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Victim upset with sentence in forged checks case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman, already on probation for embezzling in her former job with the city's housing department, has avoided prison after accusations she forged checks belonging to a neighbor.

Tonya Cramier-Oncza, 40, was placed on probation for four years in April after she pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing, amid allegations she took checks from neighbor Debra Nowc, who was hospitalized after a car accident.

"I feel like a victim who got raped," Nowc told the *Observer*. "I'm 55 years old, I'm a widow, and this woman stole from me. How can they drop this like it's no big deal?"

Cramier-Oncza was placed on probation April 18 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Carolyn Youngblood, and she was ordered through her attorney to pay \$3,900 to the victim. Nowc acknowledged Friday that she has received the money.

Cramier-Oncza's sentence followed a March 27 guilty plea, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

The defendant's 18-year-old son, Jason David Cramier, was placed on probation for two years for allegations he cashed a \$150 check belonging to Nowc.

Former Westland police Sgt. David Heater has said that Cramier's other son, who wasn't charged, had been given the keys to watch Nowc's house and feed her dog while she was in a hospital. She told authorities she noticed the missing checks after she came home.

"I thought she was my friend," Nowc said of Cramier-Oncza.

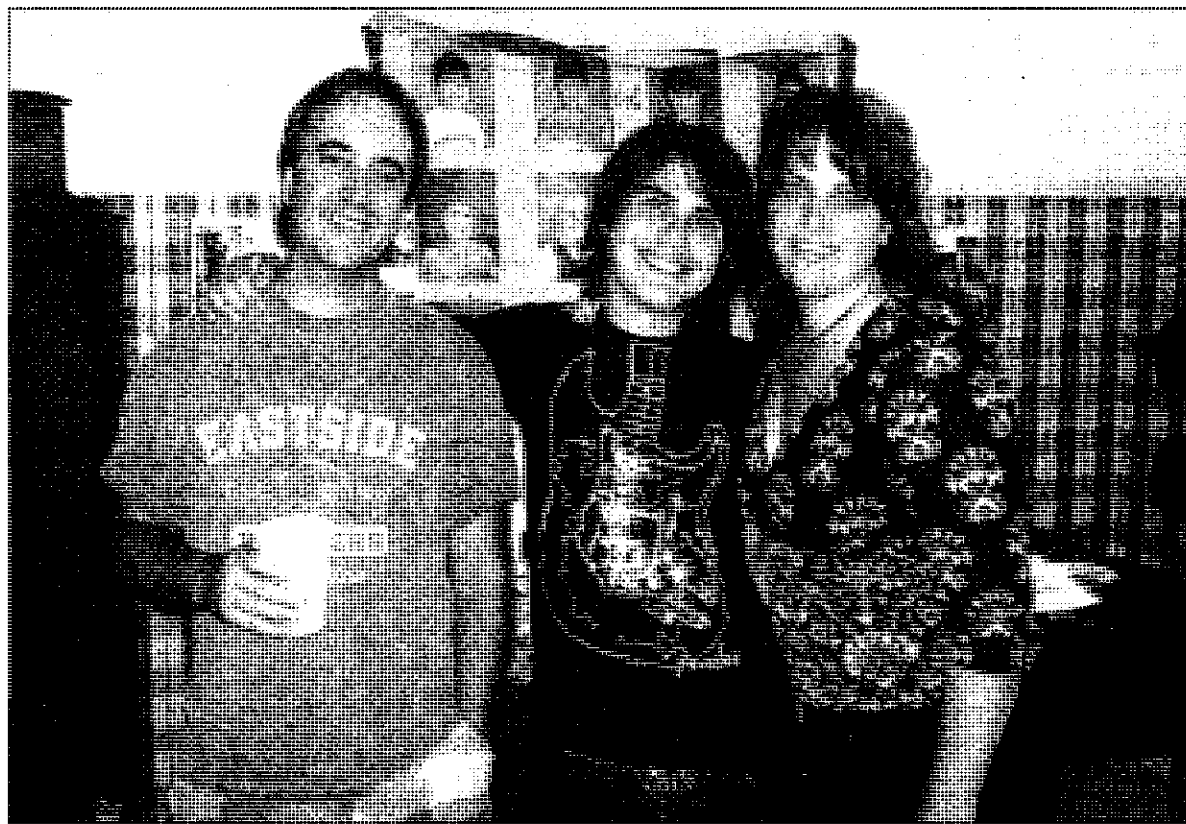
Police also found cocaine in Cramier-Oncza's house, and 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli indicated during an arraignment in February that the finding of drugs might explain the allegations of forged checks.

She was accused of writing checks from Nowc's account to herself and to a nonprofit organization she had formed, called Ways To Family Self-Sufficiency, Heater has said.

The charges against Cramier-Oncza and her son could have brought penalties ranging up to 14 years in prison.

Before the latest charges, she was on probation from April 2007 for embezzling money from a client while working for a family-assistance program at the city's Dorsey Center.

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Alex Letkemann (center) with dad Pete and mom Diane.

Dad: Not all facts came out at beheading trial

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pete Letkemann isn't trying to make excuses for his son, and he knows nothing he says now, in the wake of his son's guilty plea to second-degree murder in the death and beheading of Daniel Sorensen, will change anyone's opinion about the case, or about his son, Alexander.

But those opinions are based on facts that came out during the trial of — and were used to convict — Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township of first-degree murder in the case.

The elder Letkemann believes there are other facts, which never came out during Orlewicz's trial, that paint a truer picture not only of Alex's involvement in the crime, but of Alex as a person.

And while he understands — and acknowledges — the seriousness of his son's crimes, he thinks judgments should be made with *all* the facts.

"There are some facts and opinions that would have come out had Alex gone to trial," Pete Letkemann said. "I offer this ... as a dad. I believe those who know Alex will find my explanation easy to believe and (understand) those who do not know him may have some trouble."

The elder Letkemann wanted to expound on various points:

■ Much was made at trial of teens who heard Orlewicz talk just days before the murder about killing Sorensen. According to Letkemann, kids in that circle heard Orlewicz talk like that "all the time" and didn't take it seriously.

Opinions offered in some circles that teens who testified to hearing those statements — principally Levi Webb and Sean Gaikowski



Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the killing of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court.

IN ALEX LETKEMANN'S WORDS

"Every day I wish I would have made better choices. I was in a terrible situation and made the worst decision possible. I take complete responsibility for my actions. When somebody asks why I was involved at all I say, 'I don't know' because I honestly can't think of a reason. I really don't think there is an acceptable explanation, but I will say this: The whole scene went to the extreme in seconds. I was overwhelmed with shock and fear. My mind was clouded by intoxicants and, instead of doing something, I froze. I know I should have done everything differently and I will forever be in debt to my conscience. I hope that some will

remember that in spite of my incredible lack in judgment, I went to the police and cooperated in giving them information, helping to solve the case. I then testified, not for my own piece of mind, but for that of the Sorensen family. I am so grateful for their forgiveness and I admire their courage and strength. I made a very severe mistake, but I was glad to be able to insure proper justice and closure to this case. I know I did the right thing. In doing so, I was given another chance at life, with which I will show everyone I can be the person they know I am. I plan to do everything to help others in any way possible."

— could have done something to stop the murder are unfair, according to Pete Letkemann.

"They weren't keeping some deep, dark secret," Pete Letkemann said. "They heard (Orlewicz) talk like that all the time. It was only

in retrospect the comments were important to anyone. The media has unfairly portrayed them as if they were co-conspirators in some way, and this is wrong. They were

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Couple face 3-20 years in prostitution ring case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland couple faces three to 20 years in prison for operating a prostitution ring that included a 16-year-old girl who stayed at their Woodcrest Villa apartment on the city's north side.

"They should thank their lucky stars they're getting as little time as they're getting, especially since it involves a minor," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said Friday.

Lanard Mack Henley, 24, started serving his time in April after pleading guilty to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. His girlfriend, 26-year-old Davina Shirley Lloyd, faces sentencing May 22, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Ridener commended officers who conducted an investigation that led to their arrests in

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Clerk: Low turnout in school election

BY SUE MASON
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Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart expects history to repeat itself when it comes to the number of residents who will go to the polls in Tuesday's school election.

DeHart expects just 5 percent of registered voters in the Westland, Canton and Dearborn Heights portions of the school district to decide who will fill two seats on the school board. Wayne City Clerk Mary Carney is handling the election for that community as well as one precinct in the city of Romulus.

"I'm hoping for more than 5 percent, but I don't see that will happen," said DeHart who also will be handling the election for the Westland portion of the Livonia Public Schools. "There's a total of 68,657 registered voters in the both districts that my office is handling."

Five candidates are vying for two four-year terms in the Wayne-Westland School election — incumbent Cindy Schofield who is seeking a third term, Brian Mulligan and newcomers Jennifer Finley, Shawna Walker and Bill Gabriel.

In the Livonia Public Schools portion of Westland, voters will choose two trustees to fill four-year terms. Campaigning for the seats are incumbents Tom Bailey who was first elected to the board four years ago and Greg Oke who successfully ran for a one-year seat on the Livonia Public Schools board last May. Challenging them is Patrice Mang who also ran for a one-year seat on the LPS board last year.

DeHart will have 41 precincts open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday for the election. Voters who go to the polls Tuesday will need to bring identification, such as a state driver's license or identification card.

Residents who won't be in the district on election day can request an absentee ballot in person at the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday. Those who do will have to vote at the same time.

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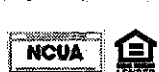
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Families find program helps end problems

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Cheryl Moore heard about the Strengthening Families Program, she wasn't sure it was anything she could use raising her daughters Shayna and Cheyenne. "I raised my 18-year-old. I didn't need anyone telling me how to raise my kid," said Moore, whose younger daughter Cheyenne is 10. "But I didn't have the same problems with my 18-year-old that I'm having with the 10-year-old — the crying and throwing a fit."

Westland resident Tracey Ward wasn't having any problems with her daughter Savannah, 7, but learned about program offered by the Garden City Family Resource Center

through an article in the *Observer*. "I kept the article for a couple of weeks and thought about it. I thought it wouldn't hurt to call, so I called," Ward said. "I took the class to expand my knowledge. I learned we don't have real issues — just the normal everyday issues all parents have."

The Strengthening Families Program is designed to improve family relationships, parenting skills and to improve the youngsters' social and life skills. Funded by a grant, Strengthening Families is open to Wayne County residents with children 6-11 years old. It's a 14-week program that begins the parents and children having dinner together, then splitting into separate groups of the parents and

'I took the class to expand my knowledge. I learned we don't have real issues — just the normal everyday issues all parents have.'

TRACEY WARD, Westland resident

the children before gathering for a group assignment. Committing to weekly attendance is daunting to some parents. "I get up at 4:30 a.m. and we're usually in bed by 8 p.m., so this makes for a real long day for both of us," said Ward, who works in a tool shop. "I think in the long run it has been a benefit. I can sacrifice a few weeks of losing sleep."

"I thought we would never make it, but we had no absences," said Moore, an Inkster resident. "I see a big change just because of the commitment we made to be here each

week. Now we're wondering what to do on Tuesdays. We need to find something else to do as a family."

The two moms and their daughters made a habit of sitting together for dinner each week. Both Moore and Ward said they've seen benefits from the program. "I wanted to learn better ways to deal with some behavior besides screaming or choking. It's been kind of fun and I've learned a lot," said Moore, who is a home health care aide and a singer. "Yesterday, my 10-year-old was crying and throwing a fit. As long as I

ignored her, it stopped." The Strengthening Families Program has helped Ward keep a better perspective in dealing with her daughter. "I think I'm more relaxed now about little things. I don't get angry over little issues," she said. "I think the program is good for anybody."

The first session of the program is wrapping up and enrollment is underway for the next session which will begin Tuesday, June 17, at the Maplewood Community Center. About 16 children and their parents participated in the first session, said Garden City Family Resource Center Director Monica Fulton. Some families dropped out, she said, due to scheduling conflicts. "We're getting a good

response for the second session. We have about 12 families enrolled or with appointments to enroll," Fulton said. "We had two families that wanted to come back for the second session — they liked it that much."

Unlike some other programs to which families are referred after a youngster is in trouble, Strengthening Families is aimed at being proactive. "This is for parents, if they are starting to notice the kids are arguing more or not listening, or if there has been a major change like a divorce, job loss or a move," Fulton said.

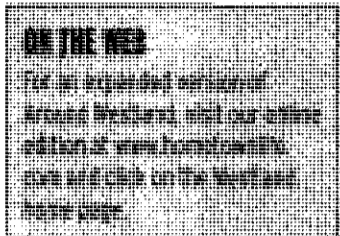
For more information about the program, call the Garden City Family Resource Center at (734) 793-1860.

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Surplus food

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food to eligible residents living north of Michigan Avenue 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer. The pick-up time and loca-



tion for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday,

May 12, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may collect their food at apartment building. Contact the building manager for the day of distribution.

Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa. For the month of May distribution will include instant potatoes, mixed vegetables and a 3-pound frozen ham. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by

that agency. Further questions may be answered by calling the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at 595-0366. **Pancake breakfast** Westland's Senior Resources Department will host its monthly pancake breakfast at the Friendship Center 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday, May 8. The

entire community is cordially invited to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes with a choice of buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes and regular or sugar free syrup. Breakfast also includes bacon, sausage and your choice of beverage, all for \$4. The breakfast is open to all ages. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, just south of Ford Road.

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January, when an undercover officer arranged to meet an 18-year-old prostitute at the Fairfield Inn in Canton. The couple advertised their clients on Craigslist, an online network that features advertising for jobs, housing, personals and other services.

Authorities learned of the prostitution ring after a 16-year-old girl told her mother that she had worked for Henley and Lanard. "Hopefully they won't have any future victims," Ridener said. "I think the sentence is lenient. They should be happy."

Officers from Westland and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, working in the Metro Street Enforcement Team, reportedly learned that

as many as 12 young women had been involved in the prostitution ring, according to Westland police Lt. Mark Engstrom. One girl, who reportedly worked for the couple when she was 16, testified against the couple during a preliminary hearing Feb. 29, saying they posted her nude pictures on the Internet and drove her to meet customers who paid \$200 or more for sex.

"They asked me to lie about my age," the girl, now 17, said in court. She accused Lloyd of slapping her and threatening her when she lied about being raped by a customer in hopes of getting time off work. "Davina said I'd end up dead in an alley if I lied to her," the girl testified. Henley and Lloyd faced multiple prostitution-related charges, some of which pros-

ecutors dropped after the couple agreed to plead to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution. Henley also had a criminal history involving possession of cocaine and carrying a concealed weapon. The girl who testified against the couple said in February that she met Lloyd and Henley three months earlier at a gas station in Detroit. She said she was attracted to Lloyd and that Henley gave

her a business card and told her to call the number on it, saying she could make money. According to the prosecutor's office, Henley has started serving his prison sentence and Lloyd is free on bond as she awaits her formal sentencing May 22 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

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LETKEMANN

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doing their best to put a killer behind bars. "I know of at least a half-dozen other kids who heard the same thing (Orlewicz talking about killing)," Pete Letkemann added. "Everyone's been to a party and heard someone talking crap and they said, 'Yeah, right.'"

While drugs were always on the periphery, there really wasn't much testimony about drugs during Orlewicz's trial. However, Pete Letkemann acknowledges, Alex had "started doing some serious drugs." In fact, the elder Letkemann said, the \$100 debt Alex was trying to clear by helping Orlewicz clean up after Sorensen's murder was drug-related. According to his father, Alex Letkemann thought humoring

Orlewicz by going along with his plan would buy him some time to pay back the \$100. When Orlewicz aborted the initial plan (Tuesday, Nov. 6), it cemented the idea in Alex's mind that Orlewicz was "talking more crap like he always did," Pete Letkemann said. The murder happened the next day. Letkemann testified he'd been drinking and said he "froze" when Orlewicz began stabbing Sorensen. In a statement he gave Canton police that was videotaped — which was played at the preliminary hearing in December, but not at Orlewicz's trial — Letkemann professed fear. "I was afraid to turn my back on him ... he had just done this to someone he'd known for years, what would he do to me?"

"(Alex) was messed up, there's no doubt about it," Pete Letkemann said. "I know through his friends he had been doing some (drugs) at the time. That night, when it

was going on, he was deathly afraid, absolutely." The day after the murder, Alex Letkemann first declined, then agreed to help Orlewicz dispose of evidence. While his father believes "this is the only crime Alex committed; some of you will disagree," he thinks Alex at that point was just trying to "make it go away."

On Friday, Nov. 9, the younger Letkemann's mind began to clear, according to his father, and the enormity of what he'd done began to sink in. According to Pete Letkemann, his son was worried Orlewicz might "do it again," because of talks Orlewicz had about "mistakes he'd made ... he wouldn't make again."

Letkemann wound up giving three different statements to police and, according to his own testimony in Orlewicz's trial, was untruthful in all three of them. It wasn't until he got his plea deal in April

that Letkemann told law enforcement the entire truth, even though he had helped police find Sorensen's head. Still, the Letkemann family bristles at the idea Alex testified to "cop a deal and save himself." In fact, according to Pete Letkemann, Alex had wanted to testify long before the April 1 plea arrangement. "The entire time Alex was in jail he said he wanted to testify to make sure JP could never hurt anyone again," Pete Letkemann said. "We convinced him to wait (for a deal)."

Defense attorney Raymond Cassar of Farmington Hills — who Pete Letkemann said "did a wonderful job" — said his client wanted to put everything right from the beginning. "Every time I went to visit with Alex, he indicated to me how sorry he was," Cassar said. "Alex always wanted to do the right thing. What I'd hoped the judge would have

done, was not to judge Alex by the misdeed, but by the corrective measures he took afterward. I would hope she'd give him more credit than that."

At sentencing, Judge Annette Berry criticized Letkemann for his inability to come up with an appropriate answer to her lone question: "Why?" But the victim's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen, forgave Alex during their statements and even offered to speak on his behalf when he comes up for parole. It was a gesture filled with meaning for Letkemann's family. "I knew (the Sorensens) were good people ... I still didn't know ... what they really felt," Pete Letkemann said. "When they saw the work we did trying to get the 'real' Alex out there, they began to understand these weren't two peas in a pod cooking up some sinister plot in the basement. I'm grateful they were able to

see that. I can't tell you how much that means. It means everything." With the trial and sentencing behind them — Berry imposed the 20- to 30-year sentence prosecutors and Cassar agreed upon — Pete Letkemann said the family's focus is on the future. He said his talks with Alex don't center much on the case, but on staying focused. "I've got a daughter, Amanda, who is having a hard time with this, even though she's a strong person and has a strong group of friends," Pete Letkemann said. "With Alex, it's getting him focused and keeping him upbeat and working toward the future. He plans on going full-tilt for any educational opportunities he can grasp. He understands at some places he's going to be able to work on his music (he writes music and plays guitar), and he's excited about that."

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McConnell is lone candidate in judge's race

BY DARRELL CLEM
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With no campaign opponents entering the 18th District judicial race, attorney Mark McConnell has become the presumptive successor to departing Judge C. Charles Bokos.

McConnell, a 39-year-old assistant Westland city attorney, became the only candidate to beat Tuesday's filing deadline in Lansing. He celebrated his heir-apparent status at Marvaso's Italian Grille with wife Sherry and their two daughters, Allison and Grace.

"It is hard to put into words the joy my family and I felt as the deadline passed and we were assured by the Secretary of State's Office that I was the only candidate," McConnell said.

He will replace Bokos, who has received widespread accolades for a position he has held since 1992. Under state law, Bokos cannot seek re-election because he will reach the age of 70 before the November election.

Although Bokos was essentially forced to step down, he had nothing but praise for McConnell during a telephone interview Thursday from his judicial chambers in 18th District Court, behind the Westland police station on Ford Road.

"Mark McConnell is an out-



McConnell

standing young man. He's an experienced attorney, and I am absolutely proud that he will be my successor," Bokos said. "He will do the kind of

job the city can be proud of." McConnell stands to replace Bokos next January. He will join the court's other judge, Sandra Ference Cicirelli, the former Westland mayor. McConnell had received endorsements from both judges as well as other high-ranking officials, including Mayor William Wild.

As he prepares for a \$138,272-a-year, six-year term on the bench, McConnell already has had broad experience handling cases in district court. He has worked for City Attorney Angelo Plakas' office since 1995, drafting ordinances and legal opinions, prosecuting cases and negotiating plea agreements.

McConnell earned his degree from the University of Detroit School of Law and worked for nearly two years for the Michigan Court of Appeals as a prehearing research attorney, before taking a job with Plakas' office.

"I have enjoyed serving and working hard for the citizens of Westland as an assistant city attorney and prosecutor,"

he said, "and I look forward to continuing to serve them in a new and challenging capacity."

McConnell pledged to work with Cicirelli to ensure that the Westland court remains "one of the best courts in Michigan."

Bokos said he will spend the next few months training McConnell and helping him prepare for his new job. He said McConnell already is well-schooled with the court and knows the people who work there.

"Everybody likes Mark," Bokos said. "He is a smart young man."

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Starfish sponsors Reality Check Fair

To celebrate youth advocacy, leadership and activism, Starfish Family Services is hosting a "Substance Abuse Reality Check Fair" at its teen Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center 3-6 p.m. Friday, May 9.

The event is in honor of "National Kick Butts Day," a national movement that empowers youth to speak up and take action against tobacco use. The event is free to the public.

The community will have the opportunity to visit various stations set up with expert advice, pamphlets, free giveaways and displays on substances such as marijuana, methamphetamine, alcohol and inhalants. There will be speakers who will share their life experiences with substance abuse.

People also will be able to participate in interactive activities, such as a bowling game with goggles that will simulate

intoxication and coordination impairment and an inflatable Velcro wall that symbolizes the hardship one experiences when trying to get off a substance.

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Career Tech inks articulation pact with Davenport

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Davenport University Provost Tom Brown is confident the school's new Livonia facility will be completed in time for fall classes.

But if he needs help, Ginny Kowalski has the answer.

"We have a construction technology program, they work fast," said Kowalski, the principal at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The quip came as Brown, Kowalski and Kevin O'Halla, Davenport vice-president for enrollment and student development, were preparing to sign an agreement that will provide college credit for classes completed at the center.

"This is really a wonderful opportunity for the students," Brown told the teaching staff which was on hand for the signing. "It's important to make them aware as often as you can about higher education."

Davenport is the latest school to ink an articulation agreement with the center. It joins colleges like Henry Ford, Schoolcraft, Wayne County Community, Washtenaw, Macomb, Baker and Ferris State University. The agreement provides college credit for every program offered at the career technical center. Students must have a grade of B or better in the overall program to receive the college credit.

The agreement is effective immediately, so students completing school this year can take advantage of credits.

"This can save students time and money," said Christopher Marx, Davenport director of transfer articulation. "With

program-to-program articulation, students can capture a greater number of credits."

Depending on the program, students can earn nine-to-18 credits, "definitely giving them a jump-start on their education," he added.

Based in Grand Rapids, Davenport has similar agreements with several schools on the west side of the state and four or five in the Detroit area. According to Marx, Davenport looks for "quality of outcome and programming" and how it matches up the university in setting up articulation agreements.

According to Pat Devoy, a career technical education coordinator who worked on the agreement, the center also looks for quality.

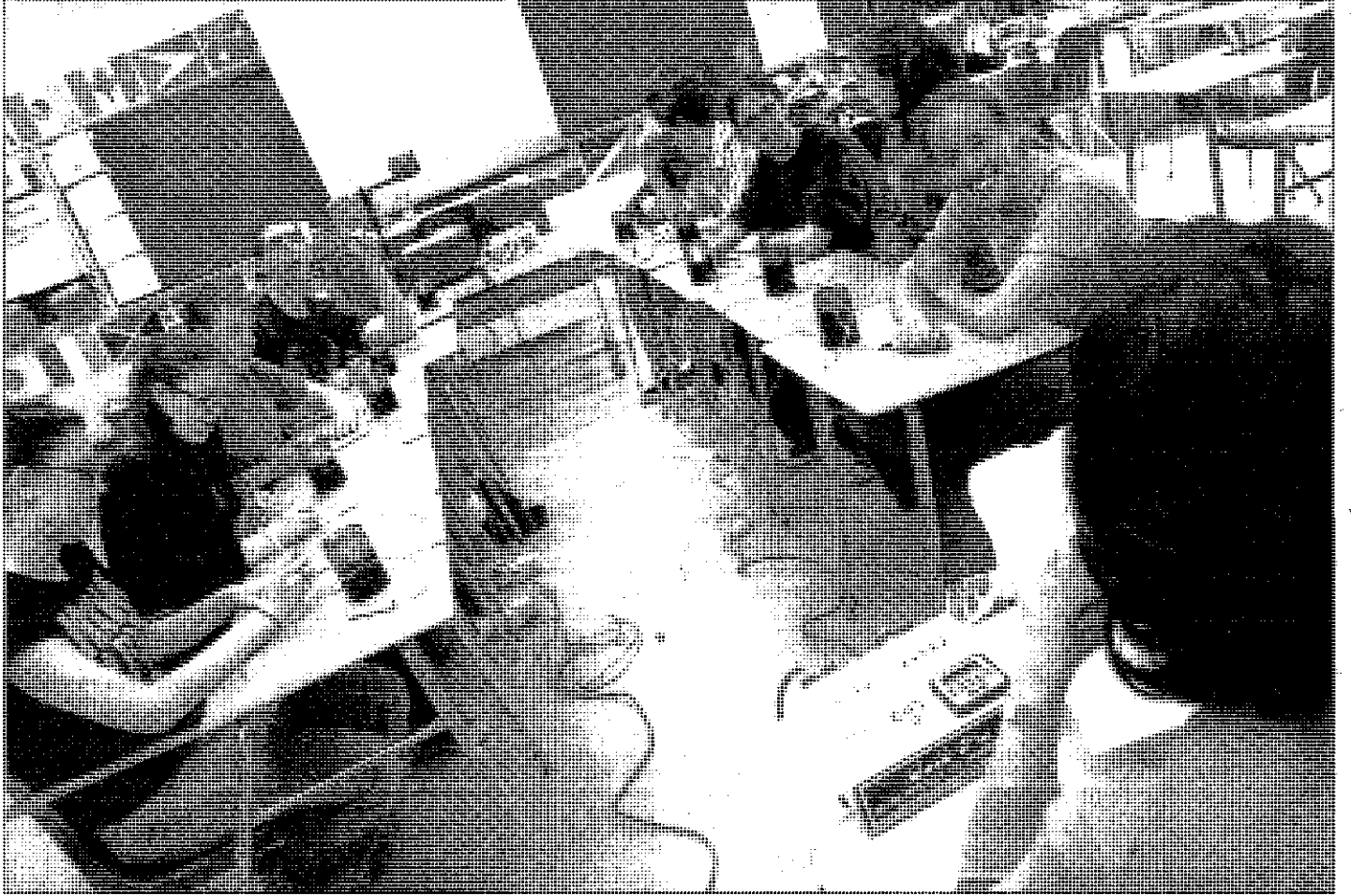
"When we set up an articulation, we make sure it's with a quality institution," Devoy said. "When we researched Davenport, we saw it was a good fit. It's the only institution we have an agreement with for all classes. We're very excited."

Many of the articulation agreements with the other universities and colleges allow retro credits — enrolling up to 11-13 months after graduation. Davenport is offering up to 27 months, so students who graduated in 2006 can still take advantage of the articulation.

According to Kowalski, one of the center's goals of articulation is to provide an impetus to get students to "the next level."

"They leave here feeling they're well trained and we feel they're well trained, but they need to go on for more," Kowalski said. "This is the carrot to keep them going."

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The Churchill High School Quiz Bowl team takes questions from teacher Kelly Granowicz as they practice for the upcoming national competition.

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Churchill Quiz Bowl team on to nationals, TV game show

BY REBECCA JONES
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The first name of Lyndon Johnson's wife was Claudia. Knowing tidbits like that, as sophomore Gavin Swantick does, is how Churchill High School's Quiz Bowl team made it to the national championship.

His answer went beyond the question presented by Quiz Bowl advisor Kelly Granowicz. She was only looking for Lady Bird's last name, in the category "First ladies by nickname."

Churchill's Quiz Bowl team members know everything from who wrote *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* to the names of various Pepperidge Farms cookies based on a description of the treat, and in many cases, the region of the world its named for.

Anyone who wants to match wits with these students can tune in to WFUM (Channel 22 in Livonia) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, but be warned.

For them, *Jeopardy!* is a piece of cake, or maybe a Milano cookie.

"This is the first time we were asked to be a part of *High School Challenge*," team captain Meghan Murray said.

This Wednesday, they take on Flint's Carman-Ainsworth High School.

Murray won't give away the season's final outcome, but they will have a showdown against rivals from Novi High School, she said.

Viewers can also watch *High School Challenge* online at <http://www.wfum.org/hsc/index.html>. New episodes appear online the day after they air.

Over Memorial Day weekend, 176 teams will participate in the national quiz bowl championship in Chicago. Seniors Murray, Bridget Dillon and Robby Scott and juniors Andy Scheffer, Matt Charniey and Joe Miller will represent Churchill. The school has two teams, but one made it to the finals.

At a recent practice, students named the last star in the Little Dipper, Canada's territories, and mathematical theorms.

The students are in accelerated and Advanced Placement classes, and "their minds are like sponges, soaking in everything that their teachers say," Granowicz said.

"Our weakness, I guess, is sports," she added. Murray protested that point, but then conceded, "We do throw a little party when we get sports questions right."

Swantick credits the students' wide-ranging knowledge to "reading — it's sort of a lost art."



Churchill senior Robby Scott (center) answers a question as he and his Quiz Bowl teammates practice for the upcoming national competition.



Churchill sophomore Gavin Swantick answers a question during a practice session for the school's Quiz Bowl team.

Harvard-bound senior Cory Kind adds that students are "just curious about different things" and one way she fulfills that is by reading Wikipedia entries.

Over the next few weeks, the team will continue practices

as usual. It won't get intense even with the championship approaching. "We vote every year to see if we want to be serious or have fun. We usually vote for fun," Granowicz said.

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'Sunset at the Zoo' set for June 20

The Detroit Zoological Society's annual Sunset at the Zoo fund-raiser takes place 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 20. Presented by General Motors and Saturn, the year's wildest party features a strolling supper, zoo-themed martinis, live entertainment, dancing, and live and silent auctions. The event is held rain or shine, and the zoo closes at 2 p.m. that day in preparation for the festivities.

More than 2,000 zoo supporters are expected to attend the 2008 Year of the Frog-themed event. A strolling supper offers tastes of signature dishes from 40 of the area's finest restaurants, the Jerry Ross Band entertains throughout the evening, and guests have access to the zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "elegant summer chic."

The live auction includes "zoo-nique" items such as a gourmet dinner for 12 with the polar bears at the zoo's Arctic Ring of Life, a behind-the-scenes tour for four with the zoo's night staff, the Ultimate Zoo Birthday Party and Overnight Experience for 20, and a custom piece of zoo-themed jewelry from Jules R. Schubot Jewellers.

Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo range from \$125 to \$500 per person. A Benefactor Party will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at the Bloomfield Hills home of Jennifer and David Fischer for those purchasing \$500 tickets. A VIP Reception will be held at the zoo's National Amphibian Conservation Center 6-7 p.m. Friday, June 20, for those purchasing \$500 and \$250 tickets. Tickets can be ordered by phone at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750, or online at www.detroitzoo.org.

Sunset at the Zoo is also supported by Comerica Bank, Crain Communications, Dining in the Wild!, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Alan J. Kaufman, Strategic Staffing Solutions and Unique Expressions. Co-chairs for this year's event are Beverly Bantom of Farmington Hills, Margaret Ogden of Grosse Pointe and Lois Shaevsky of Bloomfield Hills.

2008 Year of the Frog is a global public awareness campaign to focus attention on endangered amphibians and the critical work being done by zoos and aquariums to save them. The Detroit Zoological Society is supporting the worldwide initiative with special events, fund-raising activities, educational opportunities and community outreach efforts throughout the year.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October - with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August - and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 13 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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

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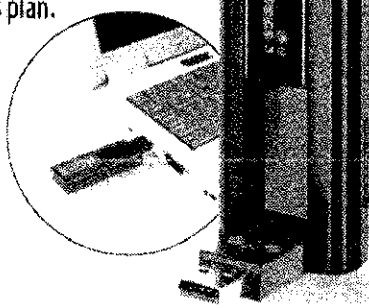
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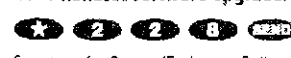
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Proposed bill would tighten up rules for cemetery trust funds

A state lawmaker from Michigan's west side has introduced legislation aimed at protecting families from the misuse of cemetery trust funds.

The bill, introduced Thursday by State Rep. Michael G. Sak, D-Grand Rapids, is the result of a year-long effort to close loopholes in state law. It comes in the wake of the theft of some \$70 million in cemetery trust monies from the cemeteries owned by Clayton Smart's Las Vegas-based company Indian Nation.

"This bill will prevent outsiders from coming to Michigan and pilfering funds designated for the perpetual care of Michigan cemeteries," said Sak. "The vast majority of Michigan cemeteries follow the highest standards. This legislation will eliminate the loopholes that allowed the theft of trust funds in the first place."

Called the Michigan Cemetery Trust Fund Protection Act, the bill would prevent new cemetery owners from acting on trust funds for at least six months, expand background checks of

new cemetery owners to include financial standing, increase fines and jail terms for cemetery owners who violate trust fund, and tighten overall control of the trust funds.

The proposal was fashioned from the recommendations of a work group made up of the Michigan Cemetery Association, Attorney General Mike Cox and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

"As cemeterians, we support tougher standards to crack down on individuals who misuse cemetery trust funds," said Tom Habitz, MCA president. "This legislation will give back to Michigan consumers the confidence that was stolen along with the trust fund money."

The bill comes a little more than a month after a Henderson, Nev., man has been sentenced to prison for his role in the embezzlement of the cemetery trust funds from 28 Michigan cemeteries, including Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland, Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in

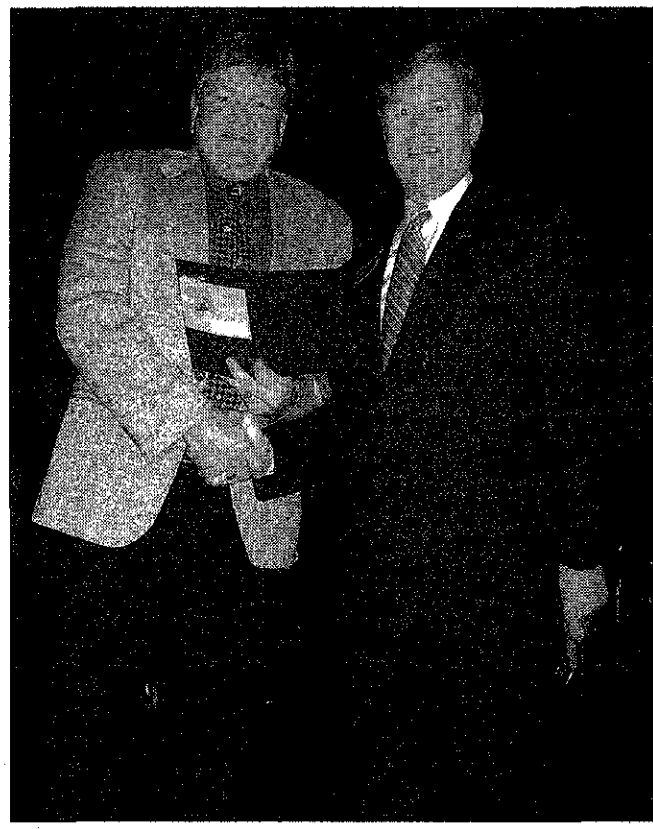
Livonia and United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Carter Green, 67, was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison for racketeering and up to 14 years each for three counts of uttering and publishing.

Green had been found guilty of aiding co-defendant Smart in embezzling of the trust money. Smart has been accused of pilfering the cemetery trust funds to invest \$31 million in Oklahoma-based Quest Minerals and Exploration Inc. in the form of unsecured promissory notes and a loan backed by highly speculative Quest oil and gas leases.

He also is accused of investing \$25 million in high-risk mutual funds.

Smart is awaiting trial in Tennessee where he is charged with theft of property, conspiracy to commit theft, and money laundering involving the Forest Hill Cemeteries and Funeral Homes. Once that case is concluded, he will be brought to Michigan to face 39 counts of racketeering, embezzlement and larceny.



New honor
Skip Monit, president of the Wayne-Westland school board, was among 29 Wayne County school board members and two boards of education earned awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards for improving their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders. Monit received a Master Board Member Award from Justin King, MASB executive director during the Wayne County Association of School Boards award ceremony at Thurston High School in Redford last week.

Volunteers 'go green' at Curtis Woods Park

Does planting 100 spruce trees qualify for "going green?" It does in Westland where the city recently partnered with Independent Carpet One Floor & Home to create a nursery in Curtis Woods Park on Palmer west of Wayne Road.

More than a dozen volunteers rolled up their sleeves to plant the trees which will later be transplanted elsewhere in the city. The effort was made possible through a mini grant from Art Van Furniture.

The tree planting expands on last year's observance of Arbor Day in which six spruce trees were planted to serve as a buffer between the park and traffic on Palmer. A new walking path also was added to the park in late 2006.

The tree planting comes on the heels of the city being named Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

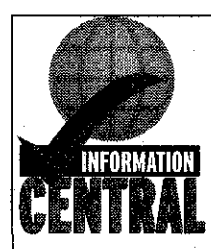
Westland met four standards to earn the designation, including enacting a tree care ordinance, maintaining a comprehensive community forestry program, observing Arbor Day and maintaining an active tree committee which is comprised of Westland Parks and Recreation Director Bob Kosowski and several community leaders.

"We are certainly proud to have been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for the fourth consecutive year," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "But we are most proud of our efforts to enhance the quality of this park's environment for all of our residents to enjoy."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Arbor Day, which originated in Nebraska in 1872, is generally the last Friday in April in the United States and also is observed throughout the year in many countries of the world.

Graceland is second-most visited private residence in U.S.

"... For reasons I cannot explain there's some part of me wants to see Graceland..."
Graceland by Paul Simon



Looking for a place to visit this summer? You can be like 600,000 other people and go visit Graceland in Memphis, Tenn. Every king has his palace and the King of Rock'n'Roll's is Graceland, which is the second-most visited private residence in the United States after the White House.

Graceland was originally owned by Memphis newspaper publisher S.E. Toof and was named after his daughter Grace. Presley purchased the house in 1957 for approximately \$100,000 and lived there until his death in 1977.

Graceland was opened to the public in 1982 and named a National Historical Landmark in 2006. Audio-

guided tours of the 13.8-acre estate include the main floor and basement of the mansion, as well as Meditation Gardens, the final resting place of Elvis, his parents and grandmother. The upstairs of the building is closed to everyone ensuring the family's wishes for privacy.

You can also see Elvis' car museum, custom jets, jumpsuits and a special exhibit honoring Elvis' military career.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has plenty of material on Elvis Presley. Karal Ann Marling's "Graceland: Going Home with Elvis" provides insight into Elvis' personal-

ity and its influence on Graceland's décor. Priscilla Presley's "Elvis by the Presleys" is a good source for information on Elvis' life at Graceland. Some books about the Elvis phenomenon include Greil Marcus' "Dead Elvis: A Chronicle of a Cultural Obsession" and Erika Lee Doss's "Elvis Culture: Fans, Faith, and Image."

If fiction is more your style of reading, try these Elvis-related stories: John Paxson's "Elvis Live at Five," Katryn Stern's "Another Song About the King," P.F. Kluge's "Biggest Elvis" and Robert S. Levinson's "The Elvis and Marilyn Affair."

Probably the best way to enjoy Elvis is his music. The library has some of Elvis' albums like "50 Worldwide Gold Hits," "Christmas Peace," "Love Songs," "Rhythm and Country," "Top 10 Hits" and "Viva Las Vegas." You might also want to check out some DVDs,

such as "Elvis '56," "Elvis Presley: From the Beginning to the End," "Elvis, Aloha From Hawaii" and "Elvis by the Presleys."

The library is also a good source for planning your trip to Graceland. Take a look at Frommer's "Nashville & Memphis," "Tennessee Family Adventure Guide" and "Hidden Tennessee" for ideas about what else to see and do in Memphis and Tennessee. You can also use the library's internet stations to check out www.elvis.com/graceland for more particulars about Graceland tours and events.

Highlighted Activities
Family Movie: 1 p.m. May 10. Join us for a free screening of a family movie (Rated G or PG). No registration is required; all ages are welcome (children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult).

20s/30s Book Discussion: 7 p.m. May 14. Join us as we discuss "Geek Love" by Katherine Dunn. Please read the book before the meeting. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk. All 20-30s are welcome. Discussion will be held at Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

Computer Training Classes: Internet 101, 7 p.m. May 5, Intermediate Microsoft Word 7 p.m. May 7.

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

Summer Reading Program is coming soon!! Circle your calendar for Saturday, June 14.

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

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2637-Ford West Party Store-35071 Ford Road
Request for a variance from Section of Ordinance 248 in order to repair and reface an existing non-conforming sign located at the site whereas Section 15:3.6(b)(5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without bringing the sign into conformance.

Petition #2638-C. Tarczynski-38189 Warren
Request for a 13 foot side yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 15' x 24' carport addition to the home that would be located 2 feet from the east side lot line, where Section 7:4.2 requires that the sum of the two required side yards equal a minimum of 20 feet. The subject home is located 5 feet from the west side lot line; therefore the sum of the two side yards equals 7 feet.

Petition #2639-T. Spencer-6086 N. Berry
Request for a 7 foot front yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 5'6" x 28'4" covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 18 feet from the front lot line whereas Section 7:4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet.

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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,
v.
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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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;

- 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;
- 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
- Publication in a local newspaper, once each week, for three (3) consecutive weeks.

MARY A. CHRZANOWSKI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
APR 15, 2008
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CARMELLA SABAUGH, COUNTRY CLERK
BY: Diane J. Ross Court Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk/Treasurer

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community School District invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Asbestos Abatement at The Beacon Day Treatment Center. The project will be completed in the summer and fall of 2008 prior to building demolition activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos ceiling materials, asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, asbestos light heat shield materials, asbestos exterior transite materials and exterior doors with asbestos caulk. A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at The Beacon Day Treatment Center located at 28690 Grandview, Inkster, MI 48141. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: SEALED BID-ASBESTOS, Pre-Demolition Asbestos Abatement, Attn: Angela Black, Purchasing Department, Wayne-Westland Community School District, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, 48186, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly at that time. The Board of Education shall not consider or accept a bid received after this date and time.

An electronic version of the proposal package can be obtained beginning Tuesday May 6, 2008, via the Internet at:
<http://www.health-air.com/news-and-reference/bid-information.htm>

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public (Select one):

Date: May 19, 2008
Time: 1:30 p.m. EST
Place: Board of Education
Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff Street
Garden City, MI 48135

Attn: Sheryl Quinn, Business Manager

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 28, 2008.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room, Livonia, Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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Hayes Jones talks about his passions - sports and SMART

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hayes Jones, the general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, knew he was at the Plymouth Kiwanis Club meeting Thursday to talk about the rising SMART bus ridership and an increasing need for suburban communities to opt back into the system.

But Jones, chosen as SMART's GM about a year ago, couldn't keep himself from starting his speech with some reminiscences about what he called his "first passion" - sports.

The 1964 Olympic gold medalist in the 110-meter hurdles took the opportunity to thank the Kiwanis Club, as he has done many times over the years, for helping him realize the potential he displayed on the playgrounds of Pontiac so many years ago.

Jones attributes his success to a program the Kiwanis Club started in Pontiac in the late 1940s, "Little Olympics," that gave children a chance to excel at football, basketball and track.

Jones said he didn't have the size for football or basketball, but he knew he had speed.

"Knowing I was the fastest kid in the neighborhood, I decided on track," Jones said Thursday. "That's where I was introduced to the Kiwanis Club, and they helped me find my God-given talent."

Jones said he'd qualified for the 1960 Olympics and had been favored to win the gold, but brought home a bronze instead, two weeks after getting married, a move he said his athletic director kidding

teased him, "Hayes traded gold for bronze."

Four years later, he said, he was again the favorite, but said he wound up hitting the tape at virtually the same time as countryman Harold Lindgren and Russian Anatoly Mikhailov. After 45 minutes of consultation, officials awarded the gold to Jones in 13.6 seconds (the silver went to Lindgren, the bronze to Mikhailov).

"That's when I knew my dream had become a reality, and I was the fastest hurdler in the world," Jones said. "As I stood there on the victory stand, and they played the national anthem in my honor, the only thing I could remember was someone in Pontiac telling me, 'You have a gift.'"

His passion now is running SMART, a system he said is getting more difficult to run because of the struggling economy and the decision by some communities, including places like Livonia, Canton and the Plymouths, to not be part of the system.

He said the system, created in 1976, now carries some 250,000 riders per week. The larger buses, which until recently had been averaging some 27,000 riders per week, have exploded to more than 42,000 riders per week as people for whom the system was designed - commuters, entry-level workers, seniors and people with disabilities - look for alternatives to spending nearly \$4 per gallon on gas.

"We're in a perfect storm," Jones said. "People are clamoring to use (SMART), but we don't have the money. The money we're supposed to have from Lansing and

Washington, D.C., just isn't there."

Jones said the decision by suburban municipalities to opt out has left SMART with "a checkerboard kind of service," because, for instance, people who live in Washtenaw County but work in Wayne County can't get a straight ride in because Plymouth and Canton don't have SMART.

"We're not providing the level of service we were mandated to provide," Jones said. "We can't have a strong regional system when the communities say, 'Let them do it.'"

Jack Kirksey, Livonia's mayor who used to serve on the SMART board, pointed out Livonia was a part of the system for years, spending some \$2.8 million per year. He said the city got out because ridership in Livonia was low - "Most of the buses were empty or had only one-two passengers," Kirksey said - and city officials felt the money would be better spent elsewhere.

"We already had a community bus system for our senior citizens, so voters were asked whether they wanted to opt out and use those funds for more pressing needs," Kirksey said. "We now have about \$1.6 million for capital improvements... money we've not had because of the way state finances have been, and we were able to do many positive things we couldn't do otherwise."

Kirksey said Livonia "stands ready to opt back in" if a viable plan were presented, but only if the city were "a vital link" to a regional system that included the communities west of them, such as the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SMART general manager Hayes Jones speaks with Kiwanis Club members at Ernesto's in Plymouth.

Plymouths.

That seems unlikely, however, since the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township partner on a senior transportation program and also have a van to transport those who are disabled.

"We'd have to re-evaluate it," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume. "But we've already got pretty good options."

Jones urged the Kiwanis audience to contact their community leaders and get them to reconsider participation in SMART.

"I'm appealing to you as business people to revisit your decision," Jones said. "It would help immensely in building a system that could serve the entire region. We sure could use you."

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Senate approves alternate insurance reform bills

Legislation to improve accessibility and affordability in the individual health care market was passed Thursday in the Michigan Senate by a 23-13 vote.

The legislation is a substitute for HB 5282 and 5283 and was approved after a compromise was reached over competing amendments by Sen. Tom George, R-Kalamazoo, chair of the Health Policy Committee, and Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City. The bills now go to a Senate-House conference committee.

The bill differs significantly from legislation approved by the House in October and pushed by Blue Cross Blue Shield, the state's largest health

insurer. The bill does not include a high risk pool, which would have provided insurance for consumers who have been denied or dropped from health coverage. Under the House plan, all health insurance carriers would have contributed to the fund, which Blue Cross would have administered and absorbed most of the losses.

The Senate bill preserves the oversight of the attorney general and the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation and requires Blue Cross to file an annual report on meeting its social mission as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation.

"Senate Republicans remain committed to ensuring the Michigan residents have access

to affordable, quality health care coverage in the individual health care market," said George in a press statement. "The George Allen substitute is about increasing consumer protections by making it harder to raise rates when people get sick, and it levels the playing field in the individual health care market."

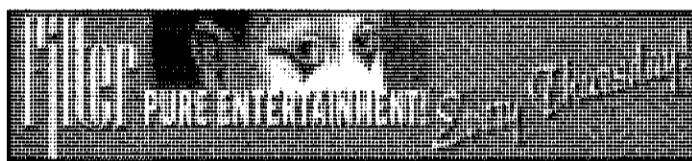
Blue Cross issued a statement saying the legislation does not "bring meaningful change."

"While we are encouraged to see the legislative process continuing, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is disappointed with the bills as they are now structured. We don't believe they bring about the meaning-

ful change and protections that Michigan consumers deserve and expect," said Helen Stojic, Blue Cross director of public relations.

"Throughout the process one point has become clear, that more and more people are finding themselves in need of individual coverage, but the system does little to help them. As the bills go back to the House, we are hopeful that there will be meaningful solutions on this important issue."

The Senate did not address HB 5284 and 5285 which would allow Blue Cross' for-profit subsidiary, The Accident Fund, to offer other lines of insurance beyond workers compensation.



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Wellness programs focus on health

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

Monday, May 5
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.

Childbirth Education (sixth 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) 458-3242 for more information or to register.

Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Tuesday, May 6
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement 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.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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 (first 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.

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Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussion on new diabetes information by attending this support group. Day and evening classes are available. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

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.

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"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call 734-458-3311 for further information.

Friday, May 9
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.

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.

VOLUNTEER AT GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for people age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed. Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital.

To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

Volunteers also may donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The group raises funds to support patient care. Members staff the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and deliver mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor Don Richard, at right, works with Dominic Tiseo of Livonia during class at MASH Gym in Redford.

Picking a (cage) fight?

New MASH Gym offers training in Mixed Martial Arts

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once only seen in the movies, professional cage fighting has come to town and four area businessmen are banking it's going to be the next big thing.

The newly-opened MASH Gym (MASH is an acronym for Martial Arts Submission Hybrid), 26575 Eight Mile Road, east of Inkster, offers training in a variety of martial arts and is one of the only facilities in Michigan offering training in Mixed Martial Arts fighting.

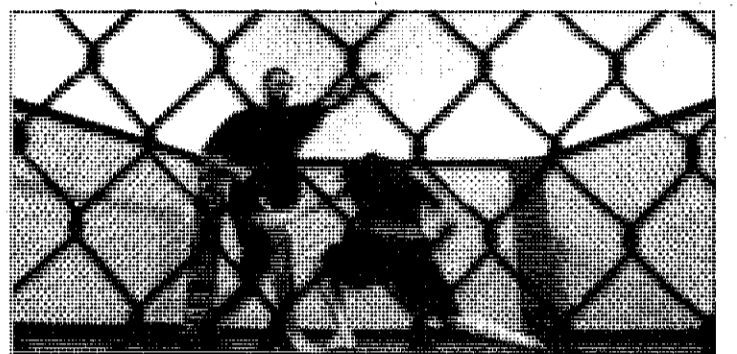
MMA is the style of fighting seen in Ultimate Fighting Championship bouts and includes striking (both hands, feet and knees) as well as grappling techniques.

The Redford-based MASH Gym is owned by Don and Todd Allee of Dearborn. Jason Waechter of Novi and Joe Smiler of Farmington Hills. Smiler had been in the truck sales business since he was 14 and had recently been getting personal training from Todd Allee — a devotee of UFC-style fighting.

"We talked and I think UFC is the next big thing," he said. "I had this building where I was storing trucks ..."

Several thousands of dollars later (paint, exercise machines, flat-screen TVs, mats, boxing ring, cage) the new gym opened for business and was instantly the largest MMA facility in the state.

Southfield-based attorney Jason Waechter started martial arts at the same time he learned to drive and stuck



Instructor Mike Kay, left, works with Dave Royce in the cage at MASH Gym.



MASH Gym instructors, from left, Mike McKay, Don Richard, James Lee and co-owner Todd Allee gather together in the cage.

with it through law school. His friend and golf buddy, Smiler, got him connected with the Allees. Waechter isn't just one of the owners, he's there every day working out on the mats he owns.

"This is a good way to work out and keep interested and excited," Waechter said. "I believe in the people I'm in business with."

The future is looking bright for MMA.

"This is already a lot bigger

than boxing, boxing is a bore compared to MMA," Smiler said. "Sponsorship is growing. Harley Davidson owns the center of the mats at all of the UFC competitions."

Head MMA Instructor James Lee of Sylvan Lake has been training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu since he met Relson Gracie (son of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu pioneer Helio Gracie) in 1992. From there he worked his way into MMA and has competed in the UFC.

"I had seen some underground fight tapes and got interested," Lee said. "I went into the UFC in 2007."

Lee is the King of the Cage light heavyweight champion and most recently competed in England at UFC 80.

The gym also offers training in Muay Thai (Thai boxing), boxing, Krav Maga, kickboxing, yoga, cardio kickboxing and pilates.

Just a few months into business, they've got more than 100 members paying more than \$100 per month.

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Tax-free bonds may not calculate as best investment

Dear Rick: I have been sitting on cash for a period of time. I am a conservative investor. I have some stocks in my portfolio as well as some CDs and equity-index annuities. I think I already have enough in the market and I am a little nervous. It has been recommended that I invest in tax-free bonds. Do you think tax-free bonds are a good investment?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
I appreciate your concerns over the market. There is no doubt that many investors have been nervous as to the direction of the U.S. economy. The

first quarter was certainly a shock to many investors. There are many investors who have cash and can invest that money, but because they are nervous, are leaving it in unproductive checking accounts or low-paying money market accounts. In those situations, considering tax-free bonds makes sense. However, like most things in the investment world, not all tax-free bonds are the same.

LOOK AT RETURN

It is important to determine whether a tax-free bond is the

proper alternative or does it pay to invest in a bond and pay the tax. The key is not the tax you pay, but rather what ends up in your pocket. For example, if the after-tax return on a tax-free bond is 3 percent, but you can make 5 percent on a taxable bond and net 4 percent (after taxes), it's obviously advantageous to invest in a taxable bond.

On the other hand, if the after-tax return was 2 percent on the taxable bond, then a 3-percent tax-free bond would be appropriate. The first issue is to determine whether a tax-

free bond makes economical sense for your individual situation.

FORMULA

There is a simple formula to determine what is best. Divide the tax exempt yield by one minus your tax rate. For example, if you are in the 25 percent tax bracket and your yield on a tax-free bond was 3 percent, the taxable equivalent yield would be 4 percent (1 - 0.25 = 0.75) (0.3 ÷ 0.75 = 4 percent). Therefore, if your yield on a taxable bond was 5 percent, you'd be better off to invest in

this bond and to pay the tax. If your yield on a taxable bond was only 3 percent, the tax-free bond would be more appropriate.

CONSIDER COSTS

If you are thinking about purchasing a tax-free bond fund, pay particular attention to the costs involved. If you're only getting a 3- to 4-percent return, paying an extra 1 percent in fees can erode your return by a third.

In addition, if you end up having to pay commission to purchase a bond fund, you can lose nearly two years worth of returns. Therefore, avoiding high fees and commission-based tax-free bond funds is the only prudent course of

action, particularly in today's interest rate environment. Vanguard and Fidelity are just two of the mutual fund companies which offer commission-free, low-cost investments.

Tax-free bonds play an important part in diversifying a portfolio. However, before you buy tax-free, make sure that your focus is not on the taxes you save, but rather what ends up in your pocket.

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 from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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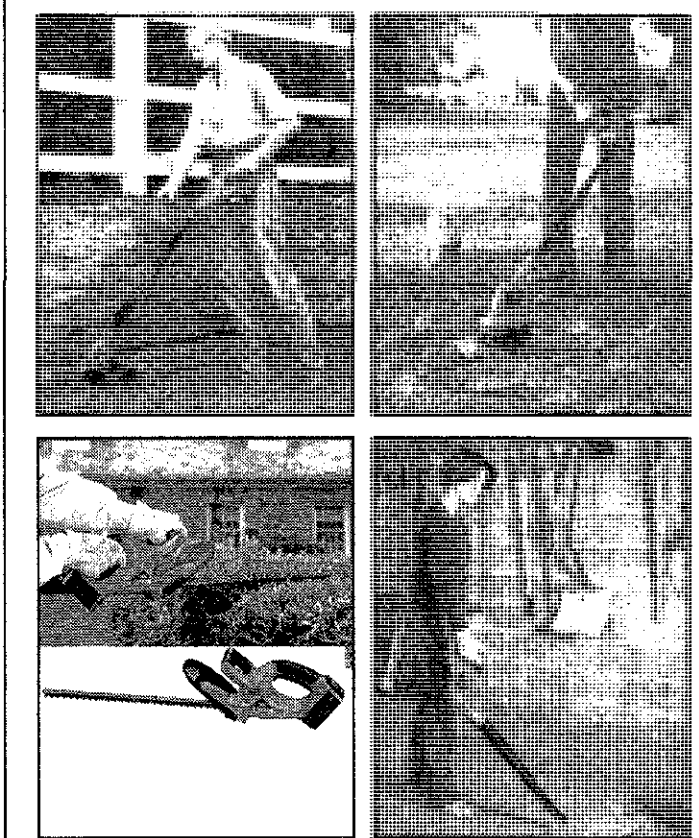
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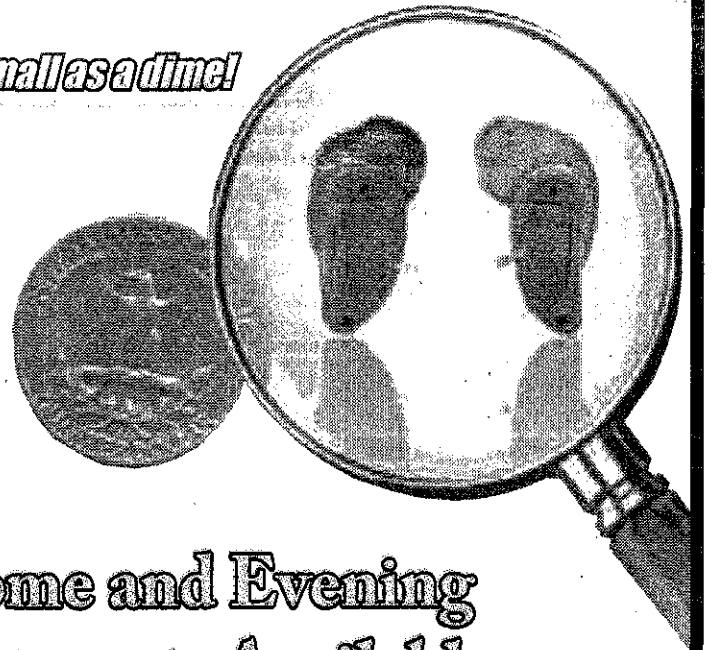
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OUR VIEWS

Here are our picks for school board

On Tuesday, May 6, voters in the Wayne-Westland and Livonia school districts will go to the polls to select those people they believe should represent them on their respective boards of education.

WAYNE-WESTLAND

In Wayne-Westland, two four-year terms are up for grabs — one held by Cindy Schofield and the other by Terrance McClain who has chosen not to seek re-election.

Five candidates have filed in the Wayne-Westland election. Each candidate has his or her own view of issues facing the district and how they will approach the job. After interviewing each candidate, we believe the interest would be best represented by incumbent Cindy Schofield and newcomer Jennifer Finley.

Schofield has served on the board for eight years and knows the issues and problems facing the district. She is a proven leader and effective member of the board. She's also willing to ask the tough questions and speak her mind. We also like the fact that Schofield keeps connected with the schools as a parent volunteer.

Finley also is a parent who is experienced in working with educators and administrators on behalf of children. She has a good understanding of the role of the school board in setting policy and running the district and the importance of education. As the mother of several special needs children, she also is knowledgeable about the special education process and the importance of maintaining lines of communication between parents and teachers.

We believe both candidates will help keep the district moving forward in difficult times and urge residents to re-elect Cindy Schofield and elect Jennifer Finley

to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the Livonia Public Schools, three residents have filed for the two seats held by incumbents Tom Bailey and Greg Oke.

Elected to a one-year term on the board last year, Oke has shown an ability to bridge the emotional divide that still separates those who hold onto animosities that once split this district. Oke has been effective in sharing his opinions and he's shown the independence and critical thinking to question and even vote against proposals with which he doesn't agree.

The middle school assistant principal has also been a strong proponent of trying an all-day kindergarten pilot plan.

Mang is a confident, outspoken advocate for improving the district. Sometimes that means offering criticism (on using consultants, the need for better communication, etc.), but there are also ideas for making things better. For example, the longtime teacher isn't satisfied with the Everyday Math program, urging students also be drilled in memorizing multiplication tables.

We believe **Greg Oke** and **Patrice Mang** would be the best choices for Livonia Public Schools.

We also urge voters to get involved and go to the polls on election day. They'll be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

And if you want more information about all of the candidates, pick up a copy of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County Voter Guides, which contains non-partisan information about the candidates running for Livonia and Wayne-Westland school boards. Print version of the Voter Guides are available at local public libraries, and can be accessed online at the league's Web site at www.lwvww.org.

LETTERS

Return to common sense

Kudos to Barack Obama for his political courage and the common sense to oppose the blatant political pandering espoused by John McCain and Hillary Clinton in the form of a proposed federal gas tax "holiday" during the summer months. This type of feel good but fiscally foolish nonsense is classic Republican fakery, a shell game that designed to appeal to those who unable to discern even the simplest of political scams.

Moreover, the gas tax "holiday" would do nothing to alleviate the causes of high gasoline prices, but instead would deprive the government of critically needed revenue to maintain and repair crumbling roads and infrastructure. An additional consequence would be a further loss of jobs at a time when the Bush-ravaged economy is already in the midst of recession. But never fear, already obscene oil company profits would certainly increase even further.

How sad that Hillary Clinton, who certainly knows better, would endorse such ridiculous policy in a shameless attempt to woo remaining primary voters. Although she concurrently endorsed a long overdue windfall profits tax on big oil, she knows that the slim Democratic majorities in Congress have neither the political will nor the tactical ability to overcome Republican obstruction and a certain Bush veto. I look forward to January 20, 2009, when newly inaugurated President Obama begins our nation's return to common sense and the common good.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Return to civility

In response to Mr. Down's letter of Sunday, April 27: You have the right to read and a responsibility to understand before you question others' motives. Careful reading of the Torres article (Thursday, April 24) reveals a deep felt plea to return to civility.

LaFern Deeter
Westland

They'll vote only for Mang

Tuesday, May 6, is the Livonia school board election. There are two four-year terms on the ballot. Patrice Mang is one of three candidates. We will be voting for ONLY Patrice, as we feel she is the most qualified candidate. Patrice is also being endorsed by the *Livonia Observer*: "Patrice Mang is a confident and outspoken advocate for making this school district the best it can be." (April 17, 2008)

Please take the time to review her extensive qualifications and please vote in this very important election for Patrice Mang. If you would like to endorse Patrice Mang, need a sign, or have any questions please contact Patrice at info@electpatricemang.com or visit her Web site: electpatricemang.com.

Patrice Mang's qualifications: In addition to her teaching duties, Patrice serves on the district Intervention

Team for drug, alcohol and suicide issues, and the district Crisis Team. She has facilitated drug and alcohol classes at the high school, and evening parent classes for those dealing with at-risk youth. Patrice is the testing accommodations coordinator for the new Michigan H.S. Merit Exam and continues to work as part of the North Central Accreditation process. Patrice is an active member of the Michigan Education Association and the Allen Park Education Association. Patrice has been an elected officer for the past seven years.

Her additional training includes: Interest Based Bargaining, and Collective Bargaining, Understanding School Finances and Budgets.

Patrice and her husband, Bob, are PTA members at Roosevelt Elementary, where their son, Griffin, attends school, and at Riley Upper Elementary where their daughter, Kennedy, is a student. They have been actively involved in numerous local school activities since their children entered school.

Patrice is also very involved with youth athletics. She has assisted with her daughter's LJAL softball team, coached soccer at the Livonia YMCA, and just finished coaching girls volleyball.

Holly and Tom Burr
Livonia

Mang is qualified, committed

Tuesday, May 6, is another important day in Livonia. We, as residents, are afforded the privilege to vote for who will represent our children and our community as a Livonia school board trustee. As our school district is the jewel of our city, it is so important for all registered voters to get out and vote! It is so sad to think more people vote for *American Idol* and *Dancing with the Stars* than those who vote for their own city officials. Your vote can make a difference.

Of the three candidates, Patrice Mang is most deserving of our vote. She has the education, experience, dedication, financial responsibility and commitment to continue the pursuit of educational excellence for all our students.



Patrice has the ability to engage in important dialogue. She has the ability to work with our city officials and community groups to enhance our anti-bullying and youth at risk efforts due to her dedication and experience serving on her district's Intervention Team. She has the experience of writing grants, which are beneficial in reducing costs to the district by increasing state and federal revenues. Patrice offers additional training in Interest Based Bargaining and Collective Bargaining. Furthermore, her 20 years as an educator lay an experienced foundation to understand school finances and budgets.

In addition to her extensive educational qualifications, Patrice is a caring mother, wife and community member. She is involved in numerous community activities and PTA functions.

Please join me in voting for Patrice Mang on Tuesday, May 6. Visit www.electpatricemang.com for more information.

Kim Naccashian
Livonia

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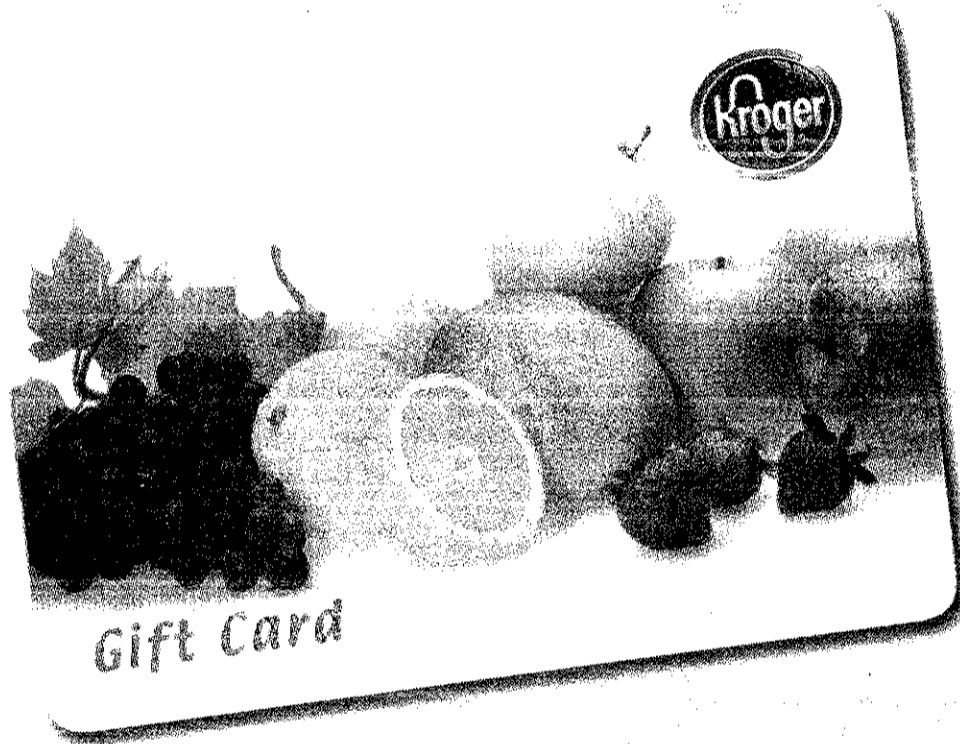
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Irwin hurls Madonna into NAIA regional

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's becoming an annual rite of spring, Madonna University's softball team advancing to the NAIA Region VIII tournament.

The Crusaders (35-12-1) did just that with Thursday's 7-1 trouncing of visiting Aquinas in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship game at University Field.

Freshman pitcher Jessica Irwin came through with her usual brilliant performance, giving up one fifth-inning run and just three hits while walking two and striking out eight, giving her a 22-5 won-lost record.

And after Jacki Plough went down swinging, Irwin exchanged hugs and hand-slaps with teammates inside the pitcher's circle in the middle of the diamond.

"She's learned how to get that next gear when she needs it," said a happy Al White, veteran coach of the softball Crusaders. "She does that when she needs to get a big strikeout for us."

White then pondered going to the Bethel, Ind., vicinity for this week's Region VIII tourney, where Madonna will have the top WHAC seed.

"This is five years in a row we've (gone) to regionals," White said. "We keep knocking on the

door and it's going to open one of these days."

White said his team gained early confidence Thursday, when it scored a single run to start the ballgame and added two more in the second for a 3-0 lead.

"The ball is just jumping off the bats and it gave us so much confidence when we scored there in the first inning," he noted. "And we came back and scored two more in the second."

In the first, shortstop Tedi Johnston (2-for-3, three runs) singled with two outs and nobody on base and she moved to second on a passed ball.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**



Madonna University's softball team celebrates Thursday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship.

Sidelines

MU sweeps awards

Regular season Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball champion Madonna University accounted for six of the 17 All-Conference baseball selections including senior Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn), who was named Pitcher of the Year, and senior first baseman Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison), who shared Player of the Year honors with Concordia University first outfielder Alex Hoover.

Other first-team MU selections included senior third baseman Patrick Kenny (Utica), senior shortstop Levi Cheshire (Troy), senior pitcher Eric Wendling (New Lothrop) and senior relief pitcher John McCracken (Pinckney). MU's Greg Haeger earned WHAC Coach of the Year honors.

Junior second baseman Ryan Morrow (Taylor) made honorable mention, while Kenny earned a gold glove award along with honorable mention pick Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson), a junior shortstop from Concordia.

McCracken also was named to the Champions of Character team.

Madonna hoops camp

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Crusaders overcome weather, Warriors

In a game that took seven hours and 17 minutes to play and saw three different rain delays, the Madonna University baseball team completed the WHAC Title sweep, downing Indiana Tech 11-10, in walk-off fashion after 11 innings at Ilitch Ballpark on Friday.

With the win, MU is now the number one seed out of the WHAC in the NAIA Region VIII tournament next week at Huntington University in Indiana.

Madonna took the early lead in the contest, plating three runs in the bottom of the first. Ryan Morrow led the game off with a single and then moved up on a passed ball. Two outs later Morrow came home on a Kevin Zerbo (Farmington) double to left to make it 1-0.

Pat Kenny then made it 3-0 hitting his eighth homer of the season over the wall in left center to stake the Crusaders (36-12) to a three run cushion after one inning.

Tech (28-26) got one run back in the second, using a Steve Weigle homer to right center off of starter Richard Lindquist to make it 3-1. Tech then took the lead in the third, using two homers off of Lindquist to make it 4-3 Warriors.

The Warriors took a four-run lead in the top of the fifth, scoring three times and taking advantage of a Crusader miscue to hold a 7-3 lead. That's when the rains fell for the first time, causing a delay of 1:45.

Shortly after play resumed, the Warriors padded their lead to 10-3.

GETTING CLOSER

But MU chipped away immediately. Dave Herrick (Westland) started a three-run uprising in the seventh, a rally featuring an RBI single by Scott Boyer.

Canton product Shawn Little (2-for-4) then reached on an error that loaded the bases for Zack McMillin (3-for-6, four RBI) who singled in Kenny and Boyer to make it 10-6.

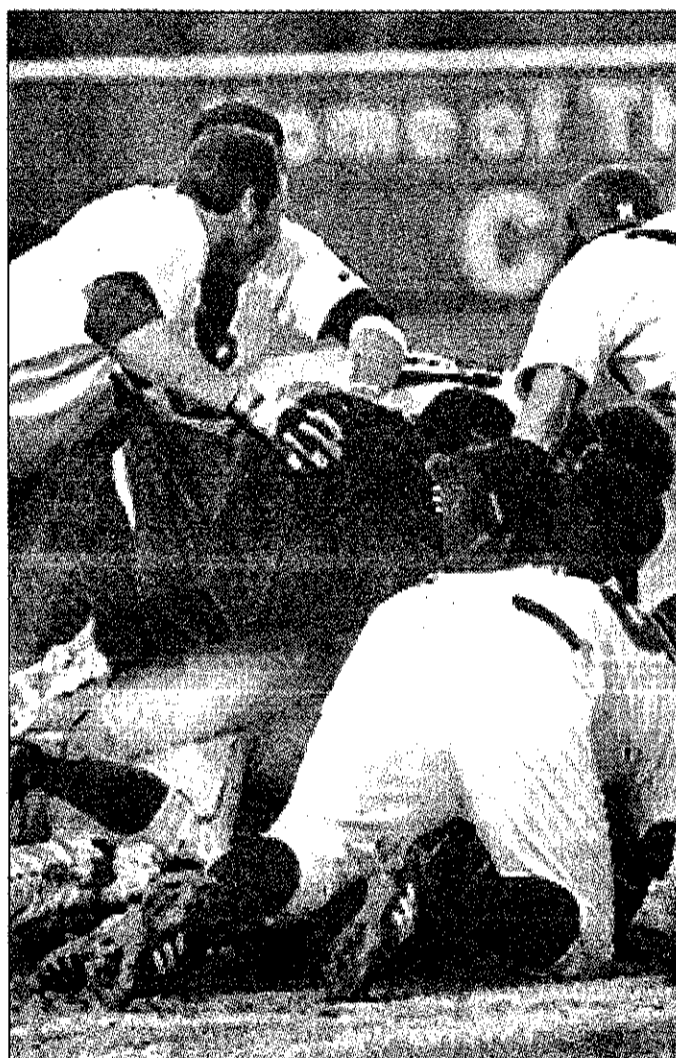
MU made it a one-run game in the eighth, scoring three more times.

Levi Cheshire (Troy) led off with a walk and moved to third on Kenny's two-out single. Boyer singled in Cheshire (2-for-6, two runs) and Mike Cauzillo (West Bloomfield) then drew a walk to load the bases. McMillin then singled again, driving in two more runs to make it 10-9 heading into the ninth.

Canton's Carl McDevitt came in and got two outs before the rains came for a second time and forced another 1:45 rain delay. After the delay, McDevitt got Jason Ferens out to end the inning and set up a dramatic bottom of the ninth.

Tech brought in sidearm reliever JP Akers who gave up a one-out double to Cheshire. After getting Herrick to foul out, Akers gave up a single to Zerbo (2-for-3, one run, two RBI) that scored Cheshire to make it a 10-10 affair.

Madonna then ended the marathon in the 11th. Crusader catcher Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) was hit by a pitch to open the inning and was run for by Drew Adamiec. A double play moved Adamiec to third and he rode home on fifth-year senior Herrick's clutch single into short left field for the run that would



Somewhere on the bottom of this happy pile is Madonna's Drew Adamiec, who scored the winning run in the 11th inning Friday. The Crusaders won the WHAC tournament with their 11-10 victory over Indiana Tech.

win the game and tournament.

McDevitt picked up the win — his fifth of the season — throwing two innings of relief, giving up one hit and striking out four.

The Crusaders advance as the top-seeded WHAC team and

will square off with 2007 NAIA national runner-up Spring Arbor University in the first round of the NAIA Region VIII Tournament Wednesday (May 7) at 4:00 p.m. at Huntington University in Huntington, Indiana.

Muller paces Patriots' win with 2-hitter

Freshman Dan Muller threw a two-hitter and went all seven innings to lead host Livonia Franklin to a 5-1 win over Walled Lake Northern in a WLA A crossover baseball game Wednesday.

Muller improved his record to 2-1 with the complete-game performance, which included four strikeouts and five walks.

Northern's only run, coming in the top of the third inning, was unearned as a result of two Franklin errors.

Hitting standouts for the Patriots (10-8) included Mark McRobb (2-for-3; three RBI); Garrett Gumm (2-for-3, walk, three runs); and Jesse

Carpenter (2-for-2; RBI).

Losing pitcher Kevin Carlson gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out two. He also balked home a run. The Knights are 9-8.

CRANBROOK 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3: The Warriors fell to the Cranes despite two-hit efforts from Aaron Derminer (2-for-3, RBI) and Dan Abbott, who went 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Ryan Rakovalis had the only other hit for Lutheran Westland.

"We gave a good team too many opportunities and they took advantage," said Warriors head coach Kevin Wade. "You can't give teams — especially good ones — extra outs. We know we played poorly and we know what to fix, it is just a matter of getting it done."

NORTHVILLE 7, CHURCHILL 4: Steve Anderson went 4-for-4 with two RBI and Joe Mitchell collected three hits Wednesday as the state-ranked Mustangs (18-1) stopped host

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Collop goes distance in Zebras' 6-2 win vs. Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Ryan Collop provided something the Detroit Tigers have been missing most of the season — a pitcher that not only can provide a quality start, but also go the distance.

On Wednesday, the senior pitcher threw a complete game and struck out five in host Wayne Memorial's 6-2 Western Lakes crossover baseball vic-

tory over rival Westland John Glenn.

"Ryan pitched well today spreading out six hits and three walks over seven innings," Wayne first-year coach Paul Cavanaugh said. "And along with some timely hits and catching the ball today all helped contribute to the win."

Stefan Harrison had two hits, including a 2-run single in the fourth inning for the Zebras, who improved to 8-11 overall.

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Zeb Hancock and Tim Siegfried each scored twice in the win.

Losing pitcher Jon Gillis gave up five runs over four innings before being relieved by Jake Sperry.

Jace Paciocco went 3-for-4 in the loss.

"We have been struggling at the plate and have had some defensive breakdowns that have

contributed to our drop as of late," said Glenn coach Tom Wakefield, who coached previously at Wayne for six seasons (2000-05). "We finally have a practice today (Thursday) and these issues will be addressed. We need to get back to playing Glenn baseball — bottom line."

Glenn got a run in the third inning on singles by Steve Hickson and Paciocco followed by a Wayne infield error. Gillis brought home Andrew DeLuca

with an RBI sacrifice fly in the seventh.

"It was a tough loss to handle," Wakefield said. "Collop was poised and was able to overcome some potentially tough situations. He did not seem to have 100 percent command of his breaking stuff, but he spotted his fastball with a little velocity. That is what a pitcher needs to do when the breaking stuff is not there."

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PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 5 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Clarenceville, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Wayne at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 (all double-headers unless noted) Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m. Stevenson at Garden City, 11 a.m. Wayne at S.H. Andover, 11 a.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, May 5 W.L. Northern at Churchill, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Ladywood at F.H. Mercy (2), 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Redford Union, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 (all double-headers unless noted) N. Farmington Invitational, 9 a.m. Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m. Wayne at D.H. Annapolis, 11 a.m. Fred Piper Tournament, TBA. Sunday, May 11 Fred Piper Tournament, TBA. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 5 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at G.P.W. Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m. Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Luth. Westland at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. F.H. Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Clawson at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Luth. Westland at Herter Woods, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 Redford Union at John Glenn, 4 p.m. A.A. Pioneer at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10 Ladywood at Thurston, 12:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Monday, May 5 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Clarenceville at Clawson, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Stevenson at Churchill, 3:30 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 South Lyon Invitational, 4 p.m. Stevenson Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 River Rat Invitational at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m. Cougar-Warrior Invitational at Lutheran Westland, 9:30 a.m. BOYS GOLF Monday, May 5 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 2:45 p.m. Wayne vs. W.L. Western at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood CC, 3 p.m. Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 Livonia City Inv. at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Wayne at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Plymouth at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. W.L. Central at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Western Wayne Invitational at Lake Erie Metropark, 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 9 Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Canton at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS Monday, May 5 Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary CC at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m. Ferndale at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 Ladywood at Churchill, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 8 Metro Tourney at G.P.W. Liggett, TBA. Saturday, May 10 W.L.A.A. Tourney at Plymouth, 9 a.m. Catholic League Tourney, TBA. GIRLS LACROSSE Wednesday, May 7 Catholic League Semifinals, TBA. Saturday, May 10 Catholic League Finals at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 1 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Thursday-Saturday, May 1-3 WHAC Tourney at MU's Hitch Ballpark, TBA. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL Wednesday-Friday, April 30-May 2 WHAC Tourney, TBA. WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE Saturday, May 10 Det. Demolition at Wisconsin Wolves, 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

Rockets celebrate

John Glenn gets 1st victory of year vs. Wayne, 5-1

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Last season it took Westland John Glenn 22 games - an entire regular season - to win a girls softball game. The Rockets started the 2008 season 0-9, but rival Wayne Memorial proved to be much-needed tonic again Wednesday as host Glenn snapped its losing streak with a 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association crossover triumph. Ironically, Glenn's last win came during 2007 Division 1 pre-district state playoffs over the same Zebras team, 11-2. "We're overjoyed," Glenn coach Julie Rogers said. "The girls got a weight lifted off

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themselves today and it will help boost our morale because they were beginning to think they couldn't win. "Personally I would taken it earlier in the season, but I'll still take a win." Winning pitcher Brittany Holbrook limited Wayne to a pair of hits over seven innings. The junior struck out eight, walked three and hit one batter. The Rockets did not commit an error on the day and wrapped up the victory in the top of the seventh by turning 6-4-3 double-play, their first of the season. "Brittany (Holbrook) has been throwing well all season,"

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Wayne wallops Willow Run in softball

All nine players recorded a hit Thursday as host Wayne Memorial (9-13) cruised to a 10-2, non-league softball victory over the Willow Run Flyers (7-6). The Zebras, who scored five times in the fifth inning to break a 2-2 deadlock and added three in the sixth, rapped out 18 hits. Winning pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up just two hits, walked six and struck out seven. She also went 3-for-4 at the plate with four RBI. Other Wayne hitting standouts included Jordan Berry (3-for-5; two runs), Bianca Hayes (2-for-4; two runs), and Kathy Harris (2-for-5; three runs).

WALLED LAKE WESTERN (7-5).

Bonanno reached base on a fielder's choice and went to third on a Warriors' outfield error. Winning pitcher Laura Deacon added an RBI triple in the fourth inning, while teammate Kristina Vackevic, who went 2-for-4 with a triple, added an RBI single in the third. Deacon allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out two in seven innings. Both runs were unearned. Losing pitcher Emily Carlson fanned eight, allowed just four hits and did not issue a walk. Stevenson overcame four errors, while Western had a total of five. NORTHVILLE 3, CHURCHILL 2: Megan Hofmeister collected two hits and scored two runs Wednesday as the Mustangs (16-1) held off host Livonia Churchill (5-11) in a Western Lakes crossover. Winning pitcher Karly Fisher scattered six hits and one walk for Northville, which leads the W.L.A.A.'s Western Division at 5-0. Losing pitcher Natalie Hiser allowed just five hits, walked one and struck out three. Rachel Elery and Paula Guzik each had two hits and scored a run

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apiece for the Chargers. Taylor and Jordan Kerr notched the Churchill RBIs.

LIGGETT 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Pitcher Tess Brown tossed a five-hit shutout Wednesday Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett blanked host Livonia Clarenceville (5-10, 3-4) in a Metro Conference matchup. Of the nine batters Brown fanned, seven Trojans were caught looking. Danielle Vespa led the victorious Knights' offensive attack going 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Andrea Peterson also chipped in with two hits and Keisha Bryant doubled and knocked in a run. Senior Samantha Sillanpaa and junior Miranda Cummings each collected two hits for the Trojans, who committed four errors. Junior Brittany Brooks had the other hit. Sophomore Val Snochacki (5-6) went all seven innings, allowing six runs (three earned) on three walks. She struck out seven. "We pitched well enough to win, but committing four errors and having three of them score just does not equal a win," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "We had base runners, but could not get that key hit when needed."

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Designated hitter Christina Finch scored Johnston with a single to left off of Aquinas starting pitcher Alyssa Flester. The second started with a double to right by freshman outfielder Ashley Shay of Garden City (1-for-2, one run, one RBI) and freshman outfielder Tara LaMilza (2-for-2, two runs, one RBI) walked. Both scored on a booming triple to right-center by sophomore second baseman and Canton alum Brittney Scero (1-for-5, two RBI). "She (Scero) came up and got a big hit," White said. Madonna scored two more in the third, with a single, walk and hits-batter loading the bases. Shay's sacrifice fly and LaMilza's infield single gave MU a 5-0 lead, more than enough for Irwin. For good measure, the Crusaders tallied single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. In the fifth, freshman third baseman Kelly Lesko's triple to left-center drove in LaMilza (who singled). The final MU

run of the day came home on catcher Danielle Richardson's grounder, scoring Johnston (who walked).

Aquinas (30-12), who will be the second WHAC seed at the Region VIII tournament, broke Irwin's shutout in the fifth. Designated hitter Amanda Barrons singled and scored on a double by outfielder Samantha Kendall. That run was the first allowed by Irwin in the conference tourney. Madonna won twice on Wednesday, behind Irwin's shutout pitching. The Crusaders blanked University of Michigan-Dearborn (13-18), 8-0, with Irwin giving up just one hit. Madonna qualified for Thursday's tourney final with a 4-0 blanking of Indiana Tech (25-21-1). Finch went 2-for-3 in both games Wednesday, homering against the Wolves. Scero went 2-for-3 and scored twice against UMD and collected the big hit of the win over Indiana Tech - tripling home two runs in the Crusaders' four-run fifth.

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Stingy Chargers post another shutout

Livonia Churchill needed just one goal to win Friday's non-conference varsity girls soccer match against visiting Rochester Adams, but it was a thing to behold, according to Chargers coach Dave Hebestreit. Scoring on a tic-tac-toe play about 22 minutes into the contest was senior Jenny Jackson, and that proved enough as Churchill won, 1-0. The play started with a throw-in by junior Bailey Brandon that junior Kayla Johnston corraled near the side of the 18-yard box in the Highlanders' end of the pitch. Johnston sent the ball across the box to Jackson, who made no mistake with her shot. "That was a great goal, a half-volley off a throw-in," Hebestreit said. "It was just a beautiful goal." That goal held up for Churchill, as junior goalkeeper Stefanie Turner made five stops to post her eighth shutout of the season. "We carried the play in the first half completely," Hebestreit said. "We should have scored two or three. But we kind of took the life out of them about 10 or 15 minutes into the second half. "They really didn't have a clear attempt. We are a good, young defensive team all over the field." Hebestreit also praised the work of junior forward Hannah Otto, who won most of the 50-50 battles in the Adams end. CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: Bailey Brandon tallied a pair of goals Wednesday to lead W.L.A.A. Lakes Division-leading Livonia Churchill (9-1-1, 5-1) past visiting Salem (5-5-2, 3-3) in girls soccer. Callie Mack's unassisted goal in the

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54th minute proved to be the game-winner, while Brandon added goals in the 62nd minute (from Julianne Puroll) and 79th minute (from Megan Bauman) to put the game away. Goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who made two saves, notched her seventh shutout of the year. "The second half we switched things up, used a new system and moved plays around," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "I'd say about 75 percent of the time we had the ball our feet. They (Salem) played a 4-5-1 and we found a way to get in a couple of chances whereas the first half we did not finish." STEVENSON 12, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Stevenson (6-4-1, 3-2-1) reached the eight-goal mercy-rule limit 23 minutes into the match Wednesday in a W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division win over Westland John Glenn (1-10, 0-6). Kayla Kimble had two goals and three assists in the win, while Samantha Kliman had a goal and two assists. Shannon Merritt added two goals, while Julia Schroeder and Joelle Williamson each contributed a goal and assist. Other Stevenson goal scorers included Molly McConnell, Stephanie Gutkowski, Renee Boudrea, Rachel Stevens and Alexandra Harbowy. "The girls came out focused and took care of business, as they should have," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "Hopefully we've learned some things over the past few days and will be able to apply ourselves against Northville - we'll see." N. FARMINGTON 5, FRANKLIN 0: The Patriots fell to 1-10 overall following the loss to the visiting Raiders in a non-league game Friday. "Even after two hard games this week, we came out strong and put up a good game," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We had some of our injured players back, and I think that

helped.

North scored in the first five minutes and kept coming back, but we had a great defensive effort by everyone. They finally broke us again near the end of the half, but it wasn't something that came easy. "We struggled a bit when their forwards were able to dribble our back line with a bit of speed." Barker added freshman goalie Erica Romo, who came up from the JV, is gaining some great experience and kept things interesting for the Patriots. PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: In a W.L.A.A.-Western Division match Wednesday, host Livonia Franklin (1-10, 1-5) fell to the Wildcats (3-5-2, 3-3). It was 3-0 at halftime. "We're facing a tough battle with so many injuries leading to people out of position and limited subs," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We're playing pretty good soccer each night, but it seems like it's not quite enough despite the kids' effort and willingness to fall into whatever role the night dictates. "We're discouraged by the outcome. We can see on the positive side, that as a group, even missing key players, we're still coming together and getting our game organized." GARDEN CITY 4, WAYNE 1: In a non-conference contest Friday at Garden City, the Cougars (5-1-3) scored three first-half goals and were never threatened by the Zebras (0-12). Whitney Jacobs was the only Wayne Memorial player to find the target, scoring a breakaway goal midway through the first half. Scoring for Garden City were Cara Braun, Rachel Szczembara, Melissa Sheko and Marianne Lewallen. "It was a one-sided game," Cougars coach Bill Torni said. "We controlled possession and had the ball on the offensive side of the field most of the game." Earning the victory with three saves was Garden City's K.C. Anderson. The Cougars directed 12 shots toward the Wayne goal.

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Livonia Churchill (10-8) in a Western Lakes crossover. Senior southpaw Damarii Saunderson earned the win after allowing four runs, six hits and three walks in 4.2 innings pitched. Saunderson struck out nine Chargers. Northville's Kevin Uetz earned the save with 2.1 innings of 1 hit pitching. Devin Moynihan clubbed a 3-run homer for the Chargers and Ricky Scully went 1-for-3 with an RBI double and run scored. Josh Matigian took the loss for the Chargers after yielding six runs, eight hits and two walks over 5.1 innings. Vinny Carozza threw two-thirds of an inning, surrendering one run, two hits and one walk. W.L. WESTERN 9, STEVENSON 3: In a W.L.A.A. crossover Wednesday, David Menoian keyed a seven-run, third inning outburst with a three-run homer as host Walled Lake Western (9-3) rolled to the win over Livonia Stevenson (3-11). Andy Buchanan and Max Weberman added two hits apiece, while Steve Astrien knocked in two runs. Other Western RBI went to Alex Harris, Brett Lubanski and Randy Young. Jeff Sorenson (two RBI) and Josh Strautz (double) had the only hits for Stevenson. Winning pitcher Zack Gatten allowed just two earned runs over seven innings. He fanned nine, walked five and hit two Spartan batters. Losing pitcher Grant Campbell gave up six earned runs on seven hits and three walks over his three-inning stint. LUTHERAN WESTLAND 4, CLAWSON 0: Winning pitcher Ryan Baglow hurled a two-hit, complete-game shutout Wednesday as Lutheran High Westland (12-2, 6-1) beat the Trojans (8-9, 3-4) in a Metro Conference encounter. Baglow struck out five and walked only two in seven innings. Top hitters for the Warriors included Sam Ahlersmeyer, 2-for-3 with a double and RBI single; Ryan Rakovalis, 2-for-3 with an RBI single in the fourth and a double; and Aaron Derminer, two runs and a hit. LIGGETT 20, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (14-0, 8-0), the state's top-ranked team in Division 4, exploded for 15 runs in the top of the fifth inning Wednesday to beat host Livonia Clarenceville (1-14, 1-5) in a Metro Conference game. Tommy Graves was the winning pitcher as the Trojans were limited to two hits in the five-inning mercy. Clarenceville starter John McAlpine held the Knights in check for two earned runs on four hits over the first four innings. The Trojans committed five errors, while Liggett made three. Jimmy Moody contributed a hit and scored a run for Clarenceville. McAlpine collected the other hit.

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Blazers improve playoff seeding

With Catholic League playoff position at stake Thursday, host Livonia Ladywood came through with a 2-1 victory over Warren Regina. With the win, Ladywood improves to 5-3-3 overall and 4-2-2 in the Central Division, good enough for the second seeded spot with two matches left. Regina falls to 6-3-3 overall and 3-3-3 (third) in the Central. Both Ladywood goals came

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in the opening half - Alessia Vagnini in the sixth minute from Kristen Selaskey and Sarah Kempa off a free kick at 18 minutes. Maria Butler countered for the Saddlelites with a goal in the 34th minutes. "This is a huge win because now we can control our own destiny," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said.

"Our defense stepped up big. We knew what we had to do to shut them down and we did just that."

Goalkeeper Michele Ring made three saves in the victory. CLARENCEVILLE 3, HAMTRAC 1: Jordan Fyffe scored a pair of goals Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville (4-4-1, 2-3-1) notched the Metro Conference win. The Trojans, who led 1-0 at halftime, also got a goal and assist from Tori Bunker. Goalkeeper Kristen Jolly made five saves for Clarenceville.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 47
 May 1 at John Glenn
Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet, 10 inches; 2. Taylor Bryon (LC), 32-8; 3. Shannon Getchen (LC), 31-9.
Discus: 1. Abron (LC), 112-7; 2. Getchen (LC), 102-0; 3. Bryon (LC), 92-8.
High jump: 1. Jaclyn Griebek (LC), 4-10; 2. Cierra Yatts (LC), 4-8; 3. Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 4-8.
Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-9.5; 2. Griebek (LC), 14-4.3; 3. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 14-4.
Pole vault: 1. Jamie Marinhugh (LC), 8-9; 2. Eren Ural (LC), 8-3; 3. Sharon Rayford (LC), 8-3.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Margarita Lazarevska (LC), 16.88; 2. Mallory Lukas (LC), 18.26; 3. Griebek (LC), 19.34.
300 hurdles: 1. Lukas (LC), 50.8; 2. Lazarevska (LC), 54.07; 3. LaChe Walton (WJG), 56.82.
100 dash: 1. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12.91; 2. Payne (WJG), 13.43; 3. Sarah LaBerge (LC), 13.62.
200: 1. Parker (WJG), 25.65; 2. LaBerge (LC), 26.94; 3. Jamie Melias (WJG), 28.48.
400: 1. Cierra Madison (WJG), 1:04.83; 2. Samar Acoude (LC), 1:04.87; 3. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:05.1.
800: 1. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 2:29.05; 2. Sara Niezoda (LC), 2:42.53; 3. Alex Hamlett (WJG), 2:44.0.
1,600: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 5:33.79; 2. Melissa Westrick (LC), 5:48.89; 3. Michele Verellen (LC), 5:54.74.
3,200: 1. Lauren Dykja (LC), 13:24.24; 2. Amanda Adams (LC), 13:47.82; 3. Shelby Parton (LC), 15:22.83.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Parker), 51.56; 2. Churchill, 55.78; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Melias, Parker), 1:50.36; 2. Churchill, 1:55.49; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Brittany Brown, Melias, Jasmine Sanchez, Madison), 4:34.95; 2. Churchill, 4:41.56; 3. **2,000 relay:** 1. Churchill (Kroll, M. Verellen, Emily Clairmont, Megan Murray), 10:24.74.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 5-0 overall, 4-0 WAAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-4, 0-4.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 80
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 57
 May 1 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 35-8.75; 2. Tinsley (WLN), 32-5.5; 3. Maame Adomako (LS), 31-5.25.

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Discus: 1. Weber (WLN), 113-1; 2. Colette Fodera (LS), 106-11; 3. Adomako (LS), 95-5.
High jump: 1. McKenna (WLN), 4-9; 2. Gibson (WLN), 4-9; 3. Rosie Schifano (LS), 4-6.
Long jump: 1. Marci Kovsky (LS), 15-2.75; 2. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 14-6.75; 3. Rubin (WLN), 14-2.
Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 8-6; 2. Lisa Black (LS), 8-0; 3. Saarinen (WLN), 7-5.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.8; 2. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17.3; 3. Roemmele (WLN), 18.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Gentile (LS), 50.8; 2. Wozniak (WLN), 51.7; 3. Kovsky (LS), 55.1.
100 dash: 1. Gibson (WLN), 13.1; 2. Jenny Bartek (LS), 13.5; 3. Megan DeMarco (LS), 13.8.
200: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 26.75; 2. Kinderbater (WLN), 27.9; 3. J. Bartek (LS), 28.1.
400: 1. Quaintance (WLN), 1:02.0; 2. Chrissy Tappan (LS), 1:04.2; 3. Waters (WLN), 1:04.6.
800: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:28.9; 2. Katie Glynn (LS), 2:29.7; 3. Katie Vidler (LS), 2:33.9.
1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:16.6; 2. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 5:46.5; 3. Williams (WLN), 5:52.1.
3,200: 1. Quaintance (WLN), 11:55.2; 2. Victoria Saffarian (LS), 12:54.8; 3. Samantha Kay (LS), 12:55.3.
400 relay: 1. Northern, 53.3; 2. Stevenson, 54.2; **800 relay:** 1. Northern, 1:52.1; 2. Stevenson, 1:55.1; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Glynn, Gentile, Brooke Knochel, Adamcheck), 4:22.3; 2. Northern, 4:35.4; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northern, 10:35.4; 2. Stevenson, 10:45.6.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-0 overall, 4-0 WAAA-Lakes Division.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 78
PLYMOUTH 59
 May 1 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Ashley Price (LF), 36 feet, 5.5 inches; 2. Ryan Buchanan (P), 32-2; 3. Savannah Haig (LF), 30-4.5.
Discus: 1. Price (LF), 45-4; 2. Savannah Haig (LF), 43-4; 3. Buchanan (P), 42-2.
High jump: 1. Kelly Tapella (LF), 15-11; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 14-9.5; 3. Jill Morton (P), 14-3.75.
Long jump: 1. Liz Holloway (LF), 5-0; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 5-0; 3. Sam Culp (LF), 4-8.
Pole vault: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-6; 2. Quint (LF), Leah Knisely (P), 8-4.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Molly Slavens, Lauren Ahearn, Etleva Mema, Kelly Hahn), 11:03.54; 2. Franklin, 11:21.97.
100 hurdles: 1. Jen Muller (LF), 18.18; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 18.37; 3. Sam Campbell (LF), 18.52.
100 dash: 1. Okolo (P), 12.75; 2. Monica Hardy (LF), 13.35; 3. Molly Hirst (LF), 13.41.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Seneca Scott, Ashley Butkowski, Olivia Hernandez, Hardy), 1:50; 2. Plymouth, 1:59.
1,600 run: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:27.58; 2. Hahn (P), 5:44.82; 3. Mallory Church (LF), 5:57.37.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Morton, McManus, Walker, Okolo), 52.24; 2. Franklin, 52.41.
400 dash: 1. Butkowski (LF), 1:03.2; 2. Scott (LF), 1:03.63; 3. Bacha (P), 1:06.02.
300 hurdles: 1. Shannon Niznik (LF), 52.78; 2. McManus (P), 56.69; 3. Scott (LF), 57.46.
800 run: 1. Hahn (P), 2:29.41; 2. Church (LF), 2:33.13; 3. McPherson (LF), 2:33.61.
200 dash: 1. Okolo (P), 26.73; 2. Hardy (LF), 27.76; 3. Walker (P), 27.8.
3,200 run: 1. Slavens (P), 12.36.34; 2. Green (P), 13:14.3; 3. Ahearn (P), 13:16.24.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Bacha, Saati, S. Brown, Hahn).
Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-1 overall; 3-1 WAAA-Western Division; Plymouth, 3-2 overall; 2-2 WAAA-Western Division.

NORTHVILLE 122, WAYNE MEMORIAL 10
 May 1 at Northville
Shot put: 1. Rounsifer (N), 28 feet, 4 inches; 2. Brittanie Askin (WM), 26-8; **discus:** 1. Sklut (N), 81-7; **high jump:** 1. Jenkins (N), 5-1; **long jump:** 1. Ciampa (N), 14-1; **pole vault:** Reynolds (N), 10-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Konopka (N), 15.93; **300 hurdles:** 1. King (N), 48.89; **100 dash:** 1. Brittanie Simmons (WM), 12.55; 3. Rochelle Woods (WM), 12.26; **200:** 1. Jenkins (N), 27.8; 3. Woods (WM), 28.54; **400:** 1. Roach (N), 1:01.0; **800:** 1. Dickinson (N), 2:27.5; **1,600:** 1. Hagan (N), 5:25.0; **3,200:** 1. Stutrud (N), 12:20.0; **400 relay:** 1. Northville, 53.59; **800 relay:** 1. Northville, 1:51.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville, no time available; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville, 11:05.0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 5-0 overall; 4-0 WAAA-Western Division; Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-4 WAAA-Western Division.



Kevin Zerbo (left), a former Farmington Harrison standout, homered twice and drove in five runs to pace Madonna's Thursday win over Indiana Tech. That victory put the Crusaders one victory away from winning the WHAC tournament baseball championship.

Hot-hitting MU takes care of business

By TIM SMITH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University entered last week's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball tournament with the top seed and plenty of confidence to emerge from the field with a top spot in the NAIA Region VIII.

The Crusaders did what they wanted to do, winning both games Thursday to set the stage for Friday's chance to defeat Indiana Tech and move on with the top WHAC seed at the regional. (MU won Friday, 11-10, see related story)

In the opener, Madonna earned a 6-4 win over Concordia (27-22) and followed up with a 17-1 thumping of Indiana Tech in the first of a best two-of-three format to determine the conference tourney champ.

Against the Cards, an RBI single by Westland's Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) sparked a three-run first and provide a comfortable lead for starting pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn). The senior pitcher pitched 7 2/3 strong innings for his seventh win in nine decisions. Kennedy gave up two earned runs and struck out five before turning the ball over to Sean Maher, who mopped up for the save.

MU tacked on a single run in the fifth to make it 4-0 on a single by Levi Cheshire (Troy), scoring Ryan Morrow (who tripled).

Concordia broke through with a run in the fifth, but the Crusaders got it back in the bottom of the seventh. Pinch-hitter Mike Gansser singled, went to second on a walk to Morrow and both were moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Cheshire. Herrick (2-for-3, one run, two RBI) then lifted a fly ball to center to score the run.

Both teams scored in the eighth, with MU's Shawn Little of Canton singling and coming home while Concordia tried to retire Zack McMillin — who was finally caught in a rundown between first and second.

Zerbo-powered

The win over Indiana Tech came much easier, with Farmington's Kevin Zerbo leading a 17-run, 17-hit assault against the Warriors (29-26). Zerbo went 3-for-5, scored twice and drove in five runs. He hit his eighth and ninth home runs of the season — a three-run blast during a seven-run fourth and a two-run shot in the sixth.

That second Zerbo round-tripper opened up a 17-1 lead and Crusaders' pitcher Eric Wendling coasted from there, going all nine innings and giving up just one run on six hits while striking out two.

In addition to Zerbo, Madonna's offense featured McMillin (3-for-6, two runs, two RBI), Drew Adamiec (3-for-5, two RBI), Mike Cauzillo of West Bloomfield (2-for-5, three runs, two RBI), Cheshire (2-for-4, one RBI) and Morrow (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI).

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 74
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 63
 May 1 at John Glenn
Shot put: 1. Zack Bozjian (WJG), 44 feet; 2. Duane Najarian (LC), 43-11; 3. James Kelly (WJG), 41-5.
Discus: 1. Bozjian (WJG), 149-5; 2. Kelly (WJG), 131-5; 3. T.J. Aranchia (WJG), 130-5.
High jump: 1. Daris Smith (WJG), 5-10; 2. Michael Appel (LC), 5-8; 3. Christopher Bernard (LC), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin (WJG), 21-1; 2. Billy Gutowski (LC), 19-11; 3. Smith (WJG), 19-1.5.
Pole vault: 1. Derek Peterman (LC), 13-9; 2. Joe Tesner (LC), 13-3; 3. Bernard (LC), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Peterman (LC), 15.2; 2. Dennis Dillard (WJG), 15.49; 3. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 16.04.
300 hurdles: 1. Dillard (WJG), 43.63; 2. Ryan Whitlum (LC), 44.3; 3. Ian Guerin (LC), 44.78.
100 dash: 1. Martin (WJG), 11:01; 2. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 11:24; 3. Emmanuel Dixon (LC), 11:65.
200: 1. Dawkins (WJG), 22.98; 2. Devon Easterling (LC), 23:13; 3. Corey Davis (WJG), 23:37.
400: 1. Gutowski (LC), 53.04; 2. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 53.6; 3. Chris Denapoli (LC), 54.6.
800: 1. Brandon Grysko (LC), 2:04.18; 2. Michael Schmidt (LC), 2:05.15; 3. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:05.85.
1,600: 1. Paul Folk (LC), 4:47.13; 2. Joe Varilone (LC), 4:48.95; 3. Grysko (LC), 4:51.15.
3,200: 1. Varilone (LC), 10:36.81; 2. Steven Zoski (LC), 10:40.54; 3. Dan McCahill (WJG), 10:42.45.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Dawkins, Martin, Davis, Marks), 1:32.28; 2. Churchill, 1:33.14; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Gutowski, Denapoli, Schmidt, Grysko), 3:35.78; 2. John Glenn, 3:46.16; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Schmidt, Folk, Grysko, Anthony Marietti), 9:28.59; 2. John Glenn, 9:46.35.
Dual meet records: 5-0 overall, 4-0 WAAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 2-3 overall, 1-3 WAAA-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 119
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 18
 May 1 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Matt Broome (LS), 45 feet, 8.5 inches; 2. Cory Gonnoli (P), 43-3; 3. Nate Coleman (LS), 43-2.5.
Discus: 1. Jaris Woolfork (LF), 115-6; 2. Coleman (LF), 112-6; 3. Pat Choma (P), 111-8.
Long jump: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 19-4; 2. Brandon Roberts (P), 19-3.75; 3. Isaac Cadet (LF), 14-3.25.
High jump: 1. Tony Lawson (LF), 5-8; 2. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-6; 3. Pawan Dahiwal (P), 5-3.
Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 12-6; 2. Nick Fenner (LF), 12-6; 3. Beadle (LF), 12-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Nuemann, Derek Lex, Justin Huey), 8:57.4; 2. Franklin, 9:58.5.
110-meter high hurdles: 1. Stuart Gregory (LF), 15.79; 2. Cameron Wludvka (LF), 16.68; 3. Beadle (LF), 17.40.
100 dash: 1. Paul Voegelé (LF), 11.2; 2. Connor McKinney (P), 11.2; 3. Darell Myre (LF), 11.37.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Gregory, Voegelé, Mike Baumgardner, Myre), 1:34.58; 2. Plymouth, 1:46.27.
1,600 run: 1. Matt Lewandowski (P), 4:39.62; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 4:44.59; 3. Evan Sirena (LF), 4:50.39.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Myre, Cadet, Baumgardner, Voegelé), 43.76; Plymouth, 50.76.
400 dash: 1. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.75; 2. Lawson (LF), 55.35; 3. Ryan Tathanich (LF), 57.10.
300 hurdles: 1. Gregory (LF), 42.24; 2. Wludvka (LF), 43.84; 3. Ken Lomske (P), 44.42.
800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:04.6; 2. Lewandowski (P), 2:08.15; 3. Krcatovich (LF), 2:09.63.
200 dash: 1. McKinney (P), 22.81; 2. Myre (LF), 23.52; 3. Hanchett (P), 24.09.
3,200 run: 1. Huey (P), 10:17.47; 2. Sirena (LF), 10:24.97; 3. Warren Buzzard (P), 10:33.0.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Wludvka, Lomske, McKinney, Hanchett), 3:39.9; 2. Franklin (3-1); Franklin's dual meet record, 2-3 overall, 2-2 WAAA-Western Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72, PLYMOUTH 65
 May 1 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Sam Richards (P), 45 feet, 8.5 inches; 2. Cory Gonnoli (P), 43-3; 3. Nate Coleman (LS), 43-2.5.
Discus: 1. Jaris Woolfork (LF), 115-6; 2. Coleman (LF), 112-6; 3. Pat Choma (P), 111-8.
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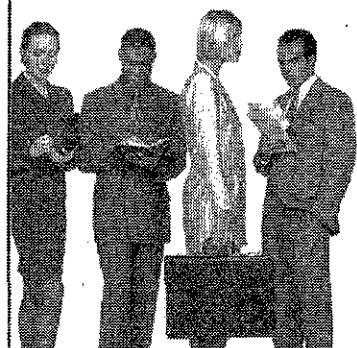
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Fibromyalgia



Event raises awareness about disorder

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sharon Ostalecki admits she was a Type A personality until her seven-mile a day runs were cut short by undiagnosed muscle pain and fatigue.

Twenty years ago, medical professionals wouldn't even acknowledge fibromyalgia existed. Ostalecki went from doctor to doctor who seemed to all come to the conclusion it was all in her head. Finally she found a physician who was willing to work with her to relieve the symptoms.

Ostalecki, a nutrition counselor, was so relieved to regain energy and resolve sleep problems she wanted to share the information so H.O.P.E., the educational support group for Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion, was born. The nonprofit organization regularly hosts Tuesday evening lectures at the Farmington Hills Public Library to update patients on the latest information about the disorder that affects more women than men.

"You need to find what helps you," said Ostalecki. "There's no standard protocol. Exercise is important. Everyone has to figure it out for yourself."

DECADES OF RESEARCH

Ostalecki's decades of research on the disorder led to the book, *Fibromyalgia: The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients* published by Jones and Bartlett, and presentations by medical experts in

conjunction with Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. The event takes place May 13 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Dennis Dobritt leads off the evening talking about diagnosis and treatment. Dobritt is director of Tri-County Pain Consultants in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Royal Oak. Those in attendance will be able to speak as well with Dr. Joseph Meerschaert, a retired physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who specialized in fibromyalgia and chronic pain; Peter Ianni, a pain psychologist in private practice in Farmington Hills; dentist Ghabi Kaspo, TMJ and Orofacial Pain Management, Troy, and physical therapist Loren DeViny of West Bloomfield.

"Fibromyalgia is starting to be recognized in the community. As an advocate and support group we try to raise awareness," said Ostalecki. "The event is open to the general public. We hope to answer questions and help people to see fibromyalgia is real. There's still misunderstanding. Even with awareness increasing we run into a medical establishment that knows little about fibromyalgia. We hope patients take some of this awareness back to their doctors. We want people to recognize it is a valid medical issue."

Dr. Safwan Badr wrote about different sleep disorders in Ostalecki's book.

"Seventy percent of those with fibromyalgia don't go into the deep stages of sleep where the body repairs itself," said

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

What: Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demos, massages, chair massages available
When: 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13
Where: Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Cost: \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to smd23915@aol.com

Ostalecki. "Sleep is the No. 1 thing that needs to be corrected and can cause cognitive issues, fibrofog (impaired brain function), the not sleeping problem, not being alert."

Badr speaks about Understanding Sleep at 8 p.m. The West Bloomfield resident is chief of the pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine division, Harper Hospital, and professor of medicine and associate chairman, department of internal medicine, Wayne State University. He usually only sees fibromyalgia patients referred for another disorder like sleep apnea on which he does research.

"Because the sleep symptoms are nonspecific: fatigue, sleepiness, most of the time it is kind of ignored," said Badr. "Patients work around it or ignore it."

"I'll be describing all the physiology of sleep in the sense of how much sleep we need. Sleep deprivation has significant adverse consequences on health, a big effect on job performance, alertness, motor vehicle accidents. It contributed to a good number

of highly famous spectacular industrial accidents like Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, Exxon Valdez.

"People with fibromyalgia have poor quality sleep. Patients know exactly what it means, patients who wake up tired, fatigued, just don't feel themselves."

TREATMENT PLAN

Badr's job is to unlock the cause and come up with a treatment.

"We don't have a comprehensive treatment for fibromyalgia," said Badr. "We try to look at what else is going on, is there snoring, sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome? There are all kind of things we look at and review the medication patients are on so we make sure there's no effect on sleep. Insomnia has to be added to sleep complaints of patients."

In the beginning Ostalecki was able to rest with medication but then began doing yoga and meditation. She rarely takes prescription sleep medication anymore since starting a routine consisting of yoga at night, aerobics in the morning. Ostalecki is currently co-authoring a book to answer 100 questions about fibromyalgia with Dr. Martin Tamler.

"Nutrition is really important," said Ostalecki. "Fibromyalgia patients need to stay away from refined carbohydrates. The problem is the sugars. It's comforting but the protein levels go down. They need beans, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and then protein."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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.

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.

CHADD meeting

Sari Solden, award winning author, will be speaking on Women and ADD (Attention-Deficit Disorder) 10 years later at the Monday, May 5 meeting

at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lk, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Free for members and their families. \$5 donation for non-member families. Call (248) 988-6716 or visit www.chadd.net/527.

Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

Thyroid workshop

Your Thyroid Does All That? Yes, & More! Find Out What You Need To Know To Stay Healthy, a seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Rd. Visit www.KarlHolisticHealthCare.com for more information. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

Fibromyalgia awareness day

Meeting 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Fibromyalgia lectures

Speakers on diagnosing, treating and understanding the disorder, yoga demonstration, chair massages 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost \$10. Pre-registration encouraged. Call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to smd23915@aol.com. Presented by H.O.P.E. educational support group.

Skin cancer screening

Free 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Suite 410, Livonia. Call (734) 462-9499. By appointment only.

Art dash

To benefit the Arbor Hospice Foundation Thursday, May 15, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. An evening

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Asthma walk

American Lung Association of Michigan Asthma Walk will be held 9 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 17, at the Detroit International Riverfront. The walk will raise funds for lung health education, advocacy, asthma treatments and research. Registration is free. Families, children, individuals, and teams are welcome to participate. For details and to register, visit www.AsthmaWalk.org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Hearing loss event

Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mall (cost \$30), participants 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 ngibben@hhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808, Troy, MI 48099.

Race for the cure

17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, in Detroit. In 2007, more than \$1.1 million raised from the race supported local breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs. In addition, nearly \$350,000 was contributed the national organization for breast cancer research, educational, scientific and outreach programs. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-8662. Online team registration runs to May 13, individual registration through May 29, at www.karmanos.org/racefortheuredetroit. Cost is \$12-\$40 and varies by age, the time you register and online versus on-site registration. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or on Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the Max M.

Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. The free event offers entertainment, merchandise, pink ribbons to honor loved ones and other special surprises. Visit www.karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

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. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Eat your veggies for better health

Gary from Sterling Heights e-mails asking what he could add to his diet to help keep him healthy?

Gary, that is a great question! The answer is to add lots of color, in the form of fruits and vegetables. New research has shown the more colorful your diet, the more antioxidants you get, which are key to youthful skin, healthy bones, sharp memory and fighting and preventing disease. Each color has a different class of nutrients.

Yellow and orange fruits and vegetables such as

carrots and melon can reduce the risk of cancer. Green, such as spinach and broccoli can keep your vision sharp and clear.

Blue and purple, in your blueberries and blackberries can prevent tumors from forming and suppress their growth.

Red in tomatoes and watermelon can protect against cancer and heart disease. Finally, white, such as cauliflower can help fight off stomach and colon cancer. For the best benefit, mix and match these foods.

Ted from Detroit e-mails asking how important is it for him to lose weight?

Ted, it is critical to slim down and stay healthy. It could save your life.

The World Cancer Research Fund found a new link

between body fat and cancer. It found convincing evidence to link six types of cancer to body fat, five more than in its previous report 10 years ago. Among the new types of cancer are colorectal and breast cancer. Researchers believe processed meats, red meat and alcohol are the big causes for the increased risk.

They now recommend what I have been saying for a long time. Thirty minutes of exercise daily! Eat fruits and vegetables, lean meats and drink plenty of water.

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

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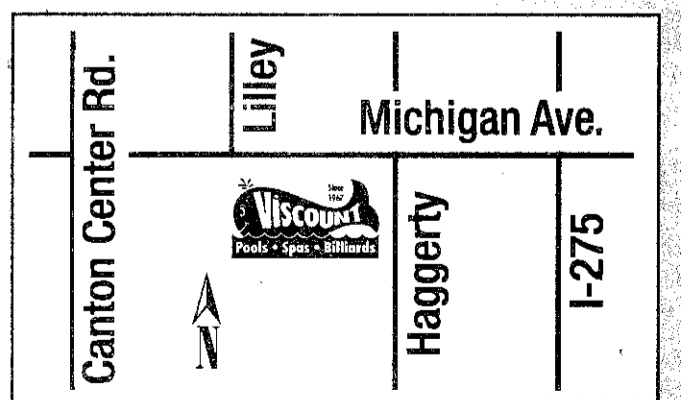
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Ty, 'CSI,' 'Scrubs' are teens' TV selections

BY KIMBERLY POMA
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

Ever since the 1950s, TV has been in our lives. It's not until the recent years, however, that more and more shows have taken over our lives. It's easy to get caught in the TV world. Funny characters, happy families, and problems that are usually solved before the episode is over.



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With so many interesting shows on TV, it's no surprise teenagers spend some of their free time relaxing in front of the screen. A handful of students at Garden City High were polled in five categories to find their favorite shows: Reality, Drama, Comedy, Game Show and Cartoon.

Reality shows usually feature real people and their lives that change from being on TV. *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* has taken the lead for reality shows among certain teens. Each episode shows a well deserving family getting a brand new home. The team, starring the host Ty Pennington, send the lucky family away on vacation for a week, while they completely redo their homes. It's a heart-warming, touching show.

Following second is the popular show, *Super Nanny*. Jo Frost is the super nanny as she travels to homes with children who don't listen to their parents and act crazy! She usually helps the family reconnect by the time it's over.

Drama shows usually feature many problems and an hour long episode. One of the most popular shows is *House, M.D.* It stars Hugh Laurie, playing Gregory House, a doctor with an infarction in his right leg, which blocked the flow of blood and leaves his leg in chronic pain. With snappy one-liners, and a horrible bedside manner, Dr. House is surprisingly certain teens' favorite doctor.

Following second among teens is the popular drama *CSI*. Filled with mystery and suspense, *CSI* is one of the more popular detective shows on the air.

Comedies make people laugh, and usually last just a half hour. In that half hour, however, you could be clutching your sides in pain as your laughter shakes your entire body. *Friends* is a popular show that ran for 10 years. Starring six talented people, *Friends* is about their living in New York City. Despite romance, losing a job, losing an apartment, or even sharing a baby, these six have managed to stay friends for 10 years, and stay in our hearts.

While *Friends* has an impressive fan base, the equally funny show *Scrubs* just might be moving in.

Starring Zach Braff as doctor J.D., *Scrubs* shows the funny side of working in a hospital. Usually the audience is treated for a look inside J.D.'s mind as he goes through each episode with his best friend Turk. Will they, won't they romance with Elliot and, of course, trying to win the approval of Dr. Cox, his mentor.

Game shows are a fun way for people to win money, either by testing chance, or their own brains. Both *Deal or No Deal* and *1 vs. 100* have tied among teens as the favorite game show.

Deal or No Deal is hosted by Howie Mandell. The point of the game is to pick one of the 26 suitcases and hope that the \$1 million is in the one you picked. You carefully eliminate each suitcase one at a time. In between suitcase picking, the Banker calls and offers you money to buy your suitcase. You either take the deal, or you don't.

1 vs. 100 is hosted by former *Full* Please see TV, C4



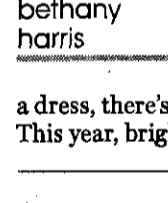
The dress is the key part of going to prom.

Going in style

Prom primer: Tips on looking good

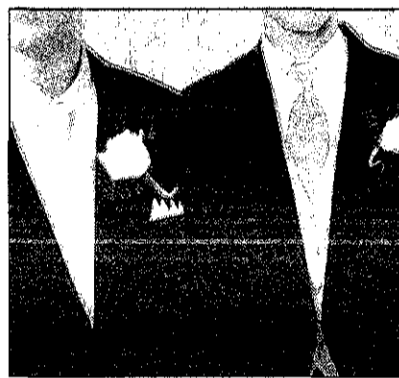
BY BETHANY HARRIS
 OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

Prom; it's one of the most important events of your high school career. It's one of the last times your classmates and you will be able to celebrate together. You need to look good and a great date. So how are teens preparing this year?



bethany harris

The dress. It's the most crucial piece of a dress, there's no way you can go. This year, bright colors seem to be



Guys, too, have a selection of tuxes to pick from when prom time rolls around on the high school calendar.

in. Prom fashion experts say you don't need pastels to look good in the 2008 season. Bright, rich, and light colors alike all work perfectly. If you're not comfortable with that, the basic black will always be a crowd pleaser. Short and long hemlines are acceptable, as long as you can still move around the dance floor. But don't wear something just because it's in style. Remember that

prom is the night to feel like a princess, so choose something that both catches your eye and feels comfortable.

The shoes. Like the dress, they are a necessary part of any ensemble. Basic heels in a metallic or bright color brighten up the night. Strappy shoes look chic and fabulous as well. Open toe shoes show off new pedicures and accessories such as clips or bows give an extra bit of style. Remember, just because they look great doesn't mean they fit prom. Make sure they go with your dress because otherwise they'll feel out of place, and nothing brings down the Cinderella-feeling you get from dressing up like mismatched footwear.

The last main accessory is the handbag. Like shoes, a mismatched bag could take down that confident feeling in a heartbeat. Large totes may be in this spring, but for prom it's usually a good idea to have a less bulky bag to make things easier on you. It's less of a hassle to carry

around a clutch than to lug around a bulky hobo, especially since all you really need is some touch-up lip gloss, your keys, and cell phone. And let's not forget that they look adorable. Beaded, plain, even decorated with accessories, the options are endless.

For guys, tuxedos are still the best way to go. The main thing is to make sure you feel comfortable. Once again, don't get something just because it's the most popular thing in the store. Get something that suits your body type and comfort level.

Last, but not at all least, there is one thing about prom that will never go out of style. Have a great time. Enjoy yourself and a night with all of your friends. Prom is a night that will stay with you forever, so the best thing you can do is make it memorable.

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Teens join Relay for Life fight against cancer

BY KAITLYN BRANG
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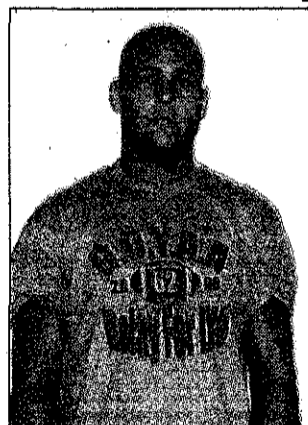
One day everyone has to wake up and realize life is not a fairy tale. By the time you become a teenager, you realize life is not a perfect world where good conquers evil every time and Prince Charming will show up and rescue you from life's terrors. No, life doesn't work like



kaitlyn brang

that. Teenagers know that the monsters in the world are not vampires and werewolves. Real monsters are the murderers, drug dealers and people with no mercy in their hearts. But even those are not the worst of the "monsters" that inhabit this earth. The worst by far are the ones we can't do anything about. They are the invisible ones that sneak up on people. There are many of these monsters, but there is one that scares me more than any other. CANCER!

For the past four years, my family and I have participated in American Cancer Society's Relay for



Brad Desmit

Life. This was my way of fighting back at the monster

known as cancer. Last year, Garden City held its first annual Relay. The 24-hour Relay consists of teams from the community coming together to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and fight back against this disease by raising money for the cause. The event is held overnight to represent the fact that cancer never sleeps. I lost both my Grandmother Thompson and my Aunt Mary to cancer and we as a family decided walking in the Relay would be a great way to raise money for the fight. I spent the entire 24 hours at the walk last year

and saw many teens also walking. I wondered why this cause meant so much to teens.

Chiara C. Clayton of the American Cancer Society said when I asked her about the amount of teens at last year's Relay. "Last year, we had quite a few teens come to Relay with their families who were on teams. They stayed the whole 24 hours, even playing football at 3 a.m.!"

Amber Krzyzaniak, a junior at Westland John Glenn who spent 20 hours at last years event, said, "I

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Does ACT score predict college success?

BY MELISSA PENNINGTON
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

A high school student's palms sweat, hands grasp a No. 2 pencil and questions on a pristine white sheet of paper blur together. Sleep is wiped from weary teenage eyes as an administrator announces, to the relief of all present, that they may now put down their pencils.

The ACT, which previously stood for American College Testing, is the college entrance exam taken by students all over the United States. But is it an accurate representation of how well a student may do in college? Many educators don't believe so, stating that the test is not only not indicative of a person's chance of

success in college but that having college's rely on the information provided by these tests is ruining the chances of many intelligent individuals getting into their college of choice. Some people simply don't do well on tests. To hinge the future of a high school student on one test is to many considered unfair. Most scholarships also have a limit on the minimum ACT or SAT score one must have achieved to be eligible for that particular award.

When students are in a testing situation they do not all react in the same way; some are perfectly comfortable. Others freeze up and become nervous under such forced conditions. Others can't work in a limited amount of time and find themselves unable to finish the test or rushing through it, both of which end with lower scores.

The test is scored from 1 to 36, 20.2 being the average composite score as of the

2007 test. Larger colleges require higher test scores for admissions. A student can have a 3.5 GPA and without a 25 or higher on their ACT have little chance of admission to the more well known public and private colleges.

In 2007, the average composite score of the ACT increased for the third year in a row to precisely 20.2 as previously stated. The purpose of this test is to both assess what students have learned throughout their education and to give college's an idea of the future performance of prospective students.

In Garden City and all over the state of Michigan students were required to take the ACT on March 11 as part of the newly formed Michigan Merit Exam. It consists of three days of testing, the first being the ACT and the remaining two consisting of proficiency tests in mathematics, science, reading, and writing. Common consensus among

high school students was that the test was both long and for the most part, difficult. Much of it was difficult even for those students that often excel in academic endeavors. Six out of 10 students polled said that they did not believe their ACT scores accurately reflected their academic abilities. 55 percent of students who take the test more than once achieve higher scores the second time.

In today's world of competition and global markets the need to better educate our students is one that seems often understated. America is being passed up by foreign countries educationally and while tests like the ACT and SAT are sometimes good for information gathering, there are those that believe it is not an accurate way of predicting any one person's possible future success.

Melissa Pennington is a junior at Garden City High School.



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Teens and drinking a deadly mix

BY ERICA PERDUE
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Every 22 minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related car accident. On any given evening, one in 10 drivers has been drinking, according to first-eagle.com. After prom night, when teenagers are celebrating their last big outing with their friends, that number rises.



erica perdue

it's even more common.

Car accidents are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds, and 60 percent of all of the accidents are alcohol-related. Melissa Smith, a senior at Wayne Memorial, said, "If you're going to drink, then drink, but don't drive and risk your life."

Wayne Memorial High School requires all students to sign a contract before prom that states if they drink they will not be able to walk across the stage for graduation. They also have a program called Operation Prom, during which parents of a young man killed by a drunken driver address seniors. The fire department also helps out by demonstrating the severity of a mock accident.

"I plan on hanging out with my friends after (prom), but we can have fun without drinking," said senior at WMHS Ryan Mummert. Schools are going to great

lengths to try to keep teens away from drinking, and even more so, away from drinking and getting behind the wheel. The purpose is to inform teens of the dangers, and hopefully, scare them out of the dangerous act.

"I think that teens should go to places such as Dave and Busters, Buffalo Wild Wings, batting cages, go-carting, or a local bowling alley to participate in fun activities which are safe for everyone," said Sandra Morante, WMHS assistant principal. The consequences for underage drinking are hefty, including fines, alcohol awareness classes, up to 40 hours of community service, and 30 to 180 days without a license. Drunken driving has even more punishments, including higher fines, probation, impounding of a vehicle, ignition interlock devices, having to do a monthly Breathalyzer and on all holidays, and often times, even jail time.

The Zero Tolerance Law was enacted for even further enforcement. This law says that it is completely illegal for a minor to drive while having any amount of alcohol in his or her system. Minors who break this law could face having their license revoked for a year, being fined up to \$1,000, and facing any of the charges for underage drinking and/or driving under the influence.

Underage drinking is one offense, but driving after having a drink or two makes it an even bigger deal. The risks are great and dangerous. And of course, it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Erica Perdue is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

If it's spring, then it's time for 'senioritis'

BY FAWNA CICOTTE
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It's that time of year again. The trees are getting green, the flowers are blooming, and the seniors are almost out of school.

This is spring. It's also the season for a deadly disease among seniors in high school: Senioritis.

Senioritis is a disease that strikes seniors in the spring

before the end of school and graduation. Its symptoms can range from frequent daydreaming to procrastination all the way to skipping class, and there's no known cure.

Seniors all over the country will battle the disease this spring, and some will have a tougher battle than others.

Erin Jantovsky, 18, has Senioritis big time. Her case is so bad that she doesn't even really want to keep going to school. She doesn't think she's alone. She thinks that almost everyone gets Senioritis at some point because "people get sick

of doing stuff over and over again."

Jantovsky is trying not to let Senioritis take a toll on her grades, though. She sits away from her friends and tries to focus on the teacher in order to keep herself focused and on task.

Rachel Shier, 18, also has Senioritis. She thinks that a lot of high school kids get it because they know that after high school "they get to decide" what they do, so they're antsy to get there.

She also forces herself to sit down and do her work, so that she's still eligible for honors at the end of the year.

Sabrina Oestreich, 18,

doesn't have Senioritis and doesn't think that anyone else does either. She thinks that Senioritis is "just an excuse not to do anything."

She keeps herself busy in order to avoid getting bored, and doesn't think she'll fall victim to Senioritis any time soon.

Chances are you know a senior that's been stricken with this disease. Maybe you're even a victim yourself. Just remember: There's only another month or so until the end, so keep on hanging on and don't let it get the best of you.

Fawna Cicotte is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.



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Today's fairy tales are different from their Grimm beginnings

BY EMILY CRUSE
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Walt Disney is the writer of movies like *Cinderella*, *Snow White* and *Sleeping Beauty*, right?

No, that's wrong. These worldwide, sensational fairy tales were written by the Grimm Brothers — Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm — from Germany.



emily cruse

The Grimm Brothers have written many stories that have become widely known fairy tales.

Also another surprise about this is the stories we know and love is they are not even the original stories. The stories

were actually sad, somewhat gory and tragic.

Let's take Cinderella for instance. We recall the beautiful girl being forced by her stepmother to become the servant girl of the house after her father dies. Then a glimpse of hope, the prince's ball. All eligible maidens must attend, that included Cinderella, until that too was crushed by the countless tedious tasks thrown upon her by her stepmother. Then the fairy godmother comes to the rescue and she ends up falling in love with the

prince. And, of course, there is her losing her shoe on that night that leads him to her in the end.

Would you believe most of that never happened? Cinderella's father never dies and she does not have mouse friends. There is no ball; it was a three-day festival. She never rides a converted pumpkin which also means no fairy godmother.

How does she get the dress to go to the ball, you ask. Well, birds bring it to her. OK, so this is a little sad

maybe, but its it is not gory. Is that what you're saying? Well, why don't we go to that part of the story, you know the does the shoe fit part.

Well, in the original, instead of just squeezing their huge feet in to the tiny fragile shoe they cut parts of their foot off. Yes, you read that, right parts of their feet. One evil stepsister chopped off her toe, the other a chunk of her heel. Now as you can imagine they are made different to be happy and inspiring as movies for the children that love them so dearly.

The Grimm Brothers, the original writers of our beloved fairy tales, deserve tremendous credit for these masterpieces. The stories written by these men have been published in more than 160 languages and all over the world.

I hope this small incite into the wonderful works of the Grimm Brothers has inspired you to look at the basic stories you know and wonder about the actual history of the story.

Emily Cruse is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

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Coming attractions

Local teens weigh in on upcoming theatrical releases

BY ASHLEY TROMBLEY
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

What teenager doesn't love a good movie? There are so many kinds to choose from: romance, comedy, drama, action.

Luckily for all of us movie buffs, this spring brings a little of all of that.

Iron Man (opened April 30)

On the tails of such successful films as *Spider-Man*, *X-Men* and *Fantastic Four*, the Marvel company is once again bringing one of their heroes to the big screen. The story follows billionaire researcher Tony Stark, who, after being injured, creates a technologically advanced suit that

enables him to fly and fight crime as Iron Man. His main nemesis is called the Iron Monger. Robert Downey Jr. plays the lead role.

Promising lots of action, *Iron Man* has caught the attention of several students in the area. One such is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said, but it'll seem kind of mediocre in comparison to a movie like *Spider-Man*."

Let's see if *Iron Man* can defeat all of the other movies it runs against.

Made of Honor (opened May 2)

This one's for all the chick flick fiends out there. I am not unlike you, as this particular movie has been sparking my interest for a long time.

Made of Honor stars Patrick Dempsey as Tom, a playboy who has but one constant in his life — his best

friend, Hannah (Michelle Monaghan.) When Hannah goes to Scotland on business, Tom begins to rethink his womanizing ways and eventually realizes that he is in love with Hannah.

He then decides to tell her how he feels. Tom is completely thrown when Hannah returns with a new fiancée, a wealthy Scotsman. Hannah then asks Tom to be her "maid of honor." Tom reluctantly agrees, hoping to convince Hannah of his affections.

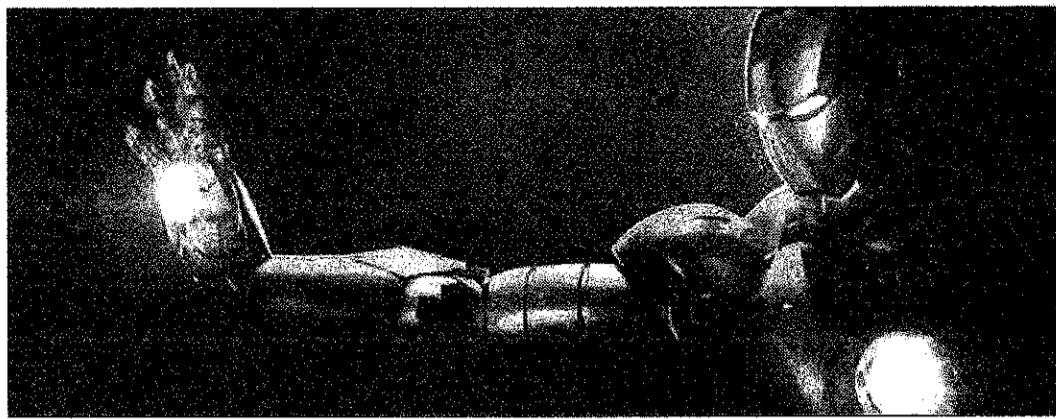
Dearborn High School senior Katy Barr has two main reasons for wanting to see this film.

"I want to see it because Patrick Dempsey is amazingly hot ... and he wears a dress," she said.

They seem like two perfectly legit reasons to me.

Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (opens May 16)

The second of C.S. Lewis's



The latest Marvel Comics character to come to the big screen is 'Iron Man' which opened in theaters Friday.

beloved stories to be brought to the silver screen, *Prince Caspian* recalls all of the old cast, as well as actor Ben Barnes as the title character. In it, the four Pevensie children return to Narnia to aide a young prince in his quest for his rightful place as king.

"Being a Christian myself, I really like the Christian themes," said Garden City High School junior Grace Anderson. "I'm really excited about it."

Fans of the books and movies alike can aide Prince Caspian claim its rightful

place at the top of the box office.

No matter what kind of movie you're into, the upcoming season promises to be a good one. Happy viewing!

Ashley Trombley is a junior at Garden City High School.

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'Treat animals with TLC,' speaker from Humane Society urges

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Carol Posby of Southfield didn't bring her cat to a Thursday, April 24, presentation on work of the Michigan Humane Society. The MHS volunteer, from the humane education committee, did bring a message of "Love your animals."

"I wanted to feel I was doing something," Posby, an account manager for AT&T, said of her reason for volunteering. "There is always work to do at the humane society."

She spoke to Westland Rotary members, and noted the MHS has a goal of 100 percent of adoptable pets finding a home by 2010. The agency, founded in 1877, operates shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit, and has Bingham Farms administrative offices. Information's available online at www.michiganhumane.org.

MHS serves more than 100,000 animals a year,

including adoptions and wild-life rehabilitation. "That's done out of the Rochester center," Posby said of the latter.

She discussed "bully bills" legislation to address children, as young as elementary school age, abusing animals. The MHS would like to make parents accountable for such behavior. A recent cat torture/killing in Westland, and other news stories, have highlighted the problem of violence against animals.

Posby's committee is working to bring the message of humane treatment to the forefront. "What they're trying to do is break that cycle of violence," she said. That includes "humane treatment of each other and the planet."

Posby talked about choosing an animal, and how it shouldn't be just an emotional decision. Pets aren't disposable, and you need to do some research before bringing a pet into your home.

Some factors to consider are: energy level; amount of

companionship; lifespan; expenses; housing needs; trainability; and health care needs.

When considering genetics and environment, remember that breed generalizations are a guide "though I have found it to be pretty accurate," Posby said.

Average cost of having a pet is estimated at \$980 for a year for a dog, \$645 for a cat. That's just an estimate, she said, noting some expenses like spaying or neutering are one-time.

Posby said spaying and neutering of animals is vital to preventing overpopulation and the resulting need to euthanize animals at shelters. A healthy female cat can, through subsequent generations, yield a pet population of thousands if left untreated, she said.

She also discussed ways to find a pet, including shops, breeders, as a stray, or through shelters. Each has pros and cons, but Posby urged listeners

to consider the MHS shelters, noting there are purebred pets available.

Kim Korona, Community Humane Initiatives educator for the MHS, said you can contact her if you'd like such a presentation. Her office phone is (248) 283-1000, Ext. 127, her e-mail kkorona@michiganhumane.org.

"Several years ago, we did on a small scale service groups," said Korona, who's already had a dozen requests for such presentations. "The focus of this particular presentation is to know what type of things to think about before choosing a companion animal."

In the fall, MHS hopes to expand presentations on what the nonprofit is, along with animal welfare issues. "It seems to be very well received," the Livonia resident said.

"We're really trying to help people make good matches for themselves and the animal," Korona said.

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think it's important for teens to participate in the Relay for Life because I want to get the word out that we can make a difference and we are the future and we can try and fight this."

This year, Garden City High School's student council is having a team join the Relay. Clayton said "I am so glad we were able to get GC High School involved. Since Relay for life should mirror the community it is in as a whole, we were missing the young people aspect in our event last year. Now the GC High student council has helped us get the teens involved by not just being at the Relay, but being a team, too."

The Key Club at the high school is also participating at the Relay by being a part of the Kiwanis Striders team.

Many teens like myself joined the Garden City Youth Athletic Association team. They walked in the Westland Relay until Garden City started its own Relay last year. Brad Desmit a junior at Garden City High School, walked last year and this year designed the T-shirts for the GCYAA team.

When asked why he said,

"Because I had a good friend pass away this year from cancer and I want to help out. When a parent asked if I would design the shirt, I said sure, I played football for GCYAA." This year, GCYAA has dedicated the walk to Jeremy Santana, who lost his battle this past year. Many teens who were Jeremy's friends will walk this year in memory of him, but also to help fight back so no more of their classmates have to face this monster.

This year's Relay For Life of Garden City is being held at the Garden City Middle School old football field on May 31 beginning at 10 a.m. and going until Sunday at 10 a.m. I will be there for the whole 24 hours again this year and like Amber says, "It feels like I did something for a good cause. Showed that I really do care about people who have or survived cancer. Raising money for such a good cause was a great opportunity to give back."

I am hoping to see double the amount to teenagers at the walk this year. Teens, given the chance, can be the heroes. They can be the monster slayers.

Kaitlyn Brang is a junior at Garden City High School.

Donation helps Burger students keep tabs on their walks

Youngsters at the Burger Center for Students with Autism's Walking Club have a better idea of how many miles they've walked, thanks to a donation by Michigan Heart, P.C.

Representatives of Michigan Heart were at the Garden City school this week to present pedometers to be used in conjunction with an ongoing program called "Walk Across America." The walking program was started in 2001 by recreational activity director Mary Jimenez who decided to give a real objective to the walking students do in the school. While they already are

walking and leading active lifestyles, the program now lets the "walk somewhere."

As the walking club's initial name, "Walk to Mackinaw," indicates Jimenez identified Mackinaw as the first location for students to walk to. By monitoring how many laps students had walked within the school's interior perimeter, Jimenez was able to gauge at what point how many laps equated to the distance it would take to reach Mackinaw.

The students were excited about the program and reached their goal in only a few weeks. The program has



Mitch Holdwick, marketing coordinator for Michigan Heart, presents a certificate to students at Burger Center for Students with Autism, acknowledging their efforts to 'Walk Across America.'

since expanded and is now called "Walk Across America" in order to accommodate the vast distances traveled by all students of Burger through out the course of the program's seven years of existence.

School nurse Nancy Roggero had contacted Michigan Heart about the donation of pedom-

eters and Michigan Heart agreed, taking it one step further. Mitch Holdwick, marketing coordinator, met both Burger principal Mary O'Neil and Jimenez and toured the facility.

He also presented a certificate on behalf of Michigan Heart to the students of Burger School, acknowledging their commitment to healthy, active lifestyles, as well as pencils and a library book - *A New Heart for Alex* by Manak Sood, a cardio-thoracic surgeon for Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute in Ann Arbor.

Holdwick was happy to have met some of the students, faculty and staff as well as learn a little more about the walking program. He noted that Burger center is internationally renowned for its innovative and student-focused approach to education for the autistic.

He added that it became clearly apparent following his visit that the prestigious notoriety is well deserved.

TV

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House star Bob Saget. One person goes against the 100 people, otherwise known as the mob, in a series of trivia questions. The goal for the one person is knock out the entire mob and collect the money. The goal of the mob is to stay in the game for as long as you can, because if the one person loses, the remaining mob members split the profits.

Cartoons are usually thought of as child's play. Why would a grown person watch a cartoon show? For the simple fact that they're funny and enjoyable. Lately, cartoons have been made with more mature content, aimed at an older audience.

Family Guy has taken the

cake. Not only is it funny, but it's perfect for older teens with its somewhat inappropriate jokes. Created by, and starring, Seth McFarlane, *Family Guy* shows the lives of the offbeat Griffin family. Peter and Lois have three children: Meg, Chris, and Stewie. Also in the family is dog Brian. In a show where the family pet is more intelligent than the father, could this show be anything but funny?

Teenagers need to find a fun way to relax and TV seems to be the thing. With amazing shows, funny characters, and a new idea for a pilot each season, TV will never grow old. So, always stay tuned next week for something new and funny.

Kimberly Poma is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

TEA SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON MISS AMERICA PAGEANT HISTORY

Farmington Hills native Kirsten Haglund's accomplishment of being crowned Miss America has generated much excitement in the community.

To celebrate, the Traditional Tea Series at the Longacre House will feature "The History of Miss America" as the special topic on Wednesday, May 21.

Amy Anikewich, a devotee of the art of tea and hospitality, will share a historical recounting of the pageant. Anikewich, the daughter of a military officer, discovered a passion early on for social events. Tea specialist Linda Pudlik will also join Anikewich in creating a

delightful ambience and menu chosen for this event.

Tea is served in the main dining room of the Longacre House from 1-3 p.m. Guests should dress in "smart casual" attire. Additional themed teas are once each month at the Longacre House, at 24705 Farmington Road, just south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Teas are \$20 per guest for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills, \$25 per guest nonresident. Teas sell out quickly; due to limited space, walk-ins cannot be accepted. Reserve in advance by calling (248) 473-1848 or (248) 473-1870.

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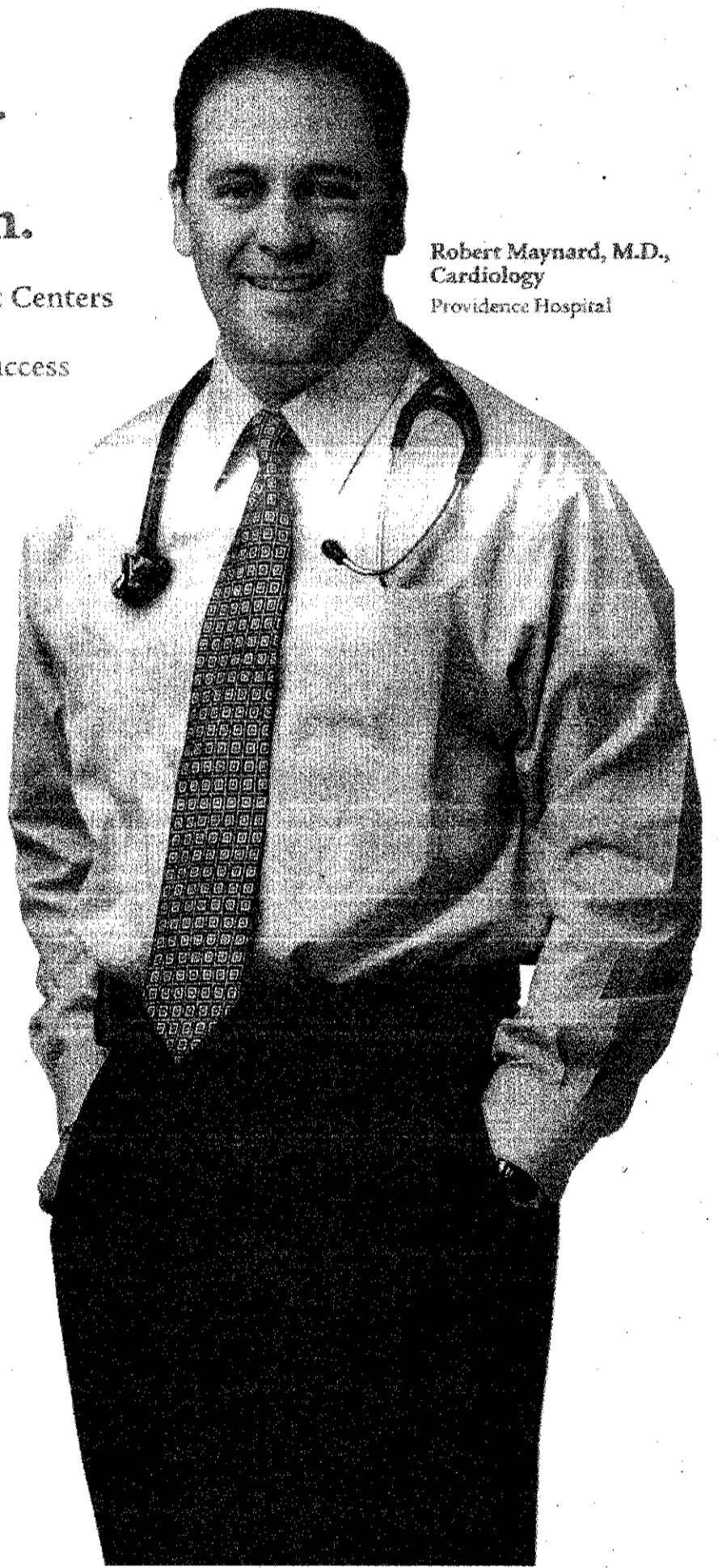
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REUNIONS

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: csingerbh58@reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Clarencville 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@yahoo.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@willageford.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: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kilvingston@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 Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (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 Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmar@aol.com for information.

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

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.net.

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 Gary 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 yet.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@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 gandjackl@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@sbcglobal.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: Kaynini@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 Dehmke 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. E-mail address is: milford78@gmail.com.

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.

Royal Oak Kimball Class of 1988

A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1988

A 20th reunion 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road in Canton (west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave). Cost \$50 per person, including dinner, DJ, and open bar. Make checks payable to Connie Wright-Gregory and mail to 23217 Ennishore, Novi, MI 48375. Or you can use paypal at tupper4u@yahoo.com and add \$2 per person to the cost per ticket. Payments need to be made by July 23, 2008.

WEDDING



Webber-Hall

Dusty Hall and Jillian Webber were married Dec. 8, 2007, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Robert Miller (Jillian's grandfather) and the Rev. Dorian McGlannan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Webber of Livonia and Janice Webber of Livonia. She is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in psychology.

The groom is the son of Harvey and Linda Hall of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and will graduate in May 2008 from Wayne State University with a degree in kinesiology.

The bride was attended by Kelly Evanoff, maid of honor, Erin Webber, Karen Hall, Misty Butcher, Alexis Gay, Jennifer Schack and Elizabeth Raley.

The groom was attended by Brandon McCullough, best man, Bob Webber, Tommy Hall, Harvey Hall, Nick Evanoff, Danny Wright, John Diponio and Andy Wright. Tommy Miles was the usher.

A reception was held at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Florida. The Webbers are making their home in Novi.

ENGAGEMENTS

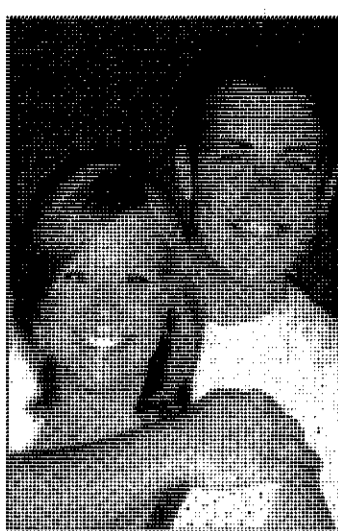
Whitney-Fuller

Bill and Peg Whitney of Wyckoff, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Whitney, to Garrett Fuller, son of Dennis Fuller of Plymouth and Leah Lucy of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rampano High School in New Jersey and is employed by Creative Technology Services.

The future groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and is employed by Creative Technology Services.

A November, 2008, wedding in Wyckoff, N.J., is planned.

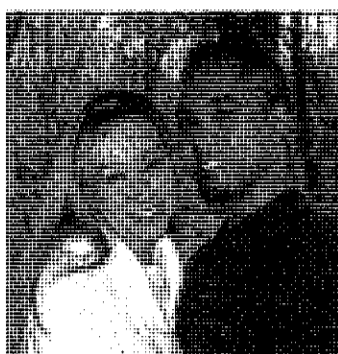


Milne-Odtohan

Kimberlee Ann Milne of Livonia and Richard Odtohan of Livonia are engaged to be married May 31, 2008, at Commerce United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Terri Brown of Commerce and Angel Gomez of Dearborn. She is a 2000 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

The future groom is the son of Bianca and Nemesio Odtohan of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Livonia



Churchill High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

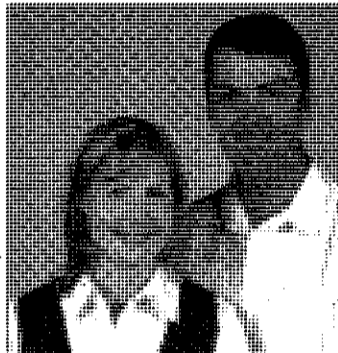
The Rev. Dean Wyllys will officiate at the wedding. A reception will follow at the White Lake Oaks Country Club.

Dolan-Thompson

Mark A. and Nikki Dolan of Marysville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Dolan, to Christopher Thompson.

The bride-to-be recently completed teacher certification and is a graduate of Oakland University. She is currently pursuing a master in education degree.

The future groom is the son of Larry Thompson of Livonia and Nancy Thompson of Livonia. He is employed as an electronics test technician



at Yazaki North America in Canton. The couple plan an Aug. 9, 2008, wedding in Fenton.

BIRTHS



John Bohdan Wilson

Natalie and Daniel Wilson of Livonia announce the birth of their son, John Bohdan Wilson, on June 14, 2007, at Oakwood Hospital.

John has a sister, Audrey Wilson, 3.

His grandparents are Wiebke and Bohdan Hnatiuk of Livonia and Dolores and Jack Wilson of Ferguson, Mo.

Great grandparents are Anna Hnatiuk of Livonia and Lucia O'Donnell of Livonia.



An Aug. 23, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Elmira.

Davis-Boulter

Henry and Ronda Davis of Elmira, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Jo Davis, to Daniel R. Boulter, son of Dan and Janet Boulder of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Gaylord High School and a 2007 graduate of Ferris State University. She manages a tanning salon and works for Victory Camps and coaches cheerleading at Gaylord High School.

The future groom is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and a 2007 graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed as a developmental engineer with General Motors.

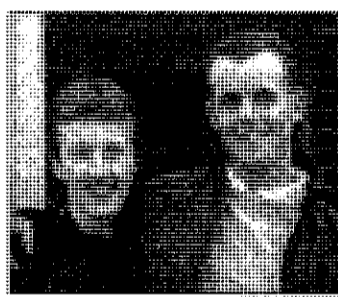
ANNIVERSARY

Knittels celebrate 50th

Dennis and Mary Knittel of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Knittels were married May 17, 1958, in Birmingham.

They have seven children: Kathy (Doug) Heuer of Plymouth; Denise (Ken) Mahn of Brighton; Colleen (Mark) Price of Westland; Mary Jo (Kelly) Carley of Novi; Susan (Mike) Ellis of Northville; John (Kim) Knittel of Canton; and Patrick Knittel of Plymouth.



The Knittels have 14 grandchildren. The couple plans to celebrate their anniversary with their children and grandchildren at Ernesto's in Plymouth.

Hiramis mark 55th

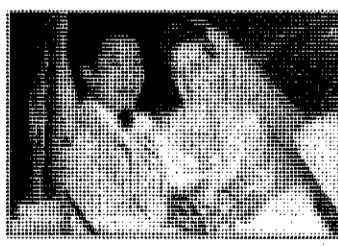
Soichiro "Patrick" Hiram and Cynthia Marie (Monroe) Hiram of Livonia are celebrating their 55th anniversary.

The Hiramis were married May 2, 1953, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colo. They have lived in Livonia for 49 years.

They have five children: Timothy Hiram, Gregory Hiram of Plymouth, Eileen Hiram of Seattle, Brian Hiram of Chicago and Ann-Nora Hiram of Plymouth. They have three grandchildren.

Pat is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of the University of Colorado and Columbia University. He worked as a social worker at the Denver Department of Welfare and the Wayne County Department of Welfare. He retired in 1980.

Cynthia is a Detroit native and a graduate of Mt. Carmel Nursing



School in Detroit. She was a registered nurse at St. Mary Hospital in the emergency and recovery departments. She also worked at the Evening Medical Care Centers and Detroit Diesel Corp. She retired in 1992.

They have been active at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and St. Edith Church in Livonia. They are active in social justice and peace issues.

On Friday they were to receive a special blessing and a Mass at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit, followed by dinner at Mario's in Detroit and a play at the Detroit Repertory Theater.

Cheer for the hometown read today's SPORTS section

Ford Freedom Award kudos set for May 6

Coretta Scott King and Dr. Dorothy Height will be honored for their achievements at the 10th annual Ford Freedom Award program on May 6. The daylong event includes both a scholar's lecture for invited middle schools in the morning at Orchestra Hall and a ticketed evening gala at 6 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Coretta Scott King will receive the Ford Freedom Award posthumously; and Dr. Dorothy I. Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, has been named the Ford Freedom Award Scholar. Kevin Prazier, weekend anchor and correspondent of *Entertainment Tonight*, and local TV host Chuck Stokes, WXYZ-TV, will again serve as masters of ceremonies of the evening gala.

The Ford Freedom Award program was created in 1999 to celebrate and recognize individuals whose achievements brought lasting and positive change for African Americans and the world. The program is underwritten by Ford, and funds raised are used to support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History's educational programs, exhibits and community outreach initiatives. The Ford Freedom Award program is made possible by a grant from Ford Motor Co. Silver sponsors of the event are Chrysler and Comerica Bank. Call (313) 494-5800 or visit www.maah-detroit.org.



Andrew Eugene Osborne II

Andrew and Amanda Osborne of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Andrew Eugene Osborne II, on April 8, 2008, at St. John Providence in Southfield.

Andrew weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21.5 inches long at birth.

Andrew has a sister, Addison Osborne.

Grandparents are David and Linda Regelin of Monroe and Keith and Kathy Osborne of Coloma, Mich.

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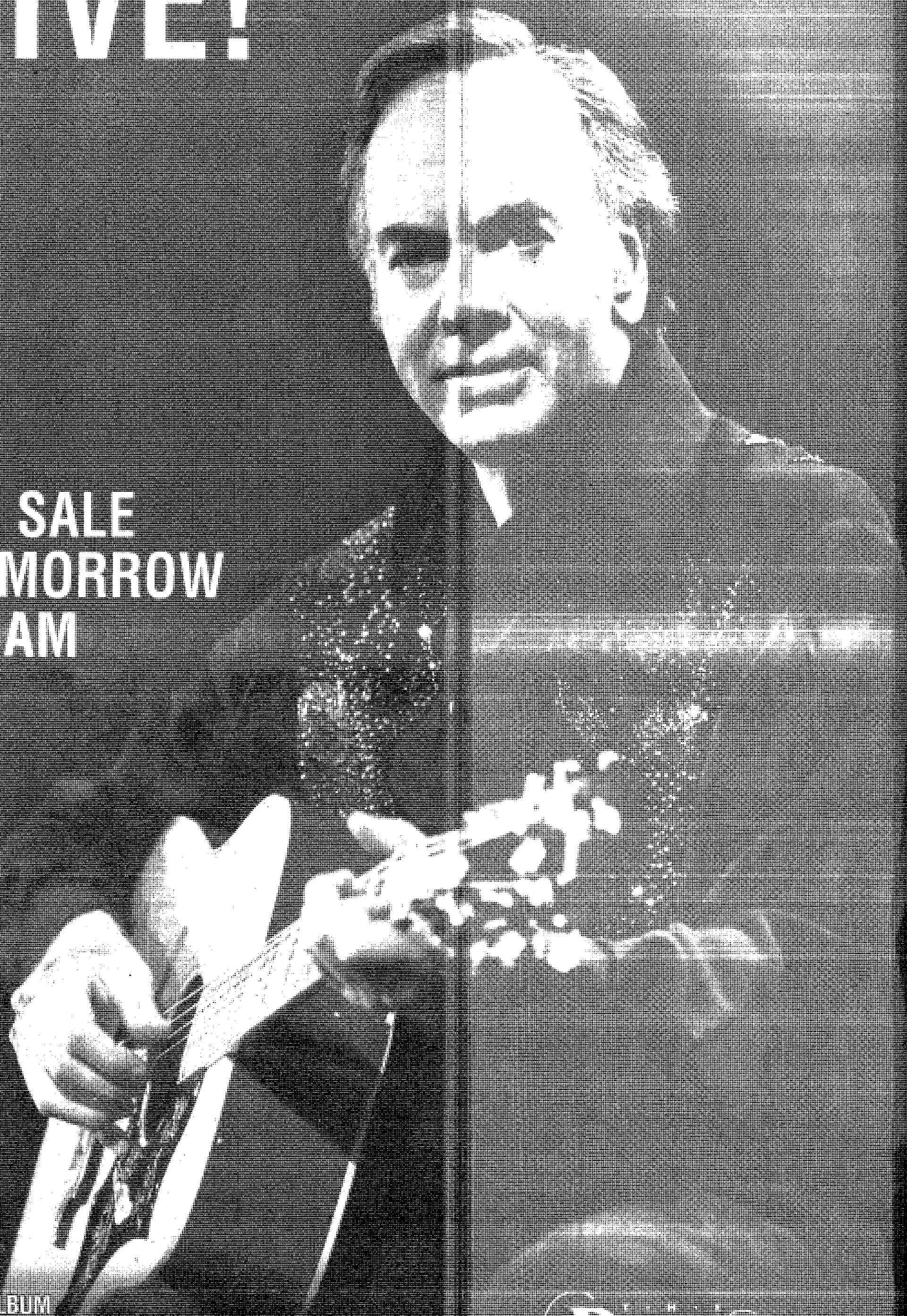
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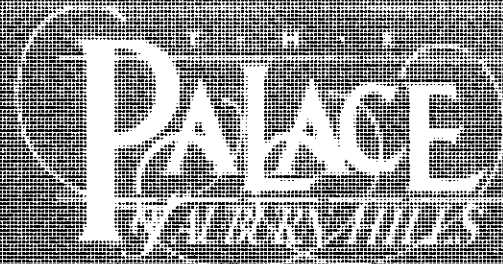
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A 42-year-old SBF, ISO S/W/M, 38-45, for friendship and if possible more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children, interested? Call **2247448**

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SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a S/M, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

BEAUTIFUL

BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BIF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportions. You must be confident with who you are. **2271680**

VERY LOVING PERSON

Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2273294**

SUMMER IS COMING!

BF, 45, seeks special someone to share picnics, walks in the park, quiet days at home and on the beach. If you have the time and wine, I have the blanket. **2271006**

HEART OF GOLD

SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2258442**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-60, for friendship first, maybe more. **2270132**

LONELY VIRGO

SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for BF, 30-65, with same interests. **2289376**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks S/W/M, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spry and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2295217**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'8", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **2257624**

A LOT TO OFFER

SBF, 46, educated, enjoys her pets, life. Seeking similar male, 38-48, who is positive and healthy, H/W proportionate, to share life. **2262364**

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

SWPF, 42, smoker, seeks WPM, 40ish-60ish, smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowling, dining, time at home. **2269456**

NURSE

Attractive S/W/F, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for honest, handsome man, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2408879**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party related, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **2134425**

HERE I AM GUYS

Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 150lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. **2238907**

JUST A NICE PERSON...

looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. **2245320**

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...

White Knight, Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, 5'7", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party related, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **2134425**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is busy, willing, and able to commit. **2273803**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

D/W/F, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes the water, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family for dating. **2330068**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SBF, 48, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230894**

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2298381**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2261247**

HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 27, 120lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2113901**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks S/W/M (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **2288699**

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 49, no kids, seeks S/W/M, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2258059**

DO YOU EXIST??

D/W/F, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2200266**

HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. **2212790**

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **2252181**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 66, looks young, in search of a S/W/M, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

Hi my name is Lois, I'm a 56-year-old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I have no children but have 3 cats. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, gardening and also enjoy a lot of other things and open to many more. I've got a sense-of-humor, love to laugh, very caring and considerate person. Looking for someone with similar interests, not necessarily the same as mine. Seeking a long-term relationship and see what happens. **2137057**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature S/M, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **22985794**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind S/W/F, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycle, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **2245846**

LOOKING FOR ME?

Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-5'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **2246987**

HELLO

SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated S/W/M, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. **2249758**

WORTH A LOOK

SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. **2253834**

TAKING A PEEK

Attractive S/W/F, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. **2254474**

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 160lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, dining, shopping. Seeking attractive, 49-57, 5'11"-5'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **2257608**

ARE YOU HERE?

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest S/M, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2269770**

GET TO KNOW ME

BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **2260766**

SEEKING SAVED MAN

SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **2265509**

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

HI THERE!

Mature SBF, 50, single, handsome S/W/M, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **2268276**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'6", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **22983760**

READY FOR A FRESH START?

D/W/F, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, big blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking S/W/M, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2262549**

STILL SEEKING

SBF, 56, 5'3", blonde, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113188**

COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, tennis, dancing. Seeking S/W/M, 45-65, N/S, rugged, serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking S/W/M, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation S/W/F, for conversation and connection. **2176478**

A SPECIAL GUY

D/W/M, 58, 5'11", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/D/W/F, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269446**

SEEKING A LADY

S/W/M, 75, wants to meet an active W/F, 55-70, who has a strong, well-maintained, travel in the US. Will respond to all. **2274642**

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE

Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", graying brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation and romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, BF to share life. **2272744**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. **2257001**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Very athletic SBF, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 29-35, with sweet personality. **2274569**

COULD IT BE YOU?

D/W/M, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable. **2160056**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBF, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 24-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **22684501**

COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2244280**

SOLID MORALS?

BM, 40, 5'6", 201lbs, athletic build, enjoys volleyball, fishing, swimming, skating, walks in the park, more. Looking for a woman, 40-45, 5'2"-5'5", who is church-going and has similar interests. **2274520**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

S/W/M, 6', 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for S/W/F, 18-42, to spend time with. **2271027**

LOVE ME FOR ME

DM, 49, 5'10", 160lbs, bright blue eyes, works afternoon shift, loves sports, watching movies, campfires. Looking for LTR with S/W/F, 45-52, who has a sweet personality. **2272813**

A LOT TO OFFER

S/W/M, 30, 5'6", 185lbs, brown/blue, looking for S/W/F, 238-45, who is open, friendly, likes getting out and having a good time. **2273891**

HANDSOME MALE

SBM, 6', H/W/P, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking W/F, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. **22984967**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

W/W/M, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

JUST ME AND MY DOG

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, like roller-riding, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272974**

LAI-D-BAK GUY

BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. **2272875**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

S/W/M, 27, 5'11", 185lbs, nice athletic build, smoker, seeks financially secure woman, 18-41, for friendship, possible romance. **2274475**

TALL, ATHLETIC

S/W/M, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2251306**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be happy, independent and know what you want in life. **2292418**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored S/M, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. **2250650**

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON

S/W/M, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. **2251226**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

Tall, athletic S/W/M, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF for fun. Age/location open. **2257540**</

Photo book brings back the heyday of Michigan railroads

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A steam train belching black smoke pulls into town, passing a grain elevator. Along the siding, men wait with carts for unloading, another man waits with a travel bag to board.

The town is Mason, Mich., and the scene was an everyday sight in the early 20th century when railroads criss-crossed the state, east-west and north-south, delivering raw materials, manufactured goods and travelers. Along the way, towns of any fair size had a depot — some simple track side shacks, others architectural gems designed to create a good first impression for visitors.

David J. Mrozek of Livonia brings back that era in a new picture book from Arcadia Publishing, *Railroad Depots of Michigan, 1910-1920* is another in Arcadia's popular series of local history photo books.

Mrozek, 53, retired last year as a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co. and turned his attention to his love for railroading.

"I grew up in Dearborn and there was a train register station there and kids used to hang out there," he said. "Most of them lost their interest in trains in high school, but I kept on and am still interested in trains."

From 1978 to 1986, Mrozek wrote a monthly column "Down at the Depot" for the Michigan Railroad Club magazine *Michigan Railway*. The club has been around since 1937.

"Their editor was always looking for new stories and contributions," he said. "I'm interested in train stations and it seemed like a perfect match."

A POSTCARD CRAZE

The 200 vintage photographs were originally published as postcards.

"Railroads at the time were such an important part of society and community life," Mrozek said. "At the same time, the nation was in a postcard sending and collecting craze. They were cheap, cheap to mail. Trains were a frequent subject of postcards."

When Mrozek began his project, he turned to a friend he knew from



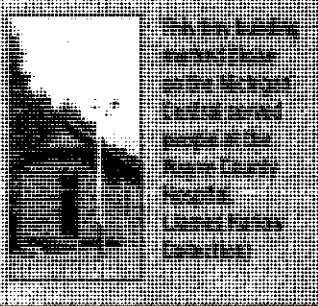
David Mrozek has been in town with trains and train stations since he was in high school.

ON THE RAILROAD

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Edward Street's original depot in Birmingham. James Harlow Collection.



This Plymouth depot served the Pere Marquette Railroad line that ran from Detroit to Grand Rapids. Plymouth had been an important rail junction since 1871. (James Harlow Collection)

high school, James Harlow, who collected postcards.

"Jim was a big postcard collector and would buy up tons of these railroad post cards at antique stores and flea markets," Mrozek said.

Harlow put Mrozek in touch with Dave Tinder of Dearborn Heights, who had an even larger postcard collection covering all

things Michigan.

Local histories and rail guides were a source for captions that describe a bit about the towns, the depots and the railroads that included the Grand Trunk, Lakeshore & Michigan Southern, Michigan Central, Pere Marquette, Ann Arbor, Detroit & Mackinac and others.

The photos provide a rich variety of views: a track crew in Wayne; a small little station marked Eloise to drop passengers at the Wayne County hospital; handsome terminals in Birmingham, Royal Oak and Plymouth; and elaborate stations at Niles, Battle Creek and the Michigan Central depot in Detroit, now an eyesore but once a focal point for the city.

PAST THEIR PRIME

"It became increasingly expensive to maintain that building," Mrozek said. "When Conrail built their downsized office in Dearborn, Conrail moved their employees out of the structure. In the '80s, that was the end."

Amtrak began building utilitarian buildings with no architectural distinction, a far cry from the Michigan Central depots that lined the track from Detroit to Chicago, which still maintains its late 19th century Union Station.

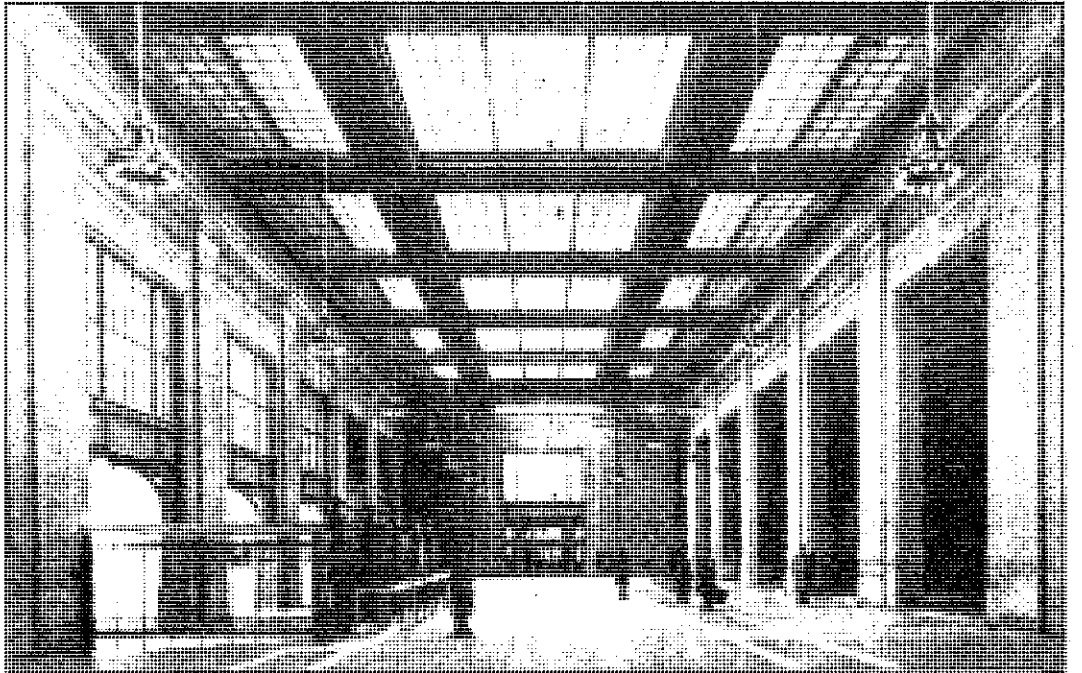
"The difference between Chicago and Detroit is that Chicago has huge amounts of rail-based public transportation which is funneling into Union Station," Mrozek said.

Still, there is life in some of the old depots. Mrozek concludes his book with fine restorations of stations in Durand and Niles, which is a stunning building still used by Amtrak as a train station. Other depots are finding new life as community centers, day cares and restaurants, such as the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor.

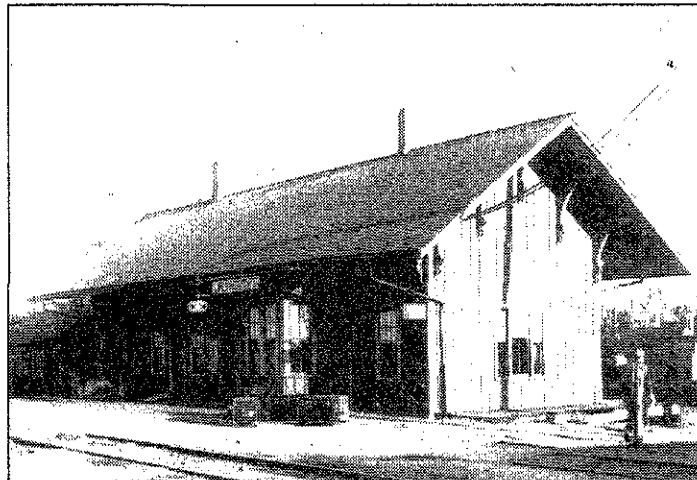
Mrozek is married and has a daughter at Stevenson High School.

"I'd like to do a sequel to this," he said. "When I was calendar chairman of the Michigan Railroad Club, there were so many photos of earlier members, pictures of the 1940s and 50s when trains were in their prime."

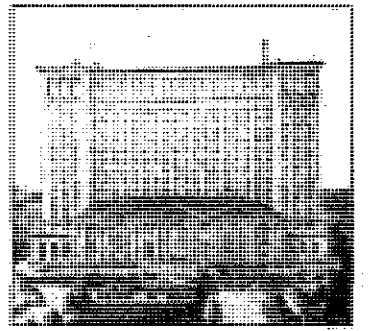
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Michigan Central Depot concourse in Detroit. The architectural firm of Reed & Stem and Warren & Wetmore collaborated on the design of the new Detroit station and office building. The same architects designed Grand Central Terminal in New York City. (James Harlow Collection)



This Plymouth depot served the Pere Marquette Railroad line that ran from Detroit to Grand Rapids. Plymouth had been an important rail junction since 1871. (James Harlow Collection)



Michigan Central Depot and Roosevelt Park in Detroit, south of Michigan Avenue between 15th and 21st Streets, two miles west of the central business district but perfectly aligned with the western portal of the Detroit River Rail Tunnel, which was opened in 1910. (James Harlow Collection)

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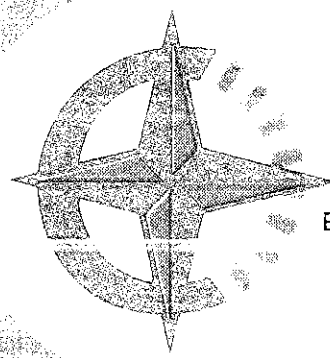
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Read the job forecasts and the best news you might find is that the aging baby boomers will leave many jobs unfilled. Dig a little deeper; throw in a dash of imagination; and you'll uncover industries looking for workers, including career changers.

GOOD PROSPECTS
Take, for example, the industry with a stereotype of "housekeeping or security, with facilities being cops and mops," according to Shari Epstein. She is associate director of Research at the 19,000-member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in Houston. "It's beyond that, from managing construction projects to overseeing security, contingency planning, move management, asset acquisitions (including furnishings or 'chillers' -- big air conditioning units). It's behind the scenes but it's never boring."

Salaries are promising, averaging \$91,772 in a range of \$43,000 to \$144,000. Non-managerial people with a high school diploma enjoy a base salary of \$65,662. You don't have to wait for the baby boom generation to retire, because, Epstein says, "facility managers are retiring at 60 and 62, leaving positions unfilled, such as facility engineer or vice

president of Engineering." The association's 2007 salary and demographics survey of 4,600 members spanned services, institutions, manufacturing, education and health care.

Then there's the field of management accounting. John Brausch chairs the board of regents for the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA), headquartered in Montvale, N.J. It has 60,000 accountants and other in-house finance professionals, of whom 30,000 are certified. Many are CFOs, deputy CFOs, treasurers and controllers. Brausch says that there is solid opportunity for people of any age with about four years of experience in public accounting who want to shift to internal work. The attraction: "Accountants in industry are much more concept-based than rules based," he says. "Those who are certified earn about \$10,000 more per year than their peers and, of course, longevity breeds higher salaries."

Salaries are also rising for members of the Society for Information Management (SIM), headquartered in Chicago, according to Jerry Luftman, who serves on the executive board. SIM's more than 3,500 members are largely CIOs and their direct reports, leading corporations and leaders in vending, consulting and academe. The society's annual survey of 100 members found that 51.9 percent of organizations plan to hire this year, up from 49.5 percent last year and 39.2 percent in 2006. Luftman estimates that "thousands of jobs are going unfilled and the gap is expected to become wider."

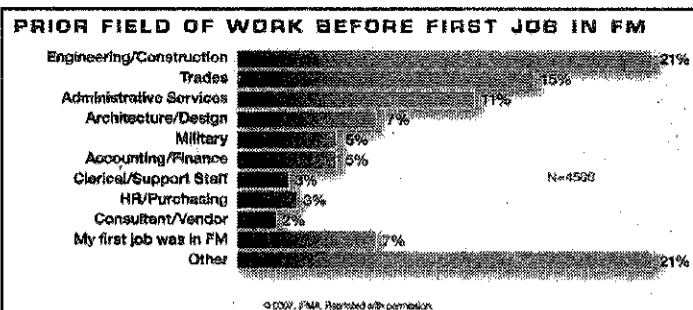
CAREER CHANGING

All three of these industries are receptive to career changers to some degree. Brausch says, "We love people who come from

other sides of business. We can teach them accounting, but we love when people come in with an operational viewpoint or something else, such as finance or marketing. They help us look at what we're doing differently. I look for problem solving, customer service, team work and initiative more than work history, although it's important. If someone has those characteristics from another discipline, I'm thrilled to have them. They usually have a basic level of accounting and we build them up."

IFMA's Epstein mentions that "many facility managers migrate, not having started in FM. Finance would take on a real estate function or HR or purchasing would take on administrative services, such as mail room or food service operation, and move into management." Luftman says that his industry "is looking for the appropriate balance of technical and soft skills."

Talk of recession doesn't seem to be dimming prospects in any of these industries. Brausch says that in a declining economy, "people are looking for ways to shore up their resume and look back to make anything on the resume differentiate them from others. If they're in accounting, they look for accounting certification." Luftman notes that rising salaries are coming "even with the threat of the recession across the U.S."



Facility Management (FM) is booming, drawing employees from a wide range of disciplines, according to the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in Houston.

and, contrary to popular belief, those jobs aren't going overseas. Facilities management is "recession-proof," Epstein reports. "We look at forecasts for the need of facility managers, and the care and upkeep of the corporate assets they manage. In bad times, buildings still exist and still need to be maintained, operated, kept warm, cool and safe for employees and visitors. Facility management is still needed even in bad times." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



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Local property management office needs experienced person to assist property supervisor and accounts payable. Must have excellent computer skills. 20hrs/week with flexible hours. Please fax resume to: 248-355-1308

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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