their ire, it was the state Legislature's last-minute "balanced budget."

The kindest reaction to it might be characterized as mere disdain. Others openly held it in outright contempt. One retired chief financial officer of a major Michigan corporation had one word to describe what lawmakers said they had achieved: "fraud."

The man added heatedly that if his company had resorted to the kind of accounting hocus-pocus practiced by those running our government in Lansing, the company would be in deep legal doo-doo with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.

Others, reflecting on efforts by former state Rep. Leon Drolet, R-Clinton Township, to recall any legislator who votes for a tax increase, also recommended recall - of the entire Legislature!

Nor are the folks at Mackinac alone. A survey by Brogan & Partners, a Birmingham-based marketing firm, found responders gave business and union leaders a 'C,' while elected leaders got a 'D+.'

When asked which "one group has been the biggest obstacle in helping turn Michigan's economy around?" a solid 56-percent majority gave our elected leaders the lion's share of the blame.

One thing is beyond argument: The big losers in the budget were our seedbeds of the future, Michigan's community colleges and universities. They saw not only state support cut, but cash payments they expected this summer deferred until at least October.

The college presidents I talked with could only shake their heads as they contemplated Lansing's preferences in spending priorities for the very short run as opposed to the long term.

When they considered how our lawmakers have behaved thus far, many on the Grand Hotel's big porch openly questioned whether the Legislature will have the stomach to make the tough decisions needed when it comes to tackling the nearly \$2 billion deficit looming ahead for the fiscal year that starts this Oct. 1.

Many suggested that a crisis of confidence was brewing throughout the state's entire political cul-

ture. Some argued that the time has come to fix the legislative tilt toward inexperience by linking an end to term limits to making the Legislature part time.

No agreement on that seemed in sight. But there were two bright spots at the conference:

■ For the first time in memory, big labor was invited to this particular table. Teamsters President James Hoffa and United Auto Workers chief Ron Gettelfinger both received polite responses to their calls for business and labor to cooperate to help Michigan through its time of crisis.

Arguing that "you don't have to be anti-employer to be pro-union," Gettelfinger stressed how important it is for management and labor to collaborate to achieve a "high-performance workplace."

■ And support seemed to be solidifying for the "aerotropolis," the proposal for a massive development zone framed between Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the east and Willow Run on the west.

Detroit Renaissance head Doug Rothwell called the project "possibly the single most important economic development project in Michigan." Business heavyweight and Walbridge Aldinger CEO John Rakolta is heading a high-profile, private/public support panel charged with making it happen. Experts praised the combination of air, road, rail and water logistical resources the development could command as among the world's best.

"The aerotropolis will form," said Prof. John Casarda, an expert in airport-driven economic development. "The only question is whether it will happen haphazardly or in a coordinated, planned way."

As for Michigan's elected leaders, the top brass - from Gov. Jennifer Granholm to Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township - argued (somewhat defensively) that the 2007 budget deal is only the first step in getting Michigan's financial house in order.

The governor pointed out that "a crisis is a terrible thing to waste" in urging all sides to come together to move Michigan forward.

Well, she's right about that. And maybe our top leaders will find ways to focus on our long-term economic health by putting together three main initiatives: spending cuts, structural reforms in the organization and cost of government at all levels and a tax increase.

Virtually everybody I talked with on Mackinac Island agreed some combination of those factors is the obvious policy solution to the state's ills. But virtually nobody was optimistic that would really happen. And that huge disconnect is, in a nutshell, what's wrong with politics and government in Michigan today.

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'Mighty Mac' turns 50, as symbol of great dream

Built with 71 tons of structural steel, 41,000 miles of cable wire, more than four million steel rivets, one million bolts, 350 engineers and a record construction cost of \$70.3 million, the Mackinac Bridge turns 50 this year. Described as an engineering marvel when it opened Nov. 1, 1957, the Mighty Mac still inspires today.

More than 3,500 workers were employed at the bridge site, working to forge two peninsulas and connect a state. These fearless men worked tirelessly, without safety nets or harnesses, to turn a vision into a reality.

Gov. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams was a moving force in seeing the dream of connecting the two Michigan peninsulas become a reality. Williams once proclaimed, "The bridge across the Straits of Mackinac ranks with the pyramids, the great hydroelectric dams, the skyscrapers in Manhattan and the Panama and Suez canals as one of the wondrous works of the hands and brain of man."



Tom Watkins

The Mighty Mac's literal connection of the two Michigans stands as one of Williams' notable accomplishments. The engineering edifice rises as a testament to not only brawn, brains and bravery, but also to imagination, vision, tenacity and perseverance.

As you gaze at its grandeur, imagine the literal blood (five men died during the construction), sweat and tears that are soaked into something so incredibly beautiful. Yet the concept, imagination and vision of the bridge is as much of its majesty as the magnificent structure itself.

Connecting the two peninsulas that comprise Michigan was envisioned as early as the 1880s. The opening of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York in 1883 gave local St. Ignace bridge dreamers the impetus to imagine such a bridge at the Straits. Like today's problems, cost, financing and a war delayed the building of the bridge for nearly 75 years.

The Mackinac Bridge is more than the sum of its parts. It is a symbol of the determination of Michigan's leaders and workers to dream the big dream and have the imagination, spirit, enthusiasm, ability and perseverance to turn big ideas into reality. Vision, dreams, persistence and hard work have been a staple in Michigan for generations. It should remind us all that by wrapping our hands and our minds around problems, coming together around a shared vision and common

agenda, we are able to create a grand and beautiful future for all Michiganders.

Certainly, the building of the bridge did not come easy and there have been many detours along the way.

Yet as you approach the Mighty Mac from St. Ignace or Mackinaw City, its expanse beckons and inspires. It juts into the sky like the spirals of a cathedral calling out for a moment of silence as its majestic vistas capture your mind and soul.

This year's annual Labor Day bridge walk, led by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, will be held Sept. 3. This tradition began because of the enthusiastic response to the first walk, in June 1958, at the bridge's dedication ceremony. Each year, Michigan's governors have led this symbolic walk with people who believe in the spirit of our great state. They walk the bridge's expanse of 26,372 feet, or five miles, on a roadway approximately 200 feet above the water at mid-span. It is fitting that this walk takes place on Labor Day, a day to celebrate the "working-men/women" who have taken us to such heights.

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These are tough times we are living through today in Michigan. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building of the grand expanse connecting Michigan, all of us should use it as an inspiration to think big, dream the impossible and begin the hard work necessary to make a new dream a reality.

We need to give thanks to Michigan's leaders in the early 1950s who dreamed big and believed the impossible was possible.

Happy birthday, Mighty Mac!

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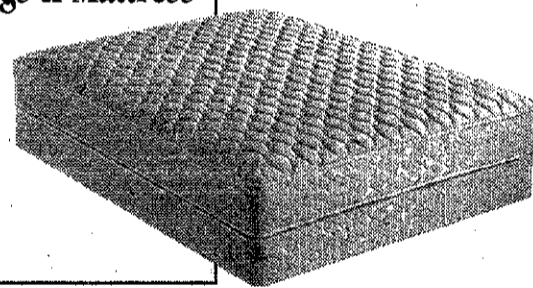
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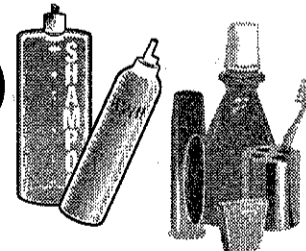
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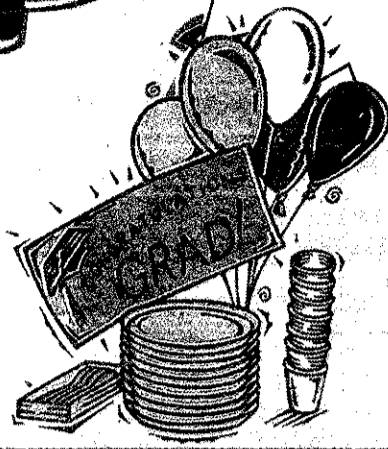
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Saving: How to establish a Roth IRA for your child

I have written many times about the importance of investing in a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax-free, not tax-deferred as in a traditional IRA and it is not subject to required minimum distributions. In addition, like all IRAs, the general rule is you cannot touch the money prior to age 59½ without certain consequences (there are exceptions to the rule).



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

There is a mistaken belief that in order to invest in a Roth IRA you have to be a legal adult. Not so. If you have earned income which does not exceed a certain limit, you can establish a

are doing odd jobs around the neighborhood and receiving cash payments that are not being reported on a tax return, then they do not have earned income. Even if the student is not paying any taxes, because earnings don't meet the minimum to be taxed, he or she is eligible for a Roth IRA.

If you are establishing a Roth IRA for your child under the age of 18, it must be established as a custodial account.

Roth IRA.

Obviously, students who are working in the summer do not have to worry about the earning limitations. The only issue is do they have earned income.

Earned income is income from wages. If your child is working and he or she receives a W-2, they have earned income.

On the other hand, if they

involved in selecting the investment for their Roth IRA they will take a greater interest in following that money.

If you are establishing a Roth IRA for your child, I recommend investing in a long-term growth mode. After all, this money will not be touched for many years down the road and therefore an equity investment makes sense.

Some funds to consider include Selected American Shares Fund (www.selected-fund.com or 1-800-243 1575), the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth Fund (www.troweprice.com or 1-800-422-2577), or the Vanguard Index 500 (www.vanguard.com, or 1-877-662-7447).

My advice is get your child involved in the process of selecting the fund and completing the application. I

recognize that for parents this could be a very hard sell to convince their child he/she should put money away for their retirement. However, to encourage your child consider a matching program. For every dollar that your child contributes you match it.

For parents of means, they may even want to contribute to the child's Roth IRA themselves. The benefit of establishing a Roth IRA is huge and it's an opportunity that parents do not want to miss.

Although, Roth IRA contributions for 2007 do not have to be made until April 2008, my recommendation is do it now. The sooner you contribute, the longer period the money grows tax-free.

For parents with children too young to work, I recommend teaching them to

have an appreciation and an understanding of money. The internet has lots of resources. One excellent site is by Charles Schwab & Company, www.schwabmoneywise.com.

After all, the days of working for only one company for your entire career and having a pension when you retire went out with eight-track tapes. Kids today are going to have to be independent when it comes to their money and the sooner they learn to have good money skills, the better will be for them.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

Adopt a pet at rally for displaced animals

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

"Our new motto is Detroit rocks, we care," said Donna Law as she spoke about the adoption day and Rally for Displaced Animals 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Pet Supplies "Plus", 43665 Ford Road, east of Sheldon, Canton. The rally is to collect items for the animals displaced by the tornado that devastated the town of Greensburg, Kan., on Friday, May 4, killing 12 people. The donations will be given to the Pratt Humane Society, a no-kill shelter 30 miles outside of Greensburg. Brent Catlett of Wolverton Inc. in Canton is donating

his services to transport the items to Evansville, Ind. where Ryan Boyle of The Hunt Corporation will be waiting to take the donations to Kansas.

For more information, call (313) 778-2262.

In addition to the rally, the event features dogs and cats available for adoption from Law's Mutts & Mutts Rescue, Homeward Bound, Heaven Can Wait, Pat's Cats, Charmed, and the Coonhound Rescue League. There will also be balloons, face painting, and a visit from a dog trainer.

Law believes no animal should be forgotten no matter what the crisis so began collecting supplies for the animals displaced in Greensburg.

Law's Mutts & Mutts Rescue League is working with Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton to gather donations of dog/cat food and supplies. Homeward

Bound, a rescue group run by Carrie Marsh of Canton and Kathy Brown of Farmington Hills, is assisting in the effort. "We want people to know

Canton Township is now allowing us to drop off donations at the administration building," said Law.

For information on animals available through Mutts & Mutts, visit www.muttsandmutts.petfinder.org. Checks

should be made out to Mutts & Mutts Rescue and mailed to P.O. Box 40386, Redford, MI 48240. For directions to Pet Supplies "Plus," call (734) 981-9191.

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June 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., Dearborn. 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

Crosstalk
7 p.m. Friday, June 8, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Longtime Christian commentator and radio personality Duane Cuthbertson speaks on Healing Life's Hurts. No

cost or registration, free childcare provided. For details, call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point biking
10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, meet at Kensington Metro Park, exit 153 off I-96, north 3 1/2 miles to farm center, ride to Island Lake. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

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-D326, Ext. 243, or visit www.olgparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Building Bridges
Farmington Hills Church of God presents a series to learn from each other, not just about each other. In understanding the similarities of our faiths, we can articulate the uniqueness of our faith as well. The Sunday

sermons take place 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. June 10, Jesus was Jewish; 9:30 a.m. June 17, There is Only One God, and 9:30 a.m. June 24, God is Everywhere. Guest speakers include Rabbi Nevins, Jewish guest, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7; Madan Kaura, Hindu guest, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10, and Asim Khan, Moslem guest, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21. The church is at 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org for details.

Special speaker
Join us during our 11 a.m. Sunday, June 10, Service when the Special Speaker will be former Detroit Tigers pitcher Frank Tanana, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Concert
Faith Community Presbyterian Church welcomes the band The Hymns of Dixieland to lead their worship services 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 10, at 44400 W Ten Mile. Following the worship services the Dixieland band will play for the church picnic which follows immediately. They only play hymns and they have played for churches and groups throughout northern

Ohio and Southern Michigan. The service include old favorites like What a Wonderful World, Down by the Riverside, The Old Rugged Cross, and "When the Saints Go Marchin' In. Everyone welcome.

Strawberry festival
5-9 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Cost \$4, includes strawberries, choice of cake, ice cream and beverage. Items can be purchased separately. Square dancing called by Randy Dietrich 6-8 p.m. Bake sale, boutique, homemade jellies, games for children and more. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Outdoor fun
Meet at 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Sportsway of Westland, 38520 Ford road. Fun-filled evening of outdoor putting, batting cages and go-kart racing. Ticket price yet to be determined. For details, call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point biking
10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, meet at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to the park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

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
A Wild Ride Through God's Word 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 VBS this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. Volunteers still needed before June 18 for painting and to get things ready. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. June 20, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 11th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoonistmichael.org for information and registration details.

Summer music ministry
Brass Quintet, June 21, and Cabaret, July 19, dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5), 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.

Golf outing
St. Aidan's Catholic Church Golf Outing Saturday, June 23 (tee times begin at 9:40 a.m.), at Rolling Meadows Golf Club at N. Territorial

and Sutton roads. Cost \$125 (due June 1), includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch catered by Thomas's of Livonia. Hot dog, chips and water given at turn. For information, call (248) 719-2535, (734) 748-1819, or (989) 400-7114.

Tribute to the stars
Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Comerica Park, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 886-4600 or visit www.cskdetroit.org or www.ahee.com. Sponsored by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers. No admission, but you must be 21 and older. Dressy summertime attire required. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to event at Ahee Jewelers, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, or at Comerica Park during event.

Vacation Bible School
9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 25-29, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is SONFORCE Kids: Courageous Kids on a Mission for God! (for all children ages 3-12. Parents may register children ahead of time by filling out the online form at www.holycrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 25. Visitors Welcome.

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.

Summer worship
Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.org/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration 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 Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.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, call (734) 422-0010.

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

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m.

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UPCOMING

Alanche ranch
Vacation Bible 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 lkloiber@ameritech.net.

Vacation Bible school
July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass
50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 140 or ext. 169.

Cruise
St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Space limited.

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 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Space limited.

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

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.

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

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.higherrockcafe4.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.

Youth wanted
Twins 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

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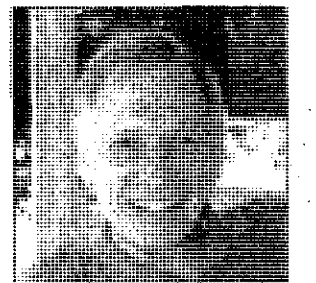
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CAROLINE T. CLINE

Age 97, passed away in Rochester Hills, Michigan, on June 4, 2007. Beloved wife of Samuel A. Cline, who preceded her in death in 1950, and cherished mother of children Jacqueline A. Reynolds of North Platte, Nebraska, and Samuel A. Cline of Macomb, Michigan. Caroline was born on September 26, 1909, in Ewart, Michigan to Thomas N. and Myra (Loring) Ballantyne. She married Samuel on October 3, 1935. Caroline's life work was education. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University in 1934 and her Master's from the University of Michigan in 1954. She loved education and teaching, and taught at all levels, from a one room school house through college. After retiring from the Michigan Public School System in 1972, she continued to teach individual classes at Ferris State College. Caroline was preceded in death by her husband, brother Carlos Ballantyne and son-in-law Richard Reynolds. She is survived by her children Jackie and Sam, and a granddaughter, Julie Lynn Reynolds of Los Angeles, California. At her request, there will be no viewing or memorial. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Forest Hill Cemetery in Ewart, Michigan, on Wednesday, June 6th. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Congregational Church of Rochester, Michigan, of which Caroline was a long-time devoted member. Arrangements by Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester, 248-651-9641



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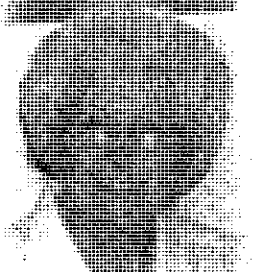
Age 83 of Canton, May 16, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Neil. Dear mother of Sherry (Howard) Shunk, Clifford (Peggy) Roberts and Neil (Ann) Roberts. Grandmother of Kimberly Chambers, Kristen (Steve) LaPlante, Ray Whyde, Teresa (Tim) Messina, William Shunk, Kate Roberts and Anna Roberts. Great-grandmother of Kyle, Kelsy, Jordan, Julien, Anastasia and Emilia. Sister of Dorothy (Walter) Pitrowski and Jerome (Joanie) Nichols. Sister-in-law of Wesley Roberts and Shirley Barnes. Visitation Saturday 2 p.m. at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, until 4pm memorial service. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

GEORGE MARTIN ADAMS

Age 59, of Farmington, MI, passed away January 28, 2007. George earned a Bachelor of Science degree at General Motors Institute and a Masters degree from Central Michigan University. He was a ventilation engineer and a recognized expert in Sound and Industrial Ventilation. He enjoyed his work, participating in professional organizations, rewriting standards and teaching seminars. After 41 years at GM, he retired in January 2007 to start his own consulting firm. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America and was an interviewer for the US Naval Academy. He was a voracious reader, (especially enjoying science fiction), a UM fan, and an Original Six hockey fan. He also recently discovered the sport of golf. George is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mary Ellen, son Tripp (Becky), daughters Kate (Rod), and Ellen (Scott), his mother Edith, one sister Nancy (Russ) and one niece and nephew. He was very proud of his children and considered them his legacy. He will be dearly remembered. His funeral mass was February 3, 2007, at St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington, MI, with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia, MI.

NORMA PHILLIPS

Age 78, passed away peacefully June 3, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Dear mother of Ronald (Barbara), Janis (Tony) Mitchell and Lori (Steven) McGuire. Loving Grandmother of Steven (Leslie), Katie (William), Michael, Mollie (Greg), Daniel, Jennifer (David), Megan, Stanley, Shane and Anna. Great-grandmother of Katie, Jenna, Claire, Kara. Sister of Virginia Lamoureux and the late Dolores Thomas. Garden City Hospital Guild Member for 20 years. Funeral Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society or Make a Wish Foundation.



ROSE L. ROSA

Age 91, formerly of Garden City, May 21, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Victor. Loving mother of Allen (Linda), Edwin (Sandra), and Dennis (Barbara). Proud grandmother of Douglas (Heather), Brian (Dianne), Susan (Bill) Garlick, Melanie, Nicholas and Michelle. Great-grandmother of Vincent. Dear sister of Marcella Marta, Mark Decaire, Jean Symons and the late Margaret, Leo, Pauline and Clifford. Memorial Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City on June 8th at 10am. Memorial Mass for Victor and Rose Rosa at St. Paul Catholic Church, Negaunee, MI on June 16th at 11am. Memorial contributions American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Querfeld Funeral Home 313-561-0002.
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JOHN E. BURKART

Age 74, June 4th, 2007. Member of Iron Workers Local #25 and Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Dear father of Dierdre Dancy, Deana Shaffer, John Jr. and Randy Burkart and Floyd McIntyre. Also leaves thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Brother of Bell Bolda, Loren and Donald Burkart. Donations to Angela Hospice, share memories at schrader-howell.com

MARJENE FIELDEN

Age 85, June 5, 2007. Longtime resident of Plymouth. A member of The First Baptist Church of Plymouth and a retired cashier from Kroger's. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dear mother of Sandra (Dale) Cunningham and Susan (Michael) Prew. Grandmother of Kenyon (Tina) and Jason (Christy) Cunningham, Julie (Brian) Blackwell, Jenny, Katy, Michael and Paul Prew. She also leaves eight great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday, 4-9 p.m. at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following at 10 a.m. Saturday. Contributions to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

MARY PERSINGER

of Troy, died June 4, 2007, at age 77. She was the beloved wife of Neil, dearest mother of John Patrick "Jay" (Lola) and Rob (Kristie), and loving grandmother of Anthony, Nicholas and Benjamin. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 3-8 PM, and Friday 1-8 PM, with Rosary Friday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 AM at St. Mary Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Visitation at church begins Saturday at 9:30 AM. Memorial Tributes may be made to American Diabetes Association. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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CALENDAR

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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 Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service

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

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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

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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.

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SIDELINES

Demolition falls

Running back Kiana Dennis scored two touchdowns and Misty Findlay kicked three field goals, but it wasn't enough as the Detroit Demolition lost its first regular season game in five years Saturday to the host DC Divas, 24-22, in an Independent Women's Football League clash.

The Demolition is now 4-1 in the IWFL, while the Divas improve to 4-0.

Detroit returns to action at 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School to face the Iowa Crush (1-4), who lost Saturday 33-0 to the Chicago Force.

Tickets for home games are available by calling (248) 474-9176; or visit www.detroitdemolition.com.

Bucks beat Lynx

The Michigan Bucks of Premier Development League survived a tough weekend with a 2-1 men's soccer victory Sunday over the host Toronto Lynx after battling Friday to a scoreless draw with the West Michigan Edge at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

Kenny Uzoigwe scored the game-winning goal in the 89th minute from Alex Morissette to beat Toronto. Nate Jafta also scored from Ty Shipalane in the 51st minute before Toronto's Tristan Murray answered in the 69th minute.

The Bucks, 2006 North American PDL champions, are 4-0-2 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference. The Lynx fall to 0-2-2.

In the 0-0 tie Friday with the 2-3-2 Edge, goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University) registered his fourth shutout.

The Bucks return to action Friday at the Cleveland Internationals in a rematch of the May 18 game (won by the Bucks 2-0) before beginning play Tuesday against the host Richmond (Va.) Kickers, the defending USL Division 2 champion in the opening round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The next home game for the Bucks is Friday, June 15 at Saline High School against the Lynx. Tickets are \$10 for adults (16-and-over) and \$5 for youths (under-5).

For more information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

Ace golfer

Bruce Plemmons, 68, of Westland, used a 7-iron to ace the 136-yard, No. 17 hole June 3 at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

It was Plemmons' first hole-in-one in 44 years.

CHS golf outing

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Krupsky pulls surprise with another state title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Talk about going out in style. Lauren Krupsky, who led Livonia Churchill to the state Class A volleyball championship in March, almost didn't go out for track and field her senior year.

On Saturday, Krupsky capped a stellar career high school career by winning the Division 1 discus title with a throw of 129 feet, 9 inches in the state finals held Saturday at East Kentwood.

"I was thinking about not



Krupsky

Michigan University) was concerned that I got too tired out, but my parents left the decision up to me."

Despite juggling her schedule with her club volleyball team (Legacy), Krupsky found

doing track and just focus on volleyball," said Krupsky, who also added an eighth-place finish in the shot put (39-3.75). "My college coach (at Central

enough time this spring to do both sports while maintaining her excellent academic performance.

"This was my last opportunity for a high school sport and I'm happy I was able to stick with it," Krupsky said. "I like being busy. It helps me stay the most organized."

With most of the discus field struggling, Krupsky found herself in third place heading into the fifth of her six throws.

"It felt really good, but once you get a throw, you don't know how far it (the discus) is going to keep going,"

Krupsky said. "But my coach (Keith McDonald) said, 'Yeah, Krupsky, and I knew it was a pretty good one.'"

McDonald realized the toss of 129-9 might put her on the top podium. Grandville's Reanna Trombley was runner-up at 126-11, while Joy Rolfe of Fraser was third at 124-0. (Livonia Franklin senior Robyn Whalen, the top seed going in with a throw in the state at 139 feet, took fifth at 119-7.)

"The pressure was on the other girls," McDonald said. "Lauren's a three-sport captain and now a two-time state

champion. She loves that type of pressure. She put the team on her back in the fifth game (in the state volleyball finals vs. North Branch). That's something a lot of others haven't experienced."

"She also keeps it in perspective and has fun. That's why she does so well."

Krupsky, who doesn't turn 18 until Oct. 25, had plenty of competition from her teammates during her four-year track and field career at Churchill, most notably from

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Sings like a birdie

Warner repeats as D1 state golf champion

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

She did it again.

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner reigns supreme as the defending Division 1 state girls golf champion.

After being lodged in a three-way tie following Friday's opening round at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course), the junior broke away from the field Saturday to win by five strokes to repeat as champion.

Warner fired rounds of 73 (1-over par) and 72 (even) for a total of 145. Co-first round leader Amy Meier of Rochester was runner-up with a 73-77-150. Christine Meier of Rochester and co-first round Vanessa Koechli of Brighton were next at 151 each.

Warner carded a 33 on the front nine on with four birdies on Friday.

On Saturday, Warner birdied all four par-5s and was 6-under on the par-5s for the two days. She hit a total of 26-of-36 greens in regulation and 19-of-28 fairways for the tourney. She had a total of 34 putts on Friday and 30 on Saturday.

"Fantastic, Shannon was very solid both days from tee to green, not many mistakes," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "She was very focused, confident and not going to leave without winning. She knew what she was going to do."

Last year Warner shot 69-67 on MSU's Forest Akers East Course to win by 11 strokes.

"She played a practice round the weekend before," Harper said. "This (West

Course) is a lot tighter along with more length. There's some traps, more trouble in general."

Even more amazing was the fact that Warner played all season with a cyst on her left wrist, which she plans to have removed.

"It fills up with water and pinches in the tendon, there's a lot of irritation," Harper said. "She couldn't practice as hard or hit as many balls."

And making it even more special was that it was Warner's second state title of the year. She was a member of Livonia Churchill's state Class A championship volleyball team.

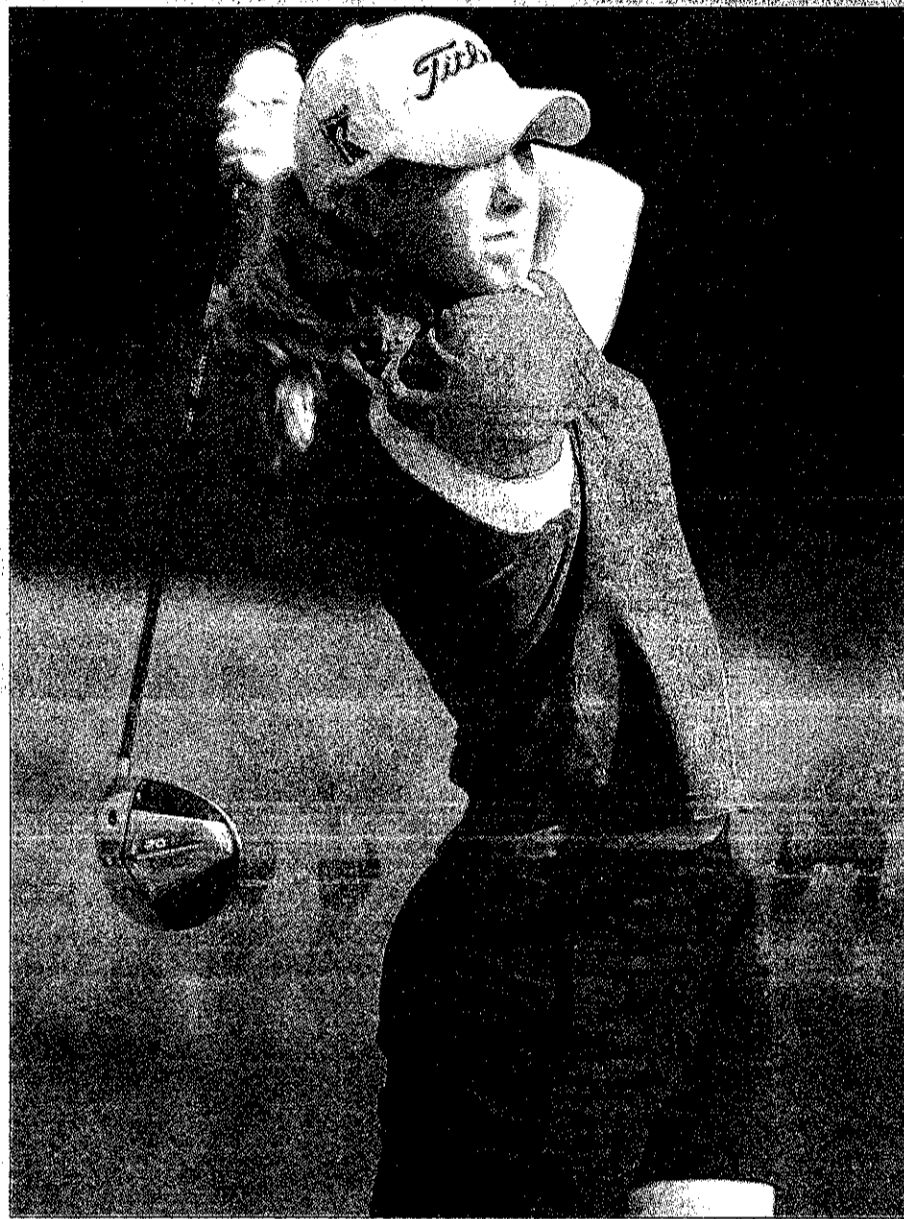
Spartans place 14th

Livonia Stevenson wound up 14th out of 15 teams in last weekend's Division 1 state finals held at MSU's Forest Akers (West Course).

Lake Orion ran away with the team title with a two-day total of 679 on rounds of 341 and 351.

Rounding out the field was Grand Blanc (700), Rochester (706), Traverse City West (720), Brighton (723), Farmington Hills Mercy (730), East Kentwood (734), Troy Athens (736), Ann Arbor Pioneer (743), Northville (747), Holt (765), Grandville (766), Temperance Bedford (794), Stevenson (795) and Grosse Pointe South (799).

Chelsea Bathurst was Stevenson's top scorer with 94-90-184 followed by Abbey Wolfe, 89-96-185; Chrissy McHenry, 98-102-200; Laura Sims, 114-112-226; and Lauren Geiger, 123-118-241.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill Junior Shannon Warner repeated as Division 1 state champion Saturday at MSU's Forest Akers West Course.

Upstart Chargers rally for district crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Vinny Carozza's pitches may not travel as fast as the posted speed limit on I-275, but they sure know how to change lanes.

As a result, Livonia Churchill players hoisted the school's first Division 1 District baseball trophy since 1999 Monday afternoon at Livonia Stevenson.

Carozza, a 5-foot-6 left-handed pitcher, tantalized Plymouth's imposing batting order with three innings of one-hit relief to give the Chargers a 6-5 victory in Monday's weather-delayed district title game. Two days earlier, he earned a five-hit, complete-game 3-2 triumph over Canton in a semifinal contest (see related story).

"I only throw in the low-to mid-60s," Carozza said, moments after the biggest performance in his youth baseball career, "so if my command isn't good, I'm in trouble."

"Luckily, I didn't have to throw a lot of pitches on Saturday, so my arm felt pretty good today."

"Vinny doesn't throw real hard, but his ball has a lot of movement," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz. "A perfect example was in the sixth inning today when Plymouth had three straight pop-ups - all by right-handed hitters - to our second baseman. His ball moves toward the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill players celebrate their first district title since 1999 after beating Plymouth in Monday's final at Livonia Stevenson.

outside so it has a screwball action. They were over-swinging and popping it up.

"That's Vinny. He doesn't walk many guys. He walked one today, which was surprising, but that's coming back on one day's rest. We joke around with Vinny and tell him he doesn't throw hard enough for his arm to get sore."

Targosz will lead his 17-17 team into its first regional semifinal game since Carozza was playing Little League on Saturday when the Chargers tangle with powerful Farmington

(24-8), which knocked off No. 1-ranked Northville on Saturday. (Game time is 10 a.m. at Novi.)

"I'm so excited for these kids because they have worked so hard for this," Targosz beamed. "They put in a lot of hours over the winter, they've worked hard all season and it's starting to pay off."

"Our hitting was hot and cold for most of the season, but we've been swinging the bats well lately."

The Wildcats led 5-3 through four innings on Saturday when the skies

opened up and saturated the field with rain and hail, forcing the final three innings to be played on Monday.

The game was knotted at 2-2 after one inning. Matt Priebe doubled in David Harvey then scored on a wild pitch to account for the Cats' runs. Churchill countered with RBI singles from Eric Mitchell and Kirk Ciarrocchi.

The Chargers grabbed a 3-2 lead in the second when Mike O'Keefe drew a lead-off walk and eventually scored

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Blazers elated with runner-up place at state

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

What a weekend it was for the Livonia Ladywood girls golf team.

The Blazers capped a stellar season Saturday by finishing runner-up in the Division 2 state tournament held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (East Course).

GIRLS GOLF

Only Dexter's four-player, two-day total of 332-330-662 separated

Ladywood from a state championship. The Blazers were only 10 strokes off the pace with a two-day total of 343-329-672. Caledonia placed third with 674 followed by Birmingham Seaholm (691) and Flushing (693).

The overall medalist was DeWitt's Liz Nagel, who fired identical rounds of 72-72 for a 144 total, three shots ahead of Katelin Davis of Dexter.

"It was a great tournament for us," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "Our team saying all season was, 'The Magic is in the Believing,' and that we did. It just goes to show you that if you believe, anything can happen."

Senior Andrea Warzyniec was the Blazers' most consistent player, tying for seventh individually with a total of 158 on rounds of 78 and 80.

"Andrea (Warzyniec) has worked very hard for four years with this goal and it's very exciting to see it all come

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Can't weather the storm

Warriors fall in rain-delayed D-4 district final

It was a painful ending Monday to a highly-productive season for the Lutheran High Westland baseball team.

The Warriors were bounced from the Division 4 state tournament by host Southfield Christian, 13-5, in the district final.

The game was suspended after the top of the fifth inning from Saturday because of rain and lightning with the Eagles leading 12-2.

Tim Bergsma went 3-for-5 with a double and solo homer in the first inning. Ben Globbe keyed a seven-run Southfield Christian fourth inning with a grand slam, while Greg Hockenbrocht added a two-run homer in the fifth.

Pitcher Ryan Schario, who worked the first four innings before giving up two in the fifth and one in the sixth, got the victory.

The Warriors committed six errors and used four pitchers with Derek Fleetham, who went the first 3.2, taking the loss. He was followed by Ryan Baglow, Dan Abbott and Chris Ake.

Ryan Baglow went 2-for-2, a walk and a hit batsmen with two RBI. Austin Baglow also contributed two hits, while Adam Zehel had another RBI.

"It was an interesting couple of days, but I'm proud of the fact that we came out and played tough today (Monday) despite the score," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We had a good season. It's not disappointing."

The Eagles move into Saturday's regional with a 21-9 record, while Lutheran High Westland bows out at 16-7, second most wins in school history.

In the district semifinal on Saturday, Lutheran Westland took six innings to mercy next-door-neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 14-2, in six innings.

The Warriors out-hit the Hawks, 13-4, as Zehel went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and four RBI.

Other offensive standouts for the Warriors included C.J. Garber, 2-for-4 with a triple;

Sean Vandenbrink, 2-for-4 with a double; Ryan Baglow, two-run double; Jake Wiemer, two-run single; Billy Meier and Dave Ryder, RBI each.

Ryan Baglow worked the first 3.1 innings for the win. He combined with Micah Hausch (two innings) and Dan Krzyske (.2 innings) for eight strikeouts.

Ryan Jones, the Huron Valley starter, took the loss.

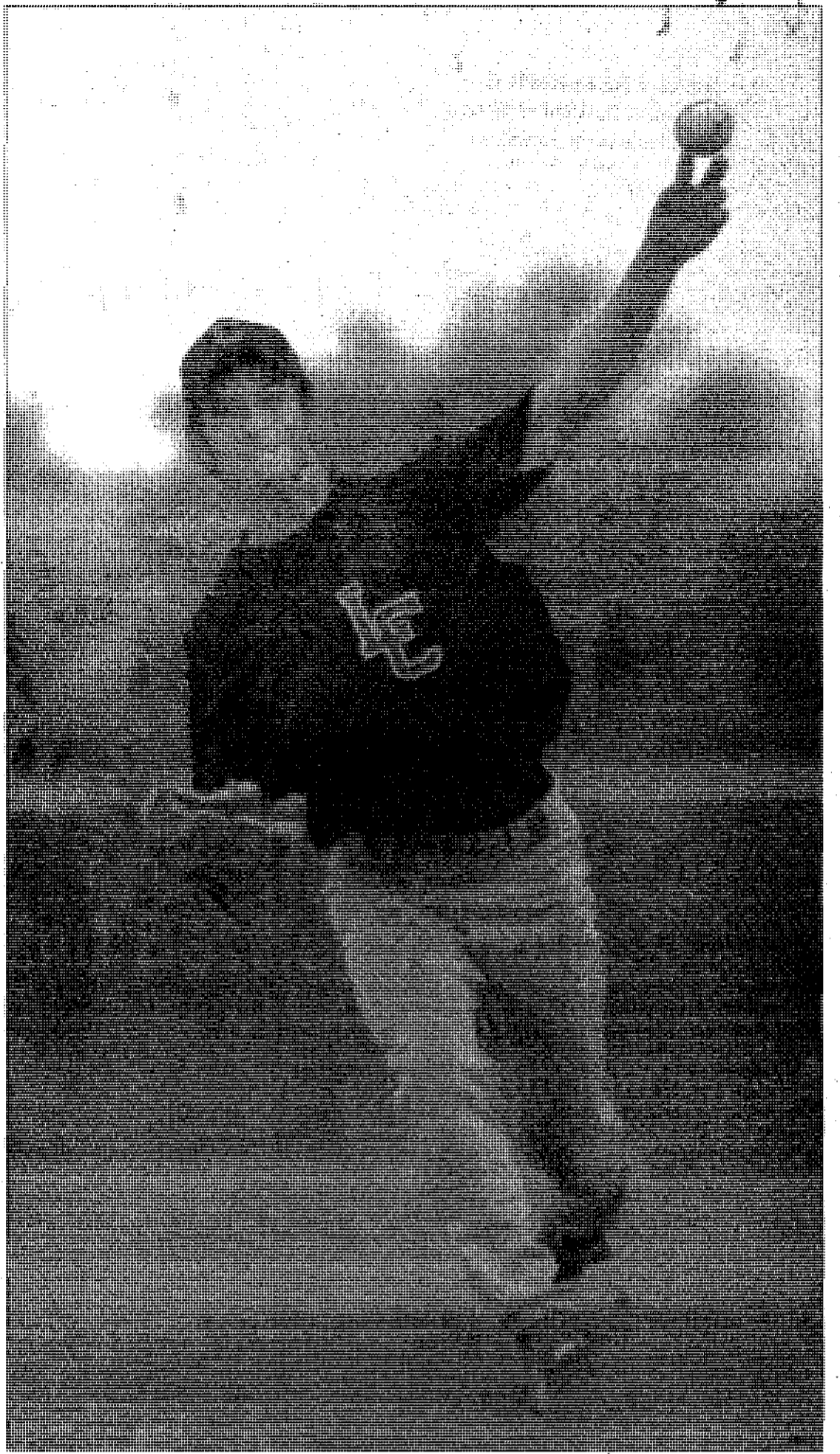
Kevin Tramchida had a two-run double for the Hawks, who bow out with a 5-12 overall record.

Trojans bounced

In Saturday's Division 3 district tournament, Jason Priestak went 3-for-4 with an RBI as host Dearborn Heights Crestwood eliminated Livonia Clarenceville in a five-inning mercy, 12-1.

A.J. Black was the winning pitcher, while Brad Schwartz took the loss for the Trojans, who bowed out at 3-23 overall.

Nick Garant went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Clarenceville.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill pitcher Vinny Carozza was the hero in both district victories over Canton and Plymouth in the Division 1 district at Livonia Stevenson.

Carozza's arm, bat stymie Chiefs, 3-2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill junior Vinny Carozza ended Canton's season with his arm and extended the Chargers' season with his bat Saturday morning at Livonia Stevenson.

After limiting the Chiefs' offense to just five hits from the mound, Carozza delivered a two-out, game-winning single at the plate in the bottom of the seventh to give the Chargers a dramatic 3-2 victory in a Division 1 district semifinal game played on the host Spartans' diamond.

The setback ended Canton's season at 13-15-1.

Canton junior left-hander Erik Wright (6-3) suffered the loss after giving up five hits while striking out 10.

With the score deadlocked at 2-all, pinch-hitter Matt Luneack led off the bottom of the seventh for Churchill with a ground-ball single up the middle. He was sacrificed to second by Brian Runge. Wright struck out the next batter, but Carozza knocked a rope to center field. Chief center fielder Dan Stoney made a

strong throw to the plate, but it was a split-second too late to get Steve Jones, who was pinch-running for Luneack.

"We came out in the first couple of innings and hit four or five balls hard but right at people," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "But that's baseball. It's a tough pill to swallow."

"I tip my cap to their pitcher. He threw a three-hitter against us the first time we faced him and he was tough again today. He gets ahead of the count and keeps the ball down."

"Erik threw great today, especially after the first couple of innings. He gave up a bleeder up the middle in the seventh then they scored on a two-out hit that barely got over our second baseman's glove. If the ball was hit a little harder, we would have had more of a chance to throw him out at the plate. I wish Churchill well. They made the plays today."

Canton seized a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Kyle Gring led off with a single before Ryan Neu followed with a bunt hit. Dan

Milus then moved both runners along with a bunt before Stoney scored Gring with a sacrifice fly.

Churchill drew even at 1-1 in the bottom of the second when Kirk Ciarrocchi drew a lead-off walk, advanced to third on a Runge single and scored on an error.

The Chargers claimed a 2-1 lead in the third when Carozza doubled and eventually scored on Bryon Niemczak's ground-out. Wright then found his groove and retired 10 of the next 12 batters he faced, eight via strikeouts.

The Chiefs tied the game at 2-all in the top of the sixth when with one out Neu reached on an error. Following a groundout, Stoney launched a long triple to left-center to score Neu.

Ben Vaughn led off Canton's seventh with a single, however, Carozza retired the next three hitters on a strikeout and two ground-outs, setting the stage for his heroics in the bottom half of the frame.

Carozza was the game's only player to register two hits.

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on a Plymouth error.

The Wildcats busted loose for three runs in the fourth. Tyler Locklear led off with a single and Ryan Valle reached on an error before Matt Barrera plated Locklear with a scorching double. Valle was thrown out at the plate on a perfect 7-6-2 relay.

Plymouth grabbed a 4-3 lead when Barrera stole third and scored on the Chargers' second error of the inning. Harvey, who had reached on the error, stole second and scored via back-

to-back wild pitches to make it 5-3.

When play resumed on Monday, Plymouth appeared to double its lead to 6-3 in the fifth when Michael Rose, who was pinch-running for pitcher Garrett Rebain, stole second before scoring on a Churchill error. However, the Chargers argued that Rose missed the base while rounding third and the home-plate umpire agreed with the appeal.

Churchill scored the three game-winning runs in the fifth when Tyler Bledsoe reached on an error, Mitchell singled and Ciarrocchi hammered a double off the fence in left-center, scoring Bledsoe. Mitchell then

scored on Steve Jones' ground out before Matt Luneack plated Ciarrocchi with a single.

Carozza retired six of the last seven batters he faced to clinch the championship.

"This is just a good group of kids that work hard," a pride-filled Targosz said. "If you look at us compared to some other teams, we're not overly talented, but we have kids who work hard and do what needs to be done to win."

"It's fun coming to practice with this team because you know they're all going to give 100 percent effort because they want to get better."

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Churchill finds Canton pitcher to be a royal Payne

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Canton didn't win the Western Division or the Western Lakes Activities Association softball title this spring, but the Chiefs are alive and well in the Division 1 state tournament.

Junior left-hander Hilary Payne struck out 29 batters on the day and tossed a pair of shutouts as the Chiefs improved to 26-9 overall by defeating Salem (5-0) and Livonia Churchill (1-0, in 10 innings) to capture Saturday's district title at Livonia Stevenson.

Canton moves on Saturday to the Novi regional to take on Farmington Hills Mercy (25-11) in one semifinal with the winner taking on either Redford Union or Allen Park.

"We've got the talent, we just have to stay together," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We've been hot and cold, but once we get hot, there's not a lot of teams out there that can beat us. We hope this (district title) breaks them loose and gives them confidence. It was a great effort by everybody."

In the championship final, Salem (18-16) couldn't get the bats going against Payne, who fanned 12 after striking out 17 against Churchill.

The Rocks, who had beaten Canton 1-0 in a previous meeting, managed to keep it close for three innings before the Chiefs got a pair of runs in the fourth on an RBI double by Alyssa Johnson and an RBI single by Nicole Rago.

Canton added two more in the fifth as Eastern Michigan University recruit Lauren Delapaz led off with a triple and later scored on Payne's fielder's choice groundout. Kim Keppen added an RBI single after Johnson reached base on an infield error.

Rocks coach Bonnie Southerland then made a pitching change going with sophomore Kelly MacDonald, who replaced senior starter Melissa Leach.

Delapaz then tripled in the seventh and came all the way

around after the throw from the outfield to the plate got away.

Canton out-hit the Rocks, 11-4. Amanda Emmons had two of Salem's four hits.

"They (Canton) beat us the first time (3-0) and we beat them the second time (1-0), so we came in thinking it was anybody's ballgame," Southerland said. "Their pitcher (Payne) pitched well, but we would not have gotten here without our pitcher (Leach). I'm proud of the way we fought this year. We started out 0-4 and beat every team that beat us this year."

The Rocks pulled an upset in the first semifinal, beating Plymouth, 3-0, to end the Wildcats' season at 24-6.

Leach held Plymouth to four hits. She walked two and struck out three as the Rocks avenged a 9-2 setback to the Wildcats on April 19.

Liz Thomas went 2-for-2 with a walk and scored a run in the first on a Plymouth infield error. Mary Cox also scored another first-inning run in the first on a Wildcat error to make it 2-0. Emily Pitcole went 2-for-3 with an RBI single in the fifth.

"Beating Plymouth was a big hurrah for us," Southerland said. "We hadn't beaten them in several years and 2004 was the last time versus Canton. We were not the favorite in this district, but to knock Plymouth out was a good win for the girls."

Losing pitcher Meghan Patterson allowed six hits, walked three and struck out five. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

"Base running mistakes took us out of key situations and we left too many runners on base," Plymouth coach Val Canfield said. "Leach did a good job against us. They made key plays and it showed up at the end of the game."

Canton's 1-0 semifinal victory over Livonia Churchill was a nailbiter.

The Chiefs left 11 base-runners stranded through nine innings, including the bases loaded in the ninth as

Churchill junior Jordan Kerr, who allowed just six hits and four walks, got out of the jam with a ground out back to the mound.

But Canton tallied the game-winning run in the 10th when Delapaz tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

"Delapaz was awesome, she played extremely well," Arnold said.

Payne collected three hits in the win, while catcher Kim Beaudoin added two.

The Chargers' best opportunity came in the eighth when Paula Guzik and Katie Stodulski had back-to-back bunt singles, but Payne got out of the jam on a fielder's choice, followed by a double play.

"Churchill played extremely well, they played tough," Arnold said. "Their pitcher did an excellent job of working the inside of the plate and their catcher called an excellent game."

Churchill bowed out at 17-15 overall.

"One more bunt (in the ninth) and it would have worked out," Churchill coach Meghan Misiak-Hall said. "We needed the big hit with runners on."

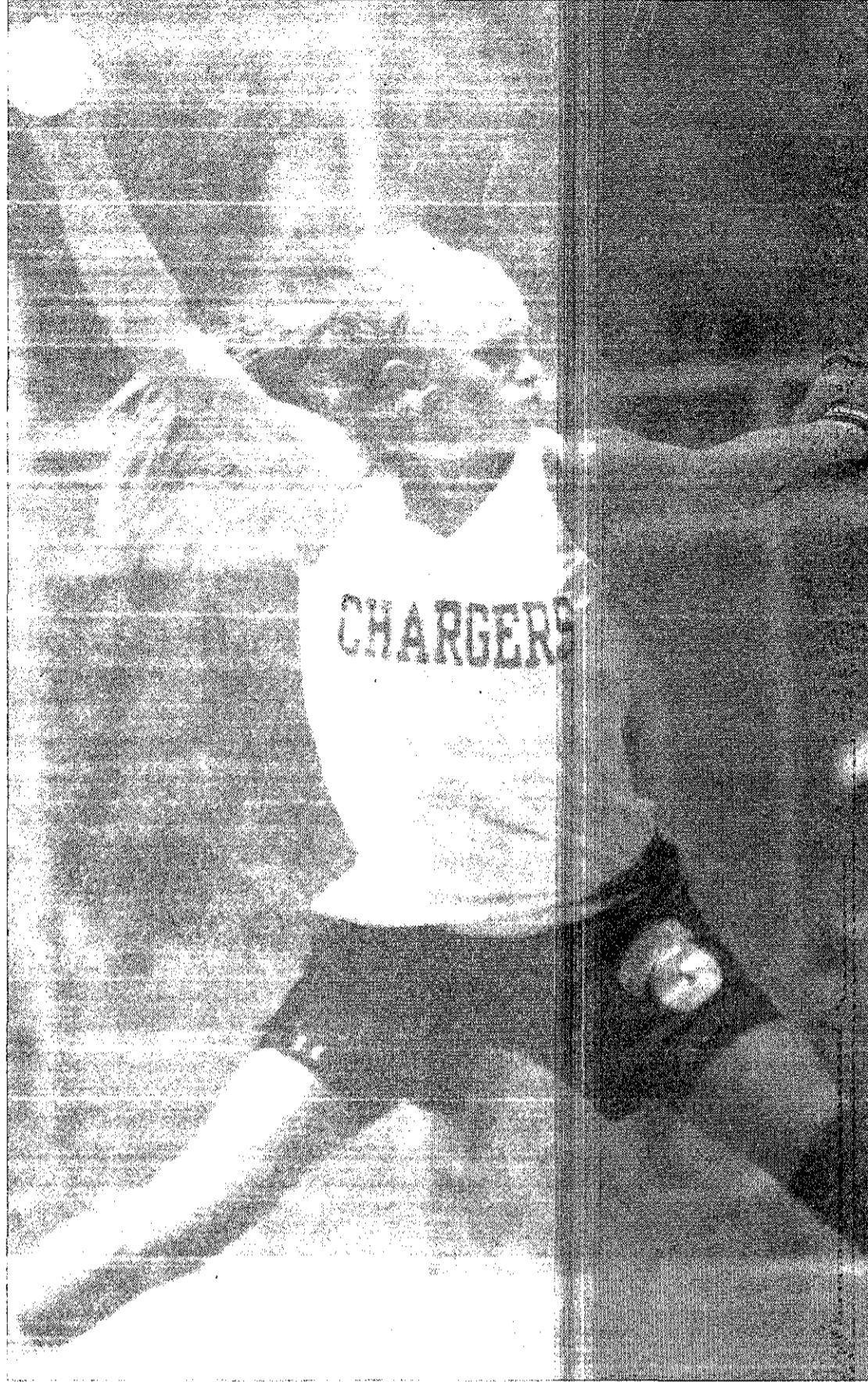
"She (Kerr) pitched fantastic. I couldn't ask for more. She was able to mix it up. She moved the ball around and kept hitters off-balance. She's a tough player and she always gives it her all."

It was Canton's fifth district title in a row and the ninth for Arnold, who was coming off a week-long suspension after pulling his team off the field in an 8-1 forfeit loss May 20 to Plymouth.

"I missed being off the week," Arnold said. "I know what not to do and it will not happen again. I'm back and everything will be alright."

The Chiefs have a good chance to win the regional if...

"We've left more runners on than anything," Arnold said. "We've worked on that all season long. And once the game came alive, we made things happen."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill pitcher Jordan Kerr hurled nine scoreless innings and limited Canton to six hits before the Chiefs scored in the 10th for a 1-0 district semifinal victory.

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Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 10
at MU's Hiltch Ballpark

Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams (2), noon.
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Det. Eagles vs. Oak. Cubs (2), noon.

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Saturday, June 9

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Det. Predators vs. Chicago Force
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together for her," Nagy said. Other Ladywood finishers included Kelly Thomas, 89-77-166; Angela Jamrog, 88-82-170; Erica Mazur, 88-90-178; Rachel Fuller (101) and Alaina Vince (102) for a 203. "The girls played their hearts out and we shot a school-record 672 for two days and school-record 329 today (Saturday)," Ladywood coach Kellianne

Nagy said. "Kelly Thomas shot a 77, her best-ever. And to top it off, she shot a 1-under 35 on her back nine. It was so cool. She was like in a zone and having a great time doing it. She was booming her driver and then her chipping and putting were flawless. I was so happy for her. She has worked so hard." Jamrog, who missed the Catholic League Tournament with a broken wrist, returned to the state finals wearing a pink, neon cast. She fired an 82 on Saturday's final round after an 88 on Friday.

"Talk about playing with a lot of heart," Nagy said. "It took a lot of courage and a lot of guts to do what she did. I'm so proud of her. She played so well. It was great." "And Erica Mazur shot 90 today (Saturday), and played really well. She, too, has worked extremely hard over the last year at her game and it really shows." Of the starters, Ladywood loses three to graduation including Warzyniec, Jamrog and Thomas.

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Patriots' Whalen shines in throws

Robyn Whalen became the first Livonia Franklin track and field athlete to earn All-State honors in more than one event when she placed in both the shot put and discus in the Division I finals held Saturday at East Kentwood. The senior threw 40 feet, 7.75 inches in the shot put to finish fourth. The event was won by Norianna Brown of Port Huron with a toss of 42-3.5. Whalen, who came in as the top seed in the discus, added a toss of 119-7 to place fifth. That event was captured

by Livonia Churchill's Lauren Krupsky with a throw of 129-9. Whalen became the first girls track All-Stater at Franklin since Nadia Awad in 1979. "The disc obviously didn't go as well as she had hoped since she was the number one seed, but hey, fifth in the state is pretty darn good," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "I'm especially proud of how she did in the shot put since it came after the disc. A lot of athletes would have let the

disappointment get the them, but she came out with a vengeance. "She was ninth going into the finals with a 38-8.5, and on her second throw in the finals, threw the 40-7.75 that took her all the way from ninth place to fourth. This was a great way to cap off such a successful season for our team." Whalen finishes her Patriot career as the school record holder in the discus (139-0) and ranks number two alltime in the shot put (to Awad) at 40-9.

Ladywood booted from soccer regional

St. Clair Shores Lake Shore scored twice in the final 20 minutes Tuesday to oust Livonia Ladywood from the Division 2 girls soccer tournament, 2-0, in the regional semifinals held at Berkley's Hurley Field. The loss ends Ladywood's season at 5-11-2 overall and sends the Shorians into Friday's regional final, 6 p.m. Friday against Birmingham

Marian, also at Hurley Field. Standouts for the Blazers, according to first-year coach Brent Petkus, included junior center-midfielder Alison Szczypka and senior left-defender Jesse Benaglio. "Jesse's our only senior, she played all-out, 100 percent, she played good defense and left it all out on the field," Petkus said.

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Nia Henderson (of Kent State), the school record holder in both the shot put and discus, and volleyball teammate Kyndra Abron (a junior). She credits throws coaches John Filiatraut and Joe George for much of her success. "They're the best, ask anyone," Krupsky said. "They have two different styles. Joe is very technical, focusing on the footwork, while John is good as far as putting some of the final touches together." Krupsky's track and field career is pretty much on ice. Once she graduates from Churchill, she'll concentrate on conditioning and working summer camps in preparation to play volleyball this fall for the Chippewas (where she plans to study pre-veterinary medicine). "I was really relaxed and tried not to be stressed," Krupsky said of Saturday's meet. "I just wanted to enjoy it (track and field), but I knew it was it. I'm really sad. I'll miss a lot of the coaches. The whole state meet experience was so much fun."

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The U.S. Open

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

Tiger Woods will not win the U.S. Open next week at Oakmont. Before you scream "blasphemy", consider that Tiger has not won our national championship since his victory at Bethpage back in 2002. Since then he just has not played well in this event.

Why? Since 2002, Tiger's driving accuracy has gone down considerably. This does not hurt him in most other events, including the other majors, because the rough is not nearly as penal as a U.S. Open course. The USGA always sets up an Open course as penal as possible with 4-6 inch rough and golf courses that are some of the longest in history.

Therefore, unless you hit the fairway you are really going to struggle to make par at a U.S. Open venue. And Tiger just does not hit enough fairways. At other events he simply overpowers the course by hitting monster drives in the rough that are not nearly as penal. He won't be able to do that at Oakmont.

Phil Mickelson with his new swing coach Butch Harmon (Tiger's former coach), has a much better chance. This depends on whether his injury has sufficiently healed. He has performed well in this event -- almost winning last year. And he is playing very well lately.

More importantly he has been hitting fairways at the U.S. Open. That is what it will take to stay in contention at Oakmont next week.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XYT The Sports Station. Don't forget to check out lessonongolf.com for half off golf at great courses!

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Falcons deny Ladywood in softball final

After reaching the Division 2 girls softball quarterfinals three straight years, Livonia Ladywood fell in Saturday's district championship game Saturday to Catholic League rival Dearborn Divine Child, 4-3.

Ladywood ends its season at 13-21 overall, while Divine Child advances to this Saturday's regional at Ladywood with a 22-11 record to take on the District 61 winner.

Ashlyn Childs collected a hit, had two stolen bases and scored twice for the victorious Falcons.

Ladywood jumped out to a

2-0 lead in the opening inning on a double by senior Erin McLaughlin, a single by freshman Alyssa Gietl and a single by junior Kyla Suchy, but DC answered with three runs in the bottom of the first on a hit, walk and Ladywood error.

The Falcons added another run in the fourth to make it 4-2. The Blazers threatened the next inning, but left the bases loaded.

In the seventh, McLaughlin singled and reached second safely on a fielders choice. With Gietl safe at first on the play, Suchy hit a fly to

right that was called an out because of the infield fly rule. McLaughlin scored from second, but Gietl was cut down trying to go to third on a fly ball to right off the bat of freshman Gina Sykes.

Rebecca Ryan was the winning pitcher, while Lauren Taylor suffered the loss.

In the semifinal, Ladywood collected 10 hits in downing Redford Thurston, 17-3, as Taylor had two hits, including a three-run homer.

Suchy and Courtney LaValley added two hits apiece, while LaValley, Suchy,

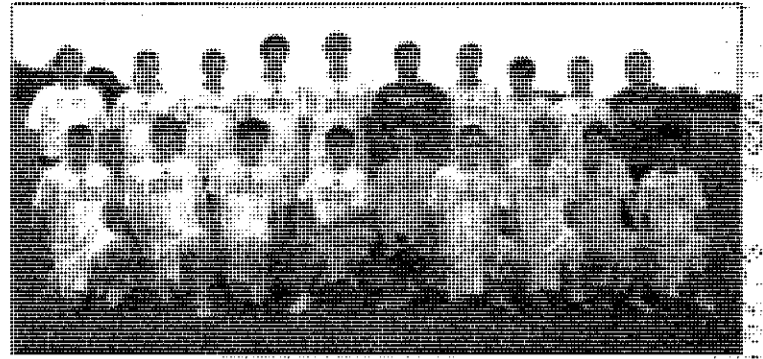
Gietl and Alyssa Abramowski each knocked in a run.

Junior Meredith Stasa (4-6) allowed just four hits and did not give up a ball to the outfield until the fourth inning.

In the other semifinal, Divine Child took four innings to mercy Livonia Clarenceville, 15-0.

The Trojans ended the season 7-19 overall.

Four Ladywood players earned All-District honors included Sykes (third base), Abramowski (first base), McLaughlin (second base) and Taylor (pitcher).



Best of Midwest

The Livonia YMCA Meteors '91, an under-16 boys team, captured the Premier Division at the Best of the Midwest tournament, May 28, in Plainfield, Ill. The Meteors finished tournament play with a 5-0 record, while outscoring their opponents, 9-4. In the championship match, the Livonia Meteors '91 battled the Milford Meteors Golf to a 0-0 tie through regulation and two overtimes before winning on penalty kicks, 4-2. Meteors '91 reached the championship with a 2-1 semifinal win over Gary (Ind.) Inter White, 2-1. Preliminary round wins came over Gary (Ind.) U-16 Black, Orland Park (Ill.) Stars and St. Charles (Ill.) Strikers Fox Valley Black. Goalkeeper Ben Zukowski (Livonia) allowed just four goals in five games. Other members of the '91 Meteors, trained by Rick Block (Lutheran High Westland and Devon Stenrose, include: Nick Anagnostou, Ricky Chrzasz, Evan Garber, Robby Pollock, Matt Regan, Brian Rowe, Nate Sergison, Drew Sieber, David Simor, Kendal Snow, Brady Thom, Steve Trapp and Tyler Vines, all of Livonia; Ron Berger, Garden City; James Leffler, Commerce Township; and Jordan Turner, White Lake. The head coach is Bob Regan, assisted by Mark Vines and Jeff Sieber. The team manager is Doug Garber.

Rams edge Eagles for first LCBL triumph

Two runs in the bottom of the sixth enabled the Michigan Rams to earn their first win of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season Monday over the 22-and-under Detroit Eagles, 8-7.

Max Kelmigian had the game-winning RBI sacrifice fly scoring Kyle Gendron, who reached base on a hit batsman. Ryan Shay tied the game with an RBI sacrifice fly as the Rams improved to 1-2 in the LCBL.

Andrew Stafford went 2-for-3 with a double and

RBI. Frank Persichino also knocked in two runs and scored twice.

Plymouth High grad Alex Harvey went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Eagles, who fall to 0-2-1. Livonia Franklin High grad Otis Young also went 2-for-4, while Dave Carrino went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Tim Cross and Aaron Wilson also knocked in two runs each.

Winning pitcher Justin Collop, a Wayne Memorial grad who played this season at the University of Toledo was

the winning pitcher in relief of starter Ryan Gunderson. Collop went 2.2 innings, allowing two runs on two hits. He struck out four.

Losing pitcher John Ballarin was the losing pitcher in relief.

Cubs edge Rams

In eight innings, the Michigan Cubs edged the Rams, 8-7, as Brian Tellish got the game-winning RBI on a fielders choice to score Rod Helson.

Helson and Jeff Digati each collected two hits for the Cubs,

who improved to 2-0.

Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State) went 3-for-3 with a triple and two RBI. Ryan Shay added two hits and an RBI for the Rams, who overcame a 4-0 first-inning deficit.

Winning pitcher Chris Chanry went 2.1 innings, allowing no runs on four hits and a walk.

Losing pitcher Sam Yashinsky took the loss in relief. He allowed one run on one hit and three walks. He fanned three.

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The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The reconstruction and paving of parking lots at five (5) city parks located throughout the City of Livonia. This work will include the placement of approximately 8,150 tons of bituminous concrete pavement, striping, restoration and other related items of work.

Proposals, contract forms, plans and specifications under which the work will be done may be obtained, starting **June 11, 2007**, at the Office of the City Engineer, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. A NON-REFUNDABLE CHECK in the amount of **Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) (\$40.00 if mailed)** will be required for each set of bidding documents obtained.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of 5% of the total bid, payable to the City as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 18, 2007 at 6:45 o'clock in the evening at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2007-08 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2007-08 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2007-08 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.

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

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Blazer spiker camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a volleyball camp from 9 a.m. to noon (grades 3-6) and from 6-9 p.m. (grades 6-9), Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school.

For more information, e-mail Cameron Kompotowicz at ckompo@yahoo.com.

Glenn football camp
The Westland John Glenn football summer skills camp for incoming grades 5-10 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 19-22, at high school.

The cost of the camp, directed by Glenn varsity coach Todd DeLuca, is \$50 (includes awards and pizza party).

For more information, call Dan Massey at (734) 419-2329.

Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier and his staff will stage a summer baseball camp for boys and girls exiting grades 3-6 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). You must be registered by Friday, June 15.

For more information, call Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournier2@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Glenn hoop camp

Westland John Glenn boys varsity coach Dan Young will stage a basketball camp for boys and girls (entering grades 3-9 in the fall) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school gymnasium.

All participants will receive instruction on all phases of the game including offense, defense, shooting, rebounding techniques, ball-handling skills, mental attitude and teamwork.

The cost is \$50 (includes T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail youngda22@yahoo.com.

Field hockey camp

The 2007 Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp for grade six through incoming freshman will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt with on-site athletic trainer). Registration is due June 15.

The camp, directed by Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, will put an emphasis on fundamentals and techniques. All camp participants must bring shin guards, a mouthpiece and water bottle. Rubber cleats are recommended along with a field hockey stick (some available for signout at the camp). You should also bring a sack lunch.

For more information, e-mail coachkris@ameritech.net.

All-Star Hoop Camp

Registration is on for the All Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15 hosted by Madonna University.

MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will direct three sessions of boys camps including: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 13-16; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22; also July 30-Aug. 3. The girls camp will be from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9.

The cost for each session is \$175 (hot lunches are available for \$5 per day).

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

Franklin hoop skills

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball skills camp (grades 4-9) will be from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, at the high school fieldhouse.

The pre-registration cost is \$65. Walk-up registration is \$75. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. Baskets can be lowered to 8 feet and mid-sized balls will be provided to younger player. Older players will be on separate course.

Printable registration information is available at franklinbasketball.googlepages.com or e-mail jrheault@livonia.k12.mi.us.

C'ville mat camp

The 2007 Trojan Wrestling Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20 at the Livonia Clarenceville High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to any Clarenceville student presently in grades 1-7.

The cost is \$60.

Checks should be made payable to Clarenceville Wrestling (c/o Anthony Salciccioli) and sent to: 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

For more information, call Salciccioli at (248) 719-3273.

Scicluna Soccer camp

The Scicluna Soccer Camp for boys and girls ages 5-16 will be stage a series of base camps (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and full-day camps (9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, July 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

The cost for residents is \$160 (base camp) or \$210 (full camp). Non-resident fees are \$210 and \$220, respectively.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Diesels football camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league team, will stage a three-day youth football camp along with the Livonia Family YMCA from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27, at Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Camp participants will be split into four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

The cost is \$30, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48) value and pizza party on the final day.

For more information, call (313) 299-1277.

Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School will offer a series of summer sports camps including:

Baseball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2007): 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday through Thursday, June 19-21, at high school field (cost \$52). Directed by Ron Targosz.

Boys basketball (grades 6-9): 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81). Directed by Jim Solak.

Girls basketball shooting (grades 5-9): 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Wednesday, July 9-11, at the fieldhouse

(cost \$52). Directed by Keith McDonald.

Girls basketball skills (grades 5-10): 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81). Directed by Keith McDonald.

Football (boys in grades 3-8): 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26, at the football fields (cost \$38). Directed by John Filiatraut.

Football (boys in grades 9-12): 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26, at the football fields (cost \$60). Directed by John Filiatraut.

Girls gymnastics (ages 11 and up): 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 18-22; and July 16-20, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81 for each session). Directed by Kelly Grodzicki.

High jump (grades 8-12): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, July 20-21, at the Churchill fields (cost \$115 with lunch provided both days). Directed by Vern Williams.

Pole vault (co-ed grades 8-12): 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 5; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7, at the Churchill fields (cost \$157 with lunch provided July 6-7). Directed by Vern Williams.

Hockey skills (grades 9-12): 8-9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20; and from 9-10:30 a.m., July 23-27, at Edgar Ice Arena. Limited enrollment to 45 skaters and five goalies (cost 175). For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at pmazzoni@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Girls fastpitch softball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2007): 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, at the Churchill baseball field (cost is \$57). Directed by Meghan Misiak-Hall.

Girls volleyball (eight days): 8:15-10:30 a.m. (grades 10-12) and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (grades 7-9), June 13-22, at the fieldhouse (cost \$99). Directed by Mark Grenier.

For more information, including schedules for the tennis and swim camps, call the CES Enrichment Office at (734) 744-2602.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps including:

Elite: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players: 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Hitters: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist: 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

C'ville girls hoops

Livonia Clarenceville will stage a fundamentals camp for girls entering grades 4-9 in the fall from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school gym.

The cost is \$60 per player (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, call Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

Livonia Y leagues

The following leagues are now underway for registration at the Livonia Family YMCA including:

Co-ed T-Ball, coach-pitch and kid pitch league (ages 4-10) and pee wee soccer (ages 3-6), July 7-Aug. 11; fall soccer (starts early Sept.) instructional (ages 3-8) and recreational (boys and girls under-9 through under-14).

New sports camps and off-season sports training are also offered. Prices vary.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

WYAA football signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

The WYAA has two units. The Westland Meteors practices at Voss Park (Henry Ruff and Palmer) and play their home games at Wayne Memorial High School. The Westland Comets practice at Marshall Middle School and play their home games at John Glenn High School.

Age groups for both units include freshman (8-10), JV (11-12) and varsity (11-14). Players are subject to weight restrictions. All players who register must produce a copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate) and a recent school photo.

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.

Instructional football

Registration is under way for the WYAA's new instructional football program for ages 7-8 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

No scores will be tabulated and coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. Games will be played prior to Meteors and Comets on their respective game dates.

Participants must have a maximum weight restriction of 115 pounds and must supply a copy of their birth certificate to the league.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

Registration for the Westland Comets and Meteors cheerleading squads is open to all girls ages 6-14 (as of Sept. 1).

Both units will cheer for the Meteors and Comets freshman, JV and varsity football squads during the season and also participate in the Western Suburban Junior Football League cheerleading rally.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

SK8 Jam

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its SK8 Jam for boys and girls ages 7-and-up beginning at noon Saturday, June 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile).

Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon the day of the event (cost \$5). Pre-registration is underway at the LCRC (cost \$3).

Prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Zanglin Downriver Run

The Zanglin Downriver Run will celebrate its 25th anniversary Friday, June 15 in downtown Trenton.

The 1-mile fun run starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer race at 8 p.m.

Entry forms are available online at www.zanglinrun.com; or by visiting Total Runner, 15265 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate. You can register in person at Total runner through June 10 for \$18; June 11-14 you can register and pick up your registration packet for \$20. Race day registration, which begins at 5:30 p.m. at the corner of W. Jefferson and

St. Joseph streets, is \$25.

Online registration is also available through June 14 at www.active.com.

For more information, call (734) 282-1101.

Youth Fitness Meet

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Fitness meet for boys and girls ages 7-14 will start at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28 at Rotary Park.

Free registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. on June 28. Youths must live in the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to participate.

Among the events include standing long jump, running long jump, chinning, dashes, agility course and softball throw.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Drop in H.S. hockey

High school drop in hockey will be available from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

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

All players must show their high school I.D., read and sign a rules form, along with a liability waiver form.

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an introduction to target archery class from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays on June 9, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22, at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

The fee is \$12 (residents) and \$14 (non-residents). Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 12100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment. A limited number of instructional bow, arrows and other supplies are available to use at no additional cost. Class participants may also bring a lunch if desired. A half-hour break is schedule during the workshop.

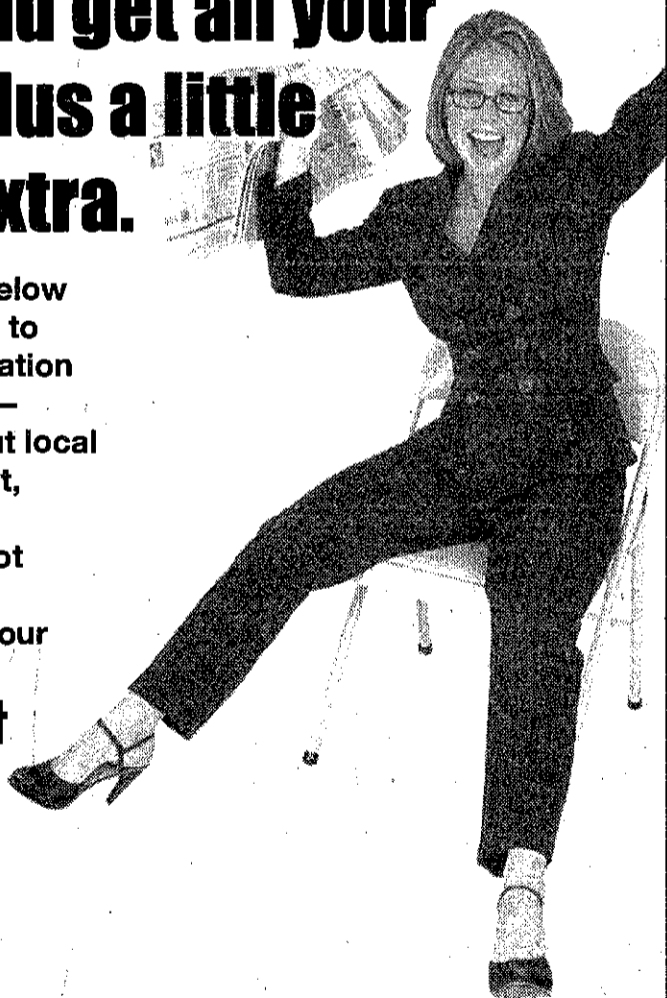
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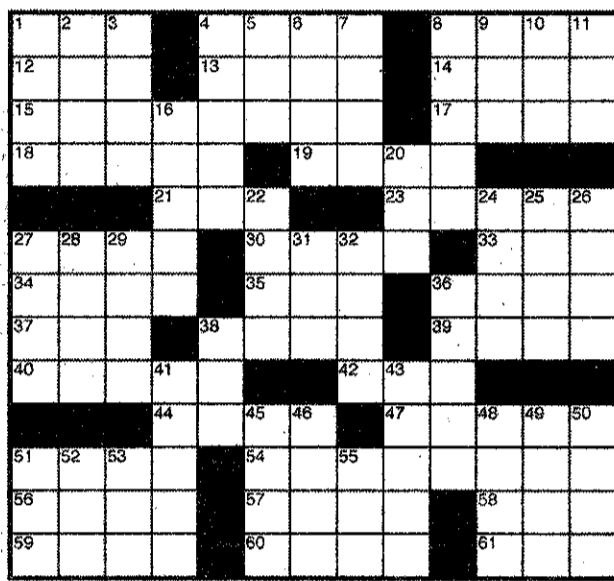
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- 16 Identical
- 20 Fail to keep pace
- 22 Venomous snakes
- 24 Bug
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- 26 Observe
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WORKWISE
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Everyone encounters hatred at some point in life. This could be at work, in the community or society overall. It is complex; its solutions, varied.

HATRED, HARASSMENT, BULLYING

Lynn Hagan, licensed clinical social worker in private practice at Cohen Associates P.A., in Houston, spent five years counseling State Department employees in Kuwait. "Particularly after 9/11," she says, "I had specific instances of Kuwaitis discussing business trips to the United States, where they were detained at the airport because of racial profiling." Sometimes, she explains, hatred appears as harassment. It's not bullying, which she defines as "generally a self-promoting behavior involving building the self up to beat the other person down."

"Hatred is much broader, targeting the other person," she explains. "It has to do with bias. People who hate are hating a group for its gender, sexual identity, race, physical appearance, disability or religious affiliation."

Tim Ursiny, CEO of Advantage Coaching & Training Inc., in West Chicago, Ill., maintains that many corporations, confronting aggressive conflict, equate hatred with aggressiveness. "Hatred involves self-protection of some kind," he states. "Many times people are just frightened to death."

His role is to identify the source and potential solutions. Why are people so angry?

"Many times fear, hurt, betrayal and humiliation are below it," he states. "The challenge is to get their world view. Hatred itself is so hard to work with directly. If we can get to the emotion below that, we have a chance for healing."

ALTERNATIVES

The easiest solution to hatred is to cut off entirely from individuals fomenting it. Don't speak with them; don't work with them; move on. But is that the best solution? It may not be if you're working at a company you like or in a career you won't abandon.

While you may feel like attacking the person, Ursiny recommends that you "build firm boundaries, not beat the person back." Returning hatred with anger or hatred will increase the person's self-protection. That gives you one more layer to penetrate. "But don't let the person -- who isn't rational -- inappropriately hurt you," Ursiny states. "Guard your integrity. Have boundaries without being hateful."

If you decide to counter rather than ignore the hateful communication, Ursiny maintains that you'll be successful about 90 percent of the time by "finding one thing to agree with. But be genuine. This usually diffuses the person." Doing so requires:

- deflecting by thinking, paraphrasing and indicating without emotion that you understand the issue being discussed;
- worrying less about your words than tone and face, to which the person will give more credence than what you say;



Tim Ursiny coaches a client about strategies for handling hatred in the workplace. He is CEO of West Chicago, Ill.'s Advantage Coaching & Training Inc., in West Chicago, Ill.

- replacing the impulse to placate with energy to avoid fueling the person; and
- defusing through respect and self-confidence.

"If you come with insecurity, you're doomed," he comments.

Hagan advises you to check with company policies before you take action, and not to take it if you might compromise your safety. She recommends that you express your discomfort. "Tell the person you can't change the way they think, but ask them to temper their remarks and behaviors. Then, if you have a friend in his same ethnic group, for example, ask him to (intervene). Enlist help of a social service agency, church, synagogue or mosque to engage in a dialogue."

She remarks that documenting everything is essential. Protect your records by storing them away from the environment where the hatred is

expressed. Hagan advocates approaching your supervisor, then the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for guidance, whether internal or external. "EAP falls under HR," she clarifies, "but they don't report to HR." Consider the possibility of legal action, if necessary.

Hagan points out that we live in a culture of hatred. Popular television shows, such as "The Weakest Link" and "American Idol," and radio personalities such as Limbaugh, Howard Stern and Imus participate in and contribute to our culture of hatred by belittling others. "All of these shows promote beating down other people so you look better. It is pervasive. Why is our culture allowing this?"

While you're looking for an answer, counter hate effectively.

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