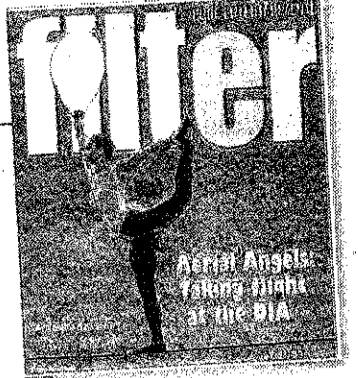




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Witness: Murder plan hatched weeks before

Family, friends mourn death of 'Mollie' Feliks

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friends and family members mourned the death Sunday of the Redford daughter of retired Westland District Judge Gail McKnight and husband Richard, a former Livonia school board member and Democratic Party activist.

Margaret "Mollie" R. Feliks, 35, died after she was airlifted to Beaumont Hospital from a traffic accident that happened around 4:10 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia police said.

"We are shocked and saddened," Westland 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Judge McKnight, her husband Richard and the rest of the family."

Mrs. Feliks was a passenger in a 1970 Camaro that was struck by a 2005 Chevy pickup traveling at a high rate of speed, possibly due to a mechanical failure, such as a stuck accelerator, Livonia police said.

The pickup, driven by a 47-year-old Warren woman, was pulling out of Wonderland Village shopping center onto eastbound Plymouth when it first struck a 1994 Dodge and then continued east, gaining speed near a red light at Middlebelt, police said.

The pickup crashed into the passenger side of the Camaro where Mrs. Feliks was sitting. Her husband and her 13-year-old son, also in the car, were treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The Camaro was turning from southbound Middlebelt onto eastbound Plymouth when it was struck, police said.

Mrs. Feliks was airlifted to Beaumont Hospital and died just before 7 p.m.

The pickup driver was taken to St. Mary and then to the University of Michigan Hospital, where she was recovering with a broken pelvis. Police don't believe that alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Westland City Council President James Godbout called for a moment of silence Monday at the start of a council meeting. Several city officials voiced sadness over Mrs. Feliks' death.

"I am devastated by the loss of Mollie ...," Councilman Charles Pickering said.

Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. Friday at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt in Westland. A remembrance service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Feliks was the wife of Kenneth; the mother of Christian; daughter of Richard and Gail McKnight, and Nancy and Thomas Feliks; sister of Edward (Mihwa) McKnight; granddaughter of Marion McKnight. Her birth family included a mother, Mary Amas; siblings Christa Shulters, Matthew Shulters and Chelsea (Andrew) Napier. She was the aunt of Sam, Gina, Jessica and Kimberly Taylor and Emily McKnight, Miranda and Kaitlyn Ball, Troy Meister and Rylan and Kaitlyn Napier. Mrs. Feliks also is survived by many aunts and uncles.

Staff writer Dave Varga contributed to this story.



Margaret Feliks



Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township enters the courtroom Monday for the first day of his trial.

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Letekmann testified Wednesday it was Orlewicz who not only stabbed Sorensen repeatedly, but also beheaded and burned him.

"(Orlewicz) went around him and cut his throat," Letekmann testified. "He was stabbing him with very quick motions. (Sorensen) kept trying to say things, and (Orlewicz) just kept stabbing him."

Please see **WITNESS, A2**



Judge Annette Berry listens Monday during jury selection in the trial of a Plymouth teenager accused of killing and beheading a River Rouge man.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Joseph Niskar told jurors in the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz that the death of Daniel Sorensen was an act of self-defense followed by a panicked attempt by a frightened teenager to cover the whole thing up.

But the teenager who helped Orlewicz dispose of Sorensen's body testified Wednesday the whole thing was the end result of an elaborate plan to lure Sorensen to Canton and kill him because he owed Orlewicz \$400 and had stolen a gun belonging to Orlewicz.

And, although Alexander Letekmann agreed to help to erase his own \$100 debt to Orlewicz, he testified Wednesday he couldn't watch Orlewicz behead Sorensen because "it was disgusting."

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body in the death of Sorensen, a 26-year-old River Rouge man who died Nov. 7. Police say Sorensen was lured to the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they say the murder took place, by a fabricated plan to extort money from a teenager who'd recently come into an inheritance.

Sorensen's decapitated and burned body was found the next day in a Northville Township field. His head was found in the Rouge River a couple of days later.

If convicted, Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, faces life in prison without parole.

Letekman, an 18-year-old from Westland, pleaded guilty last week to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of 20-30 years, plus another 10 years to run concurrently for mutilation of a corpse.

Schofield: New curriculum, testing are challenges for district

This is the first in a series of interviews with the five candidate campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the Tuesday, May 6, school election.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to serving on the Wayne-Westland school board, Cindy Schofield sees her role as one of promoting public education and working with legislators and community organizations in improving it.

But she also has another job. "As an individual, I think my job is to be



Schofield

the cheerleader for public schools and promote Wayne-Westland schools and make sure community knows they're the best schools they are, that they are the best schools out there for their students," she said.

Schofield is seeking a third four-year term on the school board in the May 6 election. The Wayne resident is the current school board vice president, a position she has held for six of her eight years on the board. She also chairs the curriculum subcommittee and serves on the policy and human resources subcom-

mittees.

The mother of three children who have gone through Wayne-Westland Schools, Schofield said she is willing to listen to both sides of an issue.

"I have connections throughout school system with parents and staff so that when given policy to vote on I go back to those groups and ask their opinion," she said. "I admire and respect our administration but I want to check out for myself that it's what we want to do."

According to Schofield, the biggest challenge facing the school district is dealing with the new state-imposed high school

Please see **SCHOFIELD, A2**

CINDY SCHOFIELD

Who: Cindy Schofield of Wayne, a lifelong Wayne-Westland resident and graduate of John Glenn High School and Rochester College in Rochester, Mich.

Family: Married, she and her husband, David, have three children. Two are Wayne Memorial High School graduates, while the youngest is a high school senior.

Employment: She is employed by Norplex Associates, a family-owned rental property management business located in Westland.

Community involvement: She is a past PTA president, treasurer and secretary at Schweitzer Elementary School, past member of school improvement teams at Schweitzer and Wayne Memorial, co-chair of the 1998 Citizen Bond Committee and member of the Citizen Bond Construction Committee, and co-chair of the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra-Parent Advisory Group. She also has been a member of a variety of booster groups, including instrumental music, swimming and diving, cross country and track and field.

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Here's the button worn by Mayor William Wild's administration to show that things are being done differently this budget year.

Council schedules 2 budget sessions

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council members listened intently Monday evening as Mayor William Wild gave them a 30-minute synopsis of his newly proposed \$60.6 million budget, which reflects the harsh realities of brutal economic times.

Next, the council will dissect the mayor's spending plan during two public, four-hour study sessions at City Hall. The first will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday; the second, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Wild, in his second year as mayor, has proposed a budget that he concedes is remarkably different than those of years past. He has vowed that the city needs to move beyond the status quo to weather troubling times and to continue providing services that residents expect.

To prove his point, Wild has issued buttons that his directors pinned to their business attire Monday. They read, "But We Have Always Done It This Way" — yet the slogan was defaced with a red line drawn through it like a No Smoking sign.

Wild has proposed a spending plan that he said staves off a \$3 million hole in city finances. As reported in Sunday's *Observer*, the budget calls for an 8 percent water-sewer rate hike; two layoffs and 12 full-time jobs left vacant; the elimination of some part-time

positions; and a heavier workload for directors and their workers, among numerous other measures.

An average household will pay \$60 more a year for water, but would recoup about half of that from reductions in trash-disposal and drain taxes.

In developing his plan, Wild's administration reviewed every line-item expense in the city's budget. Moreover, the mayor required every department head to submit four budget proposals, ranging from their ideal spending plan to a 15 percent cut. His eventual budget landed somewhere in between.

The budget protects a \$1.8 million surplus, dipping below the \$2 million mark. Still, the balance isn't nearly as threatening as a \$200,000 balance of seven years ago, said council President James Godbout.

"I would never want to see us get in that position again," Godbout said.

In an interview, Wild didn't just outline gloom-and-doom scenarios. In one bright spot, he said the Mike Modano Ice Arena could turn a \$30,000 profit next year, a dramatic turnaround from a \$250,000 deficit about five years ago.

For residents who want to sit in on the new budget talks, here's a tentative schedule:

This Saturday, council members will discuss income/revenue at 10 a.m.; finance department, City Hall and grounds, and gen-

eral government at 10:15 a.m.; police at 10:30 a.m.; the joint dispatch program at 10:45 a.m.; the mayoral department at 11 a.m.; the council's legislative department at 11:15 a.m.; the city clerk's office at 11:30 a.m.; and elections and police/fire civil service at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting will continue with assessment/board of review at 12:15 p.m.; personnel department at 12:30 p.m.; general civil service commission and police/fire retirement board at 12:45 p.m.; building department at 1 p.m.; senior resources and Commission on Aging at 1:30 p.m.; and Youth Assistance at 1:45 p.m.

On Saturday, April 26, the council will discuss 18th District Court at 10 a.m.; the city attorney's office at 10:15 a.m.; fire department at 10:30 a.m.; cable station WLND at 10:45 a.m.; the library at 11 a.m.; economic development at 11:15 a.m.; special economic development districts at 11:30 a.m.; and the planning department at 11:45 a.m.

The sessions will continue with community development/housing at 12:15 p.m.; parks and recreation department at 12:30 p.m.; parks and rec advisory council and historical commission at 12:45 p.m.; the city's golf course and ice arena at 1 p.m.; general maintenance/motorpool at 1:15 p.m.; highway maintenance/water and sewer at 1:30 p.m.; and sanitation/trash-disposal issues at 1:45 p.m.

Alert resident helps police nab suspects in 2 break-ins

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An alert witness on Westland's south side trailed four home invasion suspects in their getaway car while phoning local police, who nabbed four defendants during a traffic stop.

The incident led to four defendants being arraigned Monday on second-degree home invasion charges, and one of them also is charged with having a 9mm pistol under the seat of the car, police Sgt. David Dinsmore said.

The charges stem from two home invasions that Dinsmore said happened last Thursday evening while no one was inside two residences at the Old Orchard Mobile Home Park, near Glenwood and Wayne roads. An alert witness told police he saw suspicious activity and decided to trail a vehicle leaving the scene.

Intruders had forced open the door of one home, and they gained entry to a second residence by cutting a screen and opening the door, Dinsmore said.

A male witness trailed the

getaway car, phoned police and guided them to the area of Venoy and Dorsey roads, where Dinsmore said officers stopped a green, 1994 Pontiac. Police found stolen items in the car ranging from clothing to a jewelry box and bottles of coins, the detective said.

Officers also found the pistol tucked under the car seat, Dinsmore said.

Police Lt. Dan Karrick, who heads up Westland's detective bureau, commended the witness for helping police arrest four defendants.

"It was a great effort on his part, most definitely," Karrick said, adding that police depend on citizens to help them fight crime.

Four defendants appeared before 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli on Monday for an arraignment on second-degree

home invasion charges. They have been identified as Justin Adkins, 20, of Westland; Rodney Severance, 22, of Canton; his female cousin, Casey Severance, 22; and Bryant Roach, 19, of Westland.

Adkins also was arraigned on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Cicirelli entered not-guilty pleas for the defendants and ordered them jailed in lieu of \$25,000 cash/surety bonds. They are scheduled for an April 17 preliminary hearing that will determine whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Second-degree home invasion is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Adkins could face up to five years, if convicted of having a concealed weapon.

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Quarterly reports are a good time to organize finances

A few months ago, many people made a New Year's resolution to get their financial house in order. By now, most resolutions are long forgotten.

However, for those who are serious about getting and keeping their financial house in order, there is something they can do now to help make organizing finances easier.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

At the end of each quarter, when financial statements arrive, it's a good time to review results. The results of this quarter are going to be difficult, however, ignoring them doesn't make it any better.

As always, the first thing to do is to check the accuracy of statements. At a minimum, the ending balance of last quarter's statement should match the beginning balance of this statement.

Make sure you have been credited with any and all new contributions and that any withdrawals have been properly accounted. In addition, make sure you have not been charged any unnecessary fees. If there is a fee you do not understand, ask questions.

In reviewing statements, don't assume financial institutions are always correct. They make mistakes and it is up to you and me to keep them honest.

Once you have reviewed the statements for accuracy, then it's time to do a personal family balance sheet — nothing more than a listing of assets less liabilities. Assets less liabilities equals net worth. Doing a family balance sheet on a quarterly or

even a semiannual basis, lets you know where you stand financially.

Many will find that over the last quarter or the last two quarters, net worth has declined. If you own a home in the area, the value has declined. The first quarter of 2008 was not a good time for investors. It won't be unusual to have a lower net worth than at the beginning of the year. The issue is what to do?

One of the mistakes investors make is they assume they always have to do something. Sometimes, the best course of action is to do nothing. Don't rush out and radically change your portfolio. Unfortunately, that's what too many investors do and then they miss out on the eventual rebound.

The reason for a personal family balance sheet is not necessarily to make changes in a portfolio, but rather to stay in touch with your financial situation.

Everything in society has become more complex and that is true when it comes to personal finance. You cannot be involved with your finances only once a year. You have to set up a routine where at different points in time you review different aspects of your personal financial affairs.

For example, the time to review auto and home insurance can be at renewal. The time to review investments is when quarterly statements arrive.

You'd be surprised how much better your financial affairs will be by spending a little time on a regular basis.

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Kevin Ferguson stands in front of Westland's newest funeral home, Risko-Ferguson-Ziomek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, on Wayne Road, between Palmer and Glenwood.

Funeral home emphasizes personalization

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Ferguson admits that the silver-topped black hearse parked by his front door is "pretty neat." It's attracted a lot of looks and a lot of comments.

That's precisely what Ferguson wants to hear about Westland's newest funeral home — Risko-Ferguson-Ziomek Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

"I'm from Westland, I graduated from John Glenn High School," said Ferguson. "My goal has always been to have a funeral home here in Westland."

Ferguson has transformed an 11,000-square-foot building full of small offices into a funeral home that offers personalized and full service funerals, burials and cremations. It has two chapels on the first floor and a large show-room, lounge, children's game



Couches, a flat screen TV and tables are part of the lounge on the second-floor where there's also a game room for children.

room with the Xbox gaming system and a computer with Internet access. There's also a small aviary, filled with live birds.

"There were a lot of little offices that we tore out to create the chapels," Ferguson said. "Once we figured we could have two big rooms, the upstairs became the focus for people to get away."

Ferguson stresses personalization, offering families video presentations of photographs that celebrate their loved one's life. Both chapels have projection systems and screens as well as theater sound systems to view the productions that are prepared by the staff.

"Personalization is huge with me," he said. "What sets us apart from other funeral homes is that we celebrate the person's life through the video presentation of their photographs. It isn't a new thing, but we take to a new level. We produce their life stories and play it at the right point of the

service. "It's now part of the service and probably is as important a part of the service as the clergy."

Ferguson's interest in being a funeral director was piqued when he attended the funeral of a classmate as a representative of his class at Glenn. He watched what the funeral director did and decided he could do that. After high school, he attended Wayne State University where he studied mortuary science.

Ferguson is one of three licensed funeral directors at the facility. Joining him are Christopher Ziomek and Nancy Ziomek. They work together and share the Risko name.

According to Ferguson, Risko Funeral Home got its start in 1935 in Detroit and was bought by Ziomek in the 1970s-1980s and relocated to Livonia. It eventually reverted back to Risko which Ferguson bought 1994.

"My dad was assistant chief/fire marshal Ed Ferguson, when he retired he helped me with the purchase of the Detroit funeral home," said Ferguson. "He still comes in. He likes being with the family."

Another member of the team is his wife, Marci, who shares his interest in the business. She's doing her undergraduate work, but helps with preparing the video presentations. She also helped decorate the new funeral home.

The funeral home offers full-service funerals, burials and cremations as well as international experience in handling arrangements. And with it comes an important lesson Ferguson got watching the funeral director when he was 16 years old.

"I realized that you've got to be a caring person," Ferguson said. "It's important to spend as much time as possible with the family."

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Churchill grad will push for more safety as EMU student president

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At a time when campus safety, increased tuition and a statewide brain drain are on everyone's mind, Adam Slingwein has become student body president at Eastern Michigan University.



Slingwein, who graduated from Churchill High School in 2004, ran on a platform to address these issues.

He will be sworn in Saturday, April 12.

Slingwein's ideas include increasing the number of eyes and ears (student volunteers and public safety officers), strategic budget cuts (particularly in the area of administration) and advocating for increased state funding.

It makes more sense for the state to support Eastern, whose

graduates tend to stay in the state, he said, than for example, the University of Michigan, whose graduates move elsewhere.

Slingwein, who has served on the student senate for one year, will finish a double major in economics and political science next April. The degree will have taken him five years, but he said he wanted to stick around and do what he can to help the school.

He plans to attend law school and wants to work as a trial lawyer on criminal cases. He'll go to the best law school he can, even if it is out of state, but he said, "I have every intention of coming back to work and live in Michigan."

For the first three years at Eastern, Slingwein, a former member of Churchill's golf team, commuted from Livonia.

This year he's living just off campus. He participates in mock trial and is a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

A second trial just got underway in the case of a student

who was murdered on campus. Eastern officials were accused of initially covering it up. Since then, the university has taken steps to improve safety, such as adding monitors in dorms and bringing in a private security firm. "We need more people there," Slingwein said.

In the wake of campus shootings like at Virginia Tech a year ago and Northern Illinois University in February, there is a national movement to allow students to carry guns on campus. Slingwein is opposed.

"If anything, it will make it more dangerous," he said. "The last thing I want to see is someone standing up with a gun in a lecture hall" to defend against an attacker and a student getting hit in the crossfire.

Slingwein and his running mate have advocated for Eastern in Lansing. Through their efforts, the governor has included renovations to Eastern's Pray-Harold building in her current budget proposal.

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Franciscan priest to lead Evening of Evangelization

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alex Kratz is so enthusiastic about spreading the word about Jesus Christ he recently took a break from his vacation in Rome to e-mail information about an upcoming Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

The series begins Friday, April 18, and continues May 9 then resumes in September and runs through December.

Kratz is a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team and serves as a sacramental minister at St. Colette's Parish in Livonia on weekends. A Franciscan priest, Kratz was an Associate Pastor at St.

EVENING OF EVANGELIZATION

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When: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18
Where: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Series continues May 9, then resumes Sept. 19 and runs through December. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Michael's in Southfield for four years. He is currently in residence at St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Kratz writes, "Catholic Evangelization is revolutionary in a good sense because it deals with every aspect of life. It is

based on continuing conversion in one's relationship with Jesus Christ as it seeks three goals (from the U.S. Bishops): to renew all Catholics to have such enthusiasm for their faith they will freely share it with others, invite all others to have a faith home in the Catholic Church, and transform society with Gospel values by promoting the dignity of each human person seeking the common good and promoting family life."

Kratz grew up in Cincinnati. Every summer he would visit his mother's side of the family in Italy. This gave him a global experience that explains why he believes Evangelization can solve the world's problems.

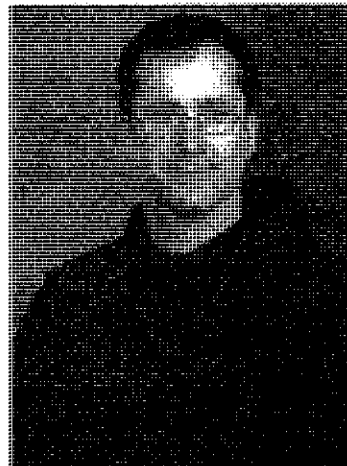
Kratz actually wanted to be a professional soccer

player until he read about St. Francis of Assisi and through him "came to know Jesus Christ." Even in high school Kratz knew he would be doing evangelization work and went on to study theology at the University of Notre Dame. He earned a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago after studying biblical archaeology and Scripture in the Holy Land. During this time he stayed in Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The town happens to be in Palestinian territory. Kratz saw the people's suffering and felt God's call to "comfort, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

After a year of living in a Christian Palestinian town in

the Holy Land, he returned to Michigan. Eventually Kratz was led to Paco Gavrilides, the director of the Mobile Evangelization Team which helps parishes learn "to share their faith more openly and freely" and to think creatively about how to be more inviting to the unchurched, the young, young adults and others.

The Evening of Evangelization begins with a Holy Hour of prayer and intercession that the Holy Spirit open doors and hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, writes Kratz. Then the priest will present a half hour of teaching from the U.S. Bishops' document on Catholic Evangelization: Go and Make Disciples. This will be followed by fellowship.



Rev. Alex Kratz returns from Rome to lead an Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

"Many people feel alone in this work and will come to be pleasantly surprised when they come to know other like-minded individuals," wrote Kratz.

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Take advantage of drop-off day

April 22 is recognized worldwide as Earth Day, a time for the residents of this planet to focus on keeping it healthy and green. More than 500 million people and national governments in 175 countries are observing the day this year.

According to www.earthday.gov, "Earth Day is a time to celebrate gains we have made and create new visions to accelerate environmental progress. Earth Day is a time to unite around new actions. Earth Day and every day is a time to act to protect our planet."

Residents in Westland can do just that — protect the planet — by taking their hazardous waste to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority's drop-off at Garden City Park Saturday. The drop-off allows residents of the authority's member communities to dispose of unwanted or no longer needed common household items.

Although we cannot completely stop using hazardous products, we can make sure that leftovers are managed properly. Got an old, unwanted computer sitting in your garage? Don't put it at the curb, bring it to the drop-off site. Computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, fax machines and cell phones will be accepted for disposal.

What's in your garage, kitchen or basement that needs to be disposed of? Oil-based paints, varnishes, cleaning solvents, household and automotive batteries, mothballs, lead found in shot and sinkers, gasoline, used motor oil in a container, mercury from thermometers and thermostats and fluorescent light bulbs, wood preservatives, pesticides and weed killers, oven cleaners, transmission fluid/antifreeze, pressurized cans, smoke detectors and propane tanks?

The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste in the basement and garage and in storage closets. Improper disposal like pouring them down the drain or toilets, on the ground or into storm sewers can contaminate wastewater treatment systems. Keeping them around the house can present hazards to children and pets. Putting them out in the trash can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

Let's face it. The best way to get rid of household hazardous waste is by bringing it to the drop-off. Don't look at it as an inconvenience, consider it your contribution to creating a healthy, sustainable environment. It doesn't cost anything. You need only show your driver's license to verify that you live in a member community and you have six hours — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — to do it.

Rise and shine or sleep in, just make sure you start your spring cleaning on Saturday by properly disposing of your hazardous household waste.

State needs to move ahead in addressing energy issues

Two weeks ago, the Michigan Senate passed a bill setting renewable energy standards for state government. The bill would require that the state purchase at least 25 percent of electrical energy from renewable sources by 2025.

Environmentalists called it a good first step, but it's far from the comprehensive energy package that some have expected. The Senate and the House have each been struggling with a number of energy-related issues. Getting all parties to agree has been difficult and differences don't always break along partisan lines.

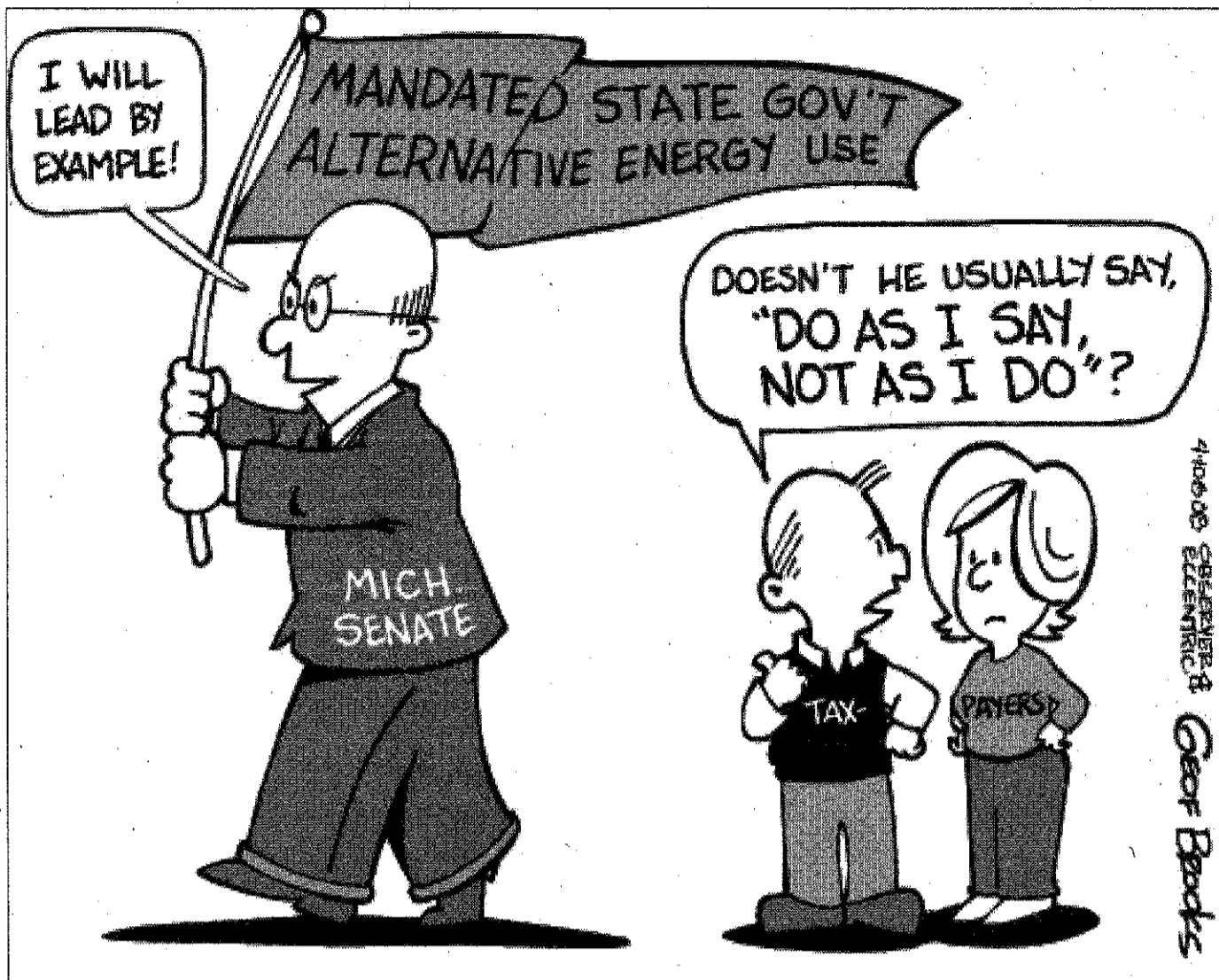
Environmentalists are fighting efforts to bring new coal-fired electrical plants online. They are pushing for higher RPS, which would involve replacing a percentage of coal-generated electricity with such alternatives as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro. They are also pushing energy-efficiency programs that would provide some kind of tax credit for more efficient energy use.

But alternative energy sources are controversial. Michigan has a good wind supply in some areas off of Lake Michigan, but many object to the unsightly windmills needed to capture that energy. Solar is promising, but Michigan has fewer sunny days than most other states. Utility companies are concerned whether they can meet the standards being discussed in the Legislature.

Another issue is Public Act 141, which led to the partial deregulation of electric utilities. The act allowed for choice in the purchase of electricity, which has saved some large power customers money but may be creating higher rates for others. Utilities want to limit that choice.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, is in the middle of these issues as chair of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee. He says the Senate will be moving on energy issues over the next two months. He has long sought an overall approach to regulated and unregulated energy issues.

We continue to support a move toward a higher RPS for the state. We understand the complexity in dealing with these issues and the contending stakeholders. But our state needs to address these issues from a broad perspective that assures our energy needs, protects our environment and keeps us in step with other states in energy policy.



Collect state sales tax

There is an approved ballot proposal for the August 2008 election that ask us, the taxpayers, of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties for a tax increase to help fund the Detroit Zoo.

Taxpayers, wake up! How can the governor and state legislature ask us for a tax increase when they continue to avoid collecting millions of dollars per year of sales tax from online and mail order purchases? We see this as totally irresponsible. There is money to be collected from our 6 percent sales tax law. Both the state and federal legislation is passing exemptions to this 6 percent sales tax law, as we, the taxpayers, are sleeping.

Now is the time to contact our state and federal legislators and our governor and let them know that they cannot and should not ask for more taxes when they continue to allow millions of dollars per year go down the drain. As of now, there is a bill pending in Congress that will permanently exempt the collection of the 6 percent sales tax on online purchase. Unless we, the taxpayers, express our outrage, the ongoing discrimination against consumers who pay 6 percent on items purchased in our stores will continue.

We have to stop this. It can be done. Both the federal and state legislators have a role in stopping the biased enforcement of our state's 6 percent sales tax law. If there's a will, there's a way for them to stop the loss of millions of dollars per year that should be coming to our state.

James and Mary Murphy
Westland

Media doesn't show bias

On the pages of the *Westland Observer* of March 20, a letter writer claims that the "Media show bias" which is further from the truth and not objective. Usually major or local newspapers side with Israel regardless of how harsh the treatment is, especially the suffocation of 1.5 million people as a collective punishment in Gaza Strip and being attacked at any time day or night by force of arms from the ground, air and sea. As a result, 120 innocent Palestinian Arabs were killed, half of which are civilians. This attack was not mentioned by the writer.

The problem here is whenever someone mentions the Palestinian as a victim of this tragedy, the hardship, the blood bath for the last 60 years, people jump up to defend Israel without knowing the facts, never traveled and may have not been born there. Soon I will be 86 years old, plus being born in Palestine, traveled twice with my wife with our American passports with no respect shown by Israeli forces, even though the State Department repeatedly told Israel to respect all American-Arabs of Palestinian origin to be treated like first-class citizens when they carry the green or blue passport.

I am not defending any party in the

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West Bank and Gaza Strip. My intention is to be fair and objective and give some justice for those millions of refugees outside of Palestine and to the inhabitants of the land Israel occupied but never gave any justice to themselves or the Arabic people of Palestine. Justice for all means peace for all.

Sid Shahin
Westland

Health care reform needed

National Health Care is all the talk of this presidential election. It seems the "one payer," "single provider" or "Canadian style" system is the rage. There are several problems with these systems that need to be addressed.

We need to keep in mind that health care and health insurance are two complementary systems that must be kept separate. You don't make an insurance claim to do the regular oil change on your car; you just pay for it out of your pocket because it's a predictable maintenance cost just like a yearly physical. But you would file a claim if you were in an accident because accidents are unpredictable. This is "risk management" and you don't buy your auto insurance at the gas pump.

The private, for-profit insurance industry has done a good job at risk management and competition among many companies will keep costs down and efficiency up. The exception is national disasters like a hurricane, where the federal government must step in.

Lastly, if abortion services are any part of national health care reform the whole thing will be torpedoed.

Health care reform should include:

- Tax-free Health Savings Accounts of \$5,000 that each person would use first to control costs of their own health.
- Compulsory medical insurance with caps through employers or groups like credit unions and trade organizations.
- State and federal catastrophic insurance for long-term or very expensive care like cancer or multiple sclerosis that exceeds the insurance caps.
- Every insurance company and medical provider would take on an equal proportion of the number of people that cannot afford or are unable to get insurance or medical care to spread the risk fairly.
- Specialized and expert medical courts to hear insurance and malpractice complaints.
- Mandatory yearly physicals or all government assistance, tax refunds, employment or benefits would be withheld.
- No abortion services except in the strict case of saving the life of the mother.

We don't want the government making health care decisions for us so we must step up and bear the cost and responsibility ourselves.

Frank Kalinski
Livonia

Part-time Legislature

A citizen from birth and a proud Michigianian, I'm proactive in the campaign to put a part-time Legislature initiative on the November ballot. The reasons are many.

Michigan does not need and cannot afford 148 lawmakers for 9.6 million citizens. California has 120 for 33 million citizens. Ours are the second highest paid, after California, and Michigan is only one of four states with a full-time Legislature.

But more dire, more disturbing and, sadly, more prophetic for the future, is the disquieting and appalling indifference of many who are eligible to vote, to let their voices be heard, by the simple act of signing a petition but don't. Many have signed: It's the don'ts and won'ts to whom this article is addressed.

Why? Some responses: "I don't believe Michigan is one of only four states with a full-time Legislature" (from an academic); "The part-time thing is just another Internet scam"; "I don't trust Lansing"; "I'm not interested"; "I've heard this song before." Many responses are laced with vulgar military expressions not fit to print. They all tell a story, a story of cynicism, skepticism and distrust: They smell a rat!

Many feel disenfranchised; they don't trust politicians; they believe they've been "snowed" by party rhetoric and — most of all — Michigan's economy is negatively affecting them while Lansing generates more hot air, useless tax proposals and spurious press releases. I share many of these feelings. But I also believe that "We the People" still has meaning if "We the People" act in concert and demand better government in Michigan. Signing a petition is a step toward that goal.

Michigianians did not just fall off the turnip truck, and most know they're getting "the treatment" from Lansing. Wanna get even? Get off your duff and sign. The computer-savvy can get the whole story at: www.TurnMichiganAround.com and/or www.Reformmichigan.gov.

William Carruth
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"We're trying to learn everything about it. We're just trying to see how burnt we can get."
- Robert Willey who attended last week's Town Hall meeting on foreclosure prevention and options hosted by Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland

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Pioneering entrepreneurs gave state deserved reputation for innovation

Michigan sometimes can seem like a place stuck in time, caught between a past that relied on cutting giant white pines and digging copper out of Upper Peninsula mines, and a future that seems tied to an endlessly shrinking or "restructuring" automobile industry.

Why, many ask, is our state so unwilling to try new things? Possibly, it's the result of an economy that for decades relied on massive industrial enterprises (the Big Three and their giant suppliers) that gave workers little incentive for innovation or risk-taking. Without any doubt, we've been infected by widespread feelings of dependency and belief in a sort of corporate welfare state.

Certainly, generations grew up believing that all they had to do was catch on with "Generous Motors" and they'd be set for life. As a result, many now sadly believe that the spirit of innovative brilliance and entrepreneurial risk never settled in Michigan.

Ah, but how wrong they are! This may come as a shock to many, but there was a time when Michigan was widely regarded as the Silicon Valley of America, a place where entrepreneurs seemed to spring up out of the ground and took on the risks of failure with a jaunty optimism.

It happened right around the beginning of the 20th century. Back then, a whole raft of entrepreneurs created entirely new companies that were on the cutting edge of what was then regarded as high technology. Many of them went on to establish firms that became giant players in today's global economy.

The most famous example: Henry Ford, who in 1903 founded today's Ford Motor Co. Ford became successful thanks to his adaptation of the fundamental new technology of the assembly line. His innovation was to use interchangeable, identical parts to manufacture the automobile quickly and at an affordable price. When Ford dumped a bunch of identical parts on the floor of an exposition in Paris, the assembled crowd gasped in admiration.

And he had plenty of company: Herbert Henry Dow, a Canadian chemist, heard about the salt seeps around Midland. He invented a new way of extracting bromine from the quantities of brine in the area. And the company he started in 1897 to exploit this new technology — the Dow Chemical Co. — is today arguably the world's leading firm of its kind.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg was a physician who started a sanatorium in Battle Creek to experiment with his new-fangled ideas about a good diet for sick patients. His brother, Keith Kellogg, had the idea that he could sell this stuff and

make a profit. So he founded the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Co. in 1906. The resulting Kellogg Co. made Battle Creek the cereal city. Another physician, Dr. William Upjohn of Kalamazoo, was aggravated by the problem of finding ways to give his patients just the right amount of medicine. The elixirs of the day varied in potency and the pills were so hard you had to bust them up with a hammer! So in 1886, he and his brother, Henry Upjohn, founded the Upjohn Pill and Granule Co., later renamed the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co. It went on to become a world leader for a century, until gradually disappearing into the Pfizer empire after 1995.

J.L. Hudson founded in 1881 the J.L. Hudson Co.; by the 1930s it was the third largest retailer in the world. A serial entrepreneur, Hudson also founded the Hudson Motor Co. (1909-54), which had a relatively short but glorious life.

Each of these entrepreneurs took advantage of the distinctive resources of Michigan at the time. As a result of the profitable logging operations that cut the great pines of northern Michigan and dug the ore from the mines, Michigan had a lot of startup capital available to finance new ventures.

Dow had only to look around at all the brine around Midland and figure out how best to take advantage of it. The Kelloggs were lucky enough to be on the rail line that brought corn to the ovens of their toasted corn flake company and shipped boxes of cereal around the country.

The point is, however, that both sets of men figured their natural advantage out, at a time when other men couldn't see it.

Each of these took what they had to work with in what was, back then, the Silicon Valley of America and added imagination, drive and quite a lot of luck and guts. They made great companies — and great fortunes — that still stand as monuments to the Michigan economy.

What we sometimes forget is that they weren't always successful, either — certainly not the first time. Ford's first two automotive companies failed. Many of the other pioneers of the industrial age had their financial ups and downs as well.

But they endured and pressed on — and did so without Starbucks, modern medicine or air conditioning. So, even in today's relatively dark days of high unemployment and widespread home foreclosures, there is no reason that men — and women — like them cannot do the same, or better. In fact, given the lessons we've learned from the past, it would be a surprise if they didn't succeed.

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Organ donation option fulfills families' wishes, saves lives

In February, 35 Michigan citizens gave the gift of life: Upon their death, they donated their organs so that others may live. This tied the previous mark for a single month and followed a record-breaking 2007 in which 301 people in the state became organ donors.



Richard Pietroski

But these are not mere numbers. Organ donors are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, friends and colleagues. They give their life-saving gifts out of selflessness, out of generosity and out of a trust that their decision will be handled respectfully and will do the greatest good.

That last issue of trust is especially important to us at Gift of Life Michigan. As the state's federally designated organ and tissue procurement organization, we have a solemn duty to honor the wishes of donors and their families.

One option Gift of Life increasingly uses to fulfill those wishes is called Donation after Cardiac Death, or DCD. It is the surgical recovery of organs from a donor whose heart has naturally and irreversibly stopped beating, versus the more common method of donation after brain death.

DCD is not new; it is the way all donations were done prior to the establishment of brain death laws in 1968. Now, everyone from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to the Institute of Medicine endorses its expanded use as a way to address the nation's severe shortage of organs available for transplant. Last year in Michigan, 27 hospitals facilitated a record 53 DCDs.

A recent California case, however, has raised questions about the process. Gift of Life Michigan has no connection to that case, which has yet to be resolved, but we welcome the opportunity to explain the clear policies and procedures we follow so that DCD is done properly. Among them:

- Gift of Life Michigan ensures that a dedicated team of organ donation coordinators and a clinical manager are involved at the donor hospital to coordinate all aspects of DCD consent, preparation and organ recovery, compared with the typical single coordinator assigned for a standard brain death

The DCD option and Gift of Life's clear policies ensure that a donor's death is handled with dignity and respect. They ensure that the donor and his or her family are able to leave a legacy of helping others. And they ensure that the roughly 3,000 people in Michigan in need of an organ transplant have a greater opportunity to receive new life.

donor surgery. Only the hospital's attending physician may assess and declare death on all donation cases. Upon arrival at a hospital, all organ removal teams are required to review the Gift of Life Michigan Donation after Cardiac Death Requirements for Surgical Teams, which outline the family's and donor's wishes, limitations set by the physician of the donor, and the hospital policy.

Specifically, all surgical team members present at the DCD candidate's hospital shall not be involved in any of the following activities: 1) Prescribing or influencing the medical treatment or comfort care management of the DCD candidate; 2) Being present in the DCD candidate's room at any time during the period involving withdrawal of mechanical support and leading up to death declaration; 3) Charting the DCD candidate's death or being involved with any activity surrounding the diagnosis of cardiac death.

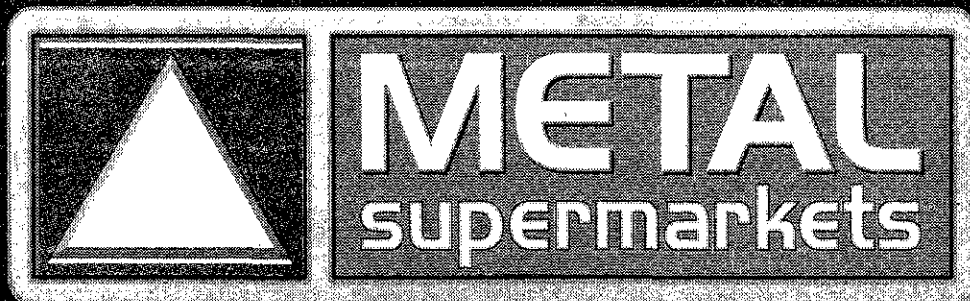
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If you'd like additional information about the organ donation process, or you would like to sign up to be a donor, go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

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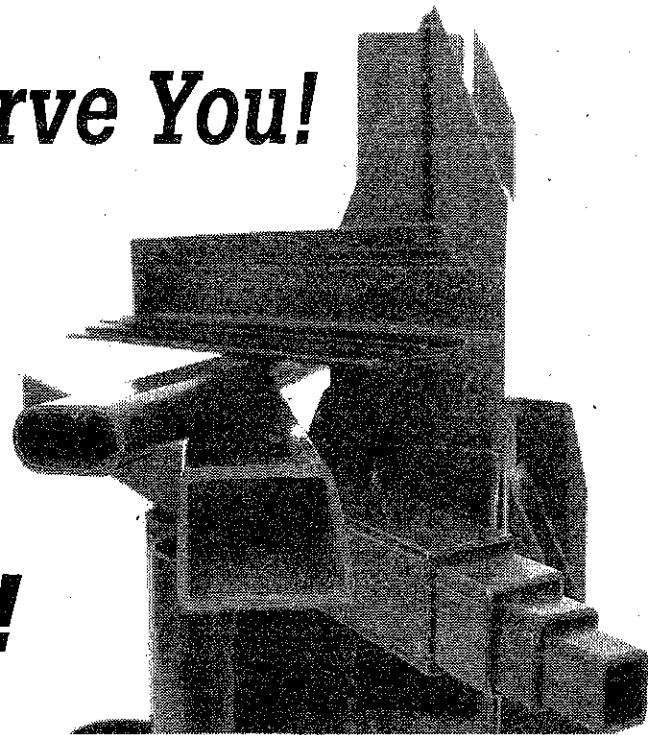


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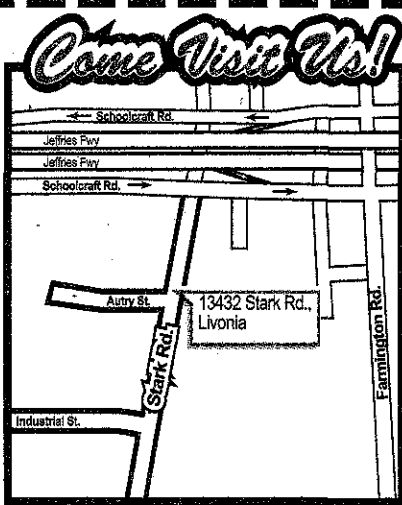
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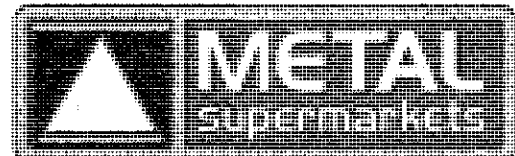
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Chargers' Johnston forges tie

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a replay of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 district finals, Livonia Churchill and Northville's first meeting of the 2008 season ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

Churchill is now 1-0-1 overall, while Northville is 2-0-1.

Churchill fell behind 2-0 during the first half as Northville's

GIRLS SOCCER

Theresa Yankovich scored from

32 yards out at the seven-minute mark followed by Jeanette Dolmetsch's goal from 30 yards out in the 32nd minute.

Junior Kayla Johnston, who finished with a hat trick for the Chargers, then scored the first of her three goals on a header off the near post. The assist came from Bailey Brandon following a long throw-in that was flicked by Hannah Otto to the near post.

Johnston scored again at the four-minute mark of the second half when she took a pass off her chest from Brandon, sliced between two Northville defenders, and one-timed a half-volley.

"It's probably the best goal I've seen from any high school player," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It was an outstanding game by Kayla. She was in a new position. It was an attacking midfield spot, centralized, and she thrives on it."

Churchill took a 3-2 lead midway through the second half when Johnston eluded a pair of Northville defenders in the middle of the field and rocketed a bullet shot from 30 yards out.

But Northville scored the equalizer with only five minutes remaining on Sarah Stern's penalty kick which slid off the finger tips of Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner. The PK came after Julia Bawden was pulled

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Wayne goalkeeper Nickole Jarvis stops Glenn's Megan Nikula at point-blank range during Monday's inter-district matchup. Defending on the play is Wayne's Michelle Goff.

Glenn makes Zebras' Phare Game

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rival Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial girls' soccer teams were both starving for a win when they met Monday afternoon.

Glenn was coming off a season-opening 8-0 loss on April 2 to Walled Lake Western in coach Marty Sylvester's varsity debut, while Wayne was winless in three starts following a 6-0 setback on the same night to Walled Lake Central.

And thanks to senior Aranda Phare's two first-half goals, visiting Glenn was able to earn its first win of the season with a 2-1 triumph.

"Every time we play Wayne, it escalates the tenacity and the enthusiasm of our girls," Sylvester said. "It's an inter-district match and for some reason they seem

to kick it up a notch. I'd like to see us do that more in some of our other games."

Both of Phare's goals came on break-aways against Wayne goalkeeper Nickole Jarvis. The first was unassisted, while second was assisted by sophomore Ali Zarate. The goals came at the nine and 14-minute marks.

Wayne sophomore Megan Maynor cut the deficit to 2-1 with a goal with three minutes left in the half off an assist from Avalon Selan.

But the Zebras, despite constant second-half pressure, couldn't score the equalizer against Glenn goalkeeper Katie Yax, who came on for starter Lauren Whitt after she skinned up her elbow in the first half while trying to make a save.

"It was a heartbreaker because we dominated the second half," said Wayne coach Evan Baker. "We had a ton of shots

and we had the ball in their end the whole time, and couldn't find the back of the net."

Baker changed his defensive alignment to neutralize Phare, while Glenn went into a defensive mode.

"They (Glenn) had a one-forward look and by the end of the game they had it pretty clogged up," said Baker, whose team slipped to 0-4 overall. "The wind was blowing hard. We took the wind the second half. It's too bad we gave up the two goals."

Glenn's standout in the midfield, meanwhile, was senior captain Kailey Coleman.

"She's our Energizer bunny, the voice of the team who directs the defense back there," Sylvester said.

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Charger errors prove costly in loss

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The return of good pitching and defense had Garden City varsity baseball coach Steve Herman in a happier mood following the host Cougars' 5-3 victory Tuesday over nonconference opponent Livonia Churchill.

Herman's team lost 18-17 to Livonia Franklin on April 2, in a contest featuring 17 walks issued by his pitchers.

But a strong starting performance by junior pitcher Adam McCloud went a long way toward helping Garden City improve to 1-1. McCloud gave up three runs in 5.1 innings (two on a bad-hop single in the fifth), struck out seven and walked just three — two in his final inning of work.

Coming in to get two pop-ups with the bases loaded with the score tied 3-3 was senior Angelo Zoccoli.

Garden City broke the deadlock in the bottom of the sixth, with a two-run, two-out rally. Churchill senior reliever Shea Dwyer hit Zoccoli in the back with a pitch and sophomore Gegatic Williams (1-for-2,

two runs) doubled on an 0-2 pitch, sending Zoccoli to third.

An infield error scored the lead run and junior Anthony Glass (2-for-4, one RBI) singled home an insurance tally.

Zoccoli nailed down the win with a scoreless seventh, despite two bloop singles.

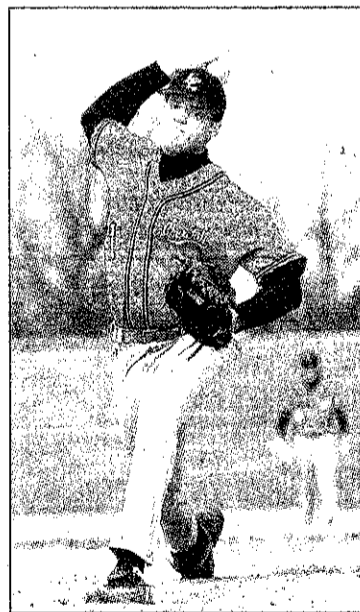
"He (Zoccoli) pitched against Franklin and gave up a whole bunch of runs (but he really came back today)," Herman said. "That's how I know he can throw. He came in with the bases loaded and he got two popouts."

The second of those was hauled in by junior catcher Tyler Twigg, seeing his first varsity action behind the plate in the absence of starter Max Stratton.

The foul off the bat of Churchill's Andy Szymanski (2-for-4, two RBI) looked to be headed over the backstop, but it drifted back into play and settled into Twigg's glove.

"It was big for him to stay on it, and he made it (the catch) look so easy," Herman

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Churchill pitcher Josh Payzant throws a pitch during Tuesday's game at Garden City.

Blazers run wild in win vs. Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Combs couldn't ask for a better debut as Livonia Ladywood girls softball coach as his Blazers opened the 2008 season Monday at home with a six-inning

10-0 mercy of Livonia Churchill.

Junior pitcher Sarah Stempin earned the victory, allowing just six hits and a pair of walks while fanning eight.

"I thought Miss Stempin was outstanding," Combs said. "She walked only a couple, hit her spots and did a good job changing speeds. We want

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Sidelines

Ballinger lauded

Madonna University's Liz Ballinger (St. Johns) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 7) after picked up three conference victories.

Ballinger went the distance in all three games, fanning six and allowing just four earned runs in 17 innings of work.

Mighty mat mite

Coolidge Lower Elementary School student Owen Atienza, 5, of Livonia recently placed first in the 46-pound class at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association Tournament, March 29-30, at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

He was joined by his two older brothers, Jordan, 12, who placed seventh in the 85-pound class and attends Riley Middle School, along with Nathan, 8, who competed in the 63-pound class.

All three compete for the Canton Wrestling Club.

MU softball signee

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing Monday of Holland West Ottawa pitcher Katie Boomgaard to a letter-of-intent for the 2009 season.

Boomgaard, a third-year varsity player, led OK Red Conference in strikeouts as a junior.

She was named the team's Most Improved Player as a sophomore.

Boomgaard was also named the Holland Sentinel's Player of the Week after posting 12 strikeouts in a game against Zeeland East.

MU soccer signee

Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the signing Monday of Trenton High School midfielder Brittany DeRupa for the 2008 season.

DeRupa is a two-time All-League selection and serves as the Trojans' team captain.

She plans to study Education.

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Demolition's Hefner anxious to get 2008 IWFL season off

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Hefner was always around the gridiron growing up, tagging along full Saturdays with her dad Mark to University of Michigan games in Ann Arbor.

"I loved it as a kid, I watched and followed Michigan college football, so I had a pretty good understanding of the game," said the 2000 Livonia Churchill High grad, who played a number of different sports in high school including track and field, basketball, volleyball and softball.

Hefner, a mechanical engineer with Troy Design & Manufacturing, is in her second season as a 5-foot-9, 170-pound defensive end for the defending Independent Women's Football League champion Detroit Demolition, which opens its season Saturday night at Livonia Franklin H.S. against the Columbus (Ohio) Phantoms in an Eastern Conference matchup.

Hefner, who lettered in the shot put and discus at Churchill and made it to the state meet during her prep days, decided to give football

a shot last season urging of a friend, current teammate Heather Hebert, who is listed as a 4-foot, 100-pound line-backer.

"I love playing football and I can't wait for the season to start," said Hefner, who played the entire 2007 IWFL championship game as the Demolition captured the 2007 title, 17-7, against the Atlanta Xplosion, the team that snapped Detroit's 52-game win streak in the 2006 championship game. "I've been weight training, doing Bikram Yoga. I feel I'm in good condition now."

Many of the Demolition's star veterans return for 2008 including quarterback-defensive back Bridget Porter, along with running backs Kiana Dennis and Aisha Brown.

But several of the longtime standouts such as starting quarterback Kim Grodus and linebacker-kicker Misty Findlay have retired and will be missed.

The Demolition have been practicing three nights per week in preparation for Saturday's opener, the first of eight regular season games.

"We have a lot of new talent, a strong core of new, refresh-

ing additions that will help us out greatly," said Hefner, who has also been working out at tight end. "Practices have been very challenging, very competitive. It's been a lot of hard work."

The Demolition have compiled an impressive 65-3 overall record with five national championships in six years under coach Tony Blankenship, a former Michigan player and Detroit Southwestern High coach.

"We've always had the pressure as a team because of our record and the five championships," said Hefner, who has an engineering degree from Lawrence Tech. "But coach Blankenship does a good job of keeping us focused and keeping the eye on the prize."

Hefner's personal goals include "more tackles and sacks," and "be more aware of opposing offenses."

Game time for the Demolition-Phantoms match is 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the gate. Franklin H.S. is located at 31000 Joy Road (just east of Merriman).

For more information, call the team's phone number at (248) 474-9176; or visit www.dett demolition.com.

Livonia club hosts fencing hopefuls

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Foil, epee and sabre competition will be at the forefront this weekend in Livonia as Summer National spots will be at stake when the Underground Fencing Organization (UFO) hosts the Michigan Division II and III men's and women's qualifying tournament at Salle d'Etroit.

Action begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with men's sabre and women's epee. It is followed by men's epee and women's sabre at 10:30 a.m.; women's foil, at noon; and men's foil, at 2 p.m.

"Anybody can watch, we encourage people to come out

and admission is free," said Amy Webster of the host UFO club, which is located on 36745 Amrhein Road, just west of Levan and south of I-96.

UFO is the home to 2006 Division II men's epee national champion Benjamin Schleis.

Webster said 30 competitors from across the state in the Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Section will be gunning for spots in the U.S. Fencing Association's Summer Nationals, July 1-10, in San Jose, Calif.

The first-day competition is open to fencers classified 'C' or lower.

Action continues Sunday at Salle d'Etroit with more three-weapon qualifying showcasing

Cadet (under-16) and Junior (under-19) classes and Youth-14 and -16 team competitions for any A and B ranked fencers.

The morning session begins at 9 a.m. with the Y-14 men's and women's epee; along with the Cadet women's sabre; 9:45 a.m., Y-14 women's sabre; 10 a.m.; Y-14 men's foil; 10:30 a.m.; Cadet women's sabre; 11 a.m.; Cadet men's epee; 11:30 a.m.; Y-14 women's foil.

The afternoon session starts at 2 p.m. with Cadet women's foil and Cadet men's sabre followed by Cadet men's foil at 2:30 p.m.

For more information about the tournament, call UFO at (734) 432-5014; or visit www.michifencing.org or salledetroit.com.

Stevenson stymies Pats, 3-0

GIRLS SOCCER

Livonia Stevenson parlayed an efficient first half Monday night en route to a 4-0 girls soccer victory at Livonia Franklin.

The Spartans, who jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead, improved to 2-2 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

Molly McConnell opened the scoring at the 22-minute mark followed a throw-in from Tasi Newton on a ball that ended up bouncing in front of the box.

Krista Kane's header off a corner kick by Taleen Mergian gave the Spartans a 2-0 lead. Kayla Kimble, making her first appearance of the season, scored the third goal when she took a ball from 25 yards out, turned and volleyed it over the head of the Franklin goalkeeper Sheri Helmer, a freshman.

Rachel Stevens converted Stevenson's fourth goal with nine minutes left in the game after McConnell beat a Patriot defender wide, cut towards the goal and slotted a perfect pass.

"I thought our backs did well tonight, our first game with Kayla back there," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought she was the best player out there tonight."

Rachel Simari and fresh-

man Michelle Krawczyk combined for the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

"We struggled the final third, not many seemed that motivated tonight. Franklin works hard and made it difficult to create opportunities."

Franklin coach Jen Barker, whose team was coming off a 3-0 loss Friday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, liked the play of her backline, which consisted of juniors Courtney Smith and Renee Burger, along with sophomores Kelsey Lank and Erin Roulier.

"They really stepped up their game and helped keep the game from getting too out of hand," Barker said. "Sheri (Helmer) had her best game yet in goal making some great saves for us. Kelly Walblay (freshman midfielder) and Kelly Powers (senior midfielder) made a big impact for us."

The loss drops Franklin to 0-3 overall.

"Overall I was content with the way we played," Barker said. "It wasn't perfect, but for this early in the season and our last game that was a bit rocky, we did well. We're still working to keep ourselves organized in the run of the game, but

we're getting there."

LADYWOOD 3, BISHOP FOLEY 0: Livonia Ladywood (2-0, 2-0) rode the sterling midfield play of senior Alison Szczypka on Tuesday to beat Catholic League foe Madison Heights Bishop Foley (1-2, 0-2).

Szczypka, bound for Western Michigan University, scored in the 25th minute of the opening half off an assist from Kristen Selasky.

Alessia Vagnini made it 2-0 in the 55th minute on a feed from Kaitlyn Vitale and Caitlin Szczypka completed the scoring in the 79th minute from Vagnini.

Goalkeeper Michele Ring made four saves to notch her first shut-out for the Blazers.

"It was very, very good effort all-around," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "And I thought Alison (Szczypka) dominated the midfield."

CLARENCEVILLE 8, CHAVEZ 0: Amanda Moody notched a hat trick as Livonia Clarenceville (2-0) romped to its second straight win Monday with a non-conference triumph at Detroit Cesar Chavez.

Moody, a senior, now has seven goals on the year after bagging four in a season-opening 8-0 victory April 2 over Romulus Summit Academy North.

Teresa Parent also chipped in with two goals for the Trojans, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Jordan Fyffe contributed a goal and assist, while Ashley Welch and Jill Brown tallied the other Clarenceville goals. Amber Dermyre also assisted.

Goalkeeper Kelly Jolly, who made two saves, notched her second straight shutout.

CHURCHILL

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down in the box.

"We shouldn't been down 2-0, but I thought we responded really well, went up 3-2, and then gave it back, it is what

it," said Hebestreit, whose team went 1-1-1 last year against the Division I state semifinalist. "We went with a 4-4-2 to a 3-5-2 (alignment) and I thought Lindsay Marlow, Johnson, Brandon and Julianne Puroll pressured them in that formation."

"Also, I thought Hannah

Otto did so much work — winning balls, possessing, playing the ball at the feet in the offensive side of the field. And I thought freshman Kelsey Rothermel, playing as a central defender, was calm and collected back there."

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For someone who claims to be tech savvy, I learn a lot of lessons the hard way.

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Of course, the one-year warranty had already expired. Oh, and my data? Gone forever, unless I wanted to spring for pricey data-recovery service.

Thankfully, this was not the catastrophe it could have been.

My only real concern was my MP3 library, which currently spans some 3,200 songs. Rebuilding it would have been a major hassle.

Luckily, I didn't have to: The entire library was riding around in my Zune player. Normally, you can't pull files off a Zune the way you can an external hard drive, but a little Google searching revealed a simple hack that made it possible. Within a few minutes I'd copied all my tunes to my PC.

It was like I had an unintentional backup. And it reminded me of the time my Outlook data file got corrupted, destroying all my addresses, appointments, tasks, and memos.

Fortunately, all I had to do was sync my Palm PDA, which had copies of everything, and presto: data restored.

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JEFF DUNN

At 'Antiques Roadshow' in Las Vegas, a guest can't hold back her tears when she discovers that the ring she inherited from her grandfather's pawn shop is an extremely high-quality, five-carat, Asscher-cut diamond, set in platinum. Appraiser Adam Patrick of A La Vieille Russie, values the item between \$165,000 to \$175,000. Tickets are now available, through a random drawing, for the show's Michigan stop this summer.

Hidden treasures

STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
OGE STAFF WRITER

'Antiques Roadshow' comes to Michigan this summer

Antiques Roadshow, the popular PBS show that pairs the excitement of a treasure-hunt with a dose of history, will make a Michigan stop on its summer tour this year. In

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each episode, appraisers meet with independent dealers from across the country to determine the value of their antiques and collectibles. Some are stunned to find the value much higher than they ever dreamed, while others discover

their treasure is worth little more than its sentimental value.

Start gathering up those family heirlooms, scour the neighborhood garage sales and bring your wares to the show to learn all about these finds. Tickets are now available for *Roadshow's* visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place.

Don't wait, a random

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JEFF DUNN

In this episode of 'Antiques Roadshow,' the owner (right) brings in a very personal 'Saturday Evening Post' cover illustration, painted by her stepfather, John Falter. In fact, the little girl featured on the cover is the owner herself at age 5. The cover and equally adorable story prompt appraiser Kathleen Guzman of Heritage Auctioneers to assign a value of \$175,000 to the item. On Aug. 9 Michigan residents can participate in the 'Roadshow' when it stops in Grand Rapids.

P.K.N.T. is an acronym to know

Here are a few questions about your wine shopping habits. Do you shop at a specialty wine shop? Do you find it convenient to purchase wine at the grocery while you are doing your weekly shopping? Do you have a price range when you buy wine? Would you like to find a value wine that you can afford to drink with dinner on Tuesday evening?

If you are likely to take a recommendation, we have one for you. Appearing in your local grocery this month is a new Chilean wine brand P.K.N.T. (pronounced "picante") and guaranteed to "spice up your life" at \$7 per bottle.

If you're young or feel young, this wine aims to please by bringing fun and pleasure into your life. The stylish label featuring a long, slender, silver chili pepper is instantly rec-



Focus on Wine

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ognizable. It is reminiscent of the long, slender country of Chile squeezed between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Andes Mountains to the east. From north to south, Chile is almost 2,800 miles long and approaches Antarctica at the southern tip of Patagonia.

Here are a few P.K.N.T. wines to buy:

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WINE PICKS

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Art Van Furniture has partnered with award-winning gospel recording artist, Vickie Winans, to create a new series of radio advertisements. The spots, which began airing throughout the state this week, include music and words written by Vickie and her son Marvin Winans, Jr.

As a native Detroit, Vickie Winans has shopped at Art Van since she was 19 years of age. In the spots, she sings the tagline "Art Van, where you belong/Art Van, now you're finally home" and shares her experiences as a customer.

Winans has enjoyed a 20-year career in gospel music. In that time, she has had six Grammy Award nominations, eight Stellar Awards and an NAACP Image Award.

For more information on Art Van Furniture, visit artvan.com.

STARTING SEEDS

Look, it's too early to plant, OK? Don't be fooled by those mid-50 degree temperatures.

But it's not too early to start seeds. In fact, it might even be little late for those early spring crops.

LeRoy Wolff, an advanced master gardener, will discuss planting seeds, what works and what doesn't at an Introduction to Gardening: Starting Seeds with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Environmental Interpretive Center Room 119 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Rd. Visit www.mgawc.org/prog_intro.htm for more information.

Want to learn how to attract butterflies to your yard? The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association hosts a slide lecture on how to attract those beautiful insects at 7 p.m. April 16 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Admission is \$3, free for SEMBA members. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

And if you're an orchids fan, the Michigan Orchids Society hosts Roger Zielinski of Raising Rarities on Sunday, April 20, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Zielinski, who has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years, will present "Cypripedium culture in pots" at this free program. Zielinski's passion lies in antique roses and 17th century gardens. There will be a potting demonstration at 1:40 p.m., so bring an orchid that needs re-potting to the meeting along with potting mix and a clean pot.

The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

Consider color, upholstery when mixing two styles

Question: "I have an Arts & Crafts style home and we've just added a new, four-season sun porch behind the home. I plan on using my existing wicker furniture, but how do I successfully mix the look of wicker furniture with the Arts & Crafts style of the rest of the house?"

Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

When mixing furniture styles, there are a few things to consider. The stain color, paint color, upholstery, and overall shape of each furniture piece will help you to pull together an eclectic mix of styles like a pro.

Arts & Crafts is normally very linear with exposed, stained wood. Wicker, by contrast, is usually curvilinear with a painted finish. To marry

these two styles, you will first want to paint your wicker in a color similar to stained wood. That color range can be anywhere from a medium, honey oak color to dark brown walnut.

If your wicker furniture has upholstered cushions, consider reupholstering in a more linear pattern or one depicting nature, like more traditional Arts & Crafts. Avoid the flowery, cabbage rose look and go more for a leaf style motif. The color palette in Arts & Crafts style tends to be earth-inspired warm tones like russet brown, mossy greens, sea blue, and terracotta.

Add other pieces, such as end tables and a coffee table, to help bring the two styles together. For example, choose a round, Stickley style end table to acknowledge the curvy lines of the wicker. You can still have the Arts & Crafts look without the hard, angular edges. Avoid fussy, Victorian or country

style pieces. Remember that Arts & Crafts also incorporates some of the Art Deco look from the turn of the last century, which has curvy lines, much like your wicker furniture.

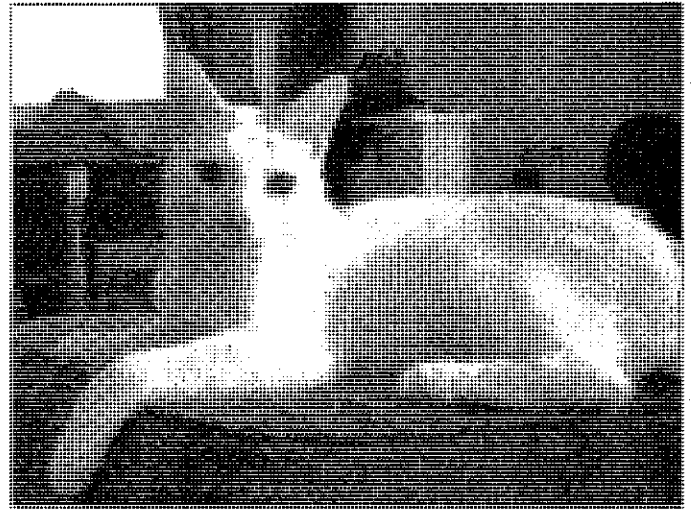
Gorman's Furniture has a lovely display of the Stickley Furniture line and it is a worth a trip there, with some photographs of your wicker furniture, to discuss with an in-house designer your design challenges for your sun porch. You can also visit www.Stickley.com to view the furniture line from the comfort of your own home.

Don't fret; marrying these Mars and Venus furniture styles is possible with thoughtful planning.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

Pet of the Week

He is named "Nosey" because of his big nose and because he's so curious to see whatever humans are doing. Nosey needs a home quickly - he doesn't like being kept in a cage and he gets sad because he's lonely. Nosey was found wandering the streets of downtown Detroit when a local attorney rescued him from the cold. He was underweight, cold and hungry. Today he is under one-year-old, healthy, neutered, has his claws and gets along great with children. Nosey is very affectionate, playful, a lapcat and loves being held and cuddled. He is white with some caramel-colored accents. Nosey even likes other cats, but would probably do best as the only animal in the house. He will be your best friend. If you can rescue him, call the Michigan Area Animal Adoption at (313) 571-2985 or (248) 259-5492, or visit online at www.metroaaa.petfinder.com.



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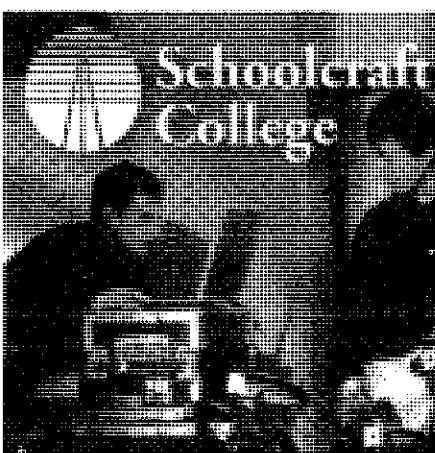
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Saturday, April 12
Collage XVI Concert
Presented by the Schoolcraft College Music Department
Enjoy performances by the college's Wind Ensemble, Choral Union, Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and piano soloists.
8 p.m.
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 students, \$3 seniors/children under 12
Information: 734-462-4403

Tuesday, April 15
Sarah Olson, Art Presentation and Lecture
Associate Professor of Art Sarah Olson provides a lecture and displays original art created during her recent sabbatical. Included are works inspired by Olson's visit to China, which was sponsored by a Fulbright Grant.
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4400, ext. 5221

Wednesday, April 16
Logan Skelton, piano and Stephen Lusmann, baritone
Pianist Logan Skelton is a much sought after pianist, teacher and composer whose work has received international critical acclaim. Baritone Stephen Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses in Europe and America. Together they offer the premiere performance of Skelton's *Ohr Songs*, a cycle of pieces set to texts by American artist George Ohr.
Noon to 3 p.m.
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Donations accepted
Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, April 18
Yehonatan Berick, violin, and John Ellis, piano
Sonatas for violin and piano by Johannes Brahms are on the program in this collaboration of performers whose talents have taken them around the globe. Berick has toured North America, Europe and Israel. Ellis is known in the U.S., Finland and Germany for his piano performances in Europe and Israel.
7:00 p.m.
Admission: \$20, general seating
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Information and tickets: 734-462-4403, and www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events

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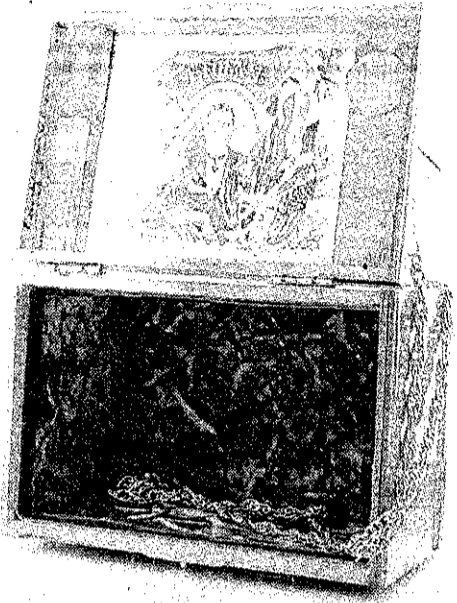
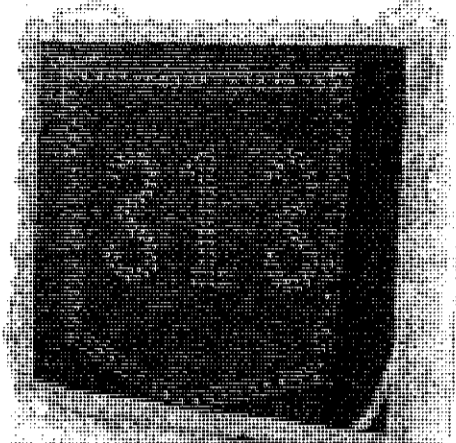
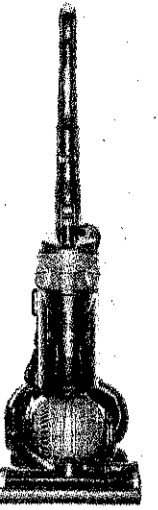
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Elizabeth Kincaid-White's purses open to reveal treasures like crushed velvet, tiny round mirrors, and clues to the cigar box's origin. Above, for '313,' \$59, Kincaid-White used recycled denim, Swarovski crystals, and a beaded handle strung by her daughters.

Tribute to Style

Troy designer turns cigar boxes into wearable art

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
OSE STAFF WRITER

At first, Elizabeth Kincaid-White didn't think much of the cigar box purse her husband bought home for her as a gift.

"Howard got me one from The Chop House in Ann Arbor. It got so much attention, even though I thought it was rather plain," she said. "Then I found out how much he paid for it."

Kincaid-White was shocked by the price tag, and set out to make one herself. Little did she know her craft project would eventually turn into her own handbag label, Tribute Box Collection.

"I made a few and sold a few," the Charleston, W.Va. native said. "When they were accepted by the DIAs Valerie Mercer for a special gallery of local artists during the Dr. Walter O. Evans exhibit, I knew I had something."

The Troy fashionista now collects as many cigar boxes

'Portrait,' \$52, is adorned with an old family photo, and neutral tapestry from Haberman's fabrics.

as she can from relatives and local humidors. Her husband occasionally brings home empties from The Capital Grille, where he is a sommelier, and Smoky's Fine Cigars in Royal Oak gives her a deal, even donating boxes for a Mother's Day project at Congregation Shema Yisreal in Bloomfield Hills.

Although the concept of turning fragrant wooden cigar boxes into handbags isn't new, Kincaid-White puts her unique stamp on the craft. She adorns them with everything from recycled denim and faux fur

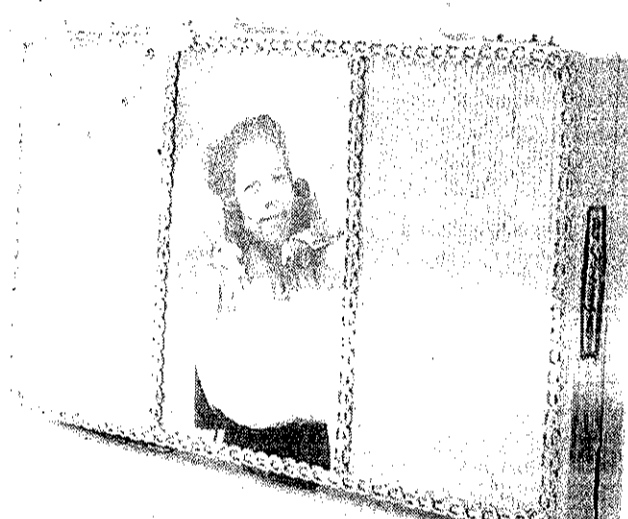
to Swarovski crystals, tiny seashells, flashy feathers and vintage photographs.

Her daughters, Carmen, 8, and Noelle, 6, help string beads for handles and decoration.

Each purse is a hand-crafted treasure.

"I haven't seen anyone carrying one of my handbags while out and about yet, however when it happens ... oh, what a day that will be."

Elizabeth Kincaid-White's Tribute Box Collection purses are available online at Detroit Fashion Pages, www.dfpboutique.com.



TAFARI STEVENSON-HOWARD

Ward off rainy weather with these whimsical accessories

Deary rainy days call for all-the-more cheery rain gear — the sort that makes you want to jump right into those puddles, the kind that shields you from the elements no matter what. A couple of years ago I splurged



Stephanie Casola

on a great pair of black and pink wellies. Granted they don't have any arch support to speak of and there isn't a heel in sight, but I live for those rainy blustery days when I can pair

them with a skirt or worn-in jeans and just puddle-jump away.

So keep your eyes on the skies and find your go-to rain gear as the season hits its soaking stride. Here are a few ideas to brighten any day filled with April showers:



J Crew's Rainy Day Hat says it all, with polka dot panache.

After all, it's one of the top 10 items every woman must own, according to *Tim Gunn's Guide to Style* on Bravo TV. And it covers up everything from a serious work suit to a flirty spring dress. This season the trench hemlines will rise. Try a cropped style, like the one you'll find at The Gap in a neutral called **Gargoyle Taupe**. It's \$69.50 at Gap.com or find it at locations at Livonia's Laurel Park Place, The Village of Rochester Hills, and Troy's Somerset Collection.

GIVE IT A TWIRL

There's nothing like a whimsical and weather-worthy umbrella to keep those rain-

drops at bay. Oliver's Trendz in downtown Birmingham

is a host of flower-coated, polka-dot patterned umbrellas by Michiko London

Koshino. They come complete in a purse-shaped matching carrying case and make a perfect gift.

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SPOTTED TOPPER

Rain-proof hats have moved far beyond those slick yellow toppers that matched an old pair of galoshes. If you prefer to sport a hat rather than carry an umbrella, J Crew offers a cute black **Rainy Day Hat** with tiny polka dots. It would serve any outfit well — even those old galoshes. It's \$48 at jcrew.com or a store near you like the Village of Rochester Hills, Somerset Collection in Troy or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Outwear can reflect your style as much as anything else you put on. And inclement weather just gives you another excuse to get creative and put your wardrobe to work.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

CHERRY TOPPING

For those who live life peering up from rose-colored glasses, cherry-coated rain boots seem more than appropriate. Western Chief's **Black Cherry Rubber Rain Boots** feature a non-slip sole and are completely waterproof. Find them for \$49.95 at www.dlrrainwear.com.

HOT FOR PINK

It's a serious splurge but Donna Karan knows how to appeal to a girl's inner fashionista, even on those rainy days. Her **DKNY Hot Pink Knickerbocker Rain Boots** are super-stylish. They won't get tossed in the back of the closet and forgotten. So save up — the boots cost \$124.95 at www.dlrrainwear.com.

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Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Russell Simmons at Macy's
TROY — Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, will visit Macy's Oakland, Troy at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11 to launch his new menswear line. Make a \$70 purchase from Russell Simmons Argyle Culture and Simmons will sign his book, "Do You," as a gift with purchase.

JCPenney's New Store
CANTON — J.C. Penney Company, Inc., will celebrate the grand opening of its location at 43690 Ford Road in Canton with a ribbon cutting at 8:45 a.m. Friday, April 11. Customers can regis-

ter there to win prizes through April 19, including a \$1,000 JCPenney gift card. The new, 104,000-square-foot store includes a Sephora beauty boutique, the American Living collection of fashions for men, women, children and home, a portrait studio, optical center, in-home custom decorating, and a salon.

Vintage Treasures
BIRMINGHAM — Find costume, designer and fine antique jewelry, along with Victorian through mid-20th century vintage clothing and accessories at the Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 12 at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. (just north of Lone Pine Road). \$5 adults, free 12 and under. Call (248) 988-0924.

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