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# Fill 'er up: City grapples with jump in fuel costs

### BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As residents feel the painful pinch of rising gas prices, officials who steer Westland's city budget are grumbling, too.

In a remarkable sign of troubling times, the Westland City Council will

vote Monday night on a \$260,000 fuel-related budget amendment. That marks a 68 percent increase over what officials had budgeted to keep more than 400 vehicles rolling for the spending year that ends June 30. In recent talks, Councilman Charles Pickering called the increased costs "unprecedented" and questioned whether administration officials are doing what they can to rein in costs.

Mayor William Wild responded that not only are fuel costs soaring, but city vehicles have had a busier year removing snow from streets, responding to police and fire emergencies, and making rounds to fix ruptured water mains. The cumulative effect has made it difficult to predict gas costs — always a guessing game of sorts for budget planners.

Still, Pickering asked the administration for a comparison of fuel consumption between last year and this year, saying he viewed the 68-percent increase as troubling for the city's

finances.

Of the \$260,000 budget amendment, \$173,334 would chip away at the city's general fund surplus, which has been hovering just over the \$2 million mark. The remaining \$86,666 could come from the water-sewer

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# In 'A League of Their Own'

Women talk about life as professional baseball players

## BY SUE MASON Observer staff writer

heryl Napsha admits she's excited. Ten years after discovering there was such a thing as women's professional baseball, she'll get the chance to hear firsthand what it was like to play ball for the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.

The director of the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland,

## **'BATTER UP!**

What: Hear about the All American Girls Professional Baseball League from two of its players, Mary Moore and Helen "Fil" Steffes When: 11 a.m. Saturday, March





# Garden City man charged with robbery of pool hall patrons

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

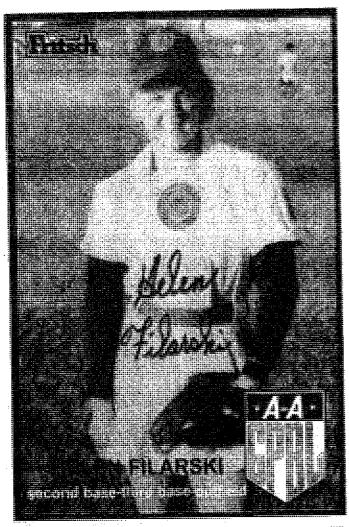
An 18-year-old Garden City man was arraigned Friday in his hospital bed following accusations he robbed one patron and tried to rob another outside a Westland billiards parlor.

Michael Christopher Aldrich, who was beaten and had cuts on his legs, was assaulted around the time he is accused of a robbery outside The Ivory Room on Ford near Farmington Road. But police Sgt. Thad Nelson said Friday it hadn't been determined whether Aldrich's assailants were the same people he allegedly approached outside the billiards hall. The alleged incident started unfolding around 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, when Aldrich is accused of brandishing a BB gun, approaching a group of people leaving The Ivory Room and demanding their wallets, Nelson said. One patron told the gunman he didn't have a wallet, but a second victim gave his up after the gun was pointed at his stomach, Nelson said. The suspect then fled on foot as the victims chased after him into Garden City. Nelson said. A struggle ensued after they caught him, but he broke free and ran away until police captured him in the middle of Ford, the detective said. The suspect apparently was returning to the area near the billiards parlor to try to find two friends who had earlier accompanied him, although they aren't charged in the holdup and the attempted robbery, Nelson said. An investigation hadn't revealed whether Aldrich was beaten up by The Ivory Room patrons or by someone else, Nelson said. "He could have been beaten up before all this happened," the detective said. Aldrich was arraigned Friday by Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli on charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to rob while armed. A not-guilty plea was entered for him, and he was scheduled for a March 27 preliminary hearing that will determine whether hetshould stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, Aldrich could face penalties ranging up to life in prison. Although he was in a hospital Friday, Cicirelli set a \$10,000/10 percent bond. Nelson said it appeared the defendant's father was going to post \$1,000 so that his son wouldn't be jailed when he left the hospital.

Napsha has organized a Women's History Month presentation about the AAGPBL by two women who played in the league — Mary Moore

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north of Ford, Westland. Information: For more information or to save a seat, call the library at (734) 326-6123.



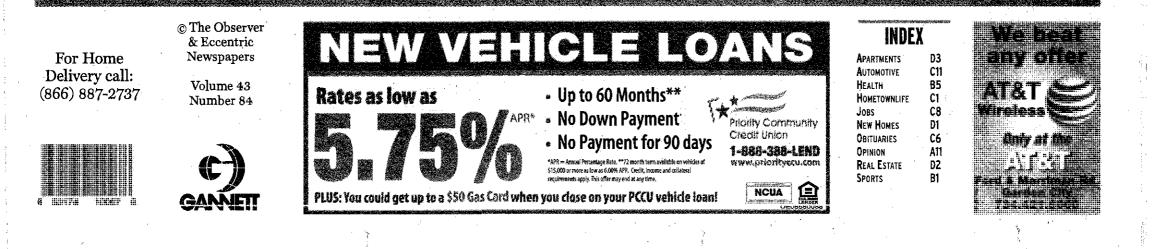
According to her baseball card, the highlight of Detroit native Helen "Fil" Filarski's career was playing third base for the league champion Rockford Peaches in 1945.

According to Mary Moore's baseball card, the Lincoln Park native scored 76 runs, had 88 hits and 48 RBIs during her career as a second-baseman in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.



Mary Moore (left) and Helen Steffes (right) pose with producer Penny Marshall during filming of "A League of Their Own" at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Church presents annual Easter drama

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The passion of Christ and the Lord's Supper will come to life Friday when Merriman Road Baptist Church presents its annual Easter drama, The Cross of Love.

Directed by church member Russ Weathers of Livonia, the musical drama will feature vignettes taken from previous productions as well as several more modern stories, said pastor Wayne Parker.

"Because Easter is so early, time was short, so we're not doing a whole Passion play," said Parker. "This is more of a musical drama with the main part being the Lord's Supper and the passion scene with the crucifix."

According to Weathers, the theme of the production is how Jesus changes lives. Mixed with historical vignettes will be scenes in a park where a couple interact with a homeless man, delivering the message that Jesus cares, he said.

"When you do a cantata, the music is written and the dialogue is written, but this was a little harder," he said. "We had to write narrative to segue with the parts together.'

A cast of 25 church members

are performing in the production and another 20 are working behind the scenes on costumes, sound and lighting. The drama will be presented one night only at 7 p.m. Friday at the church on Merriman, south of Ford.

This is Weathers' second year directing the drama. A talented singer known for his Elvis impersonation, he's also plays the role of the Centurion. The cast has been rehearsing for about a month in "bits and pieces," but it will kick into high gear this week.

"The hardest part with this has been getting everybody together," he said. "We all have families and jobs. We'll get serious about it the last week. We'll get everybody together to rehearse."

It also will be a family affair for Parker who will handle the lighting for the production as well as perform a duet with his wife, Cindy. Son Evan is doing a reprise of last year's performance as Jesus.

The Easter drama will be held in the church's sanctuary which has seating for 600 people. It's free of charge and open to the public.

"We don't want to just do it for ourselves," said Weathers. "We want other people to come."



Jesus, played by Evan Parker of Garden City, talks to his disciples Peter, played by Ken Michalek of Westland; James, played by Roy Gray of Westland, and Peter, played by Cliff Englehart of Westland.

## Judge delays hearing in sexual assault case.

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

A Westland man will have to wait to learn whether he will face trial on charges of molesting his live-in girlfriend's 8year-old daughter, showing her pornographic movies and giving alcohol to her.

Tadario Derwin Sims, 22, had been scheduled Thursday for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court to determine whether he should stand trial on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of second-degree CSC, distributing obscene material to the girl and furnishing her with alcohol.

The hearing was adjourned to March 27 after his new attorney, Alvin Sallen, sought more time to review the allegations against Sims. Sallen declined Thursday to issue any statements on his jailed client's behalf.

Sims is accused of molesting the girl while his girlfriend was hospitalized with pregnancy complications involving a baby boy he fathered, police Sgt. Debra Mathews has said. The baby survived.

After the 24-year-old girlfriend left the hospital, she came forward to police when her daughter told her what allegedly happened. Police arrested Sims on March 1 at a Westland restaurant.

Sims had been caring for the girl and her three brothers while the girlfriend was in a hospital with a fifth child, Mathews said. Sims was charged following allegations he molested the girl in a residence in the Norwayne subdivision, on the city's south side. Sims has no known history

of criminal sexual conduct, Mathews has said. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

He remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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## Westland man faces trial on assault charges

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A Westland man will face trial on charges he tried to shoot and kill his girlfriend as she was driving away from a domestic dispute at their home on the city's south side.

Kevin Antonio Reid, 29, faces trial for assault with intent to murder, having a short-barrel shotgun, feloni-

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ous assault, felony firearms and domestic violence, for an incident that authorities said happened Feb. 21 on Genessee Court in the Norwayne subdivision.

Reid was ordered to stand trial after he was implicated in testimony Thursday in Westland 18th District Court. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Reid and his 28-year-old girlfriend had argued about their relationship before the woman started driving away from their residence, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said. Reid and his girlfriend are hearing impaired, and interpreters have been brought into court to help with the case. Reid is accused of getting

a shotgun and firing a shot that hit her car, but she wasn't

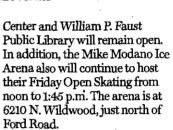
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## Offices closed

On Friday, March 21, which is Good Friday, city offices in Westland and the 18th District Court will be closed. The Bailey



## St. Pat's party

The Village of Westland invites the community celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish music program at 1 p.m. Monday, March 17. Entertainment will be by Dell and Friends. Refreshments will be provided. Wear green and receive

a gift from the pot of gold. The Village is at 32001 Cherry Hill, south of Merriman. Call (734) 762-8928 for details.

struck by the bullet, Harhold

said. She did, however, crash

the scene, but police said he

was later captured at a rela-

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as he awaits trial. A not-guilty

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tive's house in Westland.

her car into a neighbor's fence. Reid is accused of fleeing

## Fund-raiser

Help support St. Damian School by eating at Ashley's Restaurant on Wayne Road north of Warren in Westland from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Ashley's is donating 20 percent of the bill to the school. Patrons can use a coupon for St. Damian School or mention the school while ordering. For more information, call (734) 427-1680.



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Helen Steffes (left) and Mary Moore get a hug from Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers on the radio for 42 years.

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of White Lake and good friend Helen Steffes of Harper Woods. "I've wanted to do this for

eight years, I'm so thrilled I can," said Napsha.

Moore and Steffes will be at the library at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, to talk about how they got started in the league and their experiences as players. They may even talk about the 11 days they spent at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, filming scenes for Penny Marshall's A League of Their Own.

Steffes played second and third base and the outfield in the league from 1945 to 1950. She went by the nickname of Fil, short for her maiden name of Filarski. The Detroit native played two seasons with the Rockford Peaches and a year with the Kenosha Comets before finishing her career with the South Bend Blue Sox.

## LOVE OF BASEBALL

Moore grew up in Lincoln Park and loved sports. She used the money she made from a paper route to buy bats and balls and other equipment. Any time the boys wanted to play, "they had to come and get me." They played in vacant fields and would be joined by Detroit Tigers player Eddie Lake who

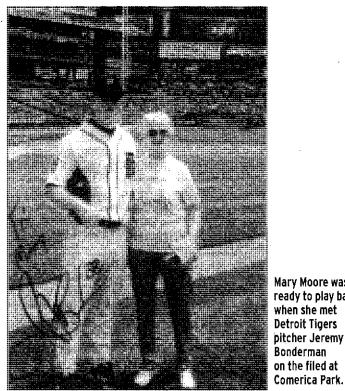
lived in Lincoln Park. He played ball with the kids and gave them tickets to baseball games. After she graduated from

Lincoln Park High School in 1950, one of her teachers put her in touch with LPHS graduate who was playing professional baseball. One thing led to another and she ended up going to South Bend, Ind., to try out. She was accepted for the Springfield Sallies touring team and played in 77 of 90 games. She led the team in hits, runs, stolen bases and RBIs.

"I just consider myself lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time," said Moore. "I was tickled to get the chance to play and get paid. Jobs were hard to find and I was looking for something to do."

The next season, the second baseman was drafted by the Battle Creek Belles in 1951, but was let go because an off-season injury to her hand affected her play. She was called back at the end of the season and played all but two weeks of the 1952 season when she was sidelined with an ankle injury. Offered a contract for the 1953 season, she opted to let someone else have the chance to play.

Moore may have walked away from a professional career, but she's still involved in sports. Over the years, she played on several Class A fastpitch championship teams, and today plays slow-pitch in Northville. She also golfs three-



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five times a week and bowls. "I try to keep active," the 75-year-old said. "That's what keeps you young."

#### 'EXPERT OF SORTS'

Napsha became acquainted with the league 10 years ago while doing research for a teacher who was working on a master's thesis that dealt with the league and with the changes Title IX bronght about for women.

"I read everything I could find, I got to be an expert of sorts," she said. "I did a lot of research on the league and the history is fascinating."

Napsha tracked down the league on the Internet and sent an e-mail, asking if there was someone in the metropolitan area who could do a program. She heard from Moore in January who said she usually does programs with Steffes. "We're getting a twofer," she

said. Napsha sees Moore and Steffes as inspirations, women who played before Title IX and

female sports. "I hope young women and girls who take sports for granted know how they made sports accessible for them," said Napsha. "These women paved the way for them."

Reservations aren't necessary for the program, but Napsha would like people to call to get

Comerica Park. an idea of how many people will be attending. However, she stressed that "nobody will be turned away."

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Marv Moore was

ready to play ball

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fund, which auditors also have warned could be facing tough times

Wild told Pickering that he shares his concerns about dipping into surplus dollars. But he has indicated that the option of cutting fuel costs, through such measures as scaling back snow-plowing efforts, likely wouldn't sit well with residents who expect their tax dollars to pay for services.

Wild also pointed to costcutting efforts he has implemented, such as ordering city workers to shut vehicles off when possible rather than leave them idling.

To be sure, Westland pays less per gallon than residents because the city is part of a

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consortium that gets a better deal by buying fuel in large quantities. Public Service Director Kevin Buford predicted that, on average, the city probably pays about 50 cents less a gallon than most consumers.

On Thursday, council President James Godbout said the council will have no choice but to approve the \$260,000 budget amendment. Unlike some cities, he said, Westland has managed to pay the tab without cutting services.

"In the budget process, all we can do is estimate what the cost is going to be moving forward and what our usage is going to be," Godbout said.

As the spring budget-planning process moves ahead, officials say they will try to make informed decisions as much as possible.

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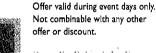
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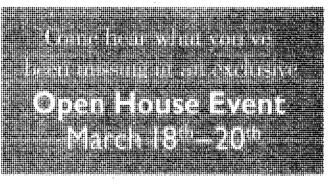
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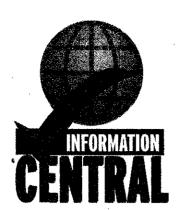
On March 3, 1931, the United States Congress passed the Pratt-Smoot Act which appropriated annually to the Library of Congress the sum of \$100,000 to provide books for the use of the adult blind residents of the United States.

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The act also allowed the Librarian of Congress to select libraries to serve as local or regional centers for the circulation of such books. Two of these regional libraries were established in Michigan; one to serve Wayne County, the other, based in Saginaw, to serve the rest of Michigan.

In 1933, the talking book service was started. Over time, the services of the State Library for the Blind were expanded to include blind children and then all persons unable to read standard print; as well as adding materials in various formats.

If you or someone you know has a medical condition that makes standard print difficult to read, you may be eligible for the Library of the Blind services. There is an application, available on the Library of Michigan Web site - www.michigan. gov/hal/ - which is the first step of the process. You will have to get doctor verification of the physical limitation. You may also call (800) 992-9012 for more information. The service is free and materials will be mailed directly to your house.



You may also want to contact the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which is located at 30555 Michigan Ave, Westland. The phone number is (734) 727-7300.

Although the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland does not provide Braille or talking book items, the library does own a Kurzweil Reading Machine for patron use. Please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.

The library also owns audio books in various formats, such as compact disc, audio cassette and playaways (digital audio). Large print books also are available for those patrons who have a hard time with small or standard print.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

## **Highlighted Activities**

**Adult Book Discussion Group: 7** p.m. March 18.

Join us as we discuss "Atonement" by Ian McEwan. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome. 20s/30s Book Discussion: 7

p.m. March 19.

Join us as we discuss "High Fidelity" by Nick Hornby, Please read the book before the meeting. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk. All 20-30 year olds are welcome. Discussion will be held at Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road.

**Computer Classes:** Introduction to E-mail 11 a.m. March 18, Computer Basics 2 p.m. March 19, Introduction to Resumes 2 p.m. March 20.

Check the flyer in the library for a complete description and requirements for all classes. All computer classes are hands-on. Space is limited. Register in advance at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123 Estate Planning: 7 p.m. March 26.

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Information Central was compiled by Susan Hanson, a reference librarian, cataloger and foreign language specialist. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

## Alter native ways home can save lives, money

### **BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

As St. Patrick's Day looms on the horizon, or even for those just planning a night out that includes drinking, finding an alternative way home could save you thousands of dollars associated with a drunken driving ticket, as well as even your professional license and job.

"Society, from the standpoint of the legal system, is approaching zero tolerance and is not willing anymore to turn the other way," said Tom Proctor, 49, who last year at this time founded the The Designate, which employs a tag team of drivers to take both you and your car home after a night of too much liquor. "The need for our service has increased, and the acceptance of using the service is increasing."

Proctor said prior to starting The Designate, he held focus groups to identify the need.

"The under-40 crowd had a good awareness of the problem and went to great lengths to mitigate them and get home safely, but they weren't always consistent," Proctor said. "The over-40 crowd still doesn't believe it could happen to them, and many times don't understand how easy it is to go over the legal limit.

"For many people, their impairment level isn't obvious to them and they feel OK to drive," he added. "You don't

need to be falling over drunk to be too impaired to drive." Larry Cook of Canton

Township is a territory area manager for The Designate. "We drive the customers in

their own personal vehicles and park it in the driveway so they don't have the hassle of getting a taxi ride home and then trying to find a ride back to the bar or restaurant the next day to get their car," said Cook, 49, "Sometimes it's worth the cost not to hear a spouse ... the car is in the driveway.'

The Designate operates from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., with Cook noting most of their business occurring from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. All team members must have a chauffeur's license, participate in drug screenings and take Breathalyzer tests before and after their shift. The cost of most runs is between \$40-\$60, according to Cook.

"Basically, the fee structure is about how much it would cost you to take a taxi cab home and a taxi ride back to your car the next day." Cook said. ABC Cab, based in Livonia, serves most of the western suburbs. Owner Bob Waite said his business in downtown Plymouth has increased as the number of drinking establishments in the city grows.

Waite said the \$2 charge for getting into the cab and the \$2.25 per mile can make the \$10-\$15 ride much cheaper than getting caught driving

drunk.

"I think it's a very valuable service, especially with the new drunk driving laws," Waite said. "About 90 percent of our runs after midnight are from bar activity, and from midnight to 3 a.m. has become a busy time for us."

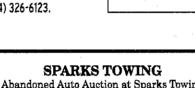
Frank Agostini of E.G. Nick's on Forest in Plymouth said if there's ever a doubt on the sobriety of a customer, he calls ABC Cab.

"I always try to engage 👘 the customers in conversation that is more than just, 'What's happening?'" Agostini said. "That takes a little bit of thought, and if they've had too much to drink, you can generally see that right off the bat.

"We try to put our customer first," he added. "We can't be the police, but I just want to make sure if they tend to drink too much, we send them out as safe as possible."

Mothers Against Drunk Driving encourages bars and restaurants to make it easy for those who have had too much to drink to get home safely.

"We aren't prohibitionists ... but we hope businesses will be responsible and post cab and designated driver information," said Nechole McClendon, program specialist for MADD Wayne County. "It's important the wait staff and management look to see if an individual is intoxicated and take the keys away from them to make sure they aren't hurting themselves and others."



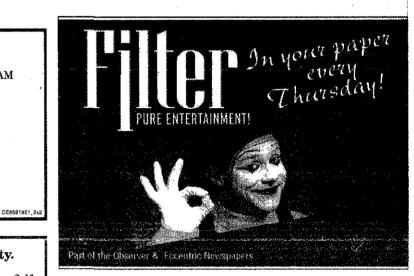
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  - A. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on/or after March 7, 2008. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC. Documents can be shipped to Bidders at their expense.
  - B. Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Architect's office, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.
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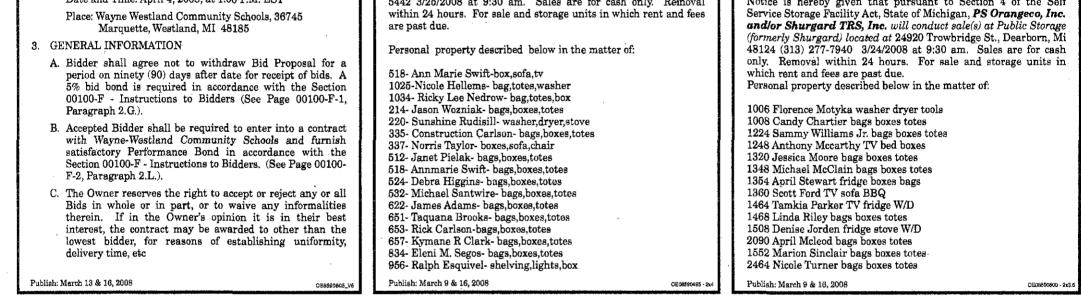
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- 2. DUE DATE
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Date and Time: April 4, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. EST

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## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

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		F003- Anthony Woods- boxes, mattress, bike	
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## LOCAL NEWS

# **Operation Last Call rounds up area's 'most serious drunken drivers'**

In advance of St. Patrick's Day, law enforcement agencies in Wayne County are tracking down and arresting some of the area's most serious and recalcitrant drunken drivers. During Phase One of

"Operation Last Call," 40 officers from



the Sheriff's Office, police departments of Westland. Livonia and Taylor, as well as the Western Wayne County Criminal

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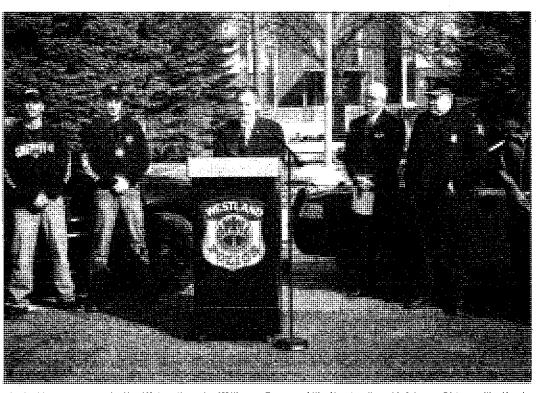
Investigations Task Force, have been looking for repeat and other dangerous drunken drivers who have skipped out on their court dates or

violated their parole or probation.

"With one of the biggest drinking days of the year just around the corner, it is important that we take as many of these ticking time bombs as possible off the road before St. Patrick's Day celebrations begin," said Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans during a press conference Friday. "Clearly, these are people who have thumbed their nose at the court system and whose history strongly indicates they would be 'over celebrating' this weekend."

Officials have targeted nearly 200 individuals who have been charged with felony drunken driving, meaning they have been convicted of an alcohol related driving offense at least three times or caused a serious injury accident while intoxicated, Evans said.

Phase One, a two-day warrant sweep, was conducted last Thursday and Friday and hosted by the Westland Police Department. On Thursday, officers arrested 44 suspects, more than half of whom had failed to appear in court on a drunken driving charge. Most of the oth-



Flanked by Wayne County Sheriff deputies, Sheriff Warren Evans and Westland Police Chief James Ridener, Westland Mayor William Wild talks about the importance of Operation Last Call.

during the first day of the sweep was Frank Dudek, 22, of Dearborn Heights, who was arrested in March 2005 for causing a serious injury accident while intoxicated, which is a felony. Dudek was arrested Thursday on a felony warrant for violating his probation for at

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least the third time. Also arrested was Michael Sweet, 37, of Livonia. Sweet failed to appear in court on his

third drunken driving conviction. Sweet has been arrested for alcohol related driving offenses in Canton, Chelsea and Detroit.

Also picked up in the sweep were Ehab Ghadieh of Redford for violation of probation for driving while intoxicated, Dion Cook of Canton for failing to appear on a third charge of driving while intoxicated, Westland residents Robert Malady, Tasha Martin and David Downs for probation violations and Kayla Daniels, William Golden, Daniel Brunet, Kevin Charley, Jason Puckett and William Germind for failure to appear in court on charges of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. It's the third offense for Puckett, Germind Martin and Downs.

"The goal of this operation is a safe St. Patrick's Day for everyone," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "By removing this many known and suspected drunken drivers from local roads before they have a chance to hurt someone, I think we will be successful."

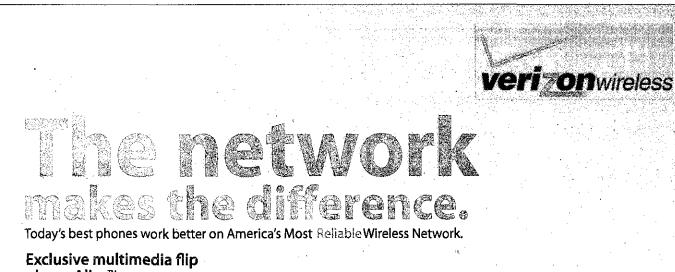
Since Evans created the fulltime Last Call unit in October 2003, which consists of four officers and one sergeant, the team has arrested 3,518 individuals, 288 of them on felony drunken

driving charges. At the time the unit was created, Evans said that his office's research had indicated that there were approximately 7,000 people in Wayne County wanted on outstanding alcohol-related driving offense warrants that nobody had been looking for.

"The Last Call unit and this traditional annual sweep has gone a long way to restoring accountability to this corner of the criminal justice system," Evans said. "People are getting the message that if you don't own up to your responsibilities, sooner or later, an officer will come knocking on your door."

Phase Two of Operation Last Call began Saturday night, when a dozen agencies put additional OWI patrols out on local roadways. The increased enforcement runs through 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Joining Wayne County Sheriff deputies in Phase Two were police officers from Westland, Livonia, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Brownstown, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Trenton, Wyandotte, Grosse Ile and Northville Township Police departments.



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## **COUNTY NEWS**

# Have lunch or dinner with Trudi **Daniels of WRIF**

Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are back for a second season of Dining with the Stars.

This month's lucky winner will have lunch or dinner with Trudi Daniels, the popular news host of the Drew & Mike show on WRIF-FM (101.1).

To enter the contest, tell us in 100 words or less why you want to dine at Buddy's with Trudi Daniels. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by midnight Saturday, March 22.

Daniels, the recipient of Hour magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition, describes herself as a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving. She's a certified open water scuba diver just back from sunny Mexico.

Her favorite music?

"I still love Stevie Ray (Vaughan) - he's immortal - the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and, of course, my iPod is crammed with AC/DC! Favorite new album is Stadium Arcadium and best new song, Worldwide Suicide," Daniels said.

This month's lucky winner will be treated to a limo ride to Buddy's by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services, a \$100 gift certificate

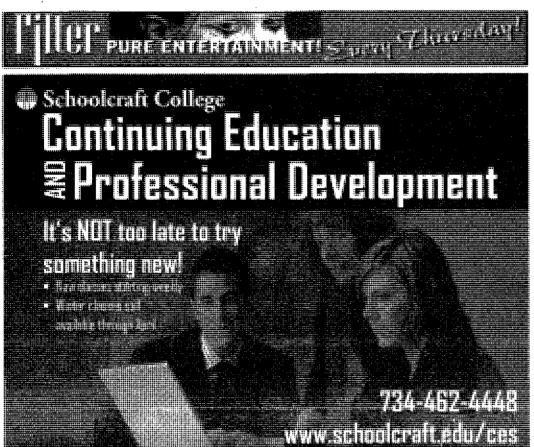


Enter to win lunch or dinner with WRIF-FM's Trudi Daniels.

to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield, a makeover by Utopia Salon in Northville and a dance exhibition courtesv of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition, Buddy's will make a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels name

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.



# International investments should be 20 percent of portfolio

Dear Rick: I presently use a financial adviser and I am not sure he is doing a good job. My accounts are down

> substantially this year. My present portfolio has less than 5 percent in international investments. Do you

**Money Matters** think this is enough? I am Rick Bloom a long-term, moderate risk

investor. It is not surprising that your accounts are down this year. The market - since last October - has been difficult and it's not surprising your account has taken a hit. Just because your account is lower than it was at the beginning of the year doesn't mean your adviser is doing a bad job. However, I do believe your

exposure in international investments is a little light. We do not live in an

American economy, we live in a world economy. Ford and General Motors, cross country borders like you and I cross city lines. In fact, last year General Motors sold more cars abroad than they did in the United States. Ford has more employees abroad than

they do here. We live in an ever-changing world and I believe for an investor to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio, he or she must have a significant amount of international exposure. My recommendation is at least 20 percent in international investments. It is important to diversify into different asset classes, large companies, both growth and value; small companies, growth and value; international real estate and emerging market funds.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for investors to have well-balanced and diversified portfolios. This is a strategy that will be successful over the long run. Dear Rick: I am a relatively new investor. My question to you is I just received a proxy statement from one of the mutual funds. My gut instinct is just to throw it away. What do you think?

I recognize that proxy statements can be confusing and seem somewhat meaningless, however, they are not. It is first important to understand why companies send out proxy statements. As a shareholder in a mutual fund you are a part owner of the fund. Because of that you have rights as to how that mutual fund is managed. Therefore,

#### when you receive a proxy statement it is seeking your vote on certain aspects of how the business of the mutual fund is handled. A proxy statement can be to approve the actions of the board of directors, to elect members of the board or even to raise fees. I believe that you can learn a lot about your mutual fund by reading the proxy statement.

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For the average individual it is difficult to analyze and understand some of the issues that are being voted upon. However, one issue that is important to understand is whether the mutual fund company is trying to raise fees. My general view is that whenever a mutual fund company wants to raise fees the answer is no. Unless the mutual fund company can provide a compelling reason I will always vote against higher fees. Too many mutual fund companies want to raise fees in order to pad their pockets and not to improve the return to their investors.

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

# Professor to discuss art history

With the help of a grant from est to artists, but to anyone the Livonia Arts Commission, VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia), is hosting an art history event with Richard Rubenfeld 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd. The public is invited.

Rubenfeld will be presenting art history in a humorous way to make it fun and interactive with the audience

This will not only be of inter-

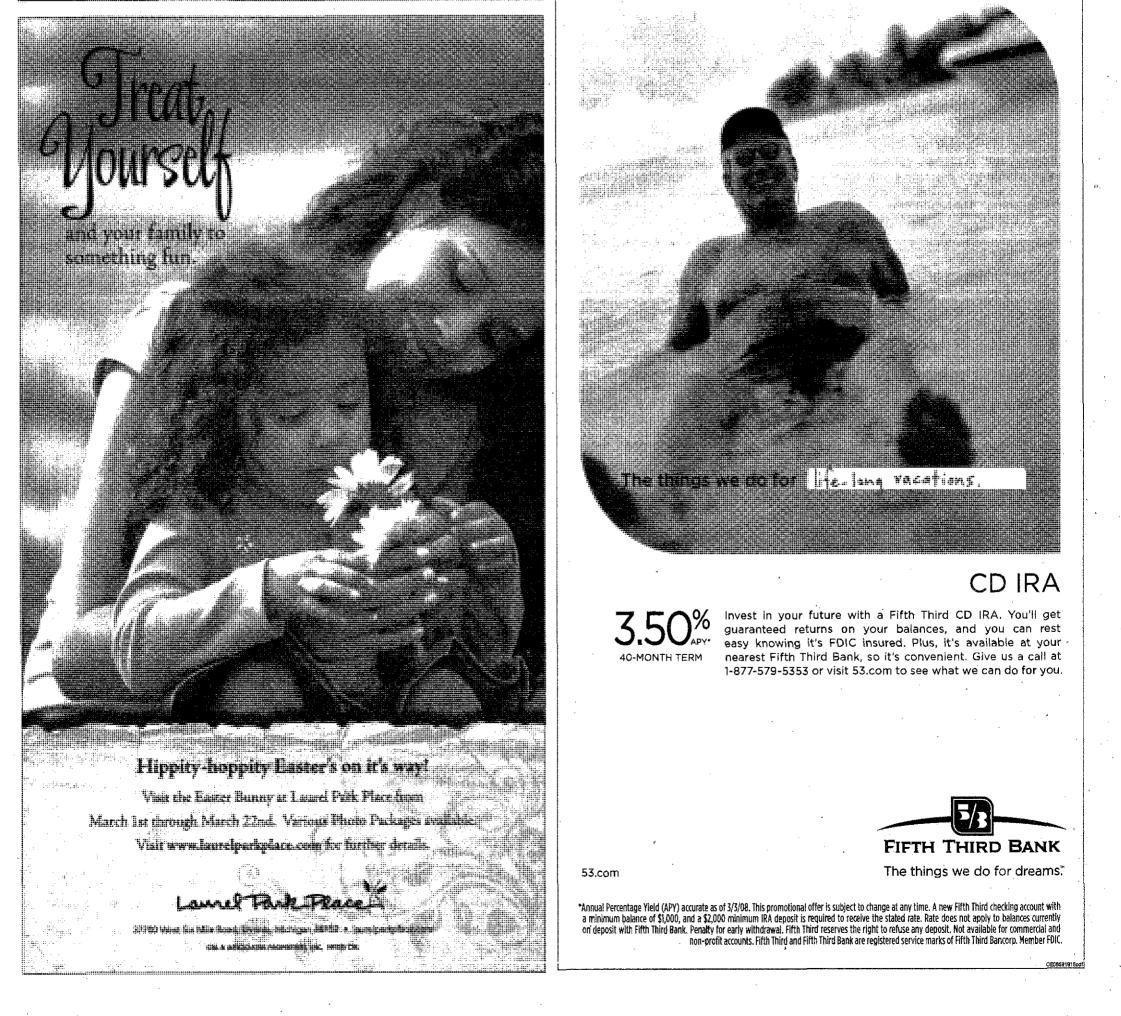
interested in art. It could be a wonderful introduction to art history for the novice, or a funfilled evening for all.

Rubenfeld received his bachelor of arts in fine art from Hofstra University in 1970, his master's in history of art at Ohio State University in 1972, and a doctorate from the Latter Institution in 1985.

Since 1986, he has been a professor of art at Eastern Michigan University where he teaches courses on modern and

contemporary art, Renaissance art, and the history of photography.

Active in the university's studies abroad program, he has taught classes in France, Italy, Spain, England, and Greece. In May 2007, he was coleader of a study tour in Paris. Funded by an Andrew Mellon grant in 1990, he was a contributor to Duncan Phillips: The Eye of a Collector, the first major catalogue for the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# Author shares off-color tales of Detroit's Purple Gang

#### BY REBECCA JONES OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back in the 1920s, Detroit was corrupt.

Prohibition "literally bankrolled organized crime," said author Paul Kavieff. Detroit's underworld was the

worst, he said. "(It was) like the wild West."

On the lower East side, a bunch of young punks who would offer street vendors "protection" or else turned over their fruit carts, soon became known for highjacking truckloads of illegal booze and gunning down anyone in the way. They were the Purple Gang. Police attributed 500 murders to them. Kavieff, who wrote The Purple Gang: Organized Crime in Detroit 1910-1945, talked of the exploits of the gang to a crowd of more than 125 people at the Redford Township District Library on Wednesday. The Purples built a reputa-

tion on violence, but escaped conviction. "They operated with impu-

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nity for a period of about five years," Kavieff said. "Part of the Purple Gang's success was that it had a lot of people on their payroll at the height of Prohibition." These reportedly included top police brass and city officials.

The name Purple Gang was most likely a journalistic invention, Kavieff said. Another story goes that two shopkeepers were talking one day about these off-color boys. One said they were purple, like the color of rotten meat.

They were never organized and rather immature, Kavieff said. By the mid-1930s "these guys killed each other off."

Those who didn't die were serving long-term prison sentences, some on "the installment plan."

"In the 1940s Jackson (prison) was controlled by the Purple Gang," Kavieff said. On weekends, members would borrow the warden's car to go to shows in the city. Kavieff, of Royal Oak, researched Detroit's underworld for 10 years for his book, the first of four he's written. A Purple Gang picture book comes out in June.

At Wednesday's presentation, put on by the Redford Township Historical Genealogical Society, people picked his brain about which Detroit figures were connected. Some added their own tales.

Redford resident Rosalee Bleecker's father-in-law, John Bleecker, was a foremost florist in Detroit on Grand River at the time of the Purples' reign. He made a living off funerals.

One day, John Bleecker got a call. He was told to take his young daughter to the back of the flower shop and get down. A basket salesman came into the store and moments later, he was gunned down. The next day, glaziers replaced the store window, and that was that.

"This is a family story," Rosalee Bleecker said. She never met her father-in-law, who died when her late husband was a teenager.

Library board Vice President Vivian Liedl remembers hearing all the sirens around the time of the 1931 Collingwood Manor Massacre. She grew up around the block.

Rosemary Seccia volunteers at the library. She came to the presentation dressed the part of a gangster, in a gray suit, scarf, felt hat, dark shades and dog choke chains on her boots.

Dressing up is who she is. Seccia carried photos taken of herself and husband posing with guns and a bag of money. They were supposed to be legendary bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde, but Rosemary wouldn't put on Bonnie's flowery dress. She wore a pinstripe suit instead.

Born in 1933, she's always heard of the Purples, but "I couldn't have told you what it was about."

"How corrupt was Detroit!" she exclaimed afterward.

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With photographs of Purple Gang members on display author Paul R. Kavieff shares stories from Detroit's underworld at the Redford Township District Library Wednesday.

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## COUNTY NEWS

# Independent 'mad at both parties' challenges McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **O8SERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Ted McAvoy is mad at both major political parties.

"I think they've failed the American people," he said. "We prop them up after they have failed. Political parties maintain their own agendas, not ours."

That's why McAvoy is running as an independent in the contest for the 11th District Congressional seat. Incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter is seeking a fourth term. Former Novi City Manager Ed Kreiwall

"What he said made sense

McAvoy, who served in

## AT A GLANCE

## Candidate: Ted McAvoy Age: 30 Party: Independent Residence: Highland Occupation: Private security in a hospital Marital status: Divorced, father of 4-year-old daughter Education: Huron Valley High School

Military Service: 8 years, U.S. Army and Army Reserve Web site: www.tedmcavoyforuscongress.com

"He supports our foreign

expanding coverage when the state Children's Health for renewal last year.

involvement.

"I think for many years we had global influence that was positive. We were viewed as positive," he said. "We've passed over the threshold where we are trying to force people to live how we want them to live. Once you do that you lose credibility and that's what we are doing in all these nations."

He said the United States would be better off providing an example to the world and helping countries in need. He said Cuba is an example of diplomatic failure.

"I don't think we should do

views, but not all.

eral level. States should be deciding a lot of these issues themselves and shouldn't be differences. I think the government has an obligation to educate. Children are our future. That's something I'll stand by forever."

#### practices."

"I think a lot of these politicians who are saying your old jobs are gone and get a new one are wrong. That job was here for 70 years, why is it not here now," he said. "If we attack these unfair trade policies. it will come back." He said raising taxes is not the answer, but he is opposed to making the Bush tax cuts permanent when they

expire. "It's unfair. The only way I would support a tax increase or decrease is if it's fair," he said.

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Arbor Trail in Westland. on this or any other Wayne He will be going door to door and he has a Web site. He has received some contributions.

'The real issue is that my issues that I feel we need to address will come forward and that Thaddeus McCotter will have to address them at some point, in an interview or perhaps we'll have a debate," ĥe said.

"I would like to see him change on some of these, but I don't see that happening."

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Ted McAvoy is running as an independent for the 11th Congressional seat.







## LOCAL NEWS

# Wellness programs available at Garden City Hospital

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

#### Monday, March 17

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Exercise Express 12:30-1 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information

Childbirth Education (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734)

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Attention: Bridget Plasecki

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Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands

**Request for Proposals** 

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Yoga (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance. strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

## Wednesday, March 19

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff

## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 24920 Trowbridge St., Dearborn, Mi 48124 (313) 277-7940 3/24/2008 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing the American Heart Association, the free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just

west of Merriman, Call (734) 458-4330 for more information. Exercise Express 12:30-1 p.m.

Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR -Adult at 6 p.m. Approved by class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. Participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

## Thursday, March 20

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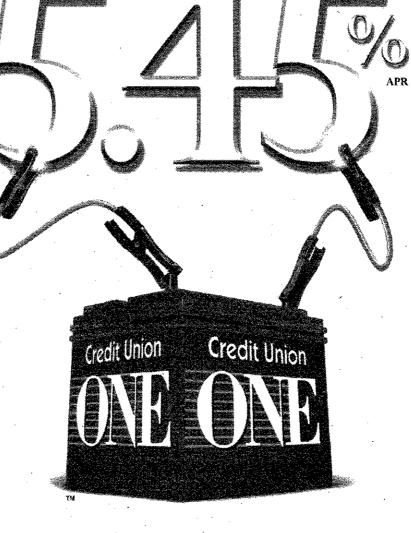
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## **OUR VIEWS**

# St. Pat's Day, Holy Week have rare convergence

LETTERS

Sure, it's a fine mess we have this year. revered day, March 17, at least not with a Irish community in Corktown, held a Mass hibition against having a Guinness, however. Mass in a Roman Catholic Church.

This year St. Patrick's Day falls during Holy Week, a time set aside in the church calendar to prepare for Easter, the highest holy day of the year. The last time this happened was 1940 and it won't happen again, praise be, until 2160.

St. Patrick won't be celebrated on his Trinity Church, the mother church of Detroit's Fridays during Lent. There was no such pro-March 14. In Ireland, Dublin held its celebration March 15.

> St. Patrick, bishop that he was, would surely understand.

> The Detroit Archdiocese reminded those who chose to celebrate March 14 that they'd be doing so without the usual corned beef, as

Several events were rescheduled. Most Holy Catholics must refrain from eating meat on are celebrations of sincere religious beliefs.

Of course, Holy Week will not deter all celebrations. The Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade will march down Michigan Avenue today, which is also Palm Sunday.

Though it's a rare convergence, the coming together of these two days seems appropriate. Both St. Patrick's Day and Palm Sunday subjects.

Christianity has been a foundation for the Irish in Ireland and throughout the world for more than 1,500 years. Palm Sunday, for all Christians, is the beginning of Jesus' last days with his entry into Jerusalem.

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It is a time of contemplation on the meaning of faith, suffering, death and rebirth. The Irish have a close relationship with all those

## Inaccuracies fill Obama letter

The letter from Bud Somerville on March 2 lacked some important facts and included misinformation about Senator Barack Obama. I'm disappointed that the O&E did not edit out the inaccuracies.

Many media sources have misquoted Michelle Obama, who actually said, "For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country, because it feels like hope is making a comeback ... not just because Barack has done well, but because I think people are hungry for change." Mr. Somerville took some liberty in implying that Michelle Obama "apparently hates this country."

It is hard to determine exactly what's going on from a single still image, taken out of context. If Mr. Somerville had looked carefully at that photo which showed Senator Obama on stage without his hand over his heart (as the other candidates are posed), he might have realized that the candidates were all facing different directions. I wonder if the national anthem had even started, yet? Or maybe it had just ended. Senator Obama's spokesperson stated that sometimes the Senator puts hand-over-heart, sometimes he doesn't, which authorities deem acceptable by modern customs. As Senator Obama himself later explained, "My grandfather taught me when I was 2. During the Pledge of Allegiance you put your hand over your heart. During the national anthem, you sing." I do not believe any disrespect to the flag was shown or intended.

The part of Mr. Somerville's letter which most offended my senses, however, was his questioning, "Do you want a former first lady or a Muslim senator who won't respect our flag, or a decorated war hero in John McCain?

First of all, Barack Obama is not and has

never been a Muslim. If Mr. Somerville had taken only a few minutes to look at Obama's biography, he would know that Obama was raised in a spiritual (but not religious) family, and joined a Christian church more than 25 years ago

Secondly, there would be absolutely nothing wrong with a Muslim running for president. If a former first lady or decorated war veteran wishes to run for president, great! The United States of America is a diverse country, with a beautiful tapestry of ethnic, religious and cultural heritages from which to draw inspiration. Mr. Somerville's assertions that some heritages are less worthy of the presidency than others is an offense to what this country stands for.

> Jennifer Tislerics Redford

## Invest in renewable energy

Michigan desperately needs energy legislation to install more efficient use - the best bet per dollar spent — and spark investment in renewables. Both will create good jobs here and stop the hemorrhage of billions of dollars a year for out of state coal.

Far cheaper in the long run than coal or nuclear, renewable energy is our only real hope of achieving energy independence and mitigating the effects of global warming.

Renewables are an investment in a bright and secure future; their value as energy is far greater than any fossil fuel or nuclear option can ever be.

A process called Integrated Resource Planning (IRP), which measures the real and sometimes hidden life-cycle costs of each alternative is the only way to ensure consumers the most benefit for their dollars.

Current legislation in the House is close to fulfilling the promise of energy efficiency and

renewables by requiring IRPs. Don't be duped by utility shills like Cox: Coal and nuclear will cost you far more, even if they don't kill your kids ... slowly.

> Phil Shepard, professor emeritus Michigan State University

## Reconsider appointment

I have been a resident of the county's 12th District for 51 years. A recent article about Kay Beard retiring and Ronaele Bowman being appointed to replace her raised a question that deserves a response.

The part that is of most concern to me is the appointment of a commissioner to a district which they do not live. At least did not live in until two days before the appointment. I feel I should be represented by someone who has lived and voted in my community. Was there no one in District 12 considered qualified to be appointed commissioner for our district?

It would appear to be that the other commissioners should reconsider this appointment.

> **John Pantalone** Westland

## Food safety paramount

In light of the recent Hallmark/Westland beef recall, I want to remind consumers that the safety of Michigan's food supply – from farm to fork — is paramount and continues to be the Michigan Department of Agriculture's top priority.

This is a serious responsibility in today's global marketplace where, if we're not vigilant, problems of every type can impact our food — whether it was produced here or on the other side of the world.

MDA, as well as our local and federal part-

ners, have clear roles in assuring consumers that their food and the places they eat are safe.

While there are numerous challenges in today's dynamic global food supply chain, officials at all levels of government - local, state, and federal - strive every day to create a seamless food safety system to protect the public.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for inspecting meat slaughter and processing facilities in Michigan.

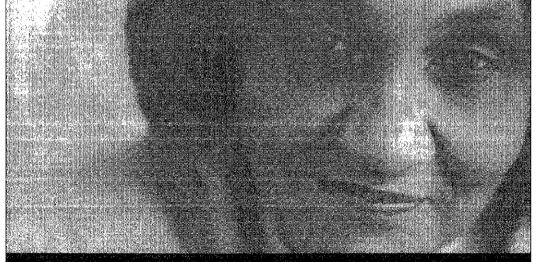
Currently, there are approximately 220 USDA-inspected federal slaughter and processing plants in the state. MDA is charged with inspecting approximately 20,000 diversified food establishments, such as grocery stores, grain mills, fruit and vegetable processing plants, water bottlers and more. MDA also works closely with local health departments who inspect more than 40,000 restaurants and cafeterias statewide.

On a daily basis, local and state food inspectors assure the safety of the food supply by conducting inspections, collecting samples and testing food to detect hazards, responding to consumer complaints, enforcing food standards and labeling, removing unwholesome food from commerce, responding to recalls, food emergencies and disasters, licensing facilities, and providing food export certification.

Everyone has a role in assuring that safety — whether it's a farmer, a restaurant manager, a food inspector, or processing plant operator.

The bottom line is Michigan consumers expect that the food they purchase and eat is safe: and MDA will continue to be vigilant in protecting the state's food supply.

Don Koivisto, director Michigan Department of Agriculture

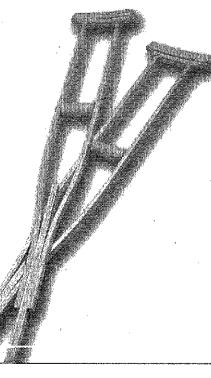


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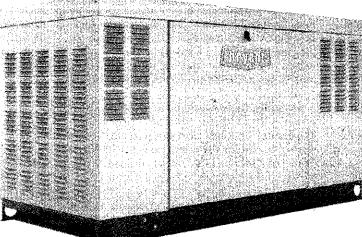
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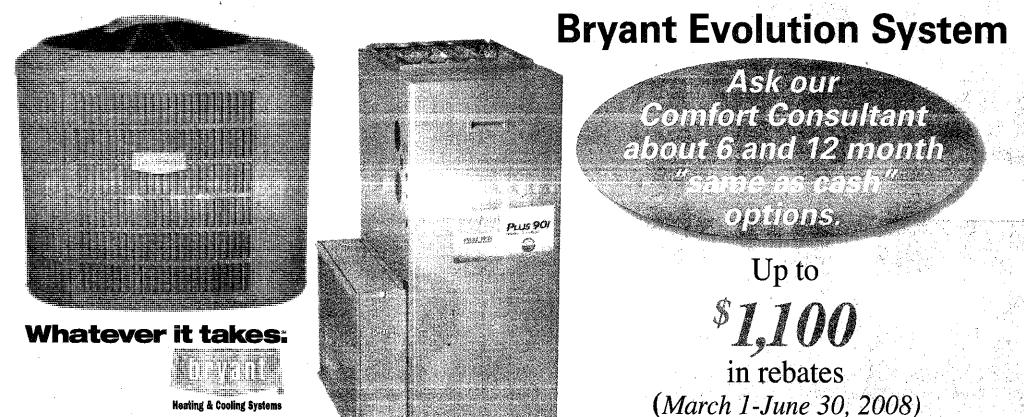


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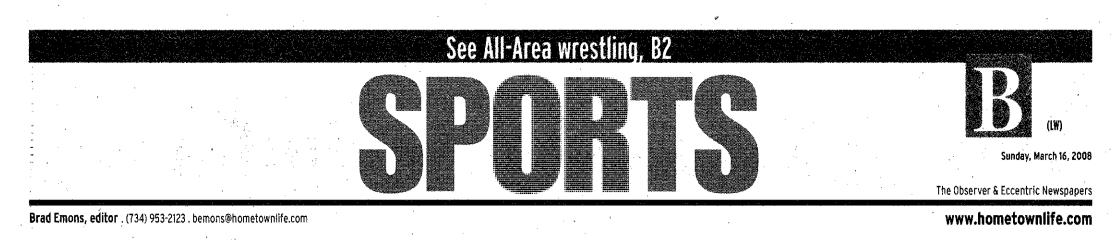


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Knee surgery curtails Olympic decathlete's training

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Decathlete Paul Terek's quest to return Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China has hit a momentary bump in the road.

The 28-year-old Livonia native aud 1996 Franklin High grad underwent knee surgery Wednesday afternoon at the Stanford Medical Center (Palo Alto, Calif.) to repair a torn lateral meniscus on his left (take-off) leg.

"It's a temporary setback, but barring any problems I should be back in six weeks," said the former Michigan State standout who competed in 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece (finishing 21st). "That would give me about nineand-a-half weeks to train until the (U.S. Olympic) Trials (June 26 through July 7

be the my first competition back." Terek, who trains year-round iu San Luis

Obispo, Calif., dropped out after Day One of the USA Track and Field Combined Events Championships held last weekend at the University of North

Carolina-Chapel Hill. The former Combined Events champ

Terek

competed in the 60-meter dash (7.25 seconds), long jump (21 feet, 11.5 inches), shot put (46-10.75) and high jump (6-0), but was unable to continue on Day Two which featured the 60 hurdles, the pole vault and 1,000 run.

"My Combined Events marks were way off and I thought it (the knee) might

in Eugene, Ore.) That will it be inflamed," Terek said. "I thought I tweaked a muscle or maybe a ligament. I thought I could let it calm down and put if off (surgery) for this year. Iu the jumps it did not hurt, but I had zero power in the leg.

On Friday, Terek was already off his crutches and walking. He on his way to workout with his wife Shiloh to do abdominal and balance work to strengtheu his leg.

"They (the San Francisco 49ers team surgeon) shaved a minimum off where it was torn," said Terek, who experienced his first surgery. "It all depends how the body responds to the swelling.

"Being six weeks off may cut into my base, but I hope it doesn't impact my performance. The main thing is to get my range of motion back and get a whole lot of stretchiug in."

Terek, who finished 10th in last September's IAAF World Championships in Osaka, Japan, is confident he can return to form once his rehabilitation aud recovery process is completed.

"It may be a blessing in disguise," he said. "I may be slower on the runs, but it may help me technique-wise iu my other events.

Terek, who recently worked as a TV commentator for the G4 Network on the America Ninja Challenge, squashed any talk whether he'd retire following the U.S. Trials or Olympics.

"It depends on my performance at the Trials," he said. "I can't say I'm done because barring injury, I think I'm still one of the top three (decathletes) in the **U.S.**"



## Ignition break out new uniforms in 18-2 win

**BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Wearing the color of money, the Detroit Ignition played as good as gold Friday night against visiting Orlando.

Sporting its once-a-year green threads in the spirit of fast-approaching St. Patrick's Day, the normally red-clad Ignition submerged the Sharks, 18-2, behind an offensive onslaught led by Hewerton (hat trick) and a sterling defensive effort anchored by back-up goalie Tomer Chencinski.

Detroit's sixth-straight victory improved its Major Indoor Soccer League record to 18-7 and vaulted it into first place - at least temporarily - ahead of 17-7 Milwaukee.

The Wave can forge another first-place tie Sunday afternoon when it hosts New Jersey.

"Sometimes you can look at a team's record (Orlando entered the game with a 3-24 mark) and get a little sloppy, but I thought we did a good job of finishing and we defended well, for the most part," said Detroit coach Bob Lilley.

"These kinds of games are tough to play sometimes when the other team has nothing to lose. One thing I'll point out to our forards during our the session is that give the ball away like we were doing tonight. If you do that against good teams in the playoffs, they'll make you pay." The Sharks actually bit first Friday, grabbing a 2-0 lead on Miodrag Djerisilo's goal 15 seconds into the contest, but the wound proved to be only superficial. Jamar Beasley deadlocked the contest at 2all when his hard shot from a few feet inside the three-point line dinged the cross-bar before dropping just beyond the goal-line. Detroit grabbed the lead for good 5:35 later when Ze Roberto stuffed in his own rebound past Orlando net-minder Antonio Iriarte.

'I thought Tomer played very well," said Lilley. "They pressured him some early on and he did well on his feet. Danny (Waltman) has had a great season, so he's our No. 1 guy, but it's nice to see Tomer play well because he's only an injury away from being the guy."

Detroit carried a 6-2 edge into the firstquarter break after Hewerton clothes-lined a missile to Kyt Selaidopoulus, who one-timed the orange sphere past the over-matched Iriarte.

Hewerton (pronounced Ever-ton) put on a show in the second period when he scored twice to extend the Ignition's lead to 10-2. His second tally of the stanza with 3:16 left before halftime was struck so hard, Iriarte probably heard it before he saw it.

The Ignition sealed the deal in the third period with four two-pointers - two from Doug Rice, and one each from Ryan Mack and Hewerton.

Detroit's second goal of the period epitomized the Sharks' inaugural season. Orlando defender Anthony Santiago sent what appeared to be a soft pass back to Iriarte, but the ball eluded the goalie and rolled into the net for an own-goal.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter. 'Orlando was pretty compet



## MU adds keeper

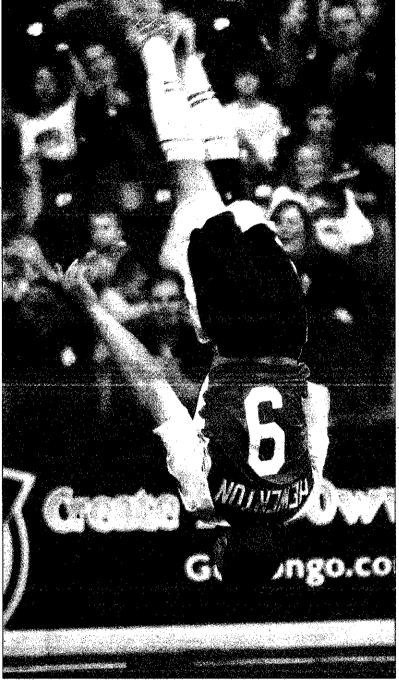
Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the signing Wednesday of Woodhaven goalkeeper Macie Carevic.

Carevic was named to the All-Mega Conference squad and earned team MVP honors as a junior.

"She is a big, physical presence in the net with her ability to stop shots, her communication with the backline to direct and dictate what they do and how they play," Thomas said. "She has played with a top club team in the Michigan Rush and has played along side another of our newcomers, Nicole Rodriguez at Woodhaven. Bringing in teammates is also a plus."

MU, 8-7-2 a year ago, also has recruited midfielder Taylor Adkins (Livonia Stevenson), forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin/ Schoolcraft College), midfielder Diana Brda (Franklin/UM-Dearborn) and goalie Brit Warner (Canton/ Oakland University) in the fold.

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Hewerton celebrates his 16th goal of the season for the Detroit Ignition in Friday's 18-2 win over the Orlando Sharks at Compuware Arena. Hewerton, from Brazil, had a hat trick.

Sandwiched between the two Detroit goals were a pair of sensational stops by Chencinski, who was making just his fourth start of the season.

and game out early in the year," Lilley said. "Now that we're in the later stages of the season, they've had some injuries plus they're out of the playoff chase, so they're struggling.

"The thing is, though, if they're level or leading after the first quarter, it does wonders for their confidence. That's why it was important we scored when we did in the first quarter."

Detroit outshot Orlando, 34-17.

The Ignition's green jerseys were auctioned off to the highest bidders following the game.

"I like 'em, but I don't think we're going to change colors any time soon," Lilley quipped. "As long as we keep winning, I don't care what color we wear."

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#### BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The All-American Football League appeared to be just what the doctor ordered for ex-college players like Allen Feigel.

But because of financial constraints and a lack of a television contract, Feigel got the word Thursday that the Atlanta-based AAFL will not get off the ground – if it does at all - until 2009.

offensive lineman from Livonia Stevenson High who started four seasons at Ferris State, was one of 20 protected territorial draft picks by Team Michigan, which was set to be joined by five other AAFL franchises including Little Rock, Ark., Gainesville, Fla., Knoxville, Tenn. and Houston, Tex.

Among the marquee names drafted originally by the AAFL - which had hoped to fill the void left when the NFL shut down NFL Europe - included Chris Leak (Florida) and

Eric Crouch Feiae

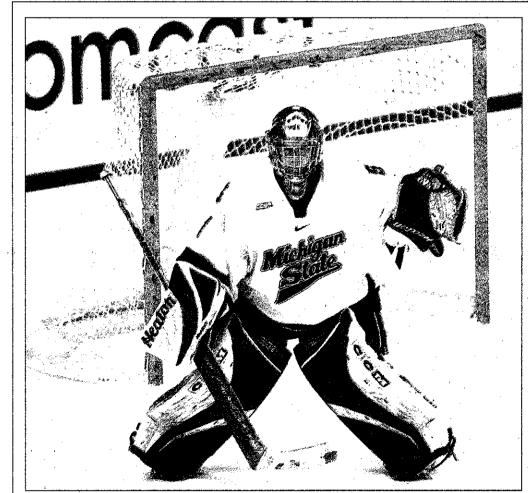
(Nebraska). Feigel, mean~ while, is itching to get back on the field. He last played a game in 2006. Team Michigan's training camp was scheduled to

open last Wednesday with the season opener set for April 12 at Tennessee.

"The Arena (Football League) Feigel, a 6-foot-5, 315-pound has already started its season and I'm left out another year," Feigel said. "I heard it (the AAFL) was cancelled and it's a disappointment. I had a feeling about it and it's unfortunate. I signed a one-year contract with a one-year team option. Now I'm trying to contact somebody in Atlanta and see what my (contractual) status is because I have a possible tryout in a couple of weeks with the Grand Rapids Rampage (of the AFL).' Feigel, who redshirted his

first year at Ferris, is now 24.

Please see FEIGEL, B6



## Spartan saluted

Livonia native Jeff Lerg of Michigan State was named first-team All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association goaltender and All-CCHA Scholar-Athlete. Also earning second-team honors were University of Michigan junior defenseman Mark Mitera (Livonia) and University of Nebraska-Omaha senior forward Bryan Marshall. See story on page B3.

include defenders Chelsea Shrewsbury and Allie Zemaitis, both of Milford.

## MU gets spiker

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing Wednesday of 5foot-9 outside hitter Megan Fricke, an All-Region and All-Mega Conference selection from Wyandotte.

"Megan plays much bigger than her size and is a great leaper, Abraham said. "She is a real tenacious kind of hitter, who hits the ball with a lots of velocity. She has excellent back-row skills and can move sidelineto-sideline to go along with an outstanding offensive type serve."

Fricke, who plans to study Psychology, was also a Mega Conference All-Academic selection and four-year honor roll member.

Fricke is Abraham's second recruit joining 6-1 middle hitter Marie Martin of Canton.

## CHS fund-raiser

The Livonia Churchill baseball program will host a fund-raiser on Tuesday, March 18 only at Max and Erma's Restaurant, 6601 Newburgh Road (at Warren) in Westland.

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# Grapplers get a firm grip on competition

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ANTHONY PAVLICH, 103, WESTLAND GLENN: The sophomore posted a 52-4 overall record en route to a third-place finish at the Division 1 state meet after winning the district and finishing runnerup at the regional.

Pavlich also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title, along with the Observerland. Troy and Garden City invitationals.

"He is the type of young man that you can build a program around," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We never had to asked him to do the extra. He is self-motivated to be a champion and I'm sure his third-place finish will fuel him to work even harder to accomplish his goals. We look forward to the next couple of years with Anthony."

Pavlich is 88-19 overall at Glenn in his two years.

JARED PIEKNIK, 112, LIV. FRANKLIN: The senior, who finished 50-11, placed eighth in the Division 1 finals after finishing runner-up at the regional and winning the district.

He was also the WLAA champion, as well as the Livonia Public Schools (repeating) and Berkley invitationals. For his career, Pieknik finished 128-

46 overall.

"Jared was the cornerstone of our light-weights for the past couple of years," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of the four-year letter winner and two-time scholar-athlete. "He is one of the hardest workers in the room and one of the most dedicated kids I've ever coached.

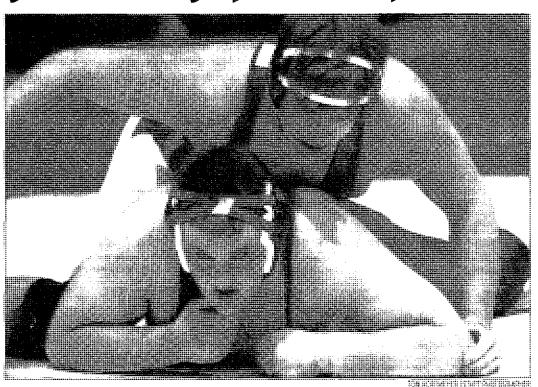
We will definitely miss his leadership and dedication to the team. Younger wrestlers can learn a lot about what can be accomplished with hard work

CARL LUCKE, 119, CANTON: The junior missed qualifying for his second straight Division 1 individual state meet by one point. Lucke was one of the catalysts of the Chiefs' super-successful season that included their second appearance in the Division 1 team state meet in the past three years.

"Carl had a very solid year." said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He's one of those kids that keeps going after you on the mat. He's relentless. Carl worked hard all season and came within one point of making to the individual state meet.

JEREMIAH AUSTIN, 125, WESTLAND GLENN: The Division 1 state runner-up finished 53-2 his senior year and is 114-27 overall in three seasons.

Austin captured the district, was runner-up at the regional and earned the WLAA title. He also captured



Garden City's Adam Love (top), trying to control Franklin's Mike Modes at Observerland, earned first-team All-Observer honors.

invitational titles at Garden City, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Troy and Observerland.

"The reason I coach is for young men like Jeremiah," Polk said. "It's was always fun to send him out on the mat. I'm sure his drive and dedication will bring him many successes in life."

DONNIE WATKINS, 125, CANTON: The sophomore wasn't fazed by moving up three weight classes. Following a state-qualifying effort at 103 as a freshman. he returned this year and placed sixth at 125. His overall record was 44-12.

"Donnie had a great year," said Randolph. "He made some great adjustments after moving up from 103 and wrestled at a high level all season." JARED STEPHENS, 130, WESTLAND GLENN: The

junior posted an impressive 47-9 record this season as he placed fifth in Division 1.

Stephens, a two-time state qualifier, is 150-37 overall. He is the first Glenn freshman wrestler ever to qualify for the state meet

The Observerland and Troy champion also added a third at the regional and was runner-up in the WLAA.

"Jared is one of those guys that is always a character, but he has grown as a person and wrestler this season. Polk said. "If he works hard in the summer I do feel he can be a contender

for a title next year." STEVE COX, 135, CANTON: The senior cap-

tain capped an amazing season by placing fifth at last week's individual state meet. Cox finished his final prep season with a 50-6 record. "Steve never stops when he's out

on the mat, no matter what," said Randolph. "His nickname is 'Scrapper' because he keeps coming at you." BRENT WINEKOFF, 140, CANTON: The sopho-

more placed seventh at last week's individual state meet and closed the year with a stunning 50-6 record. "Brent was a dominant wrestler

all year," said Randolph. "He's an extremely hard worker and the other kids on the team look to him for leadership.

RAŽ MARKOSIAN, 145, LIV. STEVENSON: The junior was a state qualifier while posting a 39-17 season mark.

He was fourth at the regional, third at the district and runner-up in the Western Lakes meet

Markosian also placed runner-up at Auburn Hills Avondale, L'Anse Creuse, Novi-Detroit CC, Okemos and the Spartan Classic. He also took a fourth at Grand Blanc.

"Raz loves wrestling," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "He's always positive, never complains or makes excuses in the practice room. His hard

work was rewarded with a trip to the MHSAA finals where he fell three points shy of placing in the top eight in the state.

and watching all his hard work pay off. STEPHEN KEMP, 152, LUTH. WESTLAND: The

junior enjoyed a banner season going 51-5 overall en route to a fifth-place

The district and regional champion reached the finals at every tournament was champion of the Metro Conference and Observerland Invitational. He also captured titles at Garden City and Dearborn Fordson

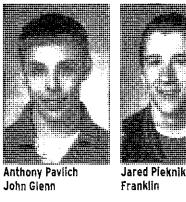
His career mark is 144-24 overall. JEREMY EPLEY, 160, SALEM: The senior capped a stellar senior season with a 46-5 record and third-place showing in the Division 1 individual state meet. His overall career mark was 107-36. Epley earned seven tournament championships and three MVP awards.

"Jeremy is a no-nonsense wrestler in the practice room, which translated into a great competitor on the mat," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Jeremy's consistency in beating bigger, stronger wrestlers will be missed by his coaches and, hopefully, emulated by his younger teammates

ZIAD KHARBUSH, 160, LIV. STEVENSON: Bound for Brown University, the senior carved an impressive 47-4 record while finishing fourth in the Division 1 state finals after a third at the regional and a runner-up finish in the district.

Western Lakes meet, as well as thics at Grand Blane, Avondale, L'Anse Cruse, Okemos and the Spartan Classic.

He is a four-year starter, two-year captain and two-time state qualifier. He was a district and regional cham-





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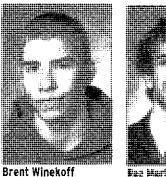
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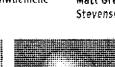




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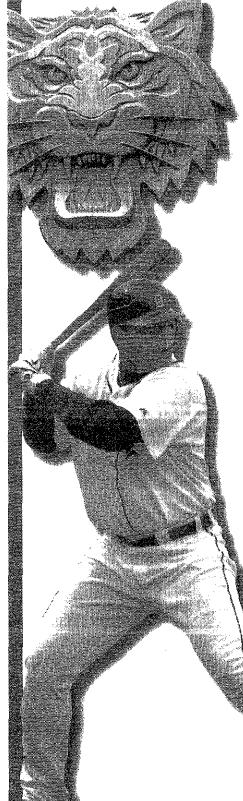


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"Ziad is every coach's model student-athlete," Vaughan said. "During his four years on the varsity, he has earned numerous academic honors. provided volunteer service hours to youth organization and has been instrumental in rebuilding Stevenson wrestling.

"He capped of his senior season placing fourth in a very deep 160pound weight class. Ziad will continue to flourish academically and in wrestling as he goes off to Brown in the

DAN WOODALL, 171, LIV. FRANKLIN: 'The senior finished the season with a school record 60 wins (with only four losses) as he captured fifth-place in Division

Woodall also captured the district, regional and WLAA crowns, as well as Observerland, Franklin and the Livonia Public Schools titles. He is a three-year letter winner and four-year scholar-athlete with career

mark of 119-39. "Dan has always been the guy to put the team first," Chiola said. "Even when he first starter, Dan would go whatever weight he need to help out the team, even if it meant giving up

weight or losing a lot of weight. 'When he became one of our best kids, his attitude didn't change. He led by example and the team and the coaches respected him. His humility and character are great examples to your young wrestlers.

EMANUEL ONWUEMENE, 189, LIV. STEVENSON: The senior finished 32-13 overall and earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals at the Palace after placing third at the district and fourth at the regional.

Onwuemene also captured the Okemos Invitational, while adding seconds at WLAA meet, Avondale, L'Anse Creuse and Spartan Classic. He also took third at both Observerland and Novi-Detroit CC.

"Emanuel placed in every tournament he wrestled his senior season," Vaughan said. "He is a tremendous athlete with explosive power. Emanuel wrestled for two seasons (49-31 career mark) and qualified for the state meet. He's demonstrated that exemplary football skills translate into successful wrestling technique.

MATT GREENMAN, 215, LIV. STEVENSON: The junior finished the year with a 32-7 record highlighted by a first-place at the Western Lakes meet, along with titles at Grand Blanc, Okemos and the Spartan Classic.

Greenman was also mnner-up at Observerland and Avondale, while taking a third at L'Anse Creuse.

Greenman's career mark is 84-32.

Adam Love Garden City Bill Polk-John Glenn Coach of the Year

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 Kevin Hayter, Sr., Salem; 3. Jeremy Filipelli, Jr., Canton.

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Johnson, Sr., Garden City 140: 1. Brent Winekoff, So., Canton; 2. Gaffke, Sr., Churchill; 3. Brandon Smith,

145: 1. Raz Markosian, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Zaid Ammari, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Gramos

Pallaska, Sz., Churchill. 152: 1. Steve Kemp, Jr., Lutheran Westland; 2. (tie) Danny Small, Sr., Churchill and Brent Cetnar, Sr., Stevenson;

3. Elvin Ferreira, Jr., Franklin. 160 (tie): Jeremy Epley, Sr., Salem and

Ziad Kharbush, Sr., Stevenson, Z. Gary Lawrence, Sr., John Glenn, 3. Don Stratz, Jr., Franklin

171: 1. Dan Woodall, Sr., Franklin; 2. Brian Ziemba, Sr., Churchill; 3. Rodger Kropp, Sr., Canton.

"Matthew has been a tough competitor for three years earning two trips to the regionals," Vaughan said. "Next season I expect him to take the next step and place at the MHSAA finals.' ÂDAM LOŶE, 285, GARDEN CITY: 'The senior'

posted an impressive 40-7 mark on his way to a Division 1 state qualifying berth after placing runner-up in the regional.

The district and Mega Conference-White Division champion tied the school record for consecutive pins. He also captured the Fordson tournament and was undefeated in a pair of team tourneys.

Sporting a career record of 70-23, Love was also the Garden City Novice champ as a sophomore and won twice at the Woodhaven Invitational.

"Adam is a wonderful student, the type of kid every coach would want on his team," Garden City coach Aaron Davis said. "He's always willing to go the extra mile to improve and always wanting to learn with a work ethic

189: 1. Emanuel Onwuemene, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Adam Powers, Sr., Canton, 3. Vince Darolfi, Sr., Plymouth. 215: 1. Matt Greenman, Jr., Stevenson

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COACH OF THE YEAR HONORABLE MENTION

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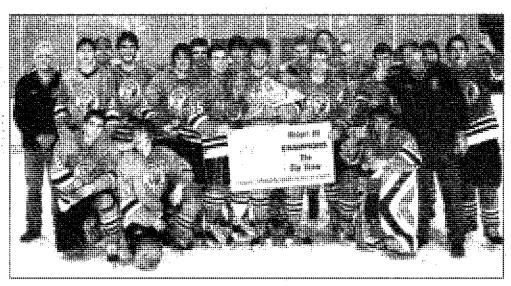
and determination few have, all while remaining extremely humble.'

BILL POLK, COACH OF THE YEAR, JOHN GLENN: The eighth-year coach led the Rockets to a 22-8 dual-meet mark, while guiding three grapplers - Jeremiah Austin (125), second: Anthony Pavlich (103), third; and Jared Stephens (130), fifth - to medal finishes at the Division 1 state finals.

"We finished nicely with our three individuals, but fell short of our team goals again this year," Polk said. "This season was a roller coaster. We had several young wrestlers show that they can contributed and be effective in the varsity lineup.

"Austin, Stephens and Pavlich were the cornerstones of our team. We also had great leadership in Gary Lawrence (160), Dan McCahill (140) and Zaid Ammari (145) as captains.

"I have mixed feelings about the overall season, but I definitely have some bright spots that I can focus on and build upon for next season."



## **Big Bear champs**

The Livonia Midget BB Blackhawks recently captured the Big Thaw sponsored by Big Bear Tournaments held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Ice Arena and The Peak in Romulus. On March 9, the Blackhawks defeated the Windsor (Ontario) Junior Spitfires, 3-0, for the championship after victories over the Centerville Elks High School varsity, 6-4, and the Belle Tire Huskies, 4-1. Members of the Blackhawks, who played for the Little Caesar Midget BB Championship over the weekend in Dearborn, include (standing, from left): Ken Fraser, Justin Bowen, Wasim Bazzi, Michael Schuit, Michael Padgen, Kellen Lynch, Brad Young, David Niemi, Greg Michael, Tony Suzio, Mark Holliger, Ryan Hogan, Vito Geluso, Steve Tenaglia; (front row, from left) Drew Seiber, Matt Yaroch and Brian Peterson. Not present was Steve Hoffmeister. The coaches include Roger Fraser, Bob Bowen and Scott Yaroch. The team manager is Lisa Joyce.

## Soo Greyhounds whip Whalers, 5-2

Dustin Jeffrey and Brandon Biggers both tallied two goals to lead Sault Ste. Marie to a 5-2 victory over the visiting Plymouth Whalers Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 4,657 at the Steelback Centre.

Jeffrey, who also notched a pair of assists, earned the nod as the game's first star. The loss dropped the

Whalers' record to 34-28-2-3

heading into Saturday's home contest against the Sarnia Sting. (Results will be posted on www.hometownlife.com Monday night.)

The Greyhounds struck first when Biggers lit the lamp with a short-hander at the 4:22 mark of the first period.

Joe McCann knotted things up at 1-all just over five minutes later off an assist from Patrick Lee.

The Soo then took charge with three unanswered netfinders to make it 4-1 before Brett Bellemore stopped the bleeding for Plymouth with a power-play goal 4:37 into the third period.

Kyle Gajewski earned the victory in net by stopping 28 shots.

Matt Hackett and Kyle Jendra shared time between the pipes for the Whalers.

# **CCHA loves Livonia** MSU's Lerg, UM's Mitera, Omaha's Marshall hailed

## BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association team has a distinct Livonia flavor.

Earning first-team honors was Michigan State junior goaltender Jeff Lerg, while University of Michigan junior defenseman Mark Mitera and Nebraska-Omaha senior forward Bryan Marshall received second-team accolades.

The trio be honored as part of the CCHA Awards Show, which will be Thursday, March 20 at the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit. Jeff Lerg has started 36-of-37 games for the defending NCAA champions, who improved to 24-9-5 overall and opened following a 5-1 CCHA quarterfinal playoff win Friday night at Munn Arena over

visiting Northern Michigan. On the season, Lerg has four shutouts with a goals-against average of 2.22 and a save percentage of .925. He made 24 saves in Friday's win and got help from his cousin Bryan, a senior captain, who notched his 19 goal of the season (to go along with 17 assists). Jeff Lerg, a finance major, was

also named among 11 players to the CCHA All-Scholar-Athlete team for those who carry a 3.25 gradepoint average or better. Mitera, a first-round draft choice in 2006 by the Anaheim Ducks, had a pair of goals, his first

two of the season, along with an assist, in Michigan's 10-1 CCHA quarterfinal win Friday night over Nebraska-Omaha at Yost Arena.

Mitera also has 16 assists on the vear.

Senior forward Brandon Naurato (Livonia) also notched his fifth goal of the year and his 11th assist for the No. 1-ranked Wolverines, who improved to 28-5-4 overall.

Marshall, the team MVP, leads the Mavericks (17-18-4) with 13 goals and 30 assists for 43 points in 30 games. Currently sidelined with a knee injury, the captain has 49 goals and 101 assists for 150 points.

Also receiving votes for All-CCHA was Notre Dame junior forward Erik Condra (Livonia), and Ottawa Senators seventh-round pick who leads the Irish (22-13-4) with 14 goals and 21 assists.

On Friday, the host Irish lost

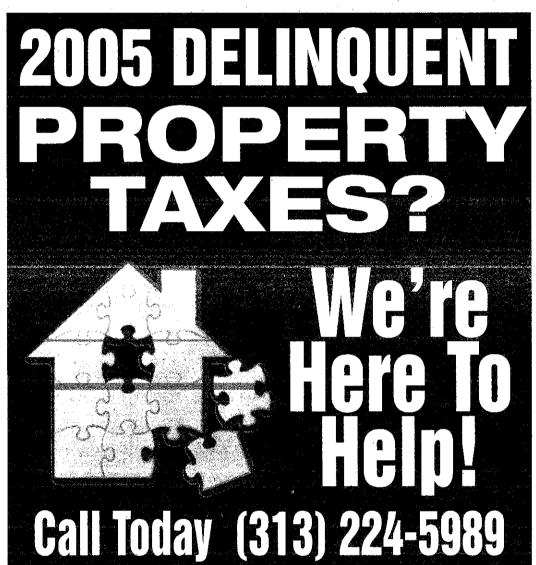
their opening-round CCHA quarterfinal to Ferris State (18-14-5), coached by Livonia native Bob Daniels (Churchill High School).

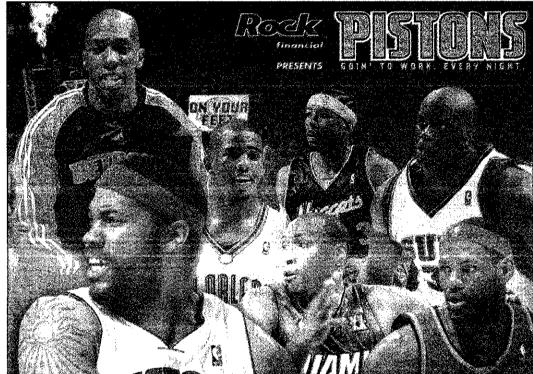
The Bulldogs feature two Livonia players including senior center Adam Miller, who has eight goals and 17 assists, and sophomore right winger Aaron Lewicki, who has four goals and nine assists.

Meanwhile, Lake Superior State's leading scorer on the year was sophomore forward Zac MacVoy, who finished with eight goals and 19 assists. He is a transfer from Michigan who played for the Ohio Junior Blue Jackets.

The Lakers, who fell 4-3 in overtime to Bowling Green in the third-and-deciding game in the first-round of the CCHA playoffs, wound up 10-20-7 overall.







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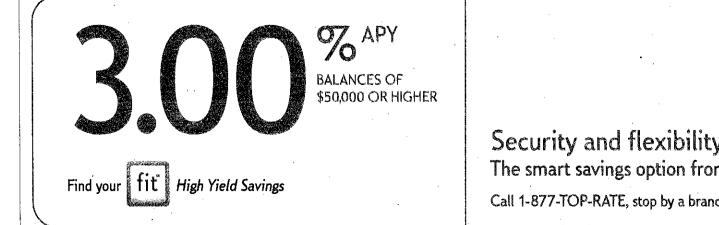
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# The war continues

## Post-traumatic stress disorder brings the horrors home

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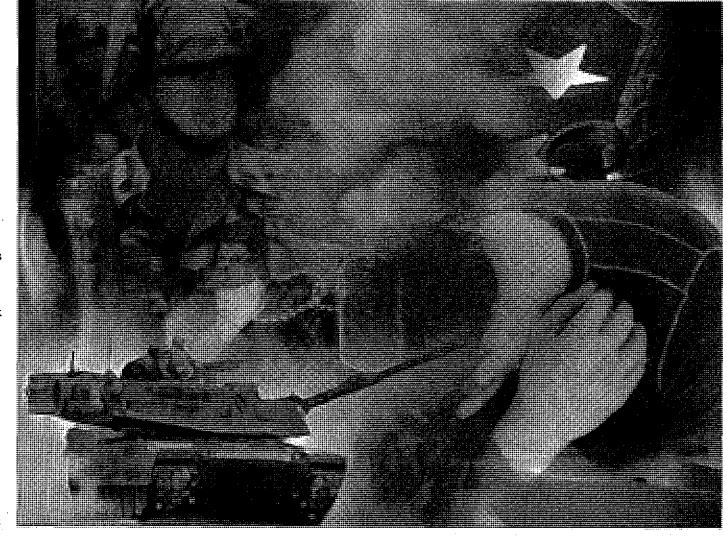
#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

It's still difficult for Paul Chute to dredge up long-buried memories of fighting in Honduras and The Philippines with the U.S. Air Force in the 1980s. He has to pause to think about the time he was startled from sleep by the click of an M-16 as one of the men in his squad jumped up in the middle of the night after a python crawled into his bed.

"From that point on I started having flashbacks and very difficult issues, but didn't know it was PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder) but knew something was wrong," said Chute. "I was having a lot of trouble with sudden, loud noises. Smells started to send me into times of being in the jungle, that mildew smell, that wetness that is constant in the jungle."

It was the beginning of a long journey back for Chute who's since become a psychotherapist interested in helping other veterans. More and more military men and women are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with mental health issues. Chute would like to start a support group to help those suffering from PTSD.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, about 30 percent of men and women who served in Vietnam experience PTSD. Estimates for veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq with PTSD range up to 20 percent.



ing from PTSD. He had been discharged from the service in early 1988 and was about to celebrate his first Fourth of July as a civilian at a fireworks display. The loud noises took him back to the jungle.

"My buddies tried to talk me out from underneath the car. After that I didn't do anything even though I needed help," said Chute. "I started drinking more. I worked at the post office carrying mail to pay the bills. Every night I was in the bar right after work. That kept it at bay. My first wife didn't notice because she was in law school. I didn't get professional help until I went to grad school in 1991 at University of Michigan. We were talking and learning about the mental health issues of PTSD." Chute went through about five years of treatment, but found it difficult to talk to a therapist who wasn't a veteran.

wife, Ellen. "I know as a therapist that trauma become stored memories and we sever our basic ties. It's not something we call on every day until a significant trigger occurs like the fireworks for me.

"You have symptoms of sleeplessness, anxiety, depression, isolation/withdrawal. You iust don't want to be around anybody. It's the most disconcerting feeling to reconnect in the civilian world. I felt so out of place coming back home to a very close group of friends I grew up with, just sitting with them and talking and almost feeling there's nothing in common.'

Chute's seen patient after patient with the same symptoms. Some find relief in as little as six months, some take as long as four years.

vigilance, always on the edge," said Chute. "I see an intense withdrawal. To soothe that I'm also seeing substance abuse, a lot of drinking, lots of abuse of prescription meds."

The form of treatment Chute uses to help his patients is known as eye movement desensitization and reprocessing. EMDR was developed in 1987 by psychologist Francine Shapiro after she noticed eye movements could help reduce the recurrence of disturbing thoughts.

"It helped me," said Chute. "EMDR uses a series of lights in a synchronized movement, trying to promote a rapid eve movement in a conscious state. When we REM in sleep that's the most deep state. With lights we're stimulating and reconnecting to these events, stored memories that need a trigger to reconnect to that in a safe, comfortable environment and

then process and work through it in a safe environment not necessarily to drudge those memories up or unknown incidents, but to unlock it."

Chute knows firsthand from working with patients that untreated PTSD can lead to divorce, substance abuse, intense withdrawal from society, anger, job loss or difficulty finding a job. But it's not always easy for a family to help a member suffering with PTSD. Chute suggests researching the disorder by Googling PTSD. The VA's National Center for PTSD Web site, (www.ncptsd. va.gov) is also a valuable source of information.

## FAMILY INTERVENTION

"These guys do not just voluntarily come to treatment. There's some kind of family intervention that brings the individuals to treatment," said Chute. "It's not just men. In Iraq women are taking a very active role. PTSD could show itself immediately, but it can show itself five years from now, 10, 15, 25, 50. When I did my internship working with a Korean War POW at the VA in Ann Arbor, he had raised his kids. Everything seemed to be fine then his wife died and on the way home from the funeral he was in an accident. It took 12 policemen to subdue this man. It can mask itself."

Today Chute continues to do well but is still sensitive to very loud, sudden, shrill noises. He remains in recovery and is actively involved with Alcoholics Anonymous and is not afraid to discuss the disorder.

"PTSD is not something to be afraid of. It is a normal emotional reaction to something that was a very difficult part of your life and it's OK to get help," said Chute. "If I could get enough men or women I'd like to start a group, because the group process among your peers would be the most therapeutic."

For m ore information the PTSD support group Chute is starting, call (248) 737-4211.

## BACK IN JUNGLE

For Chute it wasn't until his return home to Garden City that another incident made it clear he was suffer-

being able to put yourself back in the moment then processing the trauma," said Chute, who has a psychotherapy practice in Farmington Hills with his

"It's very trauma fixated

Paul Chute

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## Breast-feeding class

10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, March 17, at Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield, Classes for mother and baby taught by public health nurses, cover everything from pumping to starting solids and weaning (targets first year of breast-feeding). To register, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900, Ext. 84003. The C Club

The C Club for Cancer Conquerors orientation and Principles to Live By seminar 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at The C Club at 42180 Ford Rd., east of Lilley, Canton. Free, registration required. Send e-mail to info@thecclub.org. Reclaim, Reshape & Renew the New You for Conquerors workshop 4-6 p.m.

Monday, March 24, at Shrine Conference Center, 29130 Woodward, Royal Oak. Cost \$20, includes signed copy of Me, Myself and Why? The Secrets to Navigating Change by Lisa Mininni, founder of The C Club. Visit www.thecclub.org, call (734) 223-3938, or send e-mail to info@excel-Fierateassociates.com.

Eat well, move well, think well With Dr. James Kravis 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the Redford Township

District Library, 25320 Six mile, one block east of Beech Daly. Suggested donation is \$5 or 5 non-perishable pantry items. Proceeds benefit Redford Interfaith Relief. To reserve a seat, call (313) 537-8100

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#### Art of aging

9th annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talks about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Cost \$18 for age 55 and older, includes sit-down lunch. To register, call Donna at (313) 577-2297. Hosted by Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology.

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Bone health and breast cancer treatment with Dr. Michael Stender, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-B585.

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For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

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10-week class began March 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth Road,

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Low vision support group Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232,

#### Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

#### **Bocce for Bucks**

A fund-raiser for Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township, Featuring indoor bocce tournament play, Italian dinner fare, folks songs by the Italian American Cultural Society's Coro Italiano, silent auction and more. Prizes will be awarded to top teams. Tickets are Guest \$100; Patron \$150; and Benefactor \$200. Call (248) 967-9600 or visit www.vna.org.

#### **Divorce support group**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, Call (734) 462-4443.

#### Ovarian cancer

One-to-One Ovarian Cancer Support Group for women with ovarian cancer 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Beaumont Cancer Center, first floor classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 597-2710.

## Cure gala

The 16th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala presented by the Join the American Diabetes Association 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Gala tickets \$200 per person. For more information, contact Kelli Dobner at (888) DIA8ETES, Ext. 6688 or kdobner@diabetes.org.

## Sarcoidosis support

Meets 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Building first floor conference dining rooms A & B, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 545-0320.

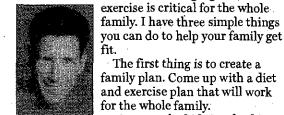
## Social for Teens/Young Adults

Teens and Young Adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to chapterinfo@asaoakland.org.

### Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, the firm specializes in domestic/family law, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443. Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One fund-raising for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC continues to April 17, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday to April 17, will have the opportunity to designate that one of the 10 chosen charities receive 25 percent of their bill. Any private function at Opus One through Sept. 30 can be designated as a Cuisine for a Cause event and 25 percent of the bill will be donated to JFCC. A celebratory wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn with a live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100, \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for wine-tasting or more information, call (313) 876-9237.



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for the whole family. Next, get the kids involved in the cooking. Studies show kids are more likely to eat healthy foods when they are involved in the cooking.

Finally, get your family moving. Find something you all enjoy like bike riding or walking and get out together and do it. Studies show fitness plans are more successful when you do them as a family.

#### Doris from Ann Arbor e-mails that she has a family history of cardiovascular disease; what can she do to protect her heart?

Doris, a new study found women can significantly cut their risk of having a heart attack by doing five things, which are eating right, exercising, maintaining a healthy weight, limit drinking alcohol and not smoking. Researchers discovered these five things by studying more than 24,000 women. They found the women who ate right and limited their alcohol lowered their risk of heart attack by 57 percent. But the women who did all five things lowered their risk of heart attack by a whopping 92 percent! There is no reason not to do these simple things. It could save your life.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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He can't get football out of his system.

"I have a college degree, but I'm too young," he said. "I don't want to be wondering 10 years from now whether I should have given the effort to try." In 2007, he attended "Pro

Day" at Central Michigan which showcased the 49ers' draft pick Joe Staley.

"I basically stood around for two hours and did really get a good look," Feigel said. "Every NFL team was there, but the only scout I talked with was (New York) Giants offensive line coach Pat Flaherty. He gave me a card. He advised me to work through a program or a system. It usually takes one to three years development as far as getting bigger, faster and stronger. (At Ferris) We didn't have a legitimate lifting program (at Ferris) that was enforced until my fourth year."

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"To play the devil's advocate, it's different for an offensive or defensive lineman as opposed to a quarterback or running back," Feigel said. "The main objective of my position is brute force. They say it takes one to three years of development (for a lineman). That's why I've gotten stronger and faster."

To prepare for his AAFL season which never got off the ground, Feigel took a leave from his job at Meijer's.

"It's tough because of the way the economy is here, but I've been basically working out on my own," said Feigel, who is a regular at the Livonia Community **Recreation Center**, "No

strength and conditioning coach, no agent." A foot injury kept Feigel

from going to the Arena League originally, but when the AAFL was announced, he jumped at the opportunity to showcase himself at an AAFL combine in Knoxville.

to Kalamazoo team-specific drills and testing where ated for the AAFL Draft, which was held on Jan. 26 (followed by a supplemental draft).

On draft day, Feigel met with Team Michigan head coach John Fontes (brother of former Lions coach Wayne Fontes) and spoke with the team's director of operations in Ypsilanti.

But that was the last he heard from the AAFL.

"Right now only the Canadian (Football) League and Arena League are plausible," Feigel said. "And in the CFL, there's the issue of citizenship.

"Right now all I'm trying to do is get on some field.

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## WYAA registration

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays through March 29 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road and south of Warren).

The WYAA, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will offer baseball programs for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-19).

WYAA softball programs included: slow-pitch (local travel), ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18.

A competitive fast-pitch program is also offered for ages 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under. Call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

## Speed, agility training

A four-day speed and agility training session will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, March 31-April 3, at Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer Road, Westland.

The four-day session will focus on proper form, flexibility, isometric drill, quickness and agility based on exercise by specific sport.

The cost is \$25 (includes T-shirt to all participants). Checks should be made payable to the Westland Comet Boosters. Registration will be at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

For more information, e-mail WestlandComets@gmail.com; or call Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

## CYO football signup

Registration for fall 2008 Catholic Youth Organization football (grades 4-8) will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 at the St. Michael's Grade School gym, located at 11441 Hubbard (between Merriman and Farmington roads just south of Plymouth Road).

Registration is open to members of the following parishes or schools: St. Michael, St. Maurice, St. Genevieve, St. Aidan, St. Damian, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Sabina, St. Thomas A'Becket, Divine Savior, St. Theodore, St. Bernadine and St. John Bosco. For more information, call John Widmer at (248) 471-6767, Ext. 11; or e-mail jwidmer@ frohmwidmer.com.

## LBSA registration

The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association will stage 2008 summer baseball registration from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 29 and April 5 at the Livonia Civic

Center Library. Eligible players must reside in the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts. The cost is \$160.

Two separate divisions will be offered including high school age (15-16) and high school/collegiate (17-19).

Within each division two levels of competitive play will be formed including a highly competitive select division for those players currently playing on their respective high school or collegiate baseball team; and a non-select division for youths currently not playing for their respective high school or collegiate baseball team.

Rosters are limited, so register early. Coaches are also wanted for both divisions.

Registration forms are available at the signup.

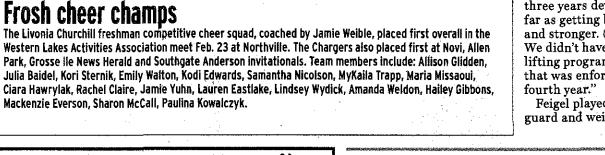
For more information, call George Coram at (248) 478-5071 or Curt Kreutzfeld at (734) 522-5413.

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# It's the love, not spanking, that matters

I wanted to write to you to let you know that not every parent that spanks their child is an abuser. I have NEVER abused my children even though I have spanked them. Maybe this is not correct to say now but I still believe that it's true. My children have all grown up to be fine people and I know that it's because they had parents that loved them enough to spank them when they needed it. I enjoy your articles each month but I just had to write this to let you know that I disagree with you on this point. Thank you.

Thank you for this letter. I appreciate the fact that you felt compelled to write and let me know your feelings on this subject. And I respect your opinion and have no



doubt that you have been a wonderful and loving parent. However, let me address the points that you have raised. To begin, I agree that

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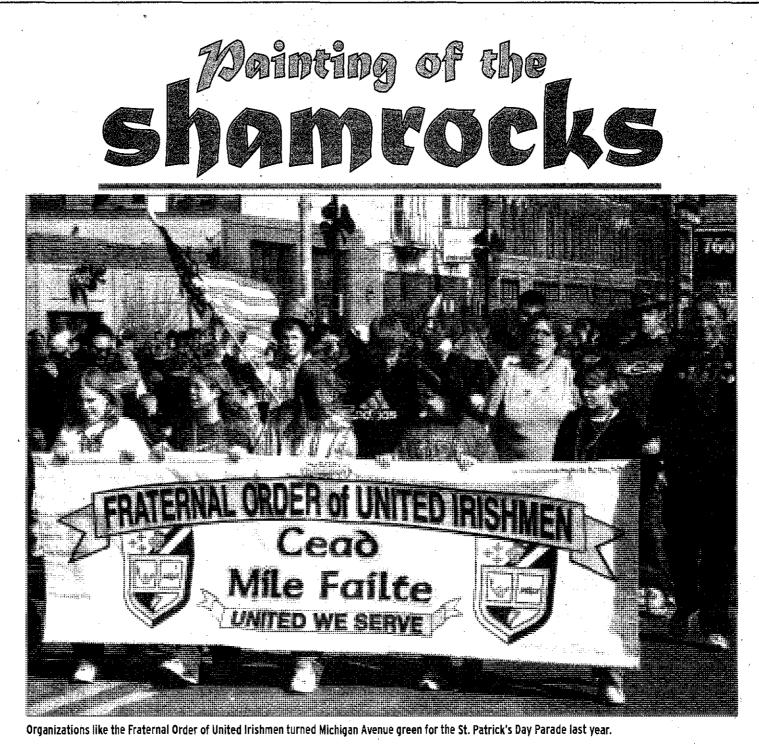
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the successes that your children have made in life are a direct reflection of the kind of upbringing that they have experienced. If they were given a healthy dose of love, respect, and support then the odds of

their personal success and happiness are increased. I have no doubt that this was the case in your household. However, let's be clear, the love that you provided was the important factor and not the spankings that were administered.

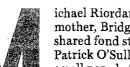
As was discussed in last month's column, spanking, as a form of behavior management, is not all that effective as a means of promoting the positive qualities and traits that are essential to success and happiness. So, the happiness and success that your grown children enjoy can only be attributed to the support and guidance that were provided and not to the spankings that were given. I would guess that if they had never been spanked, they would have still turned out fine. On the other hand, if they were never given the positive time and interactions, their current lives would be much different.

Secondly, I do not agree with the notion that your children "needed" a spanking. I believe that the idea that needs to be promoted is that there are times in every person's life in which they, child or adult. need guidance or correction. The forms of this corrective action are varied and are highly dependent on the situation as well as the individual. Logic dictates that such a corrective measure will be selected on the basis of its effectiveness as well as its potential costs. As we have discussed in past columns, spanking falls short for both these criteria. As such, can a spanking ever be truly necessary? Finally, I respect your opinion and do not believe that you have abused your children by spanking them. I believe that you have always done what you have felt was best for your children. This includes spanking. However, my point is that there are so many other forms of behavior modification available that are not associated with the same amount of potential for misuse or come equipped with such a plethora of hidden costs.



# St. Patrick's parade a half-century tradition

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER



ichael Riordan was just a boy when his mother, Bridget, and father, Jeremiah, shared fond stories of her uncle Father Patrick O'Sullivan, the pastor who led a small parade through the neighborhood surrounding St. Monica Catholic Church on Heyden Street in 1956. The St. Patrick's Day celebration began with Mass and ended with a party in the parish hall.



My daughter is in the sixth grade and refuses to get her ears pierced. She would rather wear clip-ons than get the real thing. I don't understand this. I have waited for years to take her to do this and feel disappointed each time she gets to the store and backs out at the last minute. I feel like a failure as a mother. What will it take for me to get her to do this? I feel that this is a developmental milestone that she is not reaching. Am I wrong?

Relax. Your daughter will get her ears pierced if and when she's ready and not one minute before. It is not so unusual for kids to resist something that they feel pressured about. And there is little doubt that your daughter feels pressured to get this procedure done.

Why is this so important to you? Why do you put so much time and effort into this matter? From your letter, it almost sounds as if you are using this as some sort of measurement of your parenting or your daughter's maturity (a developmental milestone?). If she gets her ears pierced then you both pass but if she doesn't ... then what?

My guess is that your daughter is a wonderful young woman with many talents and qualities. I suggest that you focus more on these and less on the trivial ones such as how many holes are poked into her earlobes.

However, her reluctance to get pierced needs to be addressed calmly and with respect. Many girls, and boys, are concerned with the amount and intensity of pain associated with ear piercing. Her fears need to be heard and respected. Her decision needs to be solicited and respected. In short, her ears her decision. Respect it.

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.





"My parents came to America (from County Kerry) in the early 1950s. Ireland's booming now, but back then there was nothing," said Riordan of Plymouth. "They were the typical immigrant story. My father worked for the gas company. My mother was a domestic. Everything was church- and faith-centered. They marched around the church there. Parades weren't a big deal. In Ireland it was always a holy day of obligation. Back then the Irish went to their parish priest for needs. In the late '40s and early '50s they always had celebrations with nice invitations, the Irish at St. Monica's on the edge of the Brightmoor area.'

The church's parade was just the beginning of St. Patrick's Day celebrations to come. Each year the crowds grew and by 1959 the United Irish Societies gathered together their clubs and organizations to build upon the tradition, which originated in Detroit in the 1800s but disappeared after the turn of the century. The UIS parade was held in Dearborn and then moved to Detroit. Marchers made their

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The Court of St. Brigid (Chelsea O'Donnell, left, Kelley Carey and Queen Maura Mulcahy) and Maid of Erin Kate Bryan and her court (Megan Henahan and Brianna Devlin) march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit on March 16.



Sophia Urban of Livonia (left); Mary Riordan, Plymouth, and Maura Corrigan. Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, attended last year's brunch presented by the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers before the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. The girls performed step dancing for the crowd.

# After a lifetime of writing, Garden City man publishes 1st novels

### **BY SUSAN ROSIEK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Jim Falk grew up writing. At age 14, using an old Underwood typewriter, he and a friend would write short stories. Later he wrote for newspapers and radio, covering police beats in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Then it was writing for Goodyear and Chrysler in their public relations and consumer affairs departments.

Jim and Becky Falk moved to Garden City in 1969 where they raised six boys. Needless to say, family kept Falk busy. He put his writing on hold but never gave up on his

dream to write a novel. He played trumpet in concert and big bands throughout the metro area and for 17 years made the drive north to Interlochen Music Camp where five of his six sons attended.

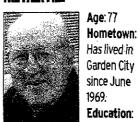
Now at age 77, Falk has written and published two mystery novels. The first, The Pen Pal Murders, was released last month. The second, The Sitting Duck, will be in bookstores later this year.

MURDER AND MAYHEM The Pen Pal Murders, a

thriller, features homemaker

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## THE FALK FILE



B.A. in jour-Jim Falk, 77, has nalism; M.A. in published two communicamysteries. tions. Spent

four years in the Marines 1948 to 1952 during which he played football. It got him an athletic scholarship to Westminster College where he met his wife, Becky.

Career: Newspapers, radio and public relations. Retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1981. Family: Wife Miriam (Becky) is a registered nurse (retired). Sons, Tim, Peter, Sam, Steve and Ben. Sam, Steve and Peter attended Garden City High School. Tim attended Cranbrook and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He works for Peter who owns a construction business. Sam graduated from Lawrence Tech, and is a partner in a cell phone company. Ben attended Catholic Central and graduated from U-M, He lives 1998.

and works in Brooklyn, N.Y. Steve graduated from Schoolcraft and works for Merck & Co. Inc., a global pharmaceutical company. Oldest son, Tom, died in 1969. Music: Played trumpet in metro area concert and big bands - including The Swing Shift, led by Detroit advertising executive Bill Brennaman. Also played with the Bob Hopkins Big Band. Falk studied music at Henry Ford Community College and played with a big band from the college which performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland in

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# Learn more about SHAMROCKS art of swordplay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Prepare to buckle your swashes and enjoy a free swordplay and stunt demonstration on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Ring of Steel Action Theatre presents a series of vignettes featuring swordplay and stunts for all ages from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22, in the Student Theatre Arts Complex 1201 Kipke Road (behind Crisler Arena.)

Doors open at 9:45 a.m. with a display of armor, swords and stunt equipment. For more information, visit www.ringofsteel.org or call (734) 320-1147. or rosteel@umich.edu.

"Part of it is to provide entertainment for community," said Ring of Steel member Heather MacFarland who lives in Grass Lake and works at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "We'd love to have more people to play with and join. A lot of times people who enjoy watching swordplay enjoy doing it. We have so much fun. We have to practice not smiling when we do it."

People of all ages love swordplay and their member-. ship proves it. MacFarland is a 42-year-old mother of two children but kids as young as middle school enjoy the art of swordsmanship.

Established in 1989, Ring of Steel is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to developing and promoting the art of stage violence and stunt work.

Members teach classes, provides in-house workshops, choreograph shows, and perform for Renaissance festivals, Celtic fairs, sci/fi and fantasy conventions, haunted houses, film, television, opera, birthdays, weddings, movie openings, business parties, and productions and events.

"We draw mostly from Ann Arbor but have people from other areas," said MacFarland. "They sometimes come in from Farmington, and our Maestro, Christopher Barbeau, choreographs for local high schools including West Bloomfield. Our performances are not only in Ann Arbor area. We'd travel for performances."

Kids, ages 8-12 and 12-18, can get in on the action at stunt camps June 23-27, July 21-25, and August 25-29, now in the third year at the U-M Athletic Campus in the Student Theatre Arts Complex. The daily sessions run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$275 for the first child, \$225 per additional child (family members only).

Sessions include basic and intermediate acrobatics with emphasis on tumbling, physical play and how to move. Jedi School features light saber and force use and techniques in swordplay and acting. Swordsmanship focuses on rapier and broadsword techniques of historical and modern swordplay suitable for characters such as knights, musketeers and pirates. Noncompetitive, strong basic skills and safety are emphasized.

The camps are appropriate for all levels of physical skill. Kids need not be advanced gymnasts.

The camps are ideal for helping young actors to move and tumble, to express their bodies and become comfortable even sideways or upside-down. Alternative choices will be available for youngsters finding any activity too demanding.

way down Woodward Avenue until 1985 when the route was changed to spotlight the Irish's historic Corktown area along Michigan Avenue.

## **FAMILY TIES**

On March 16, Riordan, his wife Meghan (Kennedy) and their children, Fiona Bridget, 4, Mary Augusta, 8, and Jeremiah Patrick, 9, attend Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township then head for a brunch put on by the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers before marching in the parade which steps off at 2 p.m. from Michigan Avenue and Sixth. Fiona and Mary kick up their heels step dancing at the 11 a.m. brunch at Carl's. The girls study at O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth.

Riordan is past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. He's also a member of the Knights of Equity, one of the 31 Irish organizations that have united as the UIS to put on the Detroit parade every year for the last half century.

Riordan had been attending and marching in the parade for more than 40 years. He looks forward to a number of activities leading up to the big day including the Painting of the Shamrocks on Michigan Avenue which was scheduled earlier this year so as not to coincide with Holy Week.

"St. Patrick did so much for the people of Ireland. It wasn't just bringing the Catholic faith," said Riordan. "Although the parade's for everybody. It's a lot of families, a lot of fun for kids. It's a big thrill."

#### SOUND OF MUSIC

Mike Kelly of Livonia expects this year's parade to be the largest ever.

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Diane Duval and newspaper crime reporter Marge Bennett. Duval's life is changed when her husband disappears and she becomes a target. The women team up and are confronted by a series of close calls all of which lead to an suspenseful climax.

Set in Pittsburgh - Falk's boyhood hometown — the novel offers up characters like police detectives Joe Spinaldo and Pete Zabala who help the two women unravel the mystery.

Falk says the characters and incidents are drawn in part from the poor, tough Pittsburgh neighborhood where he grew up.

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Michael Riordan of Plymouth and his children, Mary August and Jeremiah Patrick at last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Riordan has attended or marched in this major Irish event for more than 40 years.

He and co-chairman Joe Parsky have invited the Birmingham Celtic Pipes and Drums, Windsor Police Pipe and Drum Corps, Red Thistle Pipes and Drums as well as high school marching bands from Garden City, John Glenn (Westland) and Wayne Memorial.

Kelly leads off the parade with the Court of St. Brigid and Maid of Erin and her Court – young women of Irish

and have enjoyed our leisure ... if that's what it can be called, because we are busy with a on would say 'that could never number of activities, sports, grandchildren, Becky with Meals on Wheels and a few other things. We are enjoying life," said Falk.

Falk is still a busy man. He writes about three hours a day.

"It makes no difference when I start," he said. "I just get to my basement office, turn on some nice music and try to close my ears to occasional noise from any of 10 grandchildren who love to visit. But the kids, my wife, and our dogs Beau, a yellow Lab and Dingo, an Australia cattle dog, are always welcome," said Falk. Falk, who has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Westminster College in

Pennsylvania and a master's in

descent who were selected to receive scholarships and represent the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (Rose Kennedy Division) and the UIS in the parade and events throughout the year. Kate Bryan of Grosse Pointe is Maid of Erin.

Her court is Megan Henahan and Brianna Devlin, both of Livonia. Court of St. Brigid Queen is Maura Mulcahy of Plymouth, her court Chelsea O'Donnell of Ann Arbor and Kelly Carey of Livonia.

"Because it's the 50th we anticipate a huge crowd. We have the largest amount of pipe bands and marching organizations already signed, pipe bands from all over, color guards, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, Shrine Highlanders Pipe and Drums," said Kelly, whose wife, Maureen, marches with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians while daughters Colleen, 16, and Brigid, 15 carry a banner for the Court of St. Brigid.

'This is a great family day for everybody to get out and celebrate with their ancestors and what we've done for the city of Detroit building Corktown. It's a way of celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. Each of the organizations will be marching, family groups called Calling of the Clans, the O'Mallevs. Larkins, Caren, Hanafin, Gleeson, McGovern, Buckley. The Irish Setter Club will be there, the Sons of the Auld Sod, the Irish Wheelchair Association. My favorite part is seeing everyone line up at the beginning of the parade and at the end looking at the people on both sides of Michigan Avenue enjoying themselves with their family and friends."

"Last year the crowd was the largest we ever had," said Dennis Hayes, UIS president. "It's a very widely attended parade of people from Ann Arbor to Port Huron. People from all communities are welcome. Everybody loves the Irish and the Irish love to have a good time. Don't miss the opportunity to come down."

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communication, rhetoric and public address from Wayne State University, has some advice for aspiring writers.

"Don't waste time. If you want to write, write. Be enthusiastic no matter what, but still be realistic about your writing. If you are convinced of its worth, then write and never give up.'

He added: "Avoid friends or relatives for opinions, they'll seldom tell you the truth. And above all, do not forsake spiritual help. That got me through a lot of times when I couldn't figure what should come next."

"The Pen Pal Murders" is available at any online bookseller and in most



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ringing in our ears (usually after exposure

to loud noise), tinnitus sufferers experience

both ears, or in the head. Often, the underlying cause is damage to the sensory (hair) cells located in the cochlea of the inner ear, or to cells along the auditory nerve (which connects the inner ear to the brain). This type of damage may be age-related, which helps to account for the fact that onethird of people over age 55 have tinnitus, compared with 20% in the total population.

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other than infection has caused the destruction of bone. An alternative name is "osteonecrosis." o

smooth head of the joint cracks turning the usually smooth motion of the joint into socket to a jagged and irregular encounter of bone to cartilage. You feel this change as pain in the groin when the hip is involved, and pain below the knee cap when the knee is affected. The cause of the bone destruction is a closing off of the small blood vessels that provide nutrition to nearby bone and cartilage. Without this nutrition the bone swells and then disintegrates

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In most cases of aseptic necrosis none of these causes are present, and your doctor is unable

Treatment of aseptic necrosis ranges from watchful waiting to artificial replacement of the involved knee or joint. In selected cases of aseptic necrosis of the hip, removal of a core of bone

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lieves pressure on blood vessels sufficiently to allow adequate blood to save the joint.

worked in real estate for 12 years. He "retired" again in 1993. Becky also retired after 32 years as a pediatric nurse at Annapolis Hospital.

absurdity that my goal," Falk

said, "is to write novels, other

Falk writes short stories as

a member of a writers' group,

Pen to Paper, in Tecumseh,

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conferences. His short story, "A

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in the December 2007 issue

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# Artifacts Art Club show continues through March

Artifacts Art Club recently announced the winners of the March exhibit at Livonia City Hall. Al Webber judged the multimedia show which continues in the lobby at City Hall through March.

Artifacts Art Club is composed of artists working at all levels and different media. The club's intention is to provide an atmosphere of camaraderie, education and peer support. Activities range from demonstrations, speakers and professional critiques to the sharing of member expertise. A yearly exhibition is held at Livonia City Hall. Excursions to galleries and art exhibits are often planned for members throughout the year. A newsletter keeps members up to date on club activities, art shows and workshops.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of February, March, April, September, and October at



Sherry Eid won first place in the Artifacts Art Club exhibition continuing through March at Livonia City Hall. The colored pencil work is titled Courser.

the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The May meeting will be on the third Tuesday.

Yearly dues are \$20. For more information, contact Sherry Eid at (734) 591-3094.



Eid took first place in the exhibit for her colored pencil portrait of a horse, *Courser*. Robert McDonnell won second prize for *Here's Looking at You, Kid* (colored pencil).

Third place went to Linda Lutze for *The Groom* (charcoal), honorable mention to Darrell Judy for *Brotherly Love* (modified pen and ink). Merit awards were won by

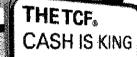
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Barbara Rex for Dry Spell (photograph); Peggy Gray for Jade, a colored pencil; Mary Kehoe for a watercolor of an iris, and Darl Papple for Vintage Hand Tools (oil).

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# BIRTH

## Brooke Astoria McMann

Jamie and Jason McMann of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Astoria McMann, on Jan. 10, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Peggy Driskell of Livonia, Mike Boisvenu of Farmington Hills and Tim and Sue McMann of Plymouth.

## Attons celebrate 50th

Jay and Bea (Wells) Atton of Nokomis, Fla., are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married March,

14, 1958, in Garden City. They lived in this area until 1987. The Attons have seven

children: Don Cowan, John Cowan, Bonnie Cowan Artrip, Thomas Atton, Carroll Atton, Patti Atton Gavin and Kelley Atton Heidt. They have 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jay Atton is retired from Ford Motor Co. Bea Atton is retired from Bob Owens Sports Cars in Garden City. They had their first date at

the races and still enjoy car

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races today. They spend time bowling, camping, traveling and restoring old Fords.

An anniversary celebration with the children is planned for Nokomis, Fla.

## Greco-Morrison

Vic and Jackie Greco of DeBeque, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Greco of Palisade, Colo., to William Morrison of Dearborn Heights, son of Charles and Carol Morrison of Greer, S.C.'

Kellie Greco has two children, Austen and Sage.

## ENGAGEMENTS

## Comben-Guideau

Jim Comben and Kathleen Price of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate Comben, to Nathan Guideau, son of Charlie and Shawn Guideau of Canton. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. The future groom is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University.

**Cavicchioli-Durow** 

James and Kim Cavicchioli of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Elizabeth Cavicchioli, to Jeffrey Ross Durow, son of Arthur and Paula Durow of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. She has a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She works for the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Technical Assistance Center for the Skillman Foundation's Good Neighbor

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from

### Rekuc-Sanchez

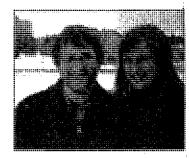
Nancy Rekuc, formerly of Canton, and Jesse Sanchez of McAllen, Texas, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Edward and Irene Rekuc, who lived in Canton. She has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is the owner of Golden Key Muscular Therapy in McAllen, Texas.

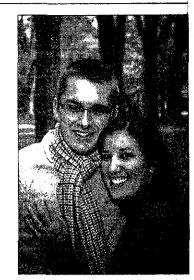
The future groom is the son of Lucas and Carmen Sanchez of Eagle Pass, Texas.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice

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ding is planned for Mill Race Historical Village in Northville.



Michigan State University. He works as a youth ministry intern at Oak Point Church and at Martin and Osa. A May, 2008, wedding is

planned in Plymouth.

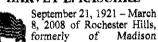


in the U.S. Navy. An April, 2008, wedding is planned for Livonia.

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## HARVEY L. RASCHKE



8, 2008 of Rochester Hills, formerly of Madison Heights. Age 86, died Saturday March 8, 2008 at Medilodge of Rochester Hills, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Harvey was born September 21, 1921 to the late Fred and Emma Raschke, and lived for 49 years in Madison Heights. He served in the US Army during WW II in the 103rd Infantry Division in France and Germany, and was a proud American and Member of VEW Post 9507 in Madison Heights. He married and was the loving hus-band for 52 years of the late Doris M. (Gugel) Raschke, who preceded him in death in 1999. Mr. Raschke retired after 35 years of service as Vice President and Chief Underwriter for Gleaner Life Insurance Society in arian Michigan a masters Degree in the field of life insurance underwriting, and was a Charter Life Underwriter (CLU) and Registered Health Underwriter (RHU). Mr. Raschke, always a true believer in physical fitness, was a member of The Madison Heights Senior Citizen Center, an avid bowler and golfer, and swam like a fish at his local health center. Mr. Raschke leaves to cherish his memory his only son/child Arthur L. (Linda) Raschke; Grandchildren Jenna L. Raschke, Michael G. (Alissa L. Spencer) Raschke, Jacqueline M. (John) McDermott; and his beautiful Great-granddaughter Macy Lyn Mc-Dermott. Harvey will also be sadly missed by his sister Evelyn Rugger of Clearwater FL; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Wally and Jenny Gugel of Chesterfield Township; and many Great Nephews, Great Grand Nephew, Nieces, Great Nieces, and Great Grand Nieces. The family would sincerely like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbors, the professional staff at American House, the staff at the OPC's Adult Daycare, Crittenton Hospital and Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cranhrook Hospice Care, and Pixley Funeral Home. The family could not have made it through this very difficult time without all your support and kindness for which they are eternally grateful. A private fami-ly memorial service will be held to honor his memory and interment will be at the Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorials may be made to: Cranbrook Hospice Care 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 300, Bioonfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester, 248-651-9641



## JIMMY DON ARNOLD

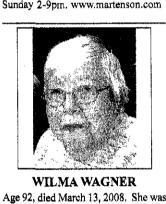
ge 70, March 7, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Lee, Brad, and Todd (Teresa) Arnold, and Becky (Kevin) Krupa, and their mother, Kay Arnold. Dear brother of Jayna Eckler and Betty Lampher. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Loving friend and companion of Lois Mize. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 10:30am at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 N. Sheldon Rd. His family suggests donations to the American Lung Association. Please sign Jimmy's online guestbook www.cremationmichigan.com





## ROBERTA ANN "BOBBIE" HARRISON

October 29, 1941 - March 12, 2008. Of Plymouth. Cherished wife of the late H. L. Harrison. Beloved mother of William McGuffin, Allison (Kane) Wilson, Robert (Nikki) Harrison, Heidi (Jamie) Bungard, Heather (Jake) Dreaver, Amanda Harrison, Margaret Harrison and the late Jacob H. Harrison. Loving grandma to eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Precious sister to Connie Lenny) Skotze, Barbara Ball, Judy Emory) Smith and the late Janet Borgen. She will be greatly missed Funeral service 2pm Monday at the Allen Park Chapel, Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Road (corner of Goddard). Visitation





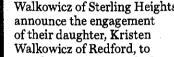
Dennis and Jeanne Matthew Topper, son the late Edmund and Marilyn Topper.

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Age 87 of Farmington Hills, March 12, 2008. Lifetime member of St. Gerald Catholic Church. Beloved wife of the late William (2000). Loving mother of Mark (Cindy), and Cynthia (Frank) Remski. Cherished grandmother of William A. Carrier II, Angelia Carrier, Cynthia Marie, Katherine, Christine, Frank Jr., Howard and Peter Remski. Dear sister of Mary Ann Bearden. Funeral Mass Monday, March 17th, 11:00 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd. (btwn 8-9 Mile Rds), Farmington. Visitation Sunday 1-8 PM with 4 PM Rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds, just N of Grand Siver) Downform Ferminaton (248-River), Downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. heeney-sundquist.com

### SERGE JOHN SEGUIN

July 19, 1957-March 8, 2008. Beloved father of Jamie. Son of Therese and the late John F. Seguin. Brother to Susan (Michael) Hudson, John F Seguin, III, Mary (Matt) Danko and uncle to 7 nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary viercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

**JOYCE A. NOWELS** 

Age 73. March 12, 2008.Beloved wife of Wayne, Loving mother of Gayle Williamson, Barbara Sever (Ken), Ann Kennedy(Jim) and other mother of Christine Corrie (Jim) and Douglas Nowels (Tammie). Cherished grand-mother of Michael Williamson, Tracy and Emily Sever, Aaron Corrie, Kendra, Katie, Kimberlee and Kyle Nowels: great-grandmother of Michael Williamson. Dear sister of Orvis Henke (Jcan), Barbara Kelly (Dick) and the late Harold and Eric Henke, Funeral Monday 11 a.m. (in state 10:30 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington. Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. at:

THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W./Farmington

Rd.). www.thayer-rock.com



## MARY C. ST. THOMAS

Passed Feb 18th, age 83. Resided in Redford Twp. for 65 years. Member of the Redford Moose Family Center, #1743; Motor City Eagles, #2265; Veterans of Foreign wars, #345. Survived by daughters: Doreen Chastain and Nancy Daugherty, seven children and three great-grand-children. Owned & operated 6 Mile Market, 1950's; Angus Meat Market, Beech Daly, 1960's; worked at Zender's Meat Market. Memorial held at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, Redford Twp, March 18, 1-4pm. Dinner following at the Redford Moose Family Center.

a resident of the Plymouth community since 1987. She was actively involved with the Senior Citizens Group of Plymouth, as well as VFW Post 6695. Her family was most important to her and her greatest joy. She is survived by her children, Connie Wagner, Ward (Sharon) Wagner, and Dorothy (Samuel) Watson; her grandchildren, Dorôvan (Audrey) Watson, Tereasa Watson, and Lois (Anthony) Wojciechowski; step-grandmother of kevin, Kelly and Wayne, her great-grandson, Samuel Sedar Watson; her brother, Forrest (Mary) Whitney; and her daughter-in-law, Marge Wagner. She is preceded in death by her husband, Willis, whom she married in 1941, and her son, Richard. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, Ml 48170.

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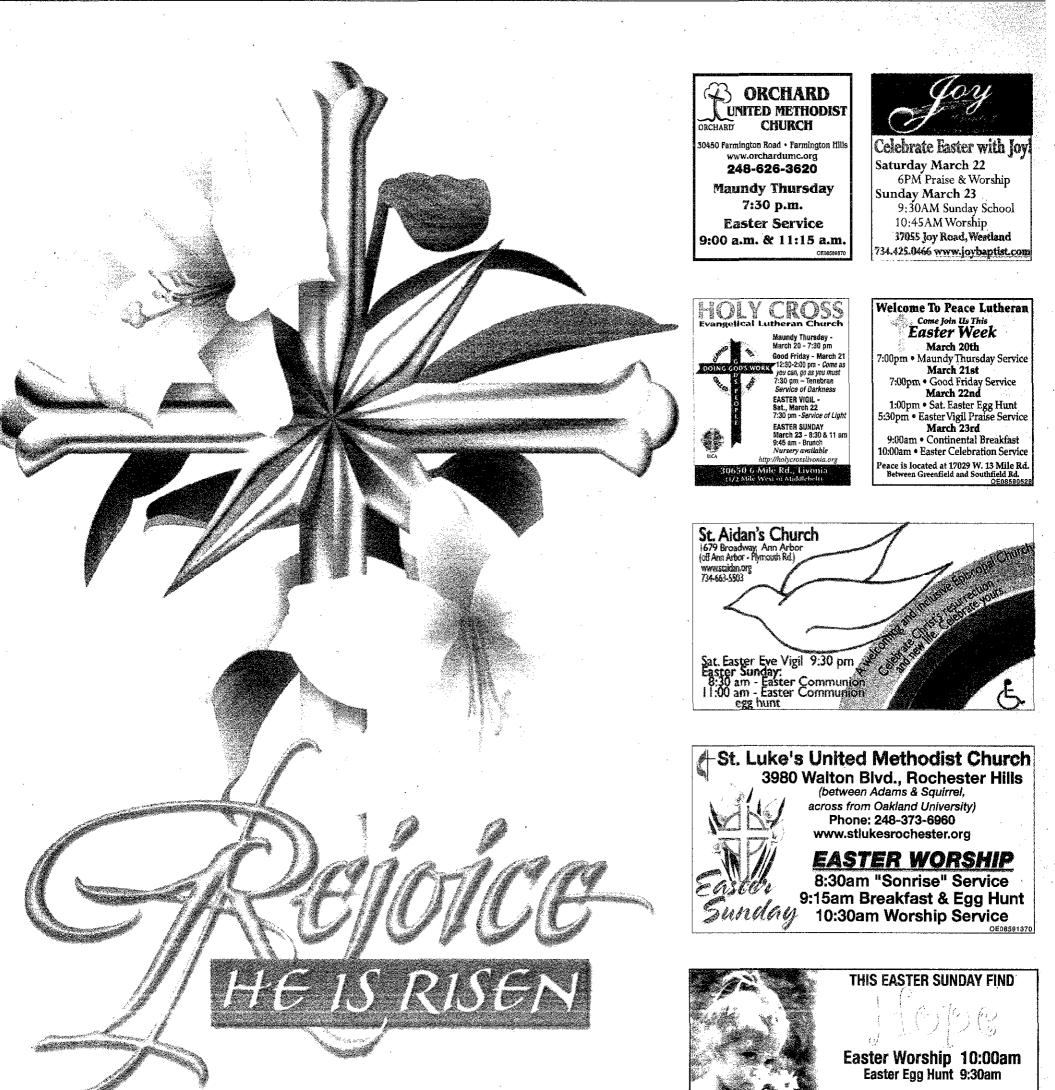
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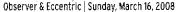


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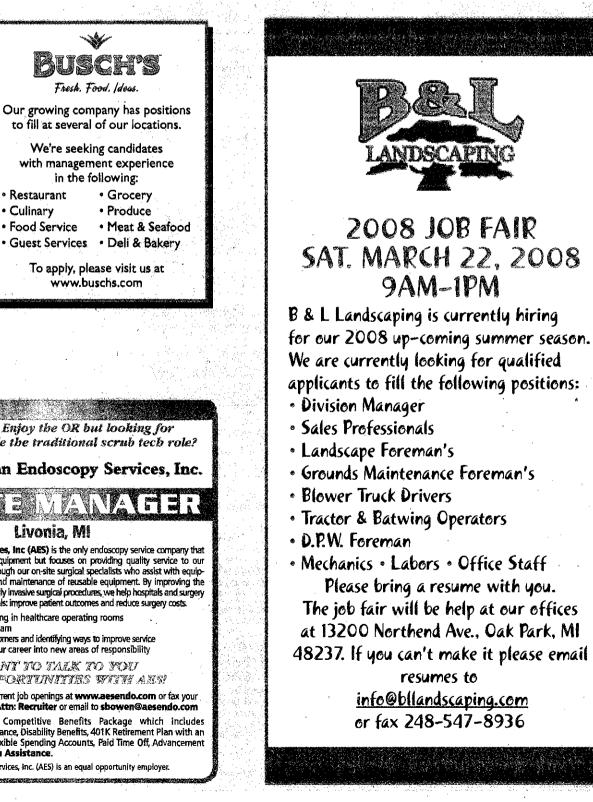
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# CATAPULTING INTO A NEW CAREER



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-- bouncer, semi-truck driver and repo guy;

corporate tax manager;

- hardware and software facilities manager:

-- railroad engineer; and

-- corporate marketer, followed by vacation real estate property manager.

Believe it or not, they all went back to school and became nurses. CATALYST

Total career changes aren't out of the question. Dan Iversen, R.N., former bouncer and truck driver, does triage nursing at Medcor, Inc., in McHenry, Ill. In his earlier repo job, he recalls going with another man to a house to repossess a car.

The car owner "broke down and started crying," Iversen recalls. He said, "If you guys would just allow me to take the tools out . . ." Iversen suddenly realized that this man -- a

- Life in the ER," Iversen felt an adrenaline rush and saw that online Walden University in Minneapolis. he could help others in an exciting, challenging environment. Rodney Bickford, B.S.B.A., B.S.N., R.N., now a

professional staff nurse with open-heart and bypass patients at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Shadyside Hospital, was a corporate tax manager. He kept driving his sick parents for medical care and couldn't understand what medical people were telling him. "I stepped up and had to dumb it down so family understood," he says. Going to nursing school solved the problem.

Barbara Ganley, Ph.D., R.N., A.H.N.-B.C., director of the M.S.N. Program and associate professor, Department of Nursing, at Dominican University of California in San Rafael, worked as facilities manager at a Los Angeles computer hardware and software company. She applied for another job there and lost it to a person with an undergraduate degree. She starting looking for a career with greater personal impact, no longer too timid to explore her dream -- nursing.

Psychiatric nurse Leo Sullivan, R.N., who works at the Veterans Administration in North Hampton, Mass., had had enough of railroad engineering after 20 years and wanted something that offered "more giving, less taking." His former wife had gone into nursing, and he was watching the

was it. While watching a television program called "Trauma - He loves his work and is now studying for his M.S.N. at the

Robin Riley, F.N.P., A.P.R.N.-B.C., family nurse practitioner at the Navajo Health Foundation in Ganado, Ariz,, received a golden parachute when she left IBM, moved to Florida, where she managed vacation and long-term rental properties and, subsequently "played at being retired" after returning to Tennessee. "I missed doing something meaningful with other people who cared what they were doing," she says. The idea to become a nurse came from a friend. Riley entered Vanderbilt School of Nursing and first practiced at age 61.

LOOKING BACK

Is a first career a mismatch or a waste for a career changer? Bickford, the former accountant, points out that "I was young, 17, and didn't really know what I wanted to do." Riley, the former marketer, says, "Absolutely not. I just seemed to keep reinventing myself." Ganley, the facilities manager, seemed to have come into her own. "I always wanted to be a nurse but never thought I was smart enough. I was from a Texas family and was expected to marry someone . . . and have babies. I went for an A.N. for shortterm reinforcement." Sullivan, the former railroad engineer, has no regrets. "I don't think anyone should do anything for more than 20 years," he says, chuckling,



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Photo: Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Dean Colleen-Conway Welch (r) awards Robin Riley the 2007 Founder's Medal for her high G.P.A. and community service. Riley first became a nurse at age 61.

"taking great pleasure in my prior jobs, tossing a drunk out of a bar, breaking up a fight, getting into a scuffle myself, or busting an ignition lock in a car and getting shot at as I was speeding away. Now I take even greater pleasure in seeing a smile on someone that I just treated, or even a thank you for treating someone. My career in nursing now is definitely not about the money. I made more money in my other jobs, but the satisfaction from helping someone instead of hurting him either physically or financially can't be beat(en)."

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist.

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