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Neighbors oppose senior village plan

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Angry residents say the peace and quiet of their neighborhood on Westland's northwest side will be shattered — and their property values harmed — if city officials allow a developer to build a high-density senior citizen village.

Critics say scores of Westland and Livonia residents oppose plans for Nankin Mills Village, a 24-acre complex that would be situated east and south of Sts. Helen & Constantine Greek Orthodox Church and the Hellenic Cultural Center, near Joy and Newburgh.

Patrick Kobylarz, who owns a home on Ravine, said many people on his street and on Gray are vehemently against the plan, which officials say includes a 147-unit building partly two stories and partly three; 10 duplexes; and 54 single-family homes. Residents hope to convince the Westland City Council to reject the proposal during a June 2 meeting at City Hall.

"The people living along Gray Street in the shadow of this monstrosity will be subject to residents looking down into their yards and homes from their apartments," Kobylarz said. "They will no longer be able to even enjoy the sunset in their own back yards."

In one heated public meeting already, the Nankin Mills Village cleared one hurdle as the Westland Planning Commission agreed to rezone the property to accommodate the higher-density residential plan and to approve developer Glenn Shaw Jr.'s preliminary plans.

Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson said the senior village, much like Fox Run in Novi, would be a semi-regional draw to seniors.

"Senior housing is needed now, and it's going to be needed in the future," Thompson said.

He also commended the developer for working as much as possible to fit Nankin Mills Village into the natural landscape.

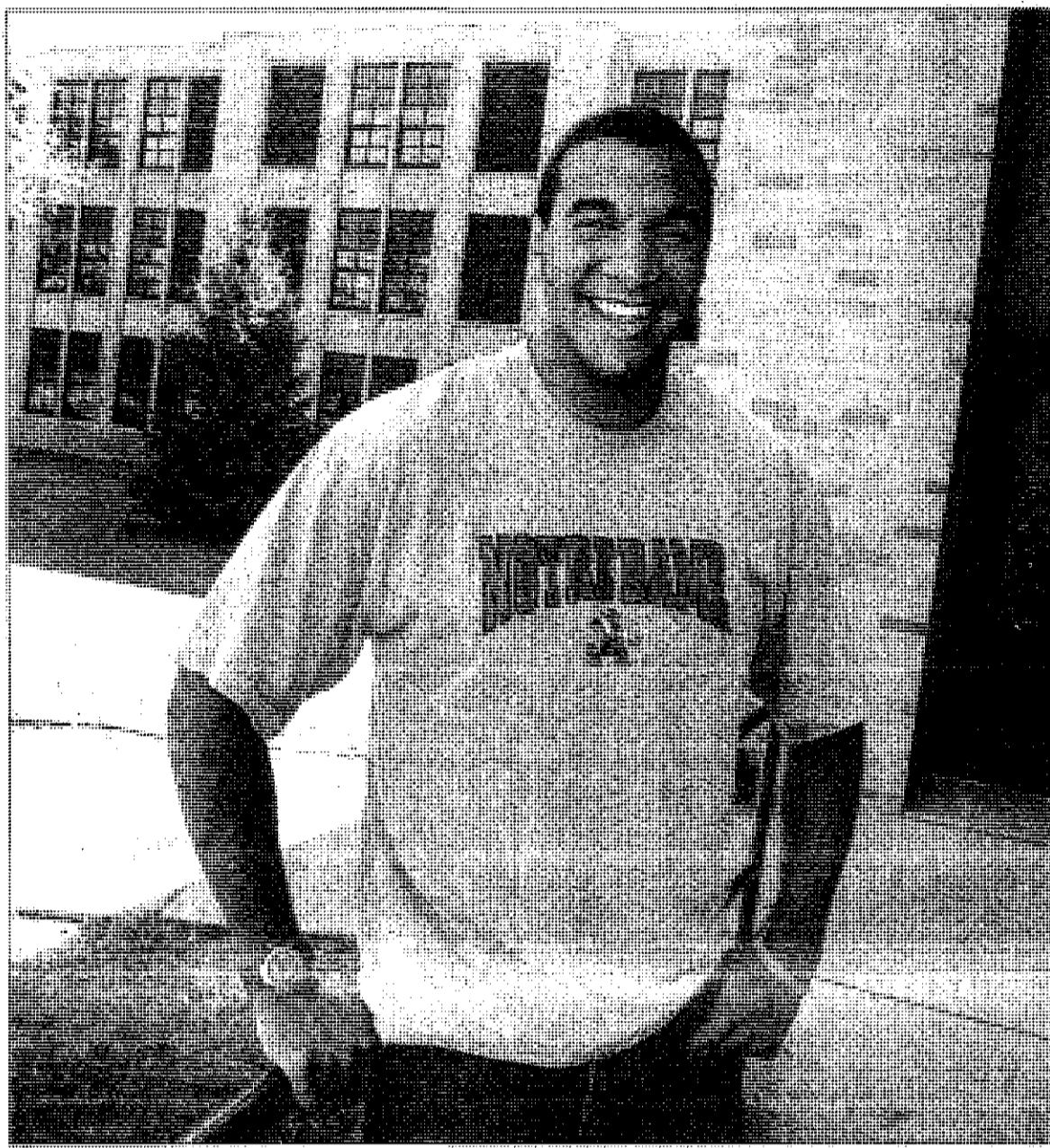
"Will they cut some trees down? Yes. Will they cut most of the trees down? No," Thompson said. As for blending the development in with the area, he said, "I think they're doing a fine job on that."

Even if council supports the project, Shaw still will have to receive various approvals through Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Moreover, the city still would have to accept a final site plan.

Some of the single-family homes would be in the range

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A chance of a lifetime



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne Memorial High School's C.J. Kelly has plenty to smile about. He's not only going to Notre Dame University in the fall, he's doing it with the help of a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Wayne High senior earns Gates scholarship

BY SUE MASON
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All it took was a trip to South Bend, Ind., for a football game to convince C.J. Kelly that he wanted to go to Notre Dame University. He liked the campus, he liked its spirituality.

And he will go there next fall with the help of a Gates Millennium Scholarship he received two weeks after getting accepted to Notre Dame.

"I was smiling pretty big," he said. "I felt kind of relieved to know what I'd be doing next year. The scholar-

ship was perfect."

A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, he's the school's first student to receive a GMS. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the scholarship provides an opportunity for minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential.

Kelly discovered the GMS through his participation in the federal TRIO Upward Bound program at Wayne High. Upward Bound focuses on providing opportunities for participants to succeed in high school and in education. Kelly has visited colleges and differ-

ent cities and experienced things he might not otherwise have been able to do as well as take summer enrichment classes at Schoolcraft College. It also meant applying for at least two scholarships a week during his senior year.

Kelly discovered the scholarship while looking at lists in the counseling office. He decided to do the essay, answer the questions and get two recommendations, but "thought it would be a waste of time."

Not so. Notre Dame gave Kelly a "big scholarship" for his freshman

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Court finds deaf man competent

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A deaf Westland man charged with shooting and killing his deaf girlfriend faced one of his worst fears Thursday when authorities moved him to the Wayne County jail from a psychiatric center, after a judge found him competent for court proceedings.

As he was led from Westland 18th District Court, Timothy Joseph Catalano turned toward his crying, 19-year-old daughter, mouthed the words "I love you" and blew her a kiss — a visibly emotional moment for a young woman who already lost her mother, Tammy Susalla.

Relatives of Catalano and Susalla sat in Judge C. Charles Bokos' courtroom for a competency hearing that culminated with the 45-year-old defendant being sent to jail without bond to await a May 29 preliminary hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial. If convicted of first-degree murder and felony firearms charges, Catalano will face life in prison.

Catalano is accused of shooting Susalla as she lay in bed around 1 a.m. last Aug. 27 at the three-bedroom ranch home the couple shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill. Susalla died the next morning at the University of Michigan Hospital, where she was flown by medical helicopter.

Catalano, who had worked as a welder, was arrested amid allegations he shot Susalla with a 22-caliber rifle because she intended to end their 24-year relationship, police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said.

Until Thursday, Catalano had been staying at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Saline, where officials said he had hoped to remain. Catalano, who was never formally schooled in conventional sign language and who was taught at home, was assisted in court by interpreter Yonita Juhalah and deaf advocate Marika Blumerick.

Marc Sholder, a certified forensic examiner, testified that Catalano has limitations, "but he was not found to have any significant mental illness." Sholder said he worked with Catalano to teach him the role of courts and the jury system, and he said he believes the defendant is now competent to assist attorneys in his own defense.

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Senior Expo, set for May 20, welcomes 'young at heart'

Seniors, as well as friends and relatives, get ready for the fifth annual Senior Expo Tuesday, May 20, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric* and Schoolcraft College, this year's expo features more than 50 exhibitors and an activities-packed agenda from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission and parking are free. The VisTaTech Center is located between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Travel buffs can enter to win a tropi-

cal getaway for two in Jamaica courtesy of Atlas Travel. The Caribbean paradise with its beautiful beaches, picturesque mountains and dazzling red sunsets was used by author Ian Fleming as a setting in several of his James Bond novels.

Sport fans will have an opportunity to win tickets to a Detroit's Tigers game.

Participants interested in learning how to grow and protect their retirement investments will be treated to a one-hour free seminar at 10 a.m. by financial expert and *Observer &*

Eccentric columnist Rick Bloom.

Other fitness activities include: 9:30 a.m. Forever Fit for Seniors (taught by Mindy Hopkins), 11 a.m. Line Dancing (led by Bill Peterson and 11:45 a.m. Strength Training for Seniors (offered by American Health and Fitness).

Those in the sandwich generation will have a great opportunity to learn about assisted living options as well as retirement housing for parents who are ready to move from the responsibility of homeownership.

Hometown vocalist Barbara Ware will supply the musical entertainment

at 11 a.m.

Exhibit topics include health care, legal services, fitness, assisted living, travel, insurance, pet care and home improvement.

Lunch is available for purchase at the college's Henry's Food Court. Located in the VisTaTech Center's Waterman Wing, Henry's has a deli, grill, pizza, pasta station, stir fry station, salad bar and daily entrée selections, as well as an assortment of grab-and-go sandwiches and salads.

For a complete list of exhibitors confirmed, go to www.hometownlife.com.

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Movement:
Moby headlines Detroit's
electronic music fest.

AROUND WESTLAND

Surplus food

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food to eligible residents living north of Michigan Avenue 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer. The pick-up for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 12, or the second

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Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may collect their food at apartment building. Contact the building manager for the day of distribution.

Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The May distribution includes instant potatoes, mixed vegetables and a 3-pound frozen ham. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at 595-0366.

Robot open house will help LPS launch two programs

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last week, a robot conducted the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

This Thursday at an open house, robots programmed by high schoolers will strut their stuff at Churchill High School.

In two or three years, Livonia Public Schools plans to have its own state-of-the-art Robotics Engineering and Automation Program, said teacher Ron Wilson.

And in the future — who knows what will happen? Robotic Mania, from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Churchill, will help kick off LPS' first FIRST Robotics Team for high school students, which begins this fall.

Teams from International Academy, Northville High School, Plymouth Salem High School, and the 2008 World Champion ThunderChickens

from Sterling Heights High School will perform demonstrations with their robots at Churchill.

LPS students can find out more information about joining LPS's team, which will be open to 20 to 25 students from Franklin, Stevenson and Churchill next year. The Plymouth and Northville high schools will be mentors to LPS robotics in its early stages, Wilson said.

Representatives from robotics companies and educators will also be at Robotics Mania, and people can learn about plans to offer a new robotics and engineering program at the Career Technical Center by the 2010-11 school year through a partnership between LPS and the International Society of Automation.

LPS has had middle school robotics teams for years, but never a high school program.

"There's a need to keep it going," Wilson said. "We have to meet the needs of our global economy" in fields like biotechnology, he said.

Students will learn on industrial robots provided by FANUC Robotics America Inc. The Rochester Hills company will also train teachers through its Certified Education Robot Training.

More fund raising is under way. Starting the FIRST robotics team will cost up to \$20,000. Wilson is applying for grants and seeking funding from NASA.

FIRST offers students \$9.8 million in scholarship opportunities for students participating in high school teams.

Curriculum and equipment for the Career Technical Center engineering program will cost about \$90,000, Wilson estimates.

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SCHOLARSHIP

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year, and the GMS is picking up the remainder of the \$49,000 tab. The scholarship covers his room and board, tuition, books, transportation and other fees and can be worth up to \$192,000. It also can carry over to master's and doctoral programs.

He hopes to use scholarships from the Wayne Police and the Wayne Rotary to buy a laptop for school and parlay the GMS scholarship into a degree in political science and law school on his way to becoming a politician.

Kelly cites his fourth-fifth-grade teacher at Vandenberg Elementary and the head of the social studies department at Wayne Memorial as motivators. The former made him "to strive harder." The latter made his political science class interesting with debates and a constitu-

tional convention.

But his biggest motivator is his mother who started college but dropped out because her family couldn't afford it. She has always told he can be whatever he wants to be.

"I kind of take it for granted because she's good with money and provides me with what I need," said Kelly. "What has happened is because of her. If she wasn't there, I wouldn't know what I would be able to do. She cares a lot, I've always known she's there for me."

He understands why his scholarship is such a big deal to the community because so few people have gotten one and feels the same way when he sees someone he knows make an big accomplishment.

It's that humbleness that earned him praise during a presentation before the Wayne-Westland school board.

Wayne High Principal John Albrecht referred to him as the epitome of a good student, saying that he comes to class on

time with his work done and ready to learn. He also praised Bridget Kelly for her efforts.

"There's and old saying that behind every good man is a good woman," said Albrecht. "His mother was pleased when we noticed her son. He has integrity and discipline, but she stood in every line for him."

Similarly, Superintendent Greg Baracy described him as "an articulate, humble, gracious young man."

"There's no question about being a success," said Baracy. "I got hunch you might be one of the representatives from this area."

For now, Kelly plans to work this summer and hang out with his friends ... and read. "I read the Bible to stay focused," he said. "Some of the verses I try to memorize, Proverbs especially. They're big thing is to stay humble. It's not you who accomplished it, God accomplished it."

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Click It or Ticket campaign targets five intersections

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Michigan ranks near the top of U.S. states for motorists who use seat belts, and Westland police plan to do their part starting Monday to keep it that way.

Local officers will be paying special attention at five key intersections and writing tickets for seat belt law violators, as part of the national Click It or Ticket campaign.

"We're going to be working at the most accident-prone intersections in the city," said police Sgt. Ron Kroll, who is in charge of the Westland Police

Department's traffic bureau.

Those intersections include Ford-Wayne, Ford-Newburgh, Warren-Newburgh, Cherry Hill-Wayne and Wayne-Warren. With help from a federal grant, officers will be on special detail 2-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday of this week and Tuesday through Friday of next week, Kroll said.

"We'll have six-man teams writing tickets at those intersections," he said.

A study in 2006 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration placed Michigan at No. 2 nationwide for seat belt use, with 94.3 percent of motorists buckling up.

Only the state of Washington ranked higher with 96.3 percent, according to an NHTSA study found online.

In all, 10 states and Puerto Rico had seat belt usage rates of 90 percent or higher. The national rate was 81 percent.

In Westland, 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek said motorists who violate seat belt laws can face fines up to \$65.

In 2007, he said, the court handled 590 tickets issued for seat belt violations, including 494 for drivers and 96 for passengers.

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SHOOTING

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While in the psychiatric center, Catalano had anxiety over his situation and the possibility of going to jail, and at times he appeared uncooperative, Sholder testified. "He clearly wanted to postpone this (court) process."

Catalano wanted to know before he went to court Thursday whether the hearing would end with him returning to the hospital or going to jail, Sholder said. At one point during his hearing, Catalano stopped paying attention to

his interpreter and advocate. As Juhalah put it, he "shut down."

Attorneys sought to show that Catalano still isn't competent, but Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV argued that the defendant could choose an unresponsive stance to manipulate the situation. Ultimately, Catalano began paying attention again to Juhalah and Blumerick, although they had to ask attorneys several times to slow the pace of the proceedings.

Defense attorney Richard Monash argued that while Catalano was at the forensic center, he didn't receive all the

assistance he needed. Although interpreter Juhalah helped him there, he didn't have a deaf advocate at the facility. Monash argued that Sholder "conditioned" Catalano to respond in ways indicating he was competent.

A second defense attorney, Jeffrey Schwartz, said Catalano remains incompetent, but Bokus ruled that Sholder and others did all they could to help the defendant prepare for his day in court.

"I think they've taken some elaborate steps to help Mr. Catalano in this case," Bokus said.

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VILLAGE

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of 1,400 to 1,500 square feet, Thompson said. But residents seemed more critical of the duplexes and the two- and three-story building, which could potentially include amenities like a cafeteria, a hair salon and a convenience store — although Thompson said those details aren't certain. Shaw couldn't be reached Friday afternoon.

Ravine resident Robert Hood said most people in the neighborhood have one-acre or larger lots.

"Any given day we could have four or five deer in our yards," he said, voicing concerns that the project could disrupt wildlife.

Hood also raised concerns about increased traffic congestion, saying the higher volume would be particularly bad when students are coming and going at nearby Livonia Churchill High School.

"That's a recipe for disaster,"

he said.

If necessary, Hood said, residents may explore what legal options they have to try to block the development.

Kobylarz said the project would reduce property values and encroach on a peaceful lifestyle that homeowners cherish.

"To sum it up," he said, "the developer is attempting to cram in 220 units into a site that should have 20-40 homes to be compatible with the existing neighborhood. It's like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole. It just does not fit."

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Durante drops out of House race

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Incumbent state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will not face any opposition after all this election season.

His Republican opponent, Sam Durante, confirmed Friday that he has withdrawn from the 18th District race, citing health reasons. He chose not to elaborate.

"As soon as I recover, I'll be right back out there," Durante said.

Durante ran against LeBlanc two years ago but lost, in what both candidates described as a friendly race. Durante also was unsuccessful in last year's

Westland City Council race, but he said he will seek a council seat in 2009.

LeBlanc, a former Westland City Council member and Wayne-Westland school board trustee, is seeking his second two-year term in Lansing.

In another race, a Wayne County Elections Office clerk said Friday that all the candidates vying to replace 12th District Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard have remained in the race.

Eight Democratic hopefuls include appointee Ronaele Bowman, a Beard legislative aide chosen to replace her when she resigned in March for health reasons; 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 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.

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Class assignment earns honors for W-W students

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It started out as a class assignment and evolved into contest entries that earned 14 John Glenn High School students honors from several local VFW ladies auxiliaries.

Eagles, flags, the Statue of Liberty, even a U.S. Army tank graced the artwork "commissioned" by Glenn art teacher Selina Babcock and entered in the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards competition.

"Selina Babcock did a fantastic job to get the students to enter this year," said auxiliary member Wanda Boice.

With so many entries, the Harris-Kehrer auxiliary decided to spread the wealth, enlisting the help of six other auxiliaries in Westland, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and Taylor in sponsoring the contest. Seven students received first-place honors and \$50 in prize money, while second-place finishers earned \$25.

According to Boice, the first-place winners will advance to the state judging in June, where one piece of art will be selected for national competition in August. The national winner will receive scholarship of \$10,000.

"I think several of the entries



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Wanda Boice of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary (left) and John Glenn High School art teacher Selina Babcock (right) join students, Zach Edwards (from left), Jordan Singh, Victor Sanders, Olivia Senia, Kim Raley, Greg Buege, Elonda Willis, Ashlyne Gagern, Michelle Wortham and Holly Long who won honors in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary patriotic art contest.

could possibly go on to national competition," said Boice.

"Mrs. Babcock passed out a sheet, if you wanted to enter," said Ashlyne Gagern, who was the first-place winner for the Post 3323 auxiliary. "I didn't know I was going to get money until I went to the ceremony." Gagern did a collage that

include a firefighter, rubble from 9/11, an eagle and the Statue of Liberty. According to Boice, Gagern expressed really well what she was trying to say with the artwork in a written piece that accompanied it.

Finishing second was Holly Long, who used a Beanie Baby and the American flag in her

drawing.

"I really didn't think I'd win anything," said Holly Long.

Senior Kim Raley won for place for VFW 4644 Ladies Auxiliary in Detroit. Placing second was Samantha McFalls.

Raley said it was difficult figuring out what to say about her artwork.

"When it started out it was a picture I kept adding to it, then to explain it ... It was cool when it came together," she said.

Zach Edwards placed first in the contest sponsored by the VFW Post 78 auxiliary in Dearborn Heights. Second place went to Christine Zuke. Edwards' piece featured the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a soldier from the past looking on with a tear in his eye at a flag-draped casket.

"I wanted to show the bond between that forms with the military," he said. "I think I did that."

Senior Jordan Singh chose the Statue of Liberty and the rubble of the World Trade Center for his first-place entry for a very specific reason. He won the competition sponsored by Dearborn Height Post 7910's auxiliary.

"I'm from New York," he said. "Those are two big things there. The attack happened a year right after I left New York."

Olivia Senia was surprised to learn she was first place for another Dearborn Heights auxiliary. The ladies of Post 7546 liked her drawing the featured the Army tank.

"I didn't know if they'd like that kind of drawing," she said. "It was a pencil drawing of a U.S. Army tank with the New York skyline behind it. I was trying to show that the U.S.

Army will protect us against anything like 9/11 happening again."

Greg Buege, Elonda Willis and Shelby Holland placed first, second and third, respectively, in the competition sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4422 in Taylor. Both Buege and Willis used collages to convey their patriotic theme. Buege had views of the World Trade Center and Iwo Jima as well as the flag and an eagle's head in his piece, while Willis included images of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and a soldier.

"I really didn't know what I was trying to say, it was just stuff that came out of my imagination," said Buege.

At Post 6896 in Westland, the auxiliary gave first place to Victor Sanders, while Michelle Wortham was second. Wortham chose an eagle with the olive branches and arrows for her piece.

"It was hard coming up with something to draw, but after a while I knew what I wanted to do," she said.

The contest also attracted one entry from Wayne Memorial High School. The work of Joi Wodfork is being sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4553 in Detroit.

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Wayne-Westland fair attracts 40 colleges, universities

BY SUE MASON
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Ohio State University is coming to Michigan and it's not to play football.

Representatives of the Big Ten powerhouse will be joining counterparts from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' College Fair from 4:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, in the media center of Wayne Memorial High School.

A collaborative effort of the high school's Upward Bound

program and counseling office, the event will feature representatives from 40 different universities, colleges and technical schools on hand to talk to parents about college choices. There also will be two break-out sessions, one focusing on the growth in health occupations and the other on 15 tips to ensure a successful college experience.

"We're so excited about this, we're excited to have the opportunity to provide this service for our students," said Jan Tomlinson, director of Upward Bound. "Dr. Baracy (School Superintendent Greg Baracy)

is all about customer service. The more we can provide our students, the better."

As part of Upward Bound, a federal trio program, Tomlinson takes students on campus tours and to one college fair. This year, she decided to use the grant money to bring the fair to the school and reach more students than those who are ferried to an outside location. Working with the high school's counseling office, Tomlinson sent out fliers to see if there was an interest in such a program. If they got 20 responses, the plan was to go ahead with the college fair.

"We got more than 20 and as the date has gotten closer, more and more colleges have gotten on board," Tomlinson said.

Small public and private colleges like Albion, Davenport and Siena Heights will be there as will be the state's larger universities like Wayne State, Central Michigan, Oakland and Eastern Michigan. Making their presence known will be Wayne County Community College District, Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College as well.

The vendors will meet with Wayne Memorial students dur-

ing the day and then be served dinner before the doors of the high school media center will be open to other students and parents.

Tomlinson stressed that the fair is for more than high school juniors and seniors and their parents. It's for parents of elementary and middle school students wondering what can be done now to get their children ready for college.

"You don't start in your child's junior year talking about college, you start earlier," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson is hoping the college fair will bring 1,000 par-

ents. She know that's a "pretty lofty number," but admits she likes to aim higher.

"I'd like to see as many parents as possible come through the doors," she added. "We're giving it a shot and seeing what happens. If it works good, if it's not good, we'll go back to the drawing board."

Wayne Memorial High School is on Glenwood at Fourth Street, east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. Parents and students should use the Fourth Street media center door to enter the building.

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Hospital offers wellness programs

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

Monday, May 19

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

Childbirth Education (fifth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class run-time is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, May 20

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

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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

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

Wednesday, May 21

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing

free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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

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

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

Thursday, May 23
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

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Daily Programs

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

Volunteer at Garden City Hospital
Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed.

Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital. To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

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



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Rachael Bowdler, 10 of Taylor (from left), Ryan Nyquist, 10, of Riverview and Noah Morgan, 11, of Westland mix up the ingredients for pupisicles at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care. The youngsters, who participated in the spring version of the popular MHS camp, used a paper towel tube, dry dog kibble, a can of moist dog food, broken bits of dog biscuits, broken bits of dog treats and several tablespoons of peanut butter to make the frozen treats.

MHS summer camps pair kids with pets

Warm weather has youngsters thinking about summer and parents thinking about things their children can do.

The Michigan Humane Society has an answer - its third annual Summer Tails Day Camp, held in eight, one-week sessions at Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

Summer Tails Day Camp will hold sessions for children ages 7-14, with a new camp option for experienced campers. The expert paw pals camps, open to campers age 11 years and older, are designed for campers who have already attended a Summer Tails Camp in the past, and are looking to expand their knowledge of animal welfare.

The camps will be offered during June, July and August and include Junior Paw Pals the weeks of June 23 and July 7 for children ages 7-8, Paw Pals the weeks of July 14 and July 21 for children ages 9-11, Expert Paw Pals the weeks of July 28, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18 for children ages 11-14 and Senior Paw Pals the week of Aug. 11 for children ages 12-13.

First time paw pals will have the opportunity to learn humane treatment towards animals, among other educational animal related topics. Campers will spend time with the animals of the Michigan Humane Society, with other rescue organizations, and even make crafts - like pupisicles and kitty forts - both things the animals of MHS have grown to love.

Expert paw pals will experience an advanced program, educating campers on how to make a responsible choice in determining what pet is right for him/her, as well as where to find their new best friend and the expected cost of caring for a



Youngsters stuff the pupisicle mixture into tubes before freezing them.

companion animal throughout their lifetime. This camp will be a highly educational experience for kids very interested in learning more about animal welfare.

Summer Tails Day Camp is age-appropriate, with program materials suited to learning styles and maturity level. Each camp is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily Monday through Friday, with day care available 8-10 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. for an additional fee.

Camp registration is on a first come, first serve basis, upon receipt of registration forms and a camp deposit of \$75. The total camp cost is \$150 per pal. Registration can be completed at the Berman Center for Animal Care at 900 N. Newburgh south of Ford, online at www.michiganhumane.org, by calling (248) 283-1000 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and asking to register for Summer Tails, by fax at

(248) 283-5700 or by mail at Michigan Humane Society, c/o Spring Tails Day Camp, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

For more information about Summer Tails Day Camp, visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org, or contact Kimberly Korona at (248) 283-1000, Ext. 127 or by e-mail at kkorona@michiganhumane.org.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year, while working to end companion animal homelessness, provide the highest quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values. For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit MHS Web site.

Friendship center gets ready for fitness day

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ford Motor Co. human resources retiree Diana DallaVecchia admits she didn't exercise much before she retired.

"I always knew I should," DallaVecchia, 66, said.

Then she found her niche at Westland's senior Friendship Center, where she joined a Jazzercise class that combines dancing and total-body fitness.

"It's fun, and you don't feel like you're exercising," DallaVecchia said.

Now committed to staying healthy, she and other seniors will converge on the senior center, on Newburgh south of Ford, as Westland celebrates National Senior Health & Fitness Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 30. It will be one-stop shop-

ping for seniors who want to exercise and be tested by health-care providers for glaucoma, cataracts, hearing loss, melanoma, bone density, blood pressure, blood sugar levels, spine problems and other health issues. They also can get tetanus shots and the first of three hepatitis B vaccinations.

"We will have a lot of different things going on," center Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum said.

Seniors can get their Social Security questions answered, see a physical therapist, talk with a personal trainer, receive advice from bank representatives to avoid identity theft, and collect information about housing options ranging from independent living to skilled nursing care, she said. Seniors also will be able to ask questions of state Rep.

Richard LeBlanc and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, both Westland Democrats, according to Schimmel-Marcum.

Local costs for National Senior Health & Fitness Day will be \$6 for Friendship Center members and \$8 for nonmembers. To register, go to the Friendship Center's front desk during daytime business hours. For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

DallaVecchia plans to participate in what will be her ninth year. She recently had what she called "a heart scare," so staying fit has become even more important to her.

She also said fitness day gives Westland a chance to put its senior center on display. "It's a great showcase for the center," she said.

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McCotter files for re-election to Congress

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, waited until the last minute Tuesday to file for re-election to his 11th District House seat. He said on Friday that he didn't want to make a "fanfare" about seeking re-election at a time when Michigan and the rest of the country face serious economic problems.

McCotter is seeking his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he serves as chair of the Republican House Policy Committee. He is unopposed in the August primary election. On the Democratic ballot, former Novi city manager Ed Kriewall faces Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin. Ted



MCCOTTER FILE WHO: Thaddeus McCotter, 42
PARTY: Republican

Family: Wife Rita, three children
What: Seeking fourth term to U.S. House of Representatives
Chair: Republican House Policy Committee
Experience: Michigan Senate, 1998 to 2002, Wayne County Commission, 1992-98

McAvoy of Highland has announced that he will run in the general election as an independent. McCotter said that if

the nation continues to "trend in the direction of Michigan" it could lead to a serious recession.

"I had to make a decision that I would not be running a traditional campaign. I have to be in Congress working on these problems," he said. "Does this make it more or less doable? I had to think about that seriously."

He said he thought it was important to give the district "two full years of work" in Congress.

The Republican Party has faced losses recently in special congressional elections, but McCotter said he doesn't think it means that the party will face heavy losses in the fall.

"Every state and every election is different. Every candidate is different," he said. "There were problems in these

states and in our internal operations."

In Michigan, McCotter points to the popularity of Republican presidential candidate John McCain as an example of the strength of the party. He said Michigan has experienced tax and spending policies that have hurt the state's economy.

"In Michigan, we have seen what has not worked," he said.

He said his campaign will depend on his congressional schedule, which, he said, is at the mercy of the Democratic majority in the House.

McCotter said his campaign war chest is good but not great by congressional standards.

"I raise what I need to get by. People in Michigan are hurting and the people who are supporting me are no exception to that rule. In Michigan everyone is suffering," he said.



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Seth Wilson (left) and Jonathan Greenland fight for the lead during the run portion of the Navy SEAL Fitness Challenge held at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center May 10. The challenge promotes physical fitness and career opportunities within the Naval Special Warfare community. The challenge mirrors the initial physical screening test given to those interested in becoming a SEAL and consists of swimming, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, and running.

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Angela Hospice honors 5 Westland residents

Five Westland residents were honored by Angela Hospice at its recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

The dinner, held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland, honored the volunteers who give of their time and talents to help hospice patients and their families.



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"We are grateful for the many contributions of our talented and generous volunteers," said Donna Kolodsick, manager of Angela Hospice's volunteer program. "Their commitment and compassion are inspiring."

Volunteers who reached milestones of 500 service hours or five years of service,

received pins denoting their accomplishments. Joanne Harshman and Jennifer Schloff of Westland were recognized for five years of service and Debbie Asadoorian for 500 hours.

Phyllis Lucas and Jane Neu, also of Westland, were honored for 10 years of service.

Angela Hospice is supported by more than 500 volunteers who deliver a diverse range of services. Sitting with patients, providing respite for caregivers, offering grief support, gardening, assisting with clerical tasks, and planning special events are just a few of the ways volunteers assist in Angela Hospice's mission to serve the terminally ill.

For more information about the volunteer program at Angela Hospice, call (734) 464-7810, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

State college savings plan is good investment for grandchild

Dear Rick: We have a new grandchild and want to invest a substantial amount for her college education. We've narrowed our choices to either the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) or the variable annuity with the beneficiary being a trust for my grandchild. We are leaning away from the MET because we don't know where she'll go to school 18 years from now. We are investing around \$25,000 and may add more as time goes on. What are your thoughts?

Congratulations on the birth of your grandchild. I think it is great that you want to buy her a gift of an education. It is one of the greatest gifts a grandparent can give a grandchild. Obviously, most grandparents can't afford \$25,000, but you can start a college savings plan for as little as \$25.

In reviewing your options, I think purchasing a variable



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

annuity and then making a trust the beneficiary doesn't make sense. First, within a variable annuity, there are adverse tax consequences. In a variable annuity, money grows tax deferred but when it is withdrawn, it is taxed at one's ordinary income tax bracket. Also, variable annuities also do not get the beneficial capital gain rate. Using this option will increase your tax consequences. In addition, most variable annuities have substantial fees, thus eroding your return.

The MET is an excellent program if your grandchild ends up going to a Michigan public university. However, if your grandchild ends up going to an out-of-state college or a private university, the MET is

not as favorable. Although it has changed for the benefit of students since its inception, it still is geared toward students who go to a Michigan public university.

I believe the Michigan Education Savings Plan is the best option for you. Whether your grandchild decides to stay in Michigan or not, it doesn't matter. She can use the money in MESP for basically any public or private institution in the country. In addition, when money is withdrawn, it is tax-free. In the variable annuity, the money that comes out is taxed at your ordinary income bracket while in the Michigan Education Savings Plan,

when money is withdrawn for qualified education expenses, it is tax-free. Furthermore, MESP has a fraction of the fees that most variable annuities have, thus keeping more money in your pocket exactly where it belongs.

For anyone saving for a child's or grandchild's education, the MESP is an excellent vehicle.

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.

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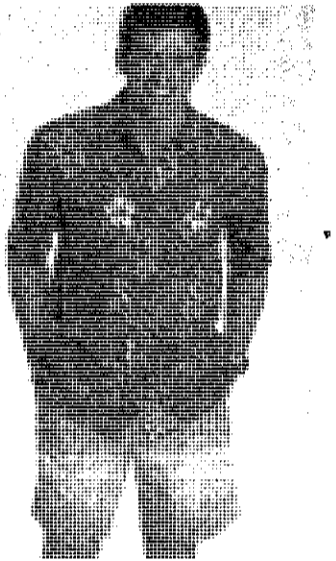
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Worthy, Wojtowicz face different paths

While Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, D-Detroit, will be sliding through this election year without opposition in either the primary or the general election, incumbent County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, D-Hamtramck, faces some strong competition.

Worthy is unopposed. Worthy won wide recognition when she moved to prosecute Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff Christine Beatty on perjury and other charges stemming from the settlement of a suit by former police officers against the city.

Wojtowicz is being challenged in the Democratic primary by County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford Township. Cavanagh is the son of the late Jerome Cavanagh, mayor of Detroit in the 1960s. Other candidates for the Democratic nomination are Keith Winham of Detroit; Sigmund John Szczepkowski Jr. of Riverview; Linda Zebrowski of Garden City; Sandra Campbell of Detroit; Kevin Kelly of Detroit; Beverly Kindle-Walker of Detroit; Thomas Marciniak of Plymouth; Robert Nozicka of Dearborn; Brian O'Donnell of Dearborn and Catherine O'Meara of Grosse Pointe Farms. In the Republican primary, former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy of Plymouth will face Timberly Robinson of Detroit.

Sheriff Warren Evans, D-Detroit, has two opponents Darron McKinney of Detroit and Robert Brown of Detroit. Taras Nykoriak of Detroit is running unopposed in the Republican primary.

County Clerk Cathy Garrett, D-Detroit, is opposed by four candidates in the primary, Coretta Strong of Detroit, Margaret Jones of Detroit, Michael O'Brien Jr. of Detroit and Diana Stanford of Detroit. On the Republican ballot, Lanell Buffington is running unopposed.

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Foundation, GM donate trailer, truck to Sheriff's Mounted Patrol

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Unit were beaming Friday when Sheriff Warren Evans officially accepted the donation of a deluxe six-horse Featherlite trailer and Chevrolet Silverado HD 3500 pickup truck.

After making do with two-horse trailers pulled by vans, the new rig offers space for six horses in the trailer and 365 horsepower in the Duramax Diesel engine.

The trailer is a donation from the Restore the Horse Foundation and the truck is a gift from General Motors Chevrolet Division working with the Foundation.

The Restore the Horse Foundation was started in July of last year to support the sheriff's mounted unit.

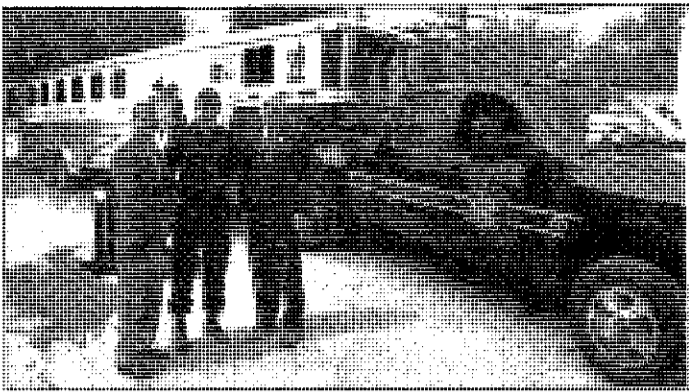
"The reason we established the foundation is that we firmly believe that mounted police are an essential part of any urban police force," said Brig. Gen. Robert S. Raisch, USMC (Ret.), leader of the Foundation.

Raisch, who lives in Lathrup Village but owned a Detroit sign company for more than 50 years, said the need for a new trailer and truck was obvious when the foundation was started.

"We didn't have the mobility that we needed," he said. "To get six horses to the Thanksgiving Day Parade, it took two or three shuttles back and forth. That wasn't safe or efficient."

The group raised the money for the trailer, working with Michigan Trailer and Featherlite, but the sheriff's department didn't have a vehicle powerful enough to pull it.

"So I went to Denise Lutz (wife of GM executive Bob Lutz), one of my trustees, and I said do you think GM would give us a discount. She said asked them," Raisch said. "I went to GM and a couple days later they came back and said we have good news and bad news. The bad news is we don't do discounts and rebates anymore, but the good news is we



Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans (center) with Don Butler (left) of Chevrolet and Brig. Gen. Robert Raisch of the Restore the Horse Foundation in front of the new trailer and pickup truck donated to the county.



Wayne County Sheriff's Cpl. Mark Schwartz and Thunder stand proudly before the new horse trailer and truck.

think your cause is so great, we're going to give you the truck."

Don Butler, executive director of truck marketing for Chevrolet, said it seemed like a natural for Chevy.

"It's in our own back yard. You need a solid, capable truck to do it. So with our Silverado heavy duty, one ton dully, it's a perfect fit," he said. "It carries up to five passengers in comfort. The sheriff's people can be comfortable in the vehicle, the horses can be comfortable in the trailer and they can get where they need to go."

Evans is an avid horse rider and owner in addition to being a big supporter of maintaining and growing the county's mounted unit.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "The guys and women are all starry eyed. They can't believe it, we've been limping along so long with beat-up used trailers and vans trying to pull the horses. This gives us great equipment and allows us to take enough horses at one time. We don't have to make multiple trips and this allows us to attend multiple events at the same time."

He said it might come in handy if the Pistons and Red Wings continue to win in the playoffs.

Evans said the donation was a good example of a public-private partnership. He said he always wanted to expand the mounted unit but without using tax dollars. He said he has worked to add horses and staff through fund-raisers and worked with the Restore

the Horse Foundation to raise funds for the more expensive equipment.

The Sheriff's Department Mounted Patrol Unit barn is at Newburgh and Hines Drive in Livonia. The department currently has 14 horses.

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Starfish names two new board members

Starfish Family Services, a human service agency serving families in Southeastern Michigan, has appointed two new members to its board of directors. Rebecca Boylan and Jonathan Citrin will each serve a three-year term and help guide the agency in providing exceptional services to families in the community.

"We are honored to welcome these two successful business leaders and champions of our mission to our board of directors," said Ann Kalass, CEO of Starfish Family Services.

Rebecca Boylan is a private investor who specializes in private banking, credit and middle marketing lending and has experience in fiduciary risk management. She has worked for National Bank of Detroit, First Chicago NBD and its successor bank, Bank One. Prior to her career in the banking industry, Boylan worked for Ford Motor Co.

Boylan resides in Ann Arbor.

Jonathan Citrin is the chief executive officer of The Citrin Group, L.L.C., a financial investment company that advises high net worth individuals and various sized businesses on financial and investment issues such as: asset allocation, mean-variance optimization, portfolio selection, succession planning, estate reduction, and financial planning.

He resides in Birmingham.

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Giant pandas

The giant panda is one of the world's most adored and protected rare animals. There are estimated to be only 1,000 to 3,000 pandas left in the world with about 200 of them living in captivity.

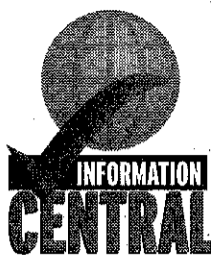
Pandas are a part of the bear family, but unlike their cousins, they are mostly herbivores. In their natural habitat, they eat 25 to 40 pounds of bamboo a day while only weighing 165 to 350 themselves. Panda babies only weigh 90 to 130 grams which is 1/900th of the average panda mother's weight. Pandas are also unique among bears because they have opposable thumbs, which scientists think evolved to help them hold bamboo.

The Giant Panda was once widespread in southern and eastern China, Vietnam and Myanmar. Today the panda is limited to the mountains in a few Chinese provinces in southwestern China. Drops in the panda population are due to poaching, pollution and destruction of their natural habitat. Today China has made several strides to preserve the existing panda population. There are now 40 panda reserves in China, compared to 13 just two decades ago. Scientists believe that the native panda population may finally be growing.

To find out more about pandas, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is a great place to start. "Giant Pandas in the Wild: Saving an Endangered Species" by Lu Zhi has amazing pictures of pandas. Also check out "Giant Pandas" by John Seidensticker, "Pandas: A Portrait of the Animal World" by Jill Caravan and "Politics, Pollution and Panda" by Russell E. Train amongst many other titles.

If you like video, we also have the films "Pandas" with Debra Winger and "Pandas: A Giant Stir". Two great Web sites with tons of panda facts and info about what you can do to help preserve pandas are the World Wildlife Fund's site at www.worldwildlife.org/

panda and Pandas International at www.pandasinternational.org. There also seems to be a local panda named Peter in Westland who is a big fan of the library. We found his blog - peterpanda.wordpress.com - and linked it to the library's Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us.



Highlighted Activities

Capital Market Outlook (1st Quarter Review)

7 p.m. May 20. Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial, who will help you put current market conditions in perspective to help you become a better informed investor. Topics include economic outlook, market outlook and diversifying your investment portfolio. Sign up to reserve your seat.

Adult Book Discussion Group

7 p.m. May 20. Join us as we discuss Bill Bryson's memoir, "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid." Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

Independent Movie Night

7 p.m. May 21. Come join us for a viewing of "Why We Fight." All are welcome; children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required.

Computer Classes: 11 a.m. May 19, Computer Basics, 2 p.m. May 19, Introduction to Word, 2 p.m. May 20, Introduction to E-mail, 2 p.m. May 21, Internet 101, 2 p.m. May 22, Genealogy on the Internet.

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

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

Stroller Strides works new moms back into shape

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, mothers were praised for the sacrifice of allowing their abdomens, as well as everything else, to swell in order to bring forth new life.

On Monday, Jennifer Garrow of Stroller Strides was back to whipping some of those same women into pre-baby shape.

"We were back at it," the Canton woman chuckled. "Everyone had cheesecake and spoiled themselves on Sunday."

Garrow, a mother of two young sons, Carson, 4, and Brendan, 2, created a franchise of the national exercise company two years ago.

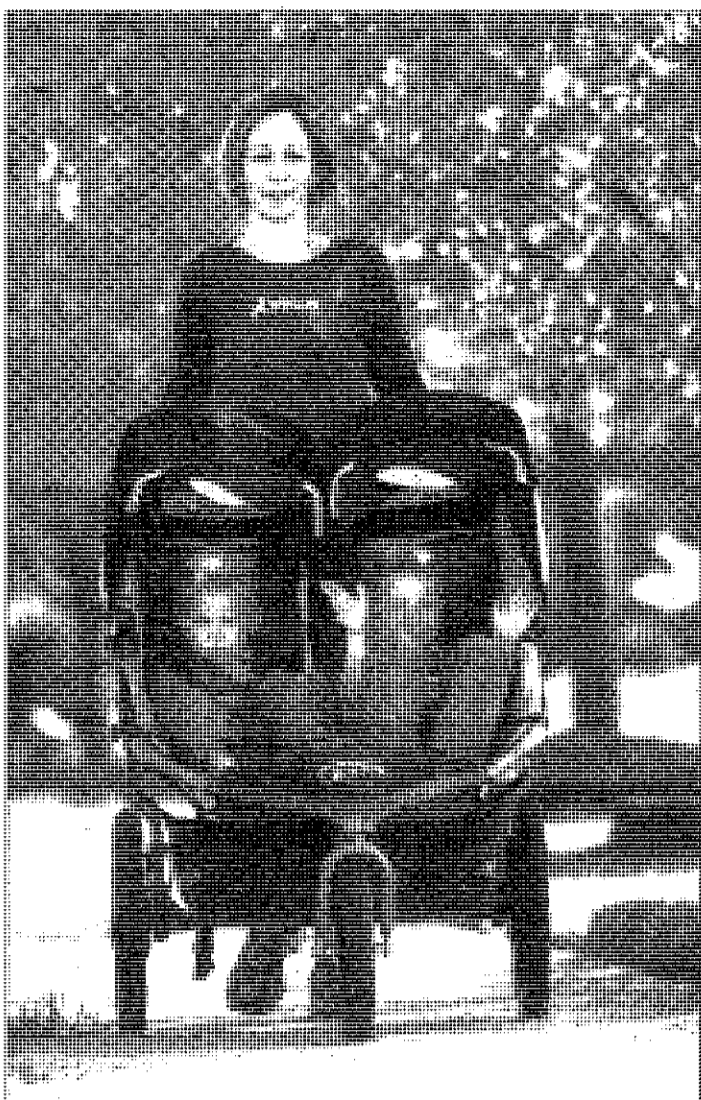
"Women get a lot of attention when they are pregnant," she said. "But as soon as the baby comes, the mom falls back and that's the start of her not putting herself first. A lot of new moms feel guilty about taking time away from their babies to exercise."

That's where Stroller Strides hopes to come in.

Founded in 2001 by a San Diego woman, the program incorporates children in the effort to drop pounds and tone.

Garrow offers classes in Canton and Ann Arbor and infuses lunges, squats, jogging and bicep curls with walking. To keep the kids happy, the group sings songs and the children can blow bubbles.

"When I went to my first class, I thought we were just going to walk around the mall and chat," she smirked. "After it was over, I vowed I would never go back because I



Stroller Strides owner Jennifer Garrow takes sons Brendan, 2, and Carson, 4, for a spin around the neighborhood.

STROLLER STRIDES

Owner: Jennifer Garrow
 Where: Westland, Canton, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Westland
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 In Heritage Park, Ann Arbor
 Classes are offered Tuesday-Thursday at Westland Public Library
 Phone: (734) 326-6123
 Web address: www.strollerstrides.net/canton

some pregnancy weight can be stubborn but said she's baffled by introduction of "mommy packages" offered by cosmetic surgeons.

"It's a quick fix," she said. "Moms need energy and stamina and moving around will help give it to them. Women are being conditioned to believe that going under the knife is the only way to tighten, tone and lose weight following pregnancy and this simply isn't true."

Garrow has classes six days a week and the township sessions take place in Heritage Park or Summit on the Park. Individual classes start at \$15 and packages are available.

"The coolest thing is when people tell me that they heard their kids playing Stroller Strides with their friends instead of playing school," she said.

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thought they were trying to kill me. This is a real work out."

Even so, Garrow said the classes are appropriate for women of all fitness levels.

"We can make modifica-

tions," she said. "We have people come that don't exercise to those than run marathons."

Garrow, who started out with four women and now has a group of 40, admits that

Libraries are more than books

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Libraries are happening places these days, according to Marilyn Kwik.

In the old days, it was "books and Sshhhh? Does that sound kind of familiar?" said Kwik, department head for adult services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. "Now things have changed."

There are still more than 100,000 books at the Westland library on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

"We constantly purchase books," said Kwik, speaking Thursday, May 15, at the Westland Rotary. "Every day, new books are coming in."

There's a local history section complete with local yearbooks, if you'd like to see what a co-worker looked like as a teen. There are newspapers and magazines as well.

Kwik highlighted DVDs offered for loan, including a

number of popular movies and "how-to" titles. There are music CDs, so you can listen to a selection you're not sure about buying.

The library offers software ranging from landscaping help to training for employees who need to brush up on data entry. There are audio books, including cassettes, CDs and "play-aways."

Kwik showed how the play-aways are used with Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, hung around the neck and listened to with the help of your own headphones. "It quickly caught on," she said of the new technology, now offering some 1,500 titles, including language instruction.

The library boasts more than 30 computers with Internet, and will have all new computers by the end of June. The library's Web site, westland.lib.mi.us, offers an impressive entry into a variety of information sources.

You can check the library catalog both for local materials and those in libraries statewide. Reference librarians can aid with databases, with Kwik using the example of a restaurant owner considering opening a new location.

Car repair information from Chilton's can be accessed through the library site, provided you have a library card, free of charge for residents and business owners. Cards from neighboring libraries can be used at Westland as well.

"We are more than happy to help you," she said of the nine librarians, all of whom hold master's degrees in library science.

The library, which can be reached at (734) 326-6123, offers computer classes on eight laptops.

"We will teach you hands-on how to use the computer," Kwik said.

There are also popular book club in a bag kits, with five to

11 copies in each of nearly 60 titles. You can check those out for six weeks and hold a discussion with friends, neighbors or co-workers.

"We're finding people are even doing this on their lunch hour," she said.

The library's annual budget is \$2.4 million, noted Director Cheryl Napsha, who also attended the session at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. The women fielded questions ranging from the impact of the Patriot Act on borrowing records, which are not maintained after items come back in, to how books are deleted from the collection.

"It's really a nice place," Rotary President and Westland resident Lou Toarmina said in urging a visit soon.

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- 6085- Ron Bemby- bags,boxes,
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- B086- Dorothy Morton- boxes,couch
- B118- Robert Smith- dresser,entertainment center,washer
- B158- Heather Best- box,bag,totes
- B277- Nicole Jones- mattress,bags
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- B339- Anita Thomas- box,bags
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- C016- Katie Day- boxes,bags,tote
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- E007- Veda Stokes- box,bike,washer
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Legislative spine, smarts needed to address budget and tax mess

You might say the new Michigan Business Tax was born under a cloud and with an unnecessary "birth defect" that now has the state's business community up in arms. So how did we get here?

First, a quick recap: Last year, faced with a billion-dollar deficit and threat of a state government shutdown, the Legislature passed and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a new Michigan Business Tax.

The tax won widespread praise — at first. But weeks later, the deficit-fighting Legislature tacked on an incomprehensible, inexplicable and unenforceable tax on a bizarre assortment of services, such as fortune-tellers and baby-shoe bronzers.

The business community rose in wrath. What it most worried about was that once there was a tax on any services, there soon might be a tax on all services. So at the last minute, thanks to Chamber of Commerce pressure, the service tax was repealed.

To make up the lost revenue, a 20-percent surcharge was then hastily tacked on top of the Michigan Business Tax, which took effect Jan. 1. Now tax bills are finally going out, and there's lots of howling going on — much of it legitimate. Some businesses are bitterly complaining their tax bills are double or triple what they used to be under the old Single Business Tax.

How did this train wreck happen? A few days ago, I received a lengthy e-mail from a lawmaker (who wishes to remain anonymous) who offers some valuable insights. Bottom line: "The service tax was the direct result of the brinkmanship of the GOP leadership in negotiations and (the) lack of GOP members (in) responding to the requests of their traditional support-

ers in the business community."

That's pretty stunning — and here's my attempt to put this all into context. Leading up to the critical votes, both the Michigan and Detroit chambers of commerce tried hard to persuade legislators to pass an income tax increase big enough to cover the entire deficit. Why? Simple — to avoid additional business taxes.

The House of Representative figured it out. There, Speaker Andy Dillon and other leaders tried repeatedly to pass a 4.7-percent income tax that would have resolved the budget crisis without resorting to the service tax.

But neither Sen. Majority Leader Mike Bishop nor House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche was willing to step forward. They urged their members to hold back and let the Democrats take the political hit for a vote for more taxes. At one point, it looked as though there were as many as 10 Republican representatives ready to vote for an adequate income tax hike, but DeRoche wouldn't budge.

That was too bad for all concerned. In the end, the attempt to construct only one difficult vote for legislators — an income tax increase sufficient to resolve the budget crisis — failed. Instead, it left lawmakers with three tough votes: One for a smaller increase in the income tax; one for a service tax (that was repealed before it took effect); and one for a 20-percent surcharge on the new business tax.

Since no lawmaker wants to cast difficult and risky votes, it's hard to see how forcing three tough votes was better than one. But that was the political "new math" calculus in Lansing at the time. And it produced a bitter brew.

My legislative source concludes, "The brinkmanship game of the leaders led to a much worse result for the state. ... Republicans need to know that the negotiation and political games led to higher taxes

and more revenue to grow state government. Pretty high price."

High, indeed. At the end of the day, everybody wound up worse off. Lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, had to make three tough tax votes when one would have sufficed.

Businesses are now struggling with a 20-percent surcharge on the new MBT. And the state still faces chronic structural budget deficits — deficits the present tax structure make virtually inevitable.

And the anti-tax fringe, namely the folks who are now trying to recall Speaker of the House Dillon, D-Redford, got a new lease on life. Remember, they started out by going after any lawmaker who supported any tax increase, whether Republican or Democrat. Once they discovered there was limited support for recalls, they dropped all the other efforts and went after only Dillon.

The bottom line: Basing a policy for governing on political expediency turned out to be the worst possible outcome. Worst, not only for legislators who are now regarded as nincompoops by their constituents and the news media, but also for the state as a whole.

This sorry tale illustrates all too well one of the worst aspects of our dysfunctional political system, namely a wholesale preference by both parties for scoring political points instead of concentrating on rational, long-term government for the state.

If we're going to dig ourselves out of the jam we're in, this has got to stop. And we all need to find ways to express that — and to get the word to those we elect and pay to represent us.

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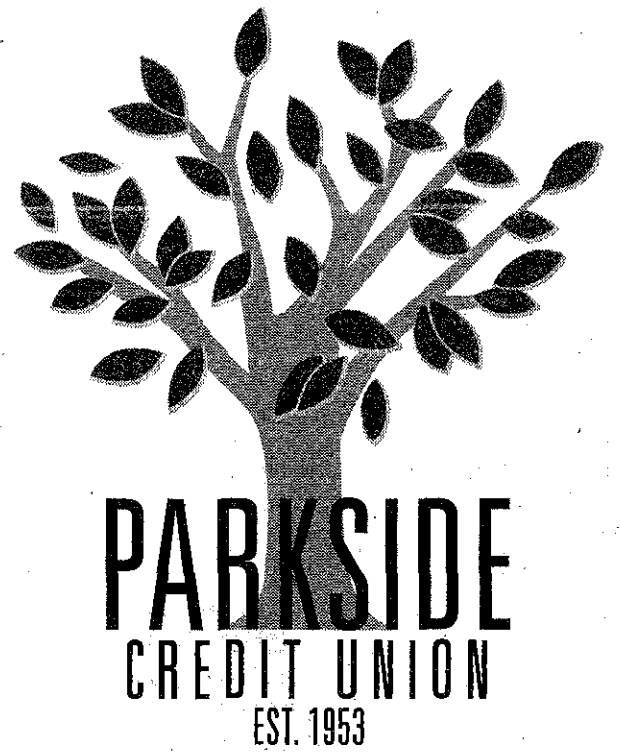
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Churchill girls runaway regional champion

Spartans 2nd; Pats 3rd

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With each strong, fluid, rhythmic stride, Livonia Churchill's Rachel McFarlane quickly pulled away from her competition in the 3,200-meter run late in Friday night's Division 1 regional meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track.

At the same time, she served as a fitting symbol of how the Chargers dominated the 16-team field by compiling 136 points, 37 more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

McFarlane's time of 11:12.8 in the two-mile was a whopping 45-plus seconds faster than second-place Molly Slavens of Plymouth - impressive considering there wasn't another runner who even came close to pushing her.

"When I have a big lead, what I try to do is look ahead and pin-point someone ahead of me to try to pass," said McFarlane, who will take her running talents to Michigan State University in the fall. "I think to myself, 'Keep moving up, keep moving up.' And when I turned the corner by the finish line each lap, my coach (Pat Daugherty) was there encouraging me to keep the pace up and yelling out my splits."

The top of the final regional standings resembled that of the Livonia City Meet, as Churchill, Stevenson (99 points) and Franklin (81) finished 1-2-3. Westland John Glenn (56) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (54) rounded out the top five.

Daugherty, the first-year Churchill coach, couldn't relate with their struggles as his senior-laden contingent racked up just one less point than the entire bottom nine teams combined.

"Some people could coach 30 years and never get a better group than

what I've been able to work with my first year here," said Daugherty, who was an assistant for the Chargers boys team for the previous six years. "They maximize their talent with their incredible attitudes and work ethic. I'm blessed to be able to coach this team."

Sophomore Sara Kroll also figured prominently in the regional win capturing the 800 run (2:18.67) and teaming up with Michele Verellen, Emily Clairmont and McFarlane for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:50.56).

Churchill's reigning Miss Volleyball, Kyndra Abron, is also East Kentwood-bound after winning the shot put and discus with throws of 38 feet, 5.5 inches and 122-8, respectively.

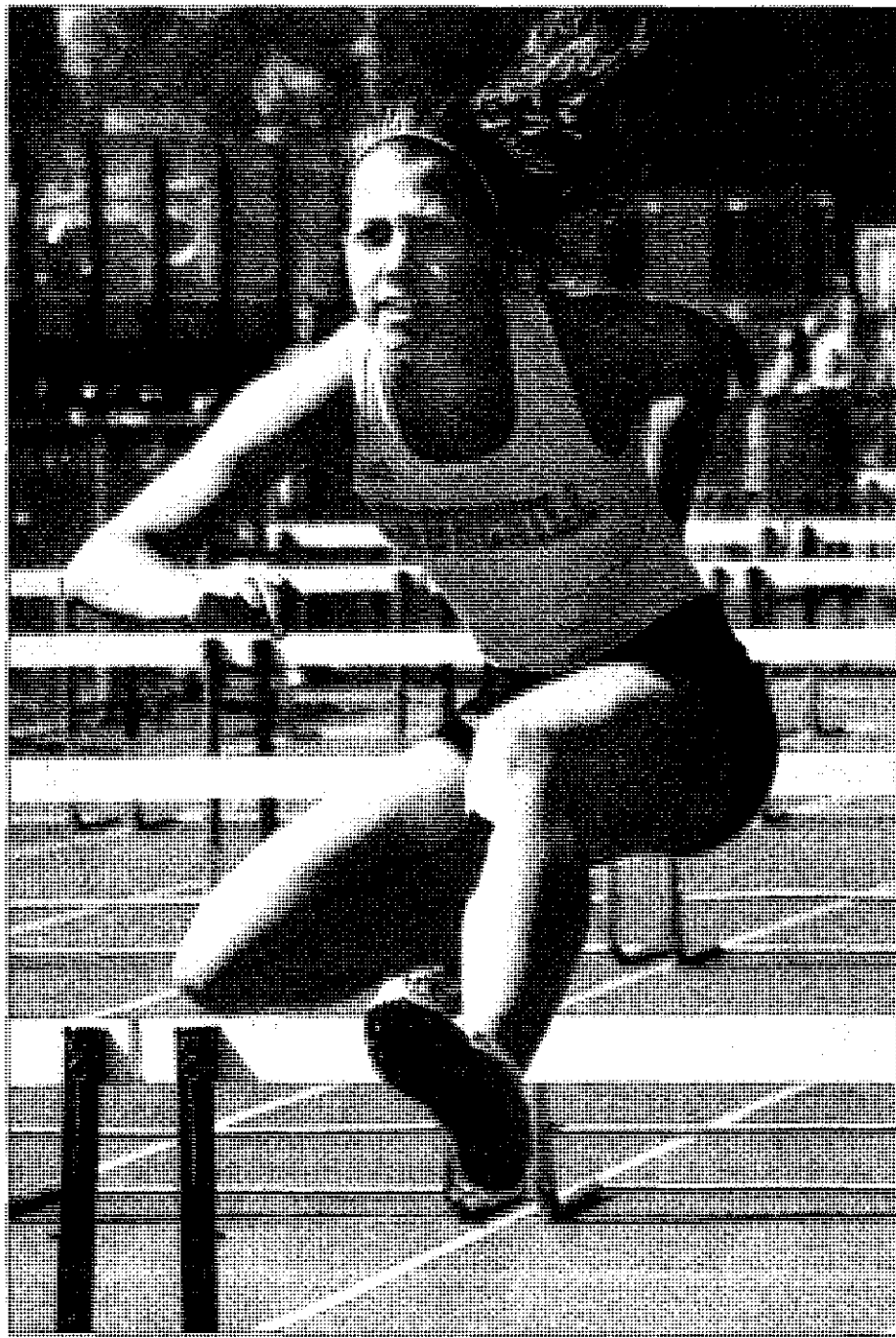
"I have 19 seniors on this team who have won this meet three or four years in a row and haven't lost a dual meet in four years," Daugherty said. "It's nice when you have girls like Kyndra (shot put and discus) and Rachel McFarlane, who you know are going to get you a couple of firsts in every meet."

Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said her strategy differed than the one she'll use at Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet, which is more team-oriented than the regional.

"Today, we went into it not necessarily trying to win the regional, but to qualify as many individuals as we could," she said. "There were a couple events we could have put girls in and scored more points, but we decided to save their energy for other events."

"For instance, Courtney Calka ran the half-mile instead of the open two-mile so she'd be rested for the mile relay."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Mallory Lukas clears the hurdles in Friday's Division 1 regional at Canton.

Sidelines

MU adds 2 golfers

Both the Madonna University men's and women's golf teams announced signings on Thursday.

Salem's Joel Cheesman, the younger brother of MU senior Aaron Cheesman, will join coach Steve Mato's men's team.

Cheesman is a four-year varsity player who earned All-Division honors in the Western Lakes as a freshman and qualified for the Division 1 state tournament as a sophomore en route to All-WLAA honors. As a junior he averaged 41.5 per nine. He was also an All-Division pick in hockey.

MU women's coach Scott Marzolino added Flint Mott Community College transfer Sara Simnitch (Swartz Creek) via Ohio Dominican University.

In 2006-07, Simnitch was a second-team selection in the American Midwest Conference at Dominican where she posted five top-five finishes, including medalist honors at Siena Heights.

She was a member of Swartz Creek's Division 2 state championship team and was a four-year All-Conference pick.

MU's Oscar hailed

Madonna University junior golfer Elliot Oscar (Reedsburg, Wis.) was named to the Daktronics All-American Scholar-Athlete team.

The transfer from Mississippi State, who is majoring in marketing, qualified by carrying a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better. In 13 rounds this season, Oscar averaged 83.5 strokes per round, including a 10th-place finish with a 72 at the sixth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jambooree last fall.

Demolition wins

Kiana Dennis scored a pair of touchdowns as the Detroit Demolition improved to 3-1 in the Women's Independent Football League with a 14-0 win May 17 against the host Wisconsin Wolves (2-2) in Madison.

Heading into Saturday's game with Kansas City, the Demolition stand alone in second place in the Midwest Division of the IWFL's Eastern Conference.

Stevenson boys 1st again

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Stevenson was expected to win Friday's Division 1 boys track regional at Canton.

But even more impressive was the way the Spartans turned in some unexpected performances in the process.

Stevenson repeated as champion by topping the century mark with 107 points followed by runner-up Westland John Glenn with 75.

Rounding out the top ten was Detroit Cass Tech (72), Salem (67), Dearborn Fordson (67), Livonia Churchill (63), Canton (47.5), Detroit Cody (35), Plymouth (31) and Wayne Memorial (29).

"It was a good day for us and the kids obviously ran very well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "This meet is for them. We did not load up like we would have in the league meet. We want them to qualify for the state meet (May 31 at East Kentwood) and we did well by qualifying 10 guys."

Senior Myles White, headed for Michigan State on a football scholarship, led the way for the Spartans with firsts in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 14.11 and 39.07, respectively. He was also runner-up in the long jump (22 feet, 2.5 inches).

Senior Derek Buskey garnered the Spartans' other first in the 400 (50.49) and was a member of state qualifying 1,600 relay team (3:30.58), which also included Nate Sergison, Stephen Pollard and Mike Gibbons.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Derek Buskey hands off to Mitchell White in the 4 x 200-meter relay in Friday's Division 1 regional at Canton.

Other individual state qualifiers for the Spartans included Chris Golonka, second placed, shot put (47-5); Pat York and Mitchell White, second and third respectively in the high jump (6-5); Nick Anagnostou, fifth, 100 (10.7); and Gibbons, second in the 800 (1:59.23).

Stevenson's 4 x 100 relay team of Austin White, Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White and Anagnostou added a third and met an additional state qualifying time of 43.09.

"We came out of the field events in pretty good shape scoring two guys each in three of five events," Shaw said. "Nate Sergison was seeded sixth

in the 400 and takes a third. Our 4 x 100 relay was seeded fifth and took a third. And Gibbons ran a great race in the 800, going under 2 minutes for the first time. Obviously the whole team contributed."

Glenn's second-place finish brought a smile to coach Jess Shough's face.

It was the Rockets' best performance since 1997 when David Jarrett and Harden James sparked Glenn to a regional title.

"We accomplished what we wanted, it all fit together," Shough said. "All

Please see **BOYS, B3**

Chargers fall 4-2 in Lakes test vs. Vikes

Livonia Churchill's bid to earn a share of the WLAA's Lakes Division baseball title was thwarted Friday by Walled Lake Central, 4-2.

Cody Husak and Cody Rzeznik each went 2-for-3 for the victorious Vikings, who improved to 13-14 overall and 3-7 in the division. Rzeznik scored two runs, while Husak had an RBI.

PREP BASEBALL

Central used three pitchers led by starter Andrew Jarrell, who got the win. He allowed two runs on seven hits and a walk. Matt Johnson and Derek Mitchell finished up.

Churchill starter Brian Runge went all seven innings. He allowed nine hits, walked one and struck out four in suffering the loss.

Devin Moynihan had two hits, including a triple, while Ricky Scully added an RBI single in the first and Jimmy Tyler contributed an RBI single in the sixth.

But the Chargers, who slipped to 13-14 overall and 6-4 in the division, stranded seven runners, including first and third with no outs in the

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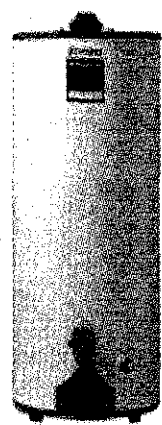
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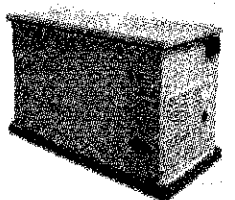
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Blazers rule CHSL

A 12-11 victory May 10 over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep enabled host Livonia Ladywood to capture the Catholic League varsity girls lacrosse championship. Ladywood advanced to the final with a 17-11 win over Warren Regina. Members of the Blazers include (front row, from left): Jenna Sheahan, Megan Scherrer, Leah Malm, Emily Niemyski, Kelly Lorenz, head coach Julie Holland, assistant coach Lauren Mix, Jessica Padmos, Paige Shesterkin, Maria Rotondo, Diane Alent, assistant coach Rachel Holland; (back row, from left) Emily Parran, Hillary Shesterkin, Devon Corby, Katelyn Tarrant, Elizabeth DeGeus, Ashley Ballarin, Courtney Smith, Ashley Hines, Jackie Misco, Ellen Gwozdek, Marissa Ellswood, Jennifer Erley, Niki Jacobs and Gaby Meyer. On Friday, the Blazers wrapped up their regular season with a 14-6 loss at South Lyon as Padmos scored a pair of goals, while Rotondo stood out in goal. Ladywood enters regional play with an 8-9 overall record.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

sixth. Salem shares the Lakes Division title with Walled Lake Northern at 7-3 each, but wins the tiebreaker to play in the championship game this Wednesday against Western Division champ Northville based on head-to-head meetings.

W.L. NORTHERN 8, STEVENSON 7: On Friday, host Walled Lake Northern (16-9, 7-3) gained a share of the W.L.A.A.'s Lakes Division title by rallying for three runs in the final two innings to beat Livonia Stevenson (7-18, 1-9).

Russ VanMaele's two-run homer in the sixth knotted the count at 7-all and Knights added the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh.

Van Maele, Dave Saylor and Bo Brown each collected two hits for the Knights, who share the divisional crown with Salem, but lose the first-place tie-breaker.

Jeff Grimes was the winning pitcher in relief.

Jake Wilson went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBI for the Spartans. Jon Samaan added two hits and one RBI, while Mike Tuttle and Jeff Sorenson also knocked in runs.

JOHN GLENN 10, EDEL FORD 4: Kyle Acuna went 3-for-4 and scored three runs Friday as Westland John Glenn (15-15) earned the non-league victory over host Dearborn Edsel Ford (10-8).

Jon Lada reached base four

times and knocked in three runs, including a two-run single.

Winning pitcher Jake Sperry went the first four innings before giving way to Andrew DeLuca, who went the final three. The two combined on a seven-hitter with seven strikeouts and four walks.

JOHN GLENN 4, SALEM 0: Robert Fraser pitched a four-hitter complete game Thursday as host Westland John Glenn (14-15, 6-4) played spoiler by knocking off the W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division leading Rocks (16-9, 7-3).

Fraser struck out 12 and walked only two in going seven innings.

Glenn scored three times in the fourth inning after two were out.

Jon Gillis singled and moved to third on consecutive wild pitches. He came home on Chris Kangas' RBI single. Fraser singled and Steve Hickson's two-run single made it 3-0.

The Rockets added a run in the fifth when Jerome Scales walked. He advanced Andrew DeLuca's sacrifice. Jace Paciocco followed with a single and Scales scored on Kevin LaFave's RBI groundout.

Salem starter Dave Hales took the loss. In five innings, he allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks. Chris Kordick pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 1: Kevin Delapaz singled in the game-winning run with two-out in the bottom of the seventh Thursday to give the host Chiefs (16-8, 4-6) the W.L.A.A.-Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (11-13, 3-7).

A single by Cody Blakita, sacrifice bunt by Zane Birchler and

a single by Mike Madias set the stage for Delapaz, who ripped a shot off the glove of losing pitcher Mark McRobb.

Winning pitcher Will Tidwell went all seven innings, allowing six hits. He struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

McRobb, who gave up a first-inning solo homer to Dan Stoney (his fifth of the year), also allowed six hits in 6.1 innings. McRobb walked two and struck out four.

Franklin tied it in the top of the seventh on a single by Wayne Hawkins, a sacrifice by and a pinch-hit RBI double by Tyler Barnes scoring pinch runner Josh Weigand.

Mike Basner had two hits for the Patriots, while Madias and Delapaz each collected two for Canton.

PLYMOUTH 12, WAYNE 2: Garrett Rebin may have a deliberate wind-up, but what it produces is anything but slow Thursday for Plymouth right-hander as the host Wildcats (16-9, 6-4) took six innings to mercy Wayne Memorial (9-19, 1-9).

The Zebras found that out the hard way Thursday afternoon when Rebin, who walked two and struck out two, limited Wayne to five hits in five innings.

Ten different players contributed to the Wildcats' 15-hit attack - most notably lead-off hitter David Harvey, who went 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI; and Matt Priebe, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

Other key hitters for Plymouth included Stephen Ostrowski, who had a pinch-hit, two-run single, and Michael Rose, who went 2-for-2 with a run scored.

W.L.A.A. aspirations

Chargers blank Vikings in title tune-up, 5-0

Livonia Churchill tuned up for its Western Lakes Activities Association girls championship match with a 5-0 win last week over visiting Walled Lake Central.

The Chargers, now 14-1-2 overall and Lakes Division champions at 8-1-1, will face Western Division champion Northville in a battle between the state's top-two ranked teams in Division 1 for the W.L.A.A. title, 7 p.m. this Wednesday (May 21) at home.

"Basically we've been talking a lot lately about switching the point of attack and playing quickly, and today we did that with emphasis," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said of the Wednesday win over Central. "Ball possession was 2-to-1 in our favor and we were clicking for sure."

Bailey Brandon scored the first of her two goals just 1:07 into the match and added another goal at the 17-minute mark as the Chargers roared out to a 4-0 halftime lead against Central (5-7-4, 4-4-2).

Kayla Johnson finished with a goal (53rd minute) and two assists, while Darcy DeRoo (30th minute) Callie Mack (64th minute) and also added goals.

Hannah Otto also drew an assist.

"Hannah may not have the goals and assists, but she does so much work in the offensive third, which allows us to be dangerous," Hebestreit said. "We also have really been using our restarts (throw-ins and corners) to good effect lately, scoring often directly off of them . . . and Darcy is such a weapon with her height on

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composure."

W.L. NORTHERN 1, STEVENSON 0: On Wednesday, Trish Bender's second-half goal off an assist from Karleen Herbst in the 55th minutes gave host Walled Lake Northern (10-4-2, 7-3) the W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

Northern goalkeeper Payj O'Shea notched her ninth shutout of the year.

"We played O.K. defensively as a team, but didn't have enough fire in the offensive end," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought Shannon Merritt and Stephanie Gutkowski were solid all night for us. We lost Molly McConnell for the game on a first-half injury, so that definitely hurt us in terms of our attack."

"Payj O'Shea was very good in net for them."

SALEM 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Goalkeeper Kristen Dondzila registered her sixth shutout of the season Wednesday to lead the Rocks (7-6-4, 5-4-1) to the W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (1-14-1, 0-10).

The one-sided triumph improved the Rocks to 7-6-4 overall and 5-4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Senior captain Katie Shull had a big night for the Rocks, scoring their first two goals. Shull's second goal came on a penalty kick.

Amanda Krause, Ariel Dews, Lindsey Newton and Kaylyn Brzys also notched net-finders for the winners.

Goalkeeper Lauren Whitt, who made 20 saves in a 6-1 loss Monday to Walled Lake Northern, stood out again for the Rockets, who trailed 2-0 at halftime with one Salem goal coming on a penalty kick.

PLYMOUTH 2, WAYNE 0: In a W.L.A.A.-Western Division match, the host Wildcats earned a "Senior Night" victory over Wayne Memorial (0-16-1, 0-9-1) thanks to second-half goals from Julie Forster and Emily Guglielmo.

Kelly Dobbs assisted on Forster's goal while McKenzie Hengesh assisted Guglielmo.

Marissa Williams earned the shutout for the 'Cats.

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0: On Wednesday, The host Chiefs scored twice in the opening five minutes en route to a W.L.A.A.-Western Division mercy-ruler triumph over Livonia Franklin (1-14-1, 1-8-1).

Canton led 3-0 at intermission. "We held them for the next 30 (minutes) after the two goals," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "It was a wake-up call that we needed and we regrouped and went back to our game. We put pressure on them and forced them to make some bad decisions."

"We were even able to break through them a bit to get a few decent chances on goal. We kept the pressure on after their third goal, but just couldn't hold them off."

S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1: In a first-round Metro Conference playoff match Wednesday, host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (9-1-2) got a pair of unassisted goals from Ariel Roddy to beat Livonia Clarenceville (4-7-1).

Roddy and Kelsey Martin each tallied two goals and one assist. Becky Ostosh also scored for the Cranes.

Goalkeeper Abby Cohen notched eighth shutout of the season.

On Tuesday, the host Trojans fell to Southfield Christian in a non-conference match, 2-1.

Jill Brown scored Clarenceville's lone goal, while Liz Nagle and Heather Schario tallied goals for the Eagles (5-8).

MONROE 3, WAYNE 1: On Tuesday, the host Trojans (14-2-1) Senior Night with a non-league win over Wayne (0-15-1).

Goals from Ellen Weaver (assisted by Kate Gladieux) and a penalty kick converted by goalie Emily Howe gave Monroe a 2-0 halftime advantage.

An own goal following a cross by Abby McCollum gave the Trojans a 3-0 lead midway through the second half.

Wayne scored with only four seconds remaining to avert the shutout.

Johnson hurls Spartans to win

Senior pitcher Jamie Johnson tossed a five-hit shutout Friday as Livonia Stevenson blanked visiting Walled Lake Northern in a girls softball game, 4-0.

Johnson struck out 11 and did not allow a walk in seven innings as the Spartans improved to 10-5 overall and 7-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson scored two runs in the fourth on Lauren Brueck's two-run single and put it away with two more in the sixth as Brueck singled and later scored. Shelby Wilson went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI triple in the sixth.

Losing pitcher Kristina Weltzin gave up eight hits. Katie Hockstad paced the Knights with two hits.

FRANKLIN 5, CANTON 1: Brittany Taylor and Jessica Emery each went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (20-8, 5-5) downed the Chiefs (14-12, 4-6) in a W.L.A.A.-Western Division encounter.

Natalie Polakowski added an RBI single, while Brianna Taylor chipped in with a single, stolen base and a run scored.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (16-4) allowed just four hits and three walks over seven innings. She struck out four.

Losing pitcher Hilary Payne gave up seven hits, walked none and fanned six. She had a solo homer in

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the first inning.

PLYMOUTH 12, WAYNE 2: In a W.L.A.A.-Western Division game Thursday, Amy Bondy went 3-for-4 with two runs scored as the Wildcats (15-10, 6-4) took five innings to mercy host Wayne Memorial (6-20, 0-10).

Amanda Burnard also doubled twice and scored two runs.

Winning pitcher Megan Patterson struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Jordan Berry and Ashley Ringel each had a hit and scored a run for Wayne.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up 12 hits, walked five and struck out six.

SALEM 10, JOHN GLENN 0: In a five-inning mercy Thursday, the Rocks (19-6, 8-2) downed visiting Westland John Glenn (1-18, 0-10) as freshman pitcher Briana Lee tossed a one-hitter.

Lee struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

Kelli Janiczek went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI for Salem, while Cristina Parsons added two of Salem's seven hits.

Amanda Caudill had the lone hit for Glenn.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook, the victim of five errors, walked three and struck out four.

HURON VALLEY 20, AGAPE 11: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-11, 1-9) exploded for 13 runs in the first two innings Thursday to beat host Canton Agape Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference-Red Division game. Nicole Smith led the offensive assault going 4-for-4 and reaching base six times with four runs scored. Emily Helwig went 3-for-4 with a triple, two walks and four RBI.

Sarah Schaffer, who worked the first two and final two innings, allowing just one run, got the win on the mound. She combined with Paige Sharrow to limit the Wolverines to five hits.

CLARENCEVILLE 20, KINGSDOWN 9: Livonia Clarenceville (7-13, 4-6) belted out 11 hits in a Metro Conference consolation playoff win Thursday over Bloomfield Hills Kingsdown.

Top hitters for the Trojans, who won in a five-inning mercy, included senior Samantha Sillanpaa (2-for-4; three runs; RBI; junior Brittany Brooks (2-for-4; double, two runs; three RBI; senior Chelsea Lawler (2-for-2; two runs; RBI); and junior Charmaine McQueen (1-for-1; three walks; four runs; two RBI).

Sophomore Val Sochacki (6-8) got the victory, allowing nine earned runs on 11 hits. She walked one and fanned three.

Andrea Gorson and Tess Bassey each went 2-for-3 for the Cranes. Clarenceville was coming off a first-round 12-8 playoff defeat to host Clawson.

"It was nice to see the girls come out ready to play," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "After suffering a tough loss to Clawson, we needed to get things back together again and end the losing streak we were on. This is Clarenceville softball, but I would like to hit a little more, but it was a positive win for us."

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 153 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158

May 14 at Whispering Willows
Stevenson scorers: Christian Debay, 37 (medalist); Drew Mossicoian and Tom Cullum, 38 each; Dan Dufour, 40; Adam Giordano, 41; Jordan Rayburn, 42.
Churchill scorers: Josh Proben, 38; Erik Newman, 39; Dan Bostick, 40; Kevin Robinson, 41; Adam Yarber, 42; Brian Bint, 43.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall, 6-2 W.L.A.A.; Churchill, 5-5 overall, 5-5 W.L.A.A.

PLYMOUTH 158 WAYNE MEMORIAL 218

May 13 at Hickory Creek
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Sanders, 35 (medalist); James Bryans, 40; Ryan Bauer, 41; Kyle Eisiminger and Andrew Overmyer, 42 each; Justin Bauer, 47.
Wayne scorers: Gary Neill, 49; Jacob Smith, 51; Ryan Raymor, 55; Kanav Mahotra and John McTigue, 63 each; William Luke, 67.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-4 W.L.A.A.; Wayne, 0-10 overall.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 2

May 13 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Courtney Jones, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Laura Sims (LS) def. Jennifer Wagner, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Lia Stewart, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Allison Lewsky (FHH) def. Carl Marschner, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1).

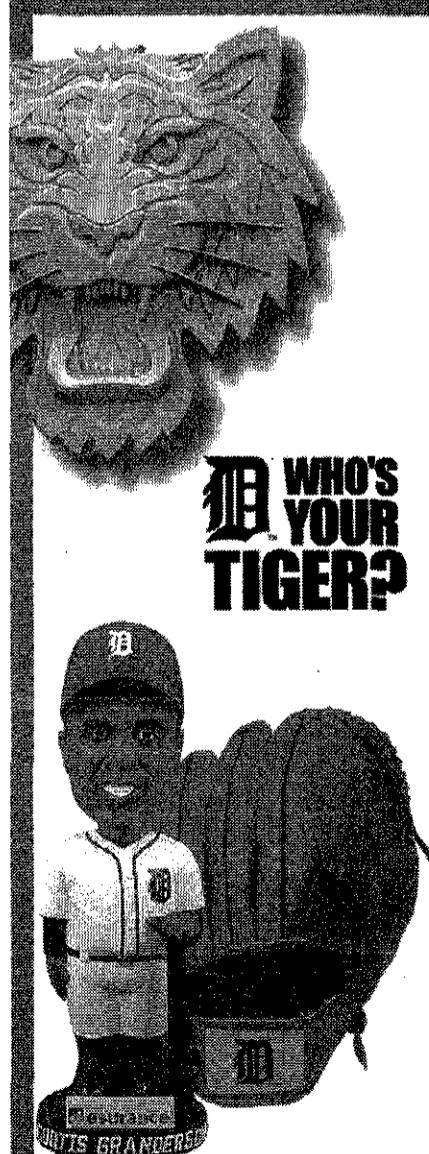
No. 1 doubles: Kately Roberts-Katherine Morse (LS) def. Lauren Connelly-Brisbane Asekome, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Gabrielle Sabatini-Laura Gumper (LS) def. Paula Warren-Mayuke Yagya, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Christine Mathis-Lydia Miller (FHH) def. Ashley Benvenuti-Shannon Dwight, 6-4, 4-6 (10-3 tiebreaker; third set); No. 4: Danielle Jagodzinski-Simona Cnea (LS) def. Kristin Stark-Saki Maeno (FHH), 6-4, 6-0.

Stevenson's dual match record: 10-12 overall.

PLYMOUTH 7, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
May 6 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Jessica Novack (WM) defeated Laurie Strahm, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Kylie McKenzie (P) def. Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Chelsea Craig (P) def. Jessica Gush, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Jessica Bracey (P) def. Nancy Watson, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Shannon O'Guinn-Ellen Mitchell (P) def. Kelsi Thomas-Alicia Evans, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Radhika Patel-Gina Matar (P) def. Sam Walters-Victoria Baker, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Claire Marchesano-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Ashlee Szabo-Zoie Smallwood, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Jahnvi Patel-Priya Joshi (P) def. Megan McGregor-Brittney Malloy, 6-0, 6-2.

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REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK RESULTS May 16 at Canton BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 107 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 75; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 72; 4. (tie) Salem and Dearborn Fordson, 67 each; 6. Livonia Churchill, 63; 7. Canton, 47.5; 8. Detroit Cady, 35; 9. Plymouth, 31; 10. Wayne Memorial, 29; 11. Livonia Franklin, 24; 12. Dearborn, 17; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 15; 14. Garden City, 8.5; 15. Redford Union, 4; 16. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 0.

3:30.58; 3. Plymouth, 3:31.61; 4. Fordson, 3:33.32; 5. Churchill, 3:34.29; 6. RU, 3:35.16; 7. Cass, 3:35.56; 8. Dearborn, 3:36.77. (sq): additional state qualifier. DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK RESULTS May 16 at Canton TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 136 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 99; 3. Livonia Franklin, 81; 4. Westland John Glenn, 56; 5. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 54; 6. Plymouth, 47; 7. Detroit Cady, 42; 8. Detroit Cass Tech, 35; 9. Dearborn, 32; 10. Salem, 30; 11. Canton, 26; 12. (tie) Dearborn Fordson and Redford Union, 6; 14. Garden City, 5; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4; 16. Wayne Memorial, 3.

FINAL RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state meet) Discus: 1. Zach Bozigan (WJG), 153 feet, 9 inches; 2. James Kelly (WJG), 144-4; 3. Brendan Bringham (DF), 144-1; 4. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 143-6; 5. Andrew Defelice (Dobn), 142-11; 6. Abdullah Homayed (DF), 140-7; 7. Bilal Baydoun (DF), 138-9; 8. Austin Hassen (WM), 138-1. High jump: 1. Jace Beardon (Salem), 6-5; 2. Pat York (LS), 6-5; 3. Mitchell White (LS), 6-5 (sq); 4. Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-3 (sq); 5. Yusuf Naser (DF), 6-3 (sq); 6. Isiah Williams (DF), 6-3 (sq); 6. Michael Hatcher (Dobn), 6-1; 8. Keith Zech (Canton), 5-11. Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin (WJG), 22-3; 2. Myles White (LS), 22-2.5; 3. Dominique Williams (Salem), 20-9.5; 4. Erid Edwards (WM), 20-9; 5. Hassen Amen (DF), 20-7; 6. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-4.5; 7. Ocie Lewis (Canton), 20-0.5; 8. Isaac Cadel (LF), 19-9.5.

FINAL RESULTS (top 2 qualify for state meet) Discus: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 122-08; 2. Ashley Benton (Salem), 104-02; 3. Savannah Haig (LF), 101-08; 4. Lara Haddad (DF), 96-11; 5. Colette Fodera (LS), 95-08; 6. Maame Adomako (LS), 94-07; 7. Shannon Getchen (LC), 93-09; 8. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 91-05. High jump: 1. Emily Quint (LF), 5-2; 2. Cierra Yettis (LC), 5-2; 3. Liz Hollaway (LF), 5-0; 4. Michaela Geedke (EF), 5-0; 5. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 5-0; 6. Olivia Amend (EF), 4-9; 7. Jaclyn Griebek (LC), 4-9. Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-11.5; 2. Elise Glass (EF), 16-10; 3. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-10; 4. Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 16-1.5; 5. Chelsea Pasmith (LS), 15-9.5; 6. Amanda Hall (DF), 15-8; 7. Sara Behrendt (DF), 15-5.5; 8. Monica Hardy (LF), 14-10. Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 10-0; 2. Jamie Marifluh (LC), 9-5; 3. Emily Quint (LF), 9-4; 4. Eren Ural (LC), 8-8; 5. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 8-8; 6. Leah Knisely (P), 8-2; 7. Martha Peck (EF), 8-2; 8. Jennifer Olmstead (LC), 8-2. Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38-5.5; 2. Ashley Price (LF), 35-3; 3. Becca Bartek (LS), 34-10; 4. Maame Adomako (LS), 33-5.5; 5. Taylor Byron (LC), 32-06.5; 6. Shannon Getchen (LC), 32-12.5; 7. Savannah Haig (LF), 32-0; 8. Tyler Buchanan (P), 31-07.5. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Sara Kroll, Emily Clairmont, Michele Verellen, Rachel McFarlane), 9:50.56; 2. Stevenson (Katie Glynn, Katie Vidler, Chrissy Tappan, Christina Joss), 9:57.90; 3. Franklin, 9:59.97; 4. Dearborn, 10:04.19; 5. Plymouth, 10:15.99; 6. Edsel Ford, 10:32.84; 7. Cass Tech, 10:38.34; 8. RU, 10:40.03.

110 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 14:11; 2. Samer Naser (DF), 14:52; 3. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.61 (sq); 4. Thomas Gordon (Cass), 15:48; 5. Dennis Dillard (WJG), 15:66; 6. Michael Giles (Salem), 15:72; 7. Cameron Wudyka (LF), 15:82; 8. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15.9. 100 dash: 1. DeShawn Williams (Cody), 10:38; 2. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 10:42; 3. Dior Mathis (Cass), 10:55 (sq); 4. Brandon Hall (DF), 10:69 (sq); 5. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10:7 (sq); 6. Cortez Smith (Cass), 10:75 (sq); 7. Javon Washington (Cass), 11:0 (sq); 8. Christian Jefferson (Cass), 11:0 (sq). 800 relay: 1. Cody Williams, Pierre West, Darryl Murphy, Foley Mitchell, 129:92; 2. John Glenn (Juan Marks, Martin, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 130.3; 3. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Mitchell White, Serjison, Myles White, Warren Buzzard), 131:99; 4. Canton, 1:33.51; 5. Garden City, 1:33.6; 6. Cass Tech, 1:35.8; 7. RU, 1:36.79. 1,600: 1. Timothy Harris (Cass), 4:31.75; 2. Jacob Schofield (WM), 4:33.68; 3. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:35.63; 4. Mike Krcatoovich (LF), 4:36.33; 5. Joshua Hurst (Canton), 4:36.33; 6. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:39.18; 7. Nasser Suleiman (Dobn), 4:44.86; 8. Adham Aljhami (DF), 4:47.26. 400 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Jordan, Terri Jones, Cortez Smith, Dior Mathis), 42:02; 2. Franklin (Darell Myree, Cadee, Mike Baumgardner, Paul Voegel), 43:02; 3. Stevenson (Austin White, Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White, Anagnostou), 43:09 (sq); 4. Cody West, Williams, Murphy, Mitchell, 43.23 (sq); 5. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 43.41 (sq); 6. Churchill (Emmanuel Dixon, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomney, Daran Carey), 43.83 (sq); 7. Fordson, 44.05; 8. Edsel Ford, 44.47. 400: 1. Buskey (LS), 50.49; 2. Julian Domanico (DF), 50.6; 3. Sergison (LS), 51.75; 4. Mike Hanchett (Ply), 51.46; 5. Denzel Wells (Cass), 52.67; 6. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 52.94; 7. Billy Gutowski (LC), 53.08; 8. Christopher Janoda (Canton), 53.1. 300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 39:07; 2. Tim Belcher (Canton), 39:23; 3. Naser (DF), 39.38 (sq); 4. Powell (WM), 40:8; 5. Courtt Gregory (LF), 41:78; 6. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 41:85; 7. Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 41:92; 8. Dennis Swift (LS), 42.06. 800: 1. Grysko (LC), 1:58.65; 2. Mike Gibbons (LS), 1:59.23; 3. Wallath (Ply), 2:00.53; 4. Chonsey Pogue (Cass), 2:02.03; 5. Schofield (WM), 2:03.52; 6. Schmidt (LC), 2:03.82; 7. Brian Chambers (GC), 2:04.6; 8. Evan Sirena (LF), 2:05.72. 200: 1. Williams (Cody), 22:13; 2. Julian Easterley (Cass), 22:19; 3. Martin (WJG), 22:29 (sq); 4. Dawkins (WJG), 22:53; 5. Jefferson (Cass), 22:89; 6. Connor McKinney (Ply), 22:9; 7. Washington (Cass), 23.0. 3,200: 1. Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:51.61; 2. Saeed Saleh (DF), 9:56.36; 3. Matt Devey (Salem), 10:02.1; 4. Craig Cowling (Salem), 10:05.32; 5. Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:06.0; 6. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:06.38; 7. Michael Charara (Salem), 10:12.12; 8. Oeis Alkirsch (DF), 10:14.97. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Hassanien, Jordan Wisniewski, Belcher, Eric Piwowar), 3:28.93; 2. Stevenson (Sergison, Pollard, Gibbons, Buskey),

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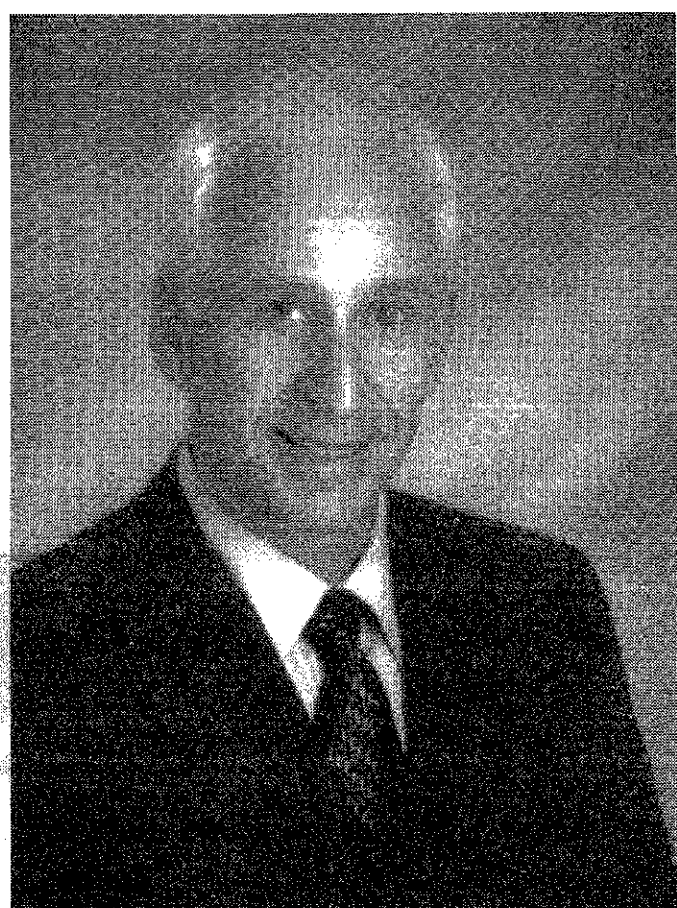
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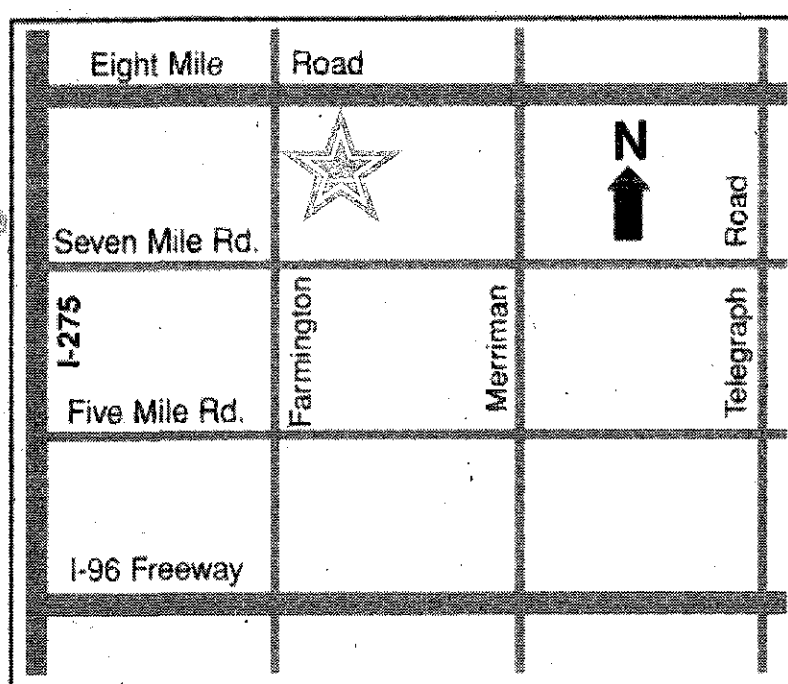
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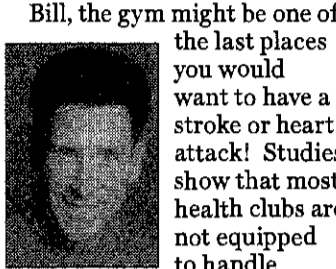
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When picking gym check its plan for emergency

Bill from Warren e-mails that he is trying to choose a new gym. He has a heart condition and wants to know what to look for.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen Some 20 percent of clubs have

had a member with a cardiac episode in the last five years, but 33 percent of instructors are not even certified in basic CPR! About 30 percent of clubs don't screen members for a history of heart disease. Only two clubs surveyed had a written emergency plan, even though 95 percent of clubs said such a plan is very important. What can you do to protect yourself? You can start with your homework! Check out the club's emergency procedures, especially if you are over the age of 35 or have an existing heart condition.

Elaine from Redford wants to know all the natural ways to reduce her risk of coming down with Alzheimer's.

Elaine, when it comes to cutting your chances for this debilitating disease, the answer may be in the tea leaves. New research shows that both black and green tea help combat the activity of two key enzymes linked to Alzheimer's disease.

One of those enzymes interferes with a chemical messenger in the brain. The other has been traced to protein deposits in the brains of Alzheimer's victims.

Both black and green tea come from the same plant, but green seems to hold the edge over black when it comes to Alzheimer's fighting properties. Black tea is also fermented. The anti-Alzheimer's benefits of green tea seem to last for about a week, while black tea's benefits only last for a day. Another important thing to note here is that green tea's antioxidants may be able to help mend some of the cellular damage linked to Alzheimer's.

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

Sports nutrition

No substitute for a healthy diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jon Pierret always tries to stay away from junk food, but didn't know much else about good sports nutrition until registered dietitian Beverly Price spoke to the Farmington Hills boys' Honeybaked Hockey Team out of Hazel Park Ice Area.

A lack of calcium in the diet can lead to fractures, especially in youth. Carbohydrates and protein are needed to maintain energy levels for all ages.

"I learned not to put a lot of protein shakes and energy drinks into your body and milk is very good for you after a game. It helps replenish," said Pierret, a student at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills. The 13-year-old has been playing eight years in the Midwest Elite Hockey League against teams from Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit. "She said to stick to a lot of protein and carbs before a game to give you energy, and fruits are very good."

Last Sunday when the team was in Toronto for a training camp, Pierret started the day with a breakfast of scrambled eggs and pancakes. Lunch was lasagna and a salad. The team played in the afternoon and on the drive home stopped at Arby's for a sub.

"With playing hockey over the years, my parents told me to stay away from junk food. I can tell when I eat junk food it really slows you down," said Pierret, who wants to play professional hockey some day. "You don't have the same energy."

Price regularly counsels serious as well as casual athletes. Her advice varies depending on the sport, age, gender, body type and size, and how often they compete or if they just run in the neighborhood.

"Some athletes may need to lose a little bit of weight, some may battle to keep it on but if somebody is exercising for at least an hour, they definitely need to have some sort of a snack. It might be fruit, could be sport bars or gels, or eating an extra half a sandwich or sandwich," said Price, who counsels individual clients on high school teams and casual athletes as part of her nutrition practice in Huntington Woods. She recently released the DVD *Reconnect with Food* and is co-author of the book, *Nutritional Secrets for Optimal Health*. "If somebody has a practice after school make sure they pack some extra food. If they're working out, make sure they eat within a half hour after and focus on carbohydrates like whole grains, fruits, pasta, rice or potato, bread to replace energy they might need for the next day. Muscles can utilize energy from the food more efficiently if they eat within a half hour."

Price says there's very little data to support the need for supplements. She recommends taking a vitamin and mineral made from natural ingredients or whole foods daily but not a one a day because of chemicals such as dyes.

"People think a little is good, a lot is better," said Price. "Some things contain ephedrine. A woman in a friend's



Price, but was kind of an ephedrine overdose."

HYDRATION

Athletes should avoid high caffeine drinks as well. Sports drinks can put on weight.

"The high caffeine drinks are kind of like sugar in a way. It gets in your system quickly and leaves quickly and can really stimulate the heart rate for people with a low tolerance and impede performance," said Price. "Some people might need iron. You lose some iron in sweat. If you're feeling tired all the time and not overtraining and getting a lot of rest go to the doctor and have it checked. Sodium and potassium can be replaced by a well-balanced diet. There is some evidence to show that having a teaspoon of Celtic salt a day can be helpful for replacing some of the losses causing energy depletion."

Athletic performance can be impaired even when your body's slightly dehydrated. The average person needs two liters of water a day. Price recommends those competing should drink a lot of water the night before, two hours before and during the event. For those exercising, she suggests drinking two cups two hours before exercise, another two cups 15 to 20 minutes before exercise, four to six ounces every 10 to 15 minutes while exercising and as much as you need after. Price was a competitive swimmer for years and cautions athletes not to forget to drink water because you sweat while swimming. "If urine is light in color you're well hydrated, if dark you're dehydrated," said Price.

PROTEIN AND CARBS

Athletes in general don't need extra protein unless they're weight lifting and body building because it can be dehydrating. Price says carbohydrates and

these are more important than protein for long distance or cross country training.

"Carbs are for bursts of energy. Long term you're drawing on a lot of fat for energy," said Price. "Pregame they need high carbohydrate like pasta, rice, and a lot of rest. Postgame meals should still be high in carbohydrates and eaten 15 to 30 minutes after."

All in all there's no substitute for a healthy nutritious diet

"Everyday eating should be whole grains, fruits, vegetables, healthy protein sources, at least three meals a day. Some people like elite athletes may need to eat six times a day or more," said Price. "Over half of the calories should come from carbohydrates, no more than a third from fat and the rest protein. The role of protein, carbohydrate and fat is to absorb certain vitamins: A, D, E, K.

Price recommends fats such as olive and canola oils, raw nuts and butters, and flax seed and oil.

"They need antioxidants because athletes breathe in more oxygen and pollution to make sure cells stay healthy and nutrients such as calcium, sodium, iron and zinc."

Price is concerned about the number of girls she's seeing with fractures due to lack of good nutrition.

"They're drinking too much pop and not getting enough calcium and phosphorus robs your bones of calcium," said Price. "Calcium is more absorbable in leafy green vegetables, beans and legumes. Even almonds are a good source of calcium. Soy products have a lot of absorbable calcium, calcium-enriched orange juice. Boys have a higher bone density so they may not be as prone to bone fractures."

Meghan Steingold fractured the same foot twice in the last three years. The Huntington Woods girl is a com-

petitive figure skater with the Barkley Royal Blades club. She's been on the ice since second grade. An eighth-grade student at Norup Middle School in Oak Park, she is in the process of qualifying for the National Showcase, the theatrical skating competition of the U.S. Figure Skating Club Ang. 6-10, at the Rochester Figure Skating Club in Minnesota.

"I'm trying to take in more calcium. My mom gives me vitamins in the morning," said Steingold, who drinks only soy not cow's milk. "Before I go skating or if I'm competing later in day, I have a piece of fruit or yogurt, eggs in the morning for a big competition. I have to watch my weight as a figure skater. If you weigh more it's more difficult to do required jumps. I don't normally do sugar because it gets me hyper. I work off all the hyper and get tired."

Janice Steingold believes good sports nutrition is essential for Meghan whether practicing or competing statewide. Janice has taken many of Price's classes on nutrition. She also consulted Meghan's former coach Christa Berger.

"It's especially important not to eat too heavy before competition and to have protein for energy to get through the competition. Bev suggested a yogurt before she skates," said Janice Steingold. "The first fracture was a bunch of kids messing around a trampoline. I'm concerned about re-injury."

"Sports nutrition is very important especially for these girls in a competition. They're on edge. There's a lot of emotion going on. A lot of girls get stressed out and are not eating properly. It's important to eat some kind of protein to deal with the stress not just the competition. Competitions tend to be really stressful."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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Nutrition for Life
Led by St. Mary Mercy's Tamara Lark, RD, 7-8 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Early registration required (\$15 per class). Call (734) 655-8950. The next topic is Carbohydrates: 101 Wednesday, May 21.

Living to 100
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Gateway Wellness Center, 5600 W. Maple, Suite A 110, West Bloomfield. Registration is \$10. Call (248) 737-9494.

Hearing loss event
Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mall (Cost \$30), participants meet with their state representative and senator, and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to ngibb@hths.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808, Troy, MI 48099.

Tai Chi classes
Began May 5, at 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills 7 p.m. Monday and

Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Rd. (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays). Presented by the nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Divorce support group
Financial fitness with Jeanne Gonyer Baldwin, CFP, includes basics of several financial issues and strategies to deal with them 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

Race for the cure
17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, Detroit. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-862. Online team registration runs to May 13, individual registration through May 29, at www.karmanos.org/racefortheuredetroit. Cost is \$12-\$40. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May

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

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

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Sharing & Caring
Present Jen Green, naturopathic doctor, and Gail Elliot Evo, corporate manager Integrative Medicine, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Drive, Rochester Hills. Silent auction, complimentary reiki treatments, chair massage. 7:30 p.m. discussion on environmental toxins, internal stress and the development of breast cancer. \$30 donation. For reservations, call (800) 633-7377

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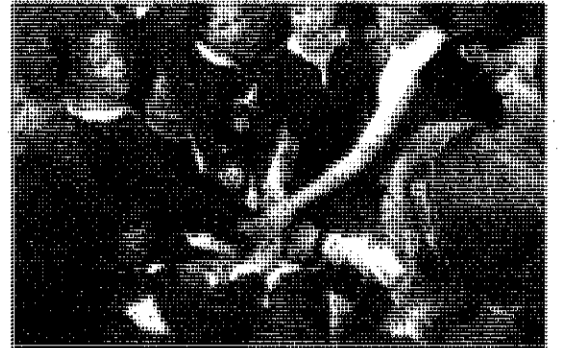
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GRRR RUGBY



The Redford rugby team members give a yell for the other team after being defeated in their game.

Girls tackle tough game

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Growling might not be ladylike, but the tactic gets Nadine Hawthorne's message across for the opposition to stay away from the Blue Ducks goal. The Redford Rugby Football Club is only two years old and already the girls' team has earned a reputation for being tough even for high school.

Hawthorne stays in shape by doing crunches and lifting weights in addition to tap dancing to stay quick on her feet as the Ducks' kicker. As fullback she uses the menacing vocals to protect her team's turf.

Rugby is no game for pansies. It's a full tackle sport played without pads. The only protection is a mouth guard.

"I like to growl. It gives me more power," said Hawthorne, a junior at Thurston High School in Redford. "I like football. This is tougher. I like the contact."

Deonna Hawthorne thinks she speaks for the majority of players' parents who worry about their girls. Deonna spends plenty of time watching the tackling drills whenever she chauffeurs Nadine to practices on Mondays and Wednesdays. Games as far away as Traverse City on Saturdays can get even rougher.

Drills help prepare the girls to pass the ball only backwards or lateral not forward. Dexterity is going to be especially important during the playoffs May 24-25.

"I'm a rugby mom. It's more of an all girls football game, but it's scary," said Deonna Hawthorne. "For the girls I think it relieves a lot of stress. It's a physical thing."

Assistant coach Lisa Risch puts the players through the paces, running them around the field behind Thurston High School. The Blue Ducks attract girls from Thurston and Stevenson High School in Livonia. Risch and Holly Hereau, the coach who started the Redford club, both play for the Detroit Rugby Football Club.

"It's continuous play. We only stop for injuries and penalties," said Risch who went to Thurston and graduated from Stevenson. "You have to be tough to play."

"If you don't think tough you can get laid out," said Megan McMann, a Thurston junior who's playing for a second year as inside center receiving and passing the ball. Hereau is her



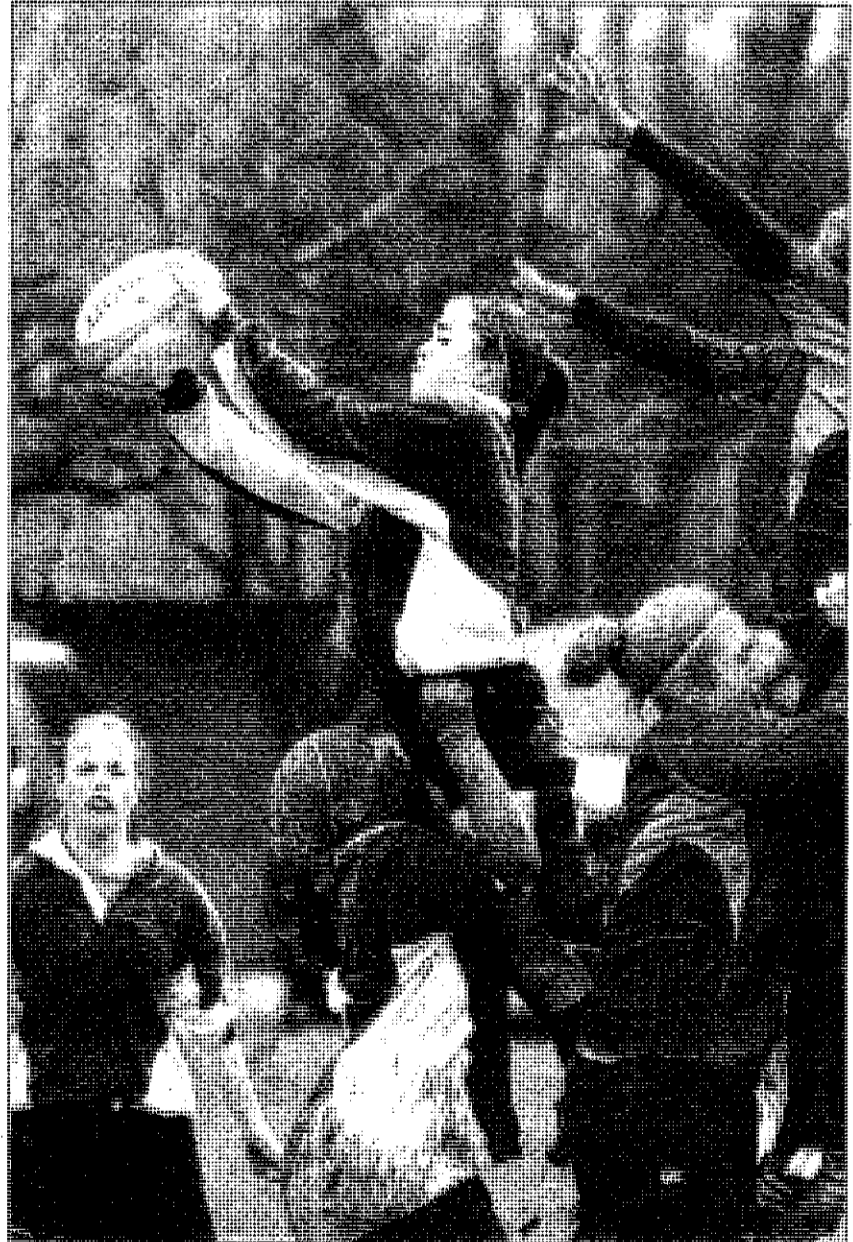
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Redford Rugby Football Club's Megan McMann off and running before being tackle by Berkley players.



Thurston's Nadine Hawthorne leads calisthenics before rugby practice.

Thurston's Ashley Ryan rests with her teammates on a time out.



Sarah Beaman of Livonia Stevenson has the ball tossed to her on a line out of the rugby game, lifting her is Jaigredrian McCoy of Thurston.

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Lintons celebrate 50th

A ceremony will be held May 31, 2008, at the home of Duane and Arlene Linton of Imlay City, Mich., to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

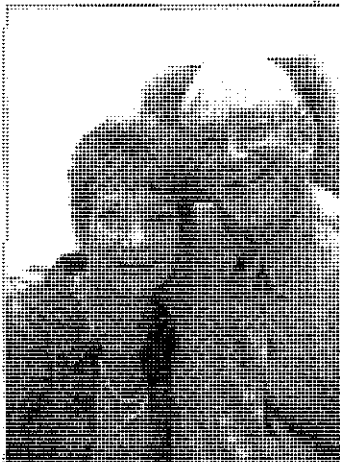
Duane retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1996 after 25 years of service. Arlene continues in her business of 37 years as a tax preparer.

The couple lived most of their married life in Wayne. They have lived in Imlay City for two years.

Duane enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Arlene enjoys collecting antiques.

An open house and barbecue will be held May 31, coordinated by their children: Chris Linton of Florida, Karen Linton of Howell, Brenda Czubaj of Wayne and Sandra Yetter of Romulus.

The Lintons have seven grandchildren. Duane's mother, Bonnie, also plans to attend.



Survivors race for a cure for breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It had been only two weeks since Toni Bailey-Lay had a partial mastectomy, but she was determined to take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

Diagnosed in April 2007 after a mammogram, the 45-year-old Westland woman had gone through screenings since her late 30s.

"I also did the Relay for Life," said Bailey-Lay, an art teacher at Madison and Jefferson/Barns elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland District. "We had a colleague in the building and we did it for her as a school. She battled cancer 3 1/2 years and died in 2005. Janet King was at Madison for years."

Bailey-Lay will be wearing a photo of King on her T-shirt when she walks in the downtown event. She considers herself fortunate because the cancer was caught early. Bailey-Lay only required radiation afterwards because her lymph nodes were negative.

"Last year I was bowled over by how many people there were," said Bailey-Lay. "There were ladies with no hair and all of us holding hands and walking across the pink carpet. I was surprised by how many people were there, men with their wives, young children walking with parents, men with breast cancer, every age, every race."

This year Bailey-Lay is excited about having the young cheerleaders she coaches, the Westland Stars, by her side as she walks the route for the race. One of her girls, Jill Wehrheim, has been with her since she was 11. Wehrheim is now



Karen Rosinski (right) of Garden City ran with her niece Jana and her niece's cousin Joshua Pike in the 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. This year's race will be Karen Rosinski's sixth. She is a four-year survivor of breast cancer.

DETROIT RACE FOR THE CURE

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

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

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

Details: Online individual registration through May 29, at www.komen.org/raceforthecure/detroit. \$12-\$40. On-site registration at May 30 Expo or race day starting at 7 a.m. Expo is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit (free)

Rosinski underwent a lumpectomy and removal of 11 lymph nodes which tested positive for cancer. She had a recurrence in a lymph node in December 2005 and underwent radiation and then six months of chemotherapy at Henry Ford Hospital. Rosinski, who works in the corporate offices of the Henry Ford Health System, has always been physically active. She doesn't drink or smoke that's why she was surprised when she found a lump under her arm.

"I always try to do everything right," said Rosinski who was All Area on her swim team at Garden City East High School in 1979.

Today she is a member of LALA (Livonia and Larger Area Aquatics) as well as a triathlon club so running is nothing new for Rosinski, a fledgling triathlete who swims 4-days and runs and bikes 3-days a week. She's signed up for three local triathlon races.

"This is just one race of many this summer, but it's the race of all the races I do. It's just huge in terms of the number of people who come out," said Rosinski who competed in Michigan Masters Swimming Championships last month. "There's definitely a lot of support."

Scholarships honor mom, sons killed in '05 crash

The Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund will begin accepting scholarship applications for area youth interested in pursuing performing arts.

"Through these scholarships, it is our hope that more area youth are able to experience a variety of performing arts and develop an appreciation and love for them just as Judy, Sam and Alex Weinstein did," said Lisa Muscio, president of the WTEFund. "In these tough economic times, a scholarship from

the Fund could be the deciding factor as to whether a child goes to a performing arts camp, takes acting or sing lessons or not."

The WTEFund was established after the tragic deaths of Judy Weinstein and her sons Alex and Sam, of Farmington Hills, by a drunk driver in Farmington Hills in May 2005. Together with surviving husband and father Gary, they were a family that loved to support and perform in community theatre.

The goal of the Fund is to honor the memory of Judy, Alex and Sam Weinstein by sharing their love of the theatre with as many people as possible.

The scholarships will provide positive exposure to live theatre and the arts. The funds will enable children, ages 7-18, to learn, attend and perform in all aspects of performance theatre. The fund will continue to encourage and inspire children to take a step into the arts just as Alex and Sam were inspired to do.

Scholarships will be awarded in three different categories: enrichment, financial and college.

The WTEFund plans to award scholarships three times per year with the first application deadline for 2008 set for May 23. A reception announcing the recipients will be held on June 25. Funds for the scholarships have been raised through several benefit events held since the May 3, 2005 tragedy.

To learn more about the scholarships and to download and application, visit www.wtefund.com or call (248) 921-1865.



Event schedule for May and June at The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre. Includes acts like James Taylor, Alicia Keys, Dave Matthews Band, Jimmy Buffett, and Stevie Nicks.

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Advertisement for Crystal Mountain. Promotes a 'Five-Night Family Vacation Package' for \$229 per night and features the Alpine Slide.

RUGBY

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biology teacher.

"I love it. It's just fun, the adrenaline. I can be rugged."

Sarah Beaman is already enjoying the rugged contact sport which provides a good workout two to three times a week for 1 1/2 to two hours. The 15-year old Stevenson High School sophomore just joined the team at the beginning of April when the season started.

"It's really exciting to watch. It's fast paced," said Beaman of Livonia. "It makes me feel tough and we do a lot of running and tackling drills."

Jaiqedrian McCoy is in her second year as a prop, an enforcer who is normally the largest player on the field.

"I play because I like hitting people," said McCoy, a Thurston student. "It's a fun way to get all your stress out. You get to hit people."

Hereau wishes she would have been able to play Rugby in high school. The Royal Oak woman first learned about the sport in her senior year at Grand Valley State University about 10 years ago. She continued to play as a graduate student at Michigan State University.

"A lot of the girls are getting confidence," said Hereau who also coaches the Rebels, the Redford club's boys team. "Half have never played anything. They say, this is cool. I'm kind of tough."

"The field is similar to a soccer field. There are teams in Berkley, Troy, Grosse Pointe, Livingston County, Traverse City, Toledo. I just love the sport. On the team are dancers, cheerleaders, a figure skater. Rugby takes the highest level of fitness. There's never a rest. It's a lot of running, hitting and getting back up again. The first year they complain. The second year it's nothing."

For more information, visit freewebs.com/redfordrugby-club.

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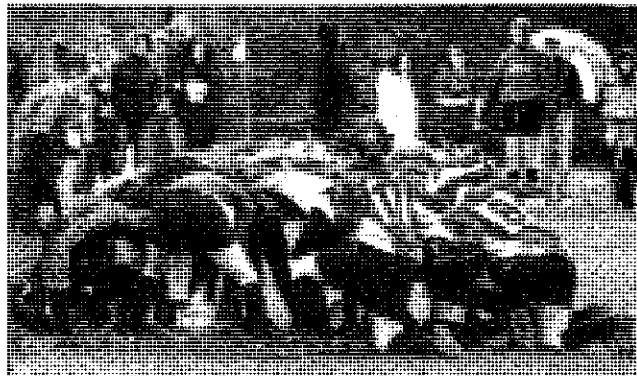
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Redford Rugby Football Club: front row from left; Stevenson Arielle Burton, Thurston Jacqui Powell, Thurston Ashley Maynard, Stevenson Sarah Beaman, Thurston Kelley Kiefer, Thurston Leigh Horne, Stevenson Bridget Ranta, and Stevenson Mary Schwartz. Back row from left; co-coach Lisa Risch of Livonia, Stevenson Jess Giesler, Thurston Tomia McKinney, Thurston Jessica Parsons, Stevenson Hailey McCulley, Thurston Nadine Hawthorne, Thurston Megan McMann and Thurston Kala Charles. Not pictured; co-coaches Holly Hereau, Eri Rospeirski and players Thurston's Jaiqedrian McCoy and Ashley Ryan.



'...There's never a rest. It's a lot of running, hitting and getting back up again. The first year they complain. The second year it's nothing.'

HOLLY HEREAU



Redford rugby team gets ready to scrum down with the Berkley team.

Garden party to raise money for Livonia Symphony Orchestra

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski says the Spring Garden Party to raise money for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra "should be real colorful with lots of flowers both fresh and fake."

The May 31 luncheon takes place at Laurel Manor in Livonia and features entertainment by the Livonia Symphony Chamber Ensemble, a garden theme auction and raffle, and sweet treats galore from the Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

"They're fabulous. Their chocolate coffee is incredible, their chocolates," said Kachnowski, an LSO board member and chairwoman of the Garden Party. "We'll have a smaller garden theme auction and a Chinese raffle with flowery jewelry, grape vine angels, cute little ceramic houses with floral themes, flats of flowers and things. The string ensemble performs during the luncheon of fresh fruit, pineapple, chicken salad. We're trying to do new and interesting things to keep things alive and there's always a desperate need to raise money for the symphony. This is an experiment this year, but next year we hope to expand it."

Seating is limited to only 160 tickets as the event was organized only recently and rooms were already booked for wedding receptions at Laurel Manor. Table sponsorships are available at a \$100 each for any business or organization interested in passing out literature on their group at the Garden Party.

"We're just holding our own. We keep our heads above water

SPRING GARDEN PARTY

What: A garden-themed luncheon and raffle to raise money for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra
When: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Laurel Manor, 19000 Brookcraft, Livonia
Tickets: \$75, call (734) 953-2145 for more info
More: www.livonia-symphony.org

but that's not enough. We have to draw bigger crowds, have to get the community involved or the symphony will have to cut concerts and the community outreach programs in the schools," said Kachnowski. "I hate to see us cut concerts that's why I came up with the idea for the garden party. We hope to do something alive and expand on it for the coming years."

"We've been getting a lot of support from Greenmead (Historical Park). They're going to be there promoting the June 21 garden walk. We're appealing to garden lovers or symphony lovers in general. Men are coming. It's not just a ladies luncheon."

Kachnowski is very busy these days trying to keep the music alive. She just returned from a meeting for the annual golf outing to raise money for the LSO June 11 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia. For details, call (248) 474-0905 or (734) 522-0721. Cost is \$125 individuals, \$400 for foursome.

"People who don't golf can come just for lunch for \$25 so they can still support the symphony," said Kachnowski.

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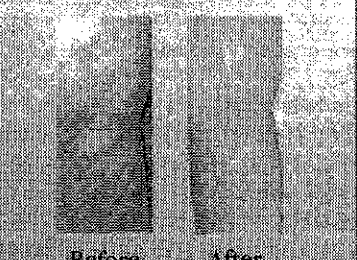
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Mind, body, spirit

Yoga workout combines movement, Christian meditation and nature

BY SHARON DARGAY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beth Duncan of Troy feels "close to God" as she stretches into a series of postures during her Monday night yoga class.

Susan Raymond of Birmingham calls the experience "therapeutic."

And Karen Brown of Troy says the physically-limiting exercises also touch her heart.

"It's so wonderful. No matter how bad your day has been, you can just forget it," Brown said. "I love the spiritual part of this."

With a focus on movement and breathing, meditation and scriptural references — all set in a heavenly landscape — their weekly yoga class goes beyond mere physical routine.

"It's a wonderful program," Duncan said. "You feel good physically and you feel good inside, too."

Grace Seroka, a Catholic who grew up on a Minnesota farm, gives her 90-minute yoga classes a Christian spin, leading students through warm-ups, postures and meditation on the banks of the Rouge River at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills. Seroka has practiced yoga for 25 years, and became a certified teacher eight years ago. After taking an internship in Ignatian spirituality at Manresa, followed by a year of spiritual exercises based on the writings of St.

Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, the Bloomfield Hills woman fused Christian teachings with yoga poses. She started teaching Christian yoga, taking her classes outdoors in good weather, about four years ago.

MUSIC OF NATURE

"The environment you're in can make such a difference," said Seroka, who is married and the mother of two grown children. "Usually we're upstairs in the (retreat house) lounge." But in spring and summer the classes head outdoors.

"There is a real beauty to being outside. It's a real connection with nature, which is one of God's beautiful creations. We're down by the river, it comes gurgling over the rocks. I don't play much music there because nature is our music. The birds are up there twirping away and the water is gurgling over rocks."

But at a recent session, after a 20-minute warm-up, Seroka led class members into a series of established yoga postures — cobra, warrior, sun salute, among others — to the song, *Take Lord, Receive*. Set to sacred music, the postures become a form of prayer.

"I don't relate to Hinduism or Hindu teachings, because that's not my faith. But I'm very grateful for the postures and for what the culture has given us. I think as we become more

global it's important for us to look at the gifts of the cultures and to receive those gifts and find out how they can weave into our culture. I'm doing that with Christian yoga. I'm taking the postures of the Hindu culture, but I'm adding sacred music. I'm adding prayer to it. I'm adding Scripture from our Bible, so that it becomes meaningful for my beliefs, my values and my way of living."

BECOMING SILENT

Seroka infuses each session with brief readings from Scripture, writings from saints and theologians, giving each class a theme based on the liturgical year. A recent session focused on "spirit" looking ahead to Pentecost Sunday, which Christians celebrated on May 11.

During the final 15 minutes of each session, class members meditate, quieting mind and stilling their bodies "to be with God," Seroka noted.

"We all need to learn how to become silent in order for God to be present with us. Otherwise, all of the distractions, all of the noise, everything is more present than God. But as we become more aware of our breath, it also increases our awareness of God."

"Yoga is such a complement to meditation. Yoga is body, mind and spirit. What connects it all is breath. We are always aware of breath as we go into postures. The more quiet we become, the more meditative, the more we're able to be centered with God."

Seroka, who is a member of the campus ministry at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac,



Grace Seroka leads her Christian yoga group through poses on the grounds at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, in Bloomfield Hills.

Outdoor yoga with a spiritual twist

NEAR OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Brian Granader, owner of Red Lotus Yoga Studio in Rochester Hills, has given weekend summer yoga retreats for the past three years at the Capuchin Retreat Center, 62460 Mt. Vernon, in Washington. He and owners of four other studios, Updog Yoga in Rochester, Yoga Studio of Shelby, House of Yoga in Berkley and Practice Yoga in Grosse Pointe Woods, team up to present three days of yoga and meditation.

The session will run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the retreat center. Tickets for the seminar only are \$20 and available through Red Lotus Yoga Studio by calling (248) 884-9642.

The yoga retreat starts with the seminar and runs through noon on Sunday, June 8. Cost is \$275. Sign up through one of the sponsoring yoga studios or call Granader at (248) 376-1239.

IN ROYAL OAK

The First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak will take its yoga classes outdoors, to Meinninger Park on Wednesdays, this summer.

Jessica Beaubien, a church member who is trained in YogaFit Level 1, Level 2 and Pre/post-natal, will lead classes from 6-7 p.m. June 11, 18, 25, July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6 and 13, at the park, located just south of Catalpa (1 1/2 Mile) at Maxwell, about a half mile west of Main.

Participants can buy a full summer pass for \$64, a half-summer pass for \$40 or walk-in for \$12 per class. Bug spray and citronella will be provided.

Register at www.soulstretch.org. Soul Stretch also offers weekend Christian yoga retreats for small groups, at a bed and breakfast in Plymouth.

By Sharon Dargay

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Italian classes are starting in June

The Italian American Club of Livonia is offering a six week Italian Language Class this spring and summer.

The adult session runs 6:30-8 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4, to July 9. The cost is \$37.50 plus books.

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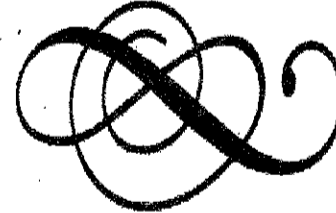
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NORA MARIE DERBY
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EILEEN L. LaCHAPELLE
Age 91, formerly of Detroit & Farmington Hills, died May 15, 2008. She is survived by her son, Robert (Sharon) Clark; grandchildren, René (Ed) Campbell and Craig (Alisa) Clark; great-grandchildren, Noah, Emily, Uriah, A.J., Zachary and Gabriella; step-children, Dorothy Graves, George (Barbara) & Doug (Marilyn) LaChapelle; brother, Frank "Clayton" Graves of TX; nephew, Michael and many loving extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, A.G. Leigh LaChapelle and a sister, Carol Guiseppe (d.2006). Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Saturday, May 17th, at 12 Noon. Memorials may be made in her name to Apple Blossom Hill. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DICK MATTHEWS
Age 78, of Canton, died Friday, May 9, 2008 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Richard Matthews was born on November 17, 1929 in Dryden, Michigan. He was the son of Frank & Alla (Spencer) Matthews. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dick lived in Westland for 26 years and later moved to Canton. Dick married Patricia Louise Kaake on July 29, 1953 in Angola, Indiana. He was a Printer/Typesetter. He was employed at the Ypsilanti Press for 25 years and Observer Newspaper in Livonia for five years. Dick was a member of Wayne First Congregational Church. He is survived by his wife Patricia of Canton; daughters Lynn (Thomas) Welch of Muskegon, Carolyn (Stanley) Owens of Plymouth and Renee (Gary) Sopko of Northville; son Rick (Debbie) Matthews of Whitmore Lake; ten grandchildren: Thomas Welch, Stacey Dalen, Brady Owens, Bryan Owens, Nicole Hopman, Lyndsay Schmedel, Gary Sopko, Sara Sopko, Megan Matthews, Allan Matthews; six great-grandchildren: Campbell, Sophia, Zahra, Aynslee, Caleb & William; sister Mary Louise (William) Leslie of Bradenton, FL. Dick is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and two infant siblings. Funeral services were held Monday, May 12, 2008 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Imlay City. Burial followed at Imlay Township Cemetery.

HERBERT D. TEWILLAGER
Age 79, a life long resident of Birmingham, died May 14, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Tewillager was born December 8, 1928, at the family home on Wallace Street in Birmingham and graduated from Birmingham High School in 1947. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Tewillager retired from Detroit Edison where he had been a lineman for 41 years. He was a passionate sportsman. Mr. Tewillager is survived by his children, Gerald (Teresa) Tewillager, Jan Gross, Jeff (Tracy) Tewillager, Joni (Pete) Marshall and Jim (Debbie) Tewillager. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Lauren, Britta, Adam and Emma and siblings, Mary Lovell, Fred (Betty) Tewillager, Jerry (Sally) Tewillager, Anne (Fred) Funke and Dan (Beverly) Tewillager. He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, JoAnn, brother, Al Tewillager and sisters, Margaret Haack and Lorraine Wallace. Funeral at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Monday 11am. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to charity of donors choice.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Settle-Killian

Bill and Angela Settle of Grand Junction, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Ann, to Brian Killian, son of Clarice and Michael Killian of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Junction High School and graduated from Mesa State College with a bachelor's degree in business. She is currently general manager of Holiday Inn in Grand Junction.

The future groom graduated from Plymouth High School in 1993 and graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in geology. He is currently employed by the Colorado Department of Transportation as a geologist.

A May wedding is planned



in Grand Junction in an outdoor setting. The couple plans a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean.



Brooks-Johnson
Mrs. Philip Brooks of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Kelly Walsh, to Jonathan Michael Johnson, son of Stephen Johnson and Margaret Johnson of Plymouth. Kristin is also the daughter of Gregory Walsh of Howell.

Kristin is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business administration.

Stephen also holds a degree in business administration from Madonna University. A winter wedding in February 2009 has been planned.

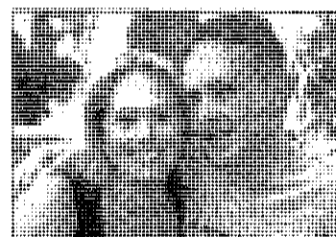
Kristin, originally from Canton and Jonathan, originally from Plymouth, currently reside in South Carolina.

Nizienski-Burkholder

Edward and Francine Nizienski of Livonia and George and Elaine Burkholder of Livonia announce the engagement of their children, Sarah A. Nizienski and Dennis J. Burkholder.

Sarah is an Eastern Michigan University graduate in elementary education. She is currently teaching in Cape Coral, Fla.

Dennis is a Henry Ford Community College graduate



in skilled trades. He is currently working for Dearborn Public Schools in the skilled trades department.

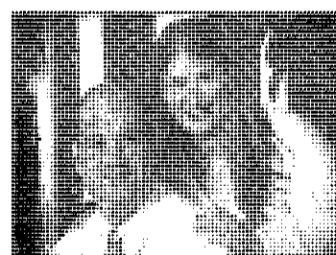
They are to be married in June 2009 in the Livonia area.

Siebert-Holdeman

Kathryn Ann Siebert of Mantua, N.J., and Seth Forest Holdeman of Itasca, Fla., are planning to be wed in August.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Faith and Evans Neale and Elliott Siebert. She is a 1989 graduate of Clearview High School and is employed as the general manager of Hampton Inn in W. Bridgeport, N.J.

The future groom is the son of Don and Pam Holdeman of



Westland. He is a 2000 graduate of Michigan Technological University and is employed as a mechanical engineer for Power Great Lakes in Illinois.

Fitzsimmons-Ahern

Joseph and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to Ryan Matthew Ahern, son of Timothy and Nancy Ahern of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School and a 2006 graduate of Albion College with bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She is currently pursuing a cognitive impairment endorsement and masters in autism from Eastern Michigan University.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School. He owns and operates



his own property maintenance company, Professional Ground Maintenance.

A June 2009 wedding is planned for First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



Loftus-Schlaff
Daniel and Lisa Loftus of Hartland announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Christine Loftus, to Thomas Allan Schlaff, son of Robert Schlaff of Dexter and Tammy Shelhart of Byron.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Hartland High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Elementary Education. She is employed as a sixth grade teacher at Laurus Academy in Southfield. Her parents are originally from Livonia, where her father was a police sergeant and is still employed as a civilian.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business administration. He is employed as a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi with a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

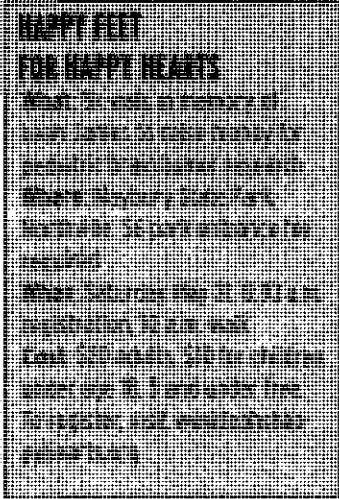
Happy Feet to raise money for pediatric brain tumor research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Cioma-James still misses her daughter Leah every minute of every day but she's more determined than ever not to let her be forgotten. On May 31, the James family holds Happy Feet for Happy Hearts, a 5-k walk to raise money for pediatric brain tumor research at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Leah died from a diffused pontine brain stem glioma Aug. 3, 2005, a little more than a year after being diagnosed then undergoing radiation treatments at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan. She was 5½-years old. One of her favorite sayings was 'my heart is happy'.

"I feel like I have to do something. I feel very helpless," said James. "The walk's like a tribute to her. We want to promote awareness. Along the trails there will be heart signs with photos of Leah and a poster board Wall of Courage



of children who have died of brain tumors. I belong to several online support groups so from all over the U.S. parents have been sending me photos of children who have died of brain tumors. To me it's unacceptable. Something has to be done."

James headed up a dinner auction last May to raise money for children dying from brain tumors and their families. She recently gave Mott a

\$10,000 check for pediatric palliative care from proceeds of the first event plus donations. Last Dec. 23, volunteers with Leah's Happy Hearts visited children on three floors of the hospital.

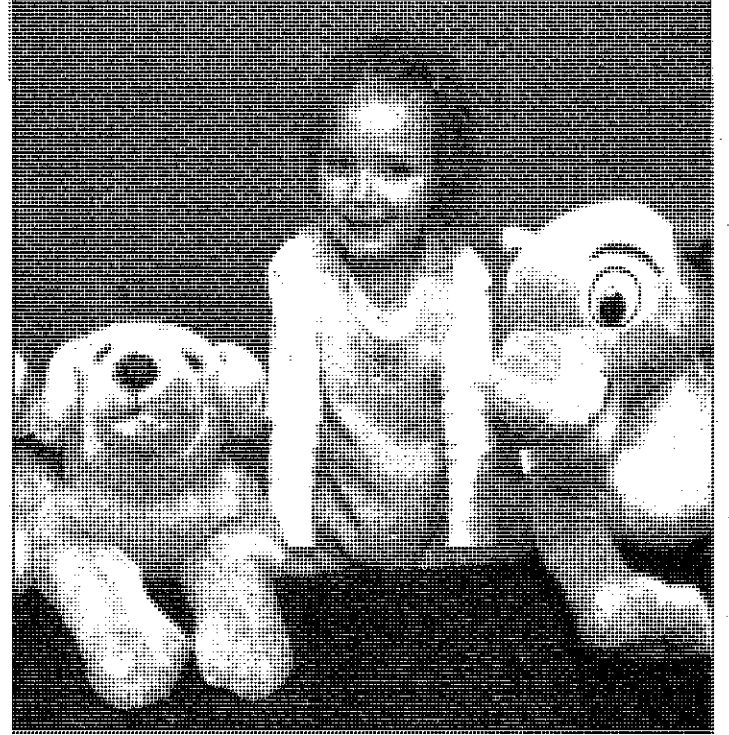
"The walk will help make our next Christmas event at Mott even more special," said James. "Last year was so fun. We purchased gifts and some gifts were donated by people in the area. With help of the Girls Scouts we made fleece blankets and brought all these gifts so the children could pick out gifts for their families. We took photos of the children and put them in a snow globe. We also gave the kids gifts. For me it keeps her memory alive by doing these types of things."

On May 31, James, her husband Phil and their 11-year-old daughter Kylie will be helping at the walk after which a light lunch will be provided. Sponsors include UAW Chrysler, Independent Bank in Livonia, and St. Mary Mercy Hospital where Leah went to

pre-school. Elementary schools are becoming involved as well. Riley in Livonia is promoting the event as is Northville Christian School which Kylie attends.

"There will be a fire-truck, clowns with balloons and tattoos of Leah's (heart shaped) logo that Leah actually drew," said James. "We are encouraging everyone to get pledges of \$100 or more and they will be entered into a drawing for a Nintendo Wii or Tiger tickets. If you pre-register you're guaranteed a T-shirt. Rain or shine we will walk."

"It's a great way to raise money and bring the community together. We have friends, families and the community walking for a purpose. For me that's powerful and supportive. I think the walk promotes awareness, that there is no cure, that this can happen to anyone. Rarely do these children live past a year and it always results in death."



Leah James died of an inoperable brain tumor in August 2005. Her family is determined to keep her memory alive by creating awareness about the need for a cure. The Happy Feet for Happy Hearts 5-k walk takes place May 31, at Maybury State Park in Northville.

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REUNIONS

Berkley High School

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

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1988
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1968
A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

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

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Class of 1968
A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge@kivlingston@nu-core.com.

Class of 1958

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

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

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Chadsey High School

Class of 1957
An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or email denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School

Class of 1958
A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmay@aol.com

com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce

Class of 1958 January, June and August
A 50-year Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

Detroit Northeastern

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey (Bynum) Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy (Rodgers) McCree at (248) 224-7598.

Detroit Western High School

Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western78@att.net.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

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

The reunion date has not been set yet.

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

Lincoln Park High School

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

Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1978
A 30-year reunion June 28, at Ramada Inn of Taylor. Contact: Tracy Zimmerman at (714) 837-2191

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

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

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1978
A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734) 637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com

Milford High School

Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail address is: milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1968
Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-0488 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools

Classes of 1988
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SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 23-49, N/S, hombody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. ☎274519

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SWPF, 42, smoker, seeks WFM, 40ish-50ish, smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowling, dining, time at home. ☎269455

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SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-59, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

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SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music, and good food, good fun. Looking for SM, 35-45, who is fun, intelligent, ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. ☎283945

SUMMER IS COMING!
BF, 45, seeks special someone to share picnics, walks in the park, quiet days at home and concerts with. If you have the cheese and wine, I have the blanket. ☎271006

LONELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 38-55, with same interests. ☎269375

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎271683

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BIF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. ☎271860

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 38-55, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230894

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Tall, attractive W/WF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. ☎267624

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE
Hi my name is Lois, I'm a 58-year-old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I have no children but have 3 cats. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, gardening and also enjoy a lot of other things and open to many more. I've got a sense-of-humor, love to laugh, very caring and considerate person. Looking for someone with similar interests, not necessarily the same as mine. Seeking a long-term relationship and see what happens. ☎137067

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. ☎235988

HERE I AM GUYS
Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 150lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted, intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. ☎238307

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241288

HONESTY A MUST
BF, 42, 5'4", 189lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256908

GORGEOUS SMILE!
SBF, 26, 5'5", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎257889

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...
White Knight, Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎262020

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎273803

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Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. ☎273294

STILL SEEKING
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'4", smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎266442

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ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, movies. Wanting to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

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SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me hear. ☎262181

HELLO THERE
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A WOMAN OF CLASS
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SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

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IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257906

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57', full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. ☎260756

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movie, bowling, church, for friendship first. ☎265509

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

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READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'7", 150lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎992549

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum blonde, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. ☎759845

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, enjoying life. Seeking an honest SM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks young, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/DM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

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SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. ☎221121

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WEST SIDE
SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks a woman, 20-40, race open, who is open-minded. ☎260319

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DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 27, 5'11", 183lbs, nice athletic build, smoker, seeks financially secure woman, 18-41, for friendship, possible romance. ☎274475

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DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old movies. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. ☎256288

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. ☎257001

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 35, homeowner, N/Kids, seeks a nice, caring woman, to share my dreams, hopes and what life has to offer. Marriage is possible if I find the right woman. ☎284788

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. ☎274599

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWM, 6', 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for SWF, 18-42, to spend time with. ☎271027

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED

SBM, 19, 6', stable, seeking a cool, respectful, independent SF, 18-25, who likes to have fun. ☎248198

HELLO SWEET LADIES
SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. ☎251319

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎64501

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244280

SOLID MORALS?
BM, 40, 5'6", 201lbs, athletic build, enjoys volleyball, fishing, swimming, skating, walks in the park, more. Looking for a woman, 40-45, 5'2"-5'5", who is church-going and has similar interests. ☎24290

COULD IT BE YOU?
DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable. ☎160058

LOVE ME FOR ME
DM, 49, 5'10", 160lbs, bright blue eyes, works afternoon shift, loves sports, watching movies, campfires. Looking for LTR with SWF, 45-52, who has a sweet personality. ☎272813

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. ☎945867

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
W/WM, 46, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

JUST A CALL AWAY
SM, 35, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys the basics: movies, dining out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with fun, happy H/W proportionate lady. ☎251185

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. ☎257029

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. ☎257496

SEEKING A LADY
SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes dancing, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will respond to all. ☎274642

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shepe, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter. seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎255002

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

LOVELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎980305

LOVES THE OUTDOORS
WM, two grown daughters, likes bowling, walks in the woods, fishing, some travel, going to movies and more. Hope to find a 40-58, who enjoys these kinds of things. ☎270367

A LOT TO OFFER
SWM, 30, 5'8", 185lbs, brown/blue, looking for SWF, 23-45, who is fun, friendly, likes getting out and having a good time. ☎273691

FRIENDLY AND FUN
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-80, to get to know and share all the good times in life. ☎238738

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO, no games, degreed, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎988147

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON
SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. ☎251226

EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN
SM, 45, hard-working cook, likes sports, music, romance, good company and quiet nights in. Looking for good-looking, happy, affectionate lady to share friendship and maybe more. ☎251014

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", graying brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, for writing action and romance films, quality conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, BF to share these. ☎223744

FOREIGN FEVER
new to michigan 39, 6'3", white male good sense of humor enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out seeks foreign female for dating, possible relationship. ☎251192

LOOKING 4 A SWEET WOMAN
HARD-working, caring, hard-hearted SM, 47, enjoys dancing, dining, bowling, documentaries and comedy films, cooking, nice times home, laughs and more. Looking for loving, happy lady to share these. Friendship/LTR. ☎253142

LOOKING FOR A DREAM
SM, Black and Native American, 43, 5'8", 175lbs, enjoys camping, soft rock music, fishing. Looking for a nice, honest, caring SW/HF, 30-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. ☎257082

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176476

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWM seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, H/W proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎262579

A GOOD MAN
SM, 45, 5'8", looking for a full-figured female, 25-50, for dating, possible LTR. Race unimportant. ☎264079

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎118355

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive SWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. ☎247764

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, no dependants, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

LET ME BE THE ONE
SWM, outgoing, very versatile, open-minded, loves sports, the outdoors and indoors, music, dining. Looking for similar woman for possible relationship. ☎276022

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎929243

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys sports, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

ROMANTIC AND ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more, offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/beauty. ☎230568

ARE YOU MARRIAGE-MINDED?
SBPM, 52, 6', 200lbs, athletic build, salt-pepper hair, enjoys travel, exercise, music, cooking, romance, walks, deep conversation, more. Seeking independent, sexy, supportive, intelligent SBF, 45-60, who seeks a monogamous relationship. ☎273373

HAPPY GO LUCKY!
SWM, 33, educated professional, seeking female, 25-36, who enjoys sports, social drinking, coffee houses, concerts and having a good time. Open to all races. ☎274366

COUNTERING THE BUSINESS DILEMMA AFTER A BIG SALE



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

A big sale often creates a show-stopping dilemma for the business that supports it. The new business may be so substantial that you consider emergency responses, such as:

- dropping part of your existing customer base; or
- analyzing how to counter the complexity that has evolved by "un-marketing."

John Mariotti discusses the last tactic in "The Complexity Crisis: Why Do Many Products, Markets and Customers Are Crippling Your Company?" (Platinum, \$19.95). Is there another approach to the solution?

BOTTLENECKS

It's tempting to cut and run. David Fields, managing director of Ascendant Consulting L.L.C., in Ridgefield, Conn., helps organizations of all sizes break through bottlenecks deterring growth. He suggests that you stop and think. "The real question," he says, "is why did you land the big fish? If your competitors landed four and you landed one, you might have left a lot on the table."

Harvey Hoffenberg, president of Propulsion L.L.C., in New

Canaan, Conn., helps marketers with strategy and brand positioning through production. He advises you to:

- staff up to meet your existing customer base;
- identify the source of your core customers;
- prioritize; and
- be decisive so that you and your staff aren't questioning what you've decided to do.

Woe is you if you drop existing customers, he adds, because "they're much more difficult to recapture than digging yourself out of a service hole. . . (Meanwhile), set that hook by continuing to market and re-market to that fish you caught." Agreeing with Fields, he also suggests that you pause long enough to ask yourself if the big fish is sending you in a new direction you should continue to pursue.

Fields, while advocating dropping unproductive customers with respect, points out, "Your worst customers are still customers. They buy from you; so they value you. But something in the relationship is not working. De-bottleneck by buffering the bottleneck." For example, if lack of time is the problem, understand that "not every bit of time is as valuable as every other bit of time. Ask yourself which alternative (task) will give the best long-term result."

Mariotti writes that when you've achieved an objective, you can't begin to eliminate problems until you understand their complexity. He advocates taking time out "to consolidate, simplify and measure/manage the complexity. . . (so) the problems start to shrink away. Until then, they just keep growing," draining profits. In fact, he implies that you should

decide in advance whether the new product or service fits into your line-up strategically.

In an interview, Mariotti, who directs The Enterprise Group in Powell, Ohio, cautions against a marketing prize so enormous "that it swamps your boat." A big fish "sucks resources from every place else in the company, including old, loyal, profitable customers" while creating a financial dilemma as you accommodate the prize.

UN-MARKETING DEPARTMENTS

In the midst of the excitement you've created, you must continue to retain your brand's good name or you'll fall back, creating more problems. Hoffenberg points out that you'll be investing either time or money and can't throw one or the other into a black hole. "Do your analysis," he directs. "Give yourself some goals or indicators, such as determining whether the long sales cycle in one group is stretching to infinity. Watch for clues about direction. "Marketing is very fickle," he comments. "Something that sticks connects with your target audience, even if it's something you never thought of. The numbers will give you a smaller place to fish, but that big fish will come because somehow you connected." He illustrates his point with the Ray Charles Diet Pepsi commercial, whose developers hadn't anticipated its runaway success.

Mariotti says that no one talks about "un-marketing departments," which should be there to accommodate product life cycles. "People have to realize that you eventually have to eliminate the old to get room for the new," he observes. "You're cannibalizing yourself in a negative way by introducing products



David Fields (right) is consulting with a general manager at a firm experiencing rapid growth. Fields specializes in breaking through bottlenecks to growth in companies of all sizes.

without considering which ones they will replace in the market. Positive cannibalization involves planning your products to replace other products that are older and less effective, such as Apple's iPod, which its company cannibalizes every couple of years.

"(Replace) your own older products with better ones," he adds, "because if you don't, a competitor will." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)

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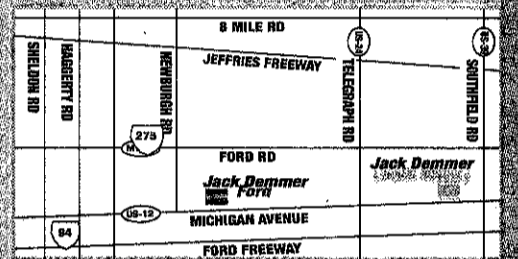
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