



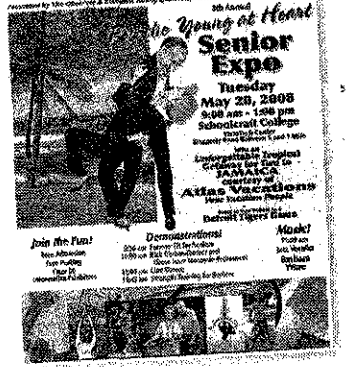
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Pickering: Use arrests to fund 2 police jobs

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With revenues from drunken driving arrests declining, a Westland City Council member has proposed boosting alcohol enforcement efforts by reinstating two police officer

positions trimmed from Mayor William Wild's new budget.

But Charles Pickering's proposal to fill the positions has drawn opposition from Wild and some council members who say that all departments, including the 100-member police force, have to share in

painful cost-cutting measures to avert a possible financial crisis.

"We're trying to be as fair as possible" while struggling to strengthen a budget surplus that has dipped to \$1.8 million, Wild said Monday, in the latest round of talks involving his

proposed \$60.6 million spending blueprint.

Wild and two high-ranking council members, President James Godbout and Cheryl Graunstadt, said a decision to hire two officers specifically in hopes of snagging drunken drivers could add to percep-

tions of overzealous police.

Godbout indicated that bars all across town have complained that Westland's reputation for stopping drivers could scare customers away. He said patrons of Malarkey's Irish Pub on Warren Road have been pulled over as soon as

they leave the parking lot, even before they reach the Circuit City store to the west.

Godbout called it "a double-edged sword" of balancing intensive alcohol enforcement efforts with concerns voiced by

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James Sorensen of Westland, with wife Kimberley, fights back tears during his statement at the sentencing of Jean Pierre Orlewicz, convicted of killing their son, Daniel.

Judge: Convicted teen 'would kill again'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling his actions "evil" and expressing gratitude for the jury that convicted him, Wayne Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry did the only thing she could do under Michigan law following Jean Pierre Orlewicz's conviction last month.

She sent him to prison for the rest of his life.

Berry on Monday sentenced Orlewicz, the 18-year-old from Plymouth Township, to life sentences without possibility of parole on the first-degree and felony murder counts on which a jury last month convicted Orlewicz in the stabbing, beheading and dismemberment of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

And, while Orlewicz stood silently before her, speaking only to answer questions, Berry had plenty to say.

"It's still hard for the court to fathom why someone would do something as heinous and evil as what you have done," Berry told Orlewicz. "There is a difference between mental illness and evil ... your actions are tantamount to evil."

"I'm grateful the jury convicted you," she added. "I'm grateful you are going away for the rest of your life. I believe you would have killed again."

Orlewicz repeatedly stabbed Sorensen in his grandfather's



Jean Pierre Orlewicz enters the courtroom for his sentencing. He was sentenced to life without parole on the first-degree and felony murder charges, plus 50 months to 10 years for mutilating a body.

Canton garage Nov. 7, then burned his fingertips with a blow-torch in an effort to hide the identity. He then beheaded Sorensen and dumped his body in a Northville Township field, setting it on fire. He then dumped Sorensen's head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz claimed self-defense, but a jury didn't buy it and, after some 12 hours of deliberation, found him guilty on all counts April 16.

Orlewicz's attorney, James Thomas, said he'll appeal.

"We have issues (to appeal)," Thomas said. "We had a position in this case it was self-defense. We still think that."

Sorensen's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen of

Westland, never believed that defense, and nothing has happened to change their mind. Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Alexander Letkemann of Westland, described the crime in horrific detail during the trial, after having pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the case.

Letkemann is serving a sentence of 20-30 years. The Sorensens have forgiven him his role and, at his sentencing last month, praised Letkemann's decision to "accept responsibility" for his actions. They had no such kind words Monday for Orlewicz.

"Even a person who takes a

Wayne County commission race attracts crowd of candidates

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Veteran Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard's abrupt resignation in March after a 30-year reign has led to a wide field of candidates seeking to replace her.

Eight Democrats and two Republicans beat Tuesday's candidate filing deadline for the 12th District, according to the Wayne County Elections Office. The district includes Westland, Inkster and south

Livonia.

In other political races, incumbent state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will face the same Republican challenger he defeated two years ago, GOP hopeful Sam Durante. LeBlanc represents the 18th District, which includes Westland only.

With Beard leaving her 12th District county commission seat, Democratic hopefuls include appointee Ronaale Bowman, who was chosen to replace Beard after work-

ing as her legislative aide; Paul Citkowski, a Westland resident; Joan Gebhardt of Livonia, a Schoolcraft College trustee and district staffer for state Rep. Andy Dillon, D-Redford; James Godbout, Westland City Council president; Hilliard Hampton, Inkster mayor; Wanda Harris-Foster, former Inkster City Council member; Douglas Kaye, an attorney who lives in Livonia; and Dan Wilson of

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Westland man charged with stealing from bags

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man is facing a court hearing May 21 amid charges he stole from baggage while working at Detroit Metro Airport.

William Joseph Moner's preliminary hearing will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on three counts of larceny in a building. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison.

Moner, 31, was arraigned

Monday in Romulus 34th District Court. He was accused by airport authorities of being caught on a security camera taking a Sony digital camera from a suitcase and then placing it in his personal backpack.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced the charges Monday. Moner's arrest was the latest of reports of thefts from baggage at the airport.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him in court, and a Romulus clerk said the defendant was jailed with a \$40,000 cash bond

as he awaits his hearing.

Moner was arrested May 10 by airport police at the McNamara terminal, Worthy announced. He had been an employee of Prospect Airport Services, and his duties included tagging and scanning bags for Northwest Airlines, according to the prosecutor's office.

Moner couldn't be reached for comment. A Romulus court clerk indicated Tuesday that he hadn't yet posted bond.

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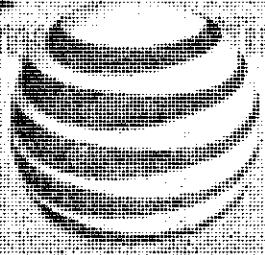
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life in self-defense will express horror and remorse," James Sorensen said. "There has been no remorse, no sorrow ... only the arrogance of not wanting to be punished for his actions. When he was caught



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on television saying 18 years old is too young an age to send

(Orlewicz) took the ultimate act of cowardice and refused to take accountability," James Sorensen said he'd heard "the pundits" on television saying 18 years old is too young an age to send

someone away for the rest of their lives. "I disagree," Sorensen said. "The heinous nature of this crime shows Mr. Orlewicz should never be allowed to live among us again." Sill, Kimberly Sorensen admitted she can't conjure up any hatred for Orlewicz. "(Orlewicz) threw everything away when he decided my son's

life was not of any value," she said. "The lives he has affected, the pain and terror he brought upon my son ... I look at this young man and I can't bring myself to hate him. "I hate what he did," she added. "This has altered our lives for the remainder of our days."

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WAYNE-WESTLAND STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Name: Catherine Meyerhoff, 10
Grade/School: Fifth-grade at Schweitzer Elementary, Westland
Parents: Jeff and Sandie Meyerhoff
Nominated by: teacher Jamie Owen



Catherine Meyerhoff

Reason for nomination: I am nominating my student, Katie Meyerhoff, for several reasons. First, Katie excels academically in all subjects. She works very hard and has earned straight A's all year long. She always puts a 110 percent effort into her schoolwork. Secondly, Katie recently won the class, school and district spelling bee. She was diligent about practicing and studying her words prior to the events. Third, Katie serves as publicity manager on the Schweitzer student council. Katie's classmates voted her into this position because they see her as a leader and a role model. Fourth, Katie is always willing to help other students with their work when they are confused. She patiently guides them along and answers their questions, instead of just telling them the answers. Fifth, outside of school, Katie is an accomplished dancer. She is involved in several dance and

gymnastics classes and competes in dance competitions. Yet, aside from all of these fantastic achievements, the real reason I believe Katie should be nominated is because of the person she is. She is bright, curious, sweet, funny and a kind child. I know that no dream is beyond her reach in the future.

Future plans: I have had allergies my whole life and they are really bad, so when I get older, I want to be an allergist to help children overcome their allergies.
What do you like about school: Some things I enjoy about school are getting to learn new things and meeting new people and seeing people you already know
Favorite subject: My favorite subject is reading because when I pick up a book, something in my imagination gets triggered and it takes me into a completely different world just by reading a bunch of words.
Roles models: My role models would have to be my parents because of the way they handle different situations; my teacher, Miss Owen, because of all the things I benefit from by her teaching me; Jeni Toby, my dance teacher, because she has taught me to follow all my dreams and never give up, and my Aunt Wendi because she followed her dreams to become a nurse and I hope to do the same.

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Westland, who manages his wife's law firm. Republican candidates include David James, a former Westland City Council member and Wayne-Westland school board trustee; and Thomas Thompson of Livonia. Voters in the Aug. 5 primary will pick one Democrat and

one Republican to square off in the November general election. The winner will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year. Beard, 86, resigned abruptly in March, citing health reasons. She had been the longest-serving commissioner ever at nearly 30 years. In the 18th District state House race, LeBlanc hopes to earn his second two-year term. He said he will actively

campaign. "I certainly wouldn't take anything for granted," LeBlanc said, adding that having others in the race "keeps it healthy." The job pays \$79,650 a year. LeBlanc said he and Durante ran "a pleasurable general election" in 2006. "It didn't get ugly," LeBlanc said. "I would expect that he and I will be conducting ourselves in the same way this time." Durante didn't speak criti-

cally of LeBlanc but said he has issues he personally hopes to address, including trying to rein in high gas prices and rising energy costs. He also said he supports efforts to make Michigan a right-to-work state. Candidates in the commission and state House races will have until Friday to withdraw their candidacies.

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bar and restaurant owners. While local officials certainly don't support drunken driving, some believe it should be treated equally as part of an overall effort to combat law-breakers. Graunstadt acknowledged that "Westland does have a reputation" for being more aggressive than many communities on stopping motorists, "and I don't want to perpetuate that." Some say the perception could potentially do financial harm to local establishments during an economic slump that already has cut into business. Moreover, Graunstadt said

she hopes that a decline in drunken driving arrests can be attributed to fewer motorists actually getting behind the wheel when they've had too much. Pickering proposed hiring two police officers to help offset what he called a \$300,000 drop in revenues. He pointed to statistics from Westland 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek, who said new trends indicate that the number of annual drunken driving arrests by Westland police, alone, could plummet from 812 to around 600. Other agencies, such as the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, also patrol certain areas within city limits. Pickering contended that beefed-up alcohol patrols

could bring in enough revenue to pay for reinstating two police positions. He said such efforts also could avoid tragedies, although even he conceded that "waiting outside of an establishment might not be the best way to do it." Pickering elaborated on his proposal Tuesday during a telephone interview and said he doesn't believe the city should cave in to local businesses. "I'm actually appalled that we're allowing our restaurants and bars to dictate what our alcohol enforcement efforts will be," he said. During Monday's talks, Wild and others called it risky to hire two police officers in hopes that drunken driving arrests will bring in enough

revenue to cover the employee costs. Moreover, Wild said the city shouldn't single out one offense over others. "We're trying to fight crime, too," he said. Councilman Bill Johnson voiced concerns that the city possibly can't afford to fill the two police positions. Councilman Michael Kehrer agreed and said the city, like many private companies, will have to work harder with fewer employees. "We have to do more with less," he said. Pickering indicated he will seek support for his plan before the council votes to adopt a new budget at its June 2 meeting.

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AROUND WESTLAND

In need of help

Donations are being collected to help a Westland family cover the costs for the burial of their daughter who found dead in a grassy area near Hawley and Glenwood on May 7. A fund has been established to accept donations in the name of Laci Green at the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union located at 500 S. Wayne Road, just south of Cherry Hill. Contributions may be made to the Laci Ann Green Memorial Fund. Donors can obtain more information by calling (734) 721-5700.

According to Edward and Barbara Green, the burial costs exceed their ability. Miss Green was a graduate of Wayne-Memorial High School and was studying nursing at Schoolcraft College at the time of her death.

Armed Forces Day

Speakers dressed in period costumes will discuss the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World War II during an Armed Forces Day celebration 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. A special slide show about Michigan's role in the War of 1812 also will be featured. Veterans also will speak about their wartime experiences. The public is invited.

A noon Saturday, the public also may attend a special ceremony at noon honoring veterans at the historic Ganong Cemetery, on Henry Ruff between Michigan Avenue and Van Born Road.

Music fund-raiser

A Westland bar, Chatters, will host a fund-raiser Sunday to help pay medical bills for Flo Martin, a woman who has had ongoing health problems and whose sons are in rock bands that play at the local bar.

The event will start at 1 p.m. Sunday and continue until around 10 p.m. or so, said Scott Kloock, a volunteer who is helping with organizing efforts. Money will be raised from raffles, 50/50, a \$5 admission and a special raffle of a guitar signed by bands.

Bands performing will include The Ride, Power Source, Deep Cut, Jane Doe, Dangerous Pursuit, Scratch, Lixx, Lt. Dan & Friends and Shopping Cart Joyride.

Chatters Bar is located at 7640 N. Wayne, near Cowan. For more information, call (734) 422-3737.

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Installation of officers

Westland American Legion Post 251 will have its second annual Installation of Officers Dinner/Dance Friday, June 20, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 Hall on Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be an open bar, door prizes and an evening of dancing to the music of the Walt Liebeck Band until 11 p.m. Installation of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Veterans and the public are welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person. For information and tickets, call (734) 751-2275 or (734) 326-2607.

Car wash

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a free car wash 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Garden treasures

Wayne County Community College District's Continuing Education Division will present Garden Treasures, an informational workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, on the Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville.

Garden Treasures is the second of three programs at the Western Campus centering around gardening, landscaping and all things green. Participants attending this workshop will receive hands-on experience from professionals in the areas of floral arrangements and container gardening. Attendees will enjoy demonstrations in organic composting, fertilizer runoff and green gardening. Presentations will also be available on youth gardening projects for the whole family to enjoy.

Participating will be Reflecting Natures, The Great Lakes Bioneers Chapter and Garden Fantasy.

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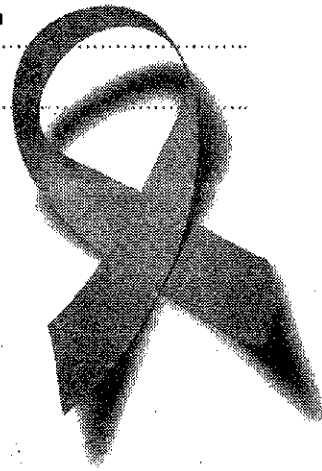
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John Glenn High hosts State of City speech

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Mayor William Wild will portray Westland as a financially sound city weathering Michigan's economic storm when he delivers his second State of the City address on May 29.

"While Michigan's economy has presented its share of challenges, I am pleased to relay that fiscally, Westland is sound and we will continue to provide quality services to our residents," Wild said in a prepared statement.

Wild will return to his alma mater, John Glenn High School, to share his latest vision for the city and how it is coping amid an unrelentingly sour economy. Wild will deliver his address at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 29, inside the school auditorium, and he has invited the public.

"I am again looking forward to the opportunity to deliver this address to the residents and business owners of our all-American city," Wild said.

The mayor's State of the City speech will be delivered in the same month he marks his 40th birthday. It will come in the same year he has been named the winner of John Glenn High's Distinguished Alumni award. He is a 1966 graduate of the school.

Wild chose to give his speech at the school because, "we want to cre-

ate a fresh experience for residents this year. Glenn's auditorium offers a more intimate setting and at the same time allows us to showcase the first-class jewel that John Glenn truly is."

The school is located on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh.

Wild's address will come just four days before his newly proposed \$60.6 million budget is scheduled for a vote by the seven-member Westland City Council. In a move to combat declining revenues, his new spending plan would raise water-sewer rates, eliminate two jobs, leave 12 full-time positions vacant, and protect a \$1.8 million surplus.

Wild's address also will offer an update on the progress of negotiations with Wayne County on the remediation of Central City Park, which Wild ordered fenced off in January of 2007 because of lead contamination. The park was a former dump site.

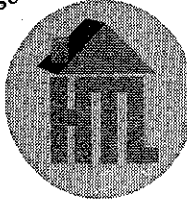
Wild also is expected to talk about new economic development efforts, such as a plan to revitalize Ford Road between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road.

After the mayor's State of the City, the audience will be invited to attend a reception in Glenn's newly renovated media center.

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Cavanagh challenges county treasurer

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saying that inaction on a glut of property tax foreclosures has caused urban decay, Phil Cavanagh on Thursday announced his intention to run for Wayne County Treasurer.

Cavanagh, a Democrat who is in his fourth term on the county Board of Commissioners, will take on Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, an incumbent with 32 years in office, in the August Democratic primary.

"There is no plan in Wayne County" to deal with tax-foreclosed properties, said Cavanagh, who represents Redford Township. "There is no vision."

Cavanagh said other county treasurers in Michigan have taken "innovative" steps to keep tax-foreclosed parcels from becoming blighted, by bundling them to sell off for redevelopment, and by investing in housing rehabilitation,



Cavanagh

thus creating jobs, and putting the houses back on the market.

"He could be driving economic development," Cavanagh said.

Wojtowicz, who has filed for a re-election bid, could not be reached for a response.

Cavanagh said the treasurer allows speculators to "cherry-pick" prime foreclosed properties, but that others — currently about 9,000 — are ignored. He said Wojtowicz has raised at least \$25 million through foreclosure auctions that could be reinvested in other foreclosed properties.

Cavanagh, 46, was first elected to the county commission in 2000. He is an attorney and the son of the late former Detroit mayor Jerome Cavanagh. His commission district is made up of Redford, Garden City and Dearborn

Heights. During his tenure on the commission, Cavanagh assisted with the joint county-township street-paving project; helped obtain money, through the county's recreation millage, for the new Capitol Park splash pad and the repair of the Garden City community pool; and has worked to improve flood control in Dearborn Heights.

Cavanagh is also known as advocate for improved mental health services and for abused and neglected children.

Cavanagh said some people have been surprised at his willingness to give up another commission term in order to challenge Wojtowicz. But, he said, "This is going to be an exciting race."

Cavanagh and wife Lily each have three children from previous marriages; the family lives

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Patterson says Senate can improve House energy bills

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An aging electrical system, escalating costs, environmental concerns and contending economic interests have made energy legislation a political hot potato.

On April 17, the Michigan House of Representatives moved a package of energy bills and now it's the Senate's turn to address these contentious issues.

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chairman of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee, hopes to have bills ready to move in June.

"I don't want bipartisan, I want apolitical," Patterson said Monday. "I want an apolitical package of bills."

But politics is always a consideration. Patterson said he had expected to have bills from the Democratic-controlled House by the end of February. He said support from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce helped bring some Republicans on board to support the bills and get them passed in late April.

Of nine tie-barred bills, Patterson said his committee is looking at four bills dealing with re-regulating the public utilities under Public Act 141, energy efficiency programs and a renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) to replace a portion of electrical generation through renewable energy.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr., spokesman for the Michigan Environmental Council, said his group is generally supportive of the bills passed by the House.

'THREE-TIER APPROACH'

"The bills have a three-tier approach. We are happy with the energy efficiency and integrated resource planning and we think the RPS of 10 by (20)15 is a good start. We think the Senate can make it better," McDiarmid said.

He said his group takes an "agnostic" view on PA 141.

"The first bill is basically a 141 bill, embraced by the incumbent utilities (DTE and Consumers

Energy)," Patterson said. "It will cause the expenditure of considerable amounts of money, a lot of which will be used to build new generation and as a consequence that bill has merit from the standpoint that it will probably serve to stimulate the economy and cause some construction trades to stay busy. That's a plus."

A big minus, according to Patterson, is that it will be expensive and could lead to major rate hikes. New power plants, whether coal or nuclear, have also been strongly opposed by environmental groups.

"We have the oldest fleet of generation plants," Patterson said.

He said he has asked environmental groups how they would replace the energy lost if they did not replace aging coal plants.

"If we accept the proposition that we have to have the same level of electricity we have now, even if there isn't growth and the plants are aging, who will pay for this and plants they need to build," Patterson said.

Patterson said the major utilities are prepared to invest \$6-\$8 billion on new generation.

"We don't want new coal plants right away, we think renewables can take up the slack," said McDiarmid. "We think integrated resource planning may take it up and coal plants won't be competitive."

He said Wall Street has been reluctant to finance new coal plants.

Independent energy brokers and some large energy users oppose changing PA 141, which was passed in 2000 to allow alternative energy suppliers to compete with regulated energy monopolies, primarily Consumers Energy and DTE.

The House legislation would put a 10 percent cap on power that could be purchased from other sources and give DTE and Consumers Energy the right to pass along the cost of new construction before the plants go into operation.

Patterson said residential

power users have been subsidized for years by large commercial customers.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALTERNATIVE

"The energy efficiency bill is a nothing bill," Patterson said. "It doesn't even embrace energy efficiency and slurs energy efficiency and conservation."

Patterson said he wants a bill that favors conservation over efficiency.

He said the House bill does not address net-metering and an improved building code, which, he said, could reduce energy consumption.

Net-metering allows a customer to gain credits by creating power from alternative sources (such as wind and solar) and putting unused power onto the electric grid.

"That really is going to be a positive over the next decade at least," Patterson said. "A home building code that is going to be more efficient. That's where we're going to save a lot, either by upgrading or new construction."

Again, he said, the cost factor has drawn opposition from house builders, especially with the depressed housing market.

He said that Thursday he would offer an alternative to the energy efficiency bill.

On RPS, Patterson said he doesn't think the House bill went far enough. The House bill requires power companies to generate 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015.

"I can pass what they sent over to me without breaking a sweat because it doesn't do anything, it has so many off ramps," he said.

McDiarmid said his group "would love" to have Patterson make the RPS stronger.

"People are still skittish about sticker shock, whereas I and some others are willing to be more aggressive on RPS, including some Democrats, though some of them are skittish about it," Patterson said.

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Business partners Ken Champagne, of Canton, and Ed Rychcik show off their new minnow trap, which they began selling earlier this year.

Building a better minnow trap

BY KURT KUBAN
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What is a retired Ford engineer to do with his time? For Canton's Ken Champagne, just relaxing on the couch all the time wasn't really an option.

Champagne, 64, hooked up with another retired engineer, Ed Rychcik, 68, of Allen Park, and the two decided to start their own business. The two longtime fishermen developed a minnow trap they swear outperforms many bait traps currently on the market.

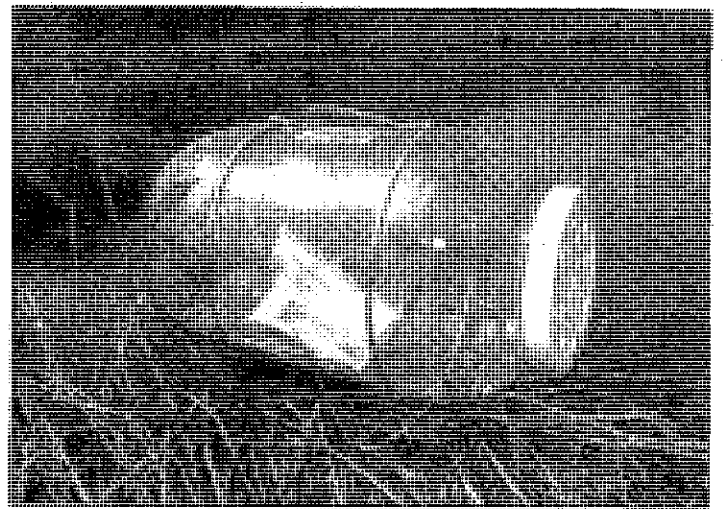
The idea for the company goes back several years. The two men worked together at one of Ford's Dearborn facilities for about a half dozen years and developed a friendship.

Champagne started taking Rychcik up north to his family cottage on Lower Herring Lake near Frankfort. Rychcik, who is an avid fisherman, often complained to Champagne because none of the local bait shops had decent minnows to fish with.

Why not just catch our own minnows right out of the lake, Champagne thought to himself.

He remembered the glass minnow trap his father owned years ago, and he began to think about how he could develop something similar. In December, he began to design a trap made of plastic, and he modeled it after the old glass traps manufactured in the late 1800s though the 1950s like the one his father owned. After a few tries, he came up with a successful design that has a small hole on one end. To catch the fish, you place the trap on the lake bed, put some food in it to attract the minnows, and wait for them to swim in.

"They're too stupid to get out," said Champagne, who



The K&E Minnow Trap has similarities with an antique design, and sells for \$19.95. In field tests conducted by the designers, the trap outperformed wire mesh traps.

grew up in Garden City.

According to Champagne, there are several benefits to using a minnow trap over buying minnows at a bait shop.

"The advantage is you catch minnows in the same lake you are fishing in," he said. "Plus they will live a lot longer than ones you might buy at a bait shop."

There is also a major benefit to the environment. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been implementing regulations on bait shops and minnow dealers to prevent the spread of fish diseases, including the deadly VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia). Catching your own bait in the lake you are fishing in will prevent the spread of the disease.

The two men have a manufacturing facility in Westland, where they assemble the minnow traps themselves by hand. And Rychcik points out that all the parts are made in the U.S.A.

Earlier this year, the men took their prototype trap, along with others on the market

including the wire mesh traps available at most stores, and field tested them. They said their product caught an average of 212 fish per during a two hour period, which beat the mesh traps nearly 3-to-1.

"At that point I said to myself, 'Boy, this is a great device.' And I thought if we can bring the price down enough for people to afford them, it would be feasible to start a company," said Rychcik, who does most of the marketing for the company.

After a few design changes, they were able to bring the cost down to about \$20. They currently have the traps at Jay's Sporting Goods in northern Michigan, and are working with Dunham's to sell the product. Ultimately they hope to have it at Cabella's and other major sporting goods stores.

"This is exactly the kind of stuff we did at Ford — look at a product and improve it, and do it at a lower cost," Rychcik said.

For more information or to purchase a minnow trap, visit the company's Web site at www.k-n-e-minnowtraps.com.



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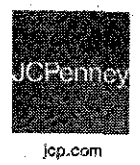
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Kacey Lyberg, 21, is all smiles as she celebrates her first-place ribbon in the softball throw with her mother, Jodi Rouse, during the Special Olympics held Friday at Franklin High School. See more photos at www.hometownlife.com.

Special Olympics 'the most fun' in sports

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

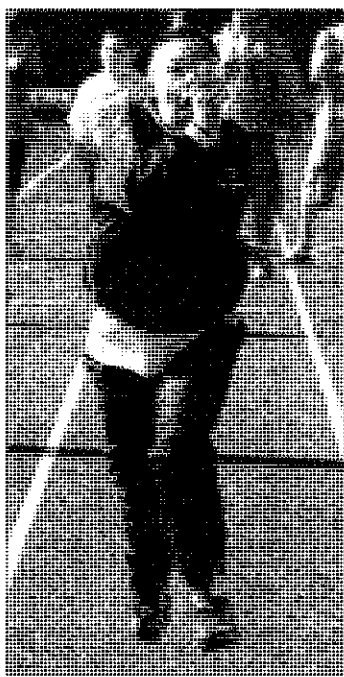
Eddie Roulo had his own cheering section, and he didn't let fans down, easily winning the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:15 in Friday's local Special Olympics, held at Franklin High School.

The 19-year-old from Jo Brighton School in Wyandotte is training for the 1,500-meter run in the state Special Olympics in three weeks.

Friday's games included 326 athletes from Area 23, which includes all of Wayne County except for the City of Detroit, said event coordinator Terry Jobbitt. Events included bocce, long jump, wheelchair games, swimming and track and field.

The Special Olympics have been taking place at Franklin for the past 22 years, with the help of Student Congress and 180 student volunteers helping to keep scores and hand out ribbons.

Kamille Smith, 28, took third in her group in bocce.



Brendon Jones, 12, holds nothing back as he breaks from the pack on his way to a first-place finish in the 50-yard dash.

She practices every Tuesday at her old school, Stevenson Junior High in Westland. She

celebrated with her mom afterward.

In the pool, 87 athletes swam in a number of heats.

Laura Casey, 22, of Grosse Pointe Park took first in the 25-meter breaststroke and 4x25 relay. A swimmer for 15 years, she works out every Tuesday and Thursday at her local community center.

"My mom is my coach, so it works out very well," she said, adding that her team has grown from 15 to 30 members in the past year.

"It's awesome. The volunteers are very, very nice. Hopefully, more people will join," she said.

Steven Kujawski, 19, also of Grosse Pointe, came in first in his freestyle event. He calls himself a tri-athlete in swimming, basketball and bowling.

He earned a gold in the state games in basketball earlier this year.

Kujawski said he loves Special Olympics. "It's the most fun I've ever had in sports."

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Anderson supports financial literacy bill

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, helped to pass Senate Bill 834, which will allow financial literacy courses to count toward high school graduation requirements. The bill was passed with unanimous bipartisan support.

"This bill is especially important right now, when high school students are seeing the financial hardships their parents are facing," said

Sen. Anderson. "Young people need opportunities to learn to make smart financial decisions before being faced with these challenges themselves."

In order to receive a high school diploma, students are required to successfully complete at least four credits in math, including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. Senate Bill 834 would add Financial Literacy to the courses allowed to fulfill the fourth

credit requirement.

"When they leave high school, students will face a complex financial world filled with scams, endless access to credit cards, housing foreclosure issues and rising debt," Anderson said. "They need to learn how to navigate these pitfalls early and be given the tools to help them deal with these issues responsibly."

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

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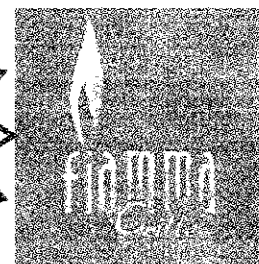
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Students ponder what went through slaves' minds

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"It was a sad, sad day, I shall tell you," begins the fictional diary entry of a slave kidnapped in Africa, written by Cooper fifth-grader Emily Stewart.

One young girl was captured while picking berries with her mother and led onto a stinky, rat-infested boat. Many were poked with hot metal sticks, yelled at in a language they didn't understand and sold at auction to perform hard labor.

Cooper Elementary fifth-graders tried to understand what was going through these young Africans' minds during their voyage on the Middle

Passage.

"I had no clue where I was going. It smelled bad. People were very sick. Some were crying," said Nick Mark.

"They gave us very little food, only enough for us to survive," said Savannah Kaipio. "We had to work 16 hours a day." The dead were thrown overboard.

After reading *Freedom Train* by Dorothy Sterling and studying slavery in social studies class, Mary Ann Bubar's class was given another assignment.

Students wrote in the first-person and pasted their essays for everyone to read alongside silhouettes of themselves arranged in a paper chain gang in the hallway. None of the

students is standing upright and proud; most are slumped, heads down.

"It hurt as if I got injected by 1,000 needles," Kyle Hayes, wrote, imagining the torture.

Hayes said the project helped him understand the issue of slavery. "I thought it was just having people work for you, but it's much more than that," he said.

The class even made a podcast, reading their essays over the beat of a drum in the background.

"I just whisper two words. They're sort of alike," concludes Zachary Baekelandt's composition. "North. Hope."

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Cooper Elementary fifth-graders Gillian Truxall (from left), Grant Webb, Darick Molisee, Natasha Swazey, Mackenzie Ziomek and Nicole Danish sit in front of a display and narratives they created after studying the slave trade.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

'Springtacular'

The Wayne Business and Professional Women will hold a fashion show, "Springtacular," Thursday, May 22, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Ann Arbor in Wayne. The event, which includes dinner, begins at 6 p.m. The fashions are by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Women. Accompanying the local models will be local male celebrities, such as Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager John Zech. Tickets cost \$25 per person or \$20 for seniors and students. Proceeds will fund a scholarship for a high school senior as well as a scholarship for a woman returning to school. Tickets are available by calling Paulette Medvecky at (734) 641-3571.

Garden Treasures

Wayne County Community College District's Continuing Education Division will present Garden Treasures, an informational workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, on the Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. Garden Treasures is the second of three programs at the Western Campus centering around gardening, landscaping and all things green. Participants attending this workshop will receive hands-on experience from professionals in the areas of floral arrangements and container gardening. Attendees will enjoy demonstrations in organic composting, fertilizer runoffs and green

gardening. Presentations will also be available on youth gardening projects for the whole family to enjoy. Participating will be Reflecting Natures, The Great Lakes Bioneers Chapter and Garden Fantasy. The workshop is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 699-7008 or visit the Web site at www.wcccd.edu.

Installation of officers

Westland American Legion, Westland Post 251 will be having its second annual installation of officers dinner/dance Friday, June 20, at the VFW Post 3323 Hall on Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be an open bar, door prizes and dancing to the music of the Wait Liepec Band 11 p.m. Installation of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Veterans and the public are welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information and tickets, call (734) 751-2275 or (734) 326-2607.

In concert

The American Liberty Pops Singers are the featured group in a '60s concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, benefiting the Veterans Program of the Brain Association of Michigan. The concert is sponsored by Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights in cooperation with Hope Lutheran Church on 12 Mile east of Haggerty in Farmington. All proceeds will go to benefit our brain injured heroes from the War in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information, call Christine Baldwin at (313) 706-3266. All tickets are complimentary and available at the door. Seating is limited.

Free workshop

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical



All aboard

Westland volunteers stand in front of the senior citizen bus, Friendship Express, before leaving for a luncheon honoring those who help with the Western Wayne County Meals on Wheels program, in which volunteers take hot meals to homebound people. According to senior Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum, local volunteers from the senior center joined others from across the county during a luncheon at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. In all, there are 1,400 volunteers involved in the Western Wayne program. Local volunteers interested in helping may call (734) 722-7632.

nutritionist, is presenting "Detox - Is it Right for You" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn about detoxification of the human body and the choices available at the free workshop. Seating limited to the first 15 callers. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne

County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave

a message.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.com or call (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities

for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On May 20, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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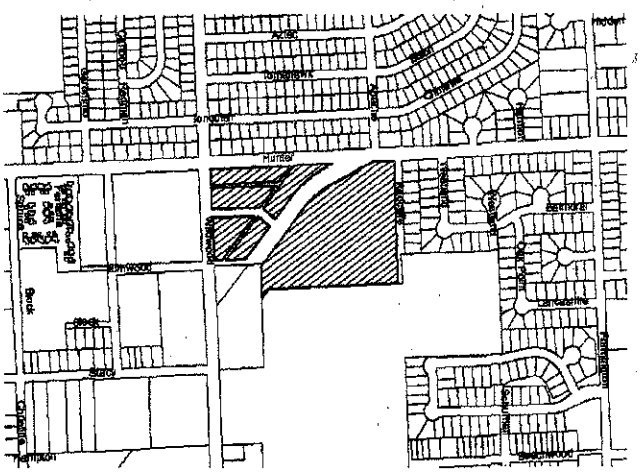
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2168 - Public Hearing for Proposed Mechanical Amusement Devices License, Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, Parcel #035-06-0503-000, East Side of Wildwood, South of Hunter, Robert Kosowski



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

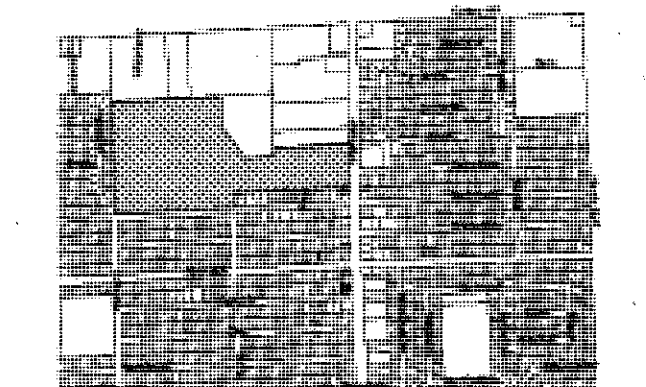
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Case #1918F - Public Hearing for Proposed Mechanical Amusement Devices License, Westland Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, Parcel #065-99-0001-005, West Side of Merriman, South of Cherry Hill, Robert Kosowski.



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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction May 20, 2008 at 11:15 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48186. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1441P - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Meijer Service Station, 37201 Warren Road, Parcel #030-99-0006-0007, Southeast Corner of Warren Road and Newburgh Road, Mark Kastner (Michael L. Kinstle)

Case #1994B - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Office Building, 537 N. Wayne Road, Parcels #048-01-0120-000 and #0119-000, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Cherry Hill Road, Alex Orman (Anita A. Murray)

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MESP represents a smart and flexible gift for graduates

High school seniors will be graduating soon and taking the first step into adulthood. Many will continue to pursue their education. Whether it is through a trade school or a university, one thing is for sure — the cost of an education continues to rise. So instead of a gift card or cash, an alternative gift may be a contribution into a 529 Plan on behalf of the graduate.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

expenses. A qualified education expense is basically defined as room, board, tuition, books and fees.

FLEXIBILITY

Although, most people believe that a 529 Plan can only be used for college, that is not the case. Many business trade, technical and vocational schools also qualify for 529 money.

Unfortunately, not all 529 Plans are the same and there-

fore it is important to contribute to the right plan. I recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP, www.misaves.com). One of the main reasons is MESP's flexibility. A student can use money within the MESP for basically any public or private institution in the country. In fact, there are numerous foreign institutions that also qualify. In addition, monies can also be used for grad school and for continuing education. Some 529 Plans are limited in their scope, but not the MESP.

AFFORDABLE GIFT

One of the great things about MESP is it takes only

a \$25 minimum to establish a plan. Therefore, it's a gift that's affordable to all. I recommend a group of families and friends get together and pool their money and contribute into one MESP plan for the graduate.

In all 529 Plans, there are established portfolios for you to choose from. There is a very conservative option (guaranteed option), a more aggressive option (the 100 percent equity option) and also a variety of other investment selections.

One of the beauties of the MESP is it is a very low cost investment (one of the lowest cost plans in the country) and

has no commissions. My philosophy has always been that you should not pay fees when you don't have to.

We all know how important it is for someone to continue their education past high school. We are in a global economy and we are competing for jobs all around the world. The only way for individuals to be able to compete in this global economy is with a good post-high school education and that is exactly what you can help contribute to by considering the gift of an education this graduation season.

Another subtle benefit to a

529 Plan is it shows the graduate how important an education is and the priority you are placing on it.

I cannot think of a better investment for the high school graduate than in continuing to pursue their education. The Michigan Education Savings Plan is an investment vehicle that definitely deserves your consideration.

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

Bowling benefit to raise money for scholarships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trish Geick and her husband Paul are looking forward to Bowling for Brian, their annual benefit in honor of their 18-year-old son who died July 3, 2005, eight days after a heart transplant. So far the Canton couple has been able to help four students pursue their dream of going to college with proceeds raised at the event. The third annual day of

fun takes place Sunday, May 18, at Oaklane Bowling Alley in Westland.

Last year the Geicks raised \$4,000 for scholarships that went to Megan Luther (Eastern Michigan University) and Kelsie Michalsen (Western Michigan University) through the Educational Excellence Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports educational programs in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools including spe-

cial education.

Proceeds from the first Bowling for Brian in May 2006 went to Sorin Oprican (Schoolcraft College).

"It's a nice way to remember our son," said Trish Geick. "Our son was born in the spring. We do it in May because he would be in college right now and all the college kids are home and can come."

"Each year the response gets better."

In addition to bowling three games, participants have a chance to win door prizes, take part in a raffle or bid on silent auction items, each valued at over \$100.

Brian liked bowling. "Brian had strokes when he was little and had a right side deficit but could bowl. He took an independent study right before he died, bowling," said Geick.

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BOWLING FOR BRIAN

What: An afternoon of bowling to raise money for scholarships
When: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Where: Oaklane Bowling Alley, 8450 Middlebelt, Westland
Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 students, \$5 children age 10 and under, includes three games of bowling, bowling shoes.
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OUR VIEWS

Police officers deserve thanks

Any given day or week of the year is set aside to recognize a person, place or thing. Some observances are little known like National Revise Your Work Schedule Month and National Fairy Godmother Week. Others are more recognizable like National Hamburger Month and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Hidden in these many observances is one that's important, but doesn't get the recognition it rightly deserves — National Police Week. This is the week and today (May 15) is the day that was set aside by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 to honor police officers who serve and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Police officers play an essential role in safeguarding our rights and freedoms by protecting us against violence and disorder, deception and oppression. There are plenty of hazards. In fact, a police officer dies in the line of duty every 57 hours in this country.

Thankfully, Westland did not lose an officer in 2007. That cannot be said for other communities. According to preliminary statistics from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Concerns of Police Survivors, 186 officers were killed nationwide in 2007. Outside of 2001, when 239 officers died — 72 in the 9/11 terrorist attacks — 2007 is the deadliest year for American law enforcement since 1989.

The number of officers killed by gunfire and in traffic-related incidents reached a record high of 81. Sixty-nine officers were shot and killed, including a shooting that killed three Odessa, Texas, police officers.

Police work isn't a glamorous job, and it takes a special kind of person to be able to deal with the good, the bad and the ugly in a community. The job is fraught with hazards and sacrifices the police officers encounter on a daily basis. We may not always agree with what our police officers do — we doubt there is anyone who is in agreement with they ticket they've gotten — but we need to acknowledge that they do provide a vital public service. We can walk down our streets, live in our houses and shop at our neighborhood stores in relative peace and tranquility because of them. And if that peace and tranquility is disrupted, they are there to set things right.

We ask residents to join us in applauding the work of our Westland police officers and to pray that they will continue to be safe from harm. It is not an easy job, someone has to do it, and we think we have the best people doing that job here in Westland.

Big effort needed to keep spring rites safe

Thousands of area teens in the coming weeks will participate in the traditional rites of passage of prom and graduation.

Spring is a time of celebration, and our young people have every right to enjoy themselves at prom and graduation parties. These events mark the last time many of them will be together, before they head off into the scary world of adulthood.

As parents, the best gift we can give our graduates and their friends is a safe and healthy environment for the celebrations. All too often, parents either look the other way when alcohol is present at these parties or, in the worst-case scenario, actually furnish booze for the bash.

These graduates may look like full-grown adults on the outside, but many times they have not reached a level of maturity to deal with alcohol use. It is not enough to simply remind our teens that underage drinking is against the law and send them on their way.

Parents need to have frank discussions about the consequences of using alcohol and, worse, drinking and driving. For underclassmen, being caught in possession can bring school suspension and a quick end to a high school sports career. It can also lead to problems when applying for college.

Parents need to ask questions when their son or daughter heads off to prom or a graduation party. Will the party have adult supervision? Is drinking permitted in the home? Is there an after-party scheduled and, if so, where?

Most important, parents can help their teens avoid potentially dangerous situations by assuring them that if they find themselves in trouble, they can call for a ride home with no questions asked and no attached lecture.

If a teen feels they will be punished for drinking, or being at a party where alcohol is being served, they are less likely to reach out to a parent for help. Knowing ahead of time they will be supported will go a long way toward ensuring your teen makes the right decision and makes that critical phone call.

Spring is a time for new beginnings. Teens and their parents need to work together to guard against a tragic ending.



LETTERS

Wonderful response

This is in response to an article by Sue Mason that was published on Sunday, April 13, 2008. I would like to thank the *Observer* for all the wonderful response that we have received for our Prom Closet.

I was out of the country when the article came out. We were inundated with calls of people wanting to help with this project. Everyone I have talked to has remarked what a wonderful idea.

We presently have about 150 dresses to lend out. Our own United Methodist Men got on board and donated \$420 to help with the cleaning of the dresses. We presently have about 12 dresses to loan.

It has all been worth the effort because the girls that have gotten dresses have found dresses that are perfect for them and have done so without the burden of the enormous cost.

I would like to also thank everyone who has touched our Prom Closet in any way. Thank you so much for the support and God bless everyone that has touched this project and will in the future.

Tonia Szabo

United Methodist Women president
First United Methodist Church of Wayne

Thanks, Josh

We went to the Hoedown. We were standing about 25 feet away from the stage. Josh Gracin came down, walked right over to us, looked right into the camera and in front of 150,000 people changed the lyrics to his song. He was 6 inches from the video. He looked into the camera and said, "What's up, David?" We were shocked.

He was great. He had me over to the bus before the show. He signed a bunch of stuff for us. I got a baseball signed by him for the John Glenn Football Boosters, so we can raffle it off. Any bidders let me know.

And to Josh, thanks.

Bud Somerville

Westland

Dogs deserve better

May 18-24 is Dog Bite Prevention Week. One of the surest ways to create a dangerous dog is to chain it in your yard 24/7, and leave it to pace the same patch of dirt for years on end.

Although most people find the notion of chaining a dog for its life abhorrent, many people in our community still resort to the "easy way out" when it comes to caring for their dog. Sadly, what makes for a lonely, agonizing existence for the dog also creates a dangerous situation for our children.

Hundreds of children are killed or seriously maimed every year by chained dogs. Dogs are social animals, and when kept chained and isolated from their "pack," dogs become pathologically protective of their sad patch of land. Many become aggressive time bombs —

infested with parasites and frustrated into madness from a lack of socialization, kindness and exercise. Too often, children looking just to "pet the doggy" pay the price.

Because of the safety and humanitarian considerations, lawmakers across the country are finally enacting reasonable laws that forbid people from chaining a dog for its life. It is time for your community to follow the national trend and end this antiquated practice. Learn more at www.dogsdeservebetter.org and www.mothersagainstdogchaining.org.

Barbara Mays

Dogs Deserve Better
Wayne County representative

Less talk, more action

In a sidesplitting attempt to pander to Sen. (Barack) Obama's critics about his singular, long-winded "bitterness" statement that holds true in many American small towns, at the corner store and in the coffee shops, Hillary Clinton's Pennsylvania supporters lost sight of what is really important to voters: getting our country moving in the right direction once again.

Her misguided criticism of Obama is an ill-founded political ploy which attempts to capitalize on the same fears which she scorns Obama for.

It is a false argument to deny that there isn't an antipathy amongst many second-, third- and fourth-generation Americans families, Republican and Democrat alike, who are upset with any of a number of important issues facing our national interests.

What bothers most Americans is the ongoing loss of good-paying blue-collar jobs because of the Bush-proposed and Bill Clinton-signed NAFTA legislation; government conducting a church raid on a religious institution and taking children against their parents' will; Microsoft's billionaire founder Bill Gates advocating Congress to pass federal legislation for a 77-percent increase in high-tech worker visas so that the companies that will benefit can pay the in-sourced workers 50 percent less than the many qualified and unemployed American high-tech workers would earn if hired; a bill in Congress which will subsidize home builders with a \$25 billion bailout while millions of American families lose their homes to foreclosure; a \$3 trillion Iraq war the U.S. can no longer afford which two of the three contenders fully supported in spirit and by vote; failing public schools; escalating crime rates; fewer cops on the streets; high oil and energy prices; rising inflation; climbing grocery prices, etc.

Sure, people are bitter; it's an American tradition.

One thing holds true in modern politics: for each 24-hour news cycle, Sen. Obama's "bitterness" statement has received what seems like 48 hours of news coverage, much more than is merited. Less attention should have been paid to the Pennsylvania primary and horse race politics.

The candidates need to understand

that Americans want a little less talk and a lot more action. We want a leader that can present solutions that solve matters which will enhance the lives for American families, and not harass religious institutions and take children away from their parents.

Senators Clinton and McCain both need to own up that they are the elite amongst elitists and focus their campaigns on delivering a new tomorrow for all Americans.

Barack Obama seems to have risen to this challenge. At least the Obama campaign message is reminiscence of two highly principled and admired modern U.S. presidents, those of Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy. Both were visionaries who made us feel good about being Americans.

Kenneth Hreha
Dryden

Good for state, kids

On May 7, 2008, the House Judiciary Committee convened to discuss HB4564, Michigan's Presumption of Equal Custody Bill. Our legislators are nearing a decision on a significant policy determination for this state's economy and our children.

Should Michigan have a presumption of equal custody to guarantee that fit, willing, and caring parents are equally responsible for their own children? The bill does not apply to individuals that have been convicted of things like domestic violence, child abuse and child neglect but clearly establishes where there are two good parents that they are equally important.

HB4564 appears to not only be in the best interest of our children, but our state's economy as well. Taxpayers should no longer have to bear the burden of two parents arguing over immaterial things like who took their child to the dentist more times to be substantially involved in their children's lives. It is time to shift the burden of parental responsibility to parents instead of taxpayers and free up our judiciary for more important matters.

Lary Holland
Waterford

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QUOTABLE

"Now we will all be safe in the knowledge that nobody will be subjected to second-hand smoke in a Michigan bingo hall because there won't be any."

- Vic Barra, president of the Wayne Ford Civic League, about proposed legislation that would ban smoking in all workplaces, including bars and restaurants

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It's time to put an end to dependency on oil

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy pledged that America would land a man on the moon within a decade. On July 20, 1969, eight years after the president made that pledge, man landed on the moon.



Greg Kowalski

And that was a mere 66 years after the first airplane lifted off the ground, something that had not been accomplished in the previous 5,000 years of recorded history.

Yet here we sit today facing gas prices that are on their way to reaching \$4 a gallon. And what do our worthless leaders in Washington do

about this situation?

Nothing. It's not my fault, they say. It's not my fault, the oil producers say. It's not my fault, the oil refiners say. And we have a president who doesn't even know what the price of gas is.

I am not an expert on chemistry or physics. But I do like to study history, and the man landing on the moon pledge — and its fulfillment — stands out as to just what we are capable of doing when we are determined to do it.

Consider that in 1961 computers were bulky, rather uncommon devices, yet they were essential in achieving a moon landing. New computers had to be devised and scaled down to proportions manageable for a small space capsule. And that was just one of myriad problems that had to be overcome. Yet it was done. It took a monumental effort costing some \$27 billion, but it was done.

Today, we can manufacture synthetic diamonds. We can make synthetic rubies. We can even make synthetic oil. But for some reason, we can't make a practical synthetic gasoline that would, once and for all, free us from the for this seemingly perpetual dependency on oil.

About 60 years ago, some scientists proposed that a full effort should be made to develop nuclear fusion reactors as a way of providing a limitless supply of cheap energy.

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Fusion reactors, unlike the nuclear reactors we now have, work by fusing atoms in the same manner that the sun does. The amount of power is inexhaustible and, unlike the nuclear reactors of today, fusion reactors don't produce toxic radioactive waste. But the utility companies didn't want to invest in expensive nuclear fusion technology when cheap, profitable dirty reactors could be built right then.

Think about that when you pay your next heating and electric bills.

Could private industry come up with a practical synthetic gasoline? Maybe. But it won't for the same reason it wouldn't support nuclear fusion. It would be extremely costly and the returns might not be sweet enough.

NASA was charged with the task of landing a man on the moon, and did its job. Why not charge the Department of Energy with the task of developing a synthetic gasoline and give it the same resources, proportionally, that were given NASA? Instead of spending billions of dollars on Iraq, we might spend it on something to benefit the American people.

At some point we will have to address this problem anyway. There is a limited supply of oil in the earth. Why not start trying to solve it now?

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One of the questions I love to ask people who turn 100 is about how their life has changed. It's interesting to hear what life was like back then and what modern conveniences have had the most profound effect.

If I live to be 100, I hope someone asks me that question. I'd start with electric typewriters and zoom on ahead to computers. But the thing that has change life most profoundly has been the Internet.

Gidget and Moon Doggie may have surfed the beaches of Malibu, but we get to avoid the bad UV rays and getting our hair wet by surfing the World Wide Web, that wondrous information highway that makes the Autobahn look like a go-kart track. It puts anything and everything at our fingertips with a few key strokes. We Google for information, MapQuest for directions, talk to our friends in chat rooms, have a place on MySpace and have turned snail mail into e-mail. It's become so much a part of our lives, we now wonder how we ever lived without it.

It's also changed the way we do business. Where we once spent days gathering information, writing and putting it in the newspaper. Now we resemble the Starship Enterprise in warp drive. More and more people are going online to www.hometownlife.com to get their news and our company is placing the emphasis on the Internet.

If you're one of our print readers you won't have noticed the change. But an online reader will. Our new Web site is chock full of the things techno savvy people love. There's the news and sports coverage you've come to expect and more, daily updates on local news and sports, even the weather.

I'm impressed and a bit bug-eyed. Many months ago, we were asked who would be interested in doing a blog. I decided to stay on the sidelines. I was still learning the finer points of posting a story to the Web. But last week, the call went out for bloggers and many of my colleagues decide to hop on board. I'm still on the sidelines, but feeling guilty. Where will I find the time. What do I give up to grab an extra few minutes to blog? What do I blog about?

I think I've got that answer to some of my questions. I'm going to add an extra five minutes to my day. Math isn't my strong suit, but

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I calculate that will add only 1,825 minutes to my year. That shouldn't have too much of an effect on my life expectancy. I'll still have time for the kids, the hermit crabs, the cats and dog, not to mention my husband, and work. I think I'll call my blog Borrowed Time.

Now that that's settled, all I need to do is pick a day to start. Well, while I'm figuring that out, why don't you check out the Web site. Just log on to www.hometownlife.com. Become a part of our new online community, recommending stories to other readers, writing movie or music reviews or joining our discussion forums. You can upload your own stories, photos and videos or start your own blog, if you want.

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Warriors escape for Metro Conference playoff win

BY BRAD EMONS
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Lutheran High Westland played its own version of *Survivor* on Monday.

The Warriors overcame four errors and left 10 runners on base, but still had enough to earn a 4-3 first-round Metro Conference baseball playoff win over visiting Clawson.

The third-seeded Warriors, now 16-4 overall, needed an eighth-inning bases-loaded single by Austin Baglow to advance to Thursday's conference semifinal to face the winner of the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest game.

Lutheran Westland scored three times in the second inning keyed by winning pitcher Ryan Baglow's 2-run single and Zehel's RBI sacrifice fly. Dan Abbott (1-for-1) also reached base safely four times.

Sixth-seeded Clawson (9-13) sent the game into extra innings with one run in the third inning and two in the fifth.

The game-winning rally started when Ryan Rakovalis, who went 2-for-3, doubled. Ryan Baglow bunted him to third and walks to Adam Zehel and Aaron Derminer loaded the sacks.

Ryan Baglow pitched all eight innings, allowing just four hits. He struck out seven and

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did not allow a walk.

The losing pitcher was Clawson reliever Shawn Giroux, who could not get out of the eighth after replacing starter Lenny Schlenker, who re-entered and gave up the game-winning RBI off the bat of Austin Baglow.

In rare Saturday night game, Lutheran Westland lost a heart-breaker to 2006 Division 4 state champion Homer, 6-5, as Joe Camburr delivered the game-winning hit, a one-out bases-loaded single to bring home two runs in the bottom of the seventh. "We're disappointed we lost,"

Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We played well against one of the state's top programs and hung in there with them."

Winning pitcher Blake Hinkle went all seven innings for the Trojans (20-4), allowing four hits and two walks while striking out seven.

Losing pitcher Austin Baglow, who came on in relief of starter Derek Fleetham in the fifth, took the loss. He allowed both runs on just the one hit. He struck out three and walked three (one intentionally).

Fleetham gave up eight hits, walked one and struck out two in four innings. Sam Ahlersmeyer went 2-

for-4 with an RBI double, while Abbott contributed an RBI double in the top of the first.

Earlier in the day at Concordia University, the Warriors pounded Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy, 17-2, in a five-inning mercy.

Nate Bachert tripled twice and knocked in runs to spark the Warriors' 12-hit attack. Austin Baglow also clubbed a 2-run homer in the fourth inning.

Rakovalis pitched the first three innings to earn the victory. He struck out four and allowed one run on three hits and one walk. Gage Flanery finished up.

The loss dropped Calvary Christian to 4-8 overall.

Signelines

Cobras 1st in hoops

Mark Grisa was named MVP and was the leading rebounder as the AAU Livonia Cobras posted a 5-0 record last weekend to win the Flint Classic held at Planet Hoops.

The Cobras, made up of nine Stevenson High players, were also led by sophomores Jordan El-Sabeh and Bobby Naubert, along with junior Gary Cobb.

Other team members include Brian Rowe, Nick Marzec, Kyle Bambach, Dan Keimig and Frank Sopko.

The Cobras, coached by John Marzec, are headed this weekend to the state AAU Championships in Kalamazoo.

Pitch, hit, run

Cody Kanclerz (7-8), Noah Zacharias (9-10) and Brian Alsobrooks (11-12) were among the age-group winners in the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition held last Saturday at Bicentennial Park.

All three will represent Livonia in Sectional competition Saturday, June 7 at Heritage Park in Canton.

F.C. Celtic survives

In first-round USASA National Amateur Cup men's soccer game Sunday, Canton Celtic F.C. downed Ann Arbor F.C. in a shootout, 6-5, at Saline High School.

It was 1-1 at halftime, 4-4 after 90 minutes and 5-5 after 30 minutes of overtime before Canton Celtic won 4-3 in a penalty kick shootout to advance to play Drita S.C.

Cam Cameron scored twice, while Steve Finneran (Livonia Franklin) Knox Cameron and Alex Wood (in OT), scored a goal for Canton Celtic. Goalkeeper Tom Huls (Salem) saved two penalty kicks.

Hole-in-one club

Livonian Stacy Cromie used a 6-iron to ace the 114-yard, No. 17 hole May 9 at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course.

Cromie, who shot a 98, recorded her first hole-in-one in eight years of golf.

Livonia rivals wind up with 2-2 deadlock

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Reactions were mixed following a 2-2 deadlock Monday night between girls soccer rivals Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill.

Host Stevenson, the only team to beat Churchill this year (2-1), appeared to be on course for another upset over the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1 when Samantha Gutkowski scored with 24:41 left in

the match off a corner kick initiated by Julia Schroeder, which was flicked around in the goal area and touched by both Molly McConnell and Rachel Stevens (who drew the assist).

But the Lakes Division champions answered only 1:32 later on Callie Mack's goal assisted by Kayla Johnson and the final score remained 2-2 as the buzzer sounded.

Churchill, which plays at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, vs. Western Division champ Northville for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, is now 13-1-2 overall and 7-1-1 in the division.

Stevenson, coming off an impressive 0-0 tie last Friday against fifth-ranked Novi, stands 7-5-3 overall and 4-3-2 in the division.

"They (Stevenson) packed a bunch

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All lined up

John Glenn's Andy Myers lines up a putt on the green during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association match against Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows. Myers shot a 40 to share co-medalist honors with Churchill's Brian Bint and Kevin Robinson in a 168-175 setback. See more boys golf scores on page B2.

Pats runners-up at Farmington to Marlins, 8-1

Livonia Franklin made a strong run Saturday in the Farmington Invitational softball tournament before succumbing to Farmington Hills Mercy in the championship final, 8-1.

Franklin falls to 18-6 overall.

Briauna Taylor went 3-for-3 with a double, while Chelsea Williams added two hits, but it wasn't enough for the Patriots, who committed five errors.

Losing pitcher Natalie Sanborn (14-3) allowed three earned runs on seven hits and four walks in six innings.

Reliever Alecia Geraghty gave up two runs on a pair of walks and a hit.

Franklin captured the Farmington High Pool with three straight wins, while Mercy took the North Farmington Pool.

In the first game, Franklin took five innings to mercy Westland John Glenn, 14-0, as Brittany Taylor went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, triple and three RBI. Williams, Nicole Emery, Briauna Taylor and Natalie Sanborn added two hits apiece. Sanborn allowed just one hit and struck out six in her stint on the mound.

In the second round, the Patriots also mercied Farmington Hills Harrison in five innings, 10-0, as Brittany Taylor went 3-for-4 with an RBI, two stolen bases and three runs scored. Briauna Taylor went 2-for-3 with a triple and run scored, while Jessica Emery added two hits and an RBI. Sanborn allowed just one hit, fanned three and walked two.

In the final game in pool play, Franklin beat the host Falcons in nine innings under the

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Michigan sports honorees

Livonia native Michigan State hockey goaltender Jeff Lerg (second from right) and Canton's Allison Schmitt (second from left) were presented with the Detroit Athletic Club's Male Collegiate Athlete of the Year and Female High School Athlete of the Year awards Monday night at a Dodge banquet held at the DAC. Also pictured are award winners (from left) Mitch Zajac of Holt High School, who won the Male High School Athlete of the Year; Schmitt; former University of Michigan and Westland John Glenn High football coach Lloyd Carr, who was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award; Lerg; and U-M track hurdler Tiffany Ofili.



Spartans net 2nd in WLAA

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

It was no surprise Northville repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis champion.

The Mustangs won six of eight flights including all four doubles titles.

The real battle was for second place as Livonia Stevenson, behind No. 1 singles champion Lindsay Hostetter, edged out Walled Lake Central and Salem for the runner-up position.

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Churchill's Kevin Robinson launches his shot off the tee during Tuesday's WLAA dual match against John Glenn.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 168 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 175 May 13 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Brian Bint, 40 each (co-medalists); Erik Newman, 41; Matt Charnley and Kenny Fraser, 47 each; Greg Van Gorp, 51. Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 40 (co-medalist); Dan Tamaroglio and Josh Duprie, 44 each; Kyle Hamblin, 47; Alex Rochette, 49; Jim Dutchak, 55. Dual match records: Churchill, 5-4 overall, 5-4 Western Lakes Activities Association; Glenn, 1-7 overall, 1-7 WLAA. LIVONIA STEVENSON 158 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 160 May 12 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers: Tom Cullum, 38; Drew Mossolin, Tim Misk and Adam Giordano, 40

each; Christian Debay, 41; Dan Dufour, 44. Central scorers: Shawn Catto, 35 (medalist); Chris Dodge, 40; Arm Von Czarowski, 42; Brett Oberson, 43; Joe Starks, 44; Evan Kotz, 45. Stevenson's dual match record: 6-2 overall, 6-2 WLAA. CANTON 144, WAYNE MEMORIAL 184 May 9 at The Woodlands (Van Buren) Canton scorers: Zach Conrad and Andrew Rickman, 35 each (co-medalists); Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindbauer, 37 each; Jake Andrews and Dominic Bonnell, 40 each. Wayne scorers: Kevin Erdmann and Jack Zimmerman, 45 each; Jacob Smith and Gary Neill, 47 each; Andrew Morton and Ryan Raynor, 49 each. Dual match records: Wayne, 0-9 overall, 0-9 WLAA; Canton, 5-1 overall, 5-1 WLAA.

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Hostetter defeated Northville's Hayley Johnston in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0. She will be the second seed at the Division 1 regional this weekend at Novi. Her only loss this season is to Novi's Amanda Border.

Stevenson's Laura Sims (No. 2) and Paige McNamara (No. 3) both reached the singles finals in their respective flights.

"This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for us and I'm just ecstatic," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said. "We tied Salem and Central in the duals (matches) and we just squeaked by. I'm really tickled because we're a young team, with three freshman in the lineup."

"Our girls really stepped up." The Spartans now focus their attention to Friday's Novi regional.

Action begins at 8:30 a.m. with nos. 1 and 3 singles and doubles at the high school courts, while nos. 2 and 4 singles and doubles will be at Meadows Middle School.

The top two team regional finishers automatically advance to the state finals, Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, at Midland.

Additional teams can qualify by scoring 18 or more points at the regional. Stevenson made the trip as an additional state qualifier in 2006.

Both host Novi and Northville are the regional favorites with Stevenson, Dearborn Fordson, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin, Dearborn, Detroit Cass Tech, Southgate Anderson, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn also vying for position.

2006 WESTERN LAKES GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT MAY 10 AT PEEP COURTS

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 30 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 15; 3. Walled Lake Central, 14; 4. Salem, 12; 5. Livonia Churchill, 11; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 10; 7. Livonia Franklin, 7; 8. (tie) Canton and Plymouth, 5; 10. Wayne Memorial, 1; 11. Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Western, 0 each.

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Hayley Johnston (N), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; semifinalists: Erica Rouleau (WLC) and Tracy Lytle (S).

No. 2: Joanne Weber (N) def. Laura Sims (LS), 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists: Stephanie Indriener (WLC) and All Carpenter (S).

No. 3: Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Paige McNamara (LS), 6-2, 6-0; semifinalists: Sayuri Yoshida (WLC) and Kaitlyn Foster (LC).

No. 4: Audrey Topp (WLN) def. Jessica Yu (N), 6-1, 6-0; semifinalists: Linda Ling (S) and Jessica Bracey (P).

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Kristin Randall (N) def. Sarah Johnson-Madison Bartel (WLC), 7-5, 6-1; semifinalists: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) and Danielle Hicks-Holly Heckert (WLN).

No. 2: Abby Grajek-Sabrina Mancillulli (N) def. Lauren Vella-Nikki Fata (LC); semifinalists: Lauren Osiwala-Jenny Neamtu (LF) and Alicia Segnitz-Nicole Mehta (WLC).

No. 3: Valerie Juan-Maudie Smith (N) def. Courtney Bennett-Danielle Vasko (LC), 6-2, 6-1; semifinalists: Ashley Bennett-Shannon Dwight (LS) and Taylor Kobylas-Chanel Leua (WLN).

No. 4: Sarah Koupal-Breanna Konnett (N) def. Rena Molnar-Melissa Kosky (WLC), 6-2, 6-1; semifinalists: Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb (S) and Vicki Chen-Megan Leung (C).

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 May 13 at Bicentennial Park No. 1 singles: Morgan Graig (WM) defeated Heather Ballard, 6-1, 5-2; No. 2: Paige Harter (Cville) def. Jessica Gush, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Katie Beaver (Cville) def. Kelsi Thomas, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Liz Murphy (Cville) def. Megan McGregor, 6-2, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Amanda French-Lindsay Harting

(Cville) def. Madelynn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Angela Bell-Shelby Woodby (Cville) def. Nancy Watson-Xi Yan Wang, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Tia Dmochowski-Tania Dmochowski (Cville) def. Callee Parento-Alicia Evans, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Stephanie McHugh-Megan Tallman (Cville) def. Zoie Smallwood-Brittany Malloy, 6-2, 6-2; No. 5: Corey Shattuck-Carol Beasley (Cville) def. Ashley Szabo-Kiera Patterson, 8-5. Dual match records: Clarenceville, 5-7 overall; Wayne, 0-15 overall.

What happened?

Walled Lake Northern stuns Glenn with eight-run seventh

Westland John Glenn's baseball team suffered a loss Monday that could only be characterized as "troubling."

The Rockets, still in the hunt in the Lakes Division baseball race, carried a 4-0 lead into the seventh inning before visiting Walled Lake Northern rallied for eight runs with one out to gain an 8-4 triumph.

The loss dropped Glenn to 13-14 overall and eliminated the Rockets from first-place contention in the Lakes Division at 5-4.

Northern, 14-9 overall, stayed in the race and now stands 6-3, one game behind division leader Salem with one game remaining.

Glenn led 1-0 in the first inning on Chris Kangas' RBI single. Kangas also walked with the bases loaded in the fifth to make it 2-0 as Vinnie DeLuca scored both runs.

Glenn increased its lead to 4-0 on Kevin Lafave's 2-run single in the sixth.

But it all fell apart for Glenn in the seventh as Kangas exited after pitching a strong 6.1 innings. Jon Gillis came on in relief and couldn't hold the lead.

Kevin Carlson, who earned the win in relief for the Knights, went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Starting pitcher Andy Tinkey, who worked the first five innings before giving way to Eric Riley, also collected two hits.

STEVENSON 7, WAYNE 2: Sophomore Jeff Sorenson pitched a two-hit gem Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (7-17) turned back Wayne Memorial (9-18) in a WLAA crossover.

Sorenson, who faced just 27 batters, struck out nine and walked only two in going to the distance. Losing pitcher Ryan Manning also went all seven innings, allowing seven runs on six hits and two walks. He fanned four.

Mike Tuttle and Josh Strautz each collected two RBI for the Spartans. Chris Summers added two hits and an RBI, while Sam Vomastek and Sorenson each knocked in a run.

Manning and Stefan Harrison had the lone hits for Wayne. Central starter Matt Johnson suffered the loss.

PLYMOUTH 9, JOHN GLENN 1: Travis Mewton and Matt Skubik each went

WLAA BASEBALL

3-for-4 Tuesday as the Wildcats (15-9) belted host Westland John Glenn (13-15) in a WLAA crossover.

Plymouth used three pitchers with starter Cliff Buttermore, going the first three innings, earning the victory. Skubik and Stephen Ostrowski finished us.

Losing pitcher John Gillis didn't make it out of the third inning before Steve Hickson took over and worked the final five. Hickson allowed two runs on six hits. He struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Jerome Scales and Ryan Lopez each had two hits for the Rockets. Lopez had an RBI double in the fifth inning.

CANTON 9, CHURCHILL 7: Seth Tschetter and Ben Vaughn each went 2-for-3 and scored a pair of runs to lead the Chiefs (15-9) to a Western Lakes crossover triumph Tuesday at Livonia Churchill (13-12).

Canton starter Kevin Delapaz, who worked the first 4.1 innings, earned the victory. He allowed four runs on five hits and three walks while fanning eight.

Reliever Zane Birchler was roughed up for three runs on two hits in his one inning. Alex Dixon retired the final five batters, fanning three, to pick up the save.

Churchill starter Jimmy Tyler gave up seven runs on nine hits. He struck out five and did not allow a walk in five innings before giving way to Tyler Cotter.

Steve Jones went 3-for-4 with an RBI triple to paced Churchill's seven-hit attack.

FRANKLIN 7, W.L. CENTRAL 4: Freshman Dan Muller went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer in the fifth inning, to propel Livonia Franklin (11-12) to the WLAA crossover triumph at Walled Lake Central (12-14).

Winning pitcher Garrett Gumm scattered eight hits over seven innings. He fanned three and walked only two. Gumm also went 2-for-4 with an RBI triple.

Derek Mitchell and Kyle Smiley each collected two hits for the Vikings. CHURCHILL 16, STEVENSON 1: It was no contest Monday as Livonia Churchill (13-11, 6-3) took three

innings to mercy host Livonia Stevenson (6-17, 1-8).

Jimmy Tyler led the Churchill assault going 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, three RBI and three runs scored. Andy Szymanski and Tyler Bledsoe also collected two hits apiece and each scored twice.

Winning pitcher Shea Dwyer lim-

ited the Spartans to three hits. He struck out four and walked three.

Stevenson used three pitchers with Jon Samaan taking the loss. He allowed 14 runs (five earned) on 10 hits, three walks and a hit batter in 1.1 innings. Reliever Nate Eroh was touched up for three runs on four hits and a walk.

Sam Vomastek went 2-for-2, including an RBI double, for the Spartans.

NORTHVILLE 11, FRANKLIN 2: The Mustangs (26-1, 8-1), WLAA-Western Division co-leaders, broke a 2-2 tie with seven runs in the fifth and two in the sixth Monday to subdue visiting Livonia Franklin (10-12, 3-6).

Derek LeBlanc's first-inning 2-run homer staked the Patriots to a 2-0 lead, but three errors in the fifth sent Franklin starter Jesse Carpenter to the showers.

In 4.2 innings, Carpenter allowed eight runs (four earned) on eight hits. He struck out five and walked two before giving way to Mike Basner, who worked the final 1.1 innings.

Winning pitcher David Uberti held Franklin in check by allowing just four hits and two walks over six innings. He fanned six.

Anthony Sergi and Dan Mills each collected two hits to lead the Mustangs, while Basner accounted for two of Franklin's four hits.

REDFORD UNION 5-7, CHURCHILL 3-9: In a non-league twinbill Saturday, host Livonia Churchill (12-11) and the Panthers (15-9) settled for a split.

In the opener, Chris Gazley went 3-for-4 with a run scored and two stolen bases in RU's 5-3 triumph.

Winning pitcher John Greenawalt went the first 4.1 innings, allowing three runs on four hits and seven walks.

Losing pitcher Josh Matigian gave up five runs on 10 hits.

Jimmy Tyler went 3-for-4 with a run scored for the Chargers, who bounced back to win the nightcap, 9-7.

Winning pitcher Vinny Carozza went the first five innings, allowing six runs on five hits and two walks. Brian Runge, who allowed one run on one hit and three walks over the final two innings, got the save.

Top hitters for Churchill included Tyler Bledsoe (3-for-4, two runs); Mike Mato (2-for-4; two runs); and Brent Mishowski (2-for-4; RBI triple; two runs).

Losing pitcher Joe Misevich gave up six runs on seven hits in 2.1 innings.

Chris Gazley had an RBI single and scored a run for RU.

STEVENSON 4-7, GARDEN CITY 2-8: On Saturday, visiting Livonia Stevenson (6-16) and the Cougars (10-10) divided a non-league double-header.

Stevenson won the opener, 4-2, as pitcher Josh Strautz went all seven innings to earn the victory. He faced just 27 batters, allowing just five hits and one walk while fanning six.

Losing pitcher Gee Williams also went the distance, allowing four runs on seven hits and seven walks over six innings.

Top hitters for the Spartans included Eric Krauss (3-for-4); Jeff Sorenson (2-for-3; two RBI); Jake Wilson (2-run double); Dave Niesyto (2-for-4); and Giavani Cairo (two walks; sacrifice; two runs).

Paul Cole had a double and scored twice for the Cougars. Williams and Max Stratton each added an RBI.

Garden City bounced back with a run in the bottom of the seventh to win the second game, 8-7.

Angelo Zoccoli, who went 2-for-4, singled in Michael Pack with the game-winning run. Pack got on base via an error as Stevenson reliever Grant Campbell took the loss.

Campbell allowed two runs on three hits and four walks (three intentional) in 4.2 innings.

Winning pitcher Andrew Berry worked the final 4.1 innings, allowing just two runs on one hit and one walk.

GC's top hitters included Chris Conroy (3-for-4; RBI); Berry (2-for-3; RBI); Pack (two RBI); and Anthony Glass (RBI double; two runs).

Zeb Bacigal had two hits and three RBI for the Spartans, while Sam Vomastek went 2-for-4 with a double. Mike Tuttle added an RBI and scored twice.

WAYNE 8, FRANKLIN 7: In a WLAA-Western Division game Friday, visiting Wayne Memorial (9-14, 1-7) withstood a late Livonia Franklin (10-11, 3-5) rally to earn the victory.

Jon Bryant went 3-for-5 and scored twice to lift the Zebras, who led 7-1 after four innings.

Dominik Corredino also added two hits in the victory. Winning pitcher Stefan Harrison went the first six innings to earn the victory before Rodney Manning came on during the seventh to pick up the save.

Dan Muller, the losing pitcher, gave up five runs (three earned) on five hits and five walks in 2.2 innings.

Anthony Andrus went 2-for-3 with three RBI for the Patriots, who left the tying run on first base in the bottom of the seventh. Derek LeBlanc also added two hits and scored twice.

Canton pitcher Payne stymies Churchill on 2-hit shutout, 6-0

Livonia Churchill's softball team spent Tuesday afternoon in the House of Payne.

Canton senior pitcher Hilary Payne, bound for Loyola University (Ill.), struck out 12 and allowed just two hits as Canton blanked the Chargers, 6-0, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Canton (14-11) had eight hits and scored three times in the opening inning.

Miranda Rysdorp collected two hits for the Chiefs, including a triple, and scored twice.

Paula Guzik had the lone two hits for Churchill (11-15).

STEVENSON 8, WAYNE 0: On Tuesday, Laura Deacon pitched and hit Livonia Stevenson (12-6) to the WLAA crossover victory at Wayne Memorial (6-19).

Deacon went all seven innings, allowing just two hits and a walk while striking out 10. She also added two hits, including a solo homer and 2-run double.

Other Stevenson hitting stand-outs included Katie Bone (2-for-4; RBI triple); Kristina Vaclavak (2-for-3 with a double; and Kristina Kropf (2-for-4; RBI).

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn and Jesse Harris had the lone hits for Wayne. Krohn gave up 10 hits and walked four in seven innings.

FRANKLIN 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Natalie

PREP SOFTBALL

Sanborn tossed a six-hitter and helped her own cause with a 2-run double fifth inning Tuesday to power host Livonia Franklin (9-6) to the Western Lakes crossover win over Walled Lake Central.

Sanborn did not allow a walk in seven innings to improve her record to 15-4.

Chelsea Williams and Lesley Giacobozzi also added two hits apiece for the victorious Patriots. Briauna Taylor also contributed an RBI single in the first.

Losing pitcher Kristy Hardy gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out three.

STEVENSON 9, CHURCHILL 0: Lauren Brueck collected three hits and Kathleen Hoehn added two, including a double and homer, as Livonia Stevenson (11-6, 6-3) downed host Livonia Churchill (11-14, 4-5) in a WLAA-Lakes Division encounter.

Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson, who struck out seven and walked only one in going the distance, allowed just five hits — three to Paula Guzik.

NORTHVILLE 5, FRANKLIN 0: Allison Holmes pitched a four-hitter Monday as the WLAA-Western Division champion Mustangs (23-3, 9-0) blanked host Livonia Franklin (16-8, 4-5).

Holmes struck out eight and walked only two.

Catcher Sarah Rounsifer went 2-for-2 with a homer and two RBI,

while Brittany Birdsall also collected two hits, including a double and RBI.

Losing pitcher Natalie Sanborn (14-4) gave up 11 hits, walked three and struck out three. Franklin committed three errors.

Brittany Taylor went 3-for-3 with a stolen base, while twin sister Briauna Taylor singled and drew two intentional walks.

W.L. NORTHVILLE 11, JOHN GLENN 1: Kristina Weltzin pitched a five-hitter and struck out six Monday as host Walled Lake Northern took five innings to mercy Westland John Glenn (1-8, 1-16).

Kari Knight had two hits for the Knights, while losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook doubled for the Rockets.

Holbrook allowed just five hits, but walked seven and struck out 10 in five innings.

Glenn committed four errors, while Northern had three.

CANTON 14, WAYNE 0: Amy Dunleavy went 2-for-2 and scored three runs Monday to lift the host Chiefs (13-11, 4-5) to the five-inning, mercy-rule WLAA-Western Division triumph over Wayne Memorial (6-18, 0-9).

Winning pitcher Molly Watson limited the Zebras to four hits. She struck out five and walked one.

Losing pitcher Jesse Harris allowed 11 hits and nine walks. CHURCHILL 17-10, RU 2-1: It was a clean sweep Saturday for host Livonia Churchill (11-13) in a non-league double-header against Redford

Union (6-16).

Churchill won the opener, 17-2, as Jordan Kerr allowed only two hits and two unearned runs.

Taylor Kerr and Katie Stodulski combined for seven hits of Churchill's 20 hits and eight of their 17 runs.

Sarah Sanders and Alannah Hoffmann scored the RU runs. Churchill also won the nightcap, 10-1, as freshman Natalie Hiser threw a complete game, allowing just four hits and collected three of the Chargers' 14 hits.

Kelsey Weekley singled and scored a run for the Panthers. ANNAPOLIS 5-6, WAYNE 2-8: On Saturday, host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (13-9) and Wayne Memorial (6-17) divided a twinbill.

Annapolis took the opener, 5-2, as winning pitcher Heather Fabris scattered seven hits and one walk.

Andrea Cosme went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, and Nina Driver added a 2-run homer in the third inning to pin the loss on Wayne starter Jesse Harris, who allowed six hits and three walks while fanning four.

Taylor Krohn collected two hits in the setback.

Wayne rebounded to win the nightcap, 8-6, as Virginia Reid went 3-for-3 and scored a run for the victorious Zebras. Heather Henning also went 2-for-2, walked twice and scored a pair of runs.

Krohn, the winning pitcher, scattered seven hits and five walks over seven innings. She struck out five.

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international tiebreaker format, 6-4.

Briauna Taylor, who went 2-for-5, came through in the clutch with a solo homer in the top of the seventh to send the game into extra innings.

Brittany Taylor and Sanborn, the winning pitcher, also added two hits apiece.

Sanborn fanned nine and allowed four earned runs on four hits and two walks.

Stevenson finishes 2-1

Livonia Stevenson finished runner-up in the North Farmington pool during Saturday's Farmington Invitational.

The Spartans (9-6) opened with a 5-1 triumph over Walled Lake Western as Kathleen Hoehn went 2-for-3, including a first-inning three-run homer scoring Emily Hollandsworth and Amanda Paison.

Shelbie Wilson also added two hits for Stevenson.

Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson scattered five hits

and struck out 10 in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Emily Carlson allowed five runs on seven hits and fanned eight. She also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the second round, Mercy bested the Spartans, 6-4, as Alison Allen had two hits and two RBI in the victory. Hannah Atkinson added two hits, an RBI and had three stolen bases.

Chelsea Lord scattered eight hits and one walk to earn the victory.

Johnson took the loss, allowing six runs on seven hits in five innings.

Hollandsworth had two hits and two RBI in the loss. Hoehn also went 2-for-3 with a double.

Stevenson closed the tournament with a 9-6 win over host North Farmington as Kristina Kropf had the game-winning two-run single in the seventh inning.

Hollandsworth, Kristina Vaclavak, Paison and Lauren Brueck each collected two hits in the win.

Winning pitcher Laura Deacon struck out 15 and allowed just five hits and one walk over seven innings.

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Thursday, May 15
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
 (all double-headers unless noted)
Luth. Westland at Taylor Baptist, 11 a.m.
(Livonia City Tournament at Ford Field)
 Stevenson vs. Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
 Franklin vs. Churchill, noon.
 Championship final, 2 p.m.
 Consolation final at Franklin, 2 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, May 15
 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Kingswood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 John Glenn at Lakeland, TBA.
 Madonna Classic at Canton Softball Ctr., TBA.
(Public Schools of Livonia Invitational at Ford Field)
 Churchill vs. Franklin, 10 a.m.
 Stevenson vs. Clarenceville, noon.
 Championship final, 2 p.m.
 Consolation final at Franklin, 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 18
 Madonna Classic at Canton Softball Ctr., TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Friday, May 16
 Wayne at Monroe, 5:30 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
 (Catholic League Championship)
 Marian at Ladywood, 2 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Friday, May 16
 Division 2 regional at Ladywood, 10 a.m.
 Division 1 regional at Canton, noon.
Saturday, May 17
 Division 3 regional at New Haven, 10 a.m.
 Division 4 regional at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, May 15
 Wayne County Championships at Pheasant Run, 9 a.m.
 Wayne vs. Salem at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Friday, May 16
 MIAC Tourney at Bald Mountain, 9 a.m.
 Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Bay Pointe G.C., 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. John Glenn at the Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, May 16
 Division 1 regional at Novi, 8:30 a.m.
 Division 2 regional at Chelsea, TBA.
 Division 4 at A.A. Greenhills, TBA.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Friday, May 16
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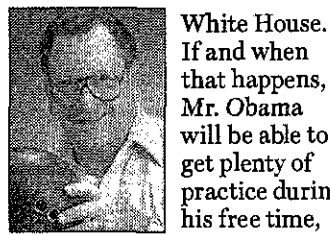
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They're known as the 'Five Bowling Bags' from New Jersey, who were in Canton recently for the Women's U.S. Bowling Congress National Championships led by 99-year-old Emmy Hendrickson (center). She is flanked (from left) by teammates Marion 'Bunny' Brock, Bea Reinacher, Ruther Peterson and captain Joan Skiel. Emma's scores included a 146-149-100 (singles); 77-133-126 (doubles); and 74-88-113 (team).

Livonia's Webb tops two-time champion at Queens tourney

The Michigan Queens Bowling Tournament was staged April 19-20 at Nightingale Lanes in Burton and held under the auspices of the state USBC Association. The event drew a strong field of the best women bowlers in the state. Crystal Webb, a 26-year-old lefty from Livonia was crowned champion after blitzing the field by winning every match including the final against two-time and defending champion Lisa Bishop of Belleville. The lane conditions were more difficult, but Webb prevailed against Bishop, 199-170, and took home the top prize of \$3,000. Webb averaged 198 with a 246 high game. Bishop captured \$1,400, while Angela Wilt of Westland finished in sixth winning \$460. And thanks to her grandpa, Stan Pirozek, of Farmington Hills, for letting me know. Illinois Senator Barack Obama was in the news recently while campaigning in Pennsylvania for the Democratic party presidential nomination. The cameras caught him showing off his bowling prowess at the local lanes. The Senator has one thing in common with pro bowler Parker Bohn III. - they're both left-handed - but any similarities end right there as his total score was 37. None of us are that bad, even on our worst day. And think about this. If Obama is successful in his quest for the presidency, he will have Mr. Nixon's lanes right down the basement of the



Ten Pin Alley

White House. If and when that happens, Mr. Obama will be able to get plenty of practice during his free time, and maybe move that average up. Soon after the story broke April 1, New York Sen. Hillary Clinton was on the air challenging him to a "winner-take-all" match. She was also quick to point out the date - April Fools day. Meanwhile, back on our home turf, and politics aside, the Women's US Bowling Congress National Championships have gotten well underway at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The 88-day run began April 10 with the opening ceremonies with Detroit's own Cheryl Daniels, of pro bowling renown, singing a beautiful rendition of our national anthem. It is still too early to post the leaderboard because the scores that are up now may not hold up over the long run of the event. This is the first meeting for the women's nationals in Detroit area since 1953. The response has been gratifying for all of those involved. The local USBC has done a marvelous job of setting the stage and carrying out this huge event. The Canton Township folks have shown a lot of support as well. So if you are anywhere around Ford Road, you can see the neatly decorated giant bowling pins strategically placed in the area. Competitors are coming in from every state and some other countries. They are introduced prior to each squad's team event. Last weekend was also very special as Emma Hendrickson of Morris City, N.J. was making her 49th national tournament. At the age of 99 she is tied for the oldest lady bowler in the history of the tournament. Hendrickson bowled on the 6:30 p.m. squad team event last Saturday on followed by singles and doubles on Sunday. Asked about the secret of her longevity, Hendrickson said: "I always keep busy, and have served as president of my local association." Another milestone will be reached by former Dearborn resident Mini Tvaska, now residing in St. Petersburg, Fla.. She will embark on her 62nd USBC Women's Championships beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. That appearance will break the tie at 61 with Mary Covell of Chicago, Ill. "I'm already planning for Detroit," the 90-year-old Tvaska said. "It will be closer to where I grew up in Dearborn. I'm feeling fine now and still bowling in city and state tournaments. Even after all these years bowling, I'm still excited by tournament play."

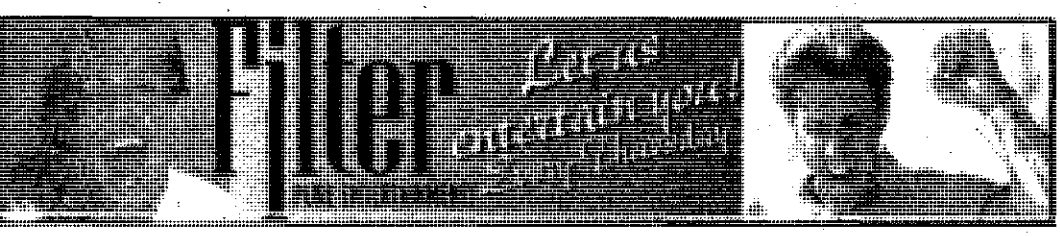
Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted at his new e-mail address: tenpinally10@yahoo.com.

Williams to play volleyball at SC

When Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Richard Lamb watched Katie Williams play in a high school tournament, he sensed she could help his team. Williams must have thought the same, because she contacted Lamb about becoming a Lady Ocelot beginning in fall 2008. Lamb recently announced that Williams, a 5-7 setter and a senior at South Lyon, signed a national letter of intent with Schoolcraft. "She has all the tools that

we look for in a setter," Lamb explained. "She has soft hands, intelligence, integrity and experience playing at a high level. Adding Katie to our roster will give us depth at the position and will allow our lineup to be more flexible." Williams - a member of the All Area "Dream Team" - averaged 8.1 assists for the Lions in 2007, leading them to a 30-9-2 record and a berth in the Class A regional finals. The three-year varsity member also recorded 941 assists, 135 digs and served 95.3 percent

during her senior season. In addition, the potential kinesiology and exercise science major excelled in the classroom. She achieved a 3.98 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society, honor roll and principal's list along with earning scholar-athlete awards. "We're happy to have her as a part of our program and expect that she will have a great career at Schoolcraft," said Lamb, entering his second season at the helm.



PREP TRACK RESULTS

METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS May 13 at Lutheran Northwest BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 82 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 50; 3. Lutheran Northwest, 42. FINAL RESULTS Shot put: 1. Frankie Cain (LW), 42 feet, 11 inches; 2. Taylor Hall (Cville), 38-2.25. Discus: 1. Joe Krueger (LW), 126-10; 2. Cain (LW), 120-5.3; 3. Andrew Jasmer (Cville), 117-1. High jump: 1. Joey King (Cville), 5-6; 2. Kyle Kempf (LW), 5-6; 3. Zach Robinson (LW), 5-2. Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 16-8.5; 2. Joey Nelson (Cville), 15-9.5. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Jones (LW), 17.4; 2. Paul Rieff (LW), 17.97; 3. Daniel Pegg (Cville), 18.79. 300 hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (Cville), 46.79; 2. Rieff (LW), 47.41; 3. Pegg (Cville), 47.86. 100 dash: 1. Kempf (LW), 11.91; 2. Levonte Brooks (Cville), 12.09. 200: 1. Jones (LW), 24.44; 2. J. King (Cville), 25.62. 400: 1. Jones (LW), 54.4; 2. Mike VandenBerg (LW), 56.6; 3. Justin Paska (LW), 57.09. 800: 1. Jan Rock (Cville), 2:00.9; 2. Dave Moldenhauer (LW), 2:19.3. 1,600: 1. Spencer Lytle (LW), 4:55.3; 2. Matt

Parent (Cville), 5:09.1. 3,200: 1. Parent (Cville), 11:30.62; 2. Gavin King (Cville), 12:03.92. 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Robinson, Derrick Mozheim, Haller, Kempf), 48:15.2. Clarenceville, 48:18; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Watts, Brooks, Ryan Glass, J. King), 1:41:02; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:42:41; 1,600 relay: 1. Northwest, 3:45:4; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:56:8; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Moldenhauer, Kemp, Paul Beaufeld, Josh Rice), 9:26.3; 2. Clarenceville, 9:50.8. Dual meet records: Lutheran Westland, 7-1 overall; 5-1 Metro Conference; Clarenceville, 11-3 overall; 4-2 Metro Conference. LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL May 10 at Jackson Northwest JACKSON TEAM STANDINGS (13 schools): 1. Jackson, 124 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 53. Glenn 1st: 400 relay (Chanel Payne, Jamie Meilas, Ashley Montgomery, Ashley Parker), 49.4; 2nd: Ashley Montgomery, Ashley Parker, 49.4; 3rd: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 4th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 5th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 6th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 7th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 8th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 9th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 10th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 11th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 12th: Ashley Parker, 49.4; 13th: Ashley Parker, 49.4. 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Robinson, Derrick Mozheim, Haller, Kempf), 48:15.2. Clarenceville, 48:18; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Watts, Brooks, Ryan Glass, J. King), 1:41:02; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:42:41; 1,600 relay: 1. Northwest, 3:45:4; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:56:8; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Moldenhauer, Kemp, Paul Beaufeld, Josh Rice), 9:26.3; 2. Clarenceville, 9:50.8. Dual meet records: Lutheran Westland, 7-1 overall; 5-1 Metro Conference; Clarenceville, 11-3 overall; 4-2 Metro Conference.

Drum, Alex Hamlett), 11:20.0; Montgomery, long jump (14-7); 7th: Richardson, 3,200 (13:16.0); 8th: Ryan Anderson, discus (84-2). SOUTH LYON RELAYS May 9 at South Lyon East GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 150 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 111; 3. Belleville, 98; 4. Salem, 79; 5. South Lyon, 66; 6. South Lyon East, 2. Franklin 1st: Megan McPherson, 1,600 meter run (5:32.12); shot put relay (Ashley Price, Savannah Haig, Brittany Milican), 92 feet, 3.75 inches; 2nd: pole vault relay (Emily Quint, Anastasia Bending, Bady Bryrd), no total available; high jump relay (Liz Hollaway, Quint, Sam Culp), N/A; Lion relay (Senneca Scott, Monica Hardy, Olivia Hernandez, Ashley Butkowski), 2:44.75; field event 400 relay (Quint, Kelly Tapella, Milican, Hollaway), 35.48; shuttle hurdles (Scott, Jen Mueller, Katelyn Mills, Caroleanne Curci), 1:14.99; co-ed 400 relay (Corinne Haro, Mike Baumgardner, Molly Hirst, Kaiti Voegelie), 49:14; 3rd: discus relay (Price, Haig, Milican), 260-0; long jump relay (Hardy, Tapella, Mueller), N/A; sprint medley (Haro, Hirst, Butkowski, Scott), 1:55.4; 1,600 relay (Butkowski, Hernandez, Hardy, Scott), 4:17.78.

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Ladywood continues mastery vs. district final foe Thurston

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Payback's last call came Saturday, but it wasn't answered.

That's because Redford Thurston's varsity girls soccer team could not muster much of an attack and lost 1-0 to visiting Livonia Ladywood — the very team that ended the Eagles' 2006 and 2007 seasons with double-OT knockouts in the district finals.

"It (the matchup) had a lot of extra meaning," said Thurston co-coach Jason Bobrovetski. "We have eight seniors and today was their last chance to beat Ladywood while they're here."

"The girls have been waiting for this opportunity all year long and today we just couldn't generate enough (offensive) sparks to make things go our way."

The lone goal of the hard-fought nonconference contest came with 33:44 to go, when senior Alison Szczypka went airborne to score a header off a corner kick from junior Alessia Vagnini. Thurston senior goalkeeper Megan Schulz (nine saves) had no chance on the perfectly placed shot.

"Alison is very, very good in the air," said Blazers' head coach Ken Shingledecker.

"She's probably one of the best aerial players I've ever seen."

Shingledecker added that he wanted his team to come out strong in an intense road setting.

"You want to go on the road and play well at the end of the year," said Shingledecker, adding that the Blazers (7-4-4) are gearing up for Tuesday's Catholic League semifinal against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

The Eagles only took six shots in the direction of Ladywood junior goalkeeper Michelle Ring, and none were of the dangerous variety.

"When we get shots we've got to make them count," said Bobrovetski, whose team dropped to 4-7 this season. "We really didn't have high-percentage shots. Their defense played well."

In the scoreless first half, there was little room for players on either time to get creative, with midfielders and defenders on both sides doing a good job of cutting off any rushes with offensive potential.

Probably the best scoring chance for either team came with less than seven minutes to go. Sophomore Sidney DeLosh outraced Thurston's defense and took a hard shot that hit the right goal post.

Ladywood turned up its game for the final 40 minutes, even though the Eagles nearly tied the game in the first few minutes.

Thurston senior Ashlie Ingold sent a crossing pass to junior Elaine Nelson near the top of the box. Nelson then passed it quickly to the right side of the goal where sophomore Ashley Wheeler deflected it wide.

One minute later, with Ring down and out of position after not fielding the ball cleanly, Wheeler corralled it on the right wing but again couldn't hit the target with a sharp-angle attempt.

The Blazers then took the ball down to the other end and scored their goal. From that point on, Ladywood controlled play and gave the Eagles little hope to score the tying goal.

The shutout was Ring's sixth and second in a row.

"Our defense has been solid all year," Shingledecker said. "This was our sixth shutout and that's a good number considering the competition that we play."

Despite the defeat, Bobrovetski did receive solid performances from Schulz, senior defenders Kelli Mapes and Becky LaDuke and junior midfielder Alena Alessandrini.

Blazers reach league championship match

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Ladywood played a suffocating defense Tuesday to earn a 1-0 Catholic League semifinal girls soccer win over host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, the state's No. 3-ranked team in Division 3.

Alessia Vagnini's goal in the 25th minutes from Alison Szczypka proved to be the difference and goalkeeper Michelle Ring, who made eight saves, notched her seventh shutout of the year.

The win propels the Blazers, now 8-4-4 overall, into Saturday's Catholic League championship final against top seed and undefeated Birmingham Marian, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 2. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Ladywood).

GIRLS SOCCER

The Blazers, who notched their third straight shutout, withstood the heavy wind on Gabriel Richard's second half pressure. Anchoring the defense were Sarah Kempa, Allison Krueger, Christina Eroyan and Lindsay Maier.

"Our defense has really stepped up the last couple of days," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "It's changed our team. These girls work well together and they all get along. It's just a great group."

"And I think we have one of the top five goalkeepers in the state, which obviously helps."

The loss drops Gabriel Richard to 15-3-2 overall.

NORTHVILLE 8, FRANKLIN 0: Sarah Stern had two goals and four assists

Monday as the Mustangs (13-0-2, 8-0-1), the state's top ranked team in Division 1, merced Livonia Franklin (1-13-1, 1-7-1) in a WLLA-Western Division encounter.

Seniors Julia Bawden (2 goals, 1 assist), Lydia Blair (2 goals, 1 assist), and Theresa Yankovich (1 goal) contributed to the win over the Patriots. Also scoring was Lauren Lokey.

Other assists went Samantha Mustonen and Amy Sweetapple. Goalkeeper Katherine Jansen earned her seventh shutout in eight tries.

W.L. NORTHERN 6, JOHN GLENN 1: Chris Naife scored twice and Jacqi O'Shea added a goal and assist to lead Walled Lake Northern (9-4-2, 6-3) to the WLLA-Lakes Division triumph over host Westland John Glenn (1-13, 0-9). Megan Nikula scored for the Rockets.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Monday, the Chiefs merced the Zebras (0-14-1, 0-8-1) as seven different players scored. Kayla Carmody was the lone Canton player to score twice.

them. It was much more difficult. We had to create something offensively. We did not have a our best stuff tonight, but we still got the result we were looking for, which was a win or a tie."

Churchill struck first — just seven minutes into the match — on Alyssa Mira's first goal of the season from Bailey Brandon.

Stevenson countered later in the half on Rachel Stevens' goal from Samantha Gutkowski to make it 1-1 at intermission.

Churchill played without standout junior keeper Stefanie Turner, who is out indefinitely with mononucleosis, according to Hebestreit.

Junior backup Megan Bauman filled in admirably, making a key second-half save by getting a hand on a

shot by Stevenson's Stephanie Gutkowski which wound up glancing off the post.

"We didn't change anything regardless of the personnel," the Churchill coach said. "I thought Megan did a nice job. She's an experienced keeper who starts for her club team."

Pinta, meanwhile, said his keeper Michelle Krawczyk, who beat Churchill in the April 21 meeting, needed some more help.

"We have to attack the ball in front of our own goal, that has to be addressed," he said. "Our backs were gritty, but somebody has to take the initiative back there. That has to be addressed. I think our backs can get better."

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Spartan JV 1st

The Livonia Stevenson girls junior varsity softball team, coached by Tim Blough and Rachel Geiger, recently captured the Pinckney Tournament. Team members include: Stephanie Batshon, Cassie Roy, Kara Cetnar, Shannen Serylo, Shannon Seewald, Anna Dostal, Regan Bacigal, Gina Castrodale, Amanda Shaltis, Ann Plumley, Lauree Glover, Tori Wadkins, Nikki Yon and Heather Robak.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28-Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is legendary coach and camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

Each camper is guaranteed plenty of instruction on fundamentals of the game, with an 8-1 ratio of campers to instructors.

The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, for boys ages 8-15. Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188. For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

C'ville hoops camp

The eighth annual Trojan Basketball Kids camp for grades four-nine will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Clarenceville High School. The registration fee is \$60

and checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Basketball.

For more information, e-mail boys varsity coach Corey McKendry at Cmac721@yahoo.com; or call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin High will stage its Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys or girls exiting grades three-six from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the varsity baseball field.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

The registration deadline is Friday, June 20.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at mfournier2@livonia.k12.mi.us; or call (734) 968-0499.

MU 'Perimeter' camp

High school basketball players are invited to attend Madonna University's first All-Star Perimeter Camp, slated from 5:30-9 p.m. June 2-5 for players ages 14-18.

There will be instruction on

shooting fundamentals and technique, off the ball movement, ball handling, footwork, communication and leadership. An NBA Skills Challenge will be among the planned extra activities.

Director of the camp is MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry.

The camp will cost \$125. For more information, visit www.madonnacrusers.com.

Trojan Baseball Camp

Livonia Clarenceville varsity baseball coach Dan Miller and his staff will stage a youth baseball skills camp for boys entering grades 3-9 for the 2008-09 school year from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school diamond, located at 20155 Middlebelt Road (behind the northwest corner of the high school gym).

The \$40 camp fee includes 12 hours of instruction and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is Saturday, June 14. Any late registrations are subject to an additional \$5 fee.

For more information, e-mail Miller at dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

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of people in the box again and they had only three or four good shots on net," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "They clogged the middle and we had trouble playing our game."

"They knock it in, win it and get back — knock it in, win it and get back. We dealt with it better, but we just did not have enough of the opportunities we would have liked."

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta slightly altered his game plan for the rematch, but went with the same philosophy.

"System-wise we played defensively, we were just organized a little differently," he said. "We did not get behind

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHV/RV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHV/RV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31785 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$6.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan
c/o Wayne County Department of Environment
415 Clifford, 7th Floor
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Attention: Sue Ann Hanson

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Beware of budget-priced GPS navigation systems

Question: I'm in the market for a GPS. Any recommendations?

Answer: Don't skimp. By that I mean stick with a well-known brand like Garmin or TomTom. I recently tested a new budget-priced model from little-known V7 (v7-world.com), and the results were not good.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Looking at the features alone, there's much to like about the V7 NAV740: the thin design, 4.3-inch widescreen, massive points-of-interest database, text-to-speech capability (meaning it announces actual street and highway names), and MP3/video/photo players.

That's an impressive roster for a \$299.99 GPS, though I wish V7 could have managed a Bluetooth speakerphone and/or real-time traffic updates as well.

Still, I liked the easy-to-navigate onscreen menus and transparent control buttons overlaid onto the maps.

But ultimately, any GPS must be judged by its navigation prowess, and that's where the NAV740 stumbled. It repeatedly messed up when I neared my destination, telling me half a mile too soon that I'd arrived or instructing me to keep going when I'd already passed it.

Furthermore, real-time navigation was always a little off: The NAV740 would tell me to make a turn a few seconds after I'd already passed the street.

Suspecting a bad unit, V7 replaced my NAV740, but unfortunately the replacement exhibited the same problems.

For another \$30 or so, you can pick up a Garmin Nuvi 660 from various online stores. It's been on the market nearly two years, but who cares? It offers hands-free calling, traffic alerts, and an FM transmitter. Plus, it navigates like a champ — I was sad to see my demo unit go.

Question: How can I listen to my music collection when I'm at work? The boss frowns on iPods.

Answer: As long as your workplace doesn't block or prohibit streaming-media Web sites, you've got several options.

The first is MP3tunes (mp3tunes.com), which stores a copy of your music library online so you can listen to it on any PC.

You get a whopping 25 gigabytes (GB) of storage free of charge; if you need more, a 50GB premium account will run you \$39.95 annually.

MP3tunes' simple LockerSync utility (available for Windows, Mac, and even Linux systems) syncs your song collection with your online "locker," where you can play it via your work PC's Web browser (and even some smartphones).

The only catch is that it can take days, or even weeks, of uploading to copy your library to MP3tunes' servers, depending on the size of the collection.

Once it's done, however, subsequent syncs will go much faster. And as an added bonus, MP3tunes doubles as an online backup of your music—you can easily download it back to your PC if necessary.

Please see **TECH, D3**



Outside In

Manorwood brings nature home during annual tour

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

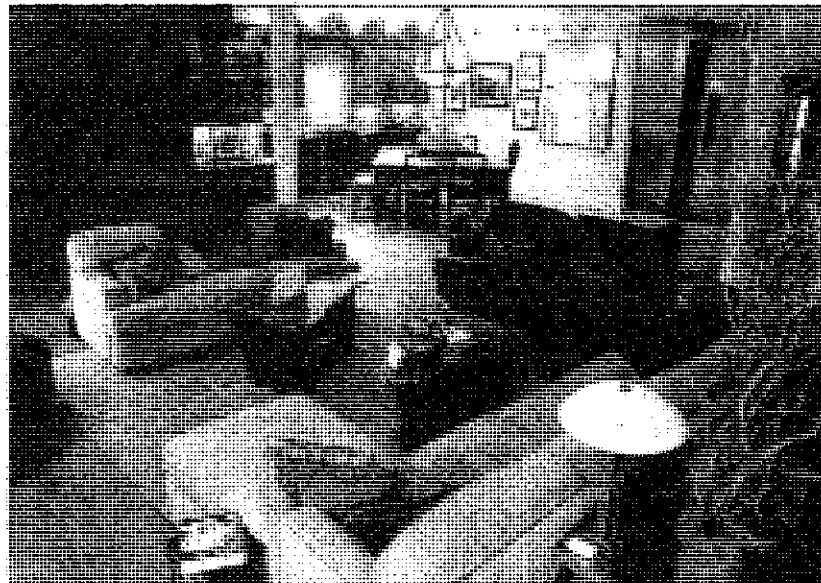
When Ronnie Wilner built "Manorwood," he was determined to bring the outdoors in.

The home, one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary House Tour, backs up to Manor Park in Birmingham and revels in its wild surroundings.

Wilner and his wife, Nancy Fishman, used repetitive natural elements — like Brazilian cherry wood and honed limestone — along with skylights, screened porches and handcrafted detail to invite nature into their midst.

Visitors to the new house on Shepherdbrush are greeted by a stone porch adorned with love-seats made from twigs. The custom alder wood front door, which includes a speakeasy window, opens to a limestone garden walkway.

Along one side of the path, an indoor pond filled with plantings features a stone wall rising up to the cathedral ceiling. On the right, a door opens to Wilner's award-



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This Birmingham home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.

winning two-story library.

The path leads guests to the spacious living room, dining room and kitchen, which blend together in an open floor plan with a view of the woods.

"Because this property is on a 12-acre nature preserve we wanted most of the living space in the back of the house," Fishman said.

Please see **TOUR, D2**

Consider the ceiling another wall of color

Paul of Livonia asks: "My wife and I would like to paint a good portion of our home. I've been noticing that other people are using colors other than ceiling white. I thought all ceilings should be painted white."



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

I'll start off by saying that ceilings do NOT have to be painted white. Many paint purists will argue that by

not using white on the ceiling you will make your room look smaller. This just isn't true. If you think of your ceiling as another wall in the room, your ideas about this will drastically change. I agree that lighter colors reflect light and darker colors absorb light; however, I do not think that we always want our rooms to look cavernous. There are many shades close to white, but will not look as stark next to your wall color.

Keep in mind, that by painting your ceilings white, you are adding another color to the room. If you do not have white elsewhere in the room, that white ceiling will stand out and become an undesirable focal point.

In many newer homes, it's not uncommon to have ceilings soaring 15-20 feet. The challenge is to make these rooms feel homey. The ceilings in these rooms can actually be painted darker than the wall color to add warmth.

Another point for consideration is the crown molding. Many people prefer to have their crown moldings painted white. If you paint your ceilings and your crown molding white, you are making all that architectural detail disappear. A better approach is to paint the ceiling a couple shades lighter than the wall color and then you can keep the moldings white. When you do this, you will be amazed at how your crown moldings will be highlighted.

Do not be afraid to go bolder with ceiling color in certain rooms. For example, when a room has a detail like a tray ceiling, this is the ideal place to experiment with an exciting color. Pick an accent color from the room décor and paint the inside of the tray ceiling with it. Maybe the color is brick red or navy blue, but the interesting architecture is now highlighted with drama and color.

Have some fun with paint color. It is one of the least expensive things we can do to change and update our homes.

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

Sipping and sampling helps scholarships

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Nearly 300 lovers of wines and fine foods enjoyed some of the tastes of more than 60 Great Lakes wineries and local restaurants on Thursday at the annual Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting, a fund-raiser for student scholarships, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

The annual event raises between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually for scholarships for students in the school's Culinary Studies Institute and to finance travel for the institute's competition teams.

Darlene Levinson, instructor and one of the event's organizers, called the event, now in its 13th year, "one of the best" in terms of attendance. "We had more wines and more people," Levinson said.

The event helps students

attain scholarships for their studies. "A lot of them could not even go to school if they did not get financial aid," Levinson said. "We have more than an associate's degree (in culinary arts), it's an extended program that requires them to attend school longer."

Wines and foods from some of Detroit's finest restaurants, country clubs and other eateries graced small plates, ranging from Stuffed Tortellini in Porcini Mushroom butter sauce

from chef Joseph Beato at Via Nove to Tribute restaurant's Scalloped Sevice from chef Richard Travis.

The wines were sampled and scored earlier that day by a group of 21 judges. Tony Lawrence of Philadelphia has judged wines for 20 years and enjoys the local flavors of the Great Lakes region. "These events help bring us back to the regional wines," Lawrence said.

Please see **WINE, D3**



BILL BRESLER
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Wine judge Tony Lawrence traveled from Philadelphia to judge the selections at the Great Lakes Great Wines Walk Around Wine Tasting at Oakland Community College on Thursday. He's speaking with Tim and Melanie Griffith of Ferndale.



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"Manorwood," completed in 2006, backs up to Manor Park, a 12-acre nature preserve in Birmingham.

TOUR
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Everywhere you look, customized features evoke the feeling of the great outdoors.

In the dining room, tree limbs snake across beautiful leaded glass cabinets crafted by Wilner, a glass artist with a workshop in the basement. At its center is a table crafted from wood reclaimed from a ship that sunk in Lake Superior more than 100 years ago.

The bright and airy living room is adorned with overstuffed couches and tables made from a slab of granite split in half. There's nothing stodgy about this space. In fact, Fishman designed one of the tables at tea height to encourage snacking, and the other at coffee height — perfect for putting up your feet.

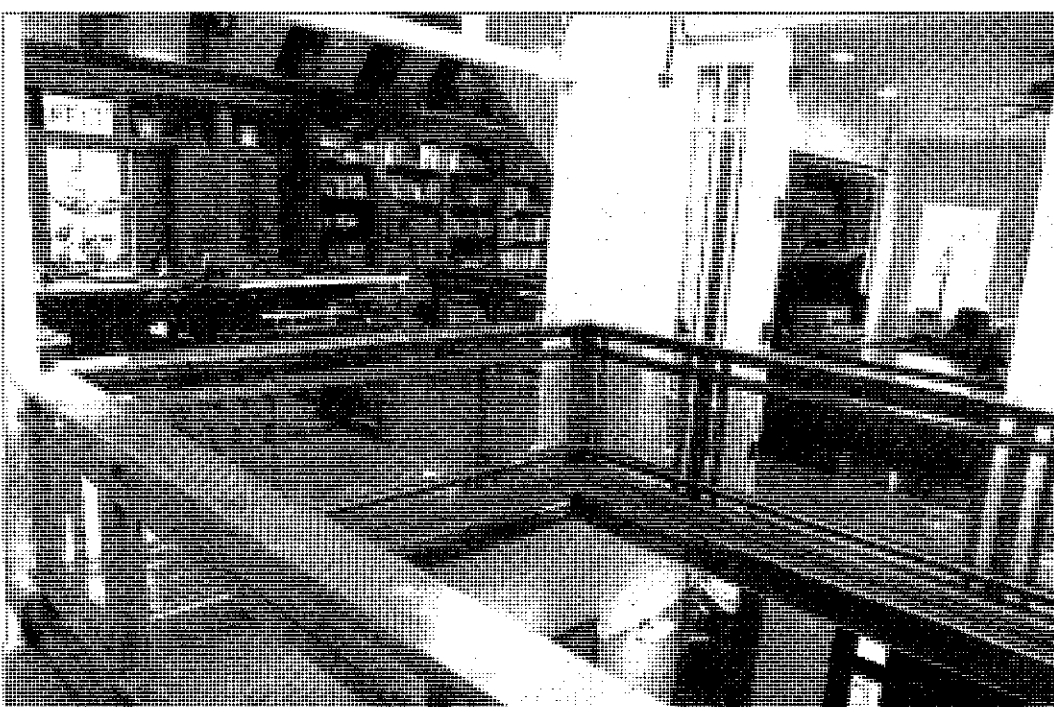
In the kitchen, natural stonework encases the stove, and an island is topped with stainless steel made by U-M artisans. A door to the back porch is surrounded by

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD 15TH ANNIVERSARY HOUSE TOUR

What: Six unique homes in Royal Oak, Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Franklin are opened to the public.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 28
Tickets: \$25, advance; \$30 at the door, benefit Temple Israel Sisterhood community service programs.
Information: Contact Karen Gilbert at (248) 661-9182 or karengg@comcast.net.

lighted cabinets filled with pottery, cookbooks and other collections from the couple's prior home in Birmingham, as well as their winter residence in St. Maarten.

Upstairs, Milner's architectural studio opens to a light-filled atrium showcasing a branching chandelier. The sound of the bubbling pond floats upstairs, creating a tranquil work environ-



Ronald Wilner's second-floor home studio opens into a light-filled atrium. Wilner's home is one of six featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Annual Home Tour.



Stained glass windows are used as shades in the stairwell.



Homeowner and architect Ronald Wilner

ment. The master suite includes a walk-in closet, and another screened porch where the couple enjoys wine at sunset. Gas fireplaces lend warmth at the foot of the bed, as well as in front of the deluxe tub in the master bath.

"Ronnie thought of absolutely everything, everything," Fishman said.

As owner of Ronald Roy Wilner Architectural Design and Moonlight Homes, Wilner has made his career out of building wondrous living spaces for others. Since he and his wife finished Manorwood in 2006, they have experienced firsthand his company's slogan "Life's

a holiday in a Moonlight Home." "Your house should feel like you never want to leave," Wilner said.

Wilner and Fishman plan to fill their home with flowers to welcome guests on the tour, and volunteers will be on hand to explain the couple's artwork and design details.

The docents will be trained on the subtleties of all six homes on the tour, which range from a modest three bedroom bungalow in Royal Oak owned by a furniture artist to the eclectic Franklin abode of late designer Brian Killian. According to Beverly

Wolgin, co-chair of the Temple Israel Home Tour, each house has a unique story to tell.

"I just love seeing how other people live. I always get lots of ideas seeing what people do with their art and decor," Wolgin said. "The houses are not chosen by size. They represent a variety of lifestyles and interesting design expressions."

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FEATURED HOMES

Here's a look at the six homes featured on Temple Israel Sisterhood's 15th Anniversary Home Tour:

25270 Devon, Franklin
Classic modern with a French 1940s twist. Interior of soft blues, greens and browns accented with local artwork.
Interiors: The late Brian Killian & Richard Ross, Richard Ross Designs & Owner

2346 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Beautiful 6,500-square-foot ranch with stunning view of Walnut Lake, filled with art from Israel.
Interiors: Linda Shears Designs, LTD & Owners
Builder: Gerald Brody Homes

5376 Pembroke Crossing Ct., West Bloomfield
"Spring Glory" theme showcases symmetrical furnishings, eclectic decor and interesting collections (including one on Winston Churchill).
Interiors: Amy Miller Weinstein, Jeffrey King Interiors & Owners

633 Shepherdbush, Birmingham
English stucco and stone home uses ponds, skylights and hints of Arts & Crafts era to create Zen-like atmosphere. (See related story).
Interiors: Owners
Building: Ronald Roy Wilner

3217 Shenandoah, Royal Oak
An art- and antique-filled jewel box full of custom furniture and interesting vignettes.
Interiors: Arturo Sanchez, Art-Harrison Interior Design Studios

1206 N. Lafayette, Royal Oak
Charming updated Mission style with natural palette and fabrics, and clever use of space.
Interiors: Kristin Armstrong, KCID of Birmingham
Builder: Rick Kastler, Kastler Construction

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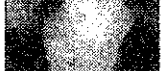
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Airlines sock it to travelers with fees

TECH
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I feel fortunate and thankful to have the privilege of flying. I don't like to freak out when snags occur.

At my job, I'm not happy when someone yells at me over rules I didn't create. When traveling, I extend the same courtesy to airport workers.



Lana Mini

So, I will vent here. We know airlines are suffering and costs will rise, but the hidden fees make me feel like a chump.

If Northwest Airlines wants to charge me \$410 for a ticket from Detroit to Los Angeles, then just do it. Don't charge \$350 for a ticket and then throw in extra optional fees later for choices that only make flights bearable.

Here's what happened: Lately, the only nonstop, direct flights from Detroit to Los Angeles is on Spirit and Northwest. Spirit's return flight is a red-eye - too tiring.

A month ago I bought a DTW to LAX ticket for under \$367 on Northwest.

Two weeks before my departure I went to Northwest's Web site to assign my seats. Nothing was available to me. Seven days later, still no available seats to choose from even though I had already paid for a ticket.

Twenty-four hours before departure and suddenly two seats were available - row 42, the very last row on the plane! Seats B and E - the middle seats!

I took seat B. Ugh! I decided to try for a better seat a few hours before my flight. Suddenly there were more

options.

For an additional \$30, I could have an aisle seat in row 25. What?!

Thirty dollars more to sit in the second half of the plane?

I bought it. Sucker.

I'm nice when I travel, but my weak spot is when it's time to de-board. I don't say anything, but cringe inside when people mess around unnecessarily in the aisles. I hate waiting, I hate when seemingly intelligent folks don't understand the system.

If I'm in row 26 and you're in row 27, you don't get to take cuts in front of me to get off the plane. I don't take cuts in front of you in line at the movie theater, flying isn't any different. Just like when we're driving in road construction, there's a system and things flow when we're all courteous. So, being in last row of a plane frustrates this passenger.

Now to my return flight. I tried to assign my seat a few days before my flight. Nothing.

Less than 24 hours, a similar situation: only the last row was available - seat B. How ironic.

But ... for \$30 more, I could have row 24. This time I refused. Should I have flown Spirit? They have a few flight attendants who tell sarcastic jokes and make flying fun. Even if I'm traveling on business, I'll take fun, please.

Then again, the McNamara terminal in Detroit is so pleasant. Get a massage or even a pedicure or just stroll the airy atmosphere. Have sushi, fresh dark green salads or healthy hummus. Life is good in the Northwest McNamara terminal.

Over in the soon-to-be-defunct old Smith Terminal (the new one opens this fall; *celebrate!*) where Spirit is currently housed, the

Speaking of meltdowns ...

On my way from back from Mexico recently, I watched (once again) seemingly sane people have meltdowns when they were told that their large bottles of vanilla/tequila/shampoo purchased at airport duty-free shops could not be carried on the plane.

The passengers begged for an explanation on why stores sold them these items without informing them of the restrictions. Where is the communication between airport stores and security?

All these people already went through security. They were returning from other countries and on a layover. They were now dealing with international security for those of us changing planes.

They had to ditch their newly purchased goods or check their items - which meant going to a new line and risk missing their connecting flights.

That's changed a little for

those who are looking to take liquids out of the country - but not into the United States.

The Transportation Security Administration recently unveiled tamper-evident bags for the transportation of duty-free liquids, purchased post-TSA security, on flights departing the United States for international destinations.

Tamper-evident bags are for passengers departing the United States who have purchased duty-free liquids in the secure area of U.S. airports. Tamper-evident bags will not be accepted in the United States at security checkpoints. So, you can buy a bottle of perfume at duty-free store in U.S. airports, and put it in the tamper free bag for Aunt Rosie in Italy. But you can't buy that perfume in a duty-free shop and bring carry it on the plane for your aunt in Canton. You still have to check it.

-By Lana Mini

Memorial Day weekend. I chose ... Northwest. I figure I would give it one more chance before going back to the red-eyes.

I'll let you know what happens with the seats.

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WINE
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The wines from this region are improving, he said.

"You're seeing a change in style and the quality of wines," Lawrence said. "They aren't made by the seat of the pants. These wineries are doing more research to improve the wines. They go to University of California Davis (known for its enology program) and they're bringing back more expertise and knowledge. The technology is better now and they know what grapes to plant. They've learned through the years that certain varietals work well with different soils."

Anne Buechel of Rochester Hills attended OCC's event for the second consecutive

year. "It gives you a real flavor of the small samplings of regional wines," Buechel said. "It's all local, too, like Steve's & Rocky's restaurant, which has great food and where I bring a lot of clients. OCC's culinary school's food was great, too."

Buechel enjoyed Chef Steve Allen's Chicken Cordon Bleu, while OCC chef instructors Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs and students served up duck confit and grilled duck breast, Louisiana Voodoo Shrimp and Carolina Pulled Pork Sandwich.

Buechel enjoyed the wines, too. "What I see here I can go to the store and buy, supporting our local vineyards. It's good for the local economy."

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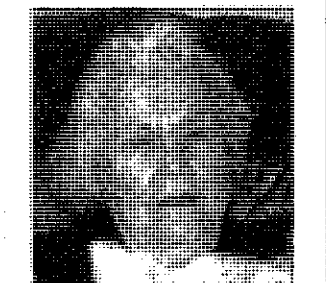
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ALBERT CONNER
Age 83, of Boca Raton, Florida passed away on April 2, 2008. Mr. Conner was formerly from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Mr. Conner served overseas in the Army as a Captain during World War II, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. In the early 1950s, he moved from Newark, New Jersey to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he worked in the steel business. He was a fantastic gourmet chef and enjoyed having friends and family over so he could cook for them. His other passions were to play golf, and go to the Casinos. But, most of all he was a very loving father and grandfather. Albert Conner was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Fish and wife, Eileen Amros. He is survived by his daughters, Cathy Diamond of Silver Spring, Maryland and Iris Parreco of Annapolis, Maryland; and his grandchildren, Ryan Diamond, Lea Diamond, Matt Parreco and Marc Parreco. Family and friends may join a memorial mass at the White Chapel, 621 West Long Lake Road, Troy, Michigan at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2008, immediately following the service will be a luncheon at Forest Lake Country Club at noon. RSVP at 231-526-5816. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

NEWELL HOYT McCUEN
Mr. McCuen, age 88, of Devonshire at PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, passed away at a local hospital on Thursday afternoon, May 8, 2008. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, son of the late Charles Leroy McCuen and Adele Chamberlain McCuen. Mr. McCuen attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, served our country in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was employed by General Motors Corporation for 40 years. He served as the Chief Engineer of General Motors Overseas Division and later as the Advanced Product Manager of Powertrain Systems at GM Engineering Staff, and was a lifetime member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. During his lifetime, Mr. McCuen served with distinction as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bloomfield County Day School of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as President of the Walloon Lake Association, as President of the Lost Tree Property Owners Association and on the Board of Trustees of the Lost Tree Club. He was an accomplished sailor and the writer of poetry for the benefit and amusement of his many friends and family. An avid golfer, he was a former member of the Lost Tree Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club and Walloon Lake Country Club. Mr. McCuen was a former member of the Lost Tree Chapel and the Birmingham Unitarian Church of Birmingham, Michigan. He was predeceased by his spouse of 45 years, Amy Louise Jose McCuen, in 1986, as well as by his second wife, Kathleen Hulbert McCuen, in 1991. Mr. McCuen is survived by three children, Nancy Elliott McCuen of Birmingham, Michigan, Marcia L. (husband Lee) McDonnell of Goodyear, AZ and Charles M. (wife Sharon) McCuen of Selingsgrove, PA; three grandchildren: Lauren Kristen Roberts, Heather Marise McCuen and Graham Scott McCuen; two great-grandchildren: Luca Andino and Kiera Roberts; one sister, Eleanor Turunen of Missoula, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and poetry of Newell Hoyt McCuen will take place at Devonshire at PGA National, 100 Devonshire Way, Palm Beach Gardens on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770, or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018.

SCOTT JOSEF PALME
Passed away on April 28, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Born Nov. 30, 1958 (Royal Oak, MI). 1976 graduate of Seaholm HS (Birmingham, MI), 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University (Mt. Pleasant, MI). Survived by wife, Beth Palme (Texarkana, TX), mother, June Palme (Kalamazoo, MI), siblings Craig (Dolores) Palme (Chesterfield Twp, MI) and Gayle (Roger) FINDER (Portage, MI). In lieu of memorial services, visit Scott's online guestbook at www.newcomefamily.com to share memories with friends and family. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

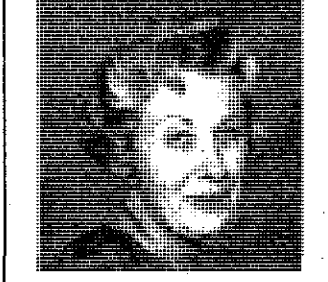


VILIS TRAVIS
Age 93, of Canton, MI, was born in Birmingham, Michigan to Colburn and Flossie Dennis. Vilis was a life long resident of Canton. She married Jack Travis in 1933. She is survived by three sons, Dennis (Barbara) Travis, Davis Travis, Jack (Barbara) Travis and daughter Judith McCreary. Vilis was retired from Ford Motor Company. She was a life long member of the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. She was an avid nature lover, and also spent many hours making quilts and dolls. She was preceded in death by parent's, sisters Irene Winkel, Charlotte McFarland, brother Colburn Dennis and husband Jack. Beside her children Vilis leaves behind nine grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special friends. Funeral services will be held on May 15, 2008 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment at Cherry Hill Cemetery. Memorials to Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd, Canton 48188. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

BENJAMIN L. LEECE
Passed away May 11, 2008, age 72. Loving husband of the late Georgia. Beloved father of Robert (Lynne) Leece, Bonnie (Don Papiez) Leece and the late Brenda Palmer and Ben Leece. Also leaves eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren Brother of Nancy Speight and Emily (Robert) Hillbish. Memorial service was held Thursday morning at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

BETTY MAE DUNN
Passed away May 10, 2008, age 85, Livonia, MI. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

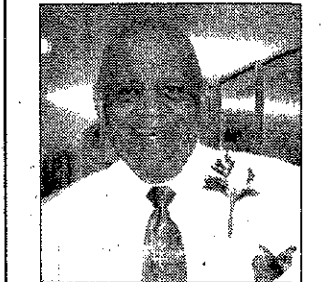
CARL F. WESSMAN
Age 66, 30 year resident of Livonia, May 12, 2008, after a long illness. Survived by his beloved wife of 32 years, Sherry Lynn. Also survived by his mother-in-law, four sisters-in-law, three nephews and two nieces. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Memorials to Childrens Hospital, Detroit, would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by Generations Funeral Services.



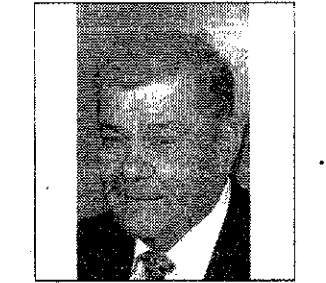
LORRAINE D. WROBEL (nee Goss)
May 12, 2008, age 82 formerly of Beverly Hills. Beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Dear mother of Joseph F. III (Julie) and James S. (Kris). Loving grandmother of Jacob, Joshua, Alex and Rachel. Also survived by her caregiver, Roxanne Thompson. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn a13-14 Mile) Friday 10am until funeral service 11am. Memorial tributes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1280 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, benefiting the scholarship fund. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

STANLEY v. BOURNE
Of Webberville, formerly of Redford Township, MI. Stan died peacefully at home at age 80 on May 12, 2008. He was born in Detroit, MI to Cecil and Zana (Haskin) Bourne. In 1949 he married Betty Jean Selleck. Faith, family and friends were important to Stan. Besides his ministry, he also enjoyed many outdoor activities. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, his children: Bonnie Santoro of Redford Township, MI, Brad (Dianne) Bourne of Webberville, MI, and Lorrie (Michael) Roberts of Rogers City, MI; his brother Ted Bourne of Teumseh, MI; ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, as well as his spiritual family. The family will receive friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Friday, May 16 from 2-8 p.m. A memorial will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Gregory Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with a private burial at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

VERNA BETH (GRAHAM) HUBER
Age 79, of Naples, Florida, died April 29, 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Ginger (Verna Beth) was born October 9, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio, daughter of John and Verna (Curtis) Graham, and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. She graduated from Denison University in 1950, having been Homecoming Queen and President of Alpha Phi Sorority. Ginger married Robert F. Huber on June 18, 1950. Bob preceded her in death in 2005. Ginger and her family lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area until they moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1969. There she was an active member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham and Chapter CG of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her involvement in both organizations led to enduring friendships. The focus of Ginger's life was her family, who adored her. In recent years, she particularly loved spending time with her grandchildren at their home in Florida. Ginger is survived by her three children: Cathy (Bill) Zielinski of Chicago; Don Huber (Mark Fontaine) of New York City and their daughter Elizabeth; Greg (Lisa) Huber of Hinsdale, Illinois and their two children, Mackenzie and Jack; and by her sister Marilyn (Ed) Baker of Ft. Meyers, Florida and Delton, Michigan. In addition she is survived by brother-in-law Ben Gregg, Jr. of Rio Verde, Arizona, and by seven nieces and nephews. Ginger will be remembered by her family, friends and all who knew her as a humble, compassionate and gentle woman. A service celebrating Ginger's life will be held on June 28 at 10:00 am, at The Congregational Church of Birmingham (248-646-4511). Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at The Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; or to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307. Arrangements by the Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, FL; 239-592-1611



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WILLIAM J. KRAUSE
May 9, 2008. Age 85. Proud WW II Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of Maureen (formerly Kane) and the late Marie. Loving father of Kathy Johnson (Dave), Bill, III (Cindy), Tom (Sandy), Tim (Lee), Bob (Christine), Mike, John (Sherry), Colleen Mohan (Joe Seomonick), Sue Flayer (Jared), Kathy Bruce (John), Kelly Boyle (Joe) and Patrick Kane (Rachel). Dear grandfather of 34 and great-grandfather of 21. Brother of Alice Stockton (the late Dick), and Sr. Dorothy Krause, IHM. Brother-in-law of Marge Nelson (Don), John Connors (Pat), Florence Booms (the late Dick) and Ruth Mazzaro (Lou). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday 2-8 PM, with Livonia Post #3941 PFM Memorial Service at 6 PM and Scripture Service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Friday 9:30 AM at St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Visitation at church begins at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes to American Cancer Society or Sisters of IHM, Monroe, Michigan. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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MAY

Prayer vigil
In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit www.christsaviors.org for information.

Spring rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inlster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Saturday night laughter
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit charity benefit takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 50 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Features comedian Mrs. Hughes (www.mrhughes.com), musician Rennie Kaufmann (www.renniekaufmann.com), a silent auction and dancing. Tickets \$30 advance, \$40 at door. COCC is also accepting donations of money and items for the silent auction. All proceeds go to International Orthodox Christian Charities, the international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (www.iocc.org). To order tickets, donate money or auction items, or obtain further information, call (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to pascbooks@sbcglobal.net.

Flute concert
3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, A Flutist's Travelogue with Holly Clemons, assisted by Darlene Kuperus keyboards. Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Telemann, C. McMichael and PDQ Bach, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Free will donation benefits the 2008 Holy Trinity Work Camp trip.

Seekers of Spiritual Intelligence
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Living Wednesday
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in the ceremony held by candlelight. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Polish festival
5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon); food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Kostka, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte. Call: (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday.

Mixed media concert
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, featuring organist Andrew Galuska performing Mussorski's Pictures at an Exhibition plus improvisations on Modern Art, as part of the Metropolitan Concert Series at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 875-7407. Pictures projected on a large screen during the concert. Reception follows.

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Concert
Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided.

Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrating marriage and the family.

Cosmic City
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, Ext. 26.

Vacation Bible School
Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Patriotic pops concert
7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

Summer camp
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-9413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humbly@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

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

Sunday services
Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-5878 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for details.

Living Water series
Mark McGivrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times. Addressing Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

EDUCATING
Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mitschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service
Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA

at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.

holycrosslivonia.org.
Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in

the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Levee, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248)

470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies
Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club
Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248)

HeartCry
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

Bible study
Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

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Stiletto Strategies



Miss Meghan and her mother, Ann Cleary of Farmington, at the Melting Pot in Troy.

America's Shoe Expert helps ease fear of heights

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

TROY — With the premiere of *Sex and the City: The Movie* hitting theatres May 30, the style spotlight is sure to shine on stilettos. And according to fashion forecasts, heels will rise to ever-towering heights this Fall.

But as much as some gals want to be 'in,' the thought of donning these spiky and sometimes painful shoes is enough to freak them out.

"America's Shoe Expert" Meghan Cleary recently came to the rescue of Metro Detroit stiletto-phobes.

The Farmington native prescribed some of her famous 'shoe therapy' to members of Fashion Group International-Detroit during a recent talk at The Melting Pot in Troy.

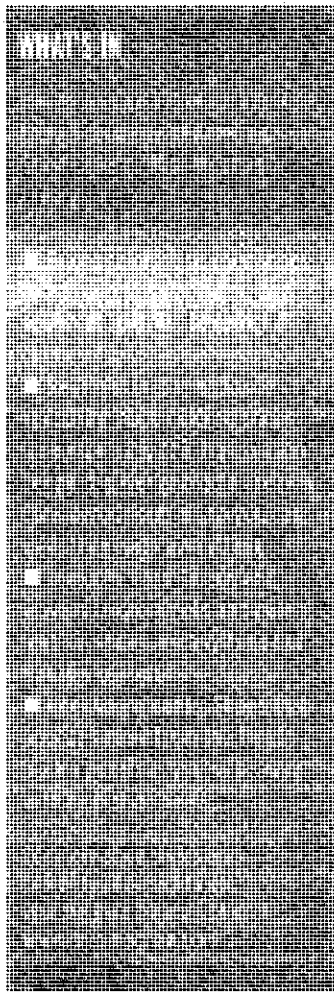
Here are some of Miss Meghan's "Stiletto Strategies":

SHOP SMART

When purchasing high heels, look beyond color to construction. Take your finger and place it vertically up the heel, noting where it meets the base of the shoe. The closer it hits to the center of your heel, the better.

"You want the heel to support you, not just raise you," she said.

Also note the 'breast' of the shoe — the sweep that connects the heel to the sole. "I hate saying this, but you want more breast," Cleary quipped.



FIND YOUR SWEET SPOT

Today's heels are higher than ever before. Back in grandma's day, heels averaged just two inches tall. Today, three inches and above is the norm.

"Christian Louboutin really pioneered that 5-inch heel that the celebrities wear, and we all want to look like them," Cleary



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Spring shoe samples, courtesy of Miss Meghan's HSN show "Shoe Therapy," demonstrate why some women need her "Stiletto Strategies."

said. "But they're just getting in and out of a limo. We have to walk around like normal people."

Look for shoes that fit, at a height that's comfortable for you, she said.

"I have a pair of Sergio Rossi's that are 45-minute shoes. Beyond that, my toes turn white. That's it," she said.

BREAK THEM IN

After you buy a pair of stilettos, spend time getting them ready to wear. "Do not get up the next morning and put those shoes on for work. Do not do this," Cleary said. "At five o'clock you'll be in so much pain you'll want to kill someone."

Instead, test the shoes for an hour and monitor your comfort level. Anywhere you feel the slightest pain, apply moleskin foam, Foot Petals or

Dr. Scholl's For Her.

"Think of it like tailoring a suit," she said. "I want you fully padded before you go out into the world in these things."

If the shoes are genuine leather, spritz them with water and wear them until they dry so they can mold to your feet.

TAKE A ROAD TEST

Walking in stilettos is a lot like doing Pilates, Cleary said, because it requires balance that comes straight from your core. Take your time, close your eyes and focus on your center of gravity — not your legs and feet — as you move through the room.

"Stiletto girls have flat stomachs," Cleary said. "Think about a different way of being in the shoe. That's part of the beauty of stilettos. It's a whole different mindset."

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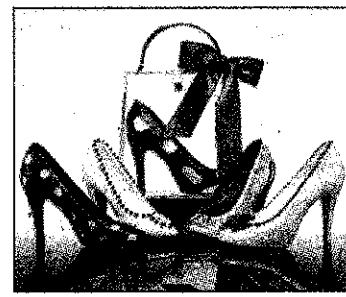
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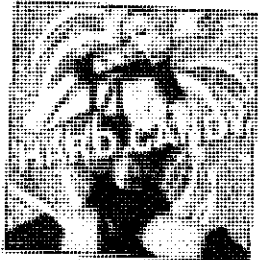
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Fashion Show helps women and children

ROCHESTER — Despite tough economic times, Pontiac's Grace Centers of Hope raised a record-setting \$175,000 at its 10th Annual "Women Helping Women" Luncheon and Fashion Show, held May 3 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.

The money will help support homeless and abused women and children who currently reside at GCH.

"Women Helping Women" is GCH's largest fund-raising event of the year. Through the generosity of its Presenting Sponsor, The Chrysler Foundation, as well as many other sponsors (English Gardens, Volkswagen, Save on Everything, Compuware, Northwest Airlines and the Ford Motor Company Fund) it was the most successful fashion show ever.

Doris Biscoe, Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo acted as emcees, and one of GCH's graduates, Joy Geiger-Agee, shared her testimony with the sold-out crowd of more than 630 people.

Women and children who have been helped by Grace Centers of Hope modeled clothing from Somerset Collection and Lord and Taylor alongside professionals on the runway.

GCH is the largest homeless shelter in Oakland County.

It not only feeds, clothes and shelters over 150 men, women and children but provides them with the skills necessary to



Women and children helped by Grace Centers of Hope model clothing during the shelter's annual fashion show luncheon.

become productive members of society.

Through the One Year Life Skills Program, women attend addiction and abuse recovery counseling sessions, life skills courses, tutoring for their GED or other educational goals, and parenting classes.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Polish the Jewel

BIRMINGHAM — The Belle Isle Women's Committee will host its fourth annual "Polish the Jewel" Legacy Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Casino on Belle Isle. Don favorite jewels and a chapeau for the event, which includes a champagne reception, silent auction, and lunch by Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Keynote speaker Sara Cedar Miller, historian and photographer for New York's Central Park Conservancy, will show how Central Park has been transformed over the past 25 years by a similar women's group. During the Afterglow, 1:30-3 p.m., a limo will offer tours of Sunset Point and the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Tickets are \$125-\$1,000. Call (248) 433-3560 or visit www.biwcinc.org.

Charity:Water @ Saks

TROY — Saks Fifth Avenue and Off 5th are partnering with Charity:Water to bring safe water to impoverished communities. Through June 16, purchase black rubber bracelets for \$5, with 100 percent of proceeds helping to build wells in Africa, India and South America. An individual donation of \$5,000 will sponsor a freshwater well for an entire community. Call 1-800-871-SAKS for more information.

History of Miss America

FARMINGTON HILLS — In honor of 2008 Miss America Kirsten Haglund, of Farmington Hills, the popular Traditional Tea Series at the historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, will feature "The History of Miss America" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 21. Amy Anikewich, a young devotee

of the art of tea and hospitality, will recount the pageant from its first competition to Haglund's crowning. The event also will feature Tea Specialist Linda Pudlik, and a special menu complete with a "Miss America" tea. Tickets are \$20 for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills, \$25 for non-residents. RSVP at (248) 473-1848.

Parisian Vera Wang Event

LIVONIA — Parisian at Laurel Park Place is hosting Michigan's first Vera Wang "Celebrate Falling in Love" event through May 17. Guests to the cosmetics department can sample Vera Wang fragrances, have fragrance purchases engraved, meet with local wedding-related businesses, and see one of the designer's exquisite Spring 2008 bridal gowns on display. Call (734) 953-7500 or visit www.bonton.com.

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