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Rockets connect kids and science

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There was no rocket's red glare, no roar as engines ignited. Just a loud whoosh.

In the shadow of the rocket that sits at the north end of the John Glenn High School football field, one by one students in Christina Lynch's science class used water pressure to send their homemade bottle rockets skyward.

"Mine's gone the farthest today," said Jessica Seman, whose rocket cleared treetops and landed in front of the new gymnasium almost 30 feet from the launch pad.

"I think it's because she put six fins on it," Lynch said. "They had to have at least three."

Lynch got the idea to do the rocket launches from another teacher who provided the pump and launch stand. Students who passed both marking periods in the second semester got to make and launch the rockets. All but three of her students participated.

"It helps connect with what we've been studying," Lynch said. "The second semester we studied the planets,

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn High School sophomore Corey Hinton watches as his bottle rocket blasts off. Members of science teacher Christina Lynch's class made the rockets as part of their study of the planets and space.

Police: Escapee was target of recent robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, mistakenly released from the Wayne County jail Sunday as he faced prison for armed robbery, was the intended target of a separate robbery that ended in a shooting a week earlier at his home, police said.

The story of 24-year-old Jason David Shuford, sought by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department after authorities said he was "released inappropriately" Sunday night, is a complicated one.

Shuford had been free on bond in early June, but he was returned to jail as he was to start serving prison time for an armed robbery that occurred in February on Belding Court, on Westland's south side.

Shuford was facing seven to 20 years in prison for that incident, police Sgt. Michael Harhold confirmed.

Before he went to jail to await prison, Shuford was the intended target of a robbery that resulted in a shooting around 1:15 a.m. Sunday, June 3, police Sgt. David Heater said.

Three assailants, including one who is in custody, are accused of going to Shuford's residence on Hubbard near Palmer to rob him after learning that he was carrying a substantial amount of money, Heater said.

"They were looking for Jason Shuford, but he wasn't there,"



Shuford

Heater said. Rather, Shuford's 26-year-old roommate and Shuford's 9-month-old son were in the house. One of the assailants, now facing a court hearing

on multiple charges including assault with intent to murder, armed robbery and home invasion, is accused of shooting the roommate.

It wasn't clear this week where Shuford's 9-month-old child was staying.

After avoiding the June 3 robbery and shooting, Shuford was returned to jail only to be released by Wayne County authorities on Sunday night. The sheriff's department issued a statement saying the details of his release were under investigation.

Authorities are asking for the public's help in locating Shuford, and they have released his picture. He is described as a 5-foot-6, 155-pound white male with blond hair and blue eyes.

Shuford may be driving a black, 1997 Dodge Ram with a Michigan license plate of BCV 8465. Anyone who has information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK UP.

Calls may be made anonymously, and Crime Stoppers offers a possible reward up to \$1,000.

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Robbery suspect turns himself in to Livonia police

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 51-year-old man turned himself over to Livonia authorities Saturday for a bank robbery that occurred five days earlier near his Westland apartment.

Daniel Girard Abbott called Livonia police about 8 a.m. Saturday from a public telephone near Five Mile and Middlebelt, where officers picked him up.

According to Westland police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski, Abbott identified himself as the suspect in a robbery that happened at 1:47 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the Comerica branch on Wayne Road south of Warren.

Abbott lives at Forest Lane Apartments, less than a mile south of the bank, Trzybinski said.

Abbott was arraigned Monday in front of Westland 18th District

Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of armed robbery and bank robbery. A not-guilty plea was entered for him.

Bokos set a \$500,000 cash bond and ordered Abbott back in court June 21 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the defendant could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

A bank teller told Westland police that, during the robbery, a man handed her a note, warned that he had a gun and demanded money.

The lone bandit escaped with several hundred dollars.

Police had distributed the suspect's picture, which was captured on a surveillance video camera.

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Teen is charged with felonious assault in kitchen knife incident

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Westland youth, shot amid accusations he came toward a police officer with a 12-inch kitchen knife, was arraigned on criminal charges Monday in his hospital bed.

Phillip Jay Taylor, who lives with his father at a northwest side apartment complex where the incident occurred last Friday, was continuing to recover from a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

He was arraigned by Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot on charges of felonious assault, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent and assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer. The charges against him carry penalties up to five years in prison.

Phillip Jay Taylor, who lives with his father at a northwest side apartment complex where the incident occurred last Friday, was continuing to recover from a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Vandersloot entered a not-guilty plea for Taylor, set a \$250,000 cash bond and scheduled a June 21 hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Taylor was shot after police went to Westwood Village Apartments at Joy and Hix after receiving a phone call Friday afternoon that a man there had a gun. Police Sgt. Thad Nelson confirmed this week that

Taylor actually made the call without implying who had a weapon, although he gave his apartment number.

When officers arrived, they found Taylor near an apartment complex swimming pool, talking on a cordless telephone. Nelson said Taylor was wielding a kitchen knife measuring about 12 inches, including the blade and handle.

"We're unclear on the motive at this point," Nelson said.

Taylor is accused of going toward a police officer with the knife before he was shot.

The officer's identity wasn't disclosed. He isn't suspected of any wrongdoing, although the police department's policy still requires an internal investigation.

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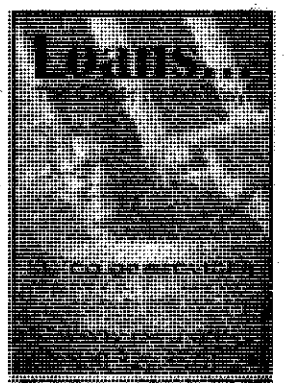
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Science teacher Christina Lynch helps ninth-grader Jessica Seman prepare her rocket for launch.

ROCKETS

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space exploration and rockets." Students used two-liter bottles and paper towel tubes for the rockets, while a table tennis ball and a piece of a garbage bag served as the parachute. The bottles were partially filled with water and then connected to the pump by tubing. The pump resembled a bicycle pump that students pushed and pulled until reaching the ideal amount of pressure. "We have to get it to 90-100 PSI, that's pounds per square inch," ninth-grader Norman Butler said. Some rockets took off on their own, while others, like Butler's, needed help — a tug by Lynch on a release valve that launched the rockets. Almost all of them failed to deploy the parachute, smacking into the ground nose first. Only one chute came out during prelaunch, leading Lynch

to call it a "design flaw." The class started launching the rockets last Wednesday. Those that survived the first day were put to the test again Thursday. According to Lynch, only two made it skyward the first day because they "ran out of water." Of the rockets launched Thursday, it was Seman's that repeatedly outdistanced the others. She sent it skyward at least four times, urged on by classmates who wanted to see it shoot off. And classmate Corey Hinton could only stare at his rocket as it dangled out of reach in a tree where it was caught on a branch by its parachute strings. "Oh, well," he said, "I've gotten kites caught in trees before." The second day of launches went so well, Lynch was considering a third day. "We'll do it all hour unless someone tells us differently," she said.

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Livonia Churchill High School seniors Ann-Marie Gatt (from left), Kellie Green, Rebecca Grden, Olivia Grat, Kendall Gilbert and Amber Holod gather for a group hug before Saturday's commencement ceremony. More photos and a list of the graduates are available in the online version of The Westland Observer at www.hometownlife.com.

Churchill seniors celebrate graduation

Churchill High School's Class of 2007 celebrated its commencement ceremony Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Principal R. Joseph Anderson offered the welcome. The Senior Ensemble sang the national anthem and the class celebration song, "You Raise Me Up." Senior class president Erin A. Cummins and all-school president Andrew D. Clairmont delivered the

farewell address. Cummins also presented the class gift. Other 2007 class officers were Elizabeth A. Karr, vice president; Jamie K. Scott, secretary; Candace A.M. Jones, treasurer; Andrea F. Skylacos, corresponding secretary; Mark A. Pilat, historian; and Kathryn A. Rogala, publicist. Other all-school officers are Meagan E. Drewyor, vice president; Erica E. Beaver, secretary; and Timothy J. Oakley, treasurer.

District officials presenting the diplomas were Lynda Scheel, school board president; Robert Freeman, board secretary; Steve King, trustee; Daniel Lessard, trustee; Gregory Oke, trustee; Rodney Hosman, director of administrative services; and Lisa Levesque, director of business services. Look for coverage of Franklin High School's graduation in Sunday's *Observer*.

Library kicks off reading program

Attention mystery seekers: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland wants you for its summer reading program. Children up to sixth-graders can register beginning Saturday, June 16, at the library. This summer's theme, Get a Clue @ Your Library, will feature story times, crafts, family movies, raffles, prizes, and entertaining programs. Calendars are available at the children's reference desk or an online version can be printed from the library Web page at www.westland.lib.mi.us. Children need to chart 500 reading minutes to complete

their reading log. An incentive prize will be given for every 100 minutes charted. All those who finish the program receive a paperback book of their choice, an invitation to the Summer Reading Program party and a raffle chance for grand prizes. The program ends at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. The kick-off event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Children who register on opening day will meet a famous cartoon mystery dog and receive a special treat bag. Call the library for information at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

Senior picnic

Seniors at the Friendship Center will celebrate the arrival of summer with a picnic noon-3 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh south of Ford. There'll be plenty of food and fun and entertainment from Detroit television pioneer Johnny Ginger. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call the center at (734) 722-7632.

Fund-raiser

A group of musicians from the Detroit metropolitan area will be in concert at the Wayne Ford Civic League Friday, June 15, to help a Maybe, Mich., man severely injured when a pool table fell on him. Singer/songwriter Brion Riborn, formerly of the band Code Bloom, and the band Maybe June will perform on stage for the 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. fund-raiser. Both of these acts will publicly unveil their respective projects at the event. In addition, Riborn (vocal and guitar), Dave McConnell (drummer and founder of Maybe June) and Heatherlynn (vocal and bassist) will reunite for a special reunion set of Code Bloom. Tickets are \$20 and include the entertainment and open bar. They can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Jen McConnell at (734)-377-6712

Movie in the park

Bring a chair, a blanket, a picnic basket or all three to Hines Park at dusk Friday, June 15, to watch the movie "Happy Feet." The free movie will be shown on a giant video projection system in full color with concert stereo sound in the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Youngsters are invited to the Public Library of Westland at 7 p.m. Monday, June 25, for an evening of stories presented by award-winning storyteller, Judy Sima. This program combines folk, traditional and modern tales with humor, songs, props and lots of audience participation. The program is for children ages 4 and older. Parent must be present. Pick up free

tickets at the Children's Desk. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Celebration

A community party to celebrate Ashe Lewis's acceptance to the Vocal Arts Division Interlochen Center for the Arts Summer Camp this summer will be 3-8 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Westland Meadows Clubhouse at 30600 Van Born, Westland. Put on by her mother, Juanita Francis, the celebration will feature food, entertainment, the Videogame Mobile, featuring X-box, PlayStation and Nintendo games, the JFL Dance Project and Heavenly Hands Massage Therapy. Midwest Marketing Associates will cater the event. People interested in attending the celebration, can call Francis at (734) 727-0488 or contact her by e-mail at jfldiversi@aol.com.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, June 28, 2007, various items of the City of Westland DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m.

The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	V.I.N.
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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
Mtg. No. 11 - 6-4-2007

Presiding: Council President Pickering
 Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

157 - Approved of minutes of 5-21-07
 - Approved bid for calcium chloride from Suburban Oil; am't \$127,400
 - Approved request to have the 2007 Board Up fees place on the summer 2007 tax bills
 - Approved the Admin. Fee Schedule for 2007/2008
 - Approved the Youth Assist. Prog. Admin. Contract for 7-1-07 thru 6-30-08
 - Approved Budget Amend. 2007-13; General Fund \$34,393
 - Approved Budget Amend. 2007-14; General Fund \$24,978
 - Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-15; General Fund \$88,640
 - Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-16; General Fund \$4,500
 - Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-17; General Fund \$20,000
 - Introduced Ord. 29-W-26-15; to amend Water & Sewer rates and Ind. Waste Control Charges
 158 - Adopted 2007/2008 fiscal yr. budget
 160 - Adopted res. spreading millage for 2007/2008 fiscal yr.
 162 - Adopted res. spreading millage for summer tax levy for 2007/2008 fiscal yr.
 163 - Adopted 2007/2008 Capital Improvement Program
 164 - Approved Checklist Activity: \$872,633.28 and Prepaid \$1,979,141.57
 Mtg. adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes available at the City Clerk's office.

CHARLES W. PICKERING Council President	EILEEN DeHART City Clerk
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 1036 - Robert Pearce II - Big Screen TV, Couch, Microwave
 5040 - Gwendolyn Brownlee - 20 Boxes, 3 bags, Misc Items
 4066 - Angela Kerr - 5 Totes, Dresser, Portable TV

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Thursday, June 14, 2007 and end Thursday, June 21, 2007. Interested persons should:

- visit www.aiteanton.com
- click on the "Auctions" tab
- in the right column, click on the "Click here for live auctions!"

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Summer fest offers variety of contests

Youngsters with an artistic bent or who have a hankering to be royalty are invited to enter several contests being offered at the Westland Summer Festival this year.

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program is once again sponsoring its Prince and Princess contest that will be held during the festival June 29-July 4.

The contest is open to boys and girls between the ages 3-5 by Dec. 31, 2007, who are residents of Westland.

Applications are currently available at Wayne Lawn and Garden at 2103 S. Wayne Road and the Bailey Recreation Center behind Westland City Hall.

The Prince and Princess contest is a fund-raiser for the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program. The winners are selected by festival goers who use money to vote for their favorite boy and girl. The children with the most votes will be crowned the city's junior prince and princess.

Contestants must provide a framed 8-by-10-inch or smaller photograph with the name and telephone number on the back as well as a decorated coffee can to serve as a ballot box. A square opening should be cut in the plastic lid to receive votes.

For more information, call Pat Hermatz at (734) 721-5220 or (734) 728-6151.

The Westland Civitan Club is sponsoring the Baby of the Year and Toddler of the Year events.

Infants who are Westland residents and have not turned one-year-old by July 1, 2007, are eligible for the baby contest. Parents must submit a photograph no larger than a 4 by 6 inches with the child's name and telephone number of the back.

The photos will be mounted on cans that will serve as ballot boxes. Votes are 1 cent each.

The six highest boy and girl vote getters will compete for the top honor on stage at noon July 4.

The toddler contest is for Westland children who have not reached their second birthday by July 1. Parents also will need to submit photographs and festival goers will vote for their favorite toddler at 1 cent per vote.

The top six boys and girls will compete for the honor, also at noon July 4.

Entries for the two contests must be submitted by no later than 4 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office, 36900 Ford, or the Bailey Recreation Center,

36651 Ford. For more information about the baby and toddler contests, call Barbara Polich at (734) 729-4941.

Money raised from the contests will be used to help local residents and for the Civitan Handicapped Intervention Prevention Program.

The Westland Festival Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for youngsters in kindergarten through the fifth-grade. Entries will be judged at each grade level - kindergarten-first grade, second-third grades and fourth-fifth grades - for first-, second-, third- place awards and honorable mention.

Kindergarteners and first-graders will write about "If I was granted one wish, it would be" Essays must be 15-25 words in length. Second- and third-graders will write about "Westland is a great place to live because" Their essays must be 25-50 words in length. Fourth- and fifth-graders will write about "I think a perfect celebration for July 4, our country's birthday would be" Their essays need to be between 50 and 100 words.

Children should include their name, grade level, phone number and school on their essays and submit them in a sealed envelope at the Bailey Recreation Center or Westland Chamber of Commerce by 9:45 p.m. June 29.

Children in first-sixth grades also can enter a poster contest, sponsored by the festival committee. The posters can be done in crayon, pencil, paint, etc. No computer generated or copied work will be accepted. The poster needs to be 11-by-14 inches and include the child's first name and grade on the front.

They can be submitted in a sealed envelope with an entry form by 6 p.m. June 1 at the festival's children's tent.

Prizes will be given for first-, second- and third-place in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. The awards will be presented at 6 p.m. July 4.

There also will be several contest for adults. The festival is sponsoring cake decorating and cake and pie baking contests.

No professionals will be allowed in the contest and entries must be turned in by 1 p.m. July 1 at the stage in the food court. Judging will start at 2 p.m. and first-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in each contest.

For more information about the essay, poster and baking contests, call Polich at (734) 729-4941.



Willie T. Clown (Bill Neelsen Sr.) of Romulus is among performers who mingle with youngsters on the festival grounds each year.

Annual summer festival has something to do for everyone

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It's summer. It's Westland. It's time for carnival rides, magic shows, ice cream eating contests, toddler competitions, outdoor concerts and Fourth of July fireworks.

It's almost time for the 37th annual Westland Summer Festival, which runs June 28 through July 4 on the grounds of the city's government complex, on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh.

As festival organizers prepare for the big party, Chairman Kenneth Mehl said that "everything is moving along."

Some festival goers have questioned how the closing of Central City Park, due to lead contamination, will affect the festival. Officials say it won't, really, because the events occur on city complex grounds.

The festival will kick off at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, June 28, with a parade that will move north on Wayne from the Wayne-Ford Civic

League and then west to City Hall. It will be followed by the Miss Westland Summer Festival Pageant.

On Friday, June 29, the festival will open at 3 p.m. and include a 5 p.m. horseshoe-pitching contest and an 8 p.m. performance by 50-amp Fuse.

On Saturday, June 30, the festival will open at noon and include a 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. magic show by Mark & Jacob M. Maze, 1 p.m. horseshoe-pitching contest, a 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mad Science show, 5:15 p.m. ice cream eating contest, 6:15 p.m. men's and women's legs contests and 8 p.m. performance by Ms. Chelsea Oaks.

On Sunday, July 1, the festival will open at noon with an Amazing Clark show and include 1 p.m. horseshoe-pitching finals, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mad Science Show, 2-4 p.m. cake/pie decorating contest, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Amazing Clark show, 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. magic show by Mark & Jacob M. Maze and an 8:30 p.m. concert by Alexander Zoujic & Friends. A Detroit Pistons mobile hoops

unit will be featured Friday through Sunday.

On Monday, July 2, the festival will open at 3 p.m. and include an 8 p.m. performance by Jackie G. & Legacy.

On Tuesday, July 3, the festival will begin at 3 p.m. and feature an 8 p.m. performance by Impact Seven.

On Wednesday, July 4, the festival will open at noon with a baby, toddler and tot contest, which requires pre-registration, 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Amazing Clark show, 2:30 p.m. Mad Science Show, 3:30 p.m. pie-eating contest, 5:15 p.m. essay and poster judging, 6:15 p.m. Hula Hoop contest, 6:15 p.m. contest for the longest ponytail, 8 p.m. performance by Second Wind, and at dusk, the fireworks display.

All times of games are subject to change due to inclement weather.

For more information on the festival, go online to www.westlandsummerfestival.org.

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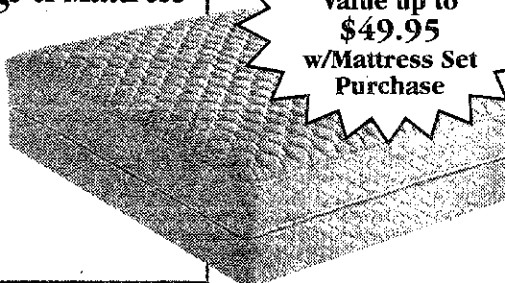
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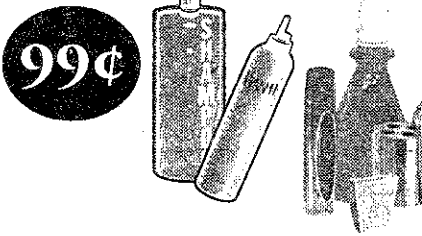
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A modern stegosaurus is on the crawl

Watch her closely as she lumbers past your young tomato plants and methodically digs a hole with her hind feet near the petunias and you may think you are watching a beast of the Jurassic Period. And in some ways you are, for this turtle of Michigan, with stegosaurus-like plates along the back and tail predates the age of the great dinosaurs. The common snapping turtle is nearly invincible once it reaches adulthood, but life is risky now as spring races for summer. Even nature loving first-graders know of the ways of the snapping turtle: It snaps when threatened. Powerful jaws keep potential predators at bay, but down under water, it's generally a docile creature, content to scavenge on decaying flesh, plant matter, crayfish, fish and frogs. But when it slurps down a duckling or gosling paddling peacefully about kids cry and some adults

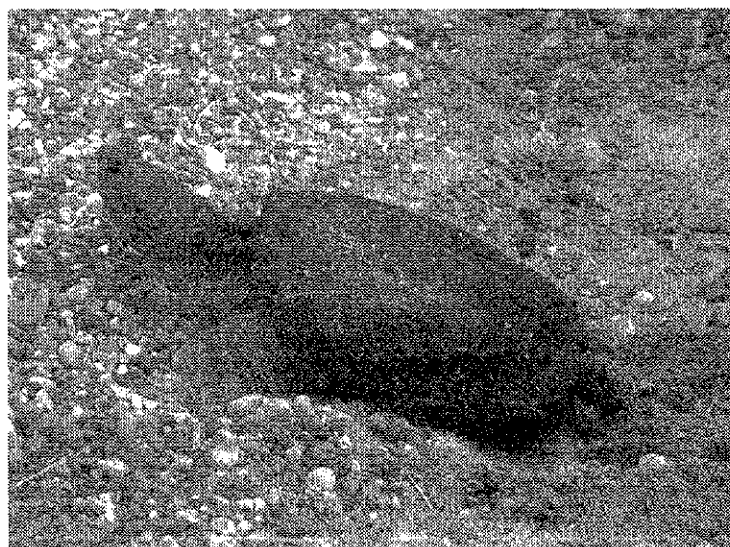


Nature Notes
Jonathan Schechter

grimace. The old Bambi syndrome (humans favoring "cute" animals) gets in the way of our acceptance of natures way. That is the way of the snapping turtle. Crossing roads is not its way, but to survive snappers must often take on our world, an endeavor of great danger, something beyond their sense of understanding. There is no learning curve when it comes to the lethality of automobiles. Many don't make it and in automobile-rich environments some ponds are losing all their turtle species. For the past few weeks female snappers - often coated in algae - have been crawling ashore from their

water world of shallow lakes, marshes, lagoons and slow moving streams. And they must, for this is the season to lay eggs. But with the human habit of placing roads as close to lakes as possible, adding culverts and pavement, the soil in which to lay eggs is often a few hundred feet of a treacherous travel away. The trek is nearly impossible. To make matters worse some folks - with good intent - "rescue" a snapping turtle crossing a road and prod it back to the marsh with a stick to keep it safe: The wrong thing to do. If you want to help a turtle, help it get to where it is going not to where it came from. Instinct will force the turtle to try again, at increased risk. Once soft earth is found, more often than not in a freshly tilled garden or lake-side lawn, but sometimes in roadside gravel, she laboriously digs a shallow depression to deposit 20 or more rubbery

The eggs that escape predation, or are not crushed, dry out in heat, or get washed out in torrential rains hatch in anywhere from 55 to 125 days according to herpetologist Jim Harding at the MSU Museum. And of the hatchlings, few survive for again they must cross roads, escape predators and find good habitat.



A snapping turtle faces the dangers created by man.

pingpong-sized eggs. With her maternal duties down, she leaves. And more often than not, the eggs are quickly consumed by raccoons or skunks. Fact of the matter is turtle eggs often become omelets within hours of their placement under ground. The eggs that escape predation, or are not crushed, dry out in heat, or get washed out in torrential rains hatch

in anywhere from 55 to 125 days according to herpetologist Jim Harding at the MSU Museum. And of the hatchlings, few survive for again they must cross roads, escape predators and find good habitat. Harding, being the turtle lover he is, emphasized a point in our early June turtle trivia exchange. "I think its neat that 99 percent of all turtles nest in practically the

same way - nest cavities dug with hind feet and momma never sees her egg, just like the big loggerhead sea turtles that people pay good money to see nesting down South. We have the same thing here in Michigan (for free) if you just watch the open sunny spots near any lake, pond or river."

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature way. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com

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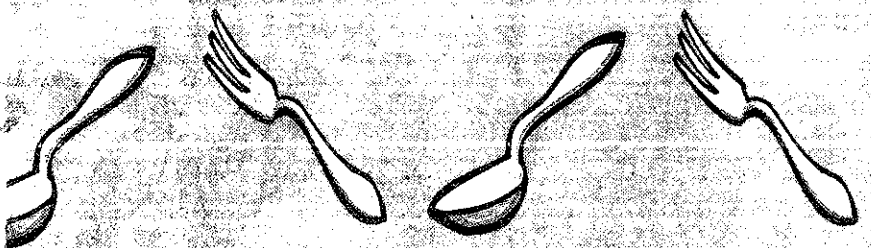
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100 years and counting

Residents at the Four Seasons Nursing Center of Westland had reason to celebrate recently. Residents Viola Bryant (left) and Mable Ewald reached a milestone when it comes to birthdays. Bryant turned 101 on May 22, while Ewald turned 100 on May 28.

Judge orders trial in purse-snatching case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Three defendants have been ordered to stand trial for a purse snatching that occurred outside the Westland Meijer store at Warren and Newburgh.

Robert Probst Jr. and his sister Rachel Probst, both of Canton, and Christopher Sager of Carleton face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of unarmed robbery and fraudulent use of a credit card.

The trio was charged after an alert witness and a quick response from Westland police led to an arrest following the incident, which occurred around 10:45 p.m. May 25.

Police Sgt. Thad Nelson called it "a good job all the way around."

The Probsts and Sager were ordered to stand trial after they waived their preliminary hearings last Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for them. If convicted as charged, they could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

The robbery occurred when a Westland woman was walking into the store and a man grabbed her purse and fled. Nelson said a Livonia man chased a suspect and was able to get a license plate number as he fled in a car with the other people. Police spotted the car a short time later at Cherry Hill and Newburgh.

Officers found the victim's purse and her credit cards, driver's license and cell phone, Nelson has said. The defendants are accused of using one of the credit cards to buy gas before their arrest.

According to Nelson, it appeared the motive was to get money to buy drugs.

Robert Probst Jr. and Sager remain jailed after Cicirelli set a \$500,000/10 percent bond. They would have to post \$50,000 for their release.

Rachel Probst served a 10-day jail term on an unrelated charge and has been released on a \$500,000/10 percent personal bond, meaning she didn't have to post any money.

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Weather, location - Relay was 'extraordinary'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland teams involved in this year's Relay for Life had raised \$96,000 for the American Cancer Society by the time the 24-hour fundraiser ended Sunday in Jaycee Park.

With donations still trickling in, organizers still could reach their \$100,000 goal, said Westland City Councilman Michael Kehrer, the Relay public relations director.

Some participants came and went while others spent the entire 24 hours enjoying entertainment, playing games and honoring those who have lost their lives to - or survived - cancer.

"It really turned out extraordinary," Kehrer said.

Westland's Relay, in its seventh year, was moved to Jaycee Park from Central City Park, which Mayor William Wild ordered fenced off in January after other officials divulged it was contaminated with lead.

Jaycee Park, at Wildwood and Hunter, was a hit with Relay participants, even though its half-mile walking path is shorter than Central City's.



Members of the Wild Walkers walk as a group around the path at Jaycee Park during Westland's annual Relay for Life, held Saturday and Sunday at Jaycee Park.

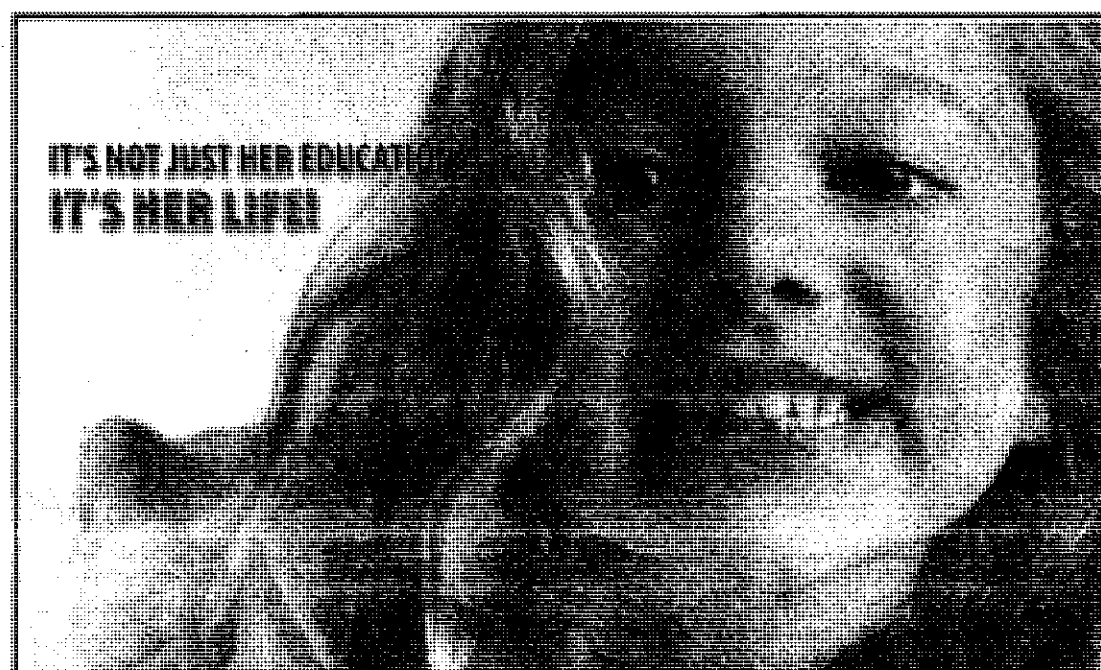
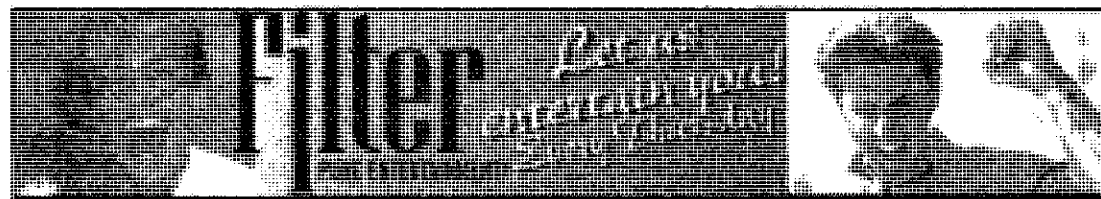
"We could not have asked for a better day all the way around," said Wild, who had formed a fund-raising team. "In addition to the fantastic weather, Jaycee Park was very well-received by walkers, which I think only made this year's event even more successful."

Kehrer agreed. "The overall consensus of the participants was that it was a wonderful turnout and a wonderful site," he said. "The half-mile track kept everybody a little closer. There was more a sense of community, and everybody got

to know each other better than if they had been all spread out."

Thirty-two teams helped lead the way for this year's Westland event.

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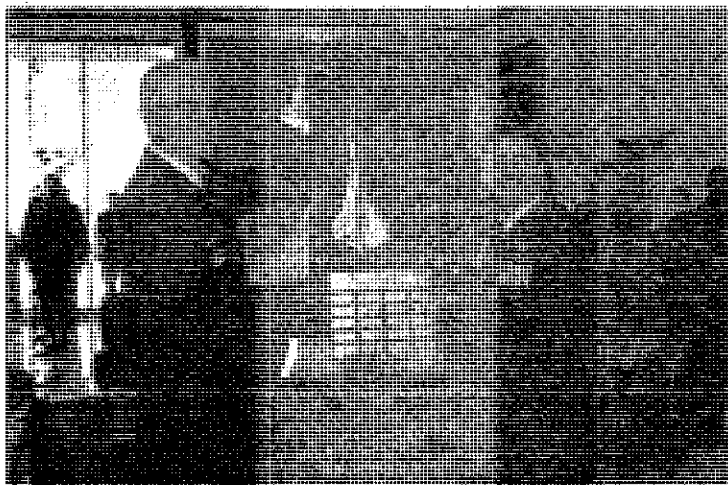
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A Garden City High School-East High School graduate has been honored by the U.S. Air Force.

Major Mark W. Visconi, U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1983, has received the 2007 Colonel James Jabara Award for Airmanship.

Visconi distinguished himself through sustained superior performance while serving as a special operations instructor pilot assigned to the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command, in Iraq.

At the time of his nomination, Visconi was a member of Air Education and Training

Command assigned as assistant operations officer/BAC-130H lead program manager/instructor pilot, 85th Training Squadron, Kirtland, N.M. He is currently foreign policy advisor to the commander, U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

"I am truly humbled by the tremendous honor of the Jabara Award," said Visconi. "Without a doubt, I have had outstanding mentors and instructors throughout my career, from my air officers commanding at the Academy to our leaders at the 85th Special Operations Wing. I've

had opportunities to work with and learn from stellar, professional NCOs and senior NCOs.

"I'm extremely fortunate and thankful to have the immense support and understanding of my wife, Tania, and son, William during that Iraq deployment."

Visconi was honored for demonstrating superior airmanship and exemplary leadership under hazardous conditions while participating in counter-insurgency operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He flew 106 combat sorties and logged 136 combat hours while simultaneously

training the fledgling Iraqi Air Force and conducting counter-insurgency operations.

He piloted a variety of light, unarmed surveillance and utility aircraft, and was the only advisory support team member qualified to instruct in three different aircraft, the AeroComp Comp Air 75L, the Seabird Seeker SB7L-360A, and the SAMA CH2000.

An Arabic linguist, Visconi was uniquely qualified to provide vital flight instruction to Iraqi aviators. His fluent Arabic language skills enabled him to overcome significant language barriers during critical phases of flight and communicate time-sensitive tactical information essential to mission success.

His language capability directly contributed to the development of an unmatched rapport with his Iraqi Air Force colleagues and positively impacted the operations development and readiness of the Iraqi Air Force, according to the Air Force.

To safeguard Iraq's valuable petroleum industry, he routinely initiated and conducted day and night low-level surveillance missions along key sections of the northern pipelines and around high-value petroleum refineries. Many times he was at high risk while identifying suspicious vehicles and personnel, directing Iraqi ground forces to the target or loitering overhead for up to 45 minutes while awaiting the arrival of ground forces.

Visconi participated in the first Iraqi Air Force psychological operations mission, the first Iraqi Air Force supply airdrop and the first use of an Iraqi Air Force aircraft as a combat search and rescue asset. While returning from a transport mission on April 8, 2005, during nautical twilight hours near Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Visconi was engaged by anti-aircraft artillery while flying as wingman in a two-ship formation. With a U.S. Army Special Forces passenger on-board, Visconi immediately executed evasive maneuvers while simultaneously notifying the lead aircraft of the threat, directing formation maneuvers and marking the position of the threat.

ACHIEVERS

Named to the honor roll for the fifth marking period at the Tinkham Alternative High School were **Heather Chambless, Nicholas DiCello, Ashley Holland, Laura Lambert, Luke Samson, Alicia Taylor, Markeisha Thurman and Vanessa Wilson.**

Karra Cappelli of Garden City Senior High School was among 90 Michigan students who received scholarships from the Burger King Scholars Program. She received the \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of academic achievement, along with other criteria to help offset the cost of attending college or a post-secondary vocational/technical school.

Lisa Vacca has been named to the Albion College dean's list for the spring 2007 semester.

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Vacca, a senior next fall, is majoring in economics and management and speech communication, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Vincenzo and Deborah Vacca of Westland and a graduate of John Glenn High School.

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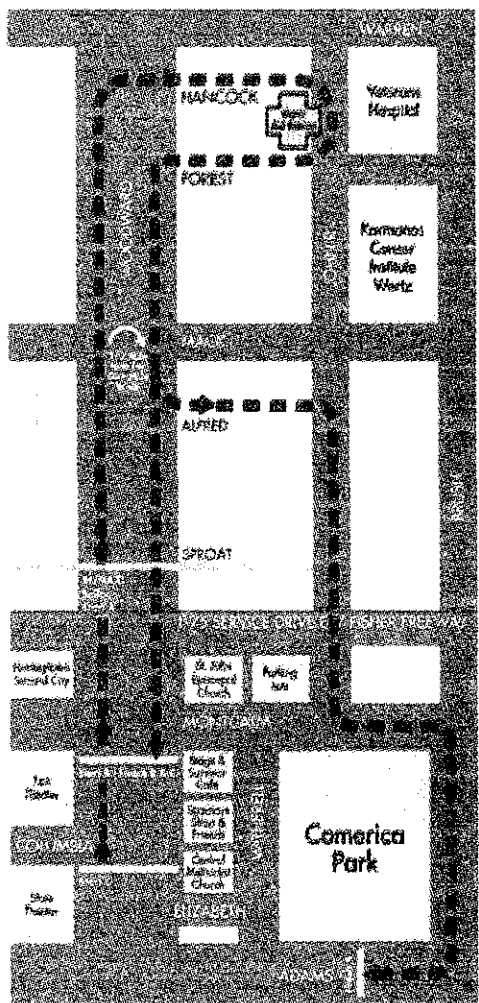
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OUR VIEWS

Vote for recycling was right decision

Look for it to become an election issue of who voted how on taxes, or more specifically on reducing the amount levied for trash disposal.

On a 5-2 vote, a majority of the council voted status quo on the tax - 2.15 mills - rather than lowering it to 2 mills as proposed by Mayor William Wild.

Before residents begin yelling about a tax-happy council, understand that the savings was a mere \$7.50 a year. In this day and age, it's about enough for a pack of cigarettes and a little more, if you still smoke, or about two gallons of gas. Depending on the vehicle you drive, that isn't enough gas to get you to Lansing to yell at state lawmakers, if you're so inclined.

A majority of the council wants to hang on to that money to jumpstart a curbside recycling program as well as have it on hand in case the state increases tipping fees at landfills or the city has to replace its current trash hauler which has lost work in some communities.

We have seen what has happened at the state level with legislatures didn't see a tax they didn't want to cut. Granted, it took many tax cuts to put the state in the position it now is, but Westland has been able to keep its head above water through prudent financing and hanging on to what it has.

And now is not the time to get into a tax cut mode, especially since it's difficult at best to predict what will happen with the state in its new budget next year.

We believe the five council members - James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer - made the right decision in voting to maintain the tax levy. The city needs to get curbside recycling up and running and if the \$7.50 per taxpayer will help, all the better.

Getting more people to recycle will cut down on the amount of trash going to landfills and as a result lower tipping fees. As we see it, it's a win-win situation for Westland.

Flag Day is time to pay homage to our national symbol

"We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

That's what George Washington once said about the newly created American flag during the American Revolution.

Authorized by Congress June 14, 1777, what we now know as the Stars and Stripes first flew over the walls of Fort Stanwix in the wilderness of upstate New York.

It is unlikely that the soldiers within those walls, who were taking on the most powerful nation in the world at the time, realized that the red, white, and blue American flag would become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Although despised by some, the Stars and Stripes has inspired countless others in nearly every corner of the globe, especially where people have lived under tyranny. It isn't the design of the flag (though it is certainly handsome as flags go) that is inspiring. It is the very ideals the flag has stood for and represented since its inception: liberty, democracy, freedom.

While there have been plenty of times in our history that we have not lived up to those ideals, they have still been our guiding principles since the founding of this nation. They were the ideals that inspired the makers of the flag, and those who fought to fly it over their heads - not just in the American Revolution, but in every American war since, including today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Every June 14, we observe Flag Day to honor our national symbol. Most people probably don't know that. It certainly doesn't get as much notice as Memorial Day or Labor Day. People usually don't take off work or go on vacation for Flag Day. But in an age when our country seems sharply divided along political lines, it is good to take some time to celebrate what binds us together.

We should give thanks that it, and the ideals it stands for, still flies above our heads.



The grand old flag

Scouts from Troop 854 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church carry a 20-foot-by-30-foot flag in the Canton Liberty Fest parade.

LETTERS

Wrong name for park

At the Westland City Council meeting on June 4, a resolution was passed to name the city property on Wayne Road. Correspondence was sent to City Council members from some of the Friends of the Museum opposing the word village in the title and asking for a compromise to leave out village and simply let it be known as Westland Historic Park, but this did not happen.

Some of the Friends of the Museum questioned the city on the name from the onset. We were told it was not set in stone. I suggested to the former mayor to hold a contest and let residents name the museum complex thus publicity for the historical park, no response.

In August 2005, some Friends of the Museum wrote a letter to the former mayor about the name of the museum site and no answer was received. I spoke about the name at the January 2006 City Council meeting, saying the name was being used on the city calendar and it was not official.

The former mayor should have resolved the name issue for the museum site long ago for it has been four years and four months since it was first mentioned.

With the sale of 2.1 acres of city-owned museum property a few years ago on North Wayne Road only 4,699 acres remain. The westerly portion contains 3,333 acres of museum woods. The small portion fronting on Wayne Road is 1,369 acres and has four houses, a well, a windmill, a log outhouse, a carriage shed and a pole barn on it.

It certainly does not look like a village. In a village you would expect to see some of the following structures: a one-room school, church, blacksmith shop, inn, sawmill, etc. Come visit the past. Take a drive to Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill to see your historic village. Then take a drive to neighboring communities to see Heritage Park in Taylor which is huge and looks like a village, but the word park is used in their title; to Romulus Historic Park in Romulus; to Mill Race Village in Northville which looks like a mini village with historic buildings which includes a church, one-room school, the Cady Inn and a couple of houses; and to Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia where village could apply.

In my opinion, the museum site in Westland has now been named after T-shirts and coffee mugs!

Ruth Dale
Westland

Thank you, Dad

He sits in "his" chair and watches his life before him unfold. A life he acquired by marrying my mom. I was the first of five children over the next six years. Some times he watches his children and sometimes he watches the news. He never drove or owned a car. He took the bus to work everyday. His life as he knew it died the day my mother did. I was 12 and he was still a young man, when this event occurred.

He did not run out with the guys and look for a "new" mom or wife. He did

not climb into a bottle or drug habit to cope. He came home everyday at the same time from work. He did not give us away or cry for help. He did not have family or neighbors to step in now and then. This man, my father, raised five children under 12 years of age into mature adults and at age 70 died.

This man, my father, stepped up to the plate and became the father he had always been.

A father is not a man who shows up now and then, he is there and involved with your life. A father is not a man who puts his play time first, he plays first with his children. A father is not a man who when he can't cope hides in a bottle or a drug habit or a sport or TV. He steps up to the plate and finds a way to solve the problems at hand. He is the rock of the family and the oak tree that shelters all who come near.

A man with virtue, yes. A man with compassion, absolutely. A man who loved my mom even beyond the grave, you better believe it. A man who to this day makes me cry for his sorrow and loneliness. A man who would bring home five candy bars at midnight, one for each of us and then walk back up to the store for one for his wife. A man who chose to give his life for another. A saint no, a successful father, sometimes, a man who knew where he was going, never. But a man who was a dad, father and friend.

He honored his vows to my mom until the day he died and raised his children the best he could. He never missed a day of work. We always had a roof over our heads and food in our belly. He asked about school and helped do homework. A man whose life's mission was raising his children and "going home" to see his wife. I am who I am because of his dedication and loyalty and love to me, his daughter, and I want to say:

Thank you to my father and all of those men out there who do whatever it takes to be the best dad and father to their children. Who with honor and courage and compassion help to raise up our future generations in love. My hat goes off to you. Never think that you are not valued and needed by those children you have been given. And at the end of the day you can sit in "your chair" and with a sigh of relief know you are making a difference in the world today with your contribution of being a dad.

Happy Father's Day.

Aggie Richards,
daughter of Floyd Arthur Carter

Equality for who?

I am continuously amazed at the ignorance - or perhaps thoughtlessness - of some of the "Letters To the Editor" to this paper. This week my amazement is directed toward the author of "It's still Un-American" (June 7, 2007, Letters).

I don't understand how the phrase "that all men are created equal" found in the U.S. Constitution and elsewhere, can be misinterpreted by Ms. Meese and others to mean "some are more equal than others."

Her comment "not supporting affir-

mative action and the justice and fairness it tried to create ... was un-American." Huh? So, taking away one group's rights, and giving special rights to another group is "pro-American?" Wow, what a scary thought.

Apparently, the author of "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character" was un-American? This was spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. According to your letter you would call this man un-American. Shame on you!

I think it would be prudent, my dear writer, to educate yourself in the history of the great country, before you judge what is American or not.

I might suggest more time spent on reading great works from early U.S. history, and less time listening to extremist, anti-American rhetoric.

Darin Stark
Garden City

Shame, shame,

When the Bush administration took over and Dick Cheney held his secret energy policy meetings, we should have seen this coming. This corrupt administration is in bed with big oil. What else can explain the record profits.

There should be windfall profit taxes, more refineries should be built and these big oil companies should be broken up.

Talk about price fixing. Remember the old days when gas prices would go up pennies at a time? Now it is a quarter a day. Shame on all of them! Congress get to work and investigate!

Mari Peters
Westland

ID card is bad news

Congress better do away with the notion of this identification card that they want everyone to carry with them. It tells the world too much about a person. If the wrong person gets a hold of a card, your life would be over. It would destroy your life. Your life on that card is an open book.

Congress, burn that idea now.

Mari Squire
Westland

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QUOTABLE

"This is an example of the funding (situation). All of this rhetoric is hurting our teachers."

- Carolyn Norris-Deyell, president of the Livonia Education Association, about laying off 10 teachers and a school psychologist due to budget cuts and a projected decline in enrollment in the Livonia Public Schools

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State needs to fight fear with energy plan

Michiganers have probably never heard the name Terry Sanford, but for Michigan's future, never has one name been so important.

Sanford was the governor of North Carolina from 1961-1965. During that time, southern politicians routinely used race to divide and conquer otherwise stable political coalitions. To get elected in the south, conventional wisdom said to paint the other guy was a civil rights sympathizer, and run on saving America from integration.



Joe Hawver

George Wallace - America's most notorious segregationist - perfected this craft to his disgrace.

Others punted the issue. More moderate than Wallace was Sanford's predecessor, a Dixiecrat named Luther Hodges. Hodges advocated "compromise" between the NAACP and Ku Klux Klan. That one of these groups advocated obedience to law, while the other terrorism, mattered little in the Jim Crow south.

In the 1960 presidential election, however, Sanford backed a known proponent of civil rights named John F. Kennedy. Although risky, Sanford supported Kennedy because he believed racism was wrong, and more astutely, saw him inventing a viable strategy for getting southerners aboard the integration bandwagon.

As Sanford noted, Kennedy tied the struggle for civil rights in America to a more universal proposition - the defeat of communism. In essence, Kennedy believed America could not promote human rights abroad, until it first protected human rights at home. Sanford shared Kennedy's view, and also knew North Carolina needed fundamental change to revive its faltering economy. Its three main industries - furniture, textiles and tobacco - had stagnated, along with social progress.

Sanford connected the dots between North Carolina's social regression, economic stagnation and his mission as governor. To him, the social and economic stagnation plaguing North Carolina stemmed from ignorance. He saw North Carolina perpetuating ignorance by neglecting its primary responsibility - public education. To address this, he offered an unpopular idea. He proposed dramatic funding increases for North Carolina's universities. After much ado from the bourgeoisie, Sanford pushed a tax-increase through the legislature with little public support.

When President Kennedy wanted to expand the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, he chose North Carolina's ground-breaking "Research Triangle."

Established five years earlier, the Research Triangle promoted health, humanities and technology through North Carolina's triage of research-centered universities - the University of North Carolina, N. C. State and Duke. The Research Triangle eventually lured IBM and today employs over 40,000 North Carolinians in high-tech jobs.

While most of the south lags behind the rest of the country in education and employment, high-tech employment in North Carolina continues to rise today. These successes were spearheaded by Terry Sanford.

Why is this story important? Because there are parallels between North Carolina's struggles in 1961, and Michigan's today. Our economic woes are also aggravated by our politics. Fear-mongers feed Michigan's anxiety by playing the same evil game as Wallace and Hodges. "Government," they say, "not the will of man, is the problem." Fear is paralyzing social and economic progress.

But there's a lesson in Sanford's courage. People - no matter how backwards - will agree to radical change when it serves America's larger purpose in the world.

Today, Michigan must revive its economy by confronting the evils wrought by our dependence on foreign oil. To do this, Michigan must launch a National Energy Independence Initiative.

Like Sanford's initiative, a National Energy Independence Initiative could revolutionize Michigan and America forever.

Our universities recently stated their intent to emulate North Carolina's successes. However, they committed an inexcusable error when asking for more money from Lansing. Essentially, they demanded "money for nothin'." Jane Q. Taxpayer - pragmatist that she is - will rebuff any request for more money until it comes with a clear vision to move Michigan forward. And, contrary to popular belief, Jane is hungry for our leaders to demonstrate, what Sen. Barack Obama calls "the audacity of hope." Government can view this growing consensus for fundamental change as a threat, or as a gift. So far, like Hodges, they've punted.

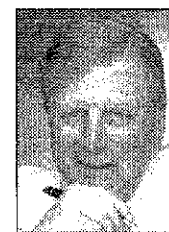
Eventually, however, this consensus will overcome the politics of fear. And, what greater gift than freedom from terror? What greater need than to revive Michigan's economy? How severe does the energy crisis need to become before we commit to action?

The answer - for better or worse - lies in the will of man. I, for one, like to think we're better for having a destiny to shape. A National Energy Independence Initiative moves us closer to that end. And, closer to freedom from fear.

Joe Hawver lives in Plymouth and ran for state representative in the 2006 Democratic primary.

Doug Ross finds success educating Detroit students

So you think all politicians only think of what's best for themselves? OK. Now let's meet a man who turns 65 this week, one of the brightest members of his generation. He's had a big-time Michigan political career - state senator, Department of Commerce director, assistant secretary of labor, candidate for governor.



Phil Power

And then he chucked all that to run a charter school in Detroit. His name is Doug Ross, and let him take the story from there.

"I lost the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Geoffrey Fieger," he said, actually finishing third behind East Lansing's Larry Owen.

Once the votes were in, "I got to talking with Bill Beckham, who was the head of the Skillman Foundation, about how disgraceful the Detroit schools were." For a quarter of a century, 70 percent of high school students had failed to finish.

"So since I had time on my hands, I agreed to go around the country looking at what urban schools actually worked.

"We decided that the problem in Detroit was an obsolete learning organization, not bad people. So we decided to lift one of the successful school designs from cities around the country, start a school to see if it could work in Detroit, and hope the Detroit Public Schools would, in turn, lift that design to improve the entire system."

That's the story behind University Preparatory Academy, which Ross founded in 1999. Last Saturday, it graduated 128 seniors, more than 90 percent of those who started there as freshmen. And nearly 100 percent of the graduates are going on to college.

If Detroit Public Schools could copy that model, the city would be a far better place. And as far as I'm concerned, while Ross is Jewish, he's also Michigan's top candidate for immediate sainthood.

By using passion, smarts, a big heart and vast energy, he has conclusively demonstrated that it's possible to take a bunch of inner-city kids and get them to perform at academic levels nobody would have believed. He is a man who indeed knows the Detroit schools.

Ross graduated from the University of Michigan and taught for a year and a half in the Detroit Public Schools, at McMichael Middle School and at Northeastern High. But then he was fired, "because I looked like a potentially troublesome person."

I've known Doug for a long time, and he always was among the smartest, most creative, articulate and all-round energetic people anywhere. But I never expected him to dedicate a decade of his life to helping a bunch of Detroit kids ... nor to succeed so enormously.

What's his secret?

"You start with two core beliefs," Ross says. "First, as an urban public school, you have absolutely to accept responsibility for developing college-ready graduates, regardless of what kind of background or educational deficits those kids bring with them.

"Second, you have to do whatever it takes to help a student succeed, not just nine-to-five but whatever is necessary, whether it's evenings, trips to court, funerals, whatever.

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University Prep does that by making the fundamental learning unit the "advisory," a group of 16 pupils who stay together with the same adviser as an extended family through their entire school career. And "you have to organize the school so as to individualize learning. A ninth-grader who reads at the fifth-grade level is only going to deepen his self-doubts if he's faced with a ninth-grade book."

Ross started University Prep on the theory that if it worked, it would be a shining beacon and model other schools could copy.

So far, he's succeeded in meeting the achievement targets set out by his financial backer, Bob Thompson, the Plymouth-based former asphalt-paving titan (and another proper candidate for canonization.) With Thompson's backing, Ross is starting up several more schools in Detroit, hoping that the model will gradually spread.

Frankly, I'm pessimistic about getting the Detroit Public Schools to voluntarily come along. Ross says that the requirements for his model to succeed - educational and budget decisions and hiring and firing - must rest in the hands of the individual school principals.

I doubt the centralized and bureaucratic culture of DPS would tolerate local decision-making. Nor do I believe the Detroit Federation of Teachers will tolerate someone else making personnel decisions.

But I would like it very much if I have to write a column in a few years saying, "OK, I was wrong." What is clear is that Doug Ross is succeeding in one of the hardest and most centrally important tasks in all of Michigan. He deserves every one of the plaudits he's been getting in recent weeks. And while I'm sure the angels in heaven would be pleased to greet Doug Ross and Bob Thompson as they ascend to the cherubim, I hope they don't do so anytime soon.

Right now, we very much need both of them here.

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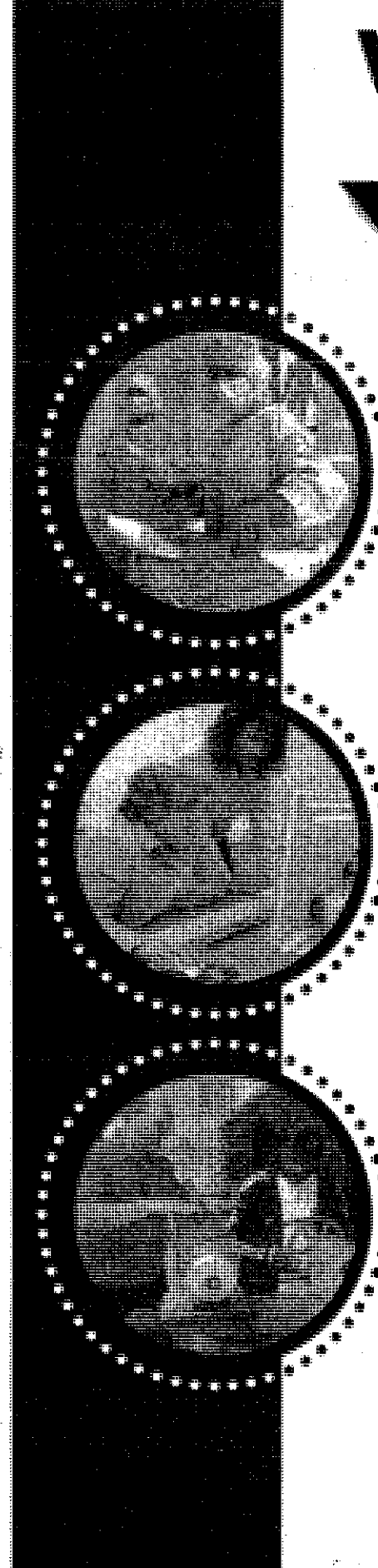
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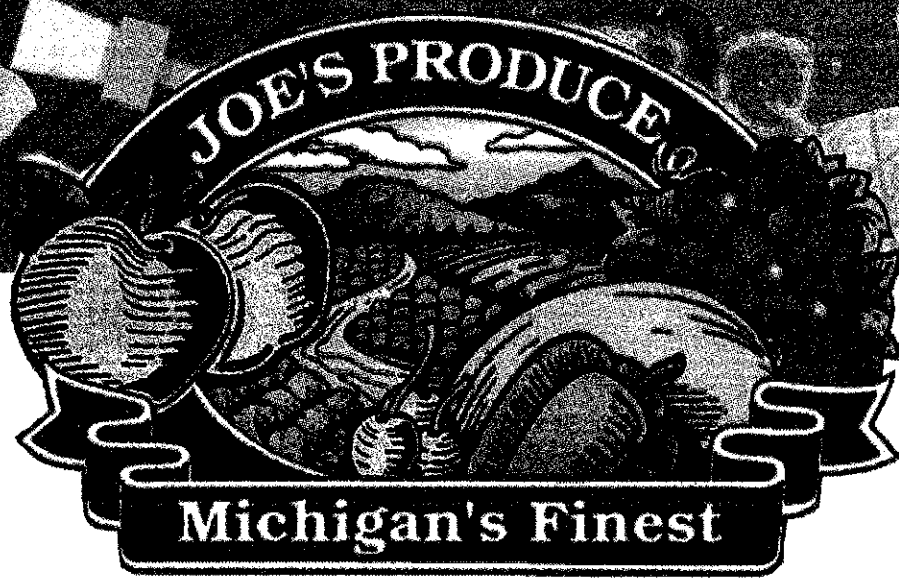
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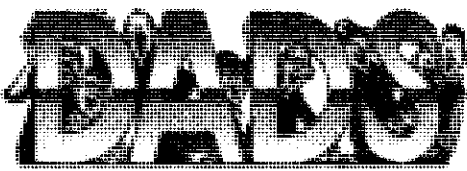
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Mortgage payoff depends on a person's financial goals

A question I'm frequently asked is whether someone who has received an inheritance should pay off the mortgage. There are few absolutes in the financial world and the issue isn't what the majority of people should do, but rather what she should do.

I've always been a believer that you need to look at your own individual situation and make the right decisions for you. That is why when it comes to investing, I don't have a standard portfolio. I invest based upon someone's personal financial goals and objectives. The same belief drives whether someone should pay off a mortgage.

The caller told me her inheritance was approximately \$170,000 and her mortgage was approximately \$130,000. I also learned the caller had approximately \$30,000 of other debt and a substantial portion of that was on charge



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The first issue to be discussed was the "taxation on the inheritance. Typically, when you inherit money, it is income tax free. The one exception to this is if you inherit a 401(k); IRA or other tax-deferred accounts. On those items, then you must pay income taxes at your ordinary income bracket. In this case, the money was not within an IRA or other tax-deferred account and so there were no income tax consequences.

The next issue concerned her individual financial situation. Her income did cover her

cards. The interest rate on the mortgage was 4.75 percent fixed and she was deducting her mortgage interest.

The next issue was whether she wanted to pay the mortgage or was she doing it because she thought it was a good financial move. Financially, in her situation, considering her interest rate and the fact that the interest was tax-deductible, she should not pay off the mortgage.

However, if one of her financial goals at this point in time was to be debt-free, then that would factor into the equation.

After taking everything into consideration, the obvious first move was to pay off the charge cards and other personal loans. The interest on charge cards averaged over 15 percent and that interest is not tax-deductible. I can't think of any investment that would pay someone a guaranteed 15

percent return net of taxes on a consistent basis.

Rather than use the rest of the money to pay off the mortgage, I recommend she establish a long-term growth portfolio. After taxes, her mortgage was costing her under 4 percent and by establishing a good growth portfolio, she should do considerably better over the long term.

If someone is working and has the cash flow to make the mortgage payment and it's tax-deductible, then it makes sense not to pay off the mort-

gage early or make extra payments. It's wise to invest the money in a growth mode. By following this strategy, over time, more money will end up in your pocket exactly where it belongs. However, if one of your goals is to not have a mortgage payment, then that is something that must be factored into the equation.

One last note in regard to the allocation. Considering that the individual was a long-term growth investor, I recommended a 70/30 split between stocks and bonds with 70 percent of the portfolio in equities and the remaining 30 percent invested in fixed-income investments.

The breakdown within the fixed-income investments included a corporate bond fund, an international bond fund, an inflation-adjusted bond fund and a U.S. Government fund. On the equity side, I recommended

keeping 20 percent invested internationally, including large and small companies. I also recommended, for diversification, she invest another 5 percent of the portfolio in an energy fund.

When it comes to personal financial planning, don't get caught in the trap of doing what everyone else does. My dad used to ask me when I was a kid, if everyone was jumping off the bridge, would I jump off the bridge? I believe that to be successful in the area of personal finances, you need to focus on your individual situation and stay away from generalities.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@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-AM (1400).

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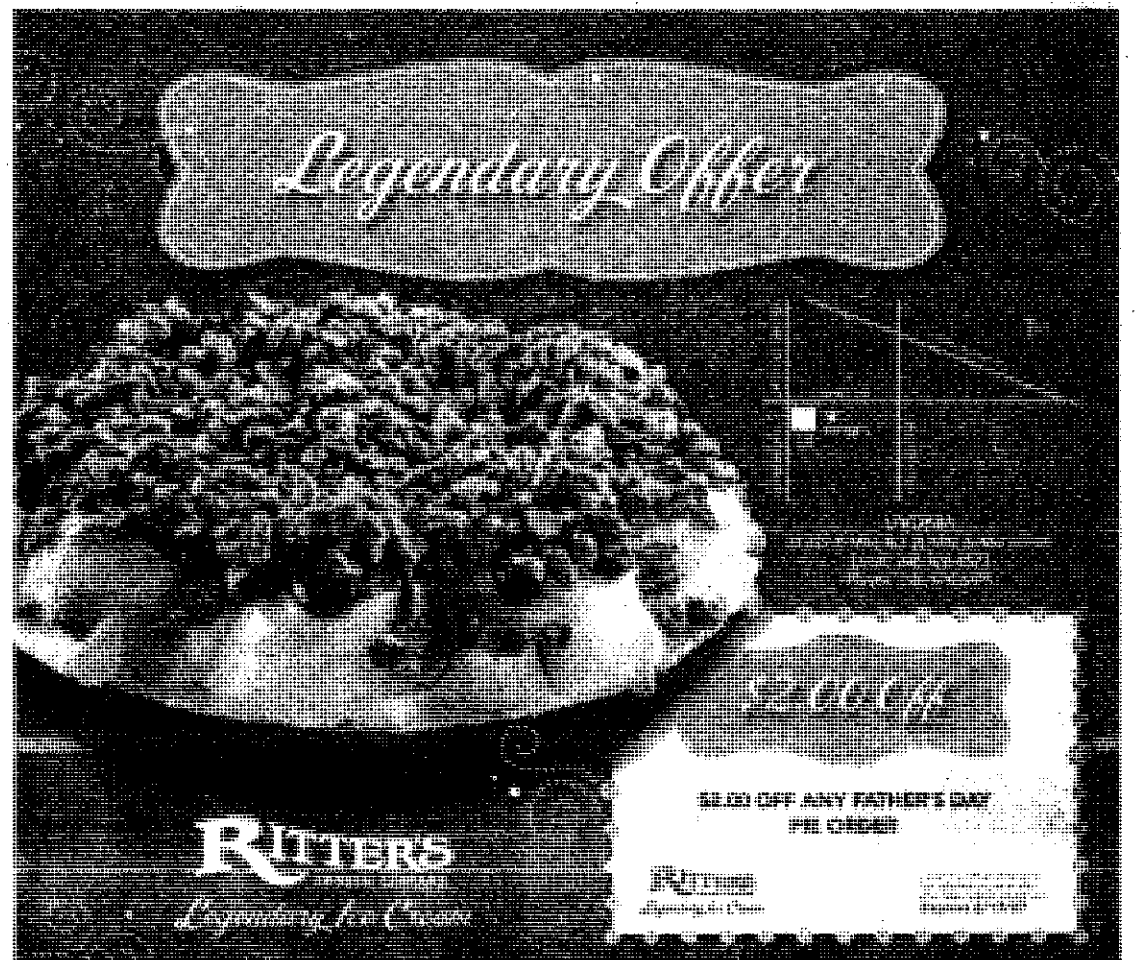
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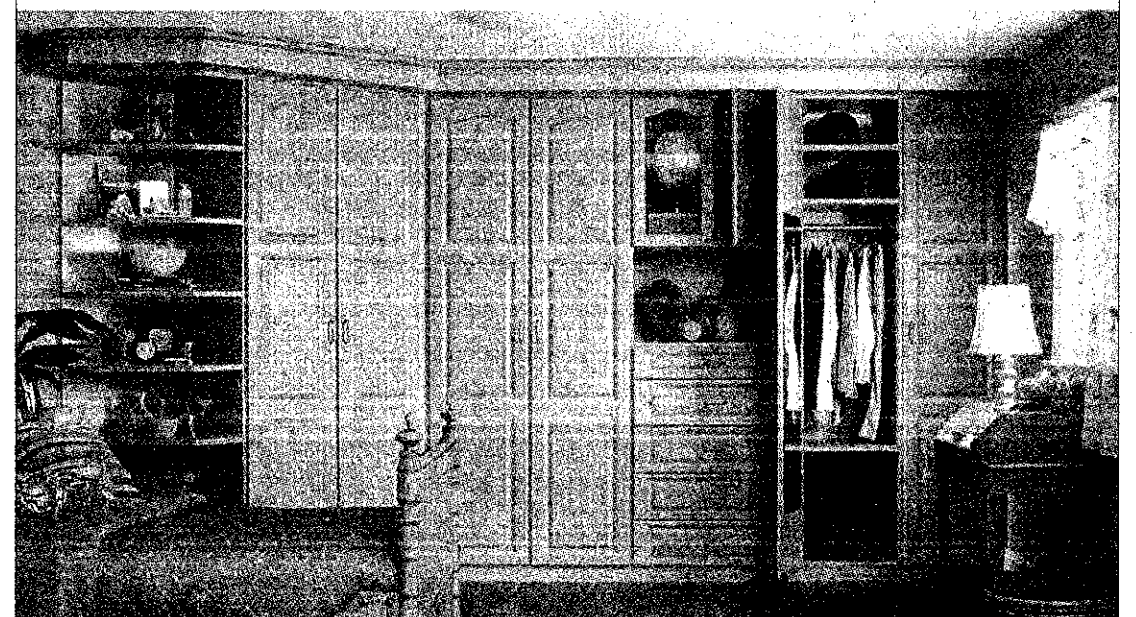
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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June 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.

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 9:30 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.

Summer camp
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Laverne, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for more information.

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 Every Day 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@livonistmichael.org for information and registration details.

David Crowder concert
7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at NorthRidge Church, Plymouth. To purchase tickets go to NorthRidgeChurch.com/Events or for more information, call (734) 233-3694.

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
Galilee By The Sea, a Holy Land Adventure weaving Bible points with the daily life of Jesus at the Marketplace, Synagogue and seaside takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 25-29 (for children, adults, age 5 & under with adult, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman. For more information, call (734) 421-8628 and leave message.

Vacation Bible School
Quest for Truth Bible school 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 25-29, for children age 3 through entering grade 6, hear Bible stories, sing, make artifacts, play fun games and enjoy snacks, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, north of West Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Adults are invited to examine the same Bible stories as their children in small group. Families registering in advance will receive a VBS music CD. To register, call Debbie Pranschke at (734) 591-6367.

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.

Dinner theater

Adapted Theater Presentation of David & Goliath 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. A feast is provided at 6:30 p.m. A love donation is appreciated. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

UPCOMING

Concert
Tim Zimmerman and the Kings Brass will perform for a birthday celebration for our great nation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial. The group will be playing sacred music and a special tribute to our nation's veterans. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and dinner reservations.

Avalanche 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 CO). 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.

Messiah
Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and August 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

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.

Church Women United
Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

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 Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road, 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.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran

Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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 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 Oct. 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 or (248) 890-5494.

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.com/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.

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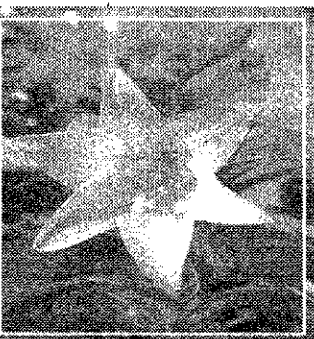
Age 87, of Livonia, died June 12, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Ronald E. Salkeld for 63 years. Loving mother of Ronald H. (Deborah) Salkeld and Patricia (Jim) Biasell. Dearest grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of ten. Also survived by her brothers Gab, Sam, Daniel and Joseph Roth; her sister Miriam Beck and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her sister Bertha and brother, Albert. Mrs. Salkeld worked for Redford Medical Center as a bookkeeper retiring after 33 years of service. She loved crafts, gardening, traveling and enjoyed volunteering at the Livonia Senior Center. A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2007 at COATS FUNERAL HOME, Waterford. Family will receive friends from 12 noon until the time of the service. To send a private condolence to the family, go to: www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.

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Age 103 of Rochester Hills, June 11, 2007. Loving wife of the late Owen. Dear mother of Don (Dottie) Dulude and Bev (Bob) Jasinski. Grandmother of Tim (Melanie) Dulude, Don (Kathy) Jasinski, Debra (Phil) Mann and Dianne (Scott) Waterworth. Great grandmother of Alyssa Jasinski, Ashley Mann, Kaitlin Jasinski, Victoria Waterworth, Tiffany Mann, Elizabeth Waterworth and Nicholas Waterworth. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bert was an Auxiliary member at Crittenton Hospital for many years and a founding member of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church. The family will receive friends at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Thursday 3-9 p.m. Scripture service 7 p.m. Mrs. Dulude will lie in state at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Rd. Rochester Hills, Friday at 10:30 a.m. with a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery. Suggested memorials to St. Irenaeus Building Fund or Crittenton Hospital Auxiliary Fund. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

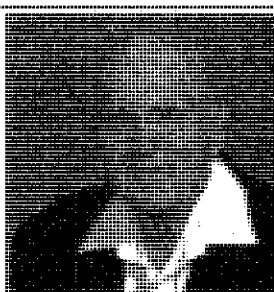
GERALD E. EBMAYER D.D.S.

Age 69, of Ypsilanti, died June 9, 2007. He was born October 24, 1937, in Flint. He attended the University of Michigan Dental School as an undergraduate, and later earned his M.D. in Oral Surgery from Georgetown University. He practiced as an oral surgeon in Westland for many years. He was a clinical associate professor at the University of Michigan Dental School. He attended Trinity Presbyterian Church, was a Mason, and was a member of the Canton Rotary Club and the American Dental Association. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman, and at one time was a Little League coach. He is survived by his children, Brian (Jean) Ebmeyer, Cynthia (Charlie) Spurlock, and Kevin Ebmeyer; his grandchildren, Olivia, Benjamin, and Shane Spurlock, and Jake and Molly Ebmeyer; his brother, Robert (Ruth) Ebmeyer; and his niece, LeAnn Ebmeyer. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. Visitation Thursday 2-5pm and 6-9pm. Contributions in memory of Gerald Ebmeyer, DDS may be made to the U of M Athletic Department at 1000 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109



DONALD RAYMOND PASCHKE

Wayne, MI, Age 85. Teacher at Wayne-Westland Schools for 33 years. Uht Funeral Home



JOHN EDWARD MITCHELL

From Plymouth, MI passed away June 11, 2007. John was born in Kincaid, West Virginia in July of 1921. He worked as a monitor runner in the coal mine in 1935 and worked his way up to loading temples. In 1955, he left West Virginia and the coal mines and found work at General Motors, where he worked from 1955 as an assembler until he retired as a journeyman millwright from CPC, Willow Run in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1993. John enjoyed his family and friends. He is survived by his sister, Emma Shieler of Oakhill, West Virginia and his two sons, Charles Eugene Mitchell of Ypsilanti and Kim Edward Mitchell (Kathy) of Salem, Michigan. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Danielle LoGuidice and John Mitchell and five step grandchildren, Rhonda "Sue" Johnson (Richard) of Ypsilanti, Pamela Pfeiffer (Ron) of Brighton, Beverly Childress of Canton, James "Randy" Bowden of Temperance, and Martha "Marty" Marr of Ypsilanti, Michigan. John is also survived by seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Thurs from 3-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth with a funeral on Friday (6-15) at 1:00pm at the funeral home.



RAYMOND (RAY) CHAMBERLAIN

of Redford Township died June 10th at the age of 93. Ray pitched in the Detroit Tigers Farm System in the 1930s; he remained a lifelong fan. Upon starting a family, he settled in Detroit working for the postal service and retiring after more than 30 years. In 1953 the family moved to Redford Township. Following his retirement, Ray became very active in the community serving on the civil service board and advocating for senior issues. He was also a very active member of the Redford Senior Citizen Club serving a couple of terms as president. Ray worked as a part time travel agent, planning vacations for groups of seniors and traveling the world extensively with friends. Throughout his life, Ray was an avid coin collector, golfer and bowler. He is survived by his three daughters: Marjorie K. Chamberlain, Arlene J. Cook, Rayanne Chamberlain (Dave Holcomb), his grandson Todd Cook (Chris), adopted daughter Charlotte Wixom, sister Evelyn Dicker and numerous nieces and nephews. His beloved wife, Marjorie, preceded him in death in 2002. Family visitation noon Friday at Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Road; Memorial Service follows at 1p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

DONALD RAYMOND PASCHKE

Wayne, MI, Age 85. Teacher at Wayne-Westland Schools for 33 years. Uht Funeral Home

RAYMOND REGIS FLYNN

Age 85 of Bloomfield Hills, MI died in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 16, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Isabel "Ibby" (nee Hoffmann). Also survived by six children: Mama Wilson (Steven) of Okemos, Heidi Jelasic of Bloomfield Hills, Jennifer "Duffy" Wineman (the late John) of Bloomfield Village, Martin Flynn M.D. (Sabine) of Marina Del Rey, CA, Frank Flynn (Julie) of Beverly Hills and Madeleine "Molly" Dorais (Robert) of Malvern, PA. Grandfather of Graeme Wilson, Joe Jelasic, Benjamin (Nicole), Andrew (Pam) and James Wineman, Christopher and Courtney Flynn, Gus, Alexandra, Jake and Will Dorais, and great-granddaughter Ava Wineman. Brother of Joseph Flynn (Marit) of Naples, FL, Rosemarie "Cleo" Gorman of Ryebrook, NY and Patricia Young of Vero Beach, FL. Brother-in-law of Maureen Wilberding of Grosse Pointe. Also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as a multitude of friends. He was a member of the National Timberwolf Association of the 104th Army Division. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 4-8pm. Rosary Monday 7pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10am at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to the Retired Religious of the Sacred Heart, Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart, 799 S. Pearl St., Albany, NY, 12292 or the Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342 or the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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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.

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Worship service

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Church activities

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Airport boosts economy

Freight and passenger traffic at Willow Run Airport represented \$200 million in economic impact and more than 2,000 jobs in Michigan in 2006, according to a study by researchers at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"A strong air cargo link is important to a successful economic development strategy," said Lester W. Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority. "This study shows that the billions of dollars in cargo which go through Willow Run each year already support many local businesses and jobs, and that growth at Willow Run means growth for Michigan's businesses."

The report was based on a study done by faculty members at iLABS, the U-M-Dearborn School of Management's Center for Innovation Research. Led by Lee Redding, assistant professor of business economics, the study estimated the economic impact of the airport on Wayne County and on the state as a whole, measured in terms of revenues, incomes and jobs.

Within Wayne County, the airport's economic impact was more than \$100 million, generating more than 700 jobs and earnings of \$22 million.

Redding emphasized that the airport's impact is more than just the jobs it supports.

"Willow Run's true potential for supporting Michigan's future lies in the infrastructure it represents rather than simply the people employed directly at the airport," he said.

"A cargo airport like Willow Run is important to the economic revitalization of Michigan because it provides the necessary infrastructure for local businesses to expand," said Redding. "Air cargo ships high value products, and those air cargo products are what America is good at producing and exporting. The airport represents an important piece of the economic infrastructure of Michigan with the potential to have an even greater impact in the future."

In 2002, the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics estimated that shipments by air were valued at approximately \$77,800 per ton in 2000 dollars, more than 120 times the comparable figure for truck transportation. Using this estimate and the estimated 2006 cargo volume, Willow Run is currently handling more than \$4 billion worth of cargo annually, according to the U-M-Dearborn study.

Expansion of the airport's facilities would generate additional economic impact from construction expenditures immediately, and would increase the value of the infrastructure at Willow Run in the long run. This expansion can contribute to the development of proposed "aerotropolis," an area of economic development surrounding Willow Run and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

"While our report quantifies the measurable direct effect of Willow Run Airport, the airport's most crucial value to the region lies in its ability to attract future businesses that produce high-value products that must be shipped by air," Redding said. "Air cargo represents a growing portion of the freight transportation industry. Further, goods transported by air are disproportionately high-value items and ones in which American business excels."

Willow Run is best known as a cargo airport, but more than 210,000 passengers arrived at the airport in 2006 on charter, corporate and private aircraft. The U-M-Dearborn study calculated the aggregate economic impact of those passengers, in addition to the value of freight shipments.

A substantial fraction of Willow Run's passenger traffic is associated with Pfizer, so the number of passengers and their economic impact is likely to drop in the coming years as Pfizer closes its Ann Arbor-area facility, Redding notes. "Such challenges reinforce the necessity of having the transportation infrastructure necessary to create and attract profitable business opportunities," he said.

Last July, U-M-Dearborn released a similar study measuring Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) and concluded that activity there stimulated more than 71,000 jobs across the State of Michigan and an annual economic impact of \$7.6 billion.

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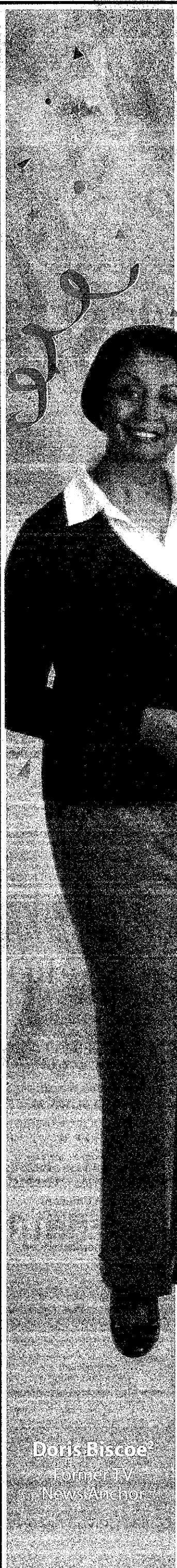
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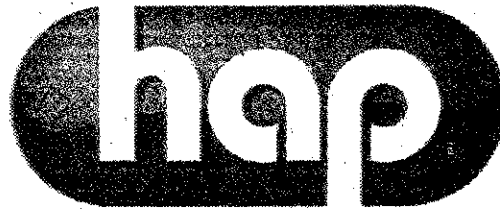
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Learning curve

Falcons ground young Chargers in regional, 9-3

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

After winning three consecutive one-run games en route to its first district baseball title since 1999, Livonia Churchill came down to earth Saturday in the Division 1 regional semifinals at Novi.

The Chargers faced a highly-formidable opponent in Farmington High, losing 9-3 to the Falcons.

Churchill ended its season 17-18 overall, while the Falcons improved to 27-9 overall (following a 4-3 triumph over Allen Park in the championship game).

Burny Mitchem was nearly a one-man wrecking crew for Farmington, doubling twice and knocking in four runs for the Falcons. The 6-foot-5 Mitchem was also the winning pitcher, scattering six hits and one walk over the first five innings before giving way to reliever Cam Fowler. The two pitchers combined for six strikeouts.

Farmington jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings against Churchill starter Vinny Carozza, the hero in the Churchill's district conquest the previous weekend at Livonia Stevenson.

In the first, Harvey Martin singled and Ed Knobloch reached base on an error. Phil Sontag followed with an RBI double for a 1-0 advantage.

In the second, Matt Pochmara drew lead-off walk and D.J. Vandercook followed with a single. Jordan Turner then singled home Pochmara as pinch-runner

Matt Gunsorek was cut down at the plate on a throw by Churchill left fielder Brian Runge.

Turner then scored on a double by Martin.

Churchill got a run back in the top of the third inning on singles by Tyler Cotter and Bryon Niemczak followed by a Farmington infield error.

The Falcons made it 4-1 in the bottom half of the third when Sontag was hit by Carozza pitch to lead off the inning followed by Mitchem's double.

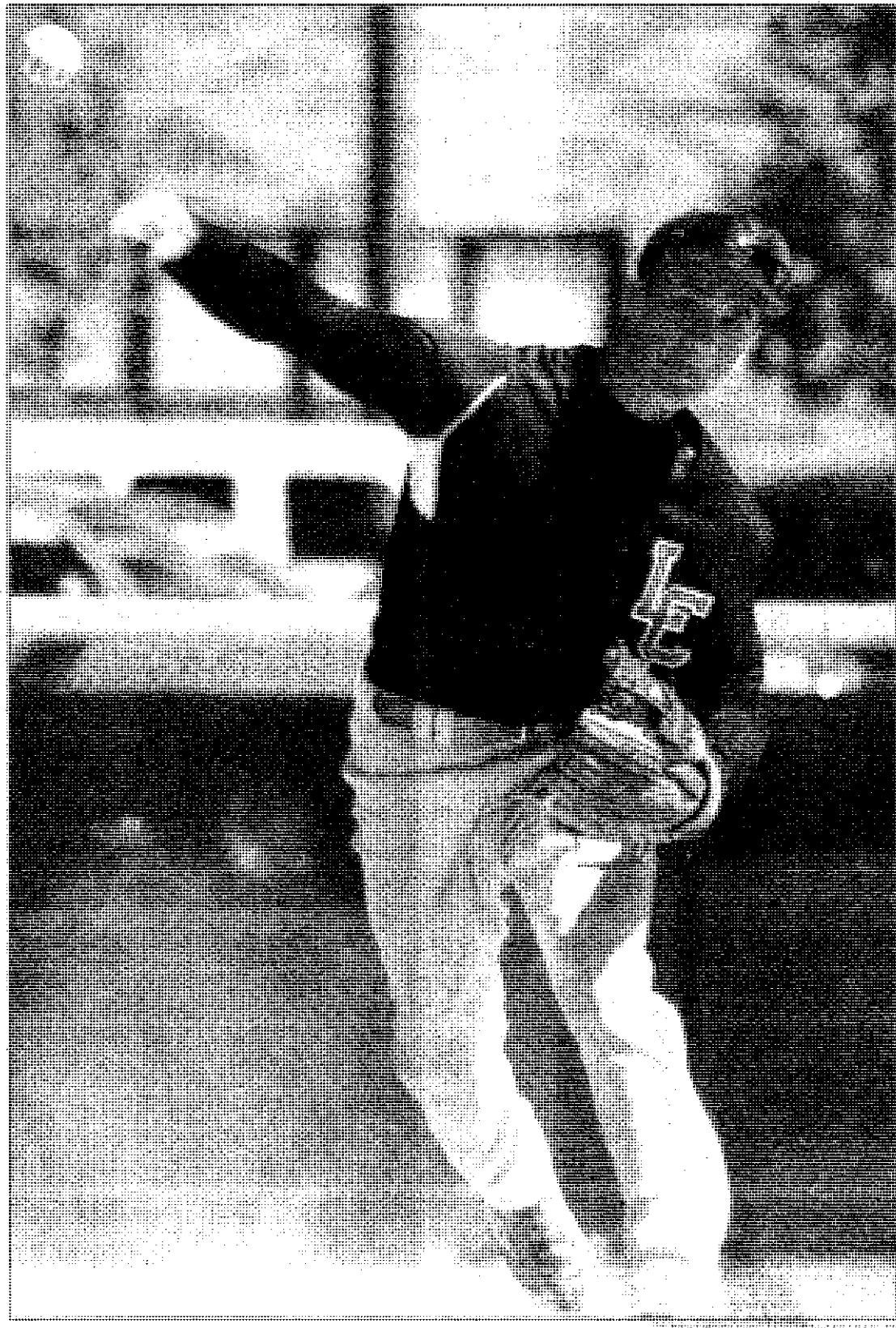
Mike O'Keefe's RBI single scored Steve Jones in the top of the fourth to cut the deficit to 4-2, but Farmington broke it open with four runs in the fifth, the big blow a bases-loaded double by Mitchem that cleared the bases. The Falcons added another run on a Churchill infield error.

"Burny's been coming around, he's been swinging the bat better," Farmington coach Pete Finn said. "That double he had was huge."

After Churchill tallied an unearned run in the sixth when Matt Luneack's groundout scored John Rodeman, but Farmington answered with a run in bottom of the sixth on an RBI double by Dan Pochmara, bringing pinch-runner Kirk Tomski home.

"I'm not happy about losing, but I'm happy with how hard we played," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "Our guys battled well against Mitchem. They put the ball in play and I thought we

Please see **CHARGERS, B5**



Churchill shortstop Tyler Cotter makes a throw to first base during Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal game against Farmington at Novi High School.

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Hawks down Gaels

The Michigan Hawks Women improved to 3-0-1 in the W-League's Midwest Division of the Central Conference with a 2-1 victory Saturday over the host Chicago Gaels at Lemont (Ill.) High School.

After a scoreless first half, Jessica Boyle (Oakland University) scored on a rebound off a Lauren Hill (Northville) breakaway in the 63rd minute. Ten minutes later, Kristi Evans (OU) finished a cross from Livonia Stevenson High grad Melissa Dobbyn (Michigan) to make it 2-0.

Danielle Mutters spoiled the shutout bid with a goal in the 88th minute for the Gaels (3-3).

Haley Kopmeyer went the first 70 minutes in goal for the Hawks before giving way to Lauren Jarman.

The Hawks return to action at 7 tonight at Stevenson to face the West Michigan Firewomen.

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Wolves rule Bash

Only rain could stop the WaCo Wolves, a 12-and-under team, from winning five straight games last weekend in the 2007 Frankennuth Baseball Bash.

The Wolves were awarded the championship with a 4-0 record after downing the Hartland Stars in the semifinals, 2-0, as pitchers Brady Hardin and Demetrius Bryant combined on a two-hitter.

Donald Goodson led the Wolves' offensive attack with a double, single, RBI and run scored. Jacob McCullough contributed a pair of singles, RBI and scored a run.

In pool play, the Wolves defeated the Flushing Raiders (11-0), Okemos Travel (13-1) and the Michigan Storm (11-1).

Hardin pitched four innings of one-hit ball in the win over Flushing. Offensive stand-outs included Daniel Cameron (triple, three RBI); Jared Terrill (two hits, RBI); Cody Cowart and Bryant (double, single, two RBI and an RBI each).

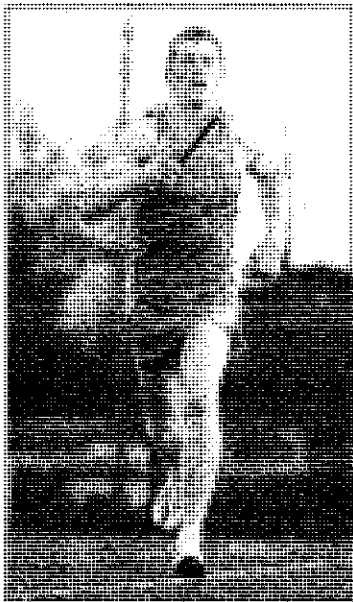
Justin Williams pitched a one-hitter in four innings over Okemos. He also helped his own cause with a pair of singles and two runs scored. Offense also came from Jamarl Eiland, double, two singles and three runs; Cameron, two singles, two runs and three RBI; and Grant VanLiew, two hits, two runs and an RBI.

Terrill and Cowart combined on a four-hitter against the Storm.

Man for all seasons

Glenn's Wood leaves with 13 letters

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



Jim Wood won the Rockets' track and field Ironman Award as a senior and also took the Coaches Award twice.

In this era of specialization in high school sports, Westland John Glenn's Jim Wood is an anomaly.

The senior, who recently graduated with honors with a 3.3 grade-point average, holds a distinction that hasn't been matched in recent memory or may not be duplicated any time soon.

Wood earned a total of 12 varsity letters in three different sports - golf, wrestling and track - along with an academic letter, giving him a grand total of 13.

And reflecting back on his four years, Wood wouldn't have had it any other way.

"The saddest thing I'll miss is competing for my school and my community," said Wood, who will study occupational therapy beginning in the fall at Oakland University. "It was

a great experience and I had the time of my life being part of three different teams and meeting all the different people. I was glad I was able to do all three and not have to select just one (sport). It gave me a variety."

In wrestling, Wood never missed a practice or a match in four years. He was a two-time state qualifier and holds the Rockets' career mark for falls with 96. He also ranks second in career wins only behind Rece Cox.

"Wrestling is real tough," Wood said. "As a junior I was happy to go to the Palace (of Auburn Hills). This year there was a lot of pressure to qualify again. It was not easy at all making weight (at 140 pounds), but I was really happy to go again and try and place. I lost my third match and it was a little disappointing (not placing), but it was great to go again and it was a great experience."

Please see **WOOD, B2**



John Glenn's Jim Wood never missed a wrestling practice or match in four years with the Rockets.

Boxer Roy Jones Jr. headlines Demolition game

The Detroit Demolition hopes to pack another punch beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Stevenson when it tackles the Kansas Storm in Independent Women's Football League action.

Champion boxer Roy Jones, Jr. will also make a special guest appearance and sign autographs.

Following a 24-22 loss the week before to the host D.C. Divas where they committed six turnovers, the Demolition improved to 5-1 in the IWFL rolling to a 69-0 victory last Saturday over the host Iowa Crush.

Bridget Porter was inserted

into the lineup as the starting quarterback and contributed 250 yards in total offense and five touchdowns. She also had punt returns of 38 and 36 yards for TDs and runs of 1, 25 and 55 yards for scores. At cornerback, her natural position, she made several tackles, batted away a few passes and had an interception.

"I was just going to do anything I could to help this team win the game and keep our championship drive going," Porter said. "But I have to admit that it was great for the team to be running on all cylinders and have a good game.

Linebacker Nefertiti moved to running back and finished with 90 yards rushing. Starting running back Kiana Dennis returned to action in the fourth quarter and responded with 110 yards rushing, including TD runs of 32 and 47 yards. She also played cornerback.

Kim Grodus, who started every game since the team's inception since 2002, rotated at QB with Porter and finished with a TD run and a 19-yard TD strike to wide receiver Kristine Vidojevski.

Coming off their first regular season loss in five years, coach Tony Blakenship made some

personnel changes.

"I knew that I need to shake a few things up and let the players know that we have a high standard of play her and lot of talented players that can perform at any position," he said. "This was also a message of commitment. I want total commitment by the players and coaches to this team everywhere, as much on the practice field as in the game."

The defense was dominating led by linebacker Misty Findlay, who led the way with 10 tackles, including two for loss. She also made all seven extra points and her deep kickoffs kept the

1-5 Crush pinned in their own territory.

Kim Walters contributed eight tackles and a sack, while defensive back Teresa Stuck lived up to her name with some jarring tackles.

Kansas City, a playoff team from the Mid-South Division, brings a 4-1 record into Saturday's matchup as the Demolition makes its quest for a fifth national title.

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WOOD
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The highlight of Wood's senior wrestling season was winning the district crown in his final match at home. As a junior he teamed up with his brother David, a 2006 Glenn grad (now at Western Michigan University) who wrestled (and also played soccer for the Rockets).

"He (David) was my drill partner, it was real cool to be able to be on the same team," Jim said.

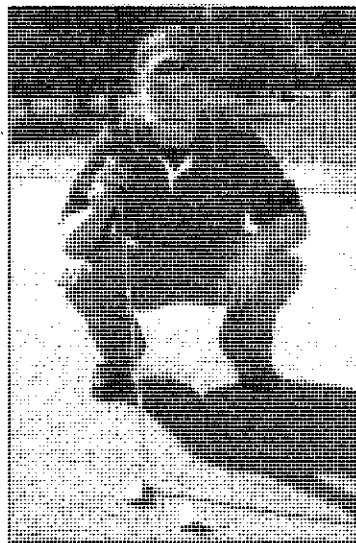
In middle school, Jim ran track and wrestled, but he also acquired a taste and a passion for golf.

He put up modest numbers during his career at Glenn - shooting a personal best 39 for nine holes at The Woodlands of Van Buren and an 84 for 18. Last fall he aced the par-3, No. 8 hole with playing with his team at The Woodlands, Glenn's home course.

Golf is something he can play and enjoy the rest of his life.

Prior to his junior year, Wood took a job at The Woodlands as a ranger, starter and cart attendant. He will spend this summer there as well.

"I like to play golf and I've met a lot of great people," Wood said. "I've gotten a lot of great advice. You work outside and the golf is for free. You can't beat it. Working at the



One of Jim Wood's favorite sports is golf. He was a four-year letter winner for the Rockets.

golf course is nice. It was the perfect setup for the season. It was a nice benefit because I could play throughout the summer."

While some train year-round in their chosen sport, Wood always looked forward to the high school golf season.

"Wrestling is more intense and I enjoyed the competition," he said. "I went to summer (wrestling) camps, but golf actually gave me a break from wrestling. It gave me a rest from the other ones."

In track, Wood set Glenn's freshman record in the 800-meter run. And throughout his four-year career he became a reliable and dependable scorer

for the Rockets.

"He's one you don't find around much more," Glenn track coach Jess Shough said. "Whatever you'll ask him to do, he'll do. He's been that way all four years. The first two years he won our Coaches Award. He wasn't our highest scorer, but he's the kind of kid you want to have around all the time. He's been amazing, very dependable."

Wood also could be just as competitive on the track as he was on the wrestling mat.

"He never wanted to lose," Shough said. "He's got a wrestler's build and every year he got stronger and more muscular. We had him try and relax his arms so when he makes a move, he was confident that he could go after somebody."

Wood also had a Cal Ripken-like streak going for the Rockets on the track, winning the team's Ironman Award.

"He never missed a team activity, a practice or a meet," Shough said. "When he got up at the banquet and spoke, he was really sincere. It tore me up. I'll miss him a lot."

Wood plans to do club wrestling at OU and remain fit.

"I've thought about running a marathon, I'll be in shape when I'm older," he said. "I'll be around sports, either refereeing or coaching."

And to nobody's surprise, Jim comes from an athletic family.

His father John, a recently retired teacher from the Wayne-Westland Schools, played football, wrestled and played baseball in high school. His older sister Mary, 23, swam for the Rockets.

And mother Marilyn, a teacher in the Romulus schools, was always there cheering her children on.

"They've been great, her and my dad are the best," Jim said. "They go to all the events, whether it's the booster club meetings or whatever. I couldn't ask for better parents. They've supported me 100 percent."

If Jim Wood would have been allowed to play a fourth sport, he didn't hesitate in saying which one he would have explored.

"I really wanted to play football," he said. "It would have been a lot of fun. Looking back I would have loved to play - maybe as a defensive back. I wish I would have done that. But I also love playing golf and maybe I would have had some injury in football that would have stopped me from wrestling."

High school wrestling is demanding as any, and Wood never missed a practice or meet in four seasons.

"I've had some minor aches and pains, but no serious injuries," Wood said. "I just eat right and have been able to stay healthy."

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Detroit Eagles vs. Michigan Rams, 8:15 p.m.

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Michigan Bulls vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m.

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Oakland Cubs vs. Michigan Bulls (2), 5 p.m.

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Livonia Stevenson H.S. vs. W. Mich. Firewomen, 7 p.m.

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INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, June 16 at Livonia Stevenson H.S.
Det. Demolition vs. Kansas City Storm, 7 p.m.

Rams gain 2 victories in Livonia Collegiate

The 20-and-under Michigan Rams took two-of-three during the weekend in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

On Sunday, the Rams split a doubleheader at Ford Field with the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls, winning the opener, 8-1, before losing the nightcap, 2-1.

On Friday, the Rams edged the 22-and-under Detroit Eagles, 5-4.

SANDLOT BASEBALL

The Rams' bats came alive during the first game of the twinbill against the Bulls, pounding out 14 hits as Ryan Shay, Kyle Hurtt and Mike Kittle each went 3-for-4 and combined for five RBI and four stolen bases.

Kyle Gendron and Mike Wiseman each added two hits in

the win, while Max Kelmigian and Frank Persichino each knocked in runs.

Winning pitcher Justin Collop, Wayne Memorial grad now at the University of Toledo, pitched six innings to pick up the victory. He allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out four before giving way to reliever Sam Yashinsky (Michigan).

Losing pitcher Steve Teno

gave up six runs on nine hits in 4.2 innings.

In the second game, Bulls hurler Josh Regits went all seven innings, scattering six hits and two walks while fanning six to pick up the victory.

Kyle Rhoad, who went 3-for-4, led off the seventh inning with a double, stole third and came home on Matt Kay's RBI sacrifice fly.

Josh Ivan added two hits for the Bulls, who improve to 4-2-1 in the LCBL.

Losing pitcher Ryan Gunderson (Albion College) allowed just one earned run on five hits. He struck out five and walked five.

Shay went 2-for-2 and knocked in the only run for the 4-3 Rams.

In Friday's win, the Rams scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat the 0-4-1 Eagles.

Persichino's sacrifice fly scored Hurtt with the game-tying run. With two outs, Wayne native and Detroit Catholic Central grad Eric Vojtkofsky (Spring Arbor College) double to deep right-center scoring Gendron with the game-winning run.

Justin Mazur (Wayne State) was the winning pitcher, going the final three innings in relief of starter Mike Kaiser (Aquinas College). Mazur allowed two runs on five hits.

John Ballegrin, who worked the last two innings in relief of Eagles starter Bobby Henderson, suffered the loss.

Bob Richardson went 2-for-2 with two RBI for the Eagles, 9-5. John Carrier also added two hits.

RU postseason ends with thud

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

This wasn't the way it was supposed to end for a 27-win team just coming off its fifth district title in school history.

But Redford Union's baseball season went up in flames Saturday as Allen Park took five innings to mercy the Panthers, 12-0, in the Division 1 regional semifinals held at Novi High School.

"Allen Park is a legitimate team, but I think we played scared for whatever reason," said RU coach Mike Taylor, whose team finished 27-7 overall. "I don't know if it was the stage we were on, or the crowd, but I could tell something just wasn't right just by the infield error we made."

To make matters worse, RU ace Toby Matchulat,

drafted in the 37th-round just a day earlier by the Detroit Tigers, had his worst outing of the year.

The Jaguars led 2-0 after one inning on a two-run single by A.J. Webb. Allen Park added six more in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth. Adam Bortolussi contributed a two-run single, while Anthony Savone also added an RBI single.

Control issues did in the lanky 6-foot-5 Matchulat. The senior right-hander gave up six walks and a couple of scratch hits before being pulled in the second inning in favor of reliever Chris Gazley.

"We kind of go as he goes," Taylor said of Matchulat. "When he's on, we're on. In 43 innings this year he had 68 strikeouts and only 15 walks, that's why it was so mysterious today. He couldn't get ahead in the count and it's tough to battle back with a lineup like that."

"I talked with Toby at practice (Friday) after the Tigers drafted him. He came in and we agreed to focus on Allen Park. But the bottom line is that he just didn't have it today and Allen Park was able to capitalize."

Webb, a Michigan State signee, did not allow a hit in five innings. The Jaguar senior right-hander struck out eight and walked only one in getting credit for the abbreviated no-hitter.

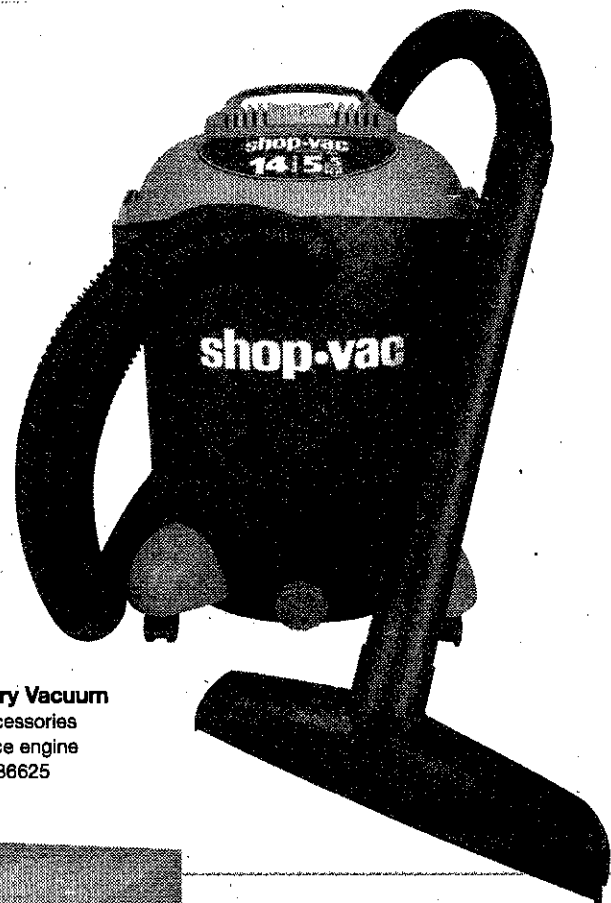
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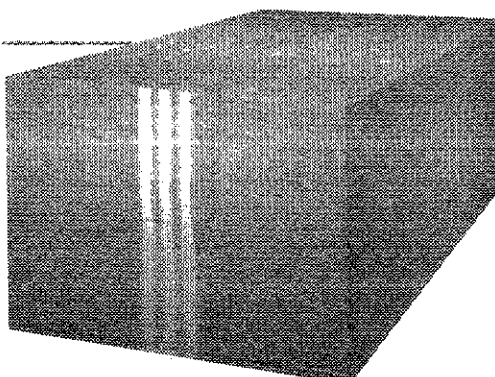
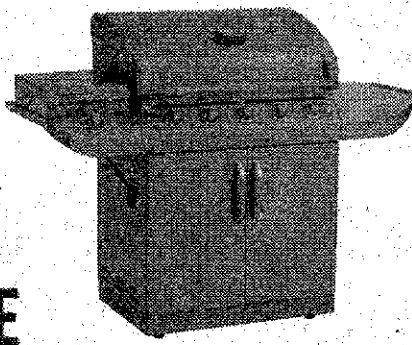
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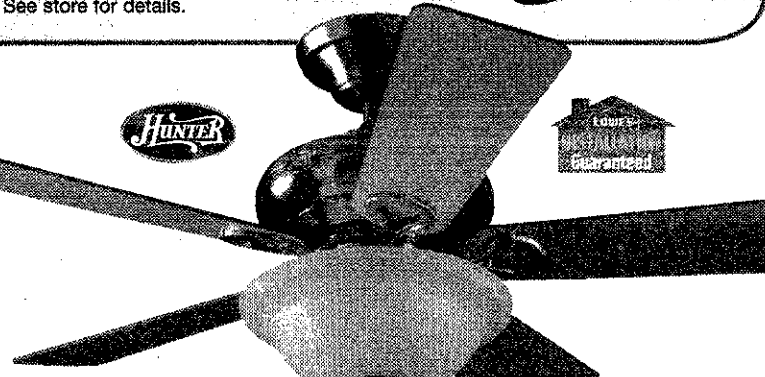
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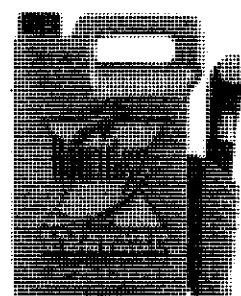
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Regina bats too much for Mercy in D-1 quarterfinal

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's bad enough that Harper Woods Regina has become a thorn in Farmington Hills Mercy's side during the Catholic League girls softball season.

But the Saddlelites have become major obstacle for everybody and anybody once the Division 1 state tournament commences.

The three-time defending state champions defeated Mercy for the fourth time in five meetings this season with a convincing 7-2 victory Tuesday over the Marlins in a quarterfinal matchup Tuesday at Carleton-Airport High School.

Regina, 36-5 overall, moves Friday to Battle Creek's Bailey Park to take on 26-13 Hudsonville in a semifinal game.

"The first four games mean nothing," Regina coach Diane Laffey said. "We came back and hit today. These kids have so much heart. They don't want to lose. They don't quit and they just battle. They don't want to be the team that doesn't go (to Battle Creek) even though we have three sophomores and one freshman in the starting lineup."

Mercy, gunning for its first semifinal berth since 2003, ends its season at 27-12 overall.

"When we first stated, we patterned our program after Regina," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said. "You have to compliment them for their grit and their gamesmanship. (Diane) Laffey sets the tone. And when

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they step into the box, they're not going to be cheated up there. Regina knows how to win. We're a young team and I think we'll learn from us."

Mercy started senior Amanda Hall on the mound and she was nicked up for a run in top of the first inning when Cory DeLamielleure tripled and scored on pitcher Kristen Gulock's two-out single.

Falvo then decided to switch pitchers, going with Kathleen Howard to start the second inning. Howard had missed the district after a bout with mononucleosis, but returned in a relievers' role during last week-end's regional conquest at Novi.

"You did not know where a strike was going to be called," Falvo said. "She (Hall) became frustrated by the inconsistent zone of balls and strikes. With the way things went, we had to go to with somebody else."

Howard set the Saddlelites down in order in the second inning and Mercy responded with two runs in the top of third to take a 2-1 lead.

Alison Allen hit a one-out single and took second on a stolen base. She moved to third on Brittany Stallworth's sacrifice bunt and scored on a Regina infield error off the bat of Ellen Panetta, who later scored on Missy Chomin's RBI single.

But Chomin's single was the last hit Mercy would collect over the final four innings as Gulock (five innings) and Erin Giannotta combined on a

three-hitter.

Regina answered with a run in the third when Jessica Rak led off with a single. She took second on a sacrifice bunt by Paige Shields and scored on Tara LaMilza's RBI single.

After both teams failed to score in the fourth and Gulock set down the Marlins in order in the top of the fifth, Regina exploded for five runs in the bottom half of the fifth sending nine batters to the plate.

Shields led off with a single and LaMilza reached base safely on a bunt that was mishandled at home. After Howard struck out DeLamielleure, Gulock laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to bring home Shields with the go-ahead and ultimately the game-winning run.

"We tried it (the suicide squeeze) against (Detroit) Cass Tech (in the regional) and it didn't work," Laffey said. "We had one of our best hitters up (Gulock) and Paige (Shields) is a good base runner. I gave it (the sign) to her (Gulock) on the second pitch and she knew right away. I knew we had the right people (in this situation)."

Hannah Sabol followed with a two-run triple followed by back-to-back RBI singles by Jourdan Heythaler and Mary Manuszak to give Regina a commanding five-run cushion.

"We were ready for it, we went with the rise pitch, but they just executed it flawlessly," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said of Gulock's suicide squeeze bunt. "We were prepared. We did everything we

were supposed to do."

Giannotta then came on in the sixth inning and retired six of the eight batters she faced. Hannah Atkinson was hit by a pitch in the sixth and Allen drew a walk in the seventh.

"We have Kristen (Gulock) go the first four of five innings," Laffey said. "She's more of a finesse pitcher and she moves the ball around the plate, while 'G' (Giannotta) is a power pitcher and gives them a different look. It's worked for us and our two pitchers are fine with it. It's all about the team with those two."

Howard, the losing pitcher, gave up seven of Regina's nine hits. She struck out four and did not allow a walk in five innings.

"We needed our first pitcher (Hall) to go two or three innings on a hot day because Kathleen was coming off and ill and she was not as game ready," Falvo said. "I'll give the ball to Kathleen any time. She's a true champion, and if it's OK to say this, 'She's a warrior.' She's a gamer, one of our top players. If not for her, our team wouldn't be here. She's been a fantastic leader and has done a great job of nurturing the other players. She's been fantastic."

Despite losing his starting battery, Falvo returns the rest of his starting lineup for 2008.

"That's youth," the Mercy coach said. "We're pretty young. Only Kathleen (Howard), Amanda (Hall) and our senior catcher (Chomin) won't return. I'm very optimistic about next year."



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Churchill's Eric Mitchell looks to bunt during Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal game against Farmington at Novi High School.

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did a pretty good job. We did not give up. We played hard right until the end."

Carozza, the crafty left-hander, worked the first four innings before giving way to reliever Bryon Niemczak. Carozza gave up nine hits, walked two and hit two batters. Seven of the eight runs were earned.

"Viny averages less than a walk per game," Targosz said. "To walk the lead-off man like he did (in the second and fourth innings) was uncharacteristic. He usually makes them put the ball in play, but they scored runs off those walks."

Churchill, coming off an 8-1 loss just prior to the pre-dis-

tricts against Farmington, finished with six hits. The Falcons had a total of 10 hits.

"They're tough," Farmington coach Pete Finn said of Churchill. "For a 17-17 team you wouldn't think they'd be that good, but they got a lot of young kids. They figured they could win and they made Burny work."

"We had some miscues, but we turned the ball well at second base and the catcher's throws were good."

While Farmington stayed alive in the tournament, Churchill can look forward to next year. The Chargers graduate just four seniors.

"Obviously we wanted to win," Targosz said. "But it was a good experience and it will give us something going into next year."

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Richmond Kickers stop Bucks in U.S. Open Cup action

The Michigan Bucks, making their Premier Development League record seventh appearance in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, couldn't dig itself out of 3-0 hole Tuesday night as the host Richmond (Va.) Kickers held on for a 4-2 victory at the University of Richmond Stadium.

Richmond, the defending United Soccer League's Division 2 champion, led 2-0

at halftime on goals by Robert Ssejumba (seventh minute) and Trevor McEachron (36th minute).

Sascha Gorres' goal in the 70th minute put the Kickers on top 3-0 before the 2006 North American PDL champions stormed back on a pair of goals by Nate Jafta in the 73rd and 76th minutes, respectively, after coach Dan Fitzgerald substituted Xavier Balc (Ohio

State) and former Livonia Stevenson product Nic Djokic into the lineup.

"The Kickers played a great game of soccer tonight, said Bucks owner Dan Duggan. "They were smart, disciplined and tough-minded enough to hold off our late match comeback. Give them all the credit, as they are a fine team and we wish them all the best as they continue to represent the USL

is their quest of bringing home the Lamar Hunt trophy."

Richmond, however, put the game away on Matt Watson's goal in the 86th minute and will advance to the second round of the nation's oldest amateur and professional affiliated tournament (94 years-old) against Cleveland.

The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Saline High School to face the Toronto Lynx.

Internationals at Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward's High School, 5-0, as goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University) logged his fifth shutout of the season before 122 fans.

Kelli Dube (Coastal Carolina) collected two goals and one assist for the Bucks, who improved to 5-0-2 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Mike Holody (Michigan), the Bucks' ironman on the back line, celebrated his selection to the PDL Team of the Week by turning in another solid performance in

front of Clark, who made five saves.

Doug DeMartin (Michigan State) scored what proved to be the game-winner from Xavier Balc (Ohio State) in the fourth minute.

Dube scored in the 26th minute (from Alex Morissette) and the 62nd minute (from Ty Shipalane).

Balc and Dube teamed up for a goal in the 46th minute, while Steve Brust capped the scoring in the 86th minute from Nic Djokic.

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Crusader coaches will again look for the next MU baseball player when they hold the 2007 MU Baseball Showcase Monday June 18 at Ilitch Ballpark.

Festivities begin at noon and all players who wish to come to the open tryout are asked to be at Ilitch Ballpark, stretched and ready to go by noon.

All junior college players, as well as 2007 and 2008 high school graduates, are invited to attend the free showcase.

For more information, contact MU baseball coach Greg Haeger at (734) 432-5609.

C'ville hoop camp

The Trojan Fundamental Basketball Camp will be from

9 a.m. to noon (boys and girls grades 4-8) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 9-12), Monday through Thursday, June 18-21, at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

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The camp will be run by Clarenceville varsity boys coach Corey McKendry, along with Grandville Elementary School coach Stefan Terpack.

Guest speakers include former Clarenceville All-State guard Donnie Carson, now at Idaho State, along with registered MHSAA officials and current Oakland University players.

For more information, call (248) 919-022, Ext. 217.

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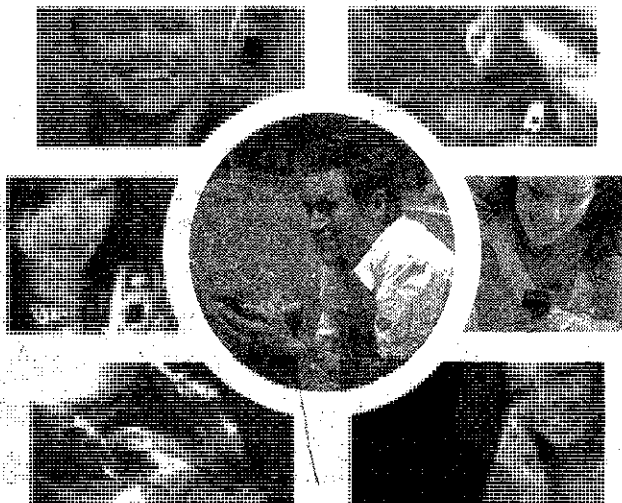
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SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. ☎656264

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. ☎147056

CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-42, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

FRIENDS FIRST
WVWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'6", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎691247

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

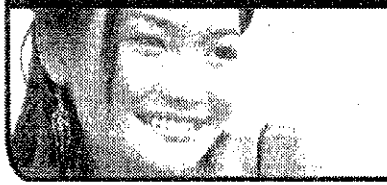
ONCE IN A LIFETIME
SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a slim to medium build, N/S, gentleman, 48-65, 5'8"+, for companionship, maybe more. ☎175130

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

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POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

FIND ME
Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

OK, HERE GOES . . .
Fun-loving, professional, athletic DWF, 38, MOM, ISO like-minded, tall, professional, fun-loving WM. Must be outgoing, friendly and honest. No players please. ☎200908

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WHY NOT CALL?
Honest, fun, easygoing SM, 19, 6'4", brown/brown, seeks sexy, lady who knows how to have a good time. Is it you? ☎200202

HOPE TO HBAR FROM YOU
Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

TAKE A LOOK
DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

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SM, 37, working construction, likes dinners out, travel, movies, good company. Seeking a sweet lady to share these. ☎201579

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LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

A NICE GUY
SM, 22, easygoing, honest, affectionate, looking for a good-hearted, sweet, cool, goal-oriented SF, to get to know, share friendship, fun and maybe more. ☎200811

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

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40-year-old SBM, down-to-earth, caring and light-hearted, looking for a young lady to share happiness, laughter, friendship and or serious relationship. ☎197703

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

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Loving, easygoing SWM, 43, enjoys meeting new people, casual dining, sports, life. Looking for fun, communicative SF to share talks, good times, laughs and lots more. ☎197772

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

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Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SHM, 39, good looking, seeking a SWF, 25-41, slender, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys movies, dining, walks and romance. Give me a call. ☎196752

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 5'9", educated, employed, seeking a laid-back, affectionate, romantic, mature B/WF, 45+, to spend time with. Let's get to know each other. ☎198586

GETTING REAL
SWM, 55, tall, slim, athletic, affectionate, seeking a woman, 35+, kind-hearted, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎198679

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Affectionate, true SBM, 21, likes home-cooking, nights out. Seeking loving, sexy, sweet lady who knows how to have a good time, for sharing, dates, talks, friendship, fun. Possible LTR. ☎200931

HI LADIES
Loving, respectful SBM, 28, 6'2", 195lbs, brown complexion, solid build, fun to be with, looking for a nice, cool, loving lady to share some fun times, friendship and maybe romance. ☎183672

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
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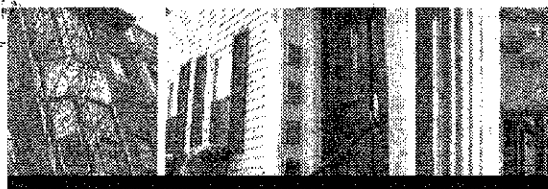
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One of the best ways to determine which one might qualify is to look at its staffing level. Rikka Brandon, director of search firm Building Resources in Fargo, N.D., reports that 16 percent of jobs are going begging in the building industry. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that means about 1.12 million of them, which makes employers more than willing to consider career-changers.

Robert Freck, plant manager and director of Operations at JMW Truss L.L.C., in Yuma, Ariz., changed careers at 40, 52 and 54. He moved first from general plant management into semi-conductor consulting, then into building and construction (window and door) and, finally, into the wood industry's trusses and wall panels. Brandon points out that this last is, indeed, a career change: "The building industry is so large that one person could go from flooring to windows. These are very different but fall under building materials." She estimates that four percent of candidates come from completely outside of the industry from such fields as high technology -- "programmers and web designers who want to swing a hammer instead of type

on a keyboard" -- and "banking and finance people who are very professional, very white collar and want to sell or do project management and estimating."

George Nash, general manager at the Building Products Division of Ensinger Industries Inc., in Grenloch, N.J., career-changed for the first time at 59 from windows and doors to products that improve thermal insulation in aluminum windows and doors. "This is a totally different product with a totally different company," he states with a lingering Scottish brogue.

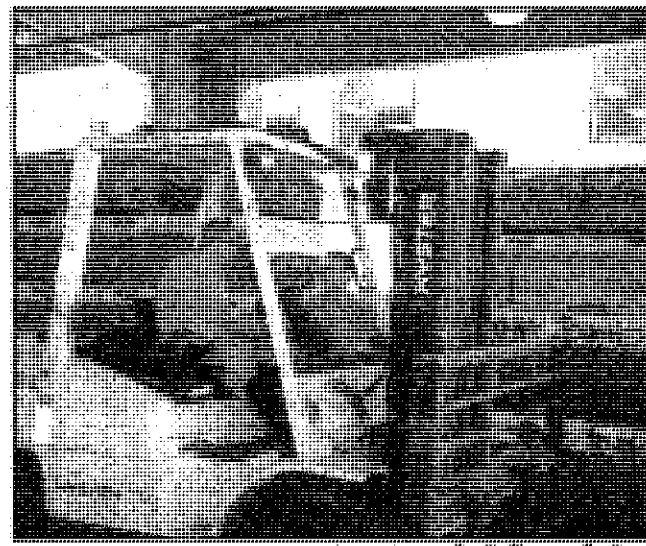
TAKING CHARGE

Did they pull out Grecian formula to create a youthful look? The issue of age discrimination never arose. "In more senior positions," Freck says, "they want a breath of experience. Experience comes with age. They wanted me because I brought a larger world view and had the experience in other businesses to bring in new ideas." Nash didn't even think about it. "There's such a loss of expertise with early-retired baby boomers," he remarks, "that a lot of organizations are having to turn to older workers."

If they were passive over that issue, these two men weren't once on the job. For Freck, the challenge was to work in an environment lacking a systems structure for engineering, tracking and quality. That's one of the reasons he was brought on board. Nash faced a similar challenge -- to learn both the product and gain understanding of the marketplace. Because the New Jersey division of Ensinger is a relatively small

part of a German company with 3,000 employees worldwide, he had a lot of work to do. He went to Germany to fill the learning gap as quickly as possible. Nash observes that many companies don't recognize that a senior person may require six months to get up to speed, and if they do recognize it, may not accept it.

Freck is enjoying the fact that his company is making a name for itself in systems development. His challenge was to learn the business as he went along. "People here know things backwards and forwards," he comments. "They're technically brilliant, in many cases," but despite sophistication in their work, many lack the computer skills to use e-mail. He also had to learn to work comfortably with people who aren't like him. He'd worked around college-educated, analytical employees previously and was now confronted with graduates of the School of Hard Knox. If anything, he was the oddball who learned to adjust to the different personalities and skill sets he encountered. He was also challenged by the stage of continuous improvement programs. "I call it my sandbox -- we're in Yuma, and we get quite a bit," he quips. "I can start over at the beginning. It's interesting and exciting for me." He just wishes that the industry would gain ground to maximize the increased productivity and capacity the company is



Robert Freck (r) changed careers for the first time at 40, then at 52 and most recently at 54. He is plant manager and director of Operations at JMW Truss, L.L.C., in Yuma, Ariz. He and Gabriel Gomez (l) are discussing warehouse operations.

developing. If they were to do it over, Freck would understand that "we need to learn as much as we have to teach, and that a lot of people don't want to share (their knowledge)." Nash would career-change earlier, not wait until semi-retirement. "When you're younger," he says, "you may have more tolerance for the inertia (of upper management politics). Then you say to yourself, 'Well, I have X years to rectify this.' At my age, I've got five." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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