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Fire on Ice Cafe owner Randy Hermiz is getting help at his new business from his sisters Helen (left) and Mary.

Cafe offers food in nice atmosphere

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since opening his Fire on Ice Cafe a month ago, owner Randy Hermiz concedes that business has been slow — but he sees a positive trend.

"We get a lot of repeat customers, that tells me we're doing a good job," Hermiz said. "I tell people to let me know if the food isn't good and I'll sell

the place. I'm very confident in what we make."

Located on the north side of Warren just east of Merriman. Fire on Ice Cafe specializes in panini sandwiches, but the menu also includes cooked-toorder hamburgers, french fries. salads, smoothies, coffees and

bagels. "We're a Panera and Starbucks combination. It's a place for something to eat, but

not fast food," Hermiz said. "We have nice mood music, a nice atmosphere. This is more specialized. I'm not looking to be a jack of all trades and master of none."

The restaurant is located in the space formerly occupied by Mary Ann's Polish Kitchen, but no traces of that business remain.

"It's all new, from ceiling to floor. It took a lot of money and hard work to change this place. I built the cabinets, painted the ceiling — my hands were on everything," Hermiz said. "I didn't want it to be what it was before. The appliances are all new. The most expensive thing you can't see is the new ventilation system."

The most popular sandwich has been the Mediterranean panini sandwich which has

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The recently opened Fire on Ice Cafe is located on the north side of Warren just east of Merriman near Bob's of Canton-Westland.

Gas prices put dent in FISH dial-a-ride service

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A local group that provides free rides to medical and other appointments for the seniors and handicapped residents needs help, but soaring gas prices are putting a crimp into

their efforts.

Serving residents of Garden City, Westland and Livonia, FISH Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County has 12 volunteer drivers but actually needs another 15 volunteers.

"The price of gas is making it hard — the drivers pay for

their own gas and use their own vehicles. There is no reimbursement for mileage," said Gary Simon. "We probably get 15 requests a week from people who are unable to drive and have no alternative transporta-

tion." Volunteer drivers can specify

days, times and areas they're willing to drive. FISH Dial-A-Ride transports to a wide area - north to Maple, west to Ann Arbor and east just past Woodward to the Detroit Medical Center.

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Good marks

Board gives schools chief top review, contract extension

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Using words like outstanding and extraordinary to describe its schools chief, the Wayne-Westland school board has agreed to offer Superintendent Greg Baracy a one-year contract extension.

The extension came as the result of a glowing performance evaluation that praised him and his staff for finding "extraordinary ways to contain costs and preserve educational programs" in spite of the state's failing economy.

"He received an outstanding evaluation due to his deep commitment, strong work ethic and passion for the students and the community," said school board President Skip Monit. "Once again he has received an evaluation with the highest accolades. It's an evaluation he definitely earned and he deserved."

Baracy was evaluated on eight points — professional leadership and personal qualities, curriculum and instruction, business and finance and community, board relations, intergovernmental and student relations.

He was lauded for his "high all aspects of district operations and his ability to motivate his staff to address the goals set for the district by the school board.

One by one, board members addressed Baracy, thanking him for his leadership and acknowledging his commitment to education.

"Thank you for being the person you are," said Trustee Ed Turner about Baracy's

leadership. "I can say unequivocally that he is one of the best superintendents in this

county, if not this state," said school board Trustee Terrance

McClain. "Other superintendents value his opinion and

his knowledge." "We're extremely fortunate to have him," said Trustee Steve Beecher. "He's had the opportunity to go elsewhere for more money and had chosen to stay here. He's committed to eduction, committed to moving this district forward,

and we continue to move

forward because of his leader-"He's a wonderful person to work with," said board Vice President Cindy Schofield. "He has integrity and has been honest with us. When you go to functions and hear what other districts are going through, I can't fathom that

to your leadership."
"He still has a passion for what he does," added Trustee Frederick Weaver. "We're honored to have a superintendent who has a passion for the kids and moving them forward."

happen here. That's a tribute

Baracy thanked the school board for its vote of confidence and for the ability to continue serving as superin-

"But I'm not naive, this didn't happen because of me," he said. "I have an outstanding cabinet and I'm grateful for the many contributions of my administrators and administrative team. They enable me to do an outstanding job. I share this with

them." The one-year extension does not include an improvement to Baracy's current contract.

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Anticipation ...

Westland John Glenn High School Principal Joan Sedik grimaces as the Seatbelt Convincer plunges down the track, letting her experience what it was like to be in a collision. The simulator was one of two Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans brought to the school to kick off his Seatbelt Convincer Program. For story and photos, see

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LPS candidates share views on outsourcing, safety issues

BY REBECCA JONES **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

With more children bused to school, the audience at the final Livonia Public Schools candidate forum wanted to know candidates' ideas about transportation outsourcing and safety.

Incumbent Tom Bailey said the school district should be purchasing a few new buses every year as part of a replacement cycle, but said that hasn't happened.

"We didn't buy any buses last year and haven't purchased any this year," he said.

Greg Oke, elected one year ago, said he was opposed to any form of privatization and that the district should think about buying more of its own buses.

He also suggested installing cameras, or rotating them among buses with the most problems. Patrice Mang agreed that could be one answer.

She also suggests opening more schools to reduce the need for buses and shorten routes.

Other questions at the debate, hosted by the Livonia PTSA, included candidates' views on asking teachers to pay health care premiums and higher copays to help the budget crunch, seeking grants, and drug and bullying curriculum.

Mang said although teacher contract issues are a negotiated item, not a board decision, she said she wouldn't have a problem with that, if it happens from the top down. "We are at a time when everybody has to give back a little."

"I would be ashamed to go before our community and ask for that," Bailey said. Oke added that employee groups have looked out for the district's financial situation, but he would be hesitant to change the compensation packages too much because the district has to be able to attract top talent.

All agreed that a grant writer would be useful. Mang said she has written and received grants and is teaching a vocational education class right now that's funded by a grant she procured.

One person in the audience asked about the idea of a partnership between the building trades students and city, to fix up foreclosed homes for resale.

Oke said it would be worth looking at and Mang said it had merit. Bailey said while it's an innovative suggestion, the

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are busy fund-raising in advance

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ice show

district doesn't have the kind of money to do it.

In summary, Mang expressed concern about declining enrollment since the Legacy Initiative was implemented two years ago; at the same time, the local Montessori school's enrollment has gone up. "They're sending us a message. They want some change," she said. "How are we going to fix this problem?" Mang said she would work with board

members to move forward. Oke said people need to ask themselves if they're happy with the school district. If so, he said, vote for the current board

members. "If change needs to be made," he said, "who out of each candidate do you feel is able to move the district forward?" Oke said he has done that.

Bailey said he has always been prepared, made himself available to the community and taken school board courses "all

to be a better trustee." "I promise to put my heart and soul into every decision I make, just as I have done in the past."

Livonia PTSA Council's School Board Candidate Forum will be rebroadcast at 7 p.m. April 29 at 7 p.m. on Channel 19 for Comcast/Westland viewers.

Rotary grant buys kids' books

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rotary District 6400 Gov. Jennifer Jones brought good news to the Westland club

April 10. Jones, a member of the Windsor Roseland club, presented a check for \$1,000 to support work in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood, a Rotary District Simplified Grant.

"First of all, it's a very positive way to bring the (Rotary) Foundation to life," said Jones, a Windsor resident. "It's about the community as well as our world community."

Westland Rotary applied for a grant to buy books for

children at Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementaries in the Wayne-Westland district, said Lou Toarmina, club president. "It just shows how good Rotary is at keeping the money in their own community. That's why it's the greatest service organization in the

In addition to books, the local Rotarians have provided backpacks and school supplies for the students. Additional money will pay for benches at Jefferson-Barns and a public address system at Lincoln, he

Jones noted money donated to the Rotary International Foundation was set aside, with some \$27,000 going to about

25 clubs for projects. District 6400, which includes Windsor and the surrounding Ontario area, also stretches west to Adrian.

District Simplified Grants support the service activities of Rotary districts locally and abroad. Since the program began in 2003-04, more than 1,160 grants totaling more than \$17 million have been awarded to districts in almost 60 countries, according to www.rotary.org, Rotary International's Web site.

Westland Rotary meets 12:15 p.m. every Thursday at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army on Venoy south of Palmer. New members are welcome.

AROUND WESTLAND Day of prayer

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Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 4. This year's theme is "Enchanted."

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors.

Presale and group rates are available. For more information call (734) 729-4560.

Dining to Donate

Rocky's Family Dining in Westland is hosting a "Dining to Donate" to benefit the Westland John Glenn High School Football Boosters. The all-day event on Tuesday, April 29, allows diners to donate 20 percent of their bill to the boosters, so long as they simply tell the cashier that they support John Glenn football. Rocky's is at 1622 S. Wayne Road, just north of Palmer.

WAYNE-WESTLAND STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Name: Jane Awoh, 10 Grade/School: Fifth-grade at

Edison Elementary, Westland Parents: Uchenna Awoh-Wilson Nominated by: Barbara Case

Reason for nomination: Jane is being nominated for Student of the Month for several reasons. Jane works very hard at school and has been on the honor roll every marking

period. She serves on Edison's service/safety patrol as a classroom assistant. Jane has been involved in Girl

respect for and is caring of others. Jane is an outstanding student.

What do you like about school: I like to learn about math and English because they help me have more

Favorite subject: Spelling because you can learn words that are really hard. It also helps you with vocab-

Roles models: My sister Becky and my mother. They

Scouts for the last two years. She has always shown

Future plans: To become a pediatrician.

ulary. (She was runner-up in Edison's spelling bee.)

teach me the rules of life so I can learn more.

RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFITS

American Cancer Society Relay for Life at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoes and pizza. There also will be prizes and an auction. Registration is a 5:15 p.m. To purchase Tickets, call Jennifer at (734) 634-6157 or by e-mail at Jlynn8582@aol. com. All tickets will be sold prior to the event. Town N' Country Lanes is at 1100 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Shop for a Cure

A Shop for a Cure shopping extravaganza will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 18, at American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh between Joy and Ann

Arbor Trail, Livonia. The Body Shop at Home, Tastefully Simple, Party Lite, Comfort Zone, Longaberger and Silpada Jewelry will be featured with a portion of the sales benefitting the Westland Relay for Life. There also will be drawings, refreshments, specials and Mother's Day gifts. Tips for a Cure

Westland Mayor William Wild will

be the celebrity bartender for a Wild Walkers' fund-raiser 5:30-B p.m. Thursday, May 22, at Malarkey's, 35750 Warren Road. Tips raised will support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

chicken, feta cheese, spinach, onion and homemade humsandwich costing \$6 with chips or adding fries for an additional 50 cents, Hermiz said the restaurant offers a good value.

"We're always open to suggestions. I'm here to make really quality food," Hermiz said. "It's important to us that people like what they get, especially with times being as

hard as they are. People don't want to spend on something that they really don't want.".

Jane Awoh

This is the first business venture for Hermiz, 25, who worked in restaurants while attending Wayne State University. He graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in public administration and political science.

Helping out at the restaurant are Hermiz's sisters Helen, 22, who is completing nursing school, and Mary, 17, who will graduate from Warren Mott High School in June and plans to eventually attend law school. All three

live with their parents in Warren where they grew up.

"After three years working at a smoothie shop, I thought I'd never do restaurant work again," Helen Hermiz said. "I make the best smoothies around. I interact with the customers and talk with them. It's all very homey.'

Fire on Ice Cafe offers wi-fi service and recently added a flat-screen television. It's open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, stays open until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday, and closes at 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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"There is a lot of need for this, the problem is finding volunteers who are willing to drive people to those appointaid Cheryl Stepanian Garden City's Maplewood Community Center supervisor. "Transportation is one of the biggest needs for seniors when you get to a certain age and don't drive anymore."

Along with Inkster and Wayne, Garden City and Westland participate in the Nankin Transit Authority which provides bus rides to seniors and handicapped residents. Nankin Transit charges fares but limits rides to within the four participating communities.

"I've had people tell me Nankin Transit is booked up, also, they put a priority on doctor appointments," said

Stepanian, adding the FISH Dial-A-Ride program is aimed at providing rides when alternatives like Nankin Transit aren't available.

Agreeing that the high gas prices are hurting efforts to get volunteer drivers, Stepanian noted that a trip to Ann Arbor from Garden (or Westland would be about 20 miles each way.

"That's probably two gallons of gas or about a \$7 donation and you're really helping someone out," said Stepanian. "This will be a huge problem as more people retire and need services. This is something I'd personally volunteer to do once I retire."

A few times each month, Simon said rides are requested by wheelchair users which can mean a van might be needed.

"I hate to turn anyone down. I'm in dire straits (about volunteers), especially with people on fixed incomes, transporta-

tion can put a big dent in your

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bank account," he said. Even volunteering one day

each month would be a benefit to the FISH Dial-A-Ride program, Stepanian said. "When people first retire

in their 50s and 60s, while they are able to help out, they should set that example so the services will be there when they are in their 80s or 90s," she said.

Stepanian has little trouble getting volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program that takes food to local seniors.

"They are local within Garden City and they are committed people," Stepanian said. "I think the FISH Dial-A-Ride is a great program. I wish more people would take the time to volunteer."

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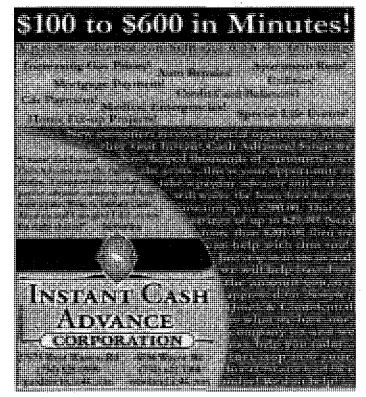
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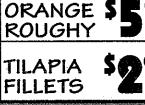


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Students learn about China through e-mails

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When eighth-graders went to Wayne Memorial High School recently to see what activities are available to them, one of the displays was

about China. No, it wasn't about travel or about language. The China Club, as it's called, is about Wayne Memorial students communicating by e-mail with their counterparts at Changzhou Tianijabing Experimental Middle School in Jiangsau Province, China.

"We try to get to know what their culture is like, the similarities and the differences with ours," said Josh Lowe who has belonged to the club since December.

The exchange was set up by Superintendent Greg Baracy during an educational trade mission to China last June and July. Baracy signed a letter of understanding while at Changzhou Tian Jiabing Experimental Middle School that allows Wayne Memorial teachers and students to interact with their Chinese counterparts.

By February, the two groups had exchanged about eight e-mails. The process is slow, more like electronic snail mail because of the need for translators. Lowe has received two e-mails, while

Harris had gotten three. "They're small e-mails," said Lakinya Harris. "It's



dent wrote that "education

was such a priority that she

doesn't get time to learn ice

is that the Chinese prefer to

eat like a family at the same

time, although the students

do admit to a penchant for

McDonald french fries.

Kentucky Fried Chicken and

"They prefer McDonald's

over any other fries," Lowe

Both are 10th-graders

at Wayne Memorial. Lowe

likes China and would like

to go there someday. Asked

to join the club by Assistant

Principal Sandra Morante,

he's hoping to find out more

about the culture.

Another cultural difference

Wayne Memorial High School sophomores Lakinya Harris and Josh Lowe talk with Nicole Odom (left) and Brooke Pietruszka of Adams Middle School about the China Club.

skating.'

said.

language thing."

"We try to keep it basic," said Lowe. "We try to get to know them before we talk about other things."

What they have learned so far is a snippet of life in China. Education is a priority, a big deal, according to Harris. One high schooler they heard from changed schools because her grades weren't high enough.

"She had a B average, not an A," Harris said. "She did express that she was having difficulty at the school. She said the past school wasn't that nice, but she's making new friends."

"She worries about the same things we do," Harris added.

know more about what life is like for Chinese children. "I want to see what the

Harris, however, wants to

social life is like for Chinese kids," she said.

Unlike other clubs that meet at specific times and on specific days, China Club members need only sit down a computer and send an e-mail.

"The club is pretty much anytime you do an e-mail,' said Lowe.

That makes membership easy for the two teens. Lowe is in marching band, serves on the Student Senate and is class president. Harris is involved in Upward Bound and Teen Court to name a few of her activities.

Right now the club has fivesix members, and Lowe and Harris used the eighth-graders' visit to try and attract new members. They're hoping to find a student who knows the language and can help them when they type their emails.

"I sent an e-mail around Christmas, I sent an e-card through Yahoo, but it takes awhile because it has to go through a translator," said Harris.

With the end of the school year approaching, both Lowe and Harris don't want to let their correspondence drop

"We plan to keep in touch during the summer," Lowe

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Wild named Glenn's distinguished grad

Westland Mayor William Wild is a proud "John Glenn Rocket."

And come June 7, he will be honored by his alma mater as its 2008 Distinguished Alumni winner. Wild graduated with

honors from John Glenn High School in 1986 and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He has been the

owner of Scrap Busters U-Pull-It Auto & Truck Parts in Wayne for 20 years and is a recipient of the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan Presidential Award in 1996.

He served on the Westland Planning Commission 1999-2001 and on the Westland City Council for five years, including one year as council president. He was appointed mayor in January 2007 and served until he was elected to fill the remaining two years of the

four-year term. As mayor of Westland, which is Michigan's 10th largest municipality, Wild oversees 19 directors and a total of 500 employees.

Wild supports a variety of charities, including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and CATCH - Caring Athletes Team for Children - and Henry Ford Hospital. He also is a member of the Westland Community Foundation. the Westland Lions Club and supporter of D.A.R.E. -Drug Awareness Resistance Education.

In his spare time, Wild enjoys playing hockey and helping coach his five-yearold son's "mini-mite" hockey team, and spending time his family - wife Sherri and children Luke, Lily and Payton - particularly at their family cottage near Higgins Lake.

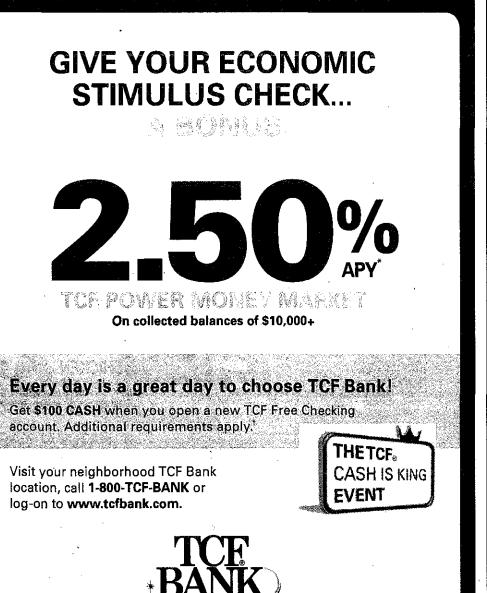
The award is presented annually and recognizes the achievement of a distinguished alumnus. Wild will be the guest of honor at a Distinguished Alumni Reception at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, and participate in the Saturday, June 7, commencement ceremony.

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Senators offer opposing views on Blue Cross reform

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Tom George, R-Kalamazoo, says he wants "to turn the screws" on Blue Cross Blue Shield to "make them fulfill their mission."

George is chairman of the Senate Health Policy Committee which is holding hearings on legislation to reform medical insurance laws in Michigan for the individual market.

The House bills, HB 5282-5285, were passed in October with a large bipartisan majority. The bills as passed are supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield, which has been heavily lobbying the Senate in their support.

George and Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, have each offered alternatives to the House bills. Testimony was taken at two hearings last week.

The House bills would:

■ Create a high-risk pool of guaranteed-access plan for those denied coverage, to spread some of the losses across all health care insurers in the state. Blue Cross is mandated by law to be an insurer of last resort and operates as a not-for-profit charity.

Allow Blue Cross to replace "community rating" with rate bands, which would allow the insurer to set different rates based on age, place of residence and other factors.

Set a loss ratio of 70 percent, meaning an insurer must spend 70 cents of each dollar collected on health care.

■ Set limits on renewal rate increases.

Allow Blue Cross Blue
Shield's for-profit subsidiaries
to sell other kinds of insurance.
Their largest subsidiary is The
Accident Fund of America which



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George

is now restricted to selling worker's compensation insurance.

The House bills have drawn opposition from Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, the UAW, AARP, the Consumers' Union and others. Blue Cross has argued that they are at a disadvantage as insurer of last resort at a time when the individual market is growing. It now represents 6 percent of those insured but is expected to increase as companies drop health care benefits and lay off employees.

OPPOSES HIGH RISK POOL

"Blue Cross says we should do these things because of growth in the individual market," George said last week. "Testimony is not supportive of their assertion that the market is growing."

George said some people are covered by COBRA, others find new jobs and some people who are forced to work two part-time jobs wouldn't be able to afford individual insurance, so are not in the market.

George is opposed to creating a high risk pool, as 35 states currently have.

"Those states don't have a carrier of last resort that doesn't pay taxes," he said. "They want to keep their tax status, take away the attorney general's oversight and allow their Accident Fund insurance to go into any kind of insurance."

George also questions Blue

Cross maintaining a \$2.5 billion reserve. He said his proposals are modeled on Pennsylvania, where Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell wouldn't approve rate increases for the insurer of last resort because of its high reserve.

"In the end they agreed to give the state \$100 million to expand SCHIP (the State Children's Health Insurance Program)," George said. "I have a Republican spin on this. We'll take the excess surplus to create tax credits for those buying in the individual market."

George proposes allowing Blue Cross's Accident Fund to move into selling other kinds of insurance in exchange for the insurer making a one-time contribution of \$100 million to the state treasury to pay for the tax credit.

His proposals also include prohibiting commercial insurers from raising rates or dropping people who develop health problems; allowing Blue Cross to charge higher rates to people with unhealthy behaviors; require Blue Cross to report to the Legislature on its expenditures for entertainment, advertising and lobbying; and require Blue Cross to place excessive surpluses into a state fund administered by the Treasury Department. George would cap the surplus at 600 percent of risk based capital. Blue Cross reserves are now 688 percent of

'TERRIBLE PRECEDENT'

Andrew Hetzel, vice president of corporate communications for Blue Cross, said George's views do not reflect what's happening across the state.

"Auto companies are downsizing and laying people off and this is affecting families," he said. "Many are leaving group coverage and going into the individual market."

He said that taking \$100 million for the state is taking money from rate payers.

"This is a terrible precedent, you're going to tax paying companies and taking money from these companies to pay for tax credit support," he said.

He said the burden of taking on customers with high risk medical conditions was too great for one company to take on its shoulders.

"A high-risk pool makes it so that all insurers share the responsibility," Hetzel said. "It's a model that worked in 35 other states."

He said the model is different in each state, but that by allowing Blue Cross to remain tax exempt and creating a risk pool will give people with severe medical conditions two options for access to health insurance.

"George's one-on-one relationship is fundamentally flawed," said Hetzel. "As he well knows, Blue Cross is regulated by Public Act 350. Any insurance company in the state can choose to be regulated under 350 but they don't."

He said the act requires that Blue Cross do many other things beside being the insurer of last resort including supporting affordable Medigap coverage and providing group conversion coverage by charging customers a subsidy on premiums; subsidizing SCHIP by \$15.5 million in 2007; and subsidizing hospital charity care.

Hetzel said the Blues' reserve fund cannot be viewed a monetary surplus.

"It's the consolidated assets of the corporation including the Accident Fund, cash, buildings, assets, Blue Cross Assets, building," he said. "It's not a bank account of \$2.5 billion."

He said the reserve is well under the 1,000 percent cap imposed by the state.

TIGHT OVERSIGHT

While Blue Cross favors passage of the House bills in the Senate, Hetzel said he is more favorable to some of the proposals made by Allen, particularly reducing the waiting period from a year to six months for people with pre-existing medical conditions for all carriers.

Allen's proposal retains a high

risk pool but tightens oversight. He proposes giving the insurance commission authority to order refunds to ensure rates are not excessive relative to costs; creating a nine-member Guaranteed Access Pool oversight board which would include the attorney general; require accountability reports on the individual market and guaranteed access pool; provide credits for wellness; raise the loss ratio to 75 percent for commercial carriers, 85 percent for Blue Cross and 90 for Medicare supplement; and narrow the rate bands.

"The problem with the House bill was that we didn't think there was the proper regulatory overview," said Norm Saari, Allen's chief of staff.

He said the House bills also didn't make it clear how it was going to serve the growing need for individual insurance.

Kurt Gallinger, vice president and counsel for Amerisure Cos. in Farmington Hills is the spokesman for The Coalition for a Fair and Competitive Insurance Market. His group is focused on opposing HB 5284 and 5285, which would allow

The Accident Fund to compete in selling other lines of insurance.

Gallinger said George's proposals did respond to some of their concerns but didn't put enough emphasis on creating a "firewall" between Blue Cross and its for-profit subsidiary. He said he is opposed to George's plan to have Blue Cross pay \$100 million to compete.

"We need to address unfairness in the competitive market," Gallinger said. "Since Sen. George came up with \$100 million, if you are going to address the issue of lost taxes, you need to look at \$3 billion."

He said under Public Act 350 Blue Cross shouldn't be using it charitable dollars to support its subsidiary.

"We want that part of the act enforced," Gallinger said. "When Accident Fund competes with our compames, we can't use charity money."

Gallinger said the state made a mistake when it reformed the laws governing Blue Cross in 1993.

"Blue Cross was not created to be a state insurance company to compete with other companies," he said.

George said there is room for compromise but that "these are two diametrically opposed versions."

"I'm comfortable enough in my position. I'm a physician in medical practice, I'm term limited and I'm comfortable doing what

I think is right," he said.
The Detroit Free Press reported Friday that Attorney General Mike Cox and UAW President' Ron Gettelfinger would hold a press conference on Monday to endorse George's proposals.

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Video crew hops in to tape rabbit shelter

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nearly 100 people, many carrying signs and wearing bunny ears, gathered in Kellogg Park Thursday morning cheering representatives and a film crew from Zootoo.com in hopes the pet lovers Web site will award the Midwest Rabbit and Rescue Re-Home in Plymouth a \$900,000 shelter makeover.

The rabbit shelter at 882 N. Holbrook finished sixth among the top 20 shelters in an online contest which will give the eventual winner up to \$900,000 for renovations. The second-place winner will receive \$10,000. The Plymouth group already has qualified for a \$5,000 cash prize.

Representatives from Zootoo. com and The Humane Society of the United States are visiting all 20 shelters and will name the winner May 21.

"I wanted to do something meaningful to help shelters around the country," said Zootoo.com founder Richard Thompson to the crowd. "I didn't know about rabbit rescues until Zootoo, so Zootoo has educated me as well because I was thinking dogs and cats."

Thompson also encouraged shelters to ban together and become one political voice to garner more financial help.

"Until you form a block of people, politicians aren't going to do anything," Thompson said. "Seventy percent of people in

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a community don't even know where the local animal shelters are. It's a tragedy."

After addressing the crowd, the group visited the shelter which houses 150 rabbits to inspect operations and procedures, finances and community support

*Everybody in the nation will know about little Plymouth, Michigan, which I am so proud of," said Debbie Toundaian of Midwest Rabbit & Re-Home, the only rabbit shelter in the national contest, after receiving an award from Zootoo in

Kellogg Park.
Midwest founder Dominique
Moroz was pleased with the
support the shelter received

during the contest period.

"Many times, when I spoke to people about starting the shelter (two years ago), they told me I would never get it off the ground," Moroz said. "But, there's the need and support and it happened."

Lauren Follmer, 16, of Novi was on hand to greet the guests from Zootoo in an effort to boost Midwest's chances of winning.

"It's important to raise awareness for our shelter and our bunnies," said Follmer. "Bunnies are the third most popular pet but people don't understand them."

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Sheriff's 'Convincer' pushes seat belt use

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It may have been the excitement that made Josh Jackson feel a rush of adrenalin as he was pulled backward up a short incline before being hurtled forward into a metal barricade. The impact caused an airbag to deploy although the seat belt he was wearing failed to lock.

"Overall, I think it was a lifechanging experience," said the John Glenn High School senior who was the first student to try out the Wayne County Sheriff Department's Seat belt Convincer. "Even at 10-15 mph, you can see what would happen if it's 60-70 mph.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans was at the Westland High School Tuesday morning to launch his "Seat belt Convincer" program. Using two simulators, Glenn students got the opportunity to feel the impact of a low-speed crash and see what can happen to belted and unbelted people - test dummies - in a rollover accident.

"Having been young once, I realize that kids this age tend to think they're indestructible," said Evans. "Our hope is to remind them that they are not and encourage them to wear their safety belts."

Evans has instituted the program in an effort to get the word out to young people about See our photo gallery online at www.hometownlife.com

the dangers of not wearing a seat belt.

While young people can try the Seat belt Convincer machine, the rollover simulator uses only test dummies to demonstrated what can happen to belted and unbelted passengers.

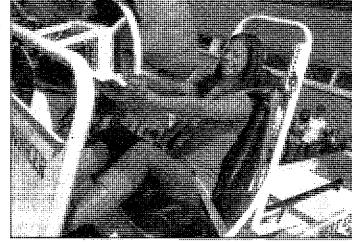
Statistics show the 85 percent of all Michigan motorists involved in traffic accidents in 2006 were wearing safety belts and that nearly 30 percent of people killed in traffic accidents had failed to use their vehicle restraint system.

According to John Roach of the Sheriff's Department, the convincer is making its debut now as a way to remind students about buckling up, especially during the prom and graduation season and summer vacation.

"Teenagers are less likely to wear belts and accidents in which the occupants were not wearing belts have a much higher rate of fatalities," he said.

On hand for the demonstration was Westland Mayor William Wild who said that while young drivers will say they drive safely, the demonstration may help "stress the importance of doing so."

"Anytime you can present a visual to young adults helps them grasp it better," he said. "I was surprised, in talking to the



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Glenn senior Kaylie Brincat, 17, grimaces as the Seat belt Convincer hits the barricade. "I've never been in an accident, it's new to feel the impact."

students, how many had already been in accidents."

Joining the students in trying the convincer was Glenn Principal Joan Sedik. Her trip down the ramp was greeted by the applause of the students.

"Just from how slow it was going gives you a real feel of what happens," she said. "I hope it made an impression on the

"I think it would encourage

youth to use seat belts," added Jackson.

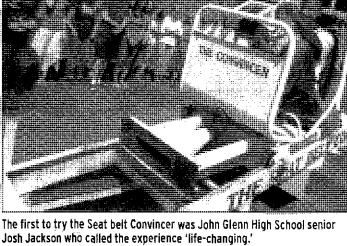
The program is for use by schools, churches and community groups anywhere in the county. All that's required is a pickup truck equipped with a trailer hitch. For more information or to schedule their use, call the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol at (734) 721-2222.

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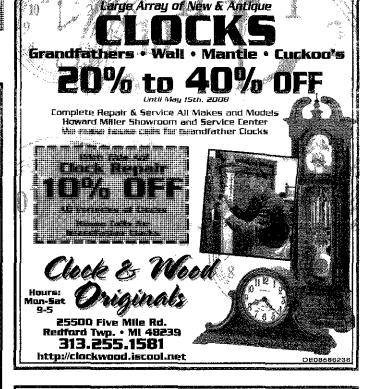
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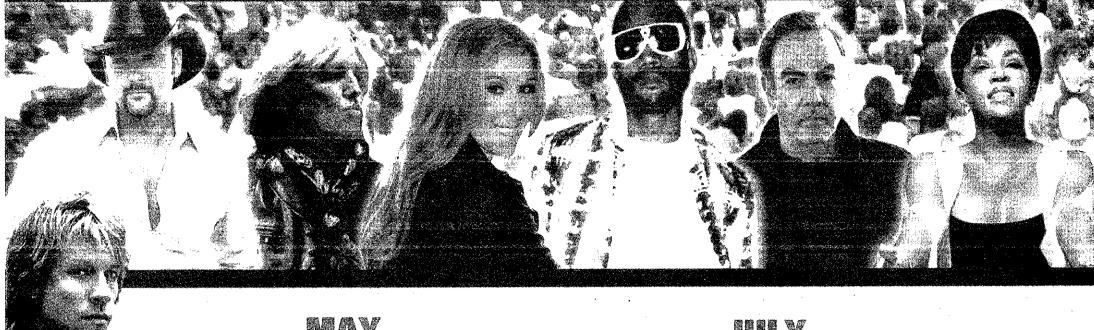
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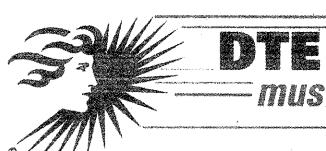
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In addition to anchoring Local 4 News at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., Spencer is an Emmy award-winning consumer investigator. With her "Ruth to the Rescue" reports, she has helped thousands of consumers find solutions to their complaints about a business, product or service.

Before heading up Local 4's consumer unit, Spencer was a general assignment reporter for WDIV. She moved to the Detroit area in 1990 to work at WDIV, and then met native Detroiter and attorney Jerry Aaron. They married in Cranbrook's gardens in 1992. The couple has a daughter, Amy, born in 1995. The family also includes Chase, the family's



Ruth Spencer

Bouvier des Flandres dog, and Yoshie, their cat from the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Spencer is involved with the American Heart Association. Her father died in 1999, due largely to heart disease, she says. Her husband survived a heart attack in 1996 when he was 49. Because of these events, Spencer says, she and her husband serve as co-chairs of the annual fund-raiser, The American Metro Detroit Heart Walk, the

largest in the nation. "Î'd like to invite everyone to come walk with me each autumn and help raise money to continue the fight against heart disease and stroke," she says.

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

Garden City Hospital staffers honored as Nightingale nurses

Three Garden City Hospital nurses are being recognized by the Nightingale Award for their work.

Pamela Thomson of Dearborn and Linda Yoder of Livonia, both nurse case managers for Rehabilitation Services, and Debra Williams of Livonia, chief nursing officer will be among 124 nurses recognized for providing exceptional effort, time and patience to the care of others at the 20th annual Nightingale Award Ceremony.

The nomination and evaluation of nurses is based on contributions to the nursing profession, positive impact on an organization's reputation and visibility as a supporter of nursing, support for scholarships in nursing education, and assistance in preparation for technological changes in health

The Nightingale Award philosophy is that nurses are an integral part of the health and well being of people and their community. Nightingale nurses are caring and compassionate and apply the education they have to problem solving and leadership.

Thomson is delighted to be the winner of the Nightingale Award for Long Term Care/ Rehabilitation.

"I am very thankful to win an award for something that I love doing everyday," said



Carden City Masgithi excess lietra Williams of Linuxia finan lefts. Pamela Thomson of Dearborn and Linda Yoder of Livonia will be recognized at the Nightingale Award Ceremony on Thursday, May 8, for their contributions to the health and well being of all people and their communities.

Thomson, a 24-year hospital employee. "Rehab is such a rewarding department and it truly is a team effort. When we see patients progress into a higher level of functioning and they reach a goal that they set out to accomplish, it is gratifying to know that I have made an impact in their life."

As a case manager, Thomson acts as a liaison between the patient, doctor, and the patient's family to promote and overlook the patient's care within cost effective practice patterns. She

also follows up with patients after discharge to makes sure they have all necessary resources and have continued progress-

As a Nightingale Award winner, Thomson will receive \$1,000, a statue and a Nightingale pin.

Yoder is a runner-up for the Nightingale Award for Long Term/Care/Rehabilitation. With almost 21 years at Garden City Hospital, Yoder asserts that nursing was the best and easiest choice she had ever had

"Looking back, I always new I loved working with and help-ing other people," she said. "Becoming a Rehab Nurse was a simple choice that throughout the years has brought me such fulfillment and fond memories."

Williams is a runner-up for the Nightingale Award in the specialty of nursing administration. Prior to becoming vice president and chief nursing officer, Williams worked in the Emergency Department as director. As CNO, Williams is responsible for overseeing all nursing operations, ensuring quality and improvement efforts, and certifying that the nursing department is utilizes evidence based practice nurs-

As a Nightingale Award honoree, Williams feels she achieved one of her goals as a nursing leader.

"To achieve an honor like this makes a statement that what you are doing, you are a doing right, and that you are making a positive impact in the nursing field," said Williams. "I can't accept this award on my own merit because I am only as good as the people I lead. Our entire nursing staff deserves recognition for their efforts in delivering excellent patient care."

The Nightingale Award Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 8, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

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Notice to: NATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE The civil complaint, as described in the caption below, has been filed against

the Defendant, National Business Machine. Failure to file an answer with the

Macomb County Circuit Court or other action permitted by law within 28

days pursuant to MCR 2.105(A) may result in a Default, Default Judgment

and/or any other action allowed by law and the court. STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

UNITED AMERICAN PAYROLL, LLC, a Michigan limited liability corporation

Plaintiff,

Case No.: -7-4865 CK Hon. Mary A. Chrzanowski

NATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE, an assumed Name of MATRIX IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC., a Michigan corporation and a successor corporation to NATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC., a Michigan corporation and SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, a foreign corporation,

Defendants.

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DAVID M. BELANGER (P39266) The Law Offices of David M. Belanger, P.C. Attorney for Sharp Elec. Corp., Only 200 Maple Park Boulevard, Ste 205 St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 Tel: 586.445.9100 Fax: 586,777,4778 david@belangerlegal.com

> ORDER FOR PLAINTIFF'S EX-PARTE MOTION TO ALLOW SUBSTITUTED SERVICE AGAINST NATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE

> > At a session of the Circuit Court held in the City of Mt. Clemens, Macomb County, Michigan, on APR 15, 2008 Hon. Mary A. Chrzanowski Circuit Court Judge

The Plaintiff, through its counsel having filed its Ex-Parte Motion to Allow Substituted Service Against National Business Machine, and the Court having reviewed the Motion and Brief in Support, and otherwise being advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Plaintiff may effectuate service by:

- a. Sending a copy of the Summons, Complaint, and Order to the last known address for National by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail;
- b. Posting a copy of the Summons, Complaint, and Order in the lobby of the Macomb County Court Building for the 16th Circuit Court for Macomb County located at 40 N. Main Street, Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043; and
- c. Publication in a local newspaper, once each week, for three (3) consecutive weeks.

MARY A. CHRZANOWSKI CIRCUIT JUDGE

APR 15, 2008 A TRUE COPY

CARMELLA SABAUGH, COUNTRY CLERK BY: Diane J Boss Court Clerk

Publish: April 20, 27 & May 4, 2008

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

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

Monday, April 28

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make

held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

The Polls of Election will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Candidates for the following offices will he voted upon:

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-

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.

ELECTION NOTICE

ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2008 FOR

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular School Election of Livonia Public Schools School District will be

Yoga (third of four classes) at 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.

Childbirth Education (fifth 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) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, April 29

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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 in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (third 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.

Wednesday, April 30

Exercise Express 12:30 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.

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.

Daily Programs

Garden City Hospital's Health **Enhancement Center offers** daily programs Monday through: Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

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Livonia Public Schools – School Board

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	7A	Dickinson Center	18000 Newburgh Road
(consolidated 8A & 8B)	8A	Dickinson Center	18000 Newburgh Road
	9A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
	10A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
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	16A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
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All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they

Hellenic Cultural Cen.

VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on casette tapes. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the tape. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a cassette player available in the polling place.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

LINDA GRIMSBY Livonia City Clerk

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EILEEN DeHART Westland City Clerk

36375 Joy Road



Tammy Henderson poses with her Observer in an airport gift shop in Narita,

The floating

market

outside

Bangkok

offered the

backdrop for

Henderson's

third photo

with her

Observer.

Wish you were here, here and here

When Tammy Henderson headed for Thailand for adult stem cell treatment, she took along her Garden City Observer to do a Wish You Were Here photo. But instead of one, she ended up with three, chronicling her trip to the Far East for treatment to repair her damage heart.

She first posed for photo with the newspaper in the gift shop at the airport in Narita, Japan.

"That's all we saw of Japan, we had just enough time to take a photo and board our next flight," she said.

Husband John joined her for a second wish photo in front of a Chinese Budha in the Ancient City in Thailand then she used the floating market just outside Bangkok for a third wish snapshot.

Through donations, fundraising and a loan, the family raised some \$40,00 needed for the stem cell treatment. According to Henderson, the treatment cost less than expected, so they are close to meeting all of the costs.

A lawn sign that had promoted an ongoing can and bottle drive has been redone "to say thanks to all those who helped us reach our goal," she said.



They may have been in Thailand, but John and Tammy Henderson pose in front of a Chinese Budha in the Ancient City.



Two weeks after the treatment, Henderson reported

change in her condition. "It can take up to six months for the full effect," she said.

that there had been no

If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi 48150. Be sure to include your name and informa-

tion about your photo.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

Riding a motorcycle can be a fun and exhilarating experience. Unfortunately,

motorcycle riders get into more fatal accidents then regular vehicles. As May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, there are several tips motorcycle riders and would be riders can follow to increase their safety on the road.

Motorcycle riders are much more physically vulnerable than other car drivers when it comes to collisions. Statistically you are 26 times more likely to die when riding a motorcycle than you are when riding in a car. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 1,658 motorcyclists' lives were saved in 2006 because they were wearing helmets. Another 752 could have been saved had they been wearing a helmet.

Other safety considerations like speeding may seem like over-exhausted rhetoric to your average car driver, but for a motorcycle rider the implications of speeding can be even more serious. One third of motorcyclist fatalities were speeding upon impact. Proper motorcycle training is also very important to ensure safety. One out of four motorcycle operators that were involved in fatal crashes had an invalid license. You must have a motorcycle endorsement on your license in order to operate a motorcycle in the

state of Michigan.

Motorcycle safety literature emphasizes visibility as another key factor in staying safe on a motorcycle. Assume you're invisible to other drivers and ride as defensively as possible. It's important to be aware of how positioning your motorcycle in a lane can ensure maximal visibility to the car drivers around you.

To find out more about how to ride a motorcycle safely you can check out. "Proficient Motorcycling: The Ultimate Guide to Riding Well" by David L. Hough. You can also look at the Web site for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at www. msf-usa.org. Another useful Web site with motorcycling tips, techniques and also some mechanical information is available at www.msgroup.org.

As always the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is here for your information needs. Stop by the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123 or search our catalog any time of the day online at www. westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities independent Movie Night: 7 p.m.

Come join us for a viewing of "Grey Gardens." Meet Big and Little Edie Beale - high-society dropouts, mother and

daughter, reclusive cousins of Jackie 0.

 thriving together amid the decay and disorder of their ramshackle East Hampton mansion. A feature film starring Drew Barrymore will be coming out about their lives in November. All are welcome. No registration is required. Refreshments will be provided.

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Discussion Group: 7 p.m. April 30. This month, we discuss "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs. We'll probably watch a couple of Tarzans, too - Weissmüller vs. Lambert and more. If you can't come, check out our blog, at sfwestland(ibmius.blogspot.com. Everyone with an interest in science fiction or fantasy is welcome, but please read the book before the meeting.

Retirement Planning: 7 p.m. April 30. Learn how to make your retirement dreams into reality. Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, to discuss what investments fit your unique dreams and goals. Find out what retirement means to you, what your personal plan is and what your options are. For more information or to sign up to reserve your seat, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian and Web designer Kristy Cooper. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Constan: Projects create jobs, give economy a boost

As part of a statewide plan to speed up construction projects and create thousands of jobs for Michigan workers, State Reps. Gino Polidori, D-Dearborn; Morris Hood III, D-Detroit, and Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, have announced two projects at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Henry Ford Community College that will create more than 800 local jobs.

The projects were approved on Wednesday by the Michigan House, and now head to the Senate for final approval.

"Shoring up our state's infrastructure and strengthening our schools are two sure ways to attract investment to our state," said Constan whose district includes Garden City. "These projects can create more jobs for our workers and give our economy a significant boost. I call on my colleagues in the Senate to take quick action to approve this plan."

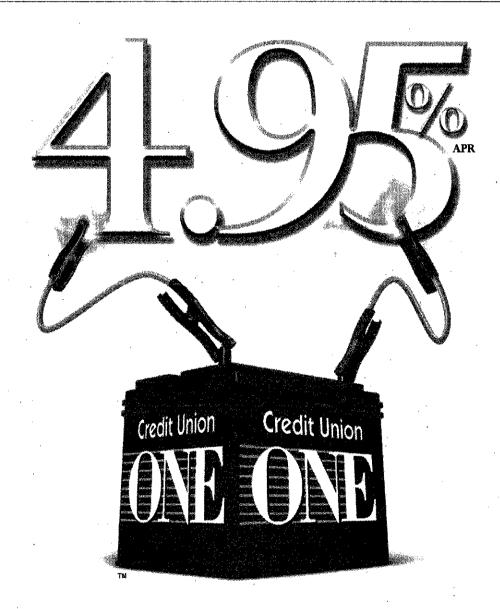
The University of Michigan-Dearborn and Henry Ford Community College are targeted for construction and renovation projects, totaling \$51 million, made up of a mix of state, federal and local funding. The Science Building and the Computer Information Science Building at UM-D will get \$36 million in upgrades and renovations. The 52,000-square-foot Science Building at HFCC will get a complete renovation.

"In this day and age, education must be one of our top priorities," said Hood, chair of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee and sponsor of the legislation. "Ensuring that our schools have the facilities and resources they need to prepare our students for the global economy is essential to making Michigan a magnet for cutting-edge businesses.

"These projects will help get Michigan moving in the right direction."

In addition to creating jobs for our workers, the projects will help better equip both schools to prepare Michigan's students for high-tech jobs in homeland security, life sciences and other cuttingedge fields. The projects are two of hundreds of construction projects at universities, colleges, airports, military facilities and state parks across the state that aim to help create more than 29,000 jobs for Michigan's workers. It is part of a plan to pump \$1.8 billion into the economy and help move Michigan forward.

"Creating jobs for our workers is my top priority in Lansing, and that's exactly what these projects will do," Polidori said. "In addition, the improvements planned for both schools will help these fine institutions provide the best possible learning environment for our students, and help prepare them for the high-tech jobs of the 21st century."



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Artist puts her own style into handbag gig

OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT

Aladdin may have been best known for his magic carpet, but for Michele Kramp it's her magic

A textile artist from Canton, Kramp has been designing oneof-a-kind handbags since 2003 under the name The Magic Bag Lady. Unconventional designs, recycled fabrics and unique embellishments are all trademarks of her custom handbags.

Born in Redford, Kramp moved to Canton with her parents, James and Georgette Craig, when she was 10 years old. Kramp says both of her parents encouraged her creativity at a very young age.

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"My mom taught us to knit, crochet and sew. She's a strong, selfmotivated woman and took great pride in how her three daughters looked growing up. From our hair to all the clothes she made us - we always looked so neat and put together," said Kramp.

When she was in elementary school, Kramp first tried her hand at sewing by making her own doll clothes. After graduating from Plymouth Canton High School, she earned a degree in apparel design and merchandising from Wayne State University.

"It was my dad who encouraged my love of drawing, which I refined in college," Kram said.

"He allowed me to use his drafting tools and made sure my school projects were done well. He had high standards for all his daughters. He would say, if you

have the proper tools use them, no

In addition to drawing, Kramp took fine tailoring classes at WSU, where she learned all the oldschool techniques, such as welt pockets, hand-sewn buttonholes and draping.

"I became even more proficient when I used those skills everyday working for a couple of local tailors," she said. "Tailoring is much more mechanical and structural in nature but my sewing skills were so much better by the time

A STITCH IN TIME

In 1997, Kramp and her husband Matthew gave birth to their daughter Madeline.

"The first year of her life I made all of her clothes. I wanted to take the same pride in my daughter's appearance that my mom did for me and that I have done for myself," said Kramp. "At the same time I tried to make a go of designing and selling children's clothing at craft shows, but it seemed like I never had the right size someone was looking for in something I sewed. So I made this little green bag out of fabric with fairies on it. It was perfect. So I made another and another and another."

Then in 2001, Michele and her family moved to Italy while her husband, a computer-aided designer, worked with an international company fabricating automotive door latches. Kramp says she became a "professional" tourist" and immersed herself in the Italians' love of fashion.

We went crazy buying clothes, sunglasses and shoes," Kramp said. "It was fantastic."

While touring the countryside with a Canadian family they befriended, Kramp became known for carrying everything they might need while sightseeing in her handbag.

"My friend Lorraine started referring to me as 'the keeper of the magic bag," she recalled.

And the rest is history. Upon their return from Europe, Kramp revived her handbag designing. and got to work improving the style, quality and structural integrity of her bags. Again, she tried craft shows as an outlet for her handhags but that didn't work.

"People at craft shows wanted



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michele Kramp specializes in handbags that look like art.

to see 10 of the same bags so if their friend bought one they could walk in and buy the same one. My bags do have some little similarities but no two are the same," said

It's that level of individuality that fuels Kramp's creativity. Her handbags are based on current trends but with "a little rebellion mixed in."

"I combine what's going on this season and funk it up a bit," she

Kim McCord, a local pediatrician and internist, has purchased several handbags for herself and given them as gifts over the past 10 years.

"I don't know how to describe it but I like what she does on a lot of levels," said McCord, a Plymouth resident. "She's got a good business idea. If you see her work you recognize it's very unique and I love that she recycles material. Her bags are fun, creative and

A signature of Magic Bag Lady handbags is the integration of reused and recycled fabric.

"I get a lot of material from friends. Either sentimental pieces, such as wedding dresses or neckties worn by someone's grandfather to the clothing my daughter is outgrowing. I'm cheap and I work with whatever I have," said Kramp. "From an environmental standpoint - everyone has something they're not using. Instead of throwing it out they give it to me."

Last fall, Kramp's friend and fellow artist Laura MacIntyre introduced her to Karen Thomas, the owner of Biddle Gallery (www. biddlegallery.com) in Wyandotte. Original artworks by more than 100 Michigan artists are available for purchase including jewelry, fiber, furniture, glass and more.

"Michele stopped by the gallery with another artist who was dropping offer her portfolio. The friend mentioned Michele made really cool handbags and was wearing one of her bags to prove it," said Thomas. "I love that the bags are made from recycled and sentimental textiles. Each bag is one-of-a-kind. Michele's handbags are functional works of art. The craftsmanship and attention to detail is outstanding.

In addition to running her own business, Kramp is a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District and a member of HATCH - Hamtrack Art Collective (www.hatchart.org), a community of artists that come together to host group, solo and juried exhibitions at Café 1923.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG

All of Kramp's handbags have leather handles and grommets, are hand stamped with the Magic Bag Lady logo she designed herself and are lined featuring multiple interior pockets for everything from lipstick pouches to cell phone and MP3 player compartments. Embellishments have included silk flowers and men's neckties to buttons and CDS.

"I recently made a handbag for someone that featured a bunch of these old keys their dad used to carry around with him and it was lined with a pair of his plaid pants," she said. "They loved it."

Some of the most exclusive designs in The Magic Bag Lady collection are Kramp's coffee bean bags. She recycles the burlap sacks local retailers throw away that once contained beans from coffee growers. Although burlap is one of the most challenging materials to work with - Kramp says no two bags are alike due to the unique brand names and designs stamped on the outside of the burlap sacks.

"My customers love the fact that no one else will be carrying a bag like theirs. Michele's' bags are very distinctive – you know it's a Magic Bag Lady when you see it," said Thomas.

Kramp's 10-year-old daughter Madeline has undoubtedly inherited her creative spirit. She and her husband have done everything they can to encourage it and are very proud of her efforts. This spring Madeline will debut her own line of jewelry labeled "Whatever Styles." Her designs include memory bracelets, earrings and rings. The motherdaughter duo will sell Madeline's jewelry and Michele's other textile related merchandise (handmade wallets, change purses, notepads and note books) at Craft Uprising at Biddle Gallery.

Craft Uprising (CU) is every third Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and third Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each month. The idea behind CU is to showcase indie crafters whose work would not normally show in the gallery and to keep the pieces affordable.

"I attribute much of my success to my parents. They instilled the confidence in me that I could do whatever I wanted. I think that rings true throughout my life and in my designs. They taught me I didn't have to follow a pattern in life ... just like my handbags. They don't have to 'fit' anybody hecause they fit everybody," said Kramp.

For more information about The Magic Bag Lady handbags, call Michele Kramp at (734) 664-8636 or by e-mail at themagicbaglady@yahoo.com. To see more of The Magic Bag Lady handbags, go online to www.biddlegailerv.com or stop by the gallery at 2840 Biddle Ave., downtown Wyandotte.

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9 a.m.-2 p.m. 'Ilme

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THEN AND NOW

Here's a timeline of the handbag: 480 B.C.: Peasants in early rural societies used bags to carry seeds 14th century: The very first mention in written literature comes from the 14th century, even though Egyptian hieroglyphs show pouches carried around the waist. Embroidery and jewels adorned

these articles and were used to show status - the richer the person. the more elaborate the bag. 15th century: The drawstring bag was a status possession. Wedding purses were a traditional gift from

groom to bride. **16th century**: Cloth bags were used that were made larger and used by travelers and carried diagonally across the body. Men continued to carry a little netted purse for

money inside the pocket. 17th century: Small purses with more complex shapes were popular. Embroidered artwork becomes more popular in handbags.

1800s: Women now have handbags for every occasion. Reticules (handbags) are used for carrying rouge,

visiting cards, a card case, and smelling salts.

1900s: Handbags become more complicated with the inclusion of fasteners, internal compartments and locks. Now compartments are added for opera glasses, cosmetics and fans.

1920s: Bags no longer needed to match the outfit perfectly. Men discover the convenience of toting their belongings in a handsome hand or shoulder bag.

1940s: Handbags are made with the economy and the warm in mind. Metal frames, zips, leather, and mirrors were in short supply so manufactures used plastic and wood. 1950s: The foundations of handbag styles are set by designer houses including Chanel, Louis Vuitton and

Hermes, 1960s: We see the breakdown of old notions of the classical and the rise of youth culture. Wild colors,

fabrics and patterns. Today: We now see handbags made from space age synthetics to handwoven straws - a handbag for every

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OUR VIEWS

Gather at flagpole and say a prayer

The Wayne-Westland-Garden City Ministerial Association is asking people to gather around the flagpole in front of Westland City Hall at noon Thursday for the annual National Day of Prayer. The crowd will most likely be small, but the prayers huge as they have been in the 56 years the event has been held.

There are those people who would say that such a religious-based event should be held in a church rather than around a flagpole, but the intent of the National Day of Prayer is very specific. People of all faiths are asked to unite to pray for our country and leaders.

Prayer is portable, it can be said anywhere, and for those who believe, it can be very powerful. And praying as a country is nothing new. It's always been used in this country for guidance, protection and strength - even before it was a nation or a handful of colonies. The Pilgrims at Plymouth relied on prayer during their first winter. The Founding Fathers also called for prayer during the Constitutional Congress.

Even President Abraham Lincoln knew the power of prayer. Before the battle of Gettysburg, when the fate of the nation hung in the balance, he turned to prayer. The Union won the battle, a turning point in the Civil War that ended slavery and kept the United States

And as American troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt called for the nation to unite in prayer. He also offered a prayer to prepare each citizen for the road ahead: "Let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be."

Today, we face many of the same challenges. The men and women in our armed forces are embroiled in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many have died and many have suffered life-altering injuries. The economy is struggling and many of our neighbors are seeing their dream of the good life evaporate. We can go it alone in resolving these problems or we can ask for help.

Those who went before us did the latter and succeeded. We encourage people to gather at the flagpole on Thursday and pray for our city, county, state and national leaders, even if you don't agree with what they have done. Pray for the safety of our men and women in uniform, for their families, and for the comfort and recovery of those who have been wounded. Those who can't participate, take a moment to bow your head and say a prayer.

If Roosevelt, the Pilgrims and Lincoln never underestimated the power of prayer, neither should we.

Using religion for politics

Chris Torres' letter in the April 24 edition of the Observer concerning Rep. McCotter's proposed HR 598 (Ten Commandments acknowledgement) requires comment; comment from an opposing, yet religious, point of view.

Politics is an ugly business. Religion is a beautiful one. So when a politician audaciously attempts to use religion to advance his political agenda, citizens should be outraged. HR598 is one of those attempts. It is a transparent effort to pander to McCotter's socially conservative base; to convince these good people that he and his party are men of God and, by extension, his opponents are heathen secularists, never to be

I, for one, find the manipulation of religion, its symbols, and its sacred writings for political gain offensive and a direct attack upon our religious free-

Contrary to the text of HR 598, no one - less the most cynical political manipulator — perceives the Ten Commandments as anything but a religious document. And no one — less the most disingenuous purveyor of pseudo history — believes our government and judicial system is based upon them. So why is Rep. McCotter, a well-known student of history, attempting to sully a religious document with our secular government's seal of approval? I'm sure he's got an answer if you can cut through his political double-speak.

The Decalogue is a meaningful and sacred guide for billions of Christians and Jews. It should never be used as a means to grease the path for anyone's re-election. That's why I'm outraged and vou should be, too.

Hal Downs

Pope is liable

I am ashamed to be an American today. I have friends who have suffered from the abuse of pastoral sexual perversion and yet my government has given the pope full honors equal to heads of countries.

Truth is, when the pope's plane landed on American soil, he should have been arrested and fingerprinted. He is, after

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all, the CEO of an organization which has evaded our criminal laws by providing priests with new identities and giving them Vatican immunity.

The pope should not be above the law. On this soil, we are a nation of laws, not men.

Grea Thrasher Birmingham

Officials should 'get on board'

Every week we read in the newspapers about how the American worker needs to "get on board" with the global economy. If they want to keep their jobs, they will have to accept lower wages, less fringe benefits and higher co-pays on the benefits they do keep.

The time has come for our own government to "get on board" with the global economy. They, too, may have to accept the same bitter pill that the rest of us have had to swallow. Increasing taxes on those who can least afford it is not a valid solution. No one wants their wages to be cut, but if that is the cost of survival, so be it. Those who don't want to accept this harsh reality will have to step aside and let others, who are willing, step into their shoes.

Ken Champagne Canton

2008 refund or increase the amount you owe when you file your 2008 return," quotes the IRS.

However, millions of otherwise eligible households will not receive much (if any) rebate payment due to a little known and largely concealed IRS practice. The IRS states: "For this purpose, the stimulus payment is treated like any other tax refund. This means that part or all of your payment can be used to pay past-due federal or state income taxes or non-tax federal debt, such as student loans and child support ..." Tens of millions of taxpayers and families owe and are making restitution on, such

In other words, the highly touted Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 is not completely about boosting our economy. It is apparently also about boosting federal and state coffers through an automatic transference of federal revenues to agencies that would not ordinarily receive such dollars in a single tax year.

To this extent, the U.S. economy, the intended beneficiary of the economic stimulus package, will undoubtedly suffer. The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 may just be another political sham dropped on the American taxpayer and families.

Murray Davis

Southfield

Another sham

On Feb. 13, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 before Congressional leaders in the White House. This bi-partisan created law is intended to boost a sluggish U.S. economy by providing cash rebates directly to 128 million American households. Rebates range from \$600 for individuals to \$1,200 for couples plus \$300 per child. Much fanfare has been made surrounding this so-called 'windfall' for the American consumer who is expected to use it for retail shopping to "pump-up" our economy.

As the prime vehicle for distributing the rebates, the Internal Revenue Service has gone to great lengths to differentiate this special stimulus rebate from standard tax refunds: "It's not taxable, and it won't reduce your 2007 or

Letter writer is off the mark

That article "Granholm is missing the mark" might as well have advocated hiring illegal aliens.

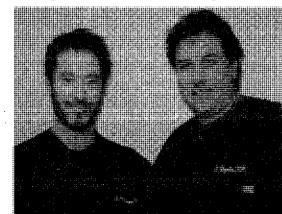
He says support right to work, privatize, kill prevailing wage, cut payroll, cut pensions, allow oil drilling - heck, I bet he is the first to complain about services when something he wants done isn't getting done.

People who want something for nothing just drive me up the wall. The only way to ensure his level of government would be to fire everyone from the governor and the legislature on down and replace them with about a million illegal immigrants. We can pay them \$5 a day, with no health insurance, no pensions and if they aren't busy running the state, they can help with the oil spills in our Great Lakes. Give me a break

> Mike Smith Clawson

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Market performs the same under Dems or Republicans

Dear Rick: I was discussing the stock market with friends and whether it did better with a Democratic or Republican president. We actually did some research and found all sorts of answers. What's your take? Who is better for the market, Democrats or Republicans?

I get this question every four years and over the years I have done a significant amount of research on the issue. After reviewing many studies and looking at all sorts of data, I have concluded it doesn't make a difference in the long run.

Whenever I do research, whether it is on a mutual fund, a tax law or a new strategy, one of the keys is to use independent

Unfortunately, numbers can be manipulated to show whatever you want. I am sure if you look at studies funded by Democratic sources, they will show the market is better under Democrats. On the other hand, if you look at a Republican-funded study it would show the exact opposite.

When using independent sources and studies, I have reached the conclusion that markets perform about the same no matter who's in the White House.

I cannot stress enough the importance of independent sources. It's only by using independent sources can you get reliable information you can depend upon.

Dear Rick: In preparing my 2007 tax return, I noticed a mistake on my 2006 return. I received a 1099 that had capital gains and dividends and I only reported the capital gains, not the dividends. I guesstimate that it will cost me a couple hundred dollars in taxes.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

an amended return or wait for the IRS to contact me? When it comes to taxes be proactive. You would be better off to file an amended return,

pay the taxes

and whatever interest is due now, rather than wait for the IRS to contact you. In the long run this will save you money and aggravation. The IRS will probably discover the mistake. At that time, they will assess you the additional tax, interest and a potential penalty. Typically, if you voluntarily correct your return, you will have a much greater

chance of avoiding any penalties. There is another benefit of filing an amended return. No one wants to be audited by the IRS. Individuals who file incorrect or sloppy returns tend to have a greater risk of being audited. Therefore, to reduce your risk of being audited, file an amended return.

All you need to do is Form 1040X. Go to the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov to obtain the form. It's an excellent Web site and has lots of information with regard to taxes in general.

Many of us make mistakes when we file a tax return. However, the bigger mistake is not to correct the return when we know there is a problem.

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

VOTE FOR STUDENT VIDEOS

Students from eight area high schools are competing for the top prize in the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest. The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among students.

Go to www.buddyspizza.com and view the work of students from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Berkley High School, Livonia Ladywood, Troy Athens, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Livonia Franklin. Then vote for your favorite. Voting ends at midnight April 30.

Schools throughout the area were invited to produce a 30-second public service announcement video focusing on teen issues.

"The contest will give high school students an opportunity to send a powerful message that impacts their peers and the community on topics including, but not limited to, the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, bullying, cyber-bullying and violence," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's.

Contest rules required each video to include some representation of Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric or Mirror Newspapers (i.e., filmed at a Buddy's Pizza location, Buddy's logo in video, Observer & Eccentric and/or Mirror Newspaper visible at some point in video). Also included must be the tagline "Sometimes you just need some Buddy's ... Seriously!"

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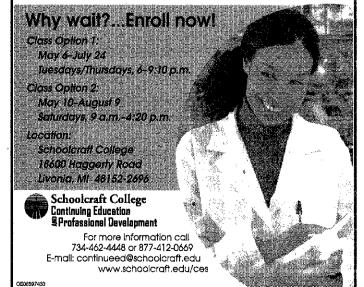
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Scully's grand slam keeps Chargers in Lakes hunt

Livonia Churchill is alive and well in the Lakes Division baseball race in the Western Lakes Activities Association following a 16-6 victory Friday at home against rival Livonia Stevenson.

The Chargers, getting a grand slam from Ricky Scully in the third inning, improved to 7-7 overall and 3-1 in the Lakes (tied with Walled Lake Central and Westland John Glenn).

Scully went 3-for-4 with six

RBI and three runs scored. He added a 2-run single in the fifth

Brian Runge added two hits and five RBI, including a 3-run triple in the sixth to end the game on the 10-run mercy.

Winning pitcher Jimmy Tyler went the first five innings, allowing six runs on nine hits and two walks while fanning seven. Reliever Shea Dwyer finished up.

Losing pitcher Jeff Sorenson

PREP BASEBALL

allowed 11 runs, six earned, on six hits and two walks in 4.1 innings. He fanned six before Mike Tuttle took over and allowed five runs on five hits and a walk in 11 innings.

Stevenson's top hitter was Jon Samaan, who went 3-for-3. Tuttle added two hits and two RBI, while Sorenson contributed two hits and an RBI.

The loss drops Stevenson to 3-8

JOHN GLENN 4, W.L. NORTHERN 3: Senior righthander Robert Fraser scattered six hits and three walks over seven innings to lift Westland John Glenn (8-5, 3-1) to the WLAA-Lakes Division win Friday

Fraser, who struck out seven, also scored twice as the Rockets remained tied for first in the division.

over host Walled Lake Northern (8-5,

Andrew DeLuca chipped in with an RBI single and RBI double in the second and fourth innings, respectively. Jon Gillis went 2-for-3 with an RBI single

in the first inning, while Kevin Lafave added an RBI sacrifice fly during the

Russ VanMaele collected an RBI double in the first for the Knights. Kevin Carlson, the losing pitcher, gave up five hits, walked one and fanned

five in seven innings of work. NORTHVILLE 14, FRANKLIN 3: A 10-run explosion during the opening inning propelled the state-ranked Mustangs (15-0, 4-0) to a WLAA-Western Division triumph Friday at Livonia Franklin (8-

Please see BASEBALL, B2

Spartans' hurler secures 1-0 win

One run was all that Livonia Stevenson needed Friday to subdue girls softball rival Livonia Churchill.

The host Spartans got a sterling pitching performance from Jamie Johnson, who allowed just two hits and struck out eight, in a 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division triumph.

Stevenson is now 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the division, while Churchill falls to 5-9 and 2-2.

Amanda Paison reached base on an error in the bottom of the sixth inning and eventually scored on Lauren Brueck's RBI single. Brueck went 2-for-3.

Losing pitcher Natalie Hiser, a freshman, allowed just four hits, struck out seven and did not allow a walk in six

innings. NORTHVILLE 11, FRANKLIN 5: Sarah Rounsifer went 3-for-4 and blasted a 3-run homer over the fence Friday to pace the WLAA-Western Division leading Mustangs (11-0, 4-0) to a victory at home over Livonia

Franklin (5-4, 1-3). Winning pitcher Jenna Dumbleton went the first 4.1 innings, allowing six hits and : runs in the fifth inning as Franklin's

SOFTBALL

Brittany Taylor clubbed a 3-run homer and Jessica Emery added a 2-run double.

Taylor went 2-for-4 in the loss, while Briauna Taylor and Natalie Sanborn doubled and singled,

Losing pitcher Alecia Geraghty, a sophomore, gave up 11 runs on 12 hits. She walked five.

The Patriots committed four Allison Holmes came on in relief,

fanning six of the eight remaining CANTON 11, WAYNE 6: Jordan Berry and Kathy Harris each went 3-for-4,

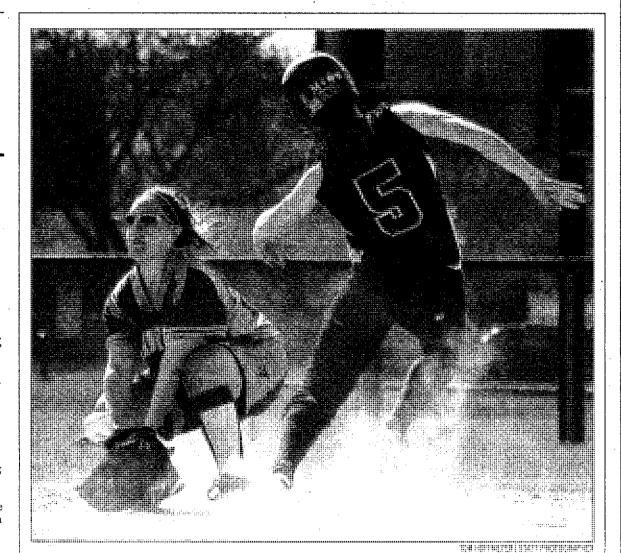
but it wasn't enough Friday as host Wayne Memorial (4-9, 0-4) fell to the Chiefs (6-5, 2-2). Winning pitcher Molly Watson worked the first 6.2 innings, allowing 12 hits and a walk while fanning

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up 15 hits and walked three in seven

eight. Amy Dunleavy got the final

Heather Henning and Megan Zuccaro each had two hits for the Zebras. Henning also scored twice. Watson and Nicole Rago each went 2-for-4 and scored a run for

W.L. NORTHERN 7, JOHN GLENN O. Kristina Weltzin pitched a five-hit shutout Please see SOFTBALL, B2



Sneaks into 2nd

Ladywood's Gina Sykes (left) tries to get her glove on the throw as Mercy's Kathrine Garry slides safely into second base in Thursday's Catholic League Central Division twinbill. Ladywood won the first game, 5-4, as Alyssa Abramoski and Kyla Suchy each had two hits and two RBI. Mercy won the nightcap, 13-8, as the Blazers' Courtney LaValley and Jenny Kelley each had two hits. Ladywood is 5-4 overall and 2-4 in the Central, while Mercy is 6-6 and 3-3.

MU's Sonnenberg reaps NAIA honor

Madonna University's Jeff Sonnenberg has been named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Pitcher of the Week (ending April

It was the first national honor for the Lansing native and the first for an MU hurler since 2005 when Derek Dufrane captured the same award.

Sonnenberg was selected after going 2-0 in two appearances last week.

The junior right-hander threw 5.2 innings in relief in a 9-6 MU victory over Indiana Tech. He struck out five Warriors to pick up his first win of the week and followed that performance up with a nine-strikeout outing in a no-hitter against Aquinas on Saturday.

Sonnenberg carried a perfect game into the seventh inning before allowing two bases runners on a walk and an error. For the week, the Lansing

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Community College product allowed just one walk in 12.2 innings and struck out 12 batters. while holding opponents to a 0.75 batting average.

In 37 innings and eight appearances this season, Sonnenberg is 3-1 with 37 Ks and a 1.46 earned run average.

MU outright champs

John McCracken notched his school-record ninth save and Madonna hit the 30-win mark for the third straight season under coach Greg Haeger by splitting a doubleheader Friday with host Concordia University.

MU, which clinched the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outright, captured the opener 4-1 as Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) pitched

Please see MU, B6

Patriots get 1st victory of year

The Livonia Franklin girls soccer team put a win in the books Wednesday with a 2-0 WLAA-Western Division tri-

umph at Wayne Memorial. The Patriots, now 1-7 overall and 1-3 in the division, overcame a slow start with a pair of second-half goals, the first coming off a corner kick on a Wayne own-goal credited to Ally Trosell.

Ally Mesa then dribbled to the backline to beat the Wavne keeper and score an insurance goal with only 20 minutes remaining.

'They (Wayne) had a few more potential chances than we did, but we certainly controlled the play," Franklin coach Jen Baker said. "After halftime we showed a spark and created more chances for ourselves.

'We were forcing the goalkeeper to make saves and finding a way in behind their backline.

'We're excited to get a win, but we know there was more we could do to capitalize on

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our chances. We know we can win and we're going to work from that."

Wayne, meanwhile, remains winless at 0-9 overall and 0-4 in the division. LADYWOOD 1, GABRIEL RICHARD 1:

In a Catholic League matchup Thursday, host Livonia Ladywood (3-3-3, 3-2-2) battled to a draw with Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (10-1-2, 4-1-2), ranked No. 5 in the latest statewide Division 3 poll.

Ladywood's Alison Szczypka scored on a penalty kick in the 53rd minute, while Susie Pauley answered for the Irish in the 62nd

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring made four saves, while Gabriel Richard counterpart Anna Zekany made three stops.

"Both teams played very hard," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I liked our effort and the way we played defensively, especially Allison Krueger, Sarah Kempa, Christina Eroyan and Lindsay Maier."

STEVENSON O, W.L. CENTRAL O: It was a scoreless standoff Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (5-3-1, 2-1-1) battled to a draw with Walled WLAA-Lakes Division encounter.

Taylor Commiskey made eight saves in goal for the Vikings, while Stevenson's Rachel Simari had to make just two stops en route to the shutout.

We created enough chances to finish the job, but they (Central) played very discipline defense and had eight behind the ball," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We created enough chances to finish the job. We moved it around, but couldn't find the back of the

Pinta singled out the play of Molly McConnell, Kayla Kimble, Rachel Stevens, Taleen Mergian and Brittany Hoots.

CHURCHILL B. JOHN GLENN O: Darcy DeRoo had a goal and two assists Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (7-1-1, 3-1) bounced back from its first defeat of the season to beat host Westland John Glenn (1-8, 0-4) in a mercy.

Bailey Brandon also scored twice for the victorious Chargers, who scored all eight goals in the first half.

Other goal scorers included Kayla Johnston, Megan Bauman (penalty kick), Julianne Puroll and Diana Busch.

Please see SOCCER, B6

Dynamic boxers

Super-heavyweight Walter Burns of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club won a pair of bouts last weekend (April 11-13) at the Detroit Golden Gloves Tournament held at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor.

Burns scored a first-round TKO over William Stokes of Detroit's Kronk Gym and followed the next day with a unanimous decision over Ryan Rowls of Ann Arbor's Asquare Gym to advance to the National Golden Gloves, May 5-10, in Grand Rapids.

In the Novice Division, Dynamic's super-heavyweight Juan Goode won by decision over Prince Walton of the Downtown Boxing

Meanwhile, Garden City native Dan Smith also captured his super-heavyweight bout avenging a loss several years back to Patrick Booker of Kronk.

Other Dynamic boxers to participate in the Golden Gloves, but eliminated from competition, included Sage Fradi (119 pounds), Zachary Hall (131), Adam Graham (141). David Davison (147), Giovanni Medoro (147) and Nicholas Esparza (165).

Arizona ace aolfer

Mike Coliton, 43, of Livonia, used a 6-iron to ace the 159-yard, No. 5 hole recently at Paradise Valley Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz. Coliton shot 71 for the 18-hole round.

FHS baseball alums

Livonia Franklin will stage an alumni baseball for all former Patriot varsity players. beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at the school's field.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 83

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 54 April 24 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Matt Broome (LS), 44 feet, 0.25 inches; 2. Zack Bozigian (WJG), 43-5.75; 3. Chris **Discus:** 1. Bozigian (WJG), 154-3; 2. Golonka (LS), 142-11; 3. James Kelly (WJG), 137-1; **High jump**: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-3; 2. Pat York

(LS), 6-1; 3. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-6. Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin (WJG), 22-0.25; 2. Myles White (LS), 21-8.5; 3. Will Burek (LS), 19-9.5.

Pole vault: 1. Gary Lawrence (WJG), 12-6; 2. Jonathon Gudeman (LS), 12-0; 3. Danny Martinelli (LS), 10-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 15.3;

2. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 17.01; 3. Dennis Dillard (WJG) 17.05 300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 42.45; 2. Burek (LS), 42.85; 3. Emanuel Onwuemene (LS), 44.23. 100 dash: 1. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 10.95; 2. Martin (WJG), 10.97; 3. Nick Anagnostou (LS),

200; †. Dawkins (WJG), 22.53; 2. Austin White (LS), 23.0; 3. Anagnostou (LS), 23.06. 400: 1. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.0; 2. Nate Sergison (LS), 51.88; 3. Stephen Pollard (WJG), 53.32. 800: 1. Michael Globons (LS), 2:02.83; 2. Daris Smith (WJG), 2:06.64; 3. Jordan Burger (LS),

1.600: 1. Brian Fenech (LS), 4:54.18: 2. Dan McCahill (WJG), 5:01.86; 3. Mike Gardner (WJG),

5:03.99 **3,200**: 1. Shawn Howse (LS), 10:27.21; 2. Eric Plisko (LS), 10:57.85; 3. McCahili (WJG), 10:57.93. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (JaJuan Marks, Martin, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 43,34 (school record: broke mark of 43.5 in 2007); 2. Stevenson, 44.13; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 1:36.71; 2. Stevenson, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Buskey, Sergison, Anagnostou, Gibbons), 3:41.11; 2. John Glenn, 3:57.25; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Gibbons Burger, Garrett Balint, Travis Gosselin), 8:54.3; 2. John Glenn, 9:57.59.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA-Lakes Division. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 95

WAYNE MEMORIAL 42
April 19 at Wayne
Shot put: 1. David Fortin (LF), 43 feet, 3 inches;
2. Nate Coleman (LF), 42-9; 3. Jarius Woolfork

Discus: 1. Austin Hassen (WM), 148-11; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 125-7; 3. Nate Mosley (WM), 111-10. High Jump: 1. Tony Lawson (LF), 5-6; 2. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-3; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-3. Long Jump: 1. Evido Edwards (WM), 20-11; 2. Renaido Poweli (WM), 20-7; 3. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 18-11.

Pole vault: 1. Beadle (LF), 12-0; 2. Nick Fenner

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

(LF), 12-0; 3. Chris Bush (LF), 8-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 14.6; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 15.9; 3. Cameron Wludyka

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(LF), 40.6. 300. hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 40.0; 2. Gregory (LF), 42.1; 3. Wludyka (LF), 44.8. 100 dash: 1. D.J. Freeman (WM), 11.3; 2. Isäac Cadet (LF), 11.6; 3. Edwards (WM), 11.7. 200: 1. Darell Myree (LF), 22.7; 2. Freeman (WM), 23.0; 3. Edwards (WM), 23.4. 400: 1. Lewcon (LF) 60: 2. Pyan Tarbanish **400**: 1. Lawson (LF), 56.0; 2. Ryan Tarhanich (LF), 56.9; 3. H. Cadet (LF), 56.9.

800: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 2:08.3; 2. Dylan Taylor (LF), 2:08.6; 3. Nick Gheradini (LF), 2:11.5. 1,600: 1. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 4:40.0; 2. Jacob Schofield (WM), 4:50.0; 3. Jason Riffel (LF),

5:06.1. 3,200:1. Schofield (WM), 10:32.2; 2. Doug Cole (LF), 10:36.5; 3. Peter Walblay (LF), 10:38.5. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Myree, 1. Cadet, Mike Baumgardner, Paul Voegele), 43.8; 2. Wayne, 44.5; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Matt. Ingrod.), 44.6; 1. Franklin (Matt 14.3, 300 relay: 1. Frankin (Marting) oy, fin Simon, Blake Lucas, Brandon Richards), 1:44.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Frankin (Gregory, H. Cadet, Tarhanich, Ryan Hurt), 3:47.9; 2. Wayne, 3:58.3; 3,200 relay: 1. Frankin (Gheradini, Waiblay, Cole, Sirena), 8:43.1; 2, Wayne, 9:01.9. Dual meet records: Franklin, Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA-Western.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 84, SALEM S5 April 24 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 47 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Ed Mehri (S), 45-4.25; 3. Duane

Najarian (LC), 42-11.5. **Discus**: 1. Najarian (LC), 135-9; 2. Courtney Frazier (S), 130-8; 3. Baltazar (S), 129-7. **High jump**: 1. Jace Beardon (S), 6-0; 2. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-9; 3. Ryan Whittum (LC) and Kevin Appel (LC), 5-6 each. Long jump: 1. Billy Gutowski (I.C), 20-6; 2. Beardon (S), 19-10; 3. Scott Coppola (LC), 18-7. Pole vault: 1. Joe Tesner (LC), 14-6; 2. Derik

Peterman (LC), 14-0; 3, Paul Krutty (S), 10-6 110-meter hurdles: 1. Mike Giles (S), 15.48; 2 Peterman (LC), 15.8; 3. Whittum (LC), 16.0. **300 hurdles**: 1. Scott O'Connor (S), 42.2; 2. Giles (S), 43.63; 3. Ian Guerin (LC), 45.2. 100 dash: 1. Emmanual Dixon (LC), 11.53; 2. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.64; 3. Jeff Ricketts (LC),

200: 1. Devon Easterling (LC), 23.8; 2. Coppola (LC), 23.98; 3. Pat Patin (S), 24.01. 400: 1. Gutowski (LC), 53.2; 2. Stephen Telenko 400: 1. Gulowski (CC), 93.2; 2. Stephen Freehko (S), 54.37; 3. Chris DeNapoli (LC), 2:04.1; 2. Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:04.7; 3. Schmidt (LC), 2:05.5. 1,600: 1. Waterbury (LC), 4:44.4; 2. Jason Smith (S), 4:45.4; 3. Joe Variione (LC), 4:46.7. 3,200: 1. Variione (LC), 10:30.7; 2. Mark Freyberg (C), 10:46.7; 3. May, 1, pp. (S), 10:46.5. (LC), 10:46.7; 3 Alex. Lang (S), 10:46.5. 400 relay: 1. Churchill (Ricketts, Coppola Zach Fargo, Dixon), 45.82; 2. Salem, 45.97; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Gutowski, Coppola, Ricketts, Dixon), 1:33.8; 2. Salem, 1:36.1; 1,600 relay: 1.

Salem, 3:44.0; 2. Churchill, 3:52.8; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Schmidt, Grysko, Anthony Marietti, Paul Folk), 9:02.0; 2. Salem, 9:07.0. **Dual meet records:** Churchill, 4-0 overall, 3-0

WLAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA-Lakes Division. DEARBORN ELKS RELAYS April 19 at Dearborn H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Adrian, 47 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 42; 3. Westland John Glenn, 27; 4. Plymouth, 25; 5. Dearborn, 24; 6. Canton, 19; 7. Livonia Franklin, 16; 8. Wyandotte, 13; 9. Detroit Northwestern, 11; 10. South Lyon, 4; 11. Taylor Truman and Taylor Kennedy, 3 each. John Glenn individual 1sts; (tie) Gary Lawrence, pole vault (13 feet); Keshawn Martin, long jump (20-9.25).

John Glenn relay 1sts: long jump (Martin, Larry Dawkins, Daris Smith), 55-11; discus (Zack Bozigian, T.J. Arancibia, James Kelly), 406-7; **2nds:** shot put (Bozigian, John Abraham, Kelly, Dustin Gajowiak), 163-4.5; 400 relay (Jajuan Marks, Martin, Corey, Dawkins), 43.7; **3rd:** 800 relay (Thomas Bonner, Marks, Davis, Dawkins), 1:35.09; **4th:** heavy man (Bozigian, Abraham, Kelly, Gajowiak), 52.81; **5ths:** pole vault (Lawrence, Ryan Lockhart, Dan McCahill), 24-0; shuttle hurdles (Dennis Dillard, Lawrence,

Julian Johnson, Sergio Pavan), 1:16.82.
BERKLEY INVITATIONAL
(April 20 at Berkley Hurley Stadium) TEAM STANDINGS (20 schools): 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 46 points; 2. Novi, 45; 3. Troy, 43; 4. Walled Lake Western, 41; 5. Ferndale, 39; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 29.

Shot put: 1. Mike Denison (W.L. Central) 49-11: 5. Matt Broome (Stevenson) 46-9.5: discus: 11; b. Matt Broome (Stevenson) 46-9.5; discus:
1. Denison (W.L. Central) 156-10; 6. Broome
(Stevenson) 131-4; high jump: 1. Pat York
(Stevenson) 6-4; long jump: 1. Antwan Gandy
(Ferndale) 21-9; 3. Nate Sergison (Stevenson)
20-10; pole vault: 1. Garrett Farley (Novi) 11-6; 300-meter hurdles: 1. Imani Duperry (Brothe Rice) 39.8; **3,200:** 1. Steve Blaszczyk (Novi) 9:51.0; 10:06.0; 5. Shawn Howse (Stevenson) 9:51.0; 10:05.0; 5. Shawn Howse (Stevenson)
10:09.0; 800 relay: 1. Ferndale, 1:30.5; shuttle
hurdle relay: 1. Rice (Imani DePerry, Basher
Kazanji, Tommy Franz, Christian Vlachos) 52.4;
distance medley (800-400-1,200-1,600):
1. Lahser (Chris Pinter, Jordan Jones, Tobias
Budde, Joey Grace) 10:42.2; 3,200 relay: 1. Royal Oak (Eric Hull, Drake Phillips, Theo Kempf Joe Banyai) 8:19.0; 5. Stevenson, 8:45.5; **400** relay: 1. Berkley (Demario Johnson, Brandon Mathias, Marcus Taylor, Damacious White) 44.2; matthas, Marcus Taylor, Damaclous White) 44.2 5-person mile (200-100-300-600-400): 1. 0rchard Lake St. Mary's, 3:29,9; 4. Stevenson, 3:22.1; 1,600: 1. Mike Atchoo (Troy) 4:25.3; sprint medley (100-100-200-400) – 1. Rice (Mike Belton, Matt Decker, Brantley Fulton, Nick Thomas) 1:37.6; 5. Stevenson, 1:40.6; **1,600** relay: 1. Stoney Creek (Drew Edwards, Michael Skienski, Brian Krause, Mark Hoyer) 3:32.6.

Warriors roll, improve to 9-1

Pitcher Ryan Baglow became Lutheran High Westland's alltime career wins leader Friday as the Warriors romped to a 15-3 Metro Conference baseball victory over host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The senior right-hander, now 2-0 on the year, notched his 18th career victory scattering six hits and walking only one in seven innings. Baglow also struck out eight as the Warriors improved to 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the Metro.

Lutheran Westland blasted three homers in the victory led by Nate Bachert, who went 3for-5 including a 2-run homer in the top of the second. He scored four runs and swiped three bases.

Dan Abbott went 3-for-4 with a solo homer and RBI double. He finished with three

Aaron Derminer contributed two hits, including a 3-run inside-the-park homer in the fourth inning.

Other hitting stars for the Warriors included Billy Meier, 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI; Ryan Baglow, 2-for-3 with an RBI; and Austin Baglow, 2-for-3.

The loss drops Northwest to 2-9 overall and 0-5 in the

NURON VALLEY 8, BAPTIST PARK 7; Despite four errors on Thursday, Westland

PREP BASEBALL

Huron Valley Lutheran (4-5, 4-1) rallied for six runs in the sixth inning to upend Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division foe Taylor Baptist Park Christian (4-2, 3-1).

Winning pitcher Aaron Howell went the distance, scattering nine hits. He struck out five and walks one. Howell also went 2-for-4 with

Richie Mamo and Ryan Jones. also went 2-for-4 each with an RBI

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 8, LUTH, SOUTH 0: Recent JV call-up Gage Flanery tossed a two-hitter and fanned 13 Thursday as Lutheran High Westland (8-1) downed host Newport Lutheran South (4-4) in a non-conference game.

Flanery walked only three in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Brad Puchalski allowed eight hits, struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

Offensively, Sam Ahlersmeyer paced the victorious Warriors going 2-for-2 with a double, two stolen bases and two runs scored.

Ryan Rakovalis also went 2for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored, while Micah Hausch, Aaron Derminer, Matt Bartus (triple) and Ryan Baglow each contributed a hit and RBI

CLAWSON 14, CLARENCEVILLE 4: Rob Feeman went 3-for-6 with three RBI and pitcher Steve Wendell scattered eight hits to earn the victory Wednesday as the Trojans (7-5, 3-1) took five innings to mercy host Livonia Clarenceville (1-9, 1-3) in a

Metro Conference game, Lösing pitcher John McAlpine

gave up 10 hits and walked six. Only five of the 14 runs were earned. Tyler Hendrickson went 3-for-

3, while McAlpine, Levan Go and

Jimmy Moody each drove in a run. LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, HARPER WOODS 9: Lutheran High Westland (7-1, 3-1) overcame nine errors Wednesday to edge the visiting Pioneers (2-6-1, 1-2-1) in an eight-inning Metro Conference game.

Harper Woods led 9-5 after scoring four times in the top of the seventh, but the Warriors rallied for three in the bottom of the seventh and one in the eighth when Adam Zehel scored following a throwing

error on Micah Hausch's bunt single. In the bottom of the seventh, Eric Shoats forced in a run when he walked with the bases loaded Billy Meier, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI, tied with a 2-run single.

Nate Bachert and Sam Ahlersmeyer each went 3-for-4 for the victorious Warriors.

Bachert scored three times, while Ahlersmeyer doubled. Zehel went 2-for-3, was hit by a

pitch twice and scored three runs. Dan Abbott added an RBI single. Ryan Baglow, who came on to pitch scoreless relief in the seventh. was the winning pitcher.

Derek Fleetham starter, going the first five innings allowing two earned runs on five hits and five walks. He fanned five before giving way to Austin Baglow, who allowed five runs (one earned) on four walks and two hits.

Harper Woods starter John Fradeneck, who went 7.2 innings, took the loss. He gave up 12 hits.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 109, SALEM 28 April 24 at Churchili Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet, 1.5

inches; 2. Taylor Bryon (LC), 32-8.5; 3. Shannon Getchen (LC), 30-4. **Discus**: 1. Abron (LC), 127-7; 2. Getchen (LC), 106-2; 3. Ashley Benton (S), 96-5.

High jump: 1. Cierra Yetts (LC), 4-9; 2. Jaclyn Gribeck (LC), 4-6; 3. Kelly Determan (S), 4-6. Long jump: 1. Paige Regular (S), 15-3.5; 2. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 14-5; 3. Jamie Marihugh (LC), Pole vault: 1. Eren Ural (LC), 9-0; 2. Marihugh

(LC), 8-6; 3. DiMauro (LC), 8-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Margarita Lazarevska (LC), 16.33; 2. Mallory Lukas (LC), 17.3; 3. Gribeck **300 hurdles**: 1, Lukas (LC), 50.5; 2, Lazarevska (LC), 50.76; 3, Madeline Vala (S), no time

100 dash: 1. Deja Wright (S), 13.2; 2. LaBerge (LC), 13.5; 3. Regular (S), 14.99. **200**: 1. LaBerge (LC) 28.3; 2. Mattel (S), 29.1; 3. Aoude (LC), 29.72.

400: 1. Rache! McFarlane (LC), 1:03.8; 2. Sara Krofl (LC), 1:04.73; 3. Aoude (LC), 1:04.73. 800: 1. Emily Clairmont (LC), 2:39.8: 2. Kim Verelien (LC), 2:41.14; 3. Melissa Westrick (LC), 1,600: 1. McFarlane (LC), 5:17.4: 2, Kroll (LC),

5:20.8; 3. Michele Verellen (LC), 6:06.67. **3,200**: 1. K. Verellen (LC), 12:57.4; 2. M. Verellen (LC), 13:10.6; 3. Lauren Dykla (LC), 13:32.6. 400 relay: 1. Salem, 54.93; 2. Churchill, 57.1; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Aoude, Lazarevska Lukas, LaBerge), 1:55.73; 2. Salem, 1:59.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:30.4; 2. Churchill, 4:41.24; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (K. Verellen, Clairmont, Sara Niezgoda, M. Verellen), 10:38.0; 2.-Salem, 10:50.0.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-2 LIVONIA STEVENSON 97

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 40
April 24 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 33 feet, 5.75
inches; 2. Maame Adomako (LS), 31-4.75; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 30-7.75. **Discus**: 1. Adomako (LS), 100-0; 2. Colette Fodera (LS), 99-9; 3. 8. Bartek (LS), 96-6. **High jump**: 1. Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 4-6

2. Marci Kovsky (LS), 4-6; 3. Clairé LeBlanc (LS), Long jump; 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-2.25; 2. Kovsky (LS), 15-0.75: 3. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), Pole vault: 1. Lisa Black (LS), 7-6; 2. Jamie Mellas (WJG), 7-0; 3. Emily Wolf (LS), 6-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Brittany Gentile (LS),

16.8; 2. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17.0; 3. Andrea Gentile (LS), 19.3. **300 hurdles**; 1. B. Gentile (LS), 51.3; 2. Kovsky (LS), 55.2; 3. A. Gentile (LS), 57.1. 100 dash: 1. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12,71; 2. Payne (WJG), 13.3; 3. Candice Williams (WJG), 13.9. **200**: 1. Parker (WJG), 26.0; 2. Adamcheck (LS), 27.01; 3. Jenny Bartek (LS), 27.94. 400: 1. Katie Glynn (LS), 1:04.1; 2. Brooke Knochel (LS, 1:05.3; 3. Brittany Brown (WJG),

800: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:27.7; 2. Katie Vidler (LS), 2:35.3; 3. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 2:38.5. 1,600: 1. Christina Joss (LS), 5:44.2; 2. Samantha Kay (LS), 5:52.1; 3. Stacey Richardson (WJG), 6:02.0.

3,200: 1, Calka (LS), 11:39.7; 2, Lauren Engels (LS), 13:42.0; 3, Holly Butler (LS), 14:09.3. 400 relay: 1. Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Jasmine Sanchez, Parker), 52.4; 2. Stevenson, 54.8; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Mellas, Parker), 1:50.4; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Chrissy Tappan, Glynn, Knochel, Britfany Mrozek), 4:27.5; 2. John Glenn, 5:23.0; **3,200** relay: 1. Stevenson (Megan Roberts, Rebecca Gidley, Opdyke, Victoria Saferlan), 10:53.6; 2 Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall; 3-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-3 overall, 0-3 WLAA-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 117 WAYNE MEMORIAL 17

April 24 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Ashley Price, 33 feet, 6.5 inches; 2.

Savannah Haig (LF), 28-4; 3. Askin (WM), 27-4.5.

Piscus: 1. Haig (LF), 96-1; 2. Price (LF), 95-2; 3. Brittany Milican (LF), 85-1 High jump: 1. Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-9; 2. Sam Culp (LF), 4-6; 3. Emily Quint (LF), 4-6. Long jump: 1. Monica Hardy (LF), 15-6; 2. Kelly Tapella (LF), 15-0; 3. Jen Mueller (LF), 14-4.5. Pole vault: 1. Quint (LF), 8-0; 2. Anastasia Bending (LF), 7-0; 3. Mady Byrd (LF), 6-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Mueller (LF), 18.0; 2. Senneca Scott (LF), 18.55; 3. Sam Campbell

300 hurdles: 1. Scott (LF), 50.27; 2. Katelyn 100 dash: 1, Brittanie Simmons (WM), 12.72: 2. Rochelle Woods (WM), 13.08; 3. Molly Hirst (LF), 200: 1. Hardy (LF), 27.62; 2. Meah Long (WM),

28.02: 3. Woods (WM), 28.24 400: 1. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:03.51; 2. Simmons (WM), 1:06.02; 3. Woods (WM), 1:07.0. 800: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:34.56; 2. Olivia Hernandez (LF), 2:55.72; 3. Amanda Young (LF), 1,600: 1. Mallory Church (LF), 5:57.4; 2. Dominique Jordan (LF), 6:01.65; 3. Megan

Wickens (LF), 6:09.11.
3,200: 1. Brittany Dilley (LF0, 13:35.0; 2. Catharine Studzinski (LF), 13:46.3; 3. Tiffany VanOrden (LF), 14:11.05.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Corrine Haro, Tapella, Quint, Hardy), 52.62; 2. Wayne, 54.53; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Hardy, Butkowski, Hernandez, Scott), 1:50.62; 2. Wayne, 1:55.87; **1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (McPherson, Shannon Niznik, Jordan Amanda Borieo), 4:47.93; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Victoria Church, Kelsey Kaplan, Dilley, VanOrden), 11:49.11; 2. Wayne, 13:12.5. Dual meet records: Franklin, 3-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA-Western Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-3

BERKLEY INVITATIONAL April 19 at Berkley H.S. TEAM STANDINGS (22 schools): 1. Waterford Mott, 64 points; 2. Walled Lake Western, 61; 3. Troy, 55; 4. Pontiac Northern, 53; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 46; 12. Westland John Glenn, 20; 19. (tie) Lutheran Westland.

Shot put: 1. Alysha Johnson (W.L. Western) 37 feet, 9.5 inches; discus: 1. Kati Prena (WL Central) 122-2; **high jump: 1**. Lauren Little (Berkley) 5-2; **long jump: 1**. Asia Rawls (Mott) 17 4; 3. Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 17-1; pole vault: I. Kiley Tobel (W.L. Western) 10-0; 6. Rachel Storck (Lutheran Westland) 7-6; **300-meter** hurdies: 1. Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 47. 6. Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 50.0; 3,200: 1. Michelle Moriset (Troy) 11:35; **800 relay:** 1. Pontiac Northern (Jessica Gallow, Ashley Smith, Shavonne Moore, TeAna Murray) 1:48.0; 2. Troy, 1:49.0; 3. Berkley, 1:50.0; 4. Westland Glenn (Payne, Jamie Melias, Lakeysha Smith, Ashley Parker), 1:50.0; shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Pontiac Northern (Adreanna Lee, Angel Parker, Shaquala Phillips, Tiara Madden) 1:02.0; 3. Stevenson, 1:03.5; distance medley (800-400-1,200-1,600: 1. Mott (Alyssa Osika, Asia Rawls, Kelsey Champman, Shannon Osika) 12:58.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Mott (Alyssa Osika, Kelsey Chapman, Holly Cooperrider, Shannon Osika) 9:51.0; 3. Stevenson, 10:21.0; **400 relay:** 1 Pontiac Northern (Jessica Gallon, Ashley Sm Shavonne Moore, TeAna Murray) 50.9; 5. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Lakeysha Smith, Jasmine Sanchez, Ashley Parker), 52.9; **5-person mile** (200-100-300-600-400): 1. Mott (Porchea High, Camilla Washington, Paige Woods, Asia Rawls, Alyssa Osika) 4:11.0; 5. Lutheran Westland, 4:34.0; 1,600: 1. Shannon Osika (Waterford Mott) 4:56.0; 2. Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 5:22.0; sprint medley (100-100-200-400): 1. Edsel Ford (Alvssa Girardi, Carynt Schneider, Elise Glass, Stephanie Ferrante) 1:57.0: 2. John Glenn (Sanchez, Smith, Payne Parker), 1:58.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Mott (Alyssa Osika, Camilla Washington, Shannon Osika, Asia Rawls) 4:10.0; 2. Stevenson, 4:14.0.

MU sweeps as Irwin sets strikeout mark

Madonna University freshman pitcher Jess Irwin continued her brilliant season Friday, pitching the Crusaders' softball team to a pair of conference victories while also setting a new single-season school record for strikes.

Irwin added to her stellar inaugural season when she fanned her 183rd batter during Friday's opener against Cornerstone, an 8-3 MU victory. The win increased her own record to 16-5.

Meanwhile, with the 4-3 win in Game 2, MU took two more steps toward the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown — the Crusaders are 28-12-1, 16-4 in the conference. Cornerstone's record dipped

to 16-22 and 10-10. Besides Irwin's big achievement, the opener featured a 4-for-5 day at the plate by Livonia Churchill alum Cat Sidor. She also scored a run and drove in two, tripling during Madonna's four-run sixth which helped MU overcome a

2-0 deficit. The Crusaders added four more runs in the seventh, for good measure.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Kelly Lesko, Canton's Brittney Scero (2-for-3, two runs, two RBI), Sidor and Tedi Johnston all contributed RBI singles during the rally.

Irwin allowed just one unearned run and five hits, striking out five. She also pitched in the night-

cap, two innings of scoreless relief to earn her third save. Starting pitcher Michelle Henning picked up her third victory in five decisions. Henning gave up two runs and five hits in her five-inning

MU led 4-0 in the fifth before Cornerstone started chipping away in what would turn out to be a futile comeback bid.

Getting things rolling with an RBI double down the leftfield line in the top of the second was Garden City's Ashley Shay.

The Crusaders made it 3-0 in the third, on a pair of unearned runs. Christina Finch singled home Sidor for what would become the winning run.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 153, LIVONIA STEVENSON 171
April 25 at Hilltop G.C.
Canton scorers: Zake Conrad, 37 (medalist);
Andrew Rickerman, 37; Aaron Blase, 39;
Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 41
cache Clark Albars, 43 each; Clark Albers, 43.

Stevenson scorers: Christian Debay an Drew Mossoian, 42 each; Tim Milsk, 43; Adam Giordano, 44; Tom Cullum, 45. Dual match records: Centon, 2-0 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; 'Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA. SALEM 173, WAYNE MEMORIAL 191

April 24 at The Woodlands Salem scorers: Joel Cheesman, 39 (medalist); Tyler Jeleniewski, 42; Aaron Thompson, 45; Josh Perrin, 47; Kyle Zink, 48; Adam Hammell, 52. Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 43; Jack Zimmerman, 48; Andrew Morton, 49; Gary Neill and Ryan Raymor, 51 each; Kevin

Daul match records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 159 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 168
April 23 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 37
(medalist): Josh Proben, 38; Brian Bint, 41,

Dan Bostick, 43; Thomas Wagner, 46; Adam Yarber, 47. Franklin scorers: Tony Semonick and Jordan Chisholm, 41 each; Dan Ostrosky 42; Justin Adams, 44; Chris Grund, 47; Josh

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA; Franklin, 2-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA. BRIGHTON INVITATIONAL

BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT April 21 at Oak Pointe G.C. TEAM STANDING: 1. Saline, 298 strokes: 2. Okemos, 301; 3. (tie) Canton and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 305 each; 5. (tie) Novi and Brighton (Orange), 306 each; 7. Birmingham Brother Rice, 310; 8. Brighton (Black), 311; 9. Temperance Bedford, 317; 10. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 320; 11. Beverly Hills Detroit-Country Day, 321; 12. Livonia Churchill, 324; 13. Walled Lake Western, 326; 14. Traverse City West, 328; 15. South Lyon, 337; 16. Plymouth, 340; 17. Howell, 351; 18. Dearborn, 375; 19. Traverse City Central,

Churchill scorers: Brian Bint, 77; Josh Proben, 79; Kevin Robins, 81; Thomas Wagner, 87; Erik Newman, 93.

Friday as Walled Lake Northern (7-4, 3-1) downed host Westland John Glenn (0-9, 0-4) in a WLAA-Lakes Division matchup.

Weltzin struck out six and walked only one in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook didn't get much defensive support in her seven innings as the Rockets committed seven errors. She struck out six, allowed five hits and walked four Holbrook also had two of Glenn's five

Makensy Lakian singled and doubled for the Knights.

STEVENSON 3, CANTON 2: Emily Hollandsworth went 2-for-3 with two runs and two stolen bases as Livonia Stevenson (3-4) earned the WLAA crossover win against the host Chiefs

(5-5).Kristina Vaclavek's groundout scoring Tara Sharpe, who reached base with a single, proved to be the game-winning

Winning pitcher Laura Deacon went all seven innings, allowing just four hits and two walks while striking out eight.

Losing pitcher Amy Dunleavy also went the distance, allowing all three runs on six hits and no walks. She struck out five. Dunleavy and Hilary Payne each had run-scoring doubles in the first and sixth innings, respectively.

pitcher Brianna Lee scattered six hits Wednesday as the Rocks (4-2) downed host Livonia Franklin (5-3) in a Western Lakes crossover.

SALEM 5, FRANKLIN O: Freshman

Lee struck out nine and did not allow a walk in seven innings Emily Pitcole led Salem's seven-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a pair of singles and a 2-run homer over the fence. Sophomore Alecia Geraghty (2-2)

was the losing pitcher. She allowed two earned runs and walked four. The Patriots made a total of five

errors. Nicole Emery and Briauna Taylor each went 2-for-3 for Franklin, while teammate Natalie Polakowski doubled and was hit by a pitch.

CHURCHILL 2, WAYNE 1: Freshman hurler Natalie Hiser struck out 15 and allowed just one hit Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (5-8) edged host Wayne Memorial (4-8) in a WLAA crossover. Hiser allowed one unearned run

in the seventh and hit a batter to outduel Wayne starter Taylor Krohn, who allowed four hits and four walks while fanning three. Paula Guzik collected two hits and scored a run for the Chargers, while Jordan Kerr added an RBI. Mackenzie Everson scored the gamewinning run for Churchill in the fifth inning. Kathy Harris scored the lone run

W.L. WESTERN 7, JOHN GLENN 0: In a WILAA crossover Wednesday, host Walled Lake Western (6-1) got a pair of doubles and two stolen bases from Heidi Myers en route to a win over Westland John Glenn (0-8).

Dan Mills went 3-for-3 with two runs scored for Northville, ranked No. 3 in Division 1. Damarii Saunderson also went 2-for-2 as the Mustangs collected a total of 14 hits and chase

Patriot starter Mark McRobb. Joe Mitchell, the winning pitcher, worked the first four innings in the

mercy-rule victory. McRobb double twice and scored a run for Franklin.

CHURCHILL 4, WAYNE 3: Brian Runge threw a complete-game five-hitter Wednesday, lifting host Livonia Churchill (6-7) to the WLAA crossover

victory over Wayne Memorial (6-8). Runge, who struck out five and did not allow a walk in seven innings, also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Andy Szymanski was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Ricky Scully contributed an RBI single and RBI groundout for the victorious Chargers.

Wayne starter Ryan Collop (0-3)

took the loss, allowing four runs on six

hits and eight walks while striking out

collected an RBI single W.L. WESTERN 10, JOHN GLENN 5: Steve Astrien went 4-for-4 with an RBI and

four. Zebra freshman Shane Kommer

Andy Buchanan chipped in with three hits and knocked in a run Wednesday as Walled Lake Western (7-2) clubbed host Westland John Glenn (7-5) in a WLAA crossover. Winning pitcher Brett Lubanski

worked the first 5.1 innings, allowing

four runs on five hits and three walks. He struck out four. Alex Harris came on for the final 1.2 mnings. Glenn starter Chris Kangas, recovering from a preseason dislocated

elbow, fell to 1-1 after giving up 10 runs on 10 hits over five innings. He struck out six. Jon Gillis hurled two scoreless

innings in relief.
SALEM 10, FRANKLIN 2: Pitcher Joe Posler allowed two runs over five inning and helped his own cause going 2-for-4 with two RBI Wednesday as the host Rocks (5-4) bested Livonia Franklin

Sam Ott doubled and walked twice, and scored three times for Salem, which broke it open with five runs in the third inning to erase a 2-1 deficit.

Freshman Dan Muller (1-1) took the loss, allowing six runs (four earned) on six hits and a pair of walks. Reliever Anthony Andrus gave up four earned runs on four hits over the final three inmings.

Derek LeBlanc and Wayne Hawkins each went 1-for-3 with an RBI for the Patriots. CANTON 7, STEVENSON 3: Matt Barylski

went 3-for-3 with an RBI and Dan Stoney went 2-for-3 with a double. homer and three RBI Wednesday to propel the visiting Chiefs (6-5) to the Western Lakes crossover victory over Livonia Stevenson (3-7).

Seth Tschetter also went 2-for-2 for Canton, which scored three times in the top of the seventh to put it away.

Winning pitcher Ben Vaughn went the first 2.2 innings to pick up the victory. He allowed two runs on two hits and walked four, while fanning three. Stevenson starter Grant Campbell, who took the loss, worked five innings.

five hits and two walks. He fanned six. Jake Wilson went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and run scored for the Spartans. Sam Vomastek went 2for-2 with a double and RBI.

allowing four runs (two earned) on

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No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Jessica Novack, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Morgan Greig, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Emma Stack (LF) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Rebecca Fenner (LF) def. Jessica Gush, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Angela Tomassini-Linda Comini

(LF) def. Madelynn Bevill-Kara Windsor, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Jennifer Neamtu-Lauren Osiwala (LF) def. Nancy Watson-Xi Yan Wang, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Stephanie Beicher-Angela Browning (LF) def. Kiara Patterson-Kelsi Thomas, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Crystal Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger (LF) def. Ashlee Szabo-Felicia Starrs, 6-2, 6-1. **Dual match records:** Franklin, 2-5 overall; 2-5 Western Lakes Activities Association; Wayne, 0-10 overall, 0-7 WLAA. WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 6

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2

April 23 at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles: Erica Rouleau (WLC) defeated Lucy Klinko, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Stephanie Indianer (WLC) def. Paige Fallu, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Katelyn Foster (LC) def. Sayuri Yoshida, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4: Liz Slusher (WLC) def. Kelfy Houghan, 6-4, 4-6, No. 1 doubles: Sara Johnson-Madison Bartelt

(WLC) def. Kelly Felner-Jenna Zuccarini, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Nicole Mehta-Alicia Segnitz (WLC) def. Lauren Vella-Nikki Fata, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 3:** Mackenzie Conn-Angela Stawasz (WLC) def. Danielle Vasko-Cortney Bennett, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; No. 4: Melissa Koskey-Mrena Molnar (WLC) def. Brianna Devlin-Val Rose, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, Churchill's dual match record: 4-4 overall,

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 April 23 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Jessica Novack (WM) defeated
Lauren Longyear, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Jillian
Bean (WLW) def. Morgan Greig, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3:

Kelly Doherty (WLW) def. Robbie Tamlin, 6-0, 6-

0; No. 4: Saki Masuda (WLW) def. Jessica Gush, No. 1 doubles: Michelle Cha-Erica Osip (WLW) def. Madelynn Bevill-Kara Windsor, 6-0, 6-2: No.

2: Nicole Jackson-Emily Skiar (WLW) def. Nancy Watson-Xi Yan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Lauren Slevin-Radhey Ravel (WLW) def. Victoria Baker Victoria Metropolos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4; Melissa Witkowski-Chethie Muthukuda (WLW) def. Brittney Malloy-Zoe Smallwood, 6-2, 6-0. Wayne's dual match record: 0-9 overall, 0-6

SALEM 7. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

April 23 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Samantha
Giles, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Alile Carpenter (S) def. Sara
Pruett, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Jenny
Bone, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def. Louissa Vollaroman, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (S)

Desiree Clenney (WJG) def. Emily Hayte-Jennifer Hunsaker, 7-5, 6-4; No.4; Jenna Gambino Bethany Haller (S) def. Latina Yacks-Nicole Wiater, 6-4, 6-0. Dual match records: Salem, 5-1 overall, 5-1 WLAA; John Glenn, 3-5 overall, 1-5 WLAA, CANTON 7, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 23 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Ashley Madau, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Janelle Burdiss (C) def. Emily Wisniewski, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Johanna Alexander (C) def. Jessica Jajko, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:** Janell Karinemi (C) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-3, 6-3 No. 1 doubles: Gunian Malhotra-Katie Schwenn (C) def. Michelle Thompson-Linda Comini, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Amy Provost-Emily Misko (C) Tomassini-Stephanie Belcher, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Jaclyn Hollingsworth-Kayla Davis (C) def. Crysta

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

def. Kasheena Martin-Kaylyn Bothell, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Halie

Baker-Brooke Zywick, 6-4, 6-3; Lauren Baker-

def. Lauren Osiwala-Jennifer Neamtu, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Vicki Chen-Paige Babala (C) def, Angela Henderson-Jennifer Rellinger, 6-4, 6-1 Franklin's dual match record: 1-5 overall, 1-5

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, April 28 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m. Univ.-Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m Luth, Westland at Clawson, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Wayne, 4 p.m. w.L. Western at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
(all double-headers unless noted)
Southgate at Wayne, 10 a.m. Annapolis at Clarenceville, 11 a.m. Farmington Invitational, TBA.

(Lutheran Westland Tournament) Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, noon. PCA vs. Inter-City at Huron Valley, noon. Championship & consolation, 2:30 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, April 28 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m. **Wednesday, April 30** Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Gienn, 4 p.m. Univ.-Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Clawson, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1 Willow Run at Wayne, 4 p.m. Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
(all double-headers unless noted) Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Annapolis at Clarenceville, 11 a.m Michigan Stars Tournament, TBA (Lutheran Westland Tournament) Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, noon. PCA vs. Inter-City at Huron Valley, noon. Championship & Consolation, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4

Michigan Stars Tournament, TBA

GIRLS SOCCER Monday, April 28 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 Clarenceville at Luth, Westland, 4:30 p.m Saginaw Nouvel at Ladywood, 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 W.L. Western at Wayne, 4 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1 Luth, Westland at Lutheran North, 4:30

p.m. Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 2
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
John Glenn at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Rocnester Adams at Churchiii, 6 p.m. N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wavne at Garden City, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Ladvwood vs. Marian at Seaholm, 7 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Tuesday, April 29 Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m. brook at Clarenceville, 4:30

Clawson at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1
Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at Northville, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3
Tory Clark Invitational at Adrian, 9 a.m. Woodhaven Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.

Stafford Relays at W.L. Western, 10 a.m. Observerland Relays at Canton, 3:30 p.m. BOYS GOLF Monday, April 28 Churchili vs. Northville at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Northern at Brentwood C.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. John Glenn at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 Huron Valley Invitational at Prestwick Village, 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 30
Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. W.L. Northern at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m

Friday, May 2 Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Hawthorne Valley G.C., 2:30 p.m. Churchill vs. Salem at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Bay Pointe C.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Wayne at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.

Monday, April 28
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m. Ladywood at Grosse lie, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Notre Dame Prep, 4:30

p.m.
Friday, May 2
Stevenson at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Grosse lie at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Woodhaven Warrior Classic, 8 a.m.
Fenton Invitational, 9 a.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Monday, April 28 H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 Iywood at Notre Dame Prep, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-heeders except where noted)
Sunday, April 27 Madonna at Concordia Monday, April 30 Rochester College at Madonna (9), 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 1-4
WHAC Tournament, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Sunday, April 27 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m. Monday, April 28 Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30-Friday, May 2

WHAC Tournament, TBA.

TBA - time to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA girls fast-pitch

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is seeking girls ages 10-16 to play fast-pitch softball Western Wayne County League,

which begins in June. Openings remain for all age groups including 12-, 14- and 16and-under.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours or leave a message during non-business hours at (734) 421-

18-and-over baseball Those 18-and-over interested in forming a summer baseball league, approximately four-tofive teams for a 12-to-15 game season at Carleton-Airport's Kurtansky Field, should contact Jason Baaas at (734) 652-8586;

or e-mail jbaas28@hotmail.com.

Stevenson needs coaches Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-

level MHSAA format). For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.

Women's golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League, in conjunction with Livonia Parks and Recreation is seeking members for its 8 a.m. Thursday 18-hole, 20-week league, which begins May 1.

The cost is \$25 per week (includes greens feels and cart). Non-residents are also welcome. For more information, call

Alethea VanGorp at (734) 464-

Pitch, Hit & Run

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its annual Pitch, Hit & Run competition beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2) for boys and girls ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Free registration will be from 9:30-10 a.m. Age-group winners have opportunity to advance and possibly compete this June at Comerica Park.

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

Advanced archery

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a six-week advanced archery class (ages 10 and up) from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, June 2 through July 2, at the archery range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$30. You can register at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile

Road). You must have completed the introduction to archery class to

participate. For more information, call

(734) 466-2410.

Archery introduction The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, June 7 and Aug. 23 at the archery range, located off Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

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

Registration begins Monday, April 7 at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). For more information, call

(734) 466-2410.

Youth archery shoot

The Detroit Archers, Michigan's oldest archery club, located at 5795 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, will stage its annual Youth Archery Shoot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3-4.

The indoor event is open to all youths under-18 and all archery abilities, total novice through

experienced. Archery equipment can be furnished provided it's noted upon registration. Space is limited. You must provide the date, shooting time desired,

name, age sex and phone num-The cost is \$10 for each registrant. (includes trophy, hot dog,

soft drink). To register, call Jack Flaharty at (248) 360-0346; or visit www.

detroitarchers.com for directions

and more information.

Shoot to Score The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Shoot to Score competition for ages 10-and-up will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21 at Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue between I-96 and Plymouth Road (just north of the

Registration begins Monday, May 5 at the Parks and Recreation office, located inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile

Road). The fee is \$8 for the competition, which test a variety of specialty targets including balloons, sporting clays and the infamous ping pong shot. Prizes will be awarded to the top finalist in different classes for youth, teen and

adult age groups. For more information, call

(734) 466-2410. Intro to tennis

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its threeweek Introduction to Tennis II. for ages 6-10 from 10-10:55 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 8 through July 24 (Session II); and July 29 through Aug. 2, at the Bicentennial Park Courts, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The fee is \$75 (resident) or \$85

(non-resident) per session. Tennis racquets will be pro-

vided to those who do not have their own.

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

Recumbent rally

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will stage its annual Michigan Recumbent an d Tandem Bicycle Rally from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Willow Metropark pool shelter, located of I-275 (exit 11) in southwest Wayne County.

The free event, open to the public, will consist of recumbent and tandem bicycle displays, tes rides and dealers, along with a noon group ride. There will also be a "buying your first recumbent" talk at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 487-9058; or visit www. wolverbents.org.

Bucks preseason

The Michigan Bucks, the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Premier Development League (PDL) runner-up, will take on the Windsor Border Stars in a exhibition game beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Admission is \$7 for adults and

\$5 for youth. The Bucks opens their PDL schedule 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 against the West Virginia Chaos

at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas. For more information, visit www.buckssocer.com. To order individual game or season tickets, call the Bucks ticket office at

(248) 334-7460. Ladywood volleybail camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a summer volleyball came from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 6-9 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the school's gymnasium. The fee is \$100 and should be

made payable to Cameron Reiger and mailed to: Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, e-mail

ckompo@yahoo.com. Run Drugs Out

The second annual Run

Drugs Out of Town Run, with proceeds going the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force, will be Saturday, June 14 in Hines Park in Westland. On-site registration begins at 8

a.m. followed by the 1-mile family run-walk at 9 a.m.; and the 5- and 10-kilometer run-walk at 9:10 a.m. The event includes Champion

Chip timing for the 5- and 10K U.S.T.A.F. certified course. The registration fee includes T-shirt, lunch (featuring Stucchi's Ice Cream) and raffle prizes.

For more information, visit

www.justsayrun.com.

Clarenceville girls win in wild 8 innings, 19-12

It's fastpitch girls softball, but Friday's eight-inning marathon between Livonia Clarenceville and Bloomfield Hills Kingswood resembled a slowpitch score in a game that featured 34 hits, eight errors. 24 walks and four hit

batters. The Trojans scored twice in the seventh and broke it open with seven in the top of the eighth - keyed by Charmaine McQueen's 3-run double - to post a 19-12 Metro Conference

victory over the host Cranes. Clarenceville is now 4-7 over-

all and 3-3 in the Metro. "It was nice to be on the other side, a win, in a game like this," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "Our girls fought hard and it showed after the game. They came back inning after inning, and most importantly, they came to play after a tough (3-2) loss Wednesday (to Clawson). I'm proud, but we need some rest with a few key players getting injured."

In the bottom of the sixth, Kingswood pushed across two runs to take a 10-9 advantage.

The Trojans answered with two runs of their own in the top of the seventh on consecutive singles by Karinda Cummins, Lisa Wilson, Miranda Cummings and winning pitcher

Val Sochacki. Pinch runner Megan McLaughlin and Wilson scored the tying and go-ahead runs, but Kingswood responded with a run of its own in the bottom of the seventh when Karen Matheu reached on an error and scored

on Bonnie Rivard's RBI single. Samantha Sillanpaa, Brooks, Wilson and Cummings all collected three hits in the victory. Sochacki went 2-for-3 and walked three times, while Chelsea Lawler walked five times, was hit by a pitch and

scored three runs. Sochacki allowed 12 runs on 16 hits (nine earned). She walked seven and fanned three.

Andrea Stankovich led the Cranes going 3-for-4 with two homers, a triple and four RBI. Jenny Schobiner and Tess LiPillante also added three hits apiece.

BAPTIST PARK 17, HURON VALLEY 15: Sisters Emily and Abby Blum were the culprits Thursday as host Taylor Baptist Park Christian improved to 3-1 in the Red Division of the Michigan

Independent Athletic Conference with a win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5, 0-4).

Emily Blum was the winning pitcher, scattering 12 hits over seven innings, while Abby Blum provided the offensive punch, going 4-for-4 with a triple, three RBI and three runs

Brandy Nocella went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, triple, three RBI and three runs scored for the Hawks.

Starter Sarah Schaffer suffered the On Tuesday, Nocella went 1-for-3 the host Hawks were blanked by Warren Macomb Christian, 9-0, which improved to 3-1 in the MIAC-

CLAWSON 3, CLARENCEVILLE 2: In a Metro Conference game Wednesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (3-7, 2-3) fell to the visiting Trojans (3-1 conference) as junior Lisa Wilson, who doubled, was cut down at home plate to end the game by Clawson first baseman Tess

Losing pitcher Val Sochacki (3-5) allowed just five this, walked three

Clarenceville fell behind 3-0 after two innings, but fought back with one in the fourth on consecutive walks to Samantha Sillanapaa, Chelsea Lawler and Sochacki followed by a Clawson

The Trojans added another run in the fifth on Miranda Cummings' RBI

Demolition, Diesels hold joint fund-raising effort

The Detroit Diesels will be joining forces with the fivetime Independent Women's Football League champion Detroit Demolition for a fund-raiser from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 at bd's Mongolian Barbeque, located at 22115 Michigan Avenue, in

Players from both squads will be on hand to help cook and serve food. There will also be a raffle held in the lobby of the restaurant where merchandise from the two teams, as well as other items such as tickets to a Tigers game, will be raffled off.

After finding out that the two teams share the same home field for this season

(Livonia Franklin High School), it was wondered how else the two teams could collaborate. This is just one of what can

certainly be a great relationship between two of the better minor league football teams in the metro Detroit area. "We're looking forward to having a nice get-together before the season starts,"

Diesels owner Allen Seder said. "It's nice to be able to work with a great team such as the Demolition, and collaborate on something good for minor league football and the community."

A host of Diesels showed up recently to the Demolition's season opener at Franklin,

a 34-0 victory against the Columbus (Ohio) Phantoms.

The public address announcer gave the Diesels a halftime shout-out. "It was nice to come out

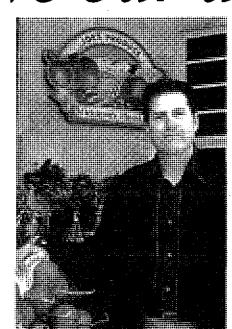
and show support," Seder said. "We were humbled and thankful that they took the time to help out like that." The Demolition (1-1) return home Saturday, April 26 to

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The Alive '08 organ donation event takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Detroit Science Center. Evening includes, silent and sports auction, food, a chocolate fountain, and a ceremony honoring all heroes of donation, music by "Current" Jazz Ensemble from Orchard Lake Middle School. Tickets \$60, \$110 for 2, \$450 for 10. Visit www.donatelifemichigan.org or call (248) 770-5172. For information about registering as an organ donor, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

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Deadline to RSVP for the Costume Potluck party in Canton is Thursday, May 1. It is being hosted by Dawn Ham-Kucharski, her husband Rich and their son Alex to raise money for the American Cancer Society on behalf of members of Team Plymouth AM Rotary/Carlson Travel who are participating in the 24-hour Relay for Life Event at Heritage Park in Canton May 17-18. To enter the party on Sunday, May 4, you have to wear a costume, bring a dish to share and pay \$5 per family, \$5 per individuals with a guest. To RSVP, call (734) 335-7082 or send e-mail to alexsmom1@comcast.net.

Hearing loss events

Walk4Hearing 10 a.m. (registration begins at 9 a.m.) Saturday, May 3, at the East Boat Dock of Kensington Metro Park, Milford. Proceeds go to support Hearing Loss Association of America programs. For information or to register, visit www.Walk4Hearing.org.

Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus feaves Tel/Twelve Mall (cost \$30), partici pants meet with their state representative and senator and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to ngibbent@ hfhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808,

MS Walk

Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds, and/or volunteering in the Metro Detroit Northeast Walk MS at Troy High School on Sunday, May 4. To register or for information, visit www.nationalMSsociety.org/mig.

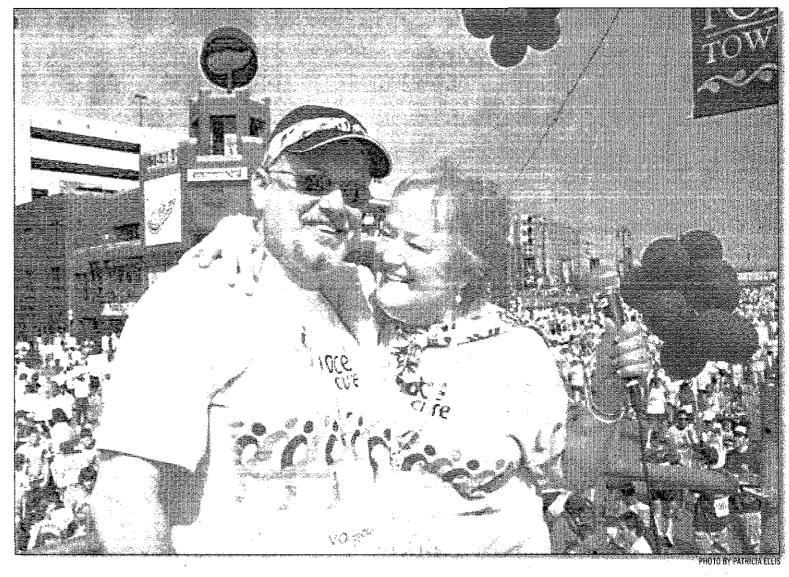
Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m.. Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Volunteers needed

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.



Maureen Meldrum, chairwoman of the Komen Detroit Race for Cure, and her brother Brendan Keenan enjoy last year's celebration of survivors. Meldrum was treated for breast cancer 17 years ago. Today she is director of breast cancer special programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Event closing in on a cure



Last year's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure raised \$350,000 for breast cancer research, \$1.3 million for local programs to educate, screen and treat low income and under/uninsured women and men in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

KOMEN DETROIT RACE FOR THE CURE

What: 17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile walk to stop breast cancer

When: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31; opening ceremony 8 a.m., race/walks 9 a.m. Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

Details: Online team registration through May 13. individuals through May 29, at www.karmanos. org/raceforthecuredetroit. \$12-\$40 cost varies by age. On-site registration available at May 30 Expoor race day beginning at 7 a.m. Expo is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit (free)

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

heresa Poore more than likely won't be in the 17th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on May 31, at Comerica Park. She still doesn't know if chemotherapy is needed to fight the breast cancer she was diagnosed with in January. But just wait until the 2009 walks and run presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Farmington Hills woman plans to join the more than 1,500 breast cancer survivors in pink shirts who annually lead tens of thousands of participants in raising money for research, education, screening and treatment.

Poore is proof that early detection saves lives. Mammograms became routine after her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer 16 years ago.

"It wasn't a complete surprise. I have aunts who had it, my mom who's 86 now," said Poore who taught in Detroit Public Schools for 30 years. "This was my fourth biopsy, but this one was on the left. I didn't feel it and my gynecologist didn't. This was so small they gave me the option of coming back in six months but I just had a feeling." Poore insisted on a biopsy.

"It's scary when people tell you it's malignant.

You automatically get frightened," said Poore. "I just found out it hadn't spread. That's one thing about cancer, your life changes. I had a lumpectomy and see the oncologist on Thursday."

Poore's mother was one of the women who received a mastectomy as standard treatment. Over the years advances in diagnostics have made it possible to detect cancer earlier and save the breast. Still Dr. Cassann Blake worries that women are putting off mammograms.

We have recent statistics in the last year that show less women got their mammograms. When they do get them regularly they're diagnosed early," said Blake, co-director of the Alexander Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at Karmanos Cancer Institute. A surgical oncologist Blake has been treating breast cancer patients 6 years. "We've seen a lot of advances — Evista now being using as prevention, Herceptin targeted to HER2 protein, most recently Avastin previously used for colorectal cancer. Even in my role as a surgeon, we consider offering patients partial breast radiation with the input of our radiation oncologist. They may only need a week instead of five. I don't think a cure is too much to ask but the earlier we can diagnose."

Maureen Meldrum is proud of the fact that last year about \$350,000 from Detroit's race went to research scientists working in Detroit, \$1.3 million to local programs for breast health education, screening and treatment for low income and under/uninsured women and men in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"Komen has just announced \$100 million in research grants for this year, the largest in its 26year history, a 30 percent increase over last year," said Meldrum, chairperson of Detroit Race for the Cure and director of breast cancer special pro grams at Karmanos. "Komen celebrated its 25th year last year with an investment of over \$1 billion and a goal of investing \$2 billion by 2017 saying they wouldn't wait another 25 years because it's much too urgent."

When Meldrum was diagnosed with breast cancer 17 years ago she didn't know much about the disease. Programs made possible by grants from the race, and the event itself, have raised awareness. "Women with no insurance can get screening and get their cancer caught early when it's most treatable. They are educated and then can turn back to their community and educate others about early detection," said Meldrum of Lathrup Village. "There's a lot we don't know about breast cancer. We don't know a lot about what causes it but the five year survival rate for early detection is 98 percent.

"Every woman doesn't have the same opportunities I have. Until every woman has access to the quality of care I had we're not going to rest. Race for the Cure is a wonderful celebratory day with 20 bands, 10,000 pink ribbons waving along Woodward. My first race was Komen's first race. I had just begun chemo and was very fragile and frightened. For a newly diagnosed woman and her family to see these pink shirts is such a hopeful sight. I just hope people will come out and everyone can make a difference."

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Leukemia patient in need of marrow transplant

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Lucy Lussenden sounds frantic. What mother wouldn't be? Her daughter Deb Rusnock is desperately in need of a marrow transplant but no donor has been found. The family isn't giving up though. Beginning in May they're promoting drives around the area in partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program (marrow. org). A swab from the inside of a prospective donor's cheek is all that is needed to determine a match.

"Because my daughter needs a match and has some rogue things in her DNA they're having a problem finding a match and only a match can save her life," said Lussenden of Livonia. "No one in the family is a match. It could be a total stranger that's a match.

"I want my daughter to live. I want her to live to see her daughter marry and have children someday, just like every mother wants."

Rusnock worries that many potential donors believe the process is painful and therefore hesitate to sign up for the registry. The Livonia woman was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in February 2004. After receiving chemotherapy she went into remission for three years. The leukemia returned in April 2007. For the next month she will have to stay in the hospital for another round of chemotherapy.

"People don't understand," said Rusnock, 52. "It's not the old fashioned way where they delve into your bone (for the marrow for a transplant). If a match is found, the donor comes in and they draw blood from the donor and a machine skims stem cells off and the unused blood goes back into the donor then they do an IV into the recipient."

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 to be eligible to sign up for the registry that helps all patients in search of a marrow

transplant not just Rusnock. The drives are among hundreds taking place across the country as part of the National Marrow Donor Program's Thanks Mom campaign May 5-19. The first local marrow drive

takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Interior Dynamics, 1742 Crooks, Troy 48084. The opportunity to become a donor continues 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at Qualigence, 35200 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Whitmore Lake Rod and Gun Club, 11150 Lemen Rd., Whitmore Lake, west of U.S. 23, south of M-36, 48189, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

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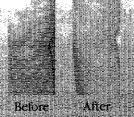


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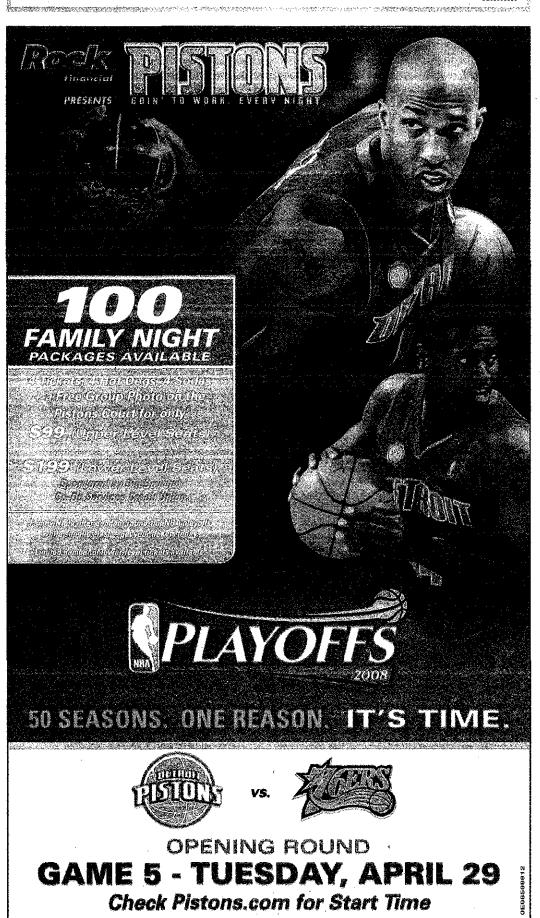
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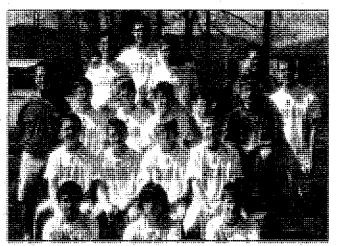
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The Livonia Meteors, a boys under-16 team, captured the Mid-American Soccer Classic, April 5-6, in Fairfield, Ohio. The Meteors defeated Michigan Rush Nike in the final, 2-1, after wins over Lakota (Ohio) United, 2-0, and Northern Kentucky Thunder, 3-0, along with a 0-0 tie with Magic Black. Members of the Meteors include (bottom row, form left): Mike Case, Kyle Morgan, Brandon Hess; (second row, from left) Mike MacDonald, Jake Hodge, Reilly Mullett, Tim Devine; (third row, from left) coach Dave Burton, Jacob Gates, Dominik Meyer, John Selinski, Erik Bird, Conner Burton, Travis Matthey; (top row, from left) Brian Azar, Khalid Suleiman, Brendan Mulcah and assistant coach Tim Matthey. The team manager is Alexa Devine.

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six strong innings to improve to

He walked only two and struck out five before McCracken came on to get the save.

Losing pitcher Drew Linder gave up two earned runs on seven hits for the Cardinals.

Patrick Kenny went 2-for-3 in the MU win, while Ryan Morrow and Drew Fry each had RBI.

Concordia took the nightcap, 6-4, as Aaron Hacias went 2-for-3 and Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) knocked in a pair of

runs. Justin Gauthier (7-1) went all seven innings, scattering seven hits and two walks in the win.

Jeff Sonnenberg took the loss, going the first four innings. Morrow, Kevin Zerbo and

Tarik Khasawneh each collected. two hits in the loss.

MU is 30-12 overall and 17-5 in the WHAC, while Concordia is 27-18 and 11-11.

Other assists went to Johnston, Lindsey Marlow and Sam Meeker.

"We dominated from the start," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "After Monday's result (2-1 loss to Livonia Stevenson), I think any team would have had difficult time with us. We were crisp right from the beginning, which was

nice to see. CLARENCEVILLE 1, LUTH, N'WEST 1: In a Metro Conference match Wednesday, host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-3-1) and Livonia Clarenceville (2-3-1, 0-2-

1) fought to a draw. Mary Katherine Goodard scored for the Crusaders, while Jill Brown countered for Clarenceville.

On Monday, Clarenceville lost 8-0 in a mercy to Macomb Lutheran North.

KINGSWOOD 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Goalkeeper Abby Cohen notched her fifth shutout of the season Wednesday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (4-1-1, 3-0-1) downed host Lutheran High Westland (3-

Sefora Armstead scored on a penalty kick and Ariel Roddy added the second goal off an assist from Rosalia Pembroke, both coming in the opening half.



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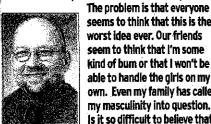
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Staying at home can be wonderful for young dad

Please help me out with this. I am a 27-year-old man that is planning to guit my job and stay at home with my two daughters, ages 3 and 14 months. My wife and I have both worked full time and feel that we are missing out on raising our daughters so we decided that it would be in their best interest, as well as ours, if one of us could stay home with them full time. Financially, she makes about two and a half times what I do so the decision was easy ... I will be the one to stay home.



Chat Room

Теггу Wilamowski

worst idea ever. Our friends seem to think that I'm some kind of burn or that I won't be able to handle the girls on my own. Even my family has called my masculinity into question. Is it so difficult to believe that a man can be a good parent? Is it impossible to understand that stay-at-home fathers can be every bit as effective as stay-at-home mothers? Or am I the one that's mistaken? Is

seems to think that this is the

there something wrong with a father taking care of the children while the mother goes to work?

I'm sorry that you are experiencing such opposition to this plan because I would like to applaud you and your wife for even considering this family structure. Sure, if a family can afford it, it's usually the mother that stays home with the children, but there is absolutely nothing in the parenting rulebook that says that a father cannot or should not fill this role. I believe that a father can be every bit as effective and nurturing as a mother and every bit as capable of being a stay-at-home parent.

The lack of support that you are experiencing is probably the direct result of the fact that you are not adhering to societal norms and traditions. In effect you are planning to become abnormal and, frankly, this tends to make people nervous and uncomfortable. Let me be perfectly clear, being "abnormal" is not a bad thing, nor is it a good thing, it is just a "thing." Whenever a person does something that defies convention they will face some resistance and criticism, justified or not. This is a sad fact of society. The good news is that if you can withstand this negativity, you can experience something truly wonderful and worthwhile: spending time with your

children. All of the criticisms that you are and will be facing can be endured and countered if this is the right decision for your family. Anyone that believes that being a stay-athome parent is easy and that you are taking the easy way out by staying home, has never done this kind of work. In addition, anyone that questions your masculinity as a result of this plan needs to re-evaluate their notion of "manhood." Most women would agree that a man that is a good father is far more masculine and desirable than one that is not. Just ask your wife. In short, no, there is absolutely nothing wrong with a father that chooses to stay at home and raise his children while his wife works outside of the home. After all, raising our children is the most important vocation of all.

My 10-year-old son has been having horrible nightmares. He wakes up screaming and kicking and punching the air as if he's fighting for his life. We try to wake him up, but he doesn't seem to know that we're even there even though his eyes are open. When we do get him to wake up he says that he doesn't even remember dreaming at all. The whole thing is scary. What can we do about

It sounds as if your son is experiencing night terrors. Night terrors are a kind of dream that usually occur within the first 60 to 90 minutes of sleep and involves restless and seemingly wakeful actions, such as screaming, kicking, thrashing around, hitting, etc. And as traumatic as this all may seem, the dreamer seldom, if ever. remembers any of it.

The first thing that I would recommend is that you take your son to get a physical to rule out anything medical. Some research suggests that these night terrors are the result of seizures not unlike epilepsy. In addition, explore for the possibility of significant stressors that may be triggering these events, such as any big changes in his life, etc.

If everything checks out OK, the next step is to interrupt the pattern of sleep that produces these night terrors. Try waking your child when he has been asleep for about 45 to 50 minutes, which is just prior to when the night terrors usually occur. After a few days to a week of doing this, the night terrors usually subside. If they don't, contact a qualified child therapist to assist your with more individualized interventions.

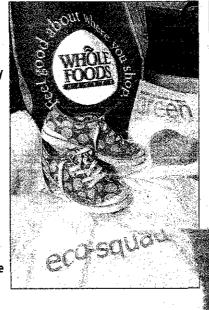
Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.



Raychel Rork (left), Dianne Quinn, Terri O'Brien, and Mandi Buckland are partnering to put on the first Green Street Fair in Plymouth.



The Green Street Fair spotlights a variety of eco-friendly products from sneakers made with recycled tire tread and plastic bottles to canvas shopping bags that геріасе plastic and paper at the checkout.



GREEN STREET FAIR

Saturday, May 3, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 Where: Downtown Plymouth, north of Ann Arbor Road at Main Street Details: Visit www. greenstreetfair.com

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

ianne Quinn looked down at the potato she was preparing for Christmas dinner and couldn't believe how big it was. Then it dawned on the Plymouth woman she was feeding her family chemicals.

Since that epiphany more than a year ago, she's changed her shopping habits not only for produce but everyday products such as household cleaners. It was a turning point that has everything to do with watching her two grandchildren running around the house while she and daughter Raychel Rork work on last-minute details for Art in the Park in Plymouth.

Quinn is concerned about their future so what better way to do her part than by putting on a Green Street Fair May 3-4 in downtown Plymouth to educate the public about keeping the planet healthy for generations to

"I began researching organics," said Quinn. "This (green movement) is not a fad. This is for real. This is about our world and of course for our children and grandchildren. Even if they can't come to the event they can listen to the speakers on a line feed on our Web site (www.greenstreetfair.com). There's so

much more to learn, to teach about recycling." The mother-daughter team has plenty of expertise in organizing the art fair Quinn founded 29 years ago. To ensure the success of the green fair the two are partnering with Mandi Buckland and Terri O'Brien whose Street Marketing firm has

promoted the art extravaganza with more than 400 exhibitors every July for the last eight or nine vears.

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Green Street will be just that with companies selling eco-friendly sneakers made from recycled tire treads and plastic bottles, independents offering organic hemp and cotton bags to make Home Grown Sprouts, an Alternative Highway where visitors can learn about hybrid vehicles, or hear speakers talk about how our choices and what we eat effects the earth and all its inhabitants. Drop off your old crocs to be recycled into new shoes to be donated

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Lace makers weave a love for the art



Shirley Coe works on a lace snake bookmark in her Redford home.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shirley Coe carefully unrolls the bobbin lace she wove on a special pillow. The finely crafted linen threads represent hours of work, but in this case it's all for the love of her daughter. The delicate handiwork will soon adorn the border of a tablecloth for Sue's table.

Over the years, Coe's lace has accented important aspects of her family's life, including decorating her daughter's wedding veil and flowers and a garter for her granddaughter. Coe has nine grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and would like to see the art live on. On Saturday, May 3, Coe and the Great Lakes Lace Group share their Love of Lace at a daylong event at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Members come from as far away as Midland, Cadillac, Ohio, and Indiana to attend.

LOVE OF LACE

What: A day of lace making, demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors, displays When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; east of Farmington Road Details: No charge. For information, visit GLLGLorg.

Lace making reached its peak in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Visitors can learn about the different types from bobbin to tatted by visiting displays, watching demonstrations, or trying their hand at the craft.

Vendors come from all over and bring everything from pillows to bobbins to thread and tatting supplies," said Coe, 75, of Redford.

Salon holds events to raise money for breast cancer walk

Rebekah Dupuis and the rest of the staff at the salon Philip Nolan's is inviting the community to help their team raise money for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day event this fall.

The Pink Themed bake sale takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 9, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Philip Nolan's in the Northridge Commons at 33523 W. Eight Mile.

All proceeds go directly to support the team's members

who will participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk. Philip Nolan's has been in Livonia 28 years and most of the staff has been together 15 to 20-years.

For more information, call the salon at (248) 478-2626. In addition to the bake sale, staff is working on fundraisers from raffles to selling crystal bracelets. On May 19, and June 29, they'll hold charity haircutting days, and a golf outing at Fox Creek on

Meet your new best friend at GreyHeart events

GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption of Michigan is hold a number of Meet & Greets in May to find homes for the dogs. The first event takes place noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile, (248) 615-0039.

The Canton Petco hosts the

rescue group noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at 43435 Ford Road at Morton Taylor. ACO Hardware is the place to be if you're looking to adopt a greyhound 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at 37133 Six Mile, Livonia.

For more information, send an e-mail to jfoxley@comcast.

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Patients have said to me: "A friend mentioned that my pain sounded like Fibromyalgia; I looked up Fibromyalgia on the Web. I hurt all over like the description said, but I don't have any pressure points. Do I have fibromyalgia?"

The medical answer is that you certainly could. The diagnosis of Fibromyalgia depends on a number of features. The presence of pressure points - sites on the body where light touch brings on marked pain - is only one feature. The constellation of findings includes headaches, jaw pain, anterior chest pain, irritable bowel, frequent urination, and tingling or burning pain down the arms or legs. Individuals with Fibromyalgia note difficulty falling asleep, frequent awakenings in the night, and undue fatigue during the day. Patients with Fibromyalgia often experience sleep apnea even if not overweight.

Response to pressure point testing remains a basic feature. Physicians consider an individual with 12-18 pressure points as having fibrornyalgia, even if the other features are not present. The diagnosis also holds if a patient has few or no trigger points, but experiences the fatigue, tingling, that is also a part of the condition.

No person will have all the features of Fibromyalgia. Today, the characteristic presentation of Fibromyalgia is not the classical one that depended on multiple points. Making the diagnosis rests on a series of changes. However, now as in the past, no laboratory tests exist that can confirm or deny that your diagnosis is Fibromyalgia.

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Pianist brings lifelong love of music to recital series

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Angela Cheng has one word for parents struggling to instill a love of piano in their children practice.

Cheng wouldn't be traveling the world giving concerts if she didn't spend hours at the keyboard every day.

Music was simply a part of her family's life in Hong Kong. Her mother conducted a chamber ensemble and choir. Her grandfather owned music stores in China. Her aunt, a professional piano teacher, took over her lessons at age 5. Cheng's mother had taught her the basics beginning at 31/2.

"My family was great lovers of classical music," said Cheng who moved to Edmonton in the Canadian province of Alberta with her family at age 11. She went on to earn a bachelor of music from The Juilliard School in New York City and a master's degree from Indiana University

"You either played piano or violin. All my cousins played, all my aunts and uncles. I grew up in that kind of environment."

Over the years Cheng's practice paid off. She won numerous awards including the Gold Medal at the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competitions and was the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition (1988.) She has performed with more than 100 orchestras including Montreal, Toronto and the Boston Pops, and given master classes at the University of Michigan, Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts, and the Glen Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, to name a few. Today, in addition to performing 40concerts a year, she trains future pianists as an associate professor at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. She has made recordings for Koch international and CBC Records. Her latest CD was all Chopin for Universal Music Canada.



Angela Cheng closes the 2007-2008 Schoolcraft College Evening Recital Series with a program of Beethoven, Haydn, Schumann, Schubert, and Canadian composer Alexine Louie on May 9.

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On Friday, May 9, Cheng returns to Schoolcraft College for a program featuring Haydn, Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert and Canadian composer Alexina Louie. Sho ho been invited back by Donald.

Morelock, chairman of the music department, who says Angela (Cheng) is one of my favorite people performing today.

Both of Cheng's children, Alyssa, 10, and Amanda, 12, continue in her footsteps playing piano. She admits it's difficult to get them to practice between lessons even though her and husband Alvin Chow are accomplished pianists. Chow is chairman of the piano department at

"I definitely encourage parents to find a teacher who's supportive, but the most important thing is practice," said Cheng. "Practice is very lonely, but if you don't practice you can't get

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Irish-Americans spotlight culture

Several Irish events are taking place in early May including a concert, competition, and lecture.

James S. Rogers talks about Irish America in the Fifties at noon Tuesday, May 6, at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Rogers is director of the Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul and editor of New Hibernia Review published by the university. He will discuss the many ways in which literature, movies and the resurgence of traditional music show that Irish-American culture and identity were still alive in the 50's. The cost is \$12 and includes lunch. For information, call (248) 540-6687.

On Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, the Detroit Irish Music Association hosts the 2008 Midwest Fleadh Cehoil (Festival of Music), at the Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn. First. and second place winners of the competition qualify for the All-Ireland Fleadh in September in Ireland.

To raise money for the Midwest event which gets underway 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, the Detroit Irish Music Association is presenting a concert and ceili dance 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, featuring Boholo with all-Ireland champion accordionist Jimmy Keane and multi-instrumentalist and balladeer Pat Broaders. Irish tenor Paddy Homan, originally from County Cork, performs as well as step dancers from the Heinzman School of Dance.

Tickets are \$15, free for competitors and \$5 for Saturday pass holders. Passes are \$15 for all day, \$8 for the morning only or evening only programs. For more information, call (313) 537-3489 or (248) 837-8022.



HANTZGROUP"

Coe is currently president of the GLLG. "It's knitting, crocheting, all kinds of lace. It's a fun event. They can sit down and talk with lacers. For me I just like lace. It's a beautiful thing to have and do."

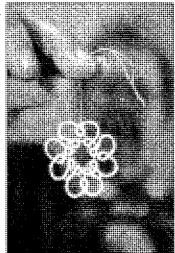
Coe began making lace more than 25 years ago after watching a demonstration at the Michigan State Fair. She started with bobbin lace and then tatting which is sometimes more difficult to learn.

"Bobbin is done on a pillow with pins, tatting with a shuttle held in the hand. The technique of bobbin lace people pick up a little bit faster because you have to be able to flip the thread in tatting and people get a little buffaloed with the technique," said

"I tat every night. I carry around a bag of supplies. That's how I got my daughter's veil done."

Today, Coe likes to do more tatting than bobbin lace because of its portability. If she has a doctor's appointment and must wait, she can pull out her thread and shuttle and work. Coe and various members will demonstrate tatting and bobbin lace at the May

Explore the possibilities!



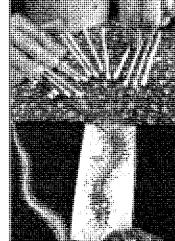
Shirley Coe of Redford displays a lace snowflake she created to hang on her miniature tree at Christmas.

3 event. Cari Baum will help visitors make a mouse bookmark on a bobbin pillow, Coe a snake.

"It takes seven pairs of bobbin attached to cotton thread to make a snake bookmark," said Coe. "Kids love to work these. I tanght my grandson Brandon to make a snake at 5 years old and he won a ribbon at the state fair. Any time we demonstrate and ask for volunteers kids are the first ones to raise their hand to try it.

"You're twisting and crossing threads to make a pattern.

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Shirley Coe of Redford straightens out the bobbins as she works on her lace snake bookmark.

There's no knotting."

Coe's only real problem when it comes to making lace is keeping her cats, Tweety and Patch, away. Tweety was so fascinated by the thread she ate it and had to be rushed to the veterinarian.

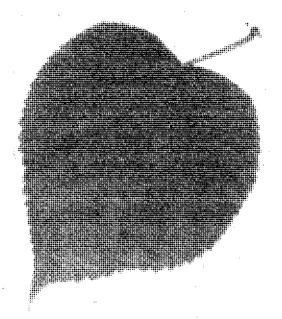
"I don't let them near my thread," said Coe.

For lace making classes or membership information, call Kathleen Campbell at (734) 483-

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Berkley High School Class of 1958

Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the website: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@vahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

com. Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008 at

Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joycé (Anderson) Mechaiko, (313) 278-4488.

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008, For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or email denplace@bigfoot.com,

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary 8urns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for informa-

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and

Planning reunion for Sept. 13, Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693

Detroit Western High School Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Garv Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail-to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out Web site at www.myspace. com/gchs20threunion.

The reunion date has not been set

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taylorreunions.com. Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School

60th Anniversary

The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjack1@ yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313) 822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobial.net. Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1978

A 30-Year reunion June 28, at Ramada Inn of Taylor, Contact: Tracy Zimmerman at (714) 837-2191

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Email address is: milford78@gmail.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo. com for more information.



The Renaissance Chorus presents a barbershop concert, Show Tunes & More, Saturday, May 10, in Livonia.

Concert to feature barbershop harmony

The Renaissance Chorus, a group of men devoted to barbershop harmony, are planning their annual show titled Show Tunes & More 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Activity Center at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church in Livonia.

The concert features songs from movies, plays and all kinds of entertainment venues,

to toe-tapping uptunes. A guest quartet of entertaining, if offbeat gentlemen, known as Chordiology will be highlighting the show, and a good time is promised for all. Adult tickets are \$16, seniors

and students \$14. An Afterglow Party with

pizza and salad and more

from sacred music to love songs entertainment will immediately follow the show. Tickets for the Afterglow can be purchased in advance (recommended) for \$6 or bought at the show on a limited basis for

To purchase tickets, call Bob at (734) 453-0574 or Frank (248) 477-2782, or visit WeSingBarbershop.com.

ENGAGEMENTS



Piper-Rafalski

Dawn Piper and Jason Rafalski are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Mary Piper of Warren and the future groom is the son of Michael and Linda Rafalski of Garden City.

Dawn is a graduate of Center Line High School and is a senior at the University of Michigan. She is currently employed at Entertainment Productions.

Jason is a graduate of Garden Western Michigan University City High School and the University of Michigan with a degree in human resource management. He is currently employed with Circuit City.

A May wedding is planned in

Gilbert-Oldham

Dr. James and Barbara Gilbert of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen Gilbert, to Michael James

Oldham, son of Daniel and

Teresa Oldham of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mgrs. Hackett Catholic Central in Kalamazoo and Michigan State University. She is currently retail manager and buyer at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo.

The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is a research

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The bride-to-be attended

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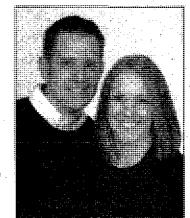
The future groom recently

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teaching career.

Baumann, to Jonathan Aaron

Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs.



and development engineer at the Viking Corp. in Hastings. A May 24, 2008, wedding is planned for Kalamazoo.

Baumann-Bowman Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cuip



ioined the U.S. Army and is currently attending boot camp at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., and will later train as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

A May wedding is planned in Columbia, S.C.

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SARAH BEGIAN

June 30, 1924-April 24, 2008. She is survived by her devoted, loving hus-band James and her grown children, Yvonne (Ralph) Begian-Miller, Patti (Bob) Schlagheck, Yvette (Al) Kline, Charles (Caprice) Begian, Kathy Davis and the late James Nicolas Begian. Also surviving are her cherished grandchildren, Robert (April) Schlagheck Jr., Sarah and Kimberly Kline; brothers John and Jack Hovsepian; sister Barbara Hovsepian and brother-in-law Harry (Emily) Begian. Sarah embraced life and her family to the fullest. She had an adventurous spirit and learned to fly in the 1940's. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, painting, gardening, cooking, plano, hosting family gatherings and volunteering at the Plymouth Library. Located behind the Plymouth Library "Sarah's Garden" dedicated by her family to the Plymouth Library Volunteers as a tribute to their mother. Services were held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds may be sent to the Jim Begian Memorial Fund at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, 300 East Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lakes, MI 49457 or St. Sarkis Armenian Orthodox Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48128.

ALMA BROOKS

April 23, 2008. Age 84, of Westland. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Suzanne Slesinski (Mike) and Douglas (Margaret) Brooks. Preceded in death by brothers Pete and Wally and sisters Ann, Julia and Helen. Grandmother of Becky, Matthew, Marianne and Irina, Great-grandmother of Cory and Caitlyn. Visiting Thursday 5-9pm and Priday 2-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, with a Rosary Friday at 4:00pm. Funeral Service Saturday, instate 10:30am for 11:00am Mass at St. marry Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

WILLIAM E. FARRANT

Horton, MI, passed April 17, 2008. Entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI, 734-522-9400

DWIGHT L. JACKSON

Age 60, Livonia, MI, passed away April 22, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away April 22, 2008. A resident of Plymouth since 1937. Soon after moving to Plymouth, she would become a devoted member of the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth. Madeline retired from Burrough's Corp. in Plymouth after 37 years of service. She loved to work around her home, especially in her garden. Even this past winter, she would shovel by hand her own driveway. She was a inspiration to all who knew and loved her. Loving mother of Gayle (life partner Irene Saavedra) Brodie. Beloved aunt of Haroid and William Plant, Donald, Paul, and Steve Ackman, and Phyllis Parker. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Monday 11:00am. Visitation Saturday 3-7pm and Sunday 1-7pm. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



SUBAN LYN MOUDE

Age 68, of Weeki Wachee, Florida, died Sunday, April 20, 2008. Survivors include husband Gordon Moore, son Thomas Trullard, three daughters, Dr. Tammy Trulland, Traci Fusco, Tiffanie Barckman, two sisters, Carol Dunn, Sharon Karenback and seven grandchildren. Memorial services are Tuesday, April 29 at 11 AM at St. Johns Episcopal Church on Wayne Rd. in Westland, Michigan.



PAMELA RUTH GREEN (nee King)

Age 55, April 21, 2008. Beloved wife of Gary. Dear mother of Jeff Boyd Green. Loving daughter of Luther and Ruth King and daughter-in-law of Jeff and Ruth Green. Beloved sister of Marvin D. (Sandra) King, Melody (Terry) Mest, and Scott (Jeannie) King, Family will have a memorial visitation Monday 10:30am until the time of service at 12:00 noon at Church of Christ West, 291 Spring, Plymouth. Please share a memory with the family at:

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BIRTH

O'Donnell of Livonia.

John Bohdan Wilson Natalie and Daniel Wilson of Livonia announce the birth of their son, John Bohdan Wilson, on June 14, 2007, at Oakwood

John has a sister, Audrey Wilson, 3.

His grandparents are Wiebke and Bohdan Hnartiuk of Livonia and Dolores and Jack Wilson of Ferguson, Mo. Great grandparents are Anna Hnartiuk of Livonia and Lucia

Local actors workshop brings entertainment veteran to town

Gordon Michaels brings his Television & Film Actors Workshop to Genitti's Little Theater in Northville 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

The cost is \$150. For information or to register, call (248) 417-2886 or visit www.MySpace.com/ DiamondInfo. Genitti's is at 108 E. Main.

Michaels will focus on everything you need to know to start and build an acting career including television and film audition technique.

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rhyme not to exceed 1-minute in length, prepare a monologue, and bring head shots and resumes.

Michaels is a graduate of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theatre in New York City where he studied with acting legend Sanford Meisner.

Along with writing and starring in Unbeatable Harold, due for release this fall, Michaels appeared in Air Force One, The Cooler and Joe Dirt.

He is presently developing his next feature film project which will be shot entirely in Michigan starting in October.

Boutique to host financial fitness day

Women's Health Boutique hosts a workshop focusing on tax strategies, cash flow, budgeting techniques, and making proper financial decisions and more Saturday, May 3, at the boutique, 31209 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The boutique is partnering with Hantz Financial Services to present an attorney, tax specialist and financial planner, all women.

There is no charge for the workshop. Healthy refreshments will be served. For more information,

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Whole Foods has invited many of its vendors to the Market Village under The Gathering on Penniman. Throughout the streets, organic pet products, including catnip, will be available. Plymouth Coffee Bean is introducing five kinds of organic fair trade coffee. Stop by the Green Box City in Kellogg Park to view the future as seen through the eyes of East Middle School students with the help of Lawrence Technological University.

"I went to my first green event in Chicago last May," said Quinn. "I now distill my own water. Just last week there were reports of drugs in our water. I don't want to keep buying plastic bottles. I like giving my grandkids fresh water."

These days Quinn is serving that distilled water in glasses recycled from bottles as she organizes the first Green Street Fair presented by Whole Foods Market. Rork is just as concerned about the products consumed and used by her children Dylan, 5, and Lily, 2, who had to be tested for lead poisoning last winter after chewing paint off a recalled toy.

"It's learning what's in your kid's baby food, their milk, what chemicals are in their clothes. My kids drink organic milk now," said Rork, 30, of Canton. "I think a lot of people want do this but don't know where to start. We're going to build a mural that people can walk up and pick up a marker and write on a canvas what you plan to do differently — I'm going to recycle more, buy a hybrid, buy light bulbs (energy-saving CFL compact fluorescent). My son will not let us throw stuff away. He wants us to recycle everything. Now he wants his dad to help him build sculptures from recycled stuff."

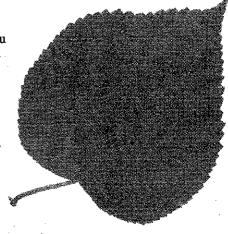
BECOMING AWARE

Mandi Buckland is busy decoupaging signs for the street fair out of recycled Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She's especially become conscious of the environment since the birth of her first child, Tuula, nearly a year ago.

"We're going to appeal to everybody from children to older people as well to learn about going green, not to

stand up on a soapbox and preach, but what are the small steps that you can take right now that can have an impact for children and grandchildren," said Buckland of Plymouth. "Since my baby was born you start to think about how the earth is going to affect them. One of the biggest things is you don't have to buy brand new things. I find myself going to more antique stores, buying used items that can have new purpose. I've taken up sewing. I've been making pillows out of old ; concert T-shirts that are hard to part with.

"I've been buying all organic food for her, making my own baby food. I'm learning something new everyday. We want this to be a family-friendly event, if they can walk away with just one piece of information to make a softer



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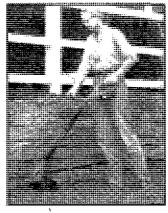


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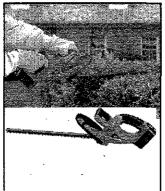
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Pouring out memories

Area man offers light-hearted glimpse of his life in new book

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BY SHARON DARGAY **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Morris Last's grandchildren know their 77-year-old "Papa" filled jelly doughnuts to help pay the family rent when he was 8.

His daughter, Laura Solomon, can tell you all about his guitar-playing days in the Army, when her father learned a few chords in exchange for singing gospel songs.

And his wife, Helene, is aware of the most miniscule details, from the first time her husband cheated — at Pin the Tail on the Donkey — to the names of his grade school

They'll never forget even a snippet of his experiences, because Last, of Bloomfield Hills, poured out his memories onto the printed page last year. With the help of Solomon, who typed his hand-written manuscript, and friends who edited. Last authored his memoir, The World According to Monyak, Facts, Fiction & Outright Lies.

Last takes a humorous approach to growing up in Detroit as a Jewish immigrant from Poland, and explores personal history, Jewish traditions and community, as well as universal themes of life.

The paperback, with a photo of Last at age 4 on its cover, is available from Amazon. com and iUniverse.com. It retails for \$14.95.

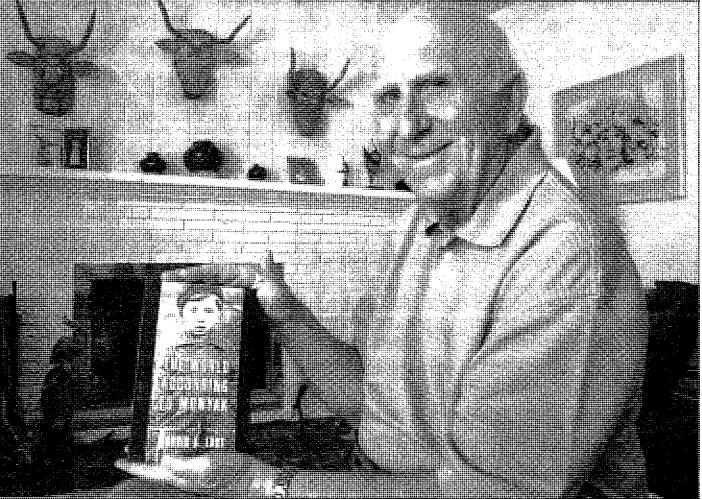
"The impetus to write this book was to get it all down before you either forget it or take the dirt nap," said Solomon of West Bloomfield, mother of nine children and an avid scrap booker.

"With the scrap booking I do, I get down a memory visually. With the book, you're getting it down literally. But it's two ends of the same thing. A lot of the (scrapbook) pages I make are lessons for the kids. But he talks in the end of the book about messages to the grandkids. I think they're good life

"Everyone we talk to says, I wish my dad would have done that."

RICH WITH EXPERIENCES

Last is not a writer by trade. He taught physical education, music and art for 41 years in Detroit Public Schools - where he won teacher of the year honors in 1986 - and also gave guitar lessons, both at



Author Morris Last of Bloomfield Hills shows the cover of his book about growing up Jewish in metro Detroit.

an after-school club and at the Jewish Community Center.

He did a stint in the Army, travelled extensively as a civilian through Europe, Africa and Asia, and took an extended overseas sabbatical to study physical education abroad. During the height of the folk music's popularity, he'd invited dozens of musicians to jam sessions in his apartment near

He co-authored a guitar instruction book with Joe Fava, an accomplished guitarist, and owned an art gallery for seven years, Art Forms, in the Livernois-Seven Mile area of Detroit. His association with Fresh Air Camp in Brighton lasted for years, while he rose through the ranks from waiter to assistant director.

After his first wife and Solomon's mother, Marcia, died, Last married Helene, who had been a student in his guitar class years before. For five months each year, for the past 18 years, the couple has lived in Zihuatenejo, Mexico, about 150 miles north

The experiences — and all the people he's met along the way — served as interesting fodder for the book.

"When we come into town, a cab driver will drive by and he'll see us. He'll get on his phone and say, Morrie and Helene are back!" The cab drivers will tell each other we're back and they look out for us," Last explained.

Helene teases that her husband could "talk to anyone, even dirt."

"He makes friends wherever he goes. I always told him the perfect job would be a greeter for Wal-Mart, but no one would get any shopping done," she said. "He's got stories."

Last offers a simple explanation: "I really love Mexico. But most of all, I love people. And in Mexico I've had the opportunity to meet hundreds and hundreds of people."

He's already working on ideas for his

second book, which likely will focus on the couple's adventures abroad.

Last encourages other senior citizens to pen their memoirs as a legacy for their children and grandchildren, as well as a memory tool for themselves.

"What's good about the book is you get it all down while you remember every miniscule detail," he said. "The woman across the street came over and said, T've been wanting to write.' I said, 'don't just talk about it. Do it. I'll help you on anything you want help with, but just do it."

He tells other first-time writers not to stress over recalling a lifetime of memories or worry about penning the perfect book.

"It's there. If you can't remember it, wait 10 minutes," he said. "No one is ever going to write the best book there ever was. You write it and do the best you can. It's like in athletics, you can throw the ball at the basket and if you can't make it, keep practicing. Keep trying to do what you can and you're a winner. You're still a winner."

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distracted, you might find that keeping yourself on track isn't enough. Instead, you might have to reel that person in to avoid missed deadlines or failed projects.

Ask yourself first, though, if you're being too hard on your co-worker. It's not likely, particularly if you work in a field where people are suffering from information overload. A survey of 650 white collar and knowledge workers nationwide showed that 73 percent felt beyond burdened by information, while 41 percent felt incapable of handling just a bit more, according to Mike Walsh, president and CEO of U.S. Legal Markets at LexisNexis, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc., in New York City.

Edith Onderick-Harvey of Change Dynamics Consulting in Andover, Mass., specializes in developing biotech teams in product development and product management, some with multi-year life spans. She thinks that a change in work schedules brought by flextime, for example, or a change in roles and objectives can result in "deadlines not being met and work products not being what they should be." Indeed, speaker Ron Finklestein, president of RPF Group Inc., in Akron, Ohio, maintains that the potential outcome could be serious, causing some "companies (to) fail because employees are doing too many things and are focused on the wrong

ALTERNATIVES

You might be able to minimize problems by taking a preventative approach. Onderick-Harvey says that you can forestall a lack of focus. "Sit down with the coworker," she advises, "and talk through what the project plan looks like and the feasibility of time frames. Ask the person to help you understand other things on his plate, potential roadblocks."

If it's too late for prevention, you still have some methods to consider. Finklestein advocates approaching the situation by understanding behavioral style. For example, a supplier he knows is very social—outgoing, talking a lot about himself, "telling more than he asks." He's likely to encounter problems as a project unfolds, because his primary concern is making certain that his relationship with the customer is sound. Finklestein points out that this type of person is fast-paced and loses sight of details. This extremely short attention span nurtures distraction and lack of focus.

piece of paper," he suggests, "but if it's just part of a discussion, send an e-mail." Finklestein cautions against boxing this type of person in, because he'll agree with what you're saying and promptly "store" it until, when truly pressured, he'll be overwhelmed. Also, he believes that understanding engineers, accountants and architects as "thinkers"— so analytical that they may seem unfocused, at least in terms of your project — can be helpful, because they might simply need details to make the correct decision their behavioral style demands.

Your sensitivity to the situation might well enable you to find a way out by dis-burdening your co-worker. (This is different from un-burdening.) Onderick-Harvey mentions that letting the individual know that you're aware of the multiple demands distracting him can be helpful. "Distractions take on a life of their own if we believe we are the only ones who know about them or care about them," she says. "Knowing that other people recognize what else is going on in our life inside or outside of work helps build trust and will increase the likelihood that the person will go the extra mile for your project rather than another's. It also allows you to work together to develop a strategy to mitigate the distractions." She further recommends, "Find out what they want to get out of the project -- increased

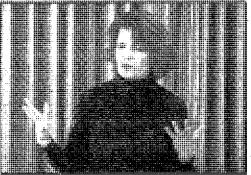


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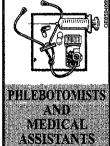
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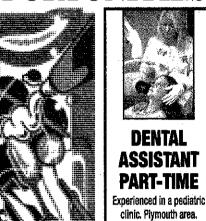


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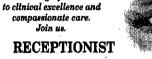
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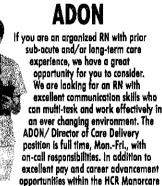
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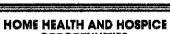
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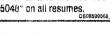
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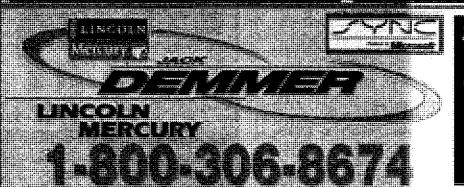
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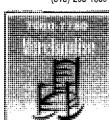


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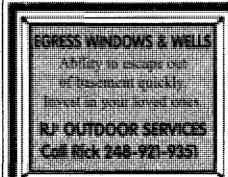
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