

Mayor vows to 'move city forward'

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild declared Tuesday evening during his first State of the City address that Westland will not falter despite tough economic times, saying the city "is full of growth, full of promise, full of life."

Wild, 39, brought a crowd of nearly 300 people to its feet with an upbeat, patriotic



against appointed incumbent accountant has helped him William Wild and Westland prepare. "I deal with the public, and City Council President Charles Pickering, who was mayor in this is a natural extension of that," he said Wednesday. "I Novack, 47, works for a really welcome the opportufood-and-beverage company at nity to serve the residents of Detroit Metro Airport. He said Westland." he has been involved in union negotiations related to his job. Please see FILINGS, A2



theme so carefully detailed that even the catered slices of apple pie had miniature U.S. flags stuck atop them.

"While there is no doubt that our great state of Michigan is facing some of the toughest economic challenges of our time, our all-American city is strong," Wild said. "We are weathering the storm, and we are moving forward."

After giving his wife, Sherri, a bouquet of roses, Westland's eighth mayor wasted little time rallying residents, business people and elected leaders to work together to help the city prosper.

"It was an absolutely great speech," Marlene Manke, 70, said.

While many cities have been forced to cut services and lay off employees, Wild said, "we are standing strong." He pledged to work with the City Council and state legislators representing Westland to "move our city forward."

Wild voiced pride that Westland has a balanced, \$60 million budget that protects a \$2 million surplus and its union employees. But, he went further to outline a vision for

Patchin Elementary third-graders Brianna Wallace (from left); Shelby Grech, Hannah Trombley, David Jackson and Luke Hauseh with teacher Peggy Flacks lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

improving the city.

In hopes of saving money, he said the city is negotiating with alternative suppliers of natural gas; improving vehicle maintenance; marketing the municipal golf course, ice arena, skate park and public pool; and exploring curbside recycling in hopes of trimming trash-disposal costs.

Despite economic woes, Wild said he will work with local economic development officials to redevelop commercial areas

and market such long-vacant buildings as the former Sam's Club and old Best Buy on Central City Parkway.

"The city has grown tired of waiting for someone to come in and fill these big boxes," he said

Wild hailed a spirit of cooperation between his administration and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and

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## Police charge man in serial robberies

#### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, suspected in a series of early-morning armed robberies of CVS stores, has been slapped with a \$5 million cash bond.

Pierre Rene Bonds, 41, was arraigned Monday on charges stemming from a 7 a.m. April 29 holdup at the CVS store at Warren and Venoy in Westland, not far west of his residence at River Bend Apartments. Bonds, who already was on parole for bank robbery, also is likely facing charges in other communities, including

Farmington Hills, said Westland police Sgt. Ed Price.

Bonds, arrested Friday at his apartment, was arraigned Monday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos for armed robbery and two firearms-related felony charges.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him as he awaits a June 28 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, Bonds could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Westland Police Chief James Ridener credited Bonds' arrest to "some really nice police work."

The suspect was placed under surveillance after Canton police released photos to the news media and received a tip from someone who knew him, Price said.

Bonds was watched by the multicity Metro Street Enforcement Team, Westland's Special Investigations Unit and the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, Price said.

Authorities searched Bonds' apartment and, according to Price, they found evidence linking him to CVS robberies.

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## against tall grass

### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

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Moving to attack blight and protect property values, a united Westland City Council voted Monday to toughen rules against tall grass and other unsightly growth.

'This issue is done, and help is on the way," Councilman Dewey Reeves said, in response to residents' complaints.

The new rules will allow the hiring of outside contractors to help city workers mow grass that grows to 8 inches or higher. Costs will be passed on to property owners, who could be socked with a 30 percent surcharge on their tax bills unless they pay the tab.

The problem has grown, with officials citing some 400 foreclosed or vacant homes. Moreover, Building Director Sue Dodson said 800 houses are for sale in Westland as Michigan's economic woes continue.

Mayor William Wild asked the council's help in addressing a problem that spurred numerous complaints to city offices.

"The administration, the council and I know this is a problem that affects a good

majority of our neighborhoods," Wild said in a state-

ment. "Most residents' biggest investment is their home. These blighted conditions negatively affect their property values.

"We know that something more needs to be done in order to bring about a viable resolution," Wild said,

In response, the council declared an emergency Monday and approved a tougher ordinance, aimed at. addressing a situation deemed "detrimental to the health," welfare and safety of citizens."

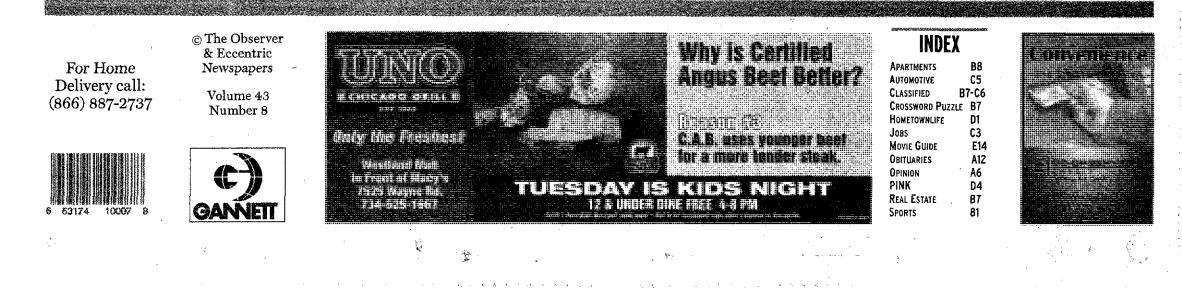
The city attorney's office had drafted an ordinance for grass at the 10-inch mark, but Councilman Bill Johnson gained support Monday for reducing the height to 8 inches.

Officials hope the measures will decrease pollen counts, control mosquito populations, reduce fire hazards and ease rodent problems. The new ordinance will speed up the process of addressing problem properties.

City leaders discussed the issue June 11 during a study session.

Wild moved quickly with City Attorney Angelo Plakas office to get the emergency proposal ready for approval a week later.

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### **AROUND WESTLAND**

### No coffee hour

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, won't be holding a monthly coffee hour in July, but will be back meeting with constituents 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Constituents who have questions or concerns can contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325.

### Cast your votes

Entries are still being sough for three Westland Festival contests sponsored by the Westland Civitans.

Parents have until 4 p.m. Monday, June 24, to turn in applications for the Baby of the Year, Toddler of the Year and Tot of the Year at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office, 36900 Ford, or the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

The baby contest is for infants who have not turned one-year-old by July 1, 2007. Toddlers can't have turned age 2 by July 1, 2007, and tots can't have turned age 3 by July 1, 2007.

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 "polling places" will be open 4-10 p.m. Friday, June

### FILINGS 29, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday

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Paige thanked voters who signed his nominating petitions "to at least give me a chance to get on the ballot.

Paige and DeHart - the city's first elected clerk - will compete in November for a fouryear term.

Meanwhile, four more council candidates had filed their petitions this week, potentially widening the field to 11 hopefuls. The latest candidates include:

■ Christine Cicirelli Bryant, 33, a Target employee who is studying at the University of Michigan-Dearborn to become an elementary schoolteacher. The daughter of Judge Cicirelli, she said she has been a parent volunteer at schools and has helped with Rouge River cleanup efforts.

"I just want to get more

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he said new businesses have brought 250 jobs to the city since January, alone. He urged residents to support those businesses and said he will direct his department heads to do the same whenever possible.

"All I ask is that the local businesses offer the city a quality

involved," she said, adding she now has "the time and the ability to make a positive effort with Westland."

Bryant said the city's budget will remain a big issue due to state economic problems, and she said she wants to help protect local programs and, services.

Sam Durante, 65, a Terminix employee who formerly ran for state representative.

"It's time for a change," Durante said. "I want to represent the people of Westland - not the big businesses of Westland."

He said he ran on that theme as a state representative and still believes in it. He also said he plans to retire in August, a move that will give him more time to serve the public. ■ John Goci, 37, president

of Barden Entertainment and owner of U.S. 12 American Bar & Grill in Wayne. As of

product or service at a competitive price," he said, adding later, "If we want our city to grow and prosper, we need to do business right here in Westland."

Even more important, Wild said, is for residential neighborhoods to thrive. To that end, he said the city will attack the problem of tall grass on vacant properties; use federal dollars to pave Dorsey Road in the gradually rebounding Norwayne subdivision; and support talks

Wednesday afternoon, the clerk's office was still verifying whether Goci has enough required petition signatures to get on the ballot. Goci said he would run as a write-in candidate, if necessary.

"I feel called into politics. It's something I love," he said. "I love to help people, and the best way to do that is through politics.

He said he wants to speed up the process of cleaning up the lead-contaminated Central City Park.

James Godbout, 52, an account manager for Rockwell Automation. Godbout was appointed to the council in late 2000 and was elected in 2001 and 2003.

Godbout cited his involvement chairing the city's recycling and technology committees, and he also has been involved in Nankin Transit Authority and the Michigan Municipal League.

aimed at starting a satellite, children's library at the Dorsey Center "with all new books and computers."

Although he ordered Central City Park fenced off in January due to lead contamination, Wild said he will work with county leaders and state environmental officials to clean up the park as soon as possible.

"The silver lining in the closure of Central City Park has been the opportunity to focus on our 17 other parks here in Westland," Wild said.

The mayor also referred to his Very Important Resident program, saying his administration will handle residents' concerns

"There's still a lot of work that needs to be done and improvements that need to be made," he said.

Godbout cited cleaning up Central City Park, upgrading the city's technology and starting a curbside recycling program as among his goals.

As earlier reported in the Observer, seven other candidates already had filed their petitions: sitting council members Bill Johnson (DeHart's brother), Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves, along with challengers Gary Bulson, Harold Dunn, Todd Kangas and Mark Rodriguez.

The field of council candidates will be narrowed in August to eight for the November election. The top three finishers will earn fouryear terms. The fourth-place vote-getter will win a two-year term.

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in a timely manner. Moreover, he said all departments are now required to document all citizen complaints and forward them to his office daily.

Longtime resident Elnora Ford praised Wild's speech and complimented the team of Wild and Deputy Mayor Courtney Brown.

"I think the message was very impressive, and he delivered it quite well," she said.

Resident Bud O'Leary, 79, agreed and said the patriotic theme was effective with the Fourth of July approaching. "I think he really nailed it. His speech was just fantastic,"



### The Wayne-Westland Community Schools

announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

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Lunch Service will start June 25 through August 10 (no service the week of July 2) at both sites.

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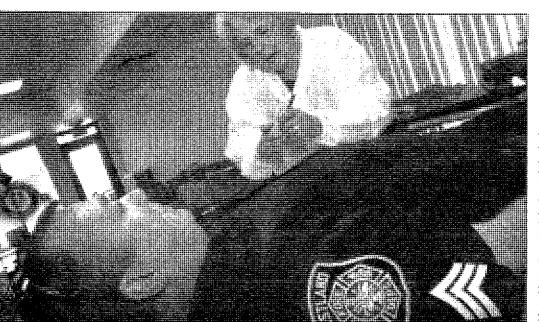
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## Westland Fire Department Sgt. Andrew Buck takes part in the blood drive as American Red Cross RN Nicky Bonnett of Canton prepares him. **Bragging rights: Firefighters** win battle of badges blood drive

#### BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The men in blue bled red on Monday, but not enough.

When the counting was done, it was the other men in blue, the Westland Fire Department, that won Monday's Battle of the Badges blood drive.

"This is the rubber match," said Fire Capt. John Adams. "There's no question we'll beat the police after that little sleight of hand last year."

The goal was a 80 units of blood for the third annual Battle of the Badges blood drive that pitted firefighters against police officers, and 73 were collected - 57 for the firefighters and 36 for police - according to Martha Kurtz of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross.

In all, 93 people came out for the blood drive, she said, including 18 who were first-time donors like fire Sgt. Andrew Buck.

"I thought it was a good thing to do, I know the Red Cross



American Red Cross nurse Diana LaRue of Livonia gets Westland Police Officer Roger Borst ready for his blood donation during the third annual Battle of the Badges.

always need blood," he said, grimacing as Red Cross nurse Nicky Bonnett poked the needle in his vein.

Across the room, police Officer Roger Borst, a regular blood donor, had just heard about this year's competition and decided to give a pint.

"It's all about bragging rights," he said. "It's good cause to fill up the blood banks and have fun doing it."

The Westland Battle of the Badges was the first one of many competitions which will be held through out the region through Aug. 18. Being the first brought out several Red Cross officials as well as Jason the 300-pound cowboy from WYCD-FM radio.

Kurtz said the Red Cross was glad that Westland police officers and firefighters were willing to go first.

"They volunteered, they said let's go for it," she said. "We're glad they stepped up to the plate."

While the number of units collected was down slightly from last year's 79 units, they're sorely needed. Blood bank supplies are down to several hours during the summer months.

"Depending on the hospitals the need runs around 800 units a day on average," Kurtz said. "I do know we never have enough."

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## Police pleased with arrest of escapee

Shuford

### **BY DARRELL CLEM** STAFF WRITER

Westland fugitive Jason David Shuford's capture Sunday in Ohio, one week after he escaped the Wayne County jail while facing sentencing for armed robbery, came as welcome news to local authorities.

"It's certainly a relief that he's in custody, because he is a dangerous man and we want him sent to prison to serve his time," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said.

Shuford, 24, was arrested by the FBI's Cincinnati office about 1:30 a.m. Sunday at a Budget Host Inn in Botkins, Ohio, about 50 miles north of Dayton.

Shuford already was facing seven to 20 years in prison for an armed robbery in February on Belding Court, on Westland's south side. Now, he will face new felony charges of failing to appear for his sentencing and escaping police custody.

Shuford escaped the Wayne County jail on June 10 amid reports he switched identities with another prisoner charged with less serious offenses. He had been on the run for a week. As local authorities sought his extradition

Court hearing delayed in shooting incident

#### BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

A court hearing for a defendant charged in a June 3 shooting and robbery on Hubbard near Palmer is expected to happen this week.

Jason William Hicks, 25, is charged with assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, first-degree home invasion, felony firearms, being a felon with a gun, and being a fourthdegree habitual offender.

His hearing in Westland 18th District Court was delayed for a week last Thursday after a new attorney asked for more time.

Hicks and two at-large suspects are accused of forcing their way into a house around 1:15 a.m. June 3 in an attempt to rob 24-year-old Jason David Shuford, who wasn't at home.

Shuford has been apprehended in Ohio after he was mistakenly released earlier this month by Wayne County authorities as he was awaiting dclem@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

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People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475

early this week, Shuford was held in the Montgomery County Jail in Ohio on a federal warrant accusing him of fleeing from custody.

Two accomplices who helped-Shuford in his escape plot also will face charges of aiding and abetting, punishable by up to seven years in prison, Wayne

County authorities said.

Investigators from the sheriff's office, the Detroit Violent Crimes Task Force, FBI and other agencies along the I-75 corridor had been working since June 10 to capture Shuford.

In early June, Shuford had been free on bond before he was returned to jail to await his sentence.

During that time, he was the intended victim of a robbery June 3 at his residence on Hubbard near Palmer in Westland.

Shuford wasn't at home, however, and his 26year-old roommate survived after being shot when three assailants forced their way into the house.

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prison time for a separate robbery. Hicks, the accused gunman in the Hubbard incident, was charged after police said he used a handgun to shoot Shuford's 26-year-old roommate in the left shoulder. The victim has contacted the Observer to say he didn't know his

assailants. Shuford's 9-month-old child also was in the house, but wasn't injured.

Hicks remains jailed on a \$750,000 cash bond, set by 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, as he awaits his preliminary hearing.

Meanwhile, police still are seeking information to help them nab the other two suspects in the Hubbard incident. Anyone who has information is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600. Anonymous tips also may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) SPEAK UP.

### 'Riddle-De-Dee' program planned at library Youngsters are invited to the

Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.





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## Put safety 1st, if you own pool

#### BY BRIAN AURÉ

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• Owning a swimming pool is terrific. But let's not forget, they are dangerous! Swimming pools are so dangerous in fact, that 300 children under age five die and 2,000 more children under age five visit hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries every year.

In some of the nation's sunbelt, drowning has been the leading cause of accidental death in the home of children under five years old. The information below can help parents and caregivers provide young children with the protection they deserve.

Many communities have enacted safety regulations governing residential swimming pools - in-ground and above ground. It's up to parents to comply with these regulations. Apart from these laws, parents who own pools can take their own precautions to reduce the chances of their youngsters accessing the family pool or spa without adult supervision.

Following are just a few facts uncovered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in a comprehensive study of drowning and submersion incidents involving children under five years old in Arizona, California and Florida.

■ Seventy-five percent of the submersion victims studied by CPSC were between one and three years old; 65 percent of this group were boys. Toddlers, in particular, often do something unexpected because their capabilities change daily.

At the time of the incidents, most victims were being supervised by one or both parents. Forty-six percent of the victims were last seen in the house; 23 percent were last seen in the yard or on the porch or patio; and 31 percent were in or around the pool before the accident. In all, 69 percent of the children were not expected to be at or in the pool, yet they were found in the water.

Submersion incidents involving children usually happen in familiar surroundings. Sixty-five percent of the incidents happened in a pool owned by the child's family and 33 percent of the

rescuing the child quickly and restarting the breathing process, even while the child is still in the water. Seconds count in preventing death or brain damage.

Child drowning is a silent death. There's no splashing to alert anyone.

### Barriers

The following barrier recommendations are the result of identifying key parameters that typically contribute to child drowning in backyard pools. These recommendations are the minimum steps you can take to make your home a safe place for your child.

 Barriers are not childproof but they provide layers of protection for a child who strays from supervision. Barriers give parents additional time to locate a child before the unexpected becomes a reality.

Barriers include a fence or wall, door alarms for the house, and a power safety cover over the pool. Barriers also may be used to protect children from accessing hot tubs and spas.

### Fences and gates

■ Install a fence or other barrier, such as a wall, completely around the pool. If the house is part of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with an alarm or the pool should have a power safety cover.

■ The fence or other barrier should be at least four feet high. It should have no foot or handholds that could help a young child to climb it.

Vertical fence slats should be less than 4 inches apart to prevent a child from squeezing through.

### Door alarms

 $\blacksquare$  If the house forms one side of the barrier, then doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with alarms that produce an audible sound when a door is unexpectedly opened.

Install an alarm that can be temporarily turned off by an adult for a single opening of the door by using a keypad or switch that is out of a child's reach.

### Power safety cover

restricting their access to the water.

### Above ground pools

Steps and ladders leading from the ground to the pool should be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use.

### Rules for pools

- Instruct baby-sitters about potential pool hazards to young children and about the use of protective devices, such as door alarms and latches. Emphasize the need for constant supervision.

■ Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool. During social gatherings at or near a pool, appoint a designated watcher to protect young children from pool accidents. Adults may take turns being the watcher. When adults become preoccupied, children are at risk.

■ If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the pool area.

Do not allow a young child in the pool without an adult. Do not consider young

children to be drown-proof because they have had swimming lessons. Children must be watched closely while swimming.

Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Babysitters and other caretakers, such as grandparents and older siblings, should also know CPR.

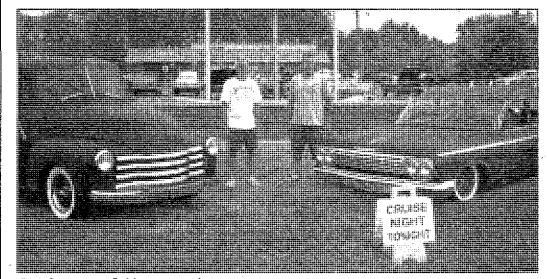
Keep rescue equipment by the pool. Be sure a telephone is poolside with emergency numbers posted nearby. Remove toys from in and

around the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children to the pool.

Never prop open the gate to a pool barrier.

### Neighborhood watch

As a reminder, the Neighborhood Watch meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesdays of March, May, October and December at the Maplewood Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.



### **Cruisers of the Week**

A Westside Rod and Custom Car Club's Cruiser of the Week honor went to Chris Sonstegard and his 1962 Chevy Impala station wagon. The car has air ride suspension, flat black paint and pin striping, surf board and luggage. Member of the Week was Dave Poireir, owner of a 1951 Chevy pickup. The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club holds car shows on Wednesday evenings at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

## Hill's 2nd Chance Tour visits Berman Center

Give and animal a second chance at love at a pet adoption event being held Saturday, June 23, at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The Hill's "Second Chance for Love" Tour will be at the Westland shelter 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to encourage people to adopt a companion animal and be part of saving the lives of one million dogs and cats by

the end of the year. As part of the tour, Hill's will cover the fee for the first 25 adoptions during the event. New and current pet owners also will have the opportunity to share their own adoption success stories and learn more

about proper pet nutrition. Pet owners can also visit the Hill's Web site at www. HillsPet.com/2ndChance to submit their pet adoption stories and photos as part of the Second Chance Contest. Two grand prize winners will receive a five- year supply of Hill's Science Diet pet food and will be featured in the 2008 advertising campaign.

Each participant also will be able to nominate their favorite Hill's partner shelter to win a grand prize of \$10,000 for the organization. Contest entries will be accepted through Sept. 30, and the winning cat and dog will be announced in November.

Since its inception, the Hill's

program has supported the adoption of almost tow million pets through its more than 1,200 partner shelters.

Through the its Shelter Nutrition Partnership program, the company provides shelters with the Science Diet pet food to help shelter animals and increase their chances of getting adopted.

Last year alone, the company donated more than \$20 million worth of food which, in turn. helped more than 700,000 pets find new homes.

Berman Center for Animal Care is at 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford in Westland. For more information, call the center at (734) 721-7300.

## Westland man vies for spot in zoo ad

A Westland man is one of six semifinalists in a Detroit Zoological Society contest to find voices for two animals in an updated version of the Detroit Zoo's popular "Zoo Stars" television commercial.

William Conrad was chosen from among over 180 talent-search participants at open audition for the public

The new "Zoo Stars" campaign, sponsored by National City, will debut on Fox 2 July 11 with a 30-second commercial airing through July 31.

was entered by both Mark Goldstein of Farmington Hills paign, sponsored by National City, will debut on Fox 2 July 11 with a 30-second commercial airing through July 31.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is at Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak. It is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo. org.

incidents happened in a pool owned by friends or relatives. Pool submersions involving children happen quickly. A child can drown in the time if takes to answer a phone. Seventy-seven percent of the victims had been missing from sight for five minutes or less.

■ Survival depends on

A power safety cover is a motor-powered barrier that can be placed over the water area. Motor-driven covers easily open and close over the pool.

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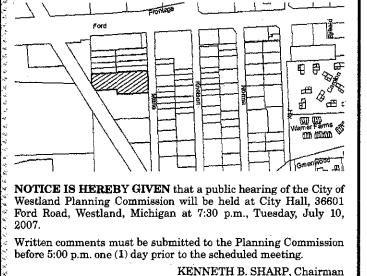
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1601B - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Affordable Autobody, Inc., 2167 Marie Street, Parcel #050-01-0207-000, West Side of Marie Street, South of Ford Road, James A. Bush (Austin G. Battallia)



Westland Planning Commission

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At each meeting, we will discuss crime concerns, issues and preventative tips and advise. If you have a crime prevention topic of interest that you would like to be discussed during a meeting, please contact myself or Detective Bureau Secretary Barb Wlosinski. Your topic of interest can also be added to the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter to share with others who may be interested.

Detective Sqt. Brian Auré is a member of the Garden City Police Department.

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to voice lines in the new spot at the Detroit Zoo on June 2. The Detroit Zoological Society has teamed up with Doner, the Zoo's advertising agency, broadcast partner Fox 2, and sponsor National City, to remake the popular commercial with the help of the community.

The public had its first opportunity to help shape the updated version by writing lines for the new spot. Two lines were selected from among more 3,000 entries submitted by the public. Deeeee-troit an-i-mals,

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NOTICE

The City of Westland summer 2007 tax bills will be mailed on or

about July 1, 2007. The Summer Tax Bills are payable through August 15, 2007, without additional interest.

**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the

Case #2132E - Public Hearing for Special Land Use

Approval for Proposed Golden Chop Stick Restaurant,

Parcel #045-99-0004-001, South Side of Ford Road and West

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of

Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601

Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10,

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission

KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman

Westland Planning Commission

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before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

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City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

and Christopher Adams of Clarkston. "Badgers! We don't need no stinking badgers," was submitted by Russel Woodruff of St. Clair Shores.

The original Zoo Stars" spot, created in 1982 by Doner, features Detroit Zoo animals "talking" as if they were Broadway stars preparing for the day's opening of the Zoo. The spot won every national advertising award at the time, including the coveted CLIO, and an adapted version of the spot was used by more than 25 other zoos around the country. The new "Zoo Stars" cam-

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

For more information, call (313) 852-4056.

### **CITY OF WESTLAND** NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, June 28, 2007, various items of the City Westland Police Department 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:

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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### **CITY OF WESTLAND** NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday July 10, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Killebrew, Kimberly

Named to the Dean's list fro the winter 2007 term at Madonna University were Garden City residents Kathryn Bellows, Makeia Collier, Somer Davidson, Dana Domanski-Nielsen, Debra Duston, Richard Hammer, Lisa Hay, Mary LaPalm, Amanda Marshall, Kellie Meyers, Kevin Sehwartz, Kelli Siwik, Nicholas Vorhoff and Joseph Williams.

Westland residents named to the list were Whitney Balas, Lisa Balko, Yola Barchini, Carolyn Bedner, Jacki Belcher, Jacqueline Bonett, Tiffany Borchardt, **Cory Boutin**, Emily Brennan, Andrea Burston, Kristin Campanella, Christopher Cosselmon, Darcy Dauphin, Richard Dearing, Lindsay Dixon, Meghan Edmonds, Loreen Forchione, Nicole Gansely, Ryan Gatuz, Lorraine Getkin, Kelli Gibbs, Sarah Graff, Michele Greer, Alan Hagedon, Douglas Hagedon, Kimberly Hagelthorn, Gail Harris, Andrea Harvey, Noel Hathorne, Katherine High, Joseph Horka, Amanda Hubel, Jacqueline Huhert, Shane Hughey, Nicholas Jentz, Andrea Jimenez.Crystal Jones, Jessica Kelly, Kelly

Kitzmiller, Amanda Knight, Lindsey Litwinczuk, Tekeshia Lucas, Teresa March, Steven Mateja, Elizabeth Mathe, Sandra McCausland, Charles Meyers, Patricia Miller, Mark Mimnaugh, Marian Minor, Adrienne Morre, Jennifer Moretti, Amanda Morrill, Jill Nabozny, Cynthia Nouhan-Mukhal, Robert Oliver, Sara Olweean, Jeong-Eun Park, Christopher Peplinski, Endia Price, Erica Progar, Jaclyn Puhlman, Pamela Richmond, Ramana Roberson, Linda Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Brenda Rupp, Adam See, Megan Sergeichik, Rebecca Sharoian, Ryan Silsbee, Kristen Slade, Laura Smith, Leanne Sula, Oligens Sula, Emilee Thren, Migena Toti, Lyndski Trafelet, Jessica Vaughan, Dwiti Ved, Amber Voss, Derek Walker, James Walla, Matthew Wilson and Kara Wisniewski.

Receiving degrees from Madonna University in May were Garden City residents Lisa Balko, family and consumer science, and Mark Darket, social studies, secondary provisional program, both of Westland, and Somer Davidson, nursing; Collene Goodman, secondary provisional program, history; Amanda Marshall, nursing; Leah Talo, merchandising management, and Rebecca Wehrle, English, elementary provisional program fro initial certification.

Jeffery Albrecht of Westland received his bachelor of arts degree from Olivet College during commencement ceremonies May 19.

Named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technológical University was **Derek J. Bustos** of Garden City. A senior majoring in biological sciences, he had to earn a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the listing.

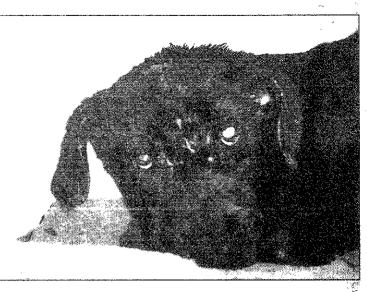
Jaime L. Radford of Westland was among 23 students recognized by the Michigan State University's Board of Trustees for academic achievements at its April 13 meeting.

An education major in the College of Education, Radford was honored for achieving a 4.0 grade point average. A 2003 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, she is the daughter of James and Vicki Radford.

## MHS says puppy doing well

A puppy found behind a Livonia video store in a toosmall cage is recuperating at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland with no shortage of well-wishers, generous benefactors and potential adopters. According to Livonia police reports, a customer at Blockbuster, 18732 Middlebelt, came back into the store Saturday afternoon to tell management there was a dog in a cage next to the dumpster in hack of the store. Police were called to find a black Labrador mixed-breed dog, about six months old, confined in a cage far too small covered by a towel.

The dog was taken to the Humane Society's Westland branch where it was treated for an ear infection that had been left to fester and dominated most of the right side of its head.



This black lab mix puppy was found in Livonia Saturday, cramped into a too-small cage and suffering from an ear infection that had spread to cover almost the entire side of her head.

Humane Society officials said the dog is recuperating after treatment and doing well. They also said there has been a steady stream of people inquiring about the dog's well being, donating funds for hertreatment and lining up to give her a home.

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## HAP offers free aerobics classes

Mothers and seniors in western Wayne County can get a free fitness boost this summer, thanks to a water aerobics program sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP).

Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash water aerobics classes is being offered at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, 3-4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, now through Aug. 11.

Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash classes give seniors a low-impact, calorie burning workout and help mothers get in shape to keep up with their kids and have energy to spare to take care of themselves.

"HAP is committed to keeping our members and the community healthy," said Chrystal Roberts. HAP's director of community relations. "We invite moms and seniors to stay fit, beat the heat and have some fun this summer."

While the program targets mothers and seniors, any adult may participate, Roberts said.

Physical activity can help reduce the risk of obesity,

high blood pressnre, diabetes, osteoporosis, stroke, depression, colon cancer, and premature death. Water aerobics can be ideal for just about anyone because the buoyancy of the water reduces the stress on joints, bones and muscles, and participants can burn calories more efficiently than in traditional workouts.

For more information about classes, call HAP at (313) 664-8420 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

## Caribbean Nights at 5ive. Restaurant



Must provide coupon to server. No return cash value. One coupon per table. Velid on food purchases only, through July 20, 2007.

Other Events This Summer at **Sive Restaurant**: Happy Hour 5-7pm Mon-Fri Martinis and 1/2 Price Manicures con Mondays Live Nusic on Weekends Garden-View **Frepil Seating** on the Terrace At The Inn at St. John's 44045 Fine Mile Road al Sheldon Road in Plymouth (734) 357-5700 www.themnatstichns.com



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## Make a difference by buying T-shirt

If you live in Michigan, you only need your hand to show someone where you live. But if you live in the Annapolis Park subdivision, you most likely have your map on the front of a commemorative T-shirt.

The shirts are being sold by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association to raise money for a historical marker that will be erected in the subdivision later this summer

Westland has its fair share of state historical markers, each one recognizing an important part of the city's history - the burial site of Chief Tonquish and his sons and the original Cooper School at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt, to the Perrinville School at Warren and Merriman and Nankin Mills in Hines Park dating back to the 1800s.

The Annapolis Park Subdivision designation is different, however. Not only does it recognize a 20th century phenomenon - the growth of suburbia, specifically, one of the first U.S. suburban communities mostly populated by black residents - but more importantly, it is a national honor. That small portion of southeast Westland has earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

It's quite a heady honor for residents of the subdivision, considering the standards for evaluating the significance of a property included on the registry recognizes the accomplishments of the people who have made a significant contribution to the country's history and heritage.

The quest for the designation was years in the making, and now residents are fund raising to pay the \$3,000 price tag for the state marker and possible a second marker. Much of the money has come from residents who paid \$20 each to have their names placed on the T-shirt as "Annapolis Park's 100 History Makers." The T-shirt

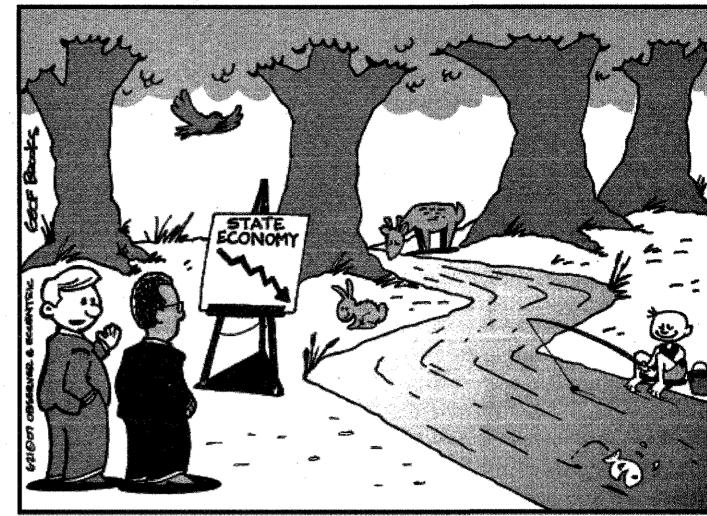
sales will help cover the remaining cost. We can't say enough about this community-minded subdivision and the honor it brings to Westland. Annapolis Park is in the far southeastern section of Westland and while there's a good deal of distance between it and City Hall, residents have not been strangers. They have been and are involved in their community.

That's why we encourage all Westland residents to get behind the homeowners' fund-raising effort. Consider buying one of the T-shirts, or give a donation. There are now 85,014 places listed of the National Register of Historic Places, and one of them is in Westland.

### Our state still has plenty to offer residents, business

There is no denying Michigan is experiencing some tough times. The unemployment rate is among the highest in the nation, the housing industry is in the tank and many residents are legitimately concerned about their future.

Further complicating the situation is a lack of leadership at the state level as the governor and Senate Republicans seem more interested in playing the blame game than working together to pull the state out of its economic funk. It is easy to get down on the state, and ourselves. But all who call Michigan home should heed the words of Detroit Renaissance chair Doug Rothwell, who warns that Michiganders have become so good at self-loathing that we are contributing to the state's negative perception. In a speech before the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber last month, Rothwell said Michigan is becoming its own worst enemy. He urged those in attendance to become ambassadors for the state instead of its biggest critics, especially when traveling out of state. If we are not proud to live and work here, Rothwell argued, why would anyone from outside



'When you put it like that, Michigan is still a great place to live!'

### Parents behaving badly

There is a game that people play called baseball. It is a great game, fun to play, fun to watch, fun to watch the kids have a wonderful time. However, with this sport, as many others, comes the parents. You know the ones that come and tell the coach which position their kids need to play or the parent that screams from the stands to take out a baseman or catcher.

Wrong information folks. As coaches, we know where your child needs to play. We also know what role the parents should play. Not only do you pay to have your child in sports, but you are entitled to watch them play, but some of these wonderful parents don't have a clue about rules or how to behave for that matter. If some of these parents could at least act the age of the kids on the playing fields - by that I mean, let the kids play. Parents put too much strain on a kid — hold your bat this way, move your foot forward, backwards, scoot up to the plate, you better not bail out, stop playing in the dirt, knock the catcher down. etc I have been saying since I was 13 years old that if you want these kids - yours, mine, someone else's — leave them alone, stop badgering them. They are kids for gosh sakes. Bill Veeck, who at one time owned the Chicago White Sox, said "Little League is a disaster. It exists for parents who are trying vicariously to remember an ability of their own that never really existed." And then one from Earl Wilson, not sure if he was the former Tigers pitcher or the famed columnist, "For the parents of a Little Leaguer, a baseball game is simply a nervous breakdown divided into innings." They sound pretty straightforward to me, and from what I have seen over a 30-year career coaching and umping games, those are exactly right. I can tell you some stories I have witnessed over the years that would make your hair stand up, or just make you sick. These parents, business men and women, are just plain obnoxious, threatening umpires, starting fights and riots. What are they teaching these kids in our organization? The parents must sign a Code of Conduct, but after what I have seen this vear alone, I have been wondering, did they read what they signed because, ladies and gentlemen, if you did read them, you must not understand the rules. track. You are going to read this and shake your head in disbelief because I have seen it all season. Mark my word, in the next couple years these parents are really going to go off the deep end and an umpire or kid is going to be hurt ... very badly. This thing we call a game should be just that, a game. When I was 13, I played for Westland Youth Athletic Association in the Babe Ruth league. I was catching and I could hear the parents on either side of the field going at each other. I called time and went out and stood with the pitcher, Change election laws the parents did not notice what was going on in the field. We motioned for the other players to come and stand by us, and then the other team came out. We were watching the parents acting

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very bad. Someone noticed that all the players were standing together on the field, and then we asked them if they were done so we could get on with our game. It worked, but that same ignorance still surrounds us to this day.

Can't we all get along? Sounds good, but how about, leave the kids alone to play and they'll have the greatest time ever. It is not until the parents start in on the kids that makes it all go wrong, and any sport should not be a bad thing, it should be a fun thing. Please remember that as you are threatening the umpires or worse, making your child feel like garbage.

**Bud Somerville** Westland

### We need a broom in Lansing

With regards to the state of the budget, I encourage all residence to go to www.michigan.gov and click on the "departments" link. I think there you will see a glaring example of a big reason why we are in such a financial mess. I count 19 departments, but I could be

member in the 20th century. There should have been at least one African-American elected to city council 17 years before if the elections were held in fairly drawn, distinct districts or wards.

Voting "at large" is a significant barrier for minorities trying to enter politics. Each candidate must be able to raise enough money and campaign across the entire city to win an election.

As we have read before, some people are now taking a fresh look at the misguided urban renewal projects and freeway construction that wiped out black businesses and homes as the catalyst of the 1967 riots. The mayor and the city council had much control over where these freeways were dug, and with the help of the liberal urban renewal crowd that thought the bulldozer was the way to push people out of poverty, poor black families and businesses didn't stand a chance. If African-Americans would have had fair representation, there would have been somebody with some political clout at city hall fighting for them.

These two factors, "at large" voting and runaway campaign finance spending, must be changed. I believe that if blacks were represented proportionally by neigh-

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Michigan want to relocate here? Rothwell's comments may seem simplistic at first, but he makes a good point. All of us are guilty to some degree of focusing on the negative instead of appreciating the many wonderful things about our state.

The natural resources of Michigan alone make it a very special place. From the Great Lakes to the many outstanding state parks and the wonders of our four seasons (OK, maybe not winter), the state's quality of life is unsurpassed in the country.

And while it is true that funding for our education system has become a political football, our network of universities, colleges and community colleges is the envy of the other 49 states.

Michigan is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. We must not lose sight of that fact or we run the risk of stalling a much-needed economic recovery.

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off one or two. It's kind of hard to keep track as you scroll down the screen to the next page.

There are a few that stand out. The department of agriculture (I bet the farmers would do just fine dealing only with the thousands of federal department of agriculture employees). The list goes on and on. The department of civil rights. The department of community health. The department of civil service. The department of environmental quality. The department of history, arts and libraries (I'm not kidding), the department of human services (couldn't this be. covered in the department of community health?). The department of information technology (that is catchy, I must admit). The department of management and budget (I'm speechless).

There are many more I did not list. Many we all would agree are needed. But even with those, I bet we would all cringe at the amount of apathy and waste. That is if we had a media who would explore and report these details far more than they do. Most of us see it. The old "five guys, three trucks and one guy with a shovel actually doing something" trick. I see so much of it here in Wayne County, for example. They must be with the sign maintenance department. Oops, wait, no, that's the city of Livonia department. It's so hard to keep

I have a friend in Canada and all the city employees except the trash collection and police went on strike. After a couple weeks, they rushed back to work and the bargaining table when it started to circulate just how little the average person noticed their absence.

A very good lesson. We don't need to replace the single business tax. We need a broom!

**Rick Kennedy** 

Livonia

In 1950, 16.1 percent of the population in Detroit was black, yet it would not be until 1957 that William Patrick was elected as the first black city council

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borhood districts there would have been somebody fighting to keep the freeways from destroying black business and residential areas. If running a campaign for local political office was not so financially draining a venture, more citizens would be able to run for office.

Livonia has an almost identical political system but our school board is also elected at large. Some candidates for Livonia City Council may spend over \$60,000 to get elected to a part-time office! Our elected officials are elected by everybody but represent no one.

I believe we can solve these problems by: 1. Electing school and council members

by district instead of "at large" voting. 2. Districts which are geographically no more than twice as wide as they are long.

3. Form a judicial elections court appointed from the local district courts that would enforce rules and draw political boundaries.

4. Government-financed campaigns based on the number of voters, (say \$1 for each voter), from that district in the last election.

> Frank Kafinski Livonia

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"We are getting calls from people who once lived here who want a T-shirt. We're really looking forward to our celebration. When we look good. Westland looks good."

- Reasther Everett about the yearlong celebration planned for the Annapolis Park subdivision, which has made the National Register of Historic Places and earned a state historical marker

# Airport City idea is finally getting attention it should

hat's sad but true is that good ideas seldom become reality just because they're good. Most of the time, they take concrete form only after they have won the support of enough powerful people and powerful interest groups to overcome the strong inertia that so often drags down even the best projects.

But now for some good news: That turning point may just have been reached in the case of one of the most promising projects in decades.



Though it drew little attention, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has appointed a high-powered committee to support efforts to build an "Airport City" linking Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports.

The panel is headed by John Rakolta, head of the enormous construction firm Walbridge Aldinger and a leading Republican mover and shaker. He isn't a man with time to waste — and his committee joins a coterie of private and public mov-

ers and shakers to argue on behalf of what could be Michigan's single largest economic development project in decades.

There is reason to believe that this could be very big indeed. A similar project at Amsterdam's Schipohl Airport has generated more than 60,000 jobs in the immediate vicinity. Experts like the University of North Carolina's Jack Kasarda, a leading authority on how airports stimulate economic growth, say that our two airports and the 27,000 acres of developable land between them represent some of the greatest potential on the globe.

That could be exactly what the doctor ordered for this economically challenged state. But beyond that, this story is interesting because it suggests that after many years of pawing the ground, the effort to develop Airport City is actually gaining some serious traction.

The developments also illuminate an important back story that helps explain how and why big projects happen — and why they don't.

In order to understand why Airport City is now looking a lot more likely, start by considering who stands to benefit from the project:

Lots of politicians, certainly. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, now in her last term and still slogging through unprecedented budget trouble, has so far failed to latch on to a signature project that can be identified with her administration, and create a legacy. Airport City, with its potential of tens of thousands of jobs, could fill that bill perfectly — even though one of her close advisers blew off the idea a few years ago as having "too many moving parts."

Likewise, the Legislature has hardly earned much praise for foresight and prompt action in dealing with the state's financial crisis. Firm, prompt bipartisan support for the airport development would provide welcome evidence to voters that our lawmakers can look further ahead than their next fund-raiser.

Wayne County, often a cesspool of inaction and alleged corruption, would be a big beneficiary from a big Airport City. Ficano, who comes from Livonia, has been trying for years to figure out what to do about helping the western side of the county. Being known as a visionary who brings home the bacon is not exactly a bad way to be remembered. And even the Wayne County Commission, seldom a shining example of good government, could astonish a lot of folks and widen some eyes by actually trying, for once, to be helpful.

Many local government units in the area, including the cities of Romulus, Taylor and Ypsilanti as well as Huron, Van Buren and Ypsilanti townships, all stand to profit from development and the tax revenue that comes with it. Every one of them already has signed a memorandum of understanding pledging to work for a coherent development plan and zoning structure.

The business community has a lot to gain from the airport. Whether the primary contractor is Rakolta's Walbridge Aldinger or any other firm, Airport City would be a terrific shot in the arm for the construction industry. And area manufacturing companies in need of just-in-time delivery of high-value, lowvolume parts and components would be among the prime beneficiaries of an upgraded freight-handling facility at Willow Run.

Northwest Airlines, having now emerged from bankruptcy, could add considerable heft to its present domination of Detroit Metro passenger traffic by helping develop Willow Run as a major freight terminus. Chicago, the nearest air freight complex, is way over capacity, clogged and landlocked. Months ago, Northwest CEO Douglas Steenland pledged support for Airport City.

That was music to the eras of Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance and a prime mover in southeast Michigan's regional economic development planning. He has made Airport City one of his six top priorities.

And organized labor, a factor never to be underestimated in Michigan, has a lot to gain from an Airport City. The building trades would thrive at the spurt of construction business. The Teamsters Union, which now represents employees at UPS and DHL, would dearly love to see their partner companies hiring lots more members to deliver the freight coming through Airport City.

All these forces are coming together and nearing critical mass. In their own separate ways, each of them has a parochial interest in supporting the project. But what's most important is that they're coming onto common ground in a way that helps each of them, but also could help our state enormously.

When it was first mentioned nearly a decade ago, Airport City seemed one of those hopelessly naïve ideas: great public policy, but not a chance. But we are now seeing a recipe in which lots of folks can potentially do well for themselves by doing good for all of us. And that's the most enlightened form of public policy of all.

**Phil Power** is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are his own and do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com.

## When Farmer Jack departs, so will a slice of Michigan history

was at Farmer Jack the other day, buying some of my favorite potato salad before it is gone forever. Farmer Jack, or "FJ" as I call it, is disappearing, going the way of other Michigan institutions like Hudson's, Harmony House and Frank's Nursery and Crafts.

Even brands that still exist, like Vernors, are no longer produced in the state. Vernors is now made in Dallas and owned by the Cadbury bunny. Anyway, as I watched the woman

behind the deli counter fill my order, I remarked

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on how strange it was to see the store in its current state. Cases that used to be filled with cheese and meat were white with emptiness. Shelves that used to hold canned goods held nothing but dust.

It might as well have been a metaphor for our

economy. "It is strange," she agreed. "We're all kind of in shock." And then, apparently sensing my sympathy, she began telling me her part of the story.

She's worked there for 27 years, right out of high school. She is only getting six weeks of severance pay. If she is lucky, the store will be bought by another chain, and she will get to reapply for her job.

"I should have known when A&P took over," she said, a resigned look on her face. "Things weren't the same. But I was hoping to get my 30 years in."

Thirty years, the magical number for benefits. Of course there is more to it than that ... more to her than that, but you get the idea.

The story is all too familiar these days. Yet another company is dying. Yet another employer is letting people go. Yet another family has to figure out how to make ends meet.

I can't tell you this woman's name, because truthfully, I don't remember. I What I will miss is that slice of Michigan it represented. Because there are few things left we can call our own. Our stores are disappearing, our way of life is disappearing, our people are disappearing. They are being demolished, like the old Hudson's building in Detroit. And there's no end in sight.

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will remember her words, however, and the look on her face. Her face is that of your mother, your neighbor, your friend.

"I bet you had no idea you were going to play a psychotherapist when you came in here today," she said, smiling ruefully. 2, "But thanks for listening."

She wasn't just serving me some food, she was serving me some reality. Listening was the least I could do.

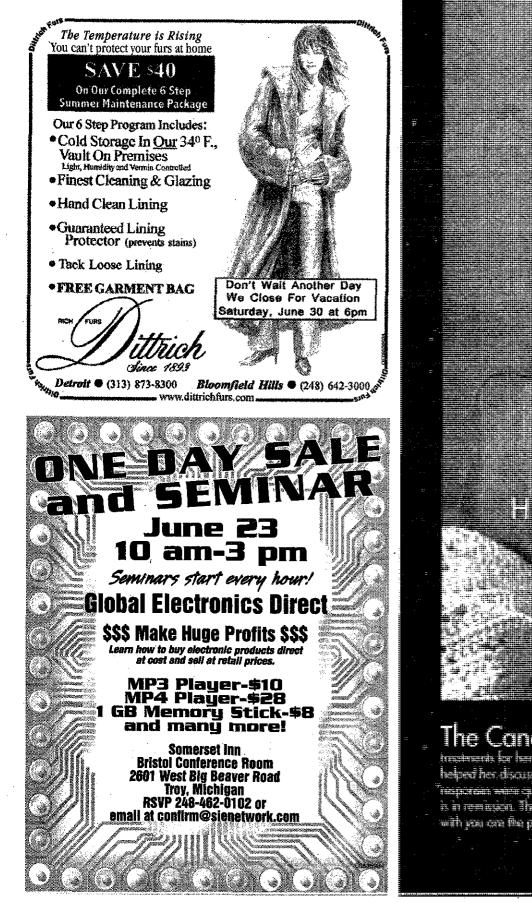
The funny thing is, though I do love the potato salad, I'm not really going to miss Farmer Jack. It wasn't where I did most of my grocery shopping. It was simply a place I stopped on the way home, if I needed milk or bread (or an emergency carton of Breyer's ice cream, when I was pregnant).

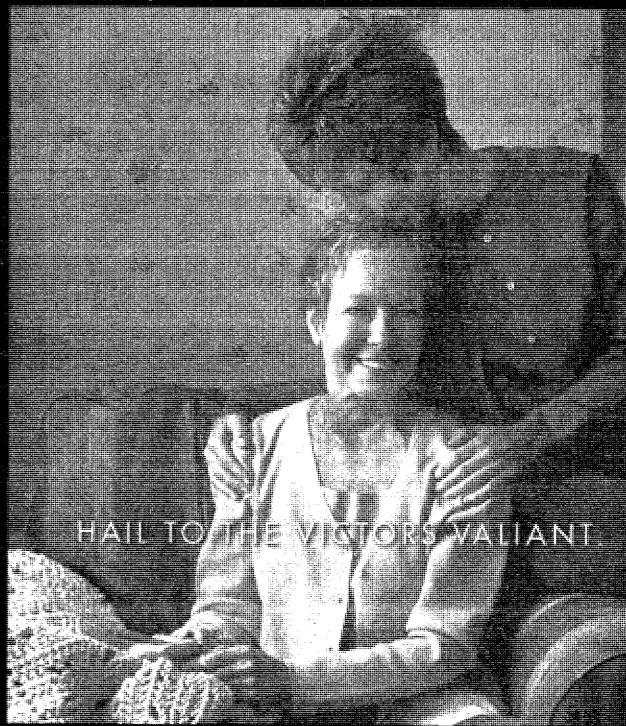
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It's enough to make me lose my appetite.

**Carrie Derderian** is a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University and a resident of Canton, where there are two Farmer Jack stores closing.







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### **COUNTY NEWS**

## Owning a home isn't necessarily the best financial option

recently gave a speech at Chrysler Headquarters in Auburn Hills and afterwards was approached by a woman who said all her friends told her she is making a mistake by not owning a home. She rents and wants to know from a financial standpoint if she should purchase a home. She asked how to determine



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how expensive a home she can/ should purchase. My answer was somewhat surprising because I told her from a pure financial standpoint there is nothing wrong with renting. In fact, I also told her that in many situations renting was better than owning.

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I have never been one who blindly accepted conventional wisdom as valid. Conventional wisdom suggests that owning

a home is always better than renting. I have heard this for as long as I can remember and one of the main reasons offered is because of the tax write-off. I cannot tell you, how many times I have heard people who have no mortgage say that they should refinance just to get the tax breaks.

Let's debunk the myth with regards to taxes. Yes, you can deduct your interest and your property taxes. However, if you are in the 15 percent tax bracket that means that you're only writing off 15 percent of interest and property taxes the other 85 percent remains. In addition, for people who are in higher tax brackets and whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$156,400 for married couples, they start losing their deductions. No matter what bracket you are in, the tax benefits of owing a home are not as significant as most have come to believe.

Another tax benefit of owning is that for the great majority of individuals, when they sell their home, the gain is tax free. If you are married and have been living in your house for three out of the last five years, \$500,000 of your gain is tax free. This certainly is a considerable tax benefit.

However, most people do not have huge gains when they sell their homes. This is particularly true now in southeast Michigan where many people are selling homes for less than what they paid. Unfortunately, you cannot deduct this loss on your tax return.

There are some tax benefits to owing a home, however, not as significant as some would have you believe. There are many taxpayers who do

For those individuals, there are no tax breaks to owning a home.

From a pure financial standpoint, if you factor in the after-tax consequences of paying interest and property taxes, along with principal payments and then factor in the cost of upkeep, repairs and maintenance versus what you would pay in rent, the difference is substantial.

If someone is a disciplined investor and took their savings every month between rent vs. the cost of owing a home and saved that money, over the long run he/she would more likely than not end up in a better financial position than if they purchased a home.

After all this, it doesn't mean I don't tell people to purchase homes, because I do. However, I do not approach it from an investment standpoint. As far as I am concerned, people should purchase homes for the quality of life.

In regard to how much house someone can afford, I don't agree with many formulas that base the decision on how much you make. You need to do an extensive analysis to back into the number.

First, make a 20 percent down payment on your home. Yes, you can qualify for less, however, more likely than not you will end up paying PMI (private mortgage insurance) which ends up costing money on a monthly basis.

To determine how much you can afford to pay for a home, look at what it currently costs you to live for one month and then factor into the equation an amount that you can save on a monthly basis for investing.

The goal should be to at least save 10 percent of your salary on a year-by-year basis. Factor in an investment and what it costs you to live a month, then take those numbers, subtract it from your take-home pay and then you can determine what amount you can afford in additional monthly mortgage payments.

Unfortunately, too many people will end up purchasing the most expensive home for which they can obtain a mortgage. This is a mistake because it doesn't factor in your current lifestyle and the fact that you need to invest money on a regular basis for goals such as retirement.

The key is to make sure you own your home and it doesn't own you.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can



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**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### JUNE

### J.O.Y. luncheon

The J.O.Y. 8uilders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 21, and on 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 for fellow-ship and fun. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

**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 Ouintet, 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, Cail (313) 534-7730.

### **Summer Bible studies**

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a challenging 12-part DVD series that upholds the authority of the

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Bible from its very first verse. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information. Golf outing

### St. Aidan 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



### ANN CADY JONEN

Age 66, June 18, 2007, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Wife of Ulrich J. Jonen (employee of Volkswagen). Mother of Caroline (Jeffrey) Costello. Daughter of Dorothy Cady Shroyer. Sister of G. Kenneth and David W. Shroyer. Aunt of Jay K. Shroyer. Member of Evangel Community Church, Pi Beta Phi Graduate of University of Indiana. Ann is best characterized by her love for people and love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Funeral service at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee, Saturday, June 23, 11:00 A.M. with visiting 2 hours before service. Graveside service in Elm Ridge Cemetery, Muncie, Indiana, 11:00 A.M. June 25, 2007. Memorial tributes may be made to The Gideons. Arrangements by

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### **DAWN MARIE TESTA-CHUTORASH** Age 50, Ypsilanti, MI, Died June 16, 2007. Uht Funeral Home

### **ELIZABETH M. COLLINS**

Age 91 passed away on February 20, 2007 in San Diego, California. She was born on March 7, 1915 in Greenock, Scotland. She was a 50year resident of Birmingham before moving to California in 2000. Elizabeth was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the British na the Oraei the Eastern Star. She is survived by her daughters Helen E. Kuebel of Ridgefield, Washington and Phyllis D. Carr of Irving Texas; also her son William M. Collins of San Diego, California. She was inurned in Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Michigan on June 20, Donations made be made in 2007. Elizabeth's memory c/o San Diego Hospice Foundation, 4311 Third Ave, San Diego, California, 92103. Elizabeth will be missed by all who knew her.



### KATHERINE WILLIAMS FLANNERY

Age 84, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 10, 2007. Widow of Walter Richard Flannery and daughter of the late M.S. Perry and Virginia Williams, she was born in Ann Arbor on October 18, 1922. Kitty was raised in Jackson, Bloomfield Hills and Troy before attending the Mary C. Wheeler School in Providence, Rhode Island and Connecticut College. As a young girl, Kitty grew up around horses on her family farm, Strawberry Hill. She rode horses with natural ability and confidence. Kitty continued to participate and excel in athletics at school and beyond. She especially enjoyed tennis. Later, the game of bridge became her passion. The friendships and life-long bonds that she formed through these activities were most important to her. Kitty touched many hearts. She befriended people wherever she went. Kitty is remembered for her tremendous courage and will, her enormous smile and her boundless generosity Kitty loved spending time with he children and grandchildren and remembered every birthday and graduation. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael, brother, Lawrence Williams, and sister, Harriet Maxwell. She is survived by her brother, David Williams, of Grosse Pointe, sister-inlaw Jane Murphy of Birmingham, daughters Dee of Goochland, VA, Ann of Topsham, ME and Sheila of Chico, CA; 10 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. In lieu of flowers, Kitty requested donations be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy, Troy MI, 48083; The Boca Grande Clinic, P.O. Box 2340, Boca Grande, FL 33921;and The Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201. The family is plan-



### **GLORA H. CRAWFORD**

Age 83 June 17, 2007 of Farmington Beloved wife of the late Wilbur. Loving mother of Pamela (Paul) Hooker, Julie (Louis) Hartwig, Connie (Clark) Furlong and Tracy (Daniel) rattarelli. Cherished grandmother of Jason (Chrystal) Koch, Laurie Koch Nathan Furlong, Anthony Frattarelli, Esme' Frattarelli and Donald (Paula) Hooker. Adoring great-grandmother of Emily and Ethan Koch. Dear sister of Norma Larner, Verice Hollister, Lila Starr, Lee Larner and Wilbur Larner. uneral Services were held at THAY ER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME. Burial was in Deepdale Memorial Gardens in Lansing. Memorials suggested to the American Cancer Society or St. John Hospice, www.thayer-rock.com



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.

### **Building Bridges**

Farmington Hills Church of God presents a series to learn from each other, not just about each other. The Sunday sermons take place 9:30 a.m. June 24, God is Everywhere. Guest speakers include 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.

### Carillon series 10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, June

24, July 8, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515. **Promise concert** 

The Promise Choir perform 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, The choir is a group of high school students selected by Great Lakes Christian College to attend a weeklong music camp followed by a week of performances at area churches. Call (734) 464-6722.

Vacation Bible School For ages 3-17, 6:15-8:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 25-29, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The theme is Game Day Central: Where Heroes are Made. No registration fee. For details, call (313) 537-7480.

#### **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 Leverne, 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), 3065D Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is SONFORCE Kids: Courageous in a rear end collision on the Ohio Turnpike on July 11, 2006. The Life Celebration will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the church. 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia. A memorial to Noble-Richardson will be unveiled at the end of the service. Noble-Richardson, 44, served as the church's pastor for 17 years. For more information, call (734) 464-8844.

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#### 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. 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 Marriage, July 11; 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 email swilliams@livonistmichael.org for information and registration details.

Wellness lecture/healing workshop With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15), at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inster and Middlebelt. Shaye has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call (734) 421-1760. Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God! takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 16 -20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. The sessions, for age 3 to children entering fifth grade, include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission - Heifer International, a charity that through donations, helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become self-reliant. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family, \$12 for any additional children. After July 8, there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-1470 or e-mail: christian-

more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. 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 one salad for every three 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. Crafters needed - ÷1

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990. 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 (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia., Call (734) 464-0990.

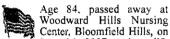
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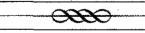
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### HARRY E. MILLER, JR.

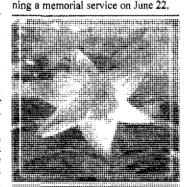


Center, Bloomfield Hills, on June 14, 2007. A long life resident of Beverly Hills, Mr. Miller married his beloved Vivian in Ann Arbor in 1952. He served his country proudly in WWII in the Pacific Theatre in the US NAVY as a Lieutenant, Jr. Grade. He was commissioned on the aircraft carrier, USS Fanshaw Bay. Mr. Miller received a BS Degree in aeronautical engineering from the Univ. of Michigan in 1947. A devoted car enthusiast, Mr. Miller worked for Ford Tractor and Ford Motor Company a combined total of 42 years. He was a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Vivian J. Miller, Children: Martha J. Stone of Clarkston, MI; Mark E. (Eileen) Millerof San Francisco, CA; Marlin S. (Cassandrea) Miller of Los Altos Hills, A, and Marshall J. Miller of Troy, Ml. Grandchildren: Patrick & Kiley Stone and Alexis and Harrison Miller. Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his brother, sister, and parents: the late Roland Miller, the late Bessie Neutz, and parents Harry E. and Louise E. Miller, Sr. Visitation was held on Monday at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W 12 Mile Rd., Berkley (2 biks. W. of Woodward) Interment services will be attended privately by the family at Roseland Park Cemetery. Those who wish may make contributions in memory of Mr. Miller to Beaumont Hospice.



#### HARRY W. PRINGLE

72 of Livonia (formerly Farmington), June 15, 2007. Harry is survived by Peggy Jo Anne, his beloved wife of 511/2 years; his children, Bruce (Peggy), Harold (Lori) and Rhonda (Greg) Kisselburg; his grandchildren, Aaron, Lisa, Brandon and Drew Pringle; and brother of Delores (William) Bohnek. He is preceded in death by his sister, Kay (Tom) Holan and brother, Ray (Sandra). Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 19th, 19th, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment Parkview Memorial, Livonia. Memorial tributes are suggested to Muscular Dystrophy Assn., mda.org, the ALS Assn., alsa.org, or Angela Hospice, Livonia. heeney-sundquist.com



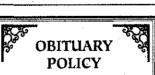
LOUIS L. KOLIN

Age 84, died peacefully at home in Pensacola, Florida on Thursday, March 29, 2007. He was preceded

in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Ladema (Lee) Johnson Kolin and his daughter, Linda Jill Kolin. His is survived by his son, Jeff and his wife, Karen; daughter, Allison Carpenter and her husband, Tom and son, Kevin and his wife, Kathleen. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Kristina, Bryan, Nicole, Becky, Kelly and Bonnie, along with his sister, Valerie Saxton, and her husband, Bill and numerous nieces and nephews. Louis enlisted in the Army Air Corp during World War II and served as a Bombardier/Navigator on a B17. He flew 50 missions between April 1944 and November 1944, where he was responsible for the results of bombing missions for his group. Upon complet-ing his tour of duty, he re-enlisted for a second tour of duty. He was subsequently awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism in wartime aviation. After his discharge, he returned to Plymouth, Michigan where he met and later married Lee. He attended General Motors Institute of Technology in Flint, Michigan and worked in the tool and die industry until his retirement. In 1978, he and Lee relocated to Pensacola, Florida, where they owned and operated Baxter's True Value Hardware and Cajun True Value Hardware until 1998. Lou will be buried with full military honors at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan on June 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Please make donations to the charity of your choice.

### NORRIS CLAYTON WHITE

Age 90, beloved husband of Marjorie R. White (Smith) of 63 years, loving father of Sandra (Bob) Trombley, Lana (Ted) Byrne and the late David C. White. Adored grandfather of Kurt, Julie, Theresa, Jessica, Robert, Amy Clinton, Patrick, Lance, Kelly and Erin. Great grandchildren, Olivia, ladia, Merrick, Clayton (namesake) Layla, Logan, Harlie, Landon; Kylie and Alex. Norris used his talents as a clown and Santa Claus to entertain. He acted as a Boy Scout leader taught Sunday school, served in the army during WWII (Germany) and was very active in the Canton community. He retired from the tool & die trade and owned White's Sales & Service (lawnmower shop) for over 35 years with his wife and family. Rev. Philip Harris of Canton Calvary Church performed the funeral service from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 19,2007. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Diabetes Association or any Veterans.



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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.

### Stained glass concert The youth singing group from Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) in Canton, Pennsylvania perform the musical The Rock Slinger and his Greatest Hit at a dinner theater 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at First United Methodist Church of Wavne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The feast/buffet is followed by a 7 p.m. performance of the musical comedy based on the Biblical story of David and Goliath. A love donation is appreciated. Youth clubs, groups and fellowships are encouraged to attend. Everyone of all ages from everywhere is invited to attend. For information, call (734) 721-4801

#### Summer camp

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

The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through 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.

### UPCOMING

### Sunday school classes New adult Sunday School classes begin July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom. Concert

Tim Zimmerman and the Kinos 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.

#### Life celebration

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will commemorate the death of Janet Noble-Richardson, pastor of the

educator@sppc-email.org. Soccer mini-camp

6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of 1-96. Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

#### 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 CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to Ifkloiber@ ameritech.net.

#### 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. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no longterm 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.8ethel0fLivonia.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.

#### Song ministry

Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

### Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For

464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although you are asked to bring a lunch 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 Avenue 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

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

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990. 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 2007-08 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www. wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.

nowacki@wardchurch.org. Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of inkster road on

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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 8ible 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. celebratcrecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate.

### Bible study The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge.

The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Lüke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

### Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470. **Worship service** All are welcome to attend 11 a.m.

All are welcome to attend II a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800. Worship services Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

#### Worship service

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

Adult literacy classes

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

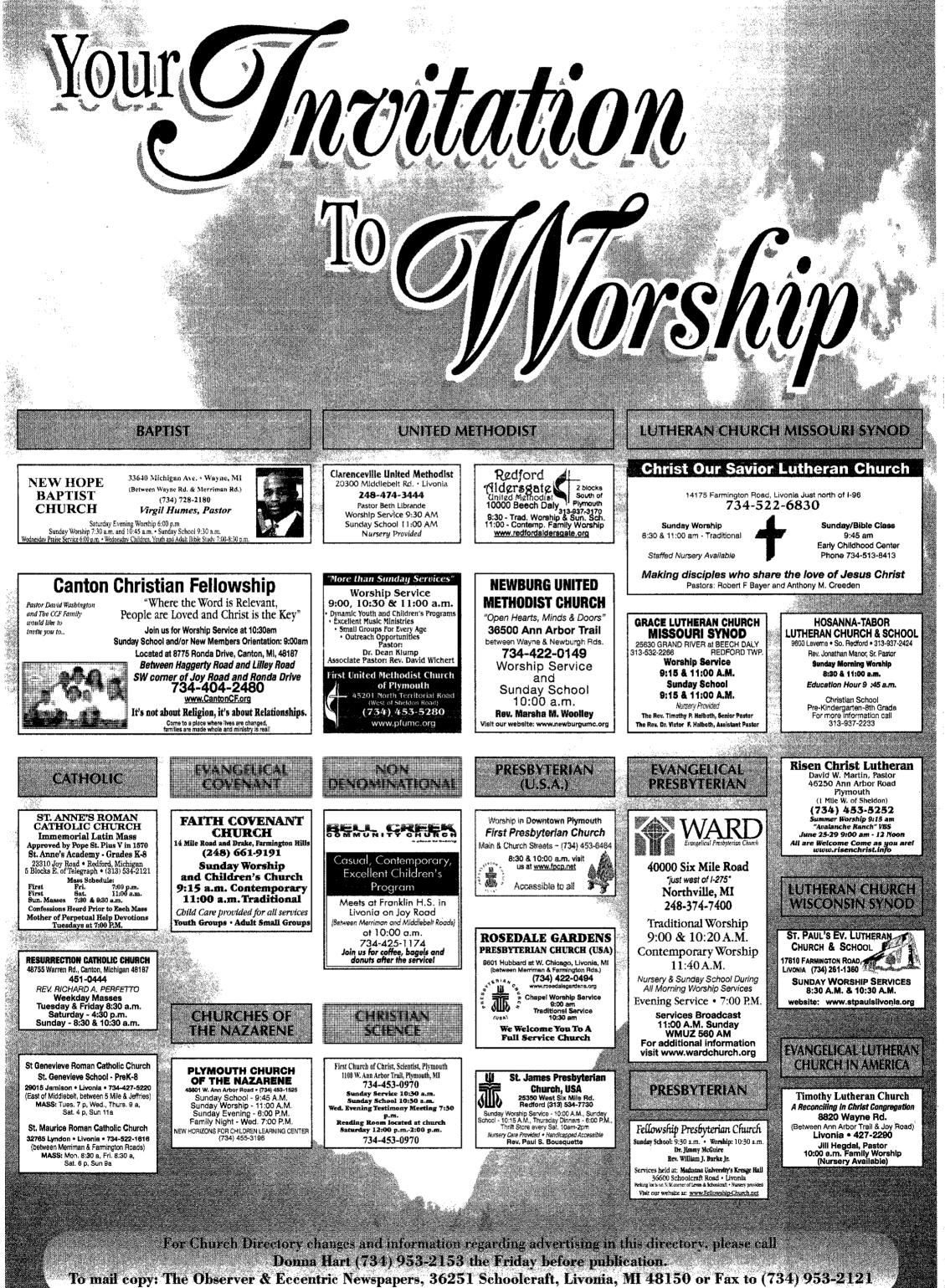
### Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-B063 or visit www. DueSeason.org.

### Scripture studies

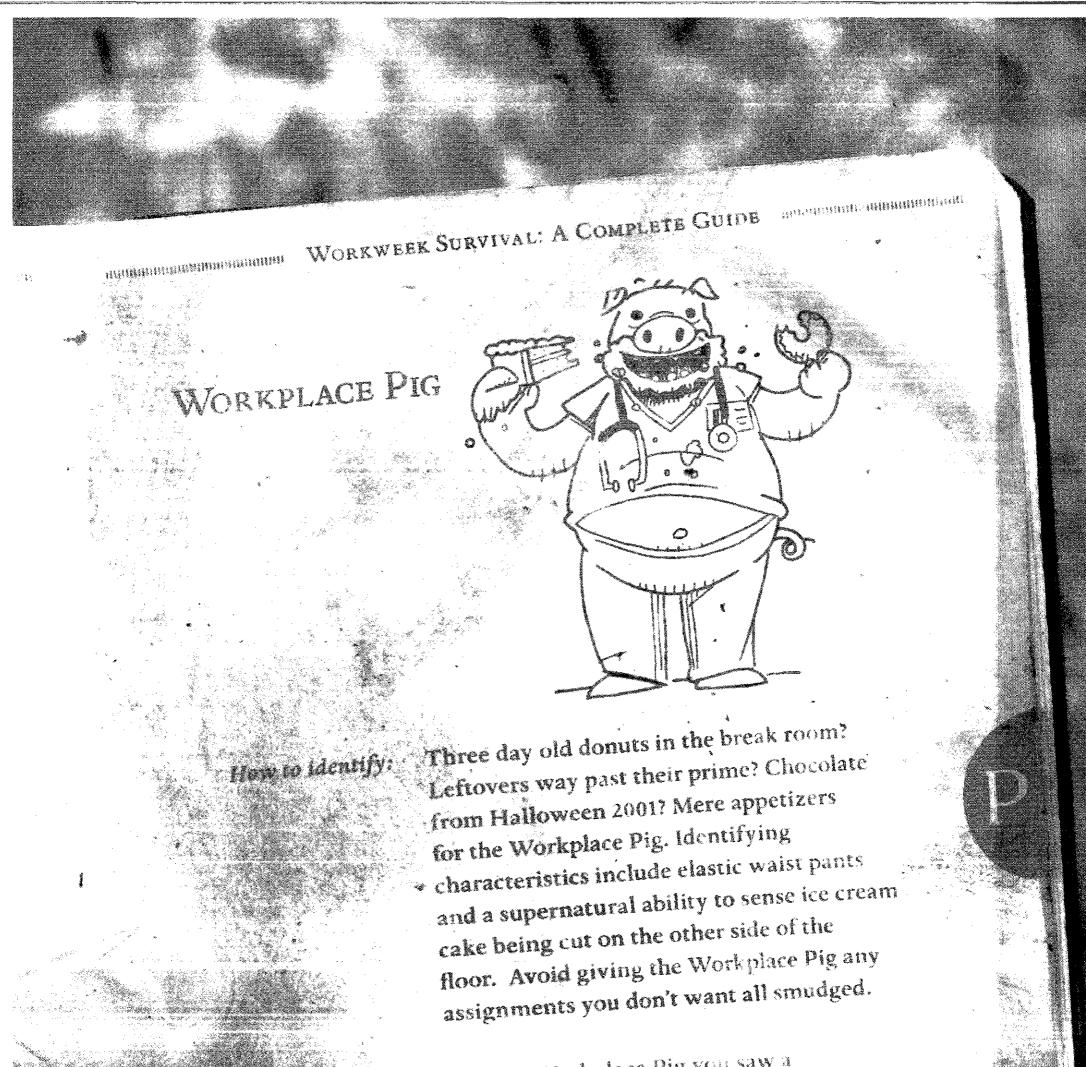
From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000. **TOPS** 

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.



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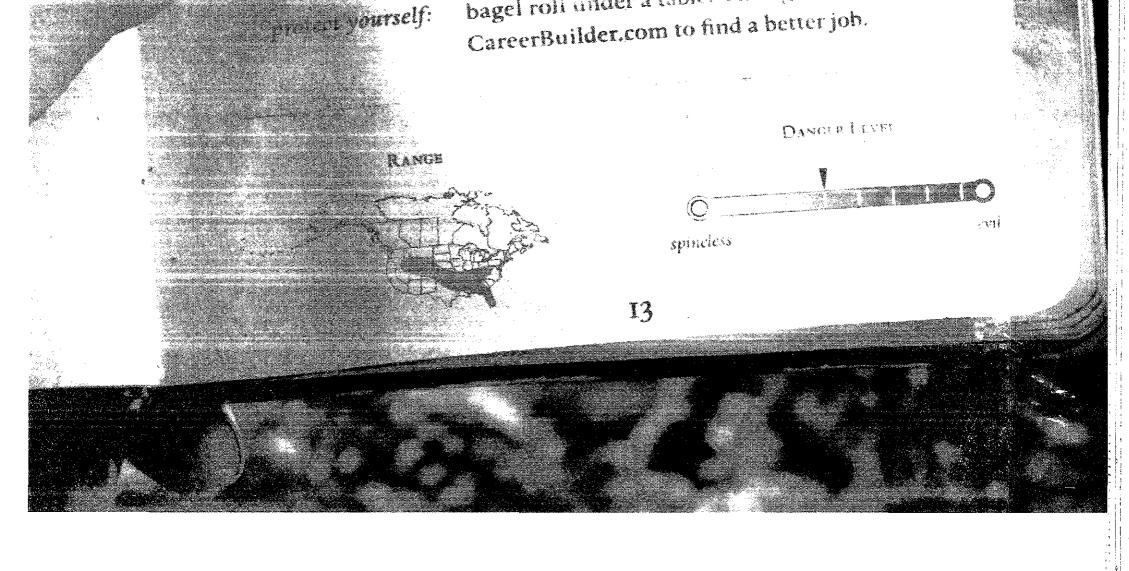
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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### For cats and dogs

Rev up those engines! Its full-throttle to Motor City Harley-Davidson for the seventh annual "HOGs for Cats and Dogs" adoption and fund-raising event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30. Join the Michigan Humane Society and Motor City Harley-Davidson for a day of motorcycles, adoptions and family fun! All proceeds will benefit the more than 100,000 animals rescued and cared for by the Michigan Humane Society each year. Motor City Harley-Davidson will hold an observation run throughout the day to benefit MHS, beginning at 10 a.m., with the last bike in at 3 p.m. To participate in the run, and for more information, contact Motor City Harley-Davidson at (248) 473-7433, MHS will hold a microchipping clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offered to all pet owners for the special price of \$25 per dog or cat and its Mobile Adoption Unit will be on-site with adoptable cats, dogs, puppies and kittens looking for new homes. Refreshments will be served throughout the day, and both MHS and Motor City Harley-Davidson merchandise for people and pets will be available to purchase. Motor City Harley-Davidson is at 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. Admission to the event is free. For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at 1-866-MHUMANE or visit its Web site at www.michiganhumane. ora.

### Girl Scouts

"Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To ຼ learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) -or visit www.gsofmd.org.

### ORGANIZATIONS Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month

in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918. Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

#### Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

### Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace, All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

#### Suburban GOP Women's Club

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

### MOMS club

MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120. Vietnam Vets

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

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the Web site at www.mihometown. com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

In Harmony The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal. Veteran's Haven

### Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**Silver Strings Dulcimer** Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at http://geocities. com/ssdsociety.

### **Garden City Kiwanis**

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

### Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

### **Tutorial program**

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army

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

### **Hospital retirees** The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first. Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne, All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

**Radio Club** The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

### **Garden City Lions** The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m.

the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382. Garden Club

The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear quest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410.

#### **Genealogical society**

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

### **Purple Heart** The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday

of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

### FOR SENIORS

**Friendship Center** 

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

ities Monday-Thursday at the center,

### The Wayne-Westland school district's Dver Senior Adult Center offers activ-

on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m. Senior fitness

 Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open B:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

### FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally III, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayyiew, Westland, Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City, A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995. Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100. Fibromyalgia

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. Counterpoint

**Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis** Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005. Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest

Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads, Newcomers welcome, Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

### VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 1B. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

#### First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 1B, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-

### EDUCATION

0216 or (734) 421-4208.

Schoolcraft College classes The following classes are offered at Schoolcraft College in the coming weeks: Accent reduction classes are 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays (\$209); and Back to basics refresher courses in math, reading and test-taking are offered. For details, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/lac or call (734) 462-4436.

### St. Damian

St. Damian School is currently holding open enrollment for preschool three-four-year-olds - and kindergarten through eighth-grade The school is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information and a school tour, or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com

#### Summer classes offered

The Continuing Education and Professional Development Department at Schoolcraft College offers classes. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/ces or call (734) 462-4448.

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## St. Mary Open House educational and fun

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, held its Community Open House, "Kaleidoscope of Care," on June 3 – all events were free and took place on the hospital grounds. Over 1,000 members of the surrounding communities attended the festive event, despite the rainy day.

Many families and friends enjoyed the health education, games, prizes, food and refreshments, as well as the music of the Sunset Boulevard Band and the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, Kids and adults alike learned about the many medical services offered at St. Mary Mercy and participated in such interactive activities as the laparoscopic surgery simulator and learned about the tools used in the operating room.

The event also offered tours of the hospital, a teddy bear clinic where our doctors demonstrated emergency medicine to mend fractures or suture

### Protect pets in summer

With the days longer and the summer weather, the Michigan Humane Society urges all companion animal owners to take the necessary precautions when caring for their animals during periods of hot and humid weather.

The Humane Society recommends that companion animals live indoors all year long. However, if the animal must be outside, guardians should put proper provisions in place now before it becomes a life or death situation.

The following tips will help: Bring animals inside ruing extreme hot weather.

Avoid chaining or tethering a dog in the yard.

Hydration is critical to help your pet regulate his/her body temperature.

Use fans to keep air circulating.

■ Your pet should avoid exercise or vigorous activity. Do not leave pets in parked

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cuts. Livonia Fire and Rescue exhibited their rescue vehicles, while the Plymouth Whalers Hockey players signed autographs, and more.

The St. Mary Mercy annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration was also well attended by approximately 150 people, which took place traditionally just prior to the Community Open House. Dr. Amit Mohindra, a St. Mary Mercy oncologist, commended the current cancer program and looks forward to offering clinical trials as the new Cancer Center opens this fall. Speaker Lisa Mininni, founder of the C Club for Cancer Conquerors spoke encouraging words from her own experience with cancer.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, in Livonia. For more information, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

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Kathy Borromeo, RN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital surgical nurse, teaches an Open House participant about surgery with the laparoscopic (minimally invasive) surgery simulator.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital physicians Dr. Paul Friedman, General Surgery, and Dr. Nabil Metwally, Internal Medicine, answer questions at the 'Ask the Doctor' booth at the Open House.

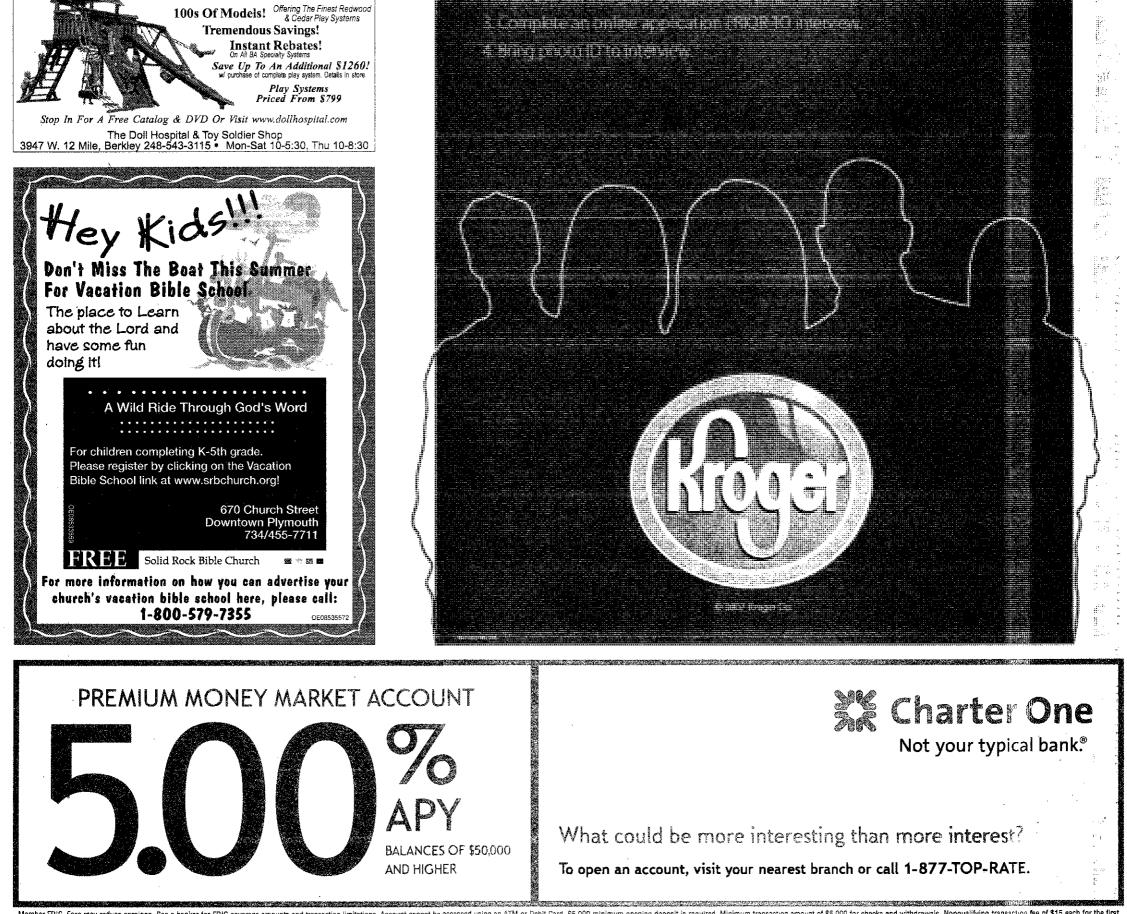




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#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek isn't at the crossroads just yet of his Olympic decathlon career.

But the Livonia Franklin High grad, who competed for the U.S. at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece, believes a strong showing this weekend in the AT&T Outdoor USA Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis will go a long way in determining his fate in his quest to re qualify for the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, China.

Since Terek scored 8,312

points in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials, the former Michigan State standout has endured what he categorizes as "two years of frustrating meets.'

"Things were turning around last year, I expected big things, and then I got hurt," Terek said. "I competed all last year on a bad leg."

Terek

The 27-year-old Terek has competed in five meets this season, two indoor and three outdoor (most recently in

Multistars Meet Descenzano, Italy and Tucson, Ariz.).

After capturing his third Indoor Combined Events national title in March at Chapel Hill, N.C., he scored 8,134 points in Italy, his best total since 2004, and posted a personal-best 10.8 seconds in the 100-meter dash in Tucson meet before tweaking his hamstring.

"I had 10 solid events in Italy, but I went only five meters in the pole vault on borrowed poles," he said. "If I had my usual 5.2 or 5.3 (meters) in the pole vault, I could have had 8,200 points. Arizona was a rough meet. I

drove 800 miles, 12 hours in a car, and then expected to go out and compete. Sometimes, even when you're 27, you don't do the brightest things. You think by now that I would have learned."

After spending the 2005 season in East Lansing, Terek returned last fall to San Luis Obispo, Calif. to train again under the direction of Harry Marra, who helped coach the former Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Year along with Sheldon Blockburger leading up to the 2004 Summer Games.

Blockburger now coaches NCAA champion Robert

Arnold at the University of Arizona, who recently scored 8,215, ranking only behind 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist and reigning World Champion Bryan Clay (8,493) and 2003 World Champion Tom Pappas (8,319).

"I work with Harry (Marra) on a daily basis and I've been fortunate my entire and been real lucky to have the kind of coaches I've had," Terek said. "I respect him (Marra). He gave me stipulations. We feel each other out on a daily basis and all he asks is that I put it on the line.

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## **OAA's Lake Orion** grounds Falcons in Division I final

### **BY DAN STICKRADT** STAFF WRITER

For Nick Dunstan and every other young aspiring baseball player, delivering the game-winning hit on the big stage is a dream.

Dunstan ended his high school career with such a grand hit.

The Lake Orion senior snuck through a bouncer up the middle that scored senior Joe Barnes in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday night, lifting the Dragons to a come-from-behind, 4-3 victory over Farmington for the Division 1 state baseball championship at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

It was the third game-winning hit in the tournament for Dunstan, the Dragons' No. 5 hitter.

"Coach told me before to hit the ball up the middle and get the job done," said a grinning Dunstan. "I

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Farmington's Eddie Knobloch réaches out for a bunt during Saturday's Division 1 state championship game in Battle Creek's



### **Demolition romp**

The Detroit Demolition improved to 6-1 in the Independent Women's Football League with a 63-0 victory Saturday over the playoff-bound Kansas City Storm at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Five players scored touchdowns including quarterback Bridget Porter, who found the end zone three times and gained 78 yards... Running back Kiana Dennis rushed for 108 yards and scored two TDs, while Nefertiti Kemp added 87 yards and two TDs.

Wide receiver Miaya Tolbert contributed a TD on an end run, while quarterback Kim Grodus ended the game scoring on a draw.

The Demolition also dominated the defensive line of scrimmage as linebacker. Misty Findlay was freed up to make 12 tackles (including a sack). Findlay also made all nine extra points. Linebacker Kim Walters contributed eight tackles, along with a sack and interception. Linebacker Tammy Lowrey-Ridgley had six tackles.

The loss drops the Storm to 4-2 in the IWFL. The Demolition closes out its regular season Saturday, June 30 in Chicago against the 4-2 Force, which has edged beaten twice. by Detroit.

### Storm warning: Girls fastpitch tourney

C.O. Brown Stadium against Lake Orion.

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

More than 50 girls fast pitch softball teams from southeastern Michigan and northeast Ohio will invade Livonia's Bicentennial Park this weekend for the second annual USSSA Qualifier.

The three-day extravaganza, hosted by the Livonia Storm, along with corporate sponsored Doc's Sports Retreat and Community Choice Credit, starts at 4 p.m. Friday and runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The tournament will feature five teams in the 18-and-under pool including the host Livonia Storm, Ann Arbor Gold, Thunderbirds, Michigan Classics

The 16-and-under bracket will include three pools including: (Pool 1) Ann Arbor Gold White, Thunderbirds, Raiders, Michigan Classic; (Pool 2) Livingstone Breeze, Northville Travel, Michigan Stars, Outlaw Gold); (Pool

3) Livonia Storm Black, Downriver Diamonds, Dearborn Wildcats and

and Michigan Emeralds.

Stingray (Pool 3). The 14-and-under bracket also features 12 teams including: (Pool 1) Livonia Storm Jewell, Michigan Outlaws, Michigan Stars, Allen Park Jags; (Pool 2) Northville, Downriver Diamonds, Motor City Madness, South Farmington Wildcards; (Pool 3) Livonia Storm Red, Dearborn Devils, South Farmington Wildcards 2 and

Livonia Storm White.

Twelve more teams will vie for the 12-and-under crown including: (Pool 1) Ann Arbor Gold, Outlaw Gold, PC Pride Stars, Michigan Diamonds; (Pool 2); Northville, Fowlerville, Thunderbirds, Livonia Storm Black; (Pool 3) Livonia Storm Red, TSI, South Lyon, Xtreme.

The 10-and-under bracket features two pools including: (Pool 1) Thunderbirds, Michigan Outlaw Black, Livonia Storm Black, Macomb Explosions, Michigan Bulldogs; (Pool 2) Outlaws Gold, Novi Madness Blue, South Lyon Atoms, Westland Lightning and Livonia Storm.

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## Comerica thrill: Tuttle savors All-Star outing

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Matt Tuttle hadn't pitched in two weeks since his high school season had ended with a pre-district loss to Plymouth.

So the Livonia Stevenson righthander couldn't help but be excited as he returned to the mound on the biggest stage of his young career, appearing in Monday's 26th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Classic at Comerica Park.

The 6-foot-6 Tuttle, who went 8-1-1 with a 2.05 earned run average for the Spartans, waited for his turn and

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when he came on in the top of the

ninth inning with the East All-Stars holding a commanding 14-5 lead over the West.

"My heart was racing a mile-aminute," Tuttle admitted. "I couldn't slow myself down. Bryce Jenney (of Northville) was over at third base and he kept me calm. He was eracking jokes and it helped out a lot."

He got three outs, but not without some anxious moments a-la Todd Jones.

Okemos on a sinking line drive to right field that Royal Oak's Joe Yourchock snagged with a sliding catch.

Aaron Newell (Johannesburg-Lewiston) was then retired on a pop-out to first baseman Jeff Gorecki (Orchard Lake St. Mary), who was named the East's Most Valuable Player after collecting three hits. Michael Nixon (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) then drew a twoout walk.

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finally got it under the bright lights

Tuttle retired Ben Magsig of

### **Youth Fitness Meet**

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

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

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

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

### Hole-in-one club

On June 17, Livonian Nancy Dignan used a 7-iron to ace the 86yard, No. 17 hole at the Tribute Golf Course at Otsego Club in Gaylord.

### Soccer signup

■ Fall 2007 registra-tion for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League (ages 6-18) will be through Sunday, July 8 at either the Westland **Bailey Recreation** Center, 366251 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635, Howe Road. A late fee of \$15 will be charged after July 8. For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or you can download a registration form on www. wwslsoccer.com. No. 1. All and all

## Triple crown winner **Recker lead 'Father'**

Long-distance runner Jerome Recker tripled his pleasure during Sunday's annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run through the streets of Plymouth.

The 24-year-old Lansing resident captured first place in the unique and challenging "Triple Crown" event, which requires participants to compete in three races (one mile, five kilometers and 10 kilometers) in one day.

Recker's combined time of 56 minutes and 12 seconds was more than two minutes faster than runner-up Shane Logan's 58:29.

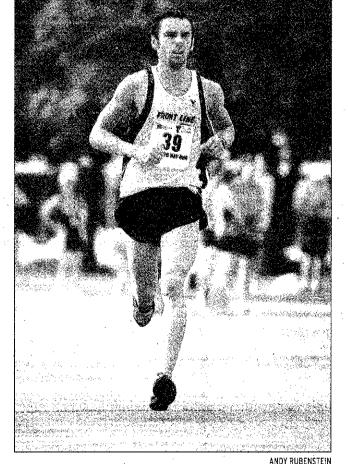
A pair of Plymouth High School cross country/trackand-field athletes -- Matt Lewandowski and Alex Noble -- finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the men's "Triple" standings with times of 1:05:35 and 1:08:13.

Lisa Veneziano posted the lowest "Triple" time for females, finishing in 1:05:30. Over 1,700 runners between the ages of 5 and 75 braved warm 85-degree heat to complete at least the onemile segment of the event.

Each of the three distance races were divided into several age groups, which were separated by gender. Among the local runners who earned first-place finishes in their respective divisions were Tyler German, a 7-year-old Canton resident who covered the fivekilometer course in 29:36.

The Father's Day Run has grown in size every year since its inception in 1980. For avid long-distance runners, it's become as common as presenting dad with a brand new necktie.

The event is endorsed by the Governors Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the 10K portion is included in the Michigan **Running Series.** 



Jerome Recker was the Triple Crown winner at the Plymouth YMCA

Father's Day run.

## **Cubs make life miserable for Rams**

Call it a lost weekend for the Michigan Rams in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

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On Monday, the 22and-under Oakland Cubs improved to 9-2-1 with a 5-1 triumph over the 20-andunder Rams at Ford Field.

The loss drops the Rams to 5-61 in the LCBL. The Cubs' Lafe Burnett, in

relief of starter Raoul Torres, pitched 5.1 innings to get the victory. He did not allow a run while striking out seven. Burnett walked four and hit a batter.

Losing pitcher Mike Kaiser allowed five runs on 11 hits in 5.1 innings before giving way to Joe Kennedy.

John Zalenski went 3-for-3, including a homer, double and three RBI. Matt Grassley added two hits and an RBI, while Matt Nickels and Larry Briski chipped in with two hits apiece.

Kyle Gendron collected two hits and an RBI for the Rams. Eric Vojtkofsky and Drew Churchward each doubled.

On Saturday, the Rams tied the Cubs in the opening game of a doubleheader at Ford Field, 4-4, and lost the nightcap, 5-2.

On Saturday, Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop (University of Toledo) went all nine innings and didn't get the decision for the Rams. He allowed eight hits, walked only one and was charged with all four runs in the 4-4 deadlock (time limit) with the Cubs.

The Rams stranded a total of 13 baserunners.

Brian Tellish went the first 4.1 innings for the Cubs, allowing four runs on five hits and six walks. He also hit two batters. Reliever Josh Lewis closed the door on the Rams, allowing no runs on two hits and two walks over the final 4.2 innings.

Churchward collected

two hits in the tie, while Kelmigian, Gendron and Andrew Stafford each contributed an RBI.

Zalenski went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead the Cubs. Dustin Jeffries also added two hits and an RBI. Nickels chipped in with an RBI double.

In the second game, the Rams suffered a 5-2 setback to the Cubs,

Jeffries, the winning pitcher, went 4.2 innings, allowing just two runs on three hits. He struck out six and walked one. Lewis pitched 2.1 scoreless innings in relief, giving up just two hits to pick up the save.

Briski, Rod Helson and Jeff Digati each had two hits for the Cubs (8-2-1). Tony Fazi added two RBI. Gendron had two hits in

the loss, while Stafford added an RBI double. Nick Urban also knocked in a run. Ryan Gunderson, the los-

ing pitcher, allowed three

runs on eight hits. He walked three.

Reliever Justin Mazur allowed two runs on one hit and three walks.

On Friday, the 22-andunder Michigan Bulls got a complete-game five-hitter from pitcher Bryan Weeks in a 5-1 victory at Ford Field.

Weeks struck out four and walked one.

Kennedy, the losing pitcher, went the first 3.2 innings. He allowed two runs on six hits and five walks. He struck out four. Reliever Sam Yashinsky worked the final 3.1 innings, allowing three runs on four hits and three walks.

Kelmigian went 2-for-3 in the loss, while Churchward knocked in the lone run.

Matt Cunningham and Josh Ivan each had two hits for the Bulls (5-3-1), while Kevin Zerbo homered. Rudy Jovanovski, Sam Palace and Dennis Jones also knocked in runs for the Bulls.

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Madonna adds 2 new recruits for '08 season

Madonna University head baseball coach Greg Haeger has announced the signing of two local high school standouts for the 2008 season.

Joining the Crusaders baseball team will be Livonia Stevenson product Nicholas Plinka and Dominic Benavides (Northville).

Plinka, who is a third baseman, is a two-year varsity letterwinner at Stevenson High School. Following his senior year, he was named to the WLAA All-Lakes Division team as an infielder and also garnered all-district honors.

"Nick comes from a quality high school baseball program," Haeger said. "He possesses a strong arm and nice hands defensively. We hope to develop him into a future contributor for our program."

The son of Daniel and Heather Plinka plans on studying fire science at Madonna beginning in the fall of 2007.

Benavides, who can play several of the infield positions, is a three-year varsity letterwin-

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ner at Northville High School. During his tenure as a prep, he was twice named all-division along with all-conference and all-district honors during his final season.

As a senior, Benavides hit .360 while leading his squad to a 25-5 overall record. He was also tabbed as the Best Defensive Player on his team.

"Dominic is coming to MU after a successful season at Northville," Haeger said. "He is a very instinctive infielder with soft hands and a great feel for the game. He will compete for one of the vacant spots on the left side of the infield next season.'

Benavides plans on enrolling in the biology and pharmacy programs in the upcoming fall semester at Madonna.

Madonna completed the 2007 season with a 34-20 overall record and a runnerup finish in the NAIA Region VIII Tournament.

## **Basner propels Post 32**

Livonia Franklin High's Mike Basner had quite a day as Livonia Post 32 swept an American Legion baseball doubleheader Sunday on Father's Day against previously undefeated Milford, 7-4 and 4-3, at Livonia Churchill High School.

Basner went 5-for-6 on the day, including a pair of doubles and triple in the opener. He also legged out a triple in the nightcap and added two walks and reached base on an error.

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wasn't sure if it was going to get through at first, but as I looked at it (while running) I knew it. I'm just happy to have the state championship, because we've been looking for it."

Barnes, who finished 3-for-3 and also reached base after being hit by a pitch in the seventh inning, knew the green

Churchill High's Brian Runge, Josh Matigian and Shea Dwyer provided solid pitching in closing out the sweep.

Steve Jones also added three hits on the day.

The rest of Livonia Post 32's roster, coached by Paul Mercier, includes Vinny Carozza, Tyler Bledsoe, Matt Luneack, Éric Mitchell, Eric Opiela, Derrick Poremba, Tyler Holton, Josh Payzant, Anthony Marietti, Ricky Scully and John Rodeman.

Farmington scored two runs in the first and one in third, but Lake Orion junior righthander Josh Deeg (9-0) looked stronger as the game wore on. Deeg finished with four strikeouts - all in the final three innings - with six hits and three walks. Six times Deeg got out of jams after allowing a runner to reach scoring position.

"The one thing about Josh is he hates losing," Schramek

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light was on if the ball snuck through to the outfield.

"Actually, I knew I was going even if (he scooped it up)," Barnes said. "I knew I had to get home."

Barnes reached base after being hit by a Cam Fowler pitch with one out in the final inning. Barnes stole second and Dunstan came through with the biggest hit in school history to deliver Lake Orion (31-5) its firstever baseball state title and first boys state title in 17 years, following a Class A title in wrestling in 1990.

Two experienced seniors came through for Lake Orion.

"I asked him before every game, 'Who's the best player in Michigan?" Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek said. "I think that this year he's the best hitter in the state. He gets us going. He's hit over .500 this season.

"And Nick Dunstan, it's like the fourth time in three weeks that he's had the big hit for us. It's not necessarily that type of hit, but maybe the hit to get us back in it. He's one of our clutch hitters."

Fourth-ranked Lake Orion trailed 2-1 and 3-1, before tying the score in the bottom of the fifth. Dunstan knocked home Barnes a first time with an RBI single, where Dunstan beat the throw at first with two outs. The Falcons had defeated

three ranked teams in the postseason run to the final day, but couldn't beat the Dragons in the two teams' third meeting.

"We beat a lot of good teams," Farmington coach Pete Finn said. "We deserved to be here. You can't win them all, I guess." said. "He hasn't lost a game all vear and came through and pitched a great championship game. He's a fighter; he's a battler. I would have needed a crowbar to get the ball out of his hands today."

Farmington scored two runs in the first. Jordan Turner walked, Harvey Martin singled and Phil Sontag knocked them home with a single up the middle.

Lake Orion scored a run in the bottom of the first when Jeff Chattaway drove in Barnes with a double to deep right field.

The unranked Falcons (28-10) tacked on another run in the third. Burny Mitchem's double to deep left scored Sontag, who singled with two outs.

For Farmington, it was a case of not taking advantage of runners in scoring position during the game's later stages.

"They got hits with guys in scoring position and we didn't," Finn said. "That's the way baseball goes. We ran out of chances at the end."

Lake Orion, which rallied for two other wins in the tournament, came back in the third to make it 3-2. Barnes delivered a double to left-center that scored Jake Gaudard, who led off the inning with a single.

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Lake Orion and Deeg didn't allow Farmington to score again, setting the stage for the game-tying and game-winning runs.

"Every one of our kids in our lineup has done something productive for us in the past couple of weeks," Schramek said. "That's the sign of a great baseball team."

A state championship baseball team.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

W-LEAGUE SOCCER Thursday, June 21 at Michigan State University Mich. Hawks vs. W. Mich. Firewomen, 7 p.m. LIVONIA COLLEGIATE **BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE** Friday, June 22 at Livonia's Ford Field Michigan Rams vs. Detroit Eagles, 5:45 p.m. Michigan Bulls vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m.

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Sunday, June 24 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park Michigan Rams vs. Detroit Eagles (2), noon. Oakland Cubs vs. Michigan Bulis (2), 5 p.m.

PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE SOCCER Saturday, June 23 at Saginaw Twp. Soccer Complex Michigan Bucks vs. Indiana Invaders, 8 p.m.



### 1st-tri-mers

The Livonia TRI-mers Club trained 12 weeks together swimming, biking and running in preparation of competing and ultimately completing in their inaugural triathlon event held June 3 at Lansing. The TRI-friends met through the Livonia Community Recreation Center where several are employed or work out. Members of the TRI-mers, which plan additional triathlons this summer, include (from left): Angelica McCann, Patty Less, Amy Markza, Bridget O'Hare, Erin Worden, Cassandra Smith (holding the Observer Newspaper), Wendy Piasenti, Nicole Reed and Laura Robert.

**28th Annual Plymouth YMCA** Father's Day Run June 17 in downtown Plymouth (top 3 finishers in each division are listed) TRIPLE EVENT Nen Under 40: 1. Jerome Recker, 56:12; 2. Shane Logan, 58:29; 3. Ryan Pletzke, 1:00:54. Women Under 40: 1, Samantha Brish, 1:09:52; 2. Mikelle Picardat, 1:12:08: 3. Courtney Plummer, 1:20:19. Men Over 40: 1. Roger Lara, 1:02:51; 2. Victor Brown, 1:03:15; 3. Vincent Jesudowich, 1:03:49 Women Over 40: 1. Lisa Veneziano, 1:05:30; 2. Kelly Harris, 1:14:19; 3. Jackie Blair, 1:14:49.

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- 34:22: 3. Jerome Recker, 34:55. Female overall: 1. Marybeth Reader, 39:07; 2. Krys Brish, 40:03: 3. Lisa Veneziano, 40:49
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- Pietzke, 37:51; 3. Brad Litwin, 45:54. Female 20-24: 1. Danielle Elwood, 51:53; 2. Meghan
- Galvin, 56:22; 3. Lisa Larabell, 56:42. Hale 25-29: 1. Shane Logan, 36:20: 2. Michael
- Stotz, 48:37; 3. Charles Smith, 49:49. Female 25-29: 1. Sarah Shipley, 44:29; 2. Rosie
- Trahey, 45:36; 3. Molly Noonan, 47:40. Mate 30-34; 1. Jeff Cohen, 37:55; 2. Jonathan Miller, 38:02; 3. Douglas Herriman, 43:46. Female 30-34: 1. Amy Kernahan, 46:00; 2. Christine
- Hughes, 48:46; 3. Kavitha Sriraman, 51:54 Male 35-39: 1. Steve Menovcik, 35:55; 2. Thomas
- Dew, 37:42; 3. Chris Woodring, 38:41. Female 35-39: 1. Mikelie Picordat, 44:14; 2
- Suzanne Cabana, 46:37; 3. Lauren Hurley, 49:24. Male 40-44: 1. Vincent Jesudowich, 38:58; 2. Victor Brown, 39:50; 3. Paul Lipinski, 41:16. Female 40-44: 1. Gayle Kuipers, 42:13; 2. Connie
- Scaparo, 46:39; 3. Jenni Everal, 46:54. Male 45-49: 1. Kevin Deyo, 37:32; 2. Roger Lara,
- 38:51; 3. Jay Owens, 40:27. Female 45-49: 1. Tami Beariet, 45:56; 2. Ruth Lara,
- 51:21: 3, Regina Valentini, 56:27. Male 50-54; 1. John Tarkowski, 38:23; 2. Chuck
- Block 38:38:3 Mike McSween 39:17 Female 50-54: 1. Jackie Blair, 46:45; 2. Miah Haddock, 53:03: 3, Barbara Sobotta, 57:25.
- Male 55-59: 1. Doug Soliz, 43:20; 2. James Robert,
- 43:32; 3. David Crary, 44:28. Female 55-59; 1. Donna Olson, 48:27; 2. Magg Zidar, 48:52
- Male 60-64: 1. James Carlton, 41:16; 2. Tim Klinkhamer, 55:16; 3. Pa Hartley, 55:43.

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Female 60-64: 1. Kathleen Morse, 58:08; 2. Cora Hill, 1:01:43; 3. Phyllis Klinger, 1:06:11. Hale 65-69: 1. Doug Goodhue, 39:39; 2. Spiro Karras, 56:45: 3, Giles Wilborn, 57:07

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- Male 1-8: 1. Tyler German, 29:36; 2. Vincent Matuszak, 31:24; 3. Joseph Fontana, 31:35.
- Female 1-8: 1. Grace Kent, 31:21; 2. Megan Brace, 41:12; 3. Nicole Radgens, 48:57.
- Male 9-12: 1. Charles Kingston, 19:51; 2. Christopher Housez, 23:11; 3. Tyler Socha, 23:58.
- Female 9-12: 1. Mandy McSween, 23:33: 2. Maddie Madison, 27:46; 3. Noelle Milad, 28:52.
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- Peck, 19:10; 3. Jimmy Daniels, 19:44. Female 13:15: 1. Samantha Brish, 20:17; 2. Katie Patterson, 23:17; 3. Paula Schubatis, 25:02.
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- Gursley, 19:31; 3. Bryan Mulvihill, 21:13. Female 25-29: 1. Jennifer Hampton, 20:26; 2. Amy
- Dupuis, 25:19; 3. Lisa Ferguson, 25:20. Male 30-34: 1. Shane Leach, 17:35; 2. Jonathan
- Miller, 18:18; 3. Curt Pierson, 21:13. Female 30-34: 1. Kristen Whole, 22:21; 2. Anna
- Booher, 25:05; 3. Becky Schad, 25:17. **Hale 35:39:** 1. Jon Chapski, 21:17; 2. Mark Kroll,
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### LOCAL SPORTS

## Bucks maintain PDL dominance with 4-0 triumph against Lynx

The Michigan Bucks are starting to garner the label, the Untouchables.

The 2006 Premier Development League North American Champion Bucks took out their U.S. Open Cup frustration on the Toronto Lynx, trouncing the visitors 4-0 Saturday night at Saline High School to run their total to 16 straight against PDL Iteams.

The league unbeaten Bucks finally took command with the first goal in the 33rd minute. Leading scorer Khelli Dube (Coastal Carolina) swung a corner kick that was deflected by John Palladino (Gonzaga) onto the head of Ian Daniel (Oakland/Troy Athens) for his first goal of the year. The Bucks would continue to push the attack until the 45th minute, when Lindsey Wilson Iteammates Nate Jafta and Ty Shipalane for another goal just before halftime, with Shipalane fining the netting inside the far post.

Michigan came out in the second half with the same fire that they closed the first half with and looked to put the game away early. After a Lynx foul outside the top of the right corner of the box, free kick specialist John Palladino slotted home a shot to put the Bucks up 3-0.

The Bucks would continue to press the rest of the night but could only muster one last tally, when Jafta found his reliable running-mate Kenny "Uzoigwe open in the box and

Tuttle thought he had the

final out when Adrian's Brad

Ohrman popped up near the

West dugout, only to have

the ball drop out of the

With the wind blow-

ing in all night, not many

balls were getting beyond

the outfield, but Ohrman

catcher's glove

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Uzoigwe banged home his fifth goal of the season. Mike Clark (Oakland)

pitched the shutout for the Bucks, with defensive help from sweeper Micahel Holody (Clarkston/U-M).

The Bucks ran their record to 6-0-2 on the season and increased their unbeaten streak to 16 games, dating back to last year. The Bucks' only losses since last July were exhibition or U.S. Open Cup matches against teams form higher leagues.

Michigan will look to equal their club record 17 game winning streak when they take on the West Michigan Edge next Wednesday.

■ The Bucks will return to Saginaw on Saturday, June 23, when they take on the Indiana Invaders as part of the 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic at 8 p.m. This will be the Bucks first return game to Saginaw since they moved to Detroit in 2002.

■ On Saturday, the Bucks will also be inducting three important members into the Michigan Bucks Hall of Fame. Joining current members Paul Snape and Tino Scicluna are Bucks original head coach Steve Burns, fan favorite player Benji Djeukeng and former Bucks owner and General Manager Jim Duggan. Ticket information for the Bucks return to Saginaw will be released this week.

For more information, visit the team web site at www. buckssoccer.com.

College, had an entourage supporting him Monday night. "Aunts, uncles, cousins, coaches, teammates, some of the fans from Stevenson," Tuttle said. "I had family in from Milwaukee that were

here for my graduation party and they stayed for the game." Tuttle will play this summer for the 18-and-under Detroit Besser a tesser based

mer for the 18-and-under Detroit Bears, a team based out of Northville. He plans to major in sports

marketing, stay around the game and "keep playing." During his senior year,

### CAMPS/CLINICS

### Blazer spiker camp

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

For more information, email Cameron Kompoltowicz at ckompo@yahoo.com.

### Franklin pom camp

The Livonia Franklin varsity pom pom team will stage a clinice for girls ages 6-14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at the high school gym.

Included in the \$35 cost is a T-shirt and pizza lunch. A parents and friends performance will follow at 2:15 p.m. You must pre-register by July 10 because space is limited.

For more information or to pre-register, call Nancy Kuzura at (734) 502-0877.

### Hawks soccer camps

The Michigan Hawks Women will offer a series of camps, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; July 9-12 and 23-26; and July 30-Aug. 2, at the Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom.

The cost for each session is \$125 (includes T-shirt and season pass to all University of Michigan women's games). Those organizing a group of six or more campers is \$115 per players.

For more information, visit www.michiganhawkswomen. com; or e-mail Doug Landefeld at dlandefeld@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

### Glenn hoop camp

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

All participants will receive instruction on all phases of the game including offense, defense, shooting, rebounding techniques, ball-handling skills, mental attitude and teamwork. The cost is \$50 (includes T-

shirt). For more information, email youngda22@yahoo.com.

### C'ville mat camp

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

### or MU at (734) 432-5591.

### Franklin hoop skills

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

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

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

### C'ville girls hoops

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

The cost is \$60 per player (includes camp T-shirt). For more information, call

Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

### Scicluna Soccer camp

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

The cost for residents is \$160 (base camp) or \$210 (full camp). Non-resident fees are \$210 and \$220, respectively. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

### Diesels football camp

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

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

The cost is \$30, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48) value and pizza party on the final day. For more information, call (313) 299-1277.

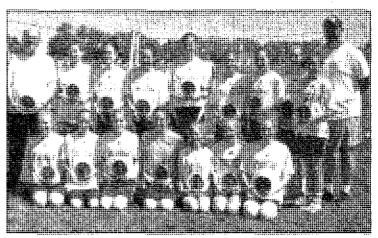
### MU volleyball camps

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



### Cherry champs

The WAZA under-12 girls soccer team captured their third title of the year Memorial Day weekend at the Traverse City Cherry Cup Tournament. Members of WAZA include: Prairie Bortolin (Tecumseh, Ontario), Megan Coliton (Livonia), Amanda Deel (Rochester), Carlee Faber (Livonia) Emma Grupenhoff (Rochester Hills), Aubrey Konal (Rochester), Heather Lamoureaux (Northville), Amanda Long (Livonia), Lexie Martin (Novi), Karly Munroe (Livonia) and Carrie Subject (Novi). Not pictured is Morgan Copperstone.



### **Junior Irish champs**

The under-13 Meteors of the Michigan State Premier Soccer League captured their division in the Junior Irish Memorial Day Invitational Tournament, beating Pittsburgh (Pa.) United, 1-0, on penalty kicks in the finals held in South Bend, Ind. The Meteors took also four preliminary games out outscoring their opponents, 2-1, before battling to a scoreless draw through regulation, a pair of five-minute overtimes and two five-minute sudden death OTs. The Meteors won on penalty kicks, 3-2. Members of the Meteors included (top row, from left): assistant coach Steve Vakratsis, Shelby Gutkowski, Erin Prim, Lauren Favazza, Jessica Raisanen, Allessandra Iadopaola, Alex Vakratsis, Natasha Ivanac, Lindsey Lerg, coach Jeff Vakratsis; (front row, from left) Stephanie Strother, Shannon Melvin, Katy Anagnostou, Caite Marchione, Amanda Lumley, Lisa McMullen and Stephanie Culp.



ripped a high drive to leftcenter that appeared to be going out.

But Center Line's Seth Brecker hauled it in near the warning track on a fine-runhing catch and Tuttle walked off the mound with a smile on this face.

"When I threw that pitch, Lsaid, 'Oh, boy,' I thought it was out," Tuttle said. "It was a slider, right over the middle of the plate."

One inning, no runs.

Tuttle went out a winner in his high school career.

"It was a great experience, I wish everybody could experience," he said. "It's been a dream of mine to play at Comerica Park. I felt great and the crowd was amazing. They were yelling the whole game."

Tuttle, headed for Adrian

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Tuttle struck out 100 batters in 65 innings and showed great potential, according to his coach Rick Berryman, who was also in attendance Monday night.

"My junior year I played hockey (as a goalie) and I did not really pay attention to baseball," Tuttle said. "I decided that baseball was my number one goal and I beared down on baseball because that's where I want to be."

Berryman believes Tuttle has only scratched the surface.

"Matt has untapped potential," Berryman said. "He'll get better and better. He can maximize his potential if he keeps working."

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

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Salciccioli at (248) 719-3273.

### All-Star Hoop Camp

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

MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will direct three session of boys camps including: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3.

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9.

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

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975;

Elite: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players: 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2: Hitters: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist: 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12. For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach

Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

### Lutheran soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, located at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will stage a soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level) from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27. The cost is \$20 per student

(includes instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home). Fee is payable at time of registraton.

For more information, call Christ Our Savior Outreach Director Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

### **Dynamic outing**

Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club traveled May 26 to Suttons Bay for the Leelanau Sands Showroom Boxing Show with New Boston's Dustin Brewer (second from left) making his ring debut by stopping Abel Gonzales of Bolton in the first round in the 120-pound division. Livonian Josh Ivezaj (third from left) also won his 112-pound match when he stopped Tyler Bussell of Manistee in the second round. Meanwhile, Dynamic's Giovanni Madoro (Ann Arbor) lost a close decision in the 152-pound division. The boxers are flanked by conditioning coach Anton Ivezaj (far left) and coach Gary Stewart. Not pictured is coach Richard Roland.

### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### Archery league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an outdoor archery league beginning at 6 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 6 through Sept. 24, at the City of Livonia Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road (between Plymouth Road and I-96).

The fee is \$40 per person and registration begins Monday, June 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Parks and Recreation Office, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The league is open to all archers of all ages, beginners to expert. You must be able to shoot 20-30 yards and provide your own equipment. Prior to the start of the league, a mandatory meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30 at the LCRC.

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"Block' (Blockburger) knows a lot about all the events. And if all the technical aspects are on the right track, I think it will be a good meet."

Terek flew Tuesday into Indy and hopefully his poles will have arrived from Italy.

"My biggest problem is getting to a meet and feeling fresh -- you never know," Terek said. "If you have a good 100 (dash), it sets you up pretty well for the rest of the meet. Then I go to the Dominican Republic and run my worst 100 (11.35).'

"My whole thing this year was to get ready for the U.S. Nationals. It's midwest weath-

er, hot and windy. You're out there six or seven hours and it wears on you. You obviously have to stay hydrated."

One event Terek hopes to stick this weekend is the javelin.

"It's been hit-and-miss so far this year," he said. "I know I can throw it far and I think I can put it out there."

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Terek will compete in the first five events including the 100, long jump, shot put, high jump and 400.

The competition resumes at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the 110 hurdles, discus, pole vault (his strongest event), javelin and 1,500 run.

"I hope to come back," Terek said. "It's a good field. My expectations are to do better

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than I did in Italy and make the World Championship team (in August in Osaka, Japan). If I have a solid meet, maybe 8,300 to 8,400 (points) is possible.'

Terek, married last summer, has also stabilized his financial situation.

He now competes for Asics where he receives a small monthly stipend for equipment. He also continued to work in the Home Depot program for U.S. Olympic hopefuls and receives help from the U.S. Olympic Athletic Trust.

Terek also earned money on a show that aired New Year's Day in Japan where he won the Muscular Athlete Championship. He also was contestant last fall on Ninja Warrior, seen on the G4TV

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Network where he made three of four stages of the obstacle course.

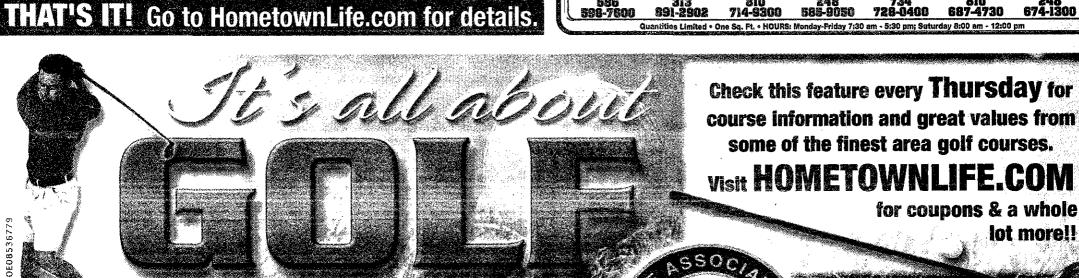
Meanwhile, the competition will be fierce in Indy to earn one of the three spots on the World team.

"You can't count out Paul Terek," Clay said in a recent USA Track & Field Web Site interview. "He's a good competitor. The person who wins is going to be the person who makes the least amount of mistakes.'

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LESSON **ON GOLF** 

### By Jeff Lesson

What great theater at this years U.S. Open! ....Angel Cabrera of Argentina beats Tiger Woods by one shot to win it. It marked the second consecutive major that Tiger was in the final group and failed to win. The same thing happened at this year's Masters.

What let Tiger down was his putter. Heretofore in the U.S. Open, Tiger's downfall had been his inability to hit fairways off the tees. This time he hit most of his fairways and

greens failed to make a birdie putt linger than 12 feet all week despite several chances.

In other words, Tiger again had chances to win and could not failed to pull it off. Yes, Tiger Woods

of all time. His 12 majors will soon be more than Nicklaus won, and nobody contends in as many events as he does.

What was troubling was his failure to make more than one birdie in his final 31 holes at Oakmont. This gone 0 for 29 in Major Championships when trailing entering the final round. Tiger trailed by two entering Sunday's round. Further, he actually held or shared the lead during the final round of the last two majors and could not finish the job.

Look for Tiger to

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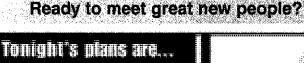
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SWM, 5'8", blonde/blue, masculine build, seeking a SWF, 22-35, with good values, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining, traveling and shopping, brunette a+, smokers ok. 2203186

### I'M YOUR MAN

SBM, 21, 6'1", independent, employed, honest, likes movies, chess/dominos and more. Seeking a SBF, 18-25, caring, slim, for casual dating and fun. 2203609

### CATCH OF THE DAY!

SWM, 34, blonde/blue, 270lbs, intelligent, likes sports, camping, fishing and hiking, seeking a W/HF, 21-40, for good conversations, friendship, maybe more. 2204057

### **READ THIS AD!**

SBM, 20, 5'9", outgoing, likes swimming, seeking a woman, 18-21, to spend time with. **2**203820

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

### Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the com-pany of a lady with similar interests. 2200459 ARE UTHE RIGHT ONE?

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TAKE A CHANCE

SM, 37, working construction, likes dinners out, travel, movies, good company. Seeking a sweet lady to share these. 2201579

### WHY NOT CALL?

Loving, sociable SM, 52, 6'1", 210lbs, smoker, D/D-free, pet owner, homeowner, enjoys The Blues. Looking for a loving lady to spend a lit-tle time with. Friendship first, possible LTR. **B**202143

### **MINISTER SEEKING**

SM, 56, seeks full-figured, caring, tall, attrac-tive, commitment-minded SF, 5'9"-6'3", race open, who loves The Lord and all life offers.

### SOMEONE 2 TALK 2

SBM, 5'6", enjoys swimming, basketball, movies and hanging out with friends, seek-ing a woman, 18-30, attractive, to get to know, maybe LTR if compatible. 2203356

### WITH YOU IN MIND

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, 8'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open.

### LOUIS LANE

Even a modern day superman needs a little help. SWM, 40s, fun, outgoing, adventurous, seeks SF, hwp, sexy, with similar qualities. **1**204559

### 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. 2140690

### SIMPLE AND SWEET

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

### EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 27187614

### LETS GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listen-er, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 2128302







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attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. 2121526

### POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2**993381

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. 2200296

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### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

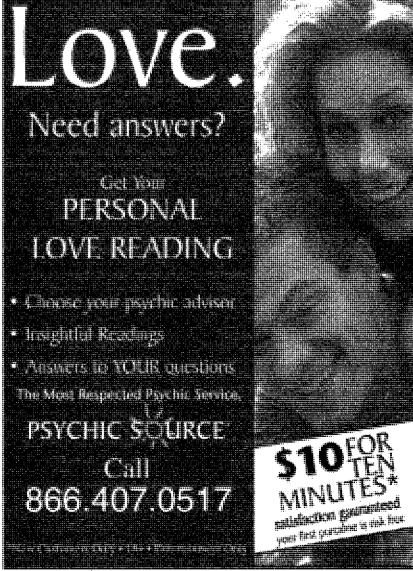
Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/Dfree, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a spe-cial lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. 2920969

### TAKE A LOOK

DWM, 46, 5'9", bionde/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. 2163984

Charming, loving, down-to-earth SM, 27, romantic, real, employed, 5'11", 160lbs, chocolate complexion, very attractive, brown eyes, clean-cut, nice smile, tattoos, seeking similar lady to share the good things in life. **a**202692





SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 48, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 2692418

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 2114846

### **GETTING REAL**

SWM, 55, tall, slim, athletic, affectionate, seeking a woman, 35+, kind-hearted, for friendship leading to LTR. 27198679

### 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

### 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? 2200202

### A NICE GUY

SM, 22, easygoing, honest, affectionate, looking for a good-hearted, sweet, cool, goal-ori-ented SF, to get to know, share friendship, fun and maybe more. 22200811

### A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good lis-tener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 2200890

### **GOOD BETTER BEST!**

SWM, 49, 5'9', 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF to have and hold. 2992943

### 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. 28660305

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candielight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possi-ble LTR. 77269646

### SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM, 51, 5'11", 185ibs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. 2146012

### FRIEND AND CONFIDANT

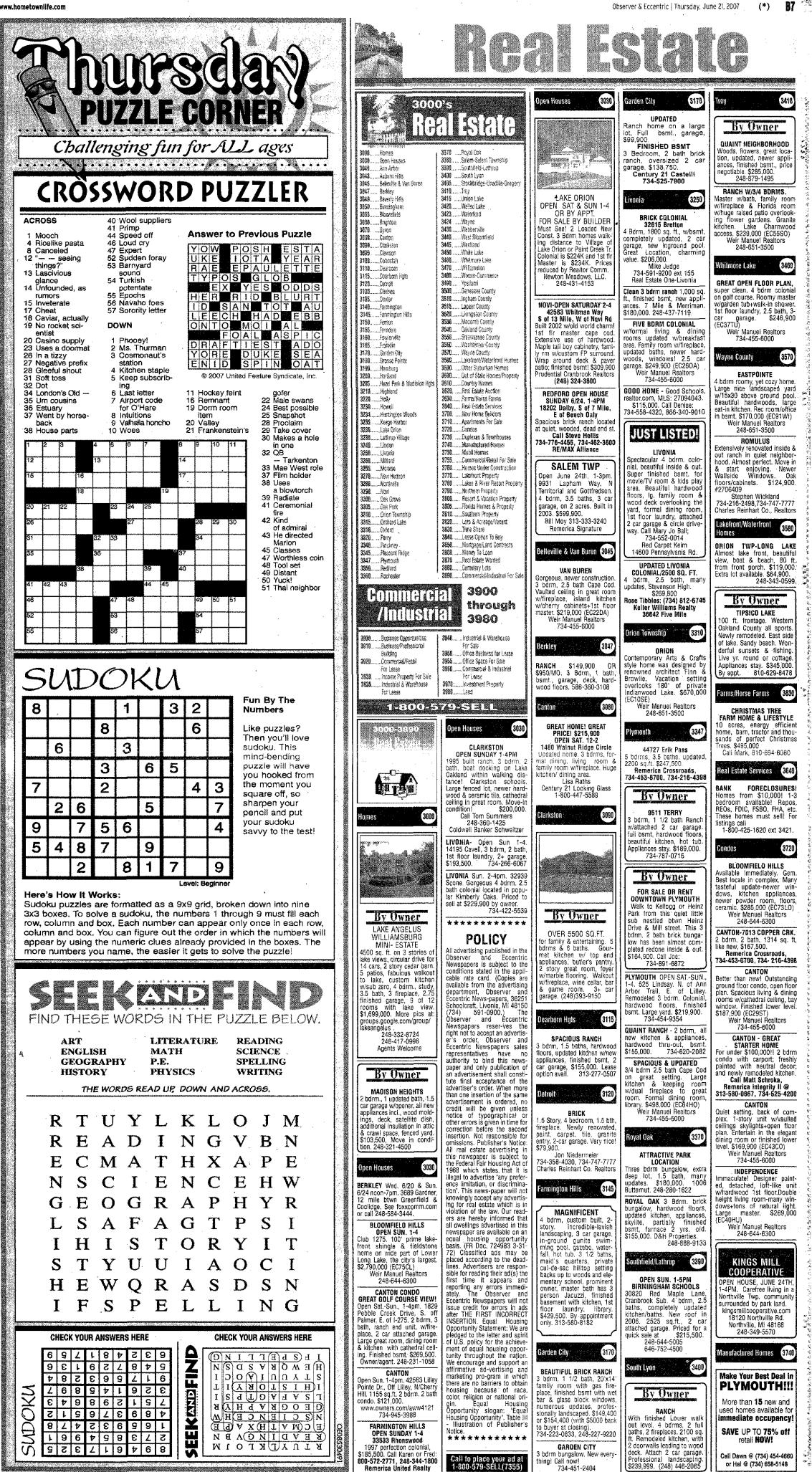
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would lova to hear from you! **2139382** 

### **ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE**

DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. 2146279

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. 2198586

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