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Division 4 All Star cheer team members Katelyn Jablonicky (from left), 13, of Garden City; Megan Adams, 12, of Garden City; Kaylee Bernard, 12, of Westland; Betty Taylor, 14, of Westland; Cindy Creasey, 8, of Taylor; Ally Stoddart, 14, of Garden City and Ellisch McGuire, 10, of Westland are competing in this weekend's Young Champions National Championship in St. Charles, Mo. Not pictured is team member Karisa Sharon, 10, of Westland.

Pom and cheer team heads for the nationals

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Katelyn Jablonicky, this weekend's trip to St. Charles, Mo., is far from a family vacation. It's a chance to compete against pom and cheer teams from around the country at the Young Champions of America's national cheer and pom competition.

A member of the Division 4 All Stars out of the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, she and seven of her teammates left today for Saturday's competition.

"It's the first time I've done something like this," Katelyn said. "It's been hard, but it's been worth it."

The team, made up of youngsters from Garden City, Westland and Taylor, took a third place with a second bid at state competition June 8 and has been practicing ever

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Showing a little attitude in their dance routine Ellisch McGuire (foreground) of Westland and Betty Taylor, both of Westland.

Proposal would reopen section of Central City Park

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A long-awaited plan to redevelop portions of Central City Park by creating a barrier over lead-contaminated soil and by installing methane-venting devices has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The proposal, handed over Monday by Wayne County and Westland city officials, contains details for installing three soccer fields for adults and five for youths, allowing park users to visit areas around Friendship Pond and venting methane in certain spots, including south of Westland 18th District Court.

The plan, prepared by a trio of environmental firms, marked the biggest stride toward reusing the site since the public was alerted to the contamination in November 2006 — years after some county and city officials knew about it. One of Mayor William Wild's first actions after becoming mayor in January 2007 was to order the park fenced off.

County and city officials unveiled the park plan in a joint meeting Monday at MDEQ offices in Warren, in hopes of receiving within weeks a favorable response that could move the proposal forward. It wasn't clear how quickly the site could be fixed or how much the work will cost, but Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp indicated the price tag will be seven figures — or over the \$1 million mark.

The new plan calls for redeveloping nearly 15 acres of the eastern portion of the 100-acre park, formerly used as a landfill. Much of the site would remain fenced off indefinitely.

Helmkamp called Monday's talks "very constructive and productive."

James Fausone, an environmental attorney hired by the city, publicly unveiled the park proposal Monday during a Westland City Council meeting, just hours after officials met with MDEQ representatives. Although he said the plan calls for methane-venting trenches and devices, Fausone

said air tests inside the courthouse and the Bailey Recreation Center have shown none of the gas.

"Those results have consistently come back non-detect — no methane in either of the buildings," Fausone said.

Still, he said, methane-detection meters have been installed in the buildings as a safety precaution.

To protect park users from contact with lead, Fausone said the area proposed for redevelopment would receive a combination of as much as 24 inches of clean, imported soil, a geotextile fabric and a vegetative cover. Areas like the new soccer fields would get a larger buffer than other "zones" geared toward less-intense uses, such as walking.

"A fence to prevent public access will be constructed around the western and southern portions of (the park)," according to the plan, prepared by Soil & Materials Inc., Traverse Environmental Group, and Conestoga-Rovers & Associates.

In late 2006, park users became angry after learning that some county and city officials kept quiet about the contamination. However, the county arranged for lead testing of children, and health officials said no one appeared to have been exposed to harmful levels.

Now, Westland Parks & Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said soccer fans are eager to see the park used for new fields.

"They're happy about it," he said. "That's good news."

Council President James Godbout described the park plan as a well-crafted proposal that addresses environmental concerns similar to other remediation efforts across Michigan and the nation. Next up, he said, will be a decision by the MDEQ during a meeting that could come as early as mid-August.

"We can only encourage the people in Lansing to get it on the agenda as soon as possible," Godbout said.

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Teen sentenced in killing of worker

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland teen, convicted of killing a drywall worker over an alleged racial slur outside of Country Court Apartments, was sentenced Monday to 22½ to 50 years in prison.

Christopher Long, 18, was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny after a jury convicted him July 3 of second-degree murder for the stabbing death of Gerald William Dean Jr.

"I think the sentence sends a message," Westland Police

Chief James Ridener said. "It's good to have him out of the community. I'll bet he wouldn't have reached for that knife if he had known he was going to give away at least 22½ years of his life."

Long had confessed to stabbing Dean in the back of the head last Aug. 19 during a dispute outside Long's apartment, on Wildwood north of Ford. Long, who is black, told police he refused to let Dean, who was white, hit his cigarette.

Long alleged that Dean muttered a racial slur before Long went into his apartment and got a kitchen knife. Long said

he stabbed Dean in the back of the head after Dean swung at him with some type of object. Dean's supporters have said they don't believe Dean would have used the racial epithet.

Westland police Sgt. Thad Nelson, the officer in charge of the case, said he hopes Long's sentence will help Dean's parents begin to heal from their son's death.

Nelson said that Long "got what he deserved" and that the trial brought justice. "Overall, I'm pleased with the way it went."

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Marine honored at council meeting

U.S. Marine Master Sgt. Jason Cooper beamed with pride Monday as he was honored for 14 years of duty during a Westland City Council meeting.

With wife Carolyn and other family members watching, Cooper was held up as a local hero by state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Mayor William Wild. Cooper was given a flag that was flown over the Michigan Capitol building

on June 26.

Cooper, currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was involved in overseas missions including Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia, Cobra Gold in Thailand, the Sri Lankan tsunami relief effort and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Time and time again, he has traded the comforts of home for the strangeness of a foreign land," LeBlanc said. "While I know we can never repay Jason or our other service members for

their sacrifices, I believe we should do everything possible to support those who give so much."

Cooper has won numerous medals during his service.

"Our nation and community owes Jason a debt of gratitude for defending us and protecting our way of life," Anderson said, adding that "the world is a better place because of what Jason has done in defense of our principles of freedom and liberty."

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Coming Sunday:
Shawn Johnson is the gymnast
to watch in Beijing, says 1996
gold medalist Shannon Miller.

CHEER

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since in hopes of coming away with national honors.

"I really push them, but I try to be positive," coach Jennifer Wicker said. "I tell them to believe in themselves. You're not going to be remembered for the ribbons you win, you're going to be remembered for your performance."

The team has been practicing its routines for 45 minutes each week since February. The routine it did at regionals, where it took second place, and at state is the same one it will perform at nationals. The squad competes in cheer and dance to a remix of pop and hip hop songs.

Wicker is confident that the girls will do well.

"They know what they're capable of doing," she said. "When they went to state, I knew they had the spirit and the drive. They're very determined this session."

As the team went through its two routines last week, Wicker reminded the girls to "smile, sparkle, shine ... focus."

"Be loud and sassy and have fun," she said.

Fun is the underlying current of practices. The girls refer to their teammates as friends and enjoy hanging out with them, even if it means getting sweaty and tired.

"They're all friends and they all get along," said Wicker, who has been coaching the team for two years

with the help of assistant coach Tara Storey of Warren.

She admits the past two years have been tough, but like the girls, she's excited about the prospect of bringing home a national championship.

"It's all about having fun," she said. "It's been stressful, yes, getting ready for nationals, but they're having fun."

Katelyn admits that Wicker is a tough coach, but says, "It's worth it."

Her statement draws a quick retort from Karisa Sharon.

"It doesn't matter, she's the best," the Westland youngster said.

Wicker and Storey work the girls hard. That and teamwork is what has gotten them the national bid. It's also given the team a dream.

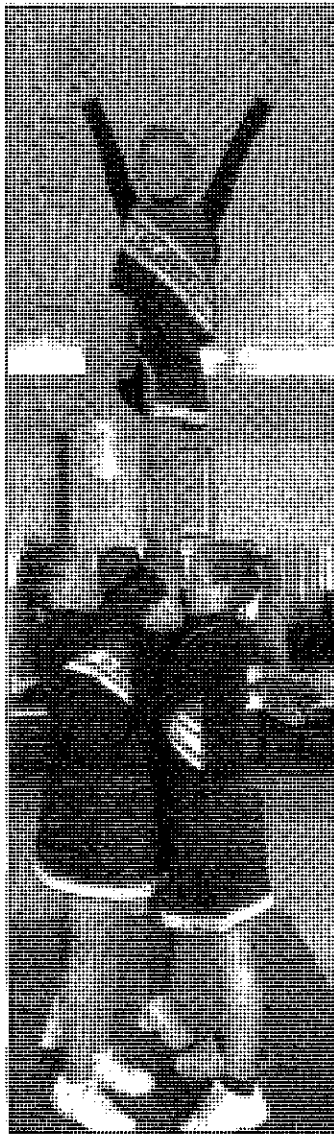
"We worked hard to get a chance to go to nationals, I want to come home for nationals as champions for Garden City," said Megan Adams of Garden City.

Wicker can't say enough about the girls' parents. The team raised funds to cover the \$275 per person cost for cheer camp, but much of the cost for nationals has "come out of their pockets."

"I'm blessed to have really great parents," she said.

Kaylee Bernard of Westland has been on the team for two years and has three reasons for staying. She likes to "work hard and get things done" and likes the friendships she has made.

"I'm excited and nervous about going to nationals, but I won't be nervous when we compete because all my



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Kaylee Bernard, of Westland is lifted for a stunt at practice by teammates Megan Adams of Garden City, Betty Taylor of Westland and Katelyn Jablonicky of Garden City.

friends will be there with me," she said.

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Mold found in City Hall basement

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Flooding inside Westland City Hall's basement has revealed an even larger problem — mold — that could potentially pose a health threat.

A Livonia property restoration company, Belfor, found mold in several basement rooms after being called in earlier this month because of flooding, which Mayor William Wild said occurred when vandals cut a 2-inch water line that supplied a City Hall sprinkler system.

"It's a huge red flag for us," David Weaver, a Belfor estimator, said Monday during talks with city leaders.

Belfor was expecting a report late this week that would indicate what kind of mold was growing in City Hall, although city officials acknowledged

that any mold could potentially be harmful, especially to people who may have allergies. Nearly 35 people work inside City Hall, and other people use the building to conduct business and attend meetings.

City officials indicated they will move quickly, during a weekend when city workers are away, to have the mold removed from the basement. They also hinted that the air duct system will be cleaned, although Weaver didn't yet know if the mold had spread there. He mentioned drywall as one trouble spot.

The city had been using the basement for a mail room, storage and an employee break room. But when vandals struck, Wild said, "the entire basement was under (several inches of) water."

Officials estimated Monday that fixing the problem could cost more than \$45,000,

although the price tag could be less.

Weaver said some people can develop respiratory problems from mold. "Some people are more sensitive to it than others."

For years, City Hall has been known to have a leaky basement because it was built lower than the underground water table. Water at times has been pumped out, and some employees said they have long talked about the possibility of problems.

City Hall was built in 1964, when Westland was still part of Nankin Township. Former Mayor Robert Thomas had once proposed building a new government building, but the project never happened.

Wild indicated that he hoped to have more answers from Belfor as early as today (Thursday).

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AROUND WESTLAND

Fill the boot

Westland firefighters will be collecting money at several major intersections Friday through Sunday as part of their Fill the Boot fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

New hours

Westland's senior Friendship Center now has extended hours to better serve local seniors. The hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh. For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

Wii can

Westland seniors can exercise now with a new Wii video system thanks to a donation made this week by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, during a city council meeting. The Lansing legislators turned over the Wii system Monday to senior Friendship Center Barbara Schimmel-Marcum.

In concert

Bandura Bridge with Mitch Mann is scheduled to perform Bluegrass music at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 27, in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library. It's all part of the Westland Cultural Society's summer concert series, and it's free. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Bond rating

Standard & Poor's rating services has affirmed its AA rating on the city of Westland's Michigan transportation fund bonds, reiterating the city's stable outlook, the mayor's office has announced. The rating reflects the city's pledge of up to 50 percent of the gas and weight taxes received from the state for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2007.

"We are encouraged by this 'AA' rating which reflects our city's long-term stability, particularly at a time when not only Michigan, but our nation as a whole is experiencing significant economic challenges," Mayor William Wild said.

A bond rating is a financial indicator to potential investors of debt securities such as bonds. S&P rates borrowers on a scale from AAA (the highest) to D. Intermediate ratings are offered at each level, such as AA, which signifies a quality borrower.

Tax time - again

A tax review service from H&R Block is helping taxpay-

ers maximize their refunds. With a second-look review, tax professionals check returns that were either self-prepared or completed by other tax professionals for missed tax benefits. Last year, H&R Block found bigger refunds for more than half of the clients who received a review. The average additional refund was more than \$1300.

Representatives from the Westland Shopping Center office will be available in the mall 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26, to answer questions. Information regarding audit services will also be available. A drawing for prizes also will be held.

For more information call (734) 522-9580.

Car wash

Come out and show support for the John Glenn High School football teams at car washes at two Westland locations 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Team members will be at Buffalo Wild Wings at 6677 N. Wayne Road and the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 at 1055 S. Wayne Road. A minimum \$5 donation is requested.

Bowling Fund-raiser

John Glenn High School cheerleaders will have their annual bowling fund-raiser Aug. 23 at Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 each and include three games of bowling, shoes, door prizes and food. There also will be a 50/50 drawing and raffles. Adults only. Call Tammy Hudson for ticket information at (734) 729-1132.

Bound for Olympics

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department's Westland Stars is inviting dance teams, studios and community recreation dancers to join them in competing in the dance division of this summer's Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games. The event is open to teams and individuals in standard dance — jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical hip hop, ballroom/swing, and logging. The AAU Junior Olympic Games will take place July 23-Aug. 2 in the metro Detroit area. The dance event will be held at the Allen Park Performing Arts Center July 28-30. Information can be found at www.aausports.org.

Let's read

The Westland public library will host a "Reading Dog" program at the Dorsey Center Thursday, Aug. 14, for children who love to read, are just learning to read or want to practice reading aloud. A trained Reading Education Assistance

Dog will welcome elementary-age students 1-3 p.m. for individual sessions.

The program will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is for a child and the dog only; caregivers may stay in the reading room. Children are welcome to bring their own book or select one. Elle Mae is a certified therapy dog who is supportive to emerging readers. She is nonjudgmental and provides gentle encouragement to build confidence in reading aloud. The program helps to reinforce reading skills and provides an incentive for kids to read.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Meals drivers needed

Residents who have the time and available transportation can help the elderly delivering meals to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels program. The route can be done in approximately 45 minutes, and mileage is paid to the driver. Half the route is a senior high-rise lobby drop-off, the other consists of a condo route.

For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community cookout

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior holds a community cookout from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

YWCA enrollment

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's preschool programs are now accepting registration for the fall.

The YWCA offers quality programs to children 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs also are available. Children learn valuable skills needed for future socialization and educational growth.

For more information on these programs, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

Golf outing

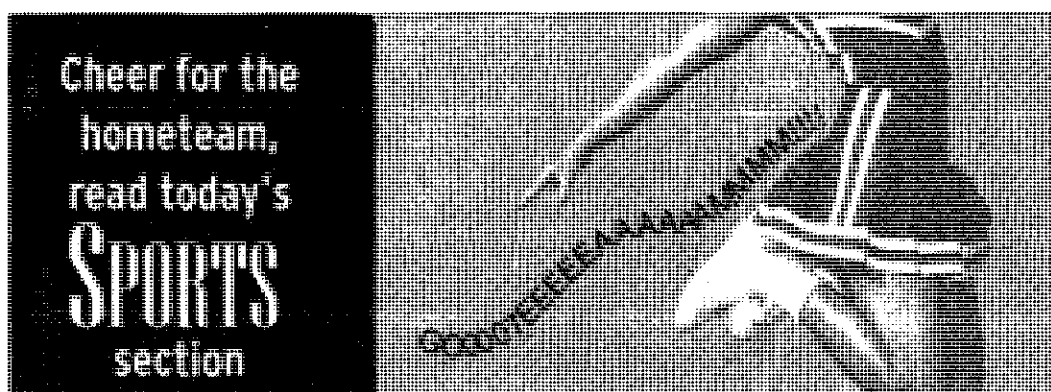
John Glenn High School's wrestling program will have its 11th annual golf outing fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Please contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available at www.glenwrestling.com.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit jghs88reunion.com.

Summer rentals

Plan your outdoor party or gathering at one of Westland's parks. Pavilions, tables, and grills are now available through October. For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.



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W-W school trustee stays on board despite job shift

BY SUE MASON
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A Wayne-Westland school board trustee has made it perfectly clear: Even though his job is in Midland, his home is still in Westland.

Reading from a prepared statement, Frederick Weaver made public that because of the economy, he has "been forced" to change positions and put his Westland home up for sale.

"I love and support this district and what it stands for, I support its administration and its workers," he said. "I will continue to pay Westland taxes, I pay Westland water bills, my taxes go to support this school district."

The Westland resident had been senior pastor of Abundant Life Church in Canton, but left the position 18 months ago to serve as pastor of North Point Ministries in Midland. Weaver said he had been considering a "career shift," and decided to go forward with it because of the state's economic crisis. He had



Weaver

been pastor at Abundant Life for 15 years.

Weaver has been making the two-hour drive from Midland for school board meetings, but the cost of gas, now hovering around the \$4 per gallon, is making it "cost prohibitive to continue a lot of travel," he said. As a result, he has put the family's Westland home up for sale.

In making his announcement at the board's organizational meeting, Weaver said he fully expects the sale of the home to "be a long process, if at all," and stressed that it remains his main residence.

"A house is provided in Midland, but when it gets hectic we take a vacation and come home," he said. "We are wholly committed to Westland and Wayne and our desire is to get fully integrated back into the community again."

Weaver has "served faithfully" on the school board for eight years and has not missed one meeting, an attendance record he is proud of as well as his accomplishments as president and trustee. It was under his leadership that the board began Project 180, a program to provide parents with the tools to help their children and themselves.

"I want the community to know I serve them wholeheartedly," he said. "I will continue to fulfill my duties as an elected official with hope that the circumstances will change before these circumstances (selling the house) become permanent," he said.

He also asked residents to call him at (734) 637-6128 with questions. As of Monday, he had received no phone calls.

"Apparently, the community is satisfied with my explanation," he said. "I wanted to be up-front and honest with people. I think anyone in office should be up-front and have integrity."

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ACHIEVERS

Westland resident **Jourlane Tenap**, a Henry Ford Community College's women's basketball player, received all-state academic honors from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Student athletes who earn academic recognition by the MCCA are given certificates for their achievements. The MCCA is an organization of community college athletic departments from Michigan and northern Indiana. The purpose of the MCCA and its parent organization, the NJCAA, is to promote and foster junior college athletics.

Tenap is a John Glenn High School graduate.

Lisa Vacca was named a new Albion College fellow at the completion of the spring 2008 semester. To attain the honor, students must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive semesters.

Vacca graduated from Albion College in May with a degree in economics and management and speech communication and minoring in religious stud-

ies with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Vincenzo and Deborah Vacca of Westland and a graduate of John H. Glenn High School.

Lily Zahor of Garden City has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Michigan State University after achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Robert Lott of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. Lott had to maintain a 3.5 grade point average for seven or more graded hours to be named to the list.

The Wayne Lions Club recently presented scholarships to three Wayne-Westland graduates. The recipients were **Melissa Smith** of Wayne Memorial High School, **Lauracindy Plague** of John Glenn High School and **Sarah Strum** of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Plague

received the John and Irene Ryan Scholarship.

St. Francis Cabrini High School student **Tina Moynahan** of Westland spent a week learning about government operations, writing and seeking support for legislation they developed, and engaging in local and state government simulations as part of Operation Bentley held on the campus of Albion College June 8-14.

Founded by Alvin M. Bentley, a four-term U.S. Congressman for Michigan's 8th Congressional District, the program promotes active citizenship and fosters an appreciation for government public service.

Students apply to the program with selection based on academic achievement, letters of recommendation, and competitive essays.

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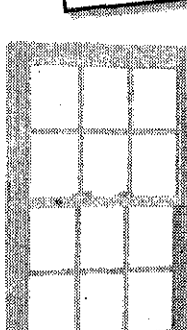
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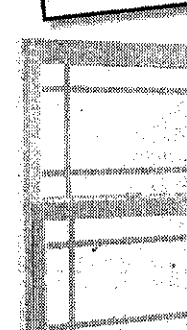
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H.E.A.T. has tips to keep cars and belongings safe

H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts) is warning residents to stay alert this summer. Carelessness among car owners often increases as warm weather sets in, providing thieves with easy access to personal property and vehicles.

July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month and the Auto Theft Prevention Authority reports that August is the highest month for auto theft in Michigan.

"As summer begins, people often let their guard down as focus shifts to warm-weather fun with friends and family over safety precautions like auto theft prevention," said Terri Miller, director of

H.E.A.T. "Thieves are still out there ready to steal exposed items such as shopping bags, electronics, purses and possibly the vehicle itself while you are off enjoying the nice weather."

"Keep a watchful eye on your property this summer, whether at home or on vacation," added Detective William Darnell of Western Wayne Auto Theft. "It is also important to keep watch in your neighborhood in the summer months, since thieves are especially active when the weather is warm."

H.E.A.T. has a list of tips for keeping cars and belongings safe during warm weather:

Closed not cracked - Close windows tightly, don't even

leave them "cracked" and always lock your car when your vehicle is unattended.

Out of sight - Keep all personal belongings, including iPods, cell phones and other valuables, out of sight.

Kill switch - Protect your vehicle from being started by a thief by having a mechanic install a concealed kill-switch.

Double duty - Add a second layer of protection to your vehicle by using a steering wheel locking device, a steering column protector or an alarm with a visible flasher.

VIN - Consider etching your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) onto the glass surfaces of your vehicle. VIN etching

makes vehicles less attractive to thieves because all windows must be replaced before the car is tagged with a fake VIN for resale.

Keep watch - Help your neighborhood by noting any suspicious activity and writing down descriptions, license plate numbers and other helpful information.

1-800-242-HEAT - If you know anything about auto theft, chop shops, carjacking or insurance fraud report it day or night to your local police department and H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip-reward line, 1-800-242-HEAT or online at 1800242HEAT.com. Since its inception in 1985,

H.E.A.T. tips have led to the recovery of nearly \$49 million in stolen property and the arrests of more than 3,200 suspects involved in auto theft rings, chop shops, carjackings and fraudulent car thefts, among other auto-related crimes.

H.E.A.T. has paid more than \$3.3 million in tipster rewards over the last 23 years. Anyone with information on auto theft, carjacking, chop shops, auto theft-related identity theft and auto insurance fraud in Michigan is encouraged to call the H.E.A.T. 24/7 tip line or go online to provide a confidential report. H.E.A.T. works with

Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators. H.E.A.T. rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies.

GC 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:

Thursday, July 24

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

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.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (third 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.

Friday, July 25

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

Daily Programs

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists.

Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

Volunteer at Garden City Hospital

Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for 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 July 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace Camp for Kids

Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

Fall enrollment

Registration is now being accepted for the fall for preschool three-year-olds and kindergarten through eighth-grade at St. Damian School, 29891 Joy, Westland. Call parish office at (734) 421-6130 for more information.

Free workshops

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Natural Solutions to Digestive Problems" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. This presentation will teach the audience about

natural means of improving or even correcting such problems as acid reflux, hiatal hernias, ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis and Crohn's disease. Seating is limited to the first 15 callers. Reservations are required. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Dr. William H. Karl, a certified Brimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about "The Mysteries of Weight Gain/Loss: How Hormones Can Help Or Hurt" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. Would you like to know why weight loss is not all about will power? Do you know how hormones are associated with your weight? Get answers to those questions and more at the workshop which is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a not-for-profit organization. Visit www.WellnessSpeakers.org for more information. Seating is limited seating. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information.

Remote-controlled race day

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church

is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny at (313) 532-4310.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at jghs88reunion.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

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Seniors earn Phi Beta Kappa honors

Top graduating seniors from Garden City, Wayne and Westland were among those from 109 area high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area to be honored this year by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

More than 3,700 graduating seniors in the public, private, and parochial high schools in southeastern Michigan who maintained a 3.75 grade point in their academic classes received a certificate of recognition from the association made up of members of the national scholastic honor society residing in the Detroit area.

"These students have earned recognition as future leaders and scholars by doing what it takes to rank at the head of their classes, and they deserve all the praise and recognition we can give them," said Dr. Seymour J. Wolfson, president of the organization. "For 61 years, members of Phi Beta Kappa in the Detroit area have

honored the brightest and most promising young people in our area. As a scholastic society dedicated to 'Love of Wisdom, the Guide of Life,' we hope this recognition will encourage them to follow these ideals in their further education and throughout their lives."

Honorees included:

Garden City High School - Erin Berger, Evan Biers, Ashley Burton, Jennifer Burton, Christine Chapman, Kyle Cupp, Ashton Harling, Heather Herrington, Jonathan Hurt, Hailey McDonell, Katie New, Rebekah Pummill, Christopher Sabatini, Kyle Smith, Laura Stark, Kristina Susalla, Riley Trager, Maegan Tucker, Ashley Williams and Jeremy Zimmerman.

John Glenn High School - Maria Allen, Victoria Awosika, Gregory Bevel, Andi Dede, Sarah Drum, Aaron Freese, Michael Gardner, Sara Grabowski, Kevin Graham,

Stephanie Hornbeck, David Kalvelage, Danielle Levy, Breanna Luckett, Jenna Mark, Patrick Mateas, Samantha Mc Falls, Jamie Mellas, Amanda Mirabitur, Rachel Mlynar, Malcolm Muhammad, Aranda Phare, Lauracindy Plague, Katherine Savoie, Jordan Singh, Ashley Snyder, April Thomas, Alexander Valentine, Joseph Nikko Vinuya, Susan Vivier, Melissa Wallo, Joshua Wilson and Bradley Wilton.

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You have to be proactive to seek out available scholarships

It's hard to believe that summer is more than halfway over and before you know it kids will be heading back to school. Since home equity loans are no longer a viable alternative for many, the question of where to get money for college this fall becomes an issue many families will face.

One way to go — if you're short of money — is through one of the college loan programs. There are many types of loan programs available. In addition to talking to a college financial aid officer, there are excellent Web sites to use to learn about loans and how to obtain them. Findaid.org is just one of these sites.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are another alternative to paying for col-



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Unfortunately, scholarships don't come to you, you have to go get them. In other words, you must be proactive.

Many people believe that scholarships are given either based upon academic excellence or hardship. Although, there are many scholarships for excellence in education and hardship, these are not the only scholarships available.

lege. It is amazing how many are available throughout the country. Scholarships are given by business, unions and civic organization among others.

Scholarships are given for other types of achievements or situations. As an example, many scholarships reward students for community service.

The key to obtaining many of these scholarships is to search out the organizations providing them and do what is necessary to apply.

It is doubtful you will get one scholarship that pays your way through college, so you do have to apply to many groups. In fact, I saw a story where a student received approximately 20 scholarships to pay his way through college.

How to find the organizations who give scholarships has probably never been easier. Using the Internet makes the task a lot easier. However in using the internet we sometimes let our guard down.

Don't do it in your search for scholarships. There are many sites on the Internet that offer free scholarship searches and even offer free scholarships.

However, some of these are not what they appear to be. Some of these sites ask for a variety of sensitive financial information that can be used against you in identity theft situations. Therefore in doing your search, be careful about what information you release.

A couple of sites to check-out are www.findaid.org and www.cityofcollegedreams.org. Both Web sites have a wealth of information about scholarship searches and other ways to finance college.

Is it too late to apply for scholarships for the fall? Although, many scholarships have been awarded, many

have not. It is amazing how many scholarships go unused. Although your scholarship search may be more difficult, it is not impossible and if nothing more, you can get a jump on next year.

Searching for scholarships is not something parents should do alone. Involve your students because they are the ultimate beneficiary.

LOANS

For those who need money now and are considering loans, make sure that you do your homework to shop the loan. Many people think that all student loans are the same but they are not.

Remember, in obtaining a loan always make sure you understand the terms including the interest rate,

how the interest rate is calculated, when payments begin and what fees and costs are involved. The time spent in making sure you obtain the right loan will definitely save money down the road.

It is never too late or too early to begin looking for scholarships. For parents who have children that will be attending college in the fall of 2009, now is the time to get proactive and to begin your scholarship search.

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

Madonna creates a smooth transition for retiring faculty

Across the nation, 78 million 'baby boomers' from every profession are moving towards retirement.

At Madonna University the average age of its 166 full-time faculty is 57. The 4,100-student, private liberal arts school has created a strategic plan that will aid retirees, while ensuring a smooth transition from one generation of faculty to the next. University faculty retirements equate to more teaching jobs in Michigan, as 96 percent of higher education institutions are recruiting new professors, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"The heart of this issue is how a university retains its character and core values when one generation passes the teaching-learning enterprise off to another," said Ernie Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "As in most human endeavors, something of value may be lost while something new and exciting may be gained."

To better prepare, Nolan and some 50 members of Madonna's faculty took part in a development workshop, led by the Department of Gerontology. The group mapped out the University programs slated for faculty

retirements and developed a strategic plan to retain the University's successful traditions and values, and build upon the fresh perspective brought by new professors.

"The 'baby boomer' generation is characterized by a tremendous dedication to teaching and student learning, however incoming students or the 'digital generation,' often perceive the world and learn new information differently. This results in a conflict of cultures centered on ways of knowing and understanding reality," said Nolan.

Madonna University currently offers retiring faculty

members the opportunity to stay on part time to mentor new hires and impart the knowledge they've gained over the years.

"What makes many of the classes unique at Madonna is that professors are willing to share their years of personal and professional experiences with their students," said Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk, graduating senior.

Sign language studies professor, Ken Rust, decided to retire after teaching at Madonna for 33 years.

"Choosing to retire was difficult because I have watched the sign language program

flourish over the years thanks to the commitment of the administration, faculty and staff, as well as the skill and enthusiasm of the students," said Rust. "I wanted to make sure that the person coming on board was aware of the program's history and contacts throughout the community, and understood the program's potential for the years to come."

After retiring Rust agreed to work part time so he could continue working with the students, while training a newly-hired faculty member, who happens to be his former student.

At the development workshop it was suggested that a retirement link be placed on Madonna's Web site. This link, planned for fall 2008, would provide useful information about dealing with lifestyle changes and other post-retirement issues. It also would serve as a communication tool for retirees to stay in touch with others in the Madonna community.

"A portion of the Web site dedicated to retired faculty would be useful. Even though I am finishing my part-time work, I do plan to stay in contact with the Madonna family," said Rust.

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Zoo millage proposal would create authorities

BY SUE BUCK
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will decide Aug. 5 whether to help finance the Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak.

If approved, the 0.1-mill tax would help the zoo weather Michigan's "economic storm."

About 25 people attended an informational recently, organized by Oakland County Commissioner Mike Rogers, of Farmington Hills, at the

Maxfield Training Center in Farmington.

Under the proposal, each county would have a locally appointed board or authority.

"We are going to use a contract and purchase services from the zoo," said Gerald Poisson, deputy Oakland County executive. "We will not be involved in the day-to-day governance of the zoo."

Residents in these counties would receive specific benefits which would be spelled out in a negotiated contract,

Poisson said. They would include cost breaks for senior citizens and children, for example. Professional zoological personnel would continue to decide which animals to purchase and which exhibits should be expanded.

If the 0.1-mill regional 10-year tax is approved, the average owner of a \$200,000 house would pay \$10 a year. The tax could not be increased without another vote of the people.

The annual operating bud-

get of the zoo is \$26 million. Millages from the three counties would generate about \$12 million, Poisson said. The rest of the money would come from admission fees and private donations.

If the contract between the Zoological Society and the City of Detroit ends, this contract would also end, Poisson said. The City of Detroit cannot sell the property while there is a contract with the Zoological Society, according to Ron Kagan, zoo director.

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Garden City resident Nic Lica shows his bullriding style during competition July 17 in La Grange, Ind. A senior at Garden City High School, he is ranked seventh in the nation by the North American Bullriding Association.

Garden City cowboy hopes to score big in bull riding nationals

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nic Lica is hoping his third visit to the National High School Rodeo Association Nationals this week is a charm.

A senior at Garden City High School, Lica is in Farmington, N.M., hoping to ride his way to the top of the bull riding competition.

"God has kept me very healthy — knock on wood — and I've done very well," said the 17-year-old Lica, who is the 2008 Michigan High School Rodeo Association state bull riding champion. "Staying healthy and being consistent, that's what's going to win in bull riding."

Lica caught the bug for riding bulls while living in California. When he moved to Garden City, he discovered the Michigan High School Rodeo Association and, as the saying goes, the rest was history.

He has won the state bull riding championship for two consecutive years and is competing in his third MHSRA competition.

He won his first trip to nationals in 2006 by placing in the top four in the state in bull riding, but found himself out of the national competition after suffering a lacerated liver when he was bucked just four seconds into his very first ride.

In 2007, he made it to nationals by placing first in the state and again was bucked off the two bulls he rode, but "I walked away with my head still on my shoulders," he said.

TOP STUDENT

When he's not in school, where he had a 4.0 grade point average as a junior, he's working on Richard Retelle's training center in Northville or traveling around the Midwest to compete in professional rodeos. As of July 17, he was ranked



Nic Lica watches the competition in the area where bulls wait for their rider.



Nic Lica has buckle to show that he is the state high school champion bull rider, his second consecutive championship.

seventh in the nation in bull riding by the North American Bullriding Association.

"I made more than \$2,200 last month," Lica said. "I've made a big check of \$1,300, I've made \$200, \$400. Just yesterday (July 16), I made \$239 with a sixth-place finish."

Mike Lica said his son has always been one to achieve his goals. He wanted to be-state champion and he did it. He wants to be a professional bull rider and has gotten experience first at local rodeos in Adrian and Ewart and local county

fairs. Now he travels to Idaho, Iowa and wherever else the rodeo circuit takes him.

"Nic plans on becoming the PBS world champion and I can see it in his future," his father said. "I was sitting at La Grange next to another bull rider's wife and kids, and I thought to myself that these guys are riding for money to support their family and here comes Nic Lica winning this money as a high school student."

"I can't even imagine the skills he will have at age 25 or 30. Nic definitely has some-



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Nic Lica is hoping his third trip to the National High School Rodeo Association championships will be the charm. He suffered a lacerated liver in the 2006 competition and was bucked off both of his bulls in 2007.

body watching over him."

Up until Lica was able to drive, his father and his fiancée helped get him to rodeos. Now that the teen "has proven himself responsible" in driving to local rodeos, his father lets him travel to wherever he needs to go. For nationals, he traveled with friends in a truck pulling a horse trailer that's their sleeping quarters.

"My fiancée, Kristie, and I have spent hours in my car, sometimes after working 10-hour days to make sure he could get to these rodeos," Mike Lica said. "Sometimes Kristie would take him by herself when I couldn't get time off work."

Mike Lica added that the family has one rule and that is once his son gets off the bull, he calls his father.

"And he always has," Mike Lica said.

Lica has found a friend in Eric Wolford, who has won the world championship and has been seen on the "Toughest Cowboy" competition on FSN. Wolford has taught Lica a lot and travels with him to various rodeos.

"These guys have to team up to pay the gas money because unlike other sports they don't get paid unless they win," Mike Lica said.

While he's from Garden City, Lica is "considered the cowboy from Detroit" on the circuit.

"I'm about the only one in the area who does it," he said

'THINK IT'S COOL'

A novelty at first, Lica said his friends now accept what he does and "think it's cool. And people are starting to like it even if they haven't ever see a rodeo."

While his heart is with the rodeo and a career as a bull rider, Nic's brain is tuned into school. With high school almost done, he's looking as colleges out west that have rodeo teams.

"I try to stay focused and concentrate. I try to have fun," said Lica. "That's what bull riding is about. If you're

not out there having a good time, there's no point in being there."

"Nic is a true cowboy," his father said. "He may not have been born in a cowboy city but he found his calling and found what he is meant to do."

You can catch videos of Nic Lica bull riding his father has posted online at www.youtube.com/user/mibullrider. The NHSRA also is posting results of the national high school competition daily online at www.nhsra.com.

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If you donate blood between now and Sept. 19, you could win a lease on a new Lincoln MKZ. The American Red Cross of Southeast Michigan has teamed up with Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City, WDIV Local 4 and Smooth Jazz V98.7 to offer the contest as a way of fighting the summer shortage.

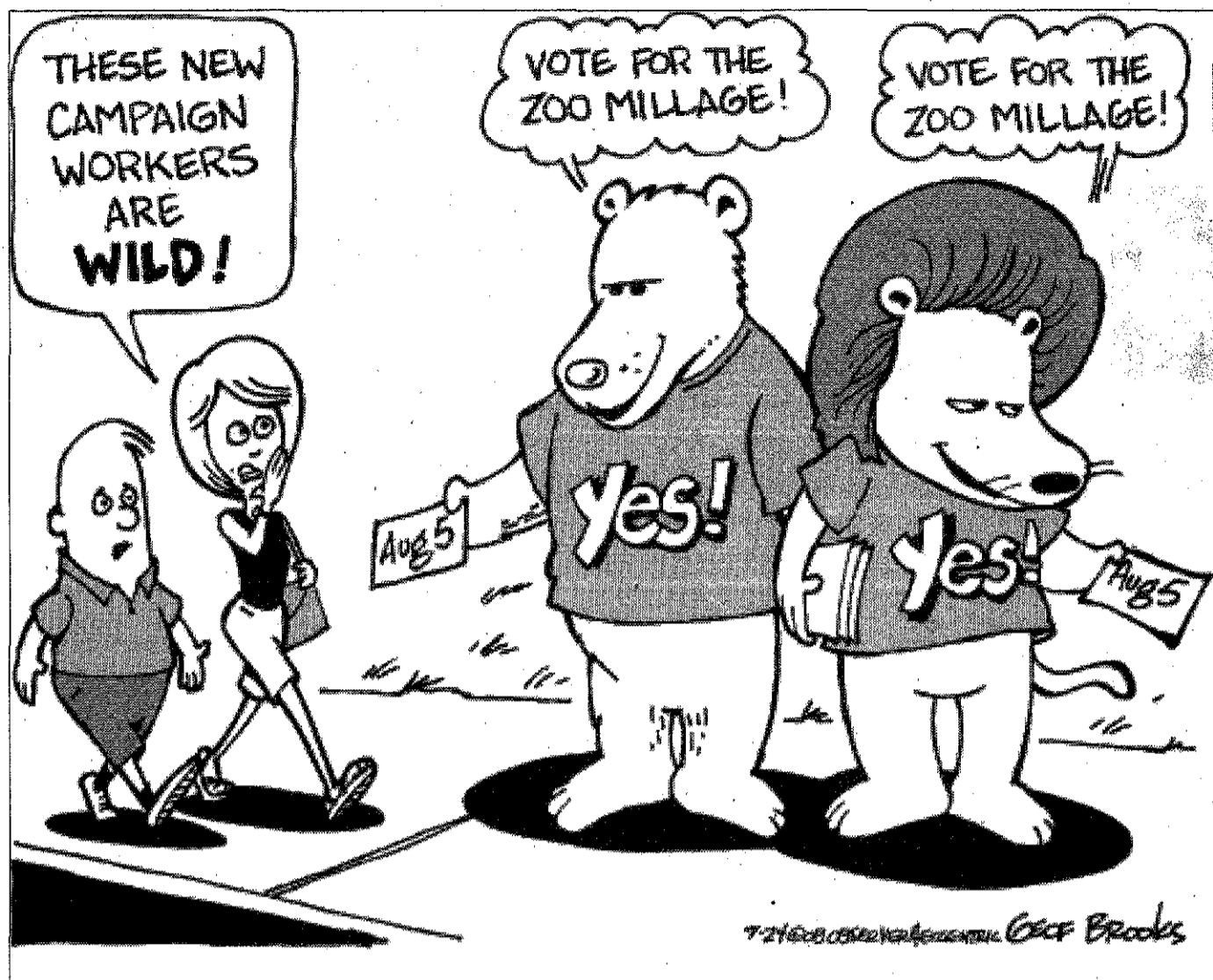
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Consider neighborhood's needs

For the first time in my almost 30 years of living in Westland, I am totally disappointed in our city government. I voted for everyone on the council and Mayor Wild.

Mr. Godbout is running for election to the Wayne County Commission. I will definitely not vote for him. He did not give the residents of Gray and Ravine streets a second thought. Mr. Kehrer thought about it, he said, and did a lot of homework, and voted for the project. Mr. Reeves and Mr. Johnson were insulted by what the residents said at the meeting. Too bad.

Mayor Wild said that the officials are elected by all the people not by one neighborhood. I will remember that at the next election. I voted for a young man with good forward-looking ideas. Fine. But apparently a neighborhood does not count. We are too small a group for him to care about. We did not elect him. All the rest of Westland elected him.

Mr. Bruce Thompson is a technocrat with no cares about our neighborhood either.

All of the people on the council who voted for Mr. Shaw's project gave no care about this enormous behemoth abutting our neighborhood, where people living in the building can see what the residents on Gray Street are doing. They gave no thought about the property values of Gray and Ravine streets where the values have gone down close to 20 percent already.

Mr. Godbout should have recused himself from the vote with his connection to Mr. Shaw's foundation. Mr. Wild has connections to the foundation also. It all sounds very fishy. Our investments are in danger. It's time for people in the city government to consider the needs of neighborhood.

Curt Gottlieb
Westland

Gebhardt is committed

Joan Gebhardt should be elected in the Aug. 5 primary for Wayne County commissioner, District 12. For the many years I have known Ms. Gebhardt she has continually impressed me with her enthusiasm and commitment to our community. Her past and present accomplishments stand as clear testament of her substantial abilities to make a positive difference.

Currently serving as Schoolcraft College trustee, Joan has 31 years of experience both inside the classroom and within the administrative network of our education system. Working in district constituent services for Speaker Andy Dillon, she is caring and responsive.

She has also taken a very active role in her community. Joan has shown her dedication by working to elect strong leaders and to hold them accountable for how their decisions

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affect the citizens. Her list of both professional and independent projects is very impressive and demonstrates how Joan continuously excels at every assignment she undertakes.

Joan is an intelligent, articulate, energetic and enthusiastic manager and mentor. Her ability to bring differing points of view together for a common goal has proven her to be a very valuable educator and leader within our community. Joan's impressive balance of commitment and exuberance make her a must-elect candidate for Wayne County Commission, District 12. I respectfully urge you to cast your vote for Joan Gebhardt on Aug. 5 for Wayne County Commissioner.

Sen. Glenn S. Anderson
6th District
Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Westland

Bowman best for District 12

When I met Commissioner Ronaele Bowman, she was the director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program and she possessed an infinite dedication to the young people of Westland. Commissioner Bowman still carries that infinite dedication to the communities of Westland, Livonia and Inkster.

Whether it is attending a meeting for the Inkster Community Strategic Planning, Wayne-Westland Health and Advisory Board, Detroit Wayne County Health Authority Advisory Board, Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force, Women Of Westland or receiving awards and recognitions, such as the Award of Recognition from Wayne-Westland Schools for Outstanding Service to the Educational Community, Citizen of the Year in 2006 by Westland Civitans and the Citizens for Wayne County Youth Annual Award, Commissioner Ronaele Bowman's priority is the citizens.

Commissioner Bowman has been a county taxpayer for 31 years. I am not bothered by the fact that she recently changed her residence to Westland. My concern is that the duties of the commissioner are fulfilled and that the needs of the residents in 12th District are addressed. Commissioner Bowman has experience.

While she was the director of the Westland Youth Assistance for 13 years, she had to supervise staff and prepare and present an annual budget to the city. She also served on the boards of directors for several agencies and had to oversee their budgets.

Commissioner Bowman gained many insights as a commissioner: The policy, procedures and daily operations of the county. She also works actively on three committees, including the Ways and Means Committee which handles the county's \$2.2 billion budget.

Commissioner Bowman has "hands-on" experience. During the past few years, she was the assistant

to Commissioner Kay Beard. With her business skills (she is a former business owner), a master's degree in public administration and vast involvement in the community, I am confident that Commissioner Ronaele Bowman will fulfill the duties of the Commissioner of the 12th District and dedicate herself 100 percent.

Diane Diem
Westland

Gebhardt is dedicated, diligent

Joan Gebhardt is a candidate for Wayne County commissioner for the 12th District. She is a lifetime resident of Wayne County and a 35-year resident/homeowner of the 12th District. In my view, she is the best qualified to represent me and the other taxpayers of the 12th district.

Joan has many fine endorsements, such as State Sen. Glenn Anderson and House Speaker Andy Dillon, but in my eyes, far more important are the positions Joan has held. She was a public school teacher and principal, a role in which she had to manage a budget.

Joan was a fellow member of the same union local that I belonged to and was elected president of that local, AFL-CIO 60. She was elected because all the members were aware of her dedication to seeing that things were run the way they should be. She was the ultimate professional, showing leadership, understanding and compassion for the children and families in her school.

Joan Gebhardt was elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees where she is again displaying her knowledge of how to deal with a budget of more than \$69 million.

We need that kind of diligence and experience in dealing with the Wayne County budget. We cannot afford to vote for anyone but Joan Gebhardt for Wayne County Commission from the 12th district.

John Pantalone
Westland

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"I love and support this district and what it stands for, I support its administration and its workers. I will continue to pay Westland taxes, I pay Westland water bills, my taxes go to support this school district."

- Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Frederick Weaver in announcing that his primary residence is in Westland even though he now works in Midland.

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Looming 'great transformation' calls for knowledge of history

Some weeks ago, I arranged to meet a friend at the gas station at the Grand River exit off I-96, just north of Brighton. As I waited, I watched the traffic go by: SUVs, big pickups, RVs. Every one of them happily guzzling gas on a warm spring afternoon.

And I thought to myself: I'm watching the end of an era.

That's because we are at the end of cheap gas (relatively speaking) and the lifestyle it made possible during the last century.

Cheap petroleum has produced "exurban" communities like Brighton and Howell, where people drive 20, 30, even 40 miles each way to their jobs and think nothing of driving 20

miles to Wal-Mart to shop on the weekends. It is a lifestyle that has produced enormous, elaborate new high schools. Think Northville, South Lyon, Walled Lake, with vast parking lots for the convenience of students — students, mind you! — driving back and forth to school.

The bulldozers that produced all of this, the endless scrapings of the ground in outer ring suburban communities for new subdivisions, new shopping malls, new schools, new roads, were made possible by one thing: Gasoline that sold for under \$2 a gallon less than 10 years ago, but which has marched past \$4.19 even at the cheapest stations.

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined with low-interest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an ever-increasing home equity loan line of credit.

And now that the world is changing, it is time to look back and assess what was happening, and who we have been.

The era we are watching end involved an entire interconnected set of things that, taken together, have pretty much defined the American way of life ever since the end of World War II.

Jobs, for the most part, have been plentiful in Michigan. And if you were lucky to catch on with the auto industry and happened to be a United Auto Workers' union member, you got a big paycheck and gold-plated benefits. And with solid job security and a good pension, you could get that cabin up North, the boat, an all-terrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no longer true.

As a result of the rise of industrial farming and federal government subsidies for beef and corn and rice, food was pretty cheap. Sure, fast food was fattening and not very good for you, but you could feed a family on your weekly paycheck and have something left over for fun. Anybody who's been at the supermarket lately knows that's changed drastically, too.

For most of that time, people also felt, all things considered, that things were pretty good, that the country was generally on the right

track, and that things would gradually get better and better for Michigan families, and that the kids would live better lives still.

America was the most powerful nation on earth and, at the same time, the moral beacon of hope to do the right thing, to be the shining city on the hill. The government that kept our Social Security checks coming was reasonably effective, and the social and political institutions that knitted our country together worked fairly well.

Then, however, came Sept. 11, followed by Iraq. And Hurricane Katrina, followed by more Iraq. Then came a melted-down mortgage system and an over-extended and ethically challenged financial industry. Michigan was additionally shackled with a fiercely partisan political system that failed to get the important things done.

Now, the signs are all around us that our long era of good times will never again be what it was. All manner of things are starting to go wrong, or at least fraying at the edges. My gut tells me they're interconnected in a complex and subtle pattern.

Americans have, of course, seen massive transformations before. Starting in 1775, our revolution brought us independence from colonial England and ushered in a great and successful experiment in creating an entirely new system of self-government.

The Civil War confirmed that America was in fact destined to be primarily an industrial economy, not an agricultural one, and that this required a strong national government.

Finally, the frightening Great Depression sowed the seeds of a national safety net and the notion that our society, acting through our government, has some responsibility for each and every one of us.

Craig Ruff of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing is a deeply thoughtful man who knows something about almost everything. In a recent column, he suggested our nation is on the eve of a "great transformation." Echoing the argument of William Strauss and Neil Howe in their influential book *The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy*, Ruff noted that these fundamental transformations take place every 70 years or so. Given that the modern era started in 1945, we are about due.

The philosopher George Santayana once observed that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nobody knows what future historians will conclude about these turbulent and contentious times. But it is getting clearer and clearer that rough waters are ahead, and we're going to need every bit of our historical memory and common sense to get through what's coming.

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Phil Power

LETTERS

Gebhardt has experience

I am a retired teacher and a Westland homeowner. On Aug. 5 we will be voting to select candidates for Wayne County Commissioner, District 12.

What I am looking for in a candidate is a broad base of experience, the ability to work with all kinds of people, intelligence and compassion. That is why I am supporting Democrat Joan Gebhardt.

Joan and I share a lifetime of service to the community in public schools. As teachers, we both faced the challenges of helping a group of children work together and learn. We found ways to work with and help the parents of those children. And as a principal Joan managed an entire elementary school — hundreds of children, parents, teachers and other support staff — and she made it work for all of them.

Her dedication, skill, creativity, energy and caring are exactly what we need in county government. She will never lose sight of the needs of the people she represents. She won't forget to listen.

On Aug. 5, I'll cast my vote for Joan Gebhardt for Wayne County Commissioner.

Pat Montgomery
Westland

Gebhardt best for District 12

A Wayne County Commissioner has the burden and responsibility to keep County Executive Robert Ficano within budget, as he provides services and enforces ordinances. That budget is more than \$2 billion and some change.

To be an effective county commissioner one must invest much time and energy and have the capacity to deal with the many complex issues this distressed county faces. Political savvy, political support and political activism are necessary for any commissioner to deliver on any of their campaign messages.

While the contamination at Central City Park in Westland will be a major local issue to resolve, one commissioner can not just get it done. A commissioner with a strong desire to serve public, who has strength to persevere, and has strong support of political allies can make good things happen.

Joan Gebhardt has those qualities and the support to serve you best. Please vote for Joan Gebhardt for District 12 County Commissioner.

Bill Craig
Livonia

Gebhardt: Good role model

The League of Women Voters of Northwestern Wayne County held a forum

on Thursday, July 11. I was in the audience and was astounded to learn two things. First, Ronalee Bowman admitted that she has only lived four months in our district! Second, over half of the candidates (Democrats Ronalee Bowman, Paul Citkowski, Danny Wilson and Republicans David James and Thomas Thonmpson) admitted they did not vote in the last election on May 6, 2008 — school board elections! (Candidates Wanda Harris-Foster and Douglas Kaye did not attend the forum.) I guess they believe in the statement, "Do as I say not as I do."

Our elected officials are supposed to be our leading examples. School board candidate elections affect our children, our schools and our property values. How can these people hope to represent me when residency and voting should be first and foremost.

Joan Gebhardt said that not only did she vote in the election, she actively supported candidates. She explained that she believes in participatory government. Mrs. Gebhardt also gave good answers to the questions that made sense. She would be a good role model for us and a good change in Wayne County government.

Gary Privo
Livonia

Political rhetoric

I recently read an editorial by Rep. Richard LeBlanc that read, "Education is key to recovery of our state economy." It must be another election year and the time to be out stumping your political rhetoric has started.

Rep. LeBlanc's views about education and stimulating Michigan's workforce and economy aren't demonstrated by his action in the Michigan Legislature. Our schools are drastically underfunded, the state's economy is in the toilet, and people can't find jobs.

Our college graduates — the brightest and best talents we have — are leaving the state to find work and stimulate other thriving state economies around the country.

I've been a teacher for more than 27 years and have never seen it this bad for so long with no hope in sight.

So, Rep. LeBlanc, it's time to stop talking and demonstrate some leadership in Lansing. Provide 21st century education and job training for your constituents. Remember, your voice is heard through your action and voting record! It is you who has the ability to make changes in Lansing and move Michigan into the global economy.

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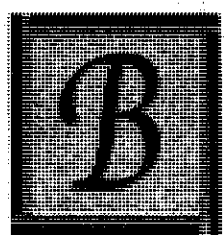
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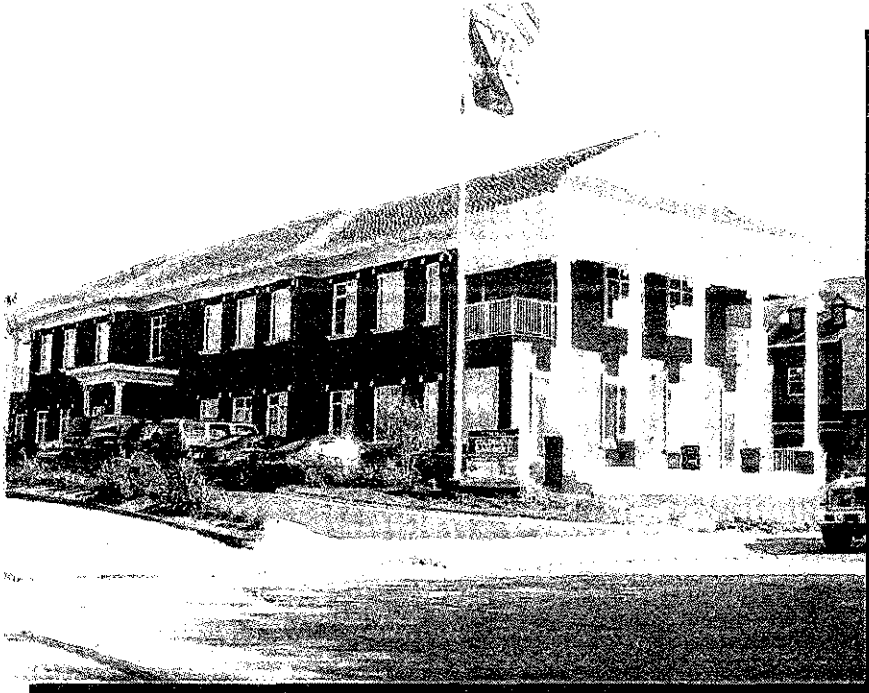
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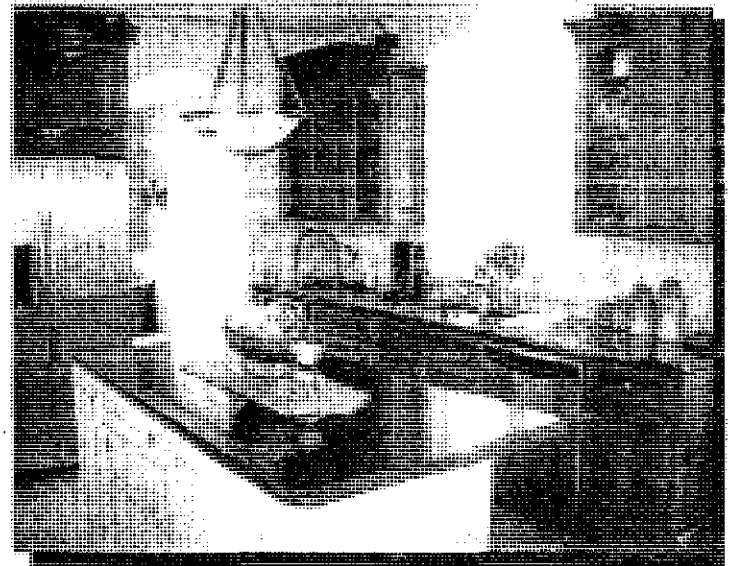
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Red-hot Rams earn 5th straight AAABA berth

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unfortunately, the stock market and economy aren't as reliable as the Michigan Rams' 20-and-under baseball team.

The Rams (23-9) captured their fifth consecutive Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League title Monday night with a 9-1 thrashing of the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder in a contest played at LaCasse Park in Tecumseh, Ontario.

The Thunder closed out the regular season with a 2-19 record.

The league title earned the Rams a berth in the AAABA national tournament in Johnstown, Pa. — their eighth such berth in the team's history.

The Rams struck early and often on Monday, registering seven first-inning runs

on five hits and never looked back.

Ben Schroeder picked up the mound victory as he gave up just three unearned runs and three hits while striking out three in a walk-less effort.

Matt Tuttle was solid in relief, yielding just one run over the final four innings. Tuttle gave up one hit while whiffing three batters.

Brent Walker suffered the setback for the Thunder after he was rocked for eight runs in two innings.

Aaron Wick and Frank Persichino paced the winners' hitting attack with two hits and two RBI each. Brad Herman, Dan Augustine (two) and Nick Plinka also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Joe Barnes proved to be a thorn in the Thunder's side as he scored three runs.

The clinching victory was set up by Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the

Knights at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams notched the opener, 5-0, thanks to six innings of three-hit pitching from starter Derek Mosher and a near-perfect seventh from Tuttle, who gave up just one walk while K'ing three.

The Rams, who stroked just five hits, broke open a scoreless encounter with three runs in the third and two in the fourth.

Dan Augustine led the Rams with two hits and a pair of runs scored. Herman (1-for-3, RBI, run), Brett Mazmanian (1-for-2, run) and Ryan Abraham (1-for-2, run) also contributed at the plate in the winning effort.

Tony Pounders went 2-for-2 for the Knights.

Knights hurler Dustin Hill deserved a better fate as he gave up only five hits and two earned runs.

The Rams won the nightcap, 1-0, thanks to Brett Shankin's one-hit masterpiece. The shutout was the ninth of the season for the Rams.

Shankin faced just 23 batters, 11 of whom struck out.

The Rams manufactured the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh when Tim Cross reached on an error before scoring on Persichino's RBI hit.

Ex-Ram Ryan Gunderson suffered the loss despite yielding just one hit.

The 16-team AAABA double-elimination national tournament begins Aug. 11 in Johnstown.

The Rams are coached by Rick Berryman, Harvey Weingarden, Mike Taylor and June Berryman.

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SideLines

Star performer

Leading Garden City's varsity softball team to a Division 1 state championship last month apparently wasn't enough for Hallie Minch. She pitched the Red team to a 4-1 victory over the White team on Saturday at the 27th annual Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 1 All-Star game, held in Holt.

Minch, a 2008 graduate of Garden City, will attend Madonna University in the fall and play for the Crusaders' softball team.

City Golf

Championship

The 45th Annual City Golf Championship will be held Aug. 9-10 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Included in the field will be past champions including Claude Jonston, Sandy Felan, Bill Hawley and last year's titleist, Zach McCurley.

The competition is open to residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Livonia, Romulus, Plymouth, Inkster and Garden City. The city whose residents compile the five lowest scores will earn the prestigious Rotary Club traveling trophy.

There are flights for all ages, genders and abilities. The top three places in each flight will win trophies.

The entry fee is \$60, but does not include a cart fee.

To enter, call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at (734) 721-7400.

Salem soccer

The Salem boys soccer team will be holding optional conditioning workouts for all student-athletes entering ninth through 12th grades from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through July 30 at the high school soccer fields located at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads.

Thomas signs

Canton High School graduate Devin Thomas recently signed a four-year contract with the NFL's Washington Redskins worth a reported \$4.83 million. Thomas, who starred at Michigan State University during the 2007 season, was the Redskins' second-round pick (34th overall) in April's NFL draft.

Thomas signed two days before training camp started.

The 6-2, 218-pound ex-Chief caught a school-record 79 passes for 1,260 yards and eight touchdowns in 2007 as a junior at Michigan State. He also had a 29.1-yard average as a kickoff returner.

2008 PREP ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Hail to the 'Victor'

John Glenn kicker boots East to win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Add a "y" to the end of Victor Sanders' first name and you'll end up with what the former Westland John Glenn kicker led the East team to in Saturday's Michigan High School All-Star Football Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

Playing in front of more than 7,000 fans, Sanders booted three field goals — one from 42 yards out along with a pair of 32-yarders — to account for all the scoring in his team's 9-0 victory. Sanders also handled kick-off and punting duties for the victors.

"I never kicked three field goals in a game in high school and the one I kicked from 42 yards today was the longest I've ever kicked in a game," recounted Sanders, explaining how he saved his best for the last high school game of his career. "We played at Eastern (Michigan University) our first game my senior year, so I wasn't star-struck by playing in a big stadium, but I was still a little nervous. I was able to get the nerves out, though, during pre-game warm-ups.

"It was a great week. I got to meet a lot of nice people and hang out with some great players."

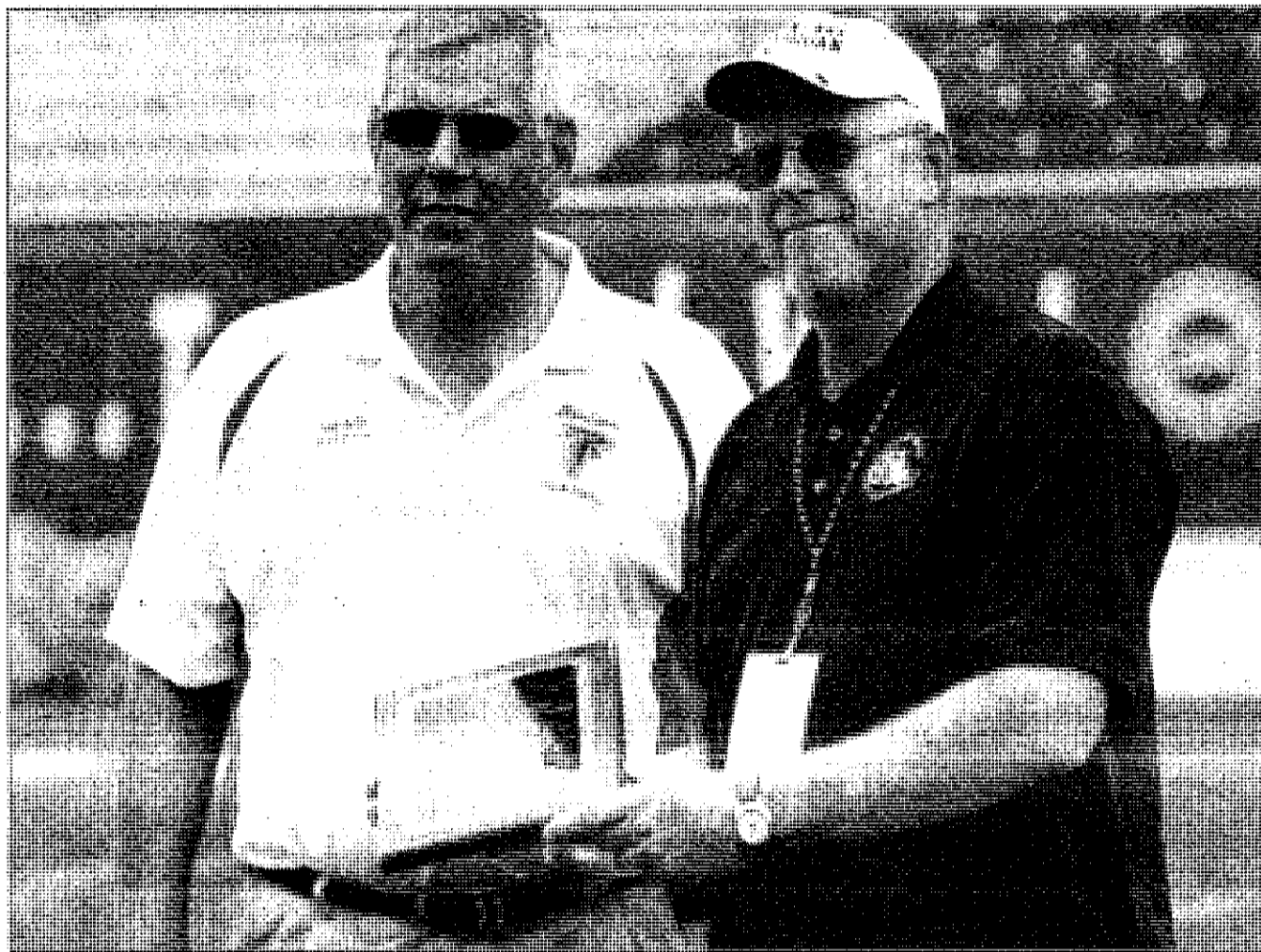
Three other Observerland players played key roles in the East's triumph.

Defensive tackles Pat Cecile (Livonia Franklin) and Matt Broome (Livonia Stevenson) were instrumental in keeping the West off the scoreboard.

During one key stop in the third quarter, the former rivals jarred West Kirk Doering on successive plays to force incompletions.

Former Plymouth wide receiver Mike Hanchett, who is headed to Saginaw Valley State University to play football next month, grabbed two passes, including a 14-yard screen pass in the second quarter that helped lead to Sanders' sec-

Please see **ALL-STAR, B4**



Fred Miller (left), longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons, was presented with the MHSFCA Alliance Award during Saturday's All-Star football game in East Lansing. At right is MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck.

Miller's time

Livonia grid coach accepts MHSFCA Alliance Award

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fred Miller laughed when asked what receiving the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's coveted Alliance Award meant to him.

"Longevity, I guess," said Miller, 56, a longtime coach of the Livonia Falcons' youth football team and a Redford Union alum. "But really, I just try to teach the boys to be competitive and always do their best.

"We really have a great tradition with the Falcons, we play with a lot of pride."

The Livonia resident was honored during halftime of Saturday's Michigan High School Football All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Presenting the award was MHSFCA's Bill Hollenbeck, who described Miller as a man who "not only gives his players a passion for the game, but also for representing themselves, and their community, with pride and distinction."

Miller's family — wife Beth, and 13-year-old son Matthew, entering his final season with the Falcons — were on the field when Hollenbeck presented the

Alliance Award.

Miller, about to start his 37th season coaching the Falcons' varsity, emphasized that getting such an award really means many others have been dedicated to the program over the decades. For example, former Falcons' player Rob Shepley (who went on to be a starting fullback at Plymouth Salem) is head coach of the Falcons' freshman team some 20 years after playing for him.

The award recipient also continues to find it rewarding to take a group of

Please see **MILLER, B4**



Canton resident Greg Wolfe (left), pictured above and at right playing for the Honeybaked Midget Major team last spring, was drafted by the United States Hockey League's Chicago Steel in April. Wolfe has his sights set on playing Division 1 collegiate hockey.



Shooting star

Wolfe's ice goal: earn opportunity to play for D1 college

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To say June 8 was a milestone day in the life of Greg Wolfe would be an understatement.

A few hours after accepting his diploma during Canton High School's senior commencement ceremony that Sunday, Wolfe was in Chicago, trying out for the Steel, the Windy City's United States Hockey League franchise.

The sharp-shooting, slick-skating Wolfe made the Steel's roster, which wasn't the least bit surprising considering he was the team's fourth-round pick in the USHL's May draft.

The USHL's talent level is comparable to the Ontario Hockey League, but unlike the OHL, its players are still eligible to play in college — which is

Wolfe's primary goal.

"There were probably about 80 guys trying out for 25 roster spots," said Wolfe, who led his nationally ranked Honeybaked Midget Major team with 55 goals and 45 assists during the 2007-08 campaign. "I felt pretty good going into the tryouts since they had drafted me. But just because you're drafted, doesn't mean you're going to make the team."

Wolfe's ultimate dream is to play Division 1 college hockey. He's already drawn interest from Bowling Green, among other schools.

His tenure in Chicago could last one year or two, depending upon how quickly he can impress the college coaches.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Greg Wolfe will play D1 hockey," said Rob Krohl,

Wolfe's coach for Honeybaked two of the past three years. "He has tremendous offensive ability and he's one of the best shooters I've seen in the 10 years I've been coaching.

"If you placed a BB somewhere in the net, Greg could hit it with the puck anywhere from inside the blue line. His shot is not only super accurate, it's hard."

Krohl said Wolfe's skills are not limited to his lethal slapshot. "Greg has tremendous hockey sense," the veteran coach said. "He's smart with the puck and he sees the ice really well. It's like he has eyes in the back of his head sometimes.

"He's a leader, too. Guys follow him. He put the entire team on his back during this year's state tournament (when Honeybaked

Please see **WOLFE, B4**

Churchill pom team the best in Midland

The 2008 Livonia Churchill varsity pom team recently won the Grand Champs Trophy at the Mid-American Summer Pom Camp at Northwood University in Midland, Mich.

The team won in all adjudicated categories during the four-day camp.

In addition, nine Chargers were named to the 2008-09 All-Star Team and will perform at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Those All-Stars are Allison Estes, Beth Kiurski, Jessica McClain, Kristen Schwarz, Stefanie Shepler, Chelsea Sieber, Angela Swirls, Alecia Tsermengas, Brittany Wood.

Meanwhile, captain Alicia Tsermengas was awarded the Smile, Sparkle, Shine Trophy, awarded to the girl showing the most dedication, enthusiasm, leadership and encouragement of all attending the camp.



The Livonia Churchill varsity pom team recently won the Grand Champs Trophy at the Mid-American Summer Pom Camp at Northwood University in Midland, Mich. The team won in all adjudicated categories during the four-day camp. Members of the 2008-09 team, listed in alphabetical order, are Angela Bannoura, Ciara Diamond, Allison Estes, Jessica Fedrigo, Jessica Hatfield, Katelyn Humphrey, Lauren Karnesky, Beth Kiurski, Christine Lang, Mallory Mager, Jennifer Mezigan, Jessica McClain, Alison McDonald, Alic McGrorty, Tegan McGrorty, Kelsey McHugh, Brittany Rees, Jessica Peruske, Katie Sedgewick, Steanie Shepler, Chelsea Sieber, Becky Snyder, Angela Swirls, Alecia Tsermengas, Haley Tsermengas, Phoebe Verla, Brandee Wasil and Brittany Wood. Coaching the squad are Judy Noughan and Vicki Middleton.

Bucks gain No. 1 seed in PDL postseason

BY DAN STICKRADT
O&E STAFF WRITER

The good news for the Michigan Bucks is all of their original starters are back healthy and will be in the lineup this weekend, along with many of the team's top reserves.

The bad news for the Bucks' opposition is that Michigan still garnered the top record in the nation this summer with an ever-changing lineup and are the No. 1 seed overall in the United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League national tournament, which begins this week.

"We have a lot of good players who can get the job done," said third-year Bucks head coach Dan Fitzgerald, who has lost only one postseason game with the core of this team in three years. "It didn't seem to matter who we had in there, because we have the best record, I believe, in the entire PDL. That wouldn't have happened if we didn't have good players. I guess you can't complain about that."

That's the best record in the 67-franchise PDL, which spreads throughout the United States and Canada. There are 19 teams that have qualified for the

postseason, which began with pre-regional contests July 22-24. Michigan (13-2-2, 13-1-2 PDL Central Conference) drew a first-round bye and will play in the regional semifinals this weekend.

The Ultimate Soccer Arenas, the Bucks' home field, will host two regional games Saturday night at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, with the Bucks playing in the second game against the lowest seeded Central Conference foe still remaining. The Thunder Bay Chill (13-2-1) was the No. 2 seed in the Central Conference regionals, with the Kalamazoo Outrage (8-6-2), Toronto Lynx (9-6-2), Cleveland Internationals (10-3-3), Colorado Rapids (8-5-3) and Chicago Fire (8-2-6) making up the rest of the Central Conference regionals.

"The thing now is trying to find the continuity with everybody back," said Fitzgerald. "We've had guys in and out of the line up the past several games. But now, everybody left is a good team. We didn't have any blowouts against the teams that we played in the regular season and I don't know much about Thunder Bay or Colorado. We haven't played them this season."

Most importantly, the Bucks

have two of their top players expected to return from injuries this weekend — sweeper Michael Holody (Clarkston/University of Michigan) and center midfielder Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College, Ky.), a first-team all-PDL player last season who ranks amongst the top 20 in the nation in assists.

"Jafta should be back. We weren't sure of the injury a while back," said Fitzgerald. "Holody is back. He was in Brazil for a couple of weeks and had (a minor injury down there). The only guy that probably won't be back this season is Fabien Lewis, one of our defenders. We have a lot of depth there, so I'm not concerned."

The Bucks, whose losses were to the Toronto Lynx 1-0 back on June 19 and a 2-1 defeat June 10 by the hands of the Cleveland City Stars in the U.S. Open Cup — a non-PDL game which doesn't reflect in the official PDL standings or seedings — have only lost five games during the past two years.

Last August, the Bucks dropped 1-0 heartbreaker in a shootout to the Laredo Heat in the PDL national championship game played in Texas. Two years ago on the same field in Laredo,

the Bucks won the national title with a 2-1 triumph over the Heat.

That being said, expectations are high for the Bucks and so is the bullet on their collective backs this postseason.

"Everyone will be gunning for us," said Fitzgerald. "It won't be easy. Everyone we face from here on out is a very good team. I guess we're fortunate that we'll play at home for a while if we keep winning."

BUCKS NOTEBOOK

Michigan wrapped up the regular season with a 3-0 road victory Sunday over the Toronto Lynx, the only PDL team to defeat the Bucks this season. Toronto defeated the Bucks last month without starting goalkeeper Steve Clark, whose only loss against a PDL team in two years came in last year's national title game against the Laredo Heat. Clark, who has six shutouts and a 0.80 GAA in PDL games this year, did lose a game against the Cleveland City Stars in the U.S. Open Cup this year. Clark (Mason, Mich./Oakland University) was voted by his Bucks teammates and coaching staff the Paul R. Scicluna Award winner for 2008, which is the highest honor bestowed upon

BUCKS CHASE PDL TITLE DREAMS

WHAT: United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League national tournament.

PRE-REGIONAL PLAY: Preliminary round games were held July 22-24 at various locations around the country.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE REGIONAL PLAY: Saturday-Sunday, July 26-27, at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. The regional semifinals are being played at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 26, while the regional finals are set for 7 p.m., Sunday, July 27.

VISIT: www.bucksoccer.com or <http://pdl.usisoccer.com/home/264172.html> for updated pairings, scores, times and costs of all national tournament games.

AT A GLANCE: The Michigan Bucks, champions of both the Great Lakes Division (7-0-1) and Central Conference (13-1-2), are the No. 1 seed in the seven-team Central Conference bracket, drawing a first-round bye. With the 13-1-2 record against PDL foes this summer, the Bucks have the best record in the 67-franchise PDL, which covers the United States and Canada. Michigan will play in the regional semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against the lowest seeded team still remaining in the Central Conference bracket.

RECENT HISTORY: The Michigan Bucks have reached at least the Elite Eight each of the past three summers and have made the postseason in 12 of their 13 seasons in the PDL. Michigan lost in the regional finals in 2005, won the 2006 national title with a 2-1 victory over the Laredo Heat and lost to the same Laredo squad, 1-0, in a shootout in the 2007 national finals.

a Michigan Bucks player. The Scicluna Award is named after former Michigan soccer legend Paul Scicluna, who was a partner in the Bucks opening season in 1996 and founded the Michigan Hawks and Livonia Wolves youth soccer clubs nearly three decades ago. Scicluna was killed

in a tragic car accident in April, 1999, returning to Detroit from a recruiting trip at Bowling Green, Ohio...Michigan enters the postseason having gone 5-0-2 down the stretch...Tickets prices and packages for all playoff games can be found on-line at www.bucksoccer.com.

2008 Olympics

Who to watch

Gold medalist Shannon Miller explains why Shawn Johnson is the gymnast to watch in Beijing this summer.

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National bowling tourney in Canton proves successful

They came, they saw and they bowled.

Nearly 40,000 women bowlers invaded Canton to participate in the 92nd United States Bowling Congress women's championships at Super Bowl Lanes, which recently ended its 88-day run.

It turned out to be a great success, especially for the local economy. Although our local ladies did not fare so well on the leaderboard this year, most of them enjoyed the experience of bowling in national competition.

As for the multitude of out-of-town visitors to our community, they discovered the many fine attractions the Detroit area has to offer — and that made for a most memorable trip.

Attempting to list all of the top finishers in each division would take up a lot of space here, but it is all available on the Internet at www.bowl.com.

Here are some of the locals who finished among the top five in their divisions: Division 1 Team event (845-945 average), fifth place, "Girlfriends" of Rochester Hills with a total score of 2,675; Division 1 All-Events (170-189 average), Karen Linebaugh, Romulus, 1,744; Division 3 Team (651-745 average), second place, Michael B's Foxie Ladies, Romulus, 2,409; Division 4 Doubles (260 average, and under) fourth place (tie) Robin Pickens, Romulus and Theresa Caloia of Redford, 916.

Much of the success of this huge event was due to the efforts of Mark and Diane Voight and Roger Philipi of the Community Bowling Centers; the entire staff at Super Bowl; Mark Martin and Libbi Fletcher of the Metro Detroit USBC Association; the Detroit Sports Commission and a host of volunteer workers who devoted their time and energy to help make it all work out.

About the same time the last of the ladies rolled the last ball in the tournament, a couple thousand youth bowlers came to town to compete in the 11th annual USBC Gold Championships July 5-11 at three Detroit-area bowling centers: Sunnybrook Lanes and Sterling Lanes, both located in Sterling Heights, as well as Century Bowl in Waterford.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

A record sold-out field of 1,728 from all 50 states plus Canada, Puerto Rico and military zones in the Far East and Europe have pre-qualified for the trip to Detroit. They were competing for more than \$100,000 in scholarship money.

Participants are USBC Youth and Junior Gold program members. Boys must have a minimum average of 175 and girls 165. They range in age from 10 to 21 and advanced here by qualifying in leagues and tournaments.

This event is held under a demanding format with the most challenging conditions bowling offers. The entrants bowled three rounds of qualifying over three days (July 7-9), with each round consisting of six games to determine those who made it to the semifinals.

Once competition reached the finals, all bowling took place at Sunnybrook Lanes.

The leader in each division after 46 games of competition was declared the U.S. Junior Amateur Champion of 2008. The Girls Division winner was Kristie Petravich of West Palm Beach, Fla.

The boys winner was Geoffrey Young of Denton, Texas.

That's not all, folks, the USBC Youth Championships was held on July 7-15 at Skore Lanes in Taylor while the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships were held July 14-16 at Sunnybrook Lanes. This event was for youth bowlers who have qualified at the local and state levels.

For all of you parents of kids who are wannabe bowlers, Plaza Lanes in Plymouth has quite an attractive offer. Kids bowl free — and there are no strings attached.

It's all part of a national program that involves 1,500 public and private schools.

You can register your kids at www.kidsbowlfree.com and they can get two free games of bowling any day, every day through the Summer. Plaza Lanes is located at 42001 Ann Arbor Road and the phone is 734-453-4880 or go to www.plazalanesmi.com for a complete schedule of open bowling times. They have all new air conditioning units and 40 lanes for unconditional fun.

National Bowling Week this year is August 23-30.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted by E-mail at: tenpinally710@yahoo.com

Wing it at RU

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Pro Secrets Baseball

The Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be conducting showcase sessions for high school players as well as skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The latest pro pitch trainer will be used and Mark Rutherford, a former pitcher in the Philadelphia Phillies system, will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting a one-week camp, Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their parents.

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650. The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

Summer Blast Soccer

Garden City Soccer Club is holding its "Summer Blast Soccer Camp" Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22 at Maplewood Community Center, noted club president Paul Schultz.

For just \$30, campers ages 5-14 will be able to enjoy a learning experience in a fun environment. Campers will work with several trained, experienced and licensed coaches on foot skills, technique and goalkeeping.

The registration fee includes a camp T-shirt, water bottle and a pizza party on the last day of camp.

All registrations must be received by Aug. 11 in order to guarantee T-shirt size. Walk-in registrations will be accepted.

People can call (734) 458-9734 for more information. Maplewood, where the fields are, is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. It is west of Merriman and east of Venoy,

SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

between Ford Road and Warren roads.

Glenn football camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of experience.

The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28 - Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

The cost is \$175, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

Call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

Hoop Stars camps

Hoops Stars Basketball Camp will stage two sessions for boys and girls ages 7-15 including:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both); also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRC pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620; or the Livonia Parks and

Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

You can also call Ron Levin, camp director, at (248) 496-3268; or visit www.hoopstars-basketball.com.

Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School is offering a series of 2008 summer camps including:

Boys football (grades 3-8) — 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 28-31 (cost \$38);

Boys football (grades 9-12) — 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (cost \$60);

Hockey camps (grades 9-12) — 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25 and 7-8:30 p.m., July 28 - Aug. 1, at Eddie Edgar Arena (two-week cost \$182; includes T-shirt). Enrollment limited to 45 skaters and five goalies.

For more information, call Livonia Community Services at (734) 744-2602.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High School and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College career scoring leader who passed away in 1994 at age 24.

Call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.); or to obtain registration material, e-mail jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com.

Suspect Memorial Camp

The 13th annual Jeff Suspect Memorial Foundation free basketball camp, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile roads).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High School and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College career scoring leader who passed away in 1994 at age 24.

Call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.); or to obtain registration material, e-mail jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps including:

Boys and girls soccer: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24; 28-31.

Girls basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24.

Girl volleyball (all-skills): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 28-31.

Each camp session is \$175 (includes T-shirt). Optional swimming will be from noon to 12:50 p.m.

Call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

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SWF, 58, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-68, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271088**

HARD WORKER SEEKS GAME
SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **2274784**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'8", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2261047**

LOVE IS THE GOAL
DWCF, 71, looks younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks tall SWM for LTR. **2296624**

FOLLOW THIS HEART
DWF, 59, 5'2", attractive, sincere, lovable, is walking for you, love life in general. Likes doing anything with that someone special. Call me, you won't be disappointed. **2276729**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for NS, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2408678**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, NS, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-50, for friendship first, maybe more. **2271032**

LONELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, playing good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-45, with same interests. **2283875**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2286642**

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BFB, 25-40, race open, D/D free, HW proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **2271880**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 38, 5'8", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2284442**

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GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 25-45, for companionship. **2285878**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 38, 5'10", NS, short hair, no children, looking for SBF, 35-50, who enjoys lifestyles, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
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DOWN-TO-EARTH
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GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, NS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF, 48-62, NS, for friendship or more. **2282444**

STARTING OVER
DBF, with two teens, 5'3", 140lbs, short hair, would like to meet a nice, honest, down-to-earth man for friendship, possibly leading to LTR. Race open. 40-50. **2277558**

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SBF, young 60s, widowed, caring, nice-looking, 5'7", 180lbs, NS, ND, N/Drugs, clean, honest, kind, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-80, race open. **2213425**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, seeking SBF, 40-50, who is intelligent, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, (only) seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **2276183**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2272294**

STILL SEEKING
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone. **2211818**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, fun-loving SWFP, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, NS, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dining, playing, laughing and enjoying life. Seeking a honest SBF, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2276770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, milder, good at theater, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **2283945**

I NEED A LOVE...
To keep me laughing and smiling, delightful, charming WF, 48, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. **2280809**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS, Possible LTR. **2296370**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SW, 45-58, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2270254**

LOADS OF FUN
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dancing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. **2281157**

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, classy, divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman. 50+. **2281157**

OVERGROWN TOMBOY
SBF, 64', 116lbs, easygoing, straightforward, honest, enjoys playing pool, photography, working out, reading, writing. Looking for nice SM, 24-35, for casual relationship. **2281158**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, sailing, snow-skiing, and more. **2289858**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2113901**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, NS, seeks one good man, 28-51, NS, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **2265509**

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SWM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent SF, 25-35, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **2269140**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWf, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2286646**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 46, 6'2", 220lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2263108**

LOOKING FOR MY RIGHT
W/AM, 42, 5'11", 170lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2285340**

LET'S CHAT
SBM, 32, student, enjoys light smoker, looking for a woman, 25-46, I enjoy basketball, time with my kids. **2284005**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, 45, seeks attractive, younger lady, 25-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

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WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. **2284130**

LOT TO OFFER
SBM, 38, NS, enjoys walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. **2278442**

WORTH A CALL
Attractive SBF, 55, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **2283615**

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 41, NS, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-30, to spend some time together and get to know. **2283851**

RETIRED GENTLEMAN
Fun-loving DWM, 59', 160lbs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking W/AF, 55-63, slim to medium build, hopefully LTR. Dark hair a plus. **2284471**

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Self-employed SWM, 41, 6'2", athletic build, smoker, construction worker, seeks woman, 24-50, for LTR. I enjoy cars, time with family. **2281794**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
W/AM, 5'11", 160lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy reading, the water and more. **2275700**

SEEKING A LADY
SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes camping, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will respond to all. **2274942**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBF, 57, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **2274959**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature, gangly SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, artistic, enjoys cultural events, antiques, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **22178497**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun and laughs, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2218302**

ALWAYS FAITHFUL
Gentle SWM, 64, 5'11", 160lbs, healthy young 60s, NS, non-smoker, honest, loves volunteer work, humurous, desires nice-looking SF, 55-66, slim to medium build, similar qualities, for LTR. Let's talk. **2280514**

SINGLE DAD
WM, 44, with one child, 6', 260lbs, enjoys car shows, cooking and watching movies at home. If you're a WF, 40-49, who shares my interests, call me. **2281517**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blonde, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun, age/location open. **2283540**

IMMATURE
WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interested in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63, Glasses a plus. **2278802**

EASYGOING
Enjoy, sociable SWM, 46, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MT SWF, for dating and fun times. **2187514**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be open, independent and know what you want in life. **2282418**

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2289243**

LOVES THE OUTDOORS
WM, 78, 5'7", 170lbs, NS, looking for a lady around the same age, for dinner, movies, travel, tv and walks. **2276731**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
WM, 68', NS, interests include candlelight dinners, car shows, blue riding, the beach and more. Looking for SWF, 35-47, NS, preferably tall, to hang out with. **2283922**

HONEST MAN
CARING SWM, 42, likes camping, fishing, travel and more. Looking for a supportive, honest, down-to-earth woman, 25-40, for LTR. **2283534**

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A GOOD MAN
SM, 45, 5'9", looking for a tall/bonded female, 25-50, for dating, possible LTR. Race unimportant. **2284078**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, rights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2287098**

SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE
Attractive SBF, 43, 5'11", 100lbs, medium build, light complexion. NS, seeks someone 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princess! **2267553**

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM, 47, homebody, looking for some female companionship. Seeking a woman, age open, who wants to meet a good man. **2268640**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Slim, hard-working SBF, 44, 140lbs, looking for a SF, 53-63, NS, N/D, for friendship leading to marriage. **2285874**

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART
Hardworking WM, 62', 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing W/AF, 25-45, who is dating, possibly seeking to more. **2282621**

NEW TO THE AREA
SWM, 56, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dating, possible LTR, who is kind, honest and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2269561**

MILLER

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young, raw talent and help turn them into competitive high school players as well as outstanding young men.

"It's great when you (get) a group of kids and you have to build and mold them," Miller said. "Hopefully, you have some athletes. But I've been blessed to have some of the finest athletes in the city play for me."

BIG INFLUENCE

The person nominating Miller was Chuck Padden of Livonia, an assistant football coach at Birmingham Brother Rice.

"The Livonia Junior Athletic League has become one of the premier youth leagues, in the country, with approximately 1,200 boys and girls participating in several sports, 12 months a year," wrote Padden in his letter of nomination to Hollenbeck. "The Livonia Falcon Unit has set the bar

high on how these programs should operate for the benefit of the kids, and Fred Miller's influence on the kids, coaches, and the parents is a big reason for the success of the whole league."

Among others in support of the Miller nomination were Novi-Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach, LJAL football commissioner Michael Rotter, Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel and Mike Gatt, head coach at Livonia St.

Edith School. Most of the players who go through the Falcons' program, which includes units for freshman, junior varsity and varsity, join the Stevenson or Catholic Central programs.

"I want to thank everyone who made the award possible," said Miller, noting that a caravan traveled to and from Spartan Stadium and then finished off the big day with a celebration at Coach's Corner in Livonia.

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ALL-STAR

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ond three-pointer.

Hanchett was an alternate for the game until finding out a few weeks ago that he was added to the roster when another player had to drop out.

"This week really opened my eyes to what the college game is going to be like," said

Hanchett. "Today was a lot faster game than what I was used to in high school."

Hanchett was shifted from his customary wide receiver role to tight end — a move he took in stride.

"I was able to work on my blocking a lot," said the 6-foot-4, 190-pound speedster. "I was blocking a lot against some pretty big guys."

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WOLFE

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finished second.)

Wolfe is a member of a hockey-loving family. His older brothers — Brad and Mitch — both played for Canton and his dad, Chris, was instrumental in bringing high school hockey to the Plymouth-Educational Park 10 years ago.

Wolfe, who won't be paid by the Steel, said he's always been attracted to hockey because of the sport's uniqueness.

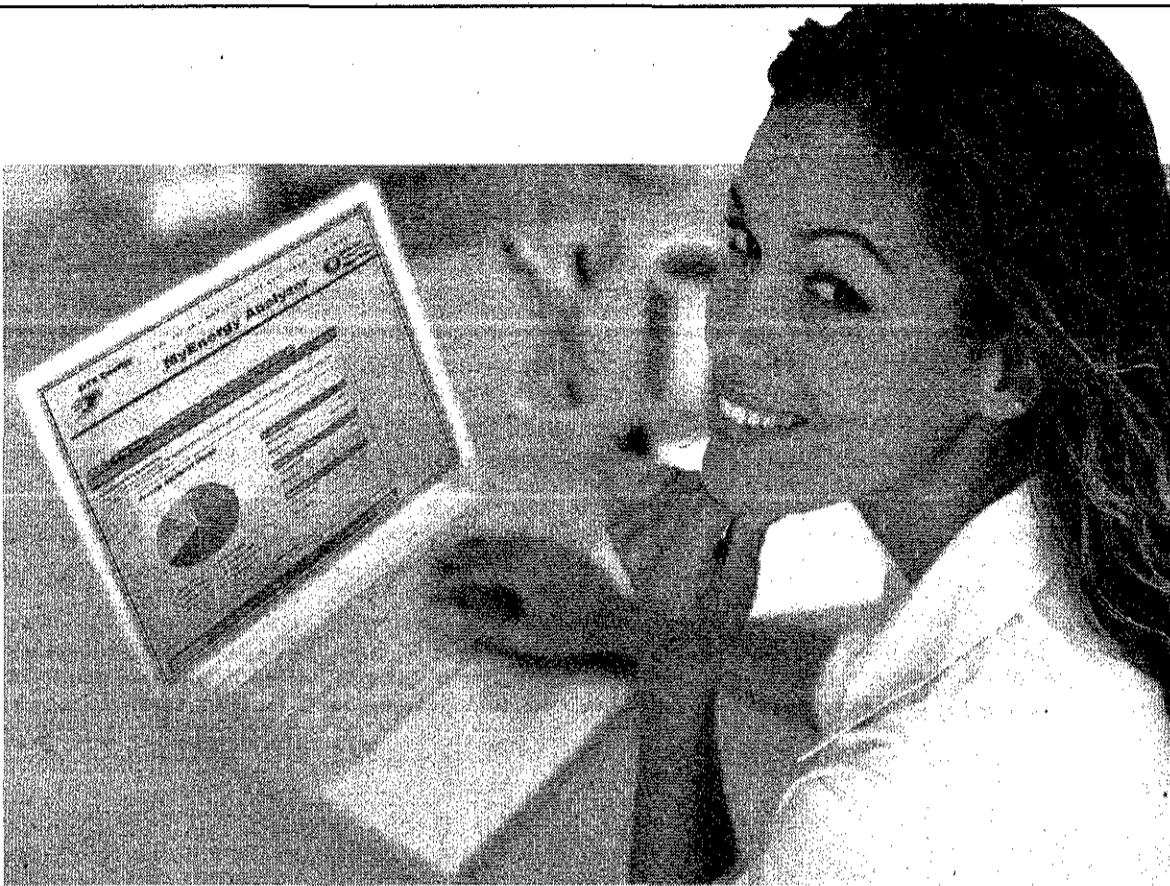
"It's different from every other sport I played growing

up," said Wolfe, who played high school baseball during his freshman and sophomore years at Canton. "Probably the thing I've enjoyed the most are traveling to the weekend tournaments, the long bus rides with your teammates."

Fittingly, Wolfe has worked with youngsters at a shooting camp this summer.

Judging by his previous success, it won't be long before he'll be teaching opposing USHL defensemen a thing or two about how to put the puck in the back of the net.

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The Eagles have won back-to-back titles in Major League Baseball's RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) Program the past two seasons, winning the championship games at Angels of Anaheim Stadium in 2006 and Dodgers Stadium in 2007.

The RBI format sends seven regional champions and the defending champion to MLB's Youth Academy in Compton, Calif. to compete in the week-long event.

The RBI program created by former player and scout John Young now includes teams from 205 cities worldwide and over 250,000 players ages 13-18. Major League all-stars Coco Crisp, Dontrell Willis, Jimmy Rollins and Carl Crawford are recent graduates of the RBI program.

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Detroit Diesels are Giant killers, 40-0

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
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That home cooking got even better as time goes on. After a 14-6 win over the Cougars on Saturday, the Detroit Diesels showed what they could truly do.

They set season highs on offense — 40 points scored — and defense, shutting out the Belleville Giants in a dominating victory at Livonia Franklin High School.

"I knew that we would put it all together soon," Diesels general manager Al Seder said. "We finally got clicking in all phases of the game and look what happened."

The Diesels defense got it in gear early, forcing two fumbles from the initial Giant offensive drive and giving the Diesels great field position inside the Belleville 20, which culminated with a quarterback sneak from Andy Hess (Lutheran Westland). The two-point attempt was good.

Detroit would score again later in the second quarter on a Hess toss to Jon Craven (Farmington), going into half-time 16-0.

A Ja'Ron Embry (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) interception set up the Diesels' next scoring drive, marching 74 yards before Keith Thomas walked into the endzone over left tackle.

Amped up by the offensive fireworks, the defense got into

the act as well in the third quarter, when Bernard Evans (Wayne Memorial) recovered a fumble and scooted into the endzone from the Belleville seven-yard line.

Detroit capped off the night with a Hess pass to Brandon Fender (Canton), who moved to tight end following Hess' emergence at quarterback.

Hess finished 10-of-14 passing for 193 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. Jon Craven (Farmington) 74 yards on five catches, including two for touchdowns, and Fender had two catches for 16 yards, including his scoring snare. Thomas had 38 yards on five carries with his score, and Giles Cassel rumbled for 44 yards.

Defensively, Evans had a sack in addition to his fumble recovery for a score, Embry had two interceptions, and Lamarr Miller had three batted passes. Dan Hayes and Earl Blanchette each had two sacks for Detroit. Overall, the entire defense stood out, holding Belleville to 25 net yards of offense.

The Diesels (3-3 overall, 3-2 GLFL) will hit the road next week to play the Kalamazoo Outlaws before returning to Livonia Franklin on August 2nd to face off against the Lenawee County Crusaders. They will close the home portion of their season on August 9th against the Northwest Ohio Knights.



Happily clutching trophies after capturing the Bronco Division title at Sunday's PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Garden City's Moeller Fields are the U11 Garden City Gladiators. In the front row (from left) are Tyler Harnos, Zackary Maszatics, Brendan Ferracciolo, Brendan Spehar, Brian Widmer and Nick Montroy. In the middle row (from left) are Angelo Policchio, Jeremiah Vera-Burgos, Kyle Murray, Nick Radtke and Ryan Browne. Standing in the back row (from left) are team coaches Tony Widmer, Dave Ferracciolo and Jim Montroy. Not present for the tourney was Vinny Cadotto. The Gladiators advance to the state tournament this week in Grand Ledge.

Homer lifts GC Gladiators to Bronco Division title win

PONY LEAGUE TOURNEY

Clutch performances on defense and offense Sunday propelled the Garden City Gladiators to a 6-5 victory over the Westland Cobras in the Bronco Division championship game of the PONY Baseball 2008 District 3 tournament at Moeller Fields in Garden City.

With the eight-inning triumph, the Gladiators advanced to this week's state tournament in Grand Ledge, which begins Thursday.

After leading most of the well-played contest, the Cobras knotted the score at 5-5 in the top of the seventh and looked ready to take the lead. But Garden City's Brendan Spehar made an outstanding defensive play at second base to end the frame.

In the top of the eighth, Gladiators' pitcher Bryan

Widmer retired the side and that set the stage for the game-winning home run by Jeremiah Vera-Burgos in the bottom half of the frame.

According to team coaches Dave Ferracciolo, Jim Montroy and Tony Widmer, the Gladiators — an Under-11 team performing in a U12 tournament — prevailed thanks to excellent team defense as well as the pitching of Ryan Browne and Vera-Burgos.

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Canton church reaches out to community with clothing bank

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Individuals in need need not be a member of Canton Christian Fellowship to shop at the church's monthly clothing bank, thanks to the thoughtfulness of the congregation. Over the years their kindness has been bountiful.

When Hurricane Katrina displaced about 50 of Adonna Wright's family members in New Orleans in August 2005, she turned to the church for help. After collecting and shipping many clothes and items to Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they were staying, Wright started thinking that people in Michigan needed the same kind of help, so she prayed about it and asked Pastor David Washington for his thoughts.

In January the church opened The Clothing Bank to individuals as well as organizations like the Salvation Army. The Clothing Bank is now held the fourth Saturday of each month (except for November and December this year when it will be on the third Saturday). The next date is Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We've had people who have had fires and lost everything, people in foreclosure and out of their homes and financially strapped," said Wright, ministry leader for the church's Clothing Bank and a Canton resident. "We even had one woman with breast cancer who needed clothing but asked for prayer. We routinely ask during intake if they would like prayer directly there or to be put on a prayer list."

The church staff depends on the honesty of individuals as to whether they're in need and tries not to intrude on privacy. Few questions are asked during intake.

"We ask for sizes and have volunteers go around and shop and help them find sizes," said Wright. "We call them shoppers. We ask that people who are in need come. Your honesty is between you and God. We're not here to judge how needy you are."

"If we don't have their size, a

CLOTHING BANK

When: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26

Where: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley

Details: The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org

lady needed a bra and we didn't have it but were able to purchase it for her later. If people need a certain size we put it in the bulletin for next time."

Church members as well as the community have been generous in donating clothing to the bank.

"Sometimes when we're open on Saturdays people will see the sign and stop in and donate clothes. We often get beautiful things," said Wright. "We're going to have a back to school extravaganza to donate school supplies in August so we can give out pencil and paper and notebooks. We're getting a lot of return visitors who know it's the fourth Saturday."

Pastor Washington estimates about 10 to 15 families show up each month for the Clothing Bank run by the contemporary church, which is affiliated with Southern Baptist. Washington, a Canton resident, brought many of his concepts for the church from California where he lived for five years.

"It took us a couple years to understand the culture in the area," said Washington, who says he grew up in a traditional African-American church. "It's taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears but the mission of the church is to take in those in your community, regionally and in the world. We have a global vision to be a lighthouse in our community. A lighthouse reaches out to the community. We recognize that need."

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Cynthia Shelton (left), Minister Wallace Shelton, Alexa Wright, and Leo Regular set up just before the Clothing Bank opens to the public. The Clothing Bank has been available to the needy once a month since January at Canton Christian Fellowship Church.



Minister Wallace Shelton helps Beverly Neal shop for clothing at Canton Christian Fellowship Church.

RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampolines, go carts, initiatives and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5-year-olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible school

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3 years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

Summer music ministry

Family Choir, all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. All are welcome. Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7.

Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. It is open to all boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level). The mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Cost \$25, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Register at www.christsaviors.org. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards. Items not required to enroll. For information, call (734) 522-6830.

Vacation Bible school

Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist

Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewsLivonia.com.

Family movie night

A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Water works park

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$15, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900

or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

UPCOMING

Married couples retreat

Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, northwest corner Quarton Rd. and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For reservations, call (248) 644-4933 or visit www.manresa-sj.org.

Church bazaar

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, includes entertainment, open air market, children's games, food, raffles, petting farm and pony rider, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard at I-75 and Mack, Detroit. Free admission. Friday night jazz concert is \$20 advance, \$25 at door (313) 863-4687. For information, call (313) 831-1356 or send e-mail to sacredheart@mcleodusa.net. Proceeds benefit the church benevolent fund including feeding the homeless.

New Song ministry

The Geneva Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, hosts the music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. on Sunday August 3 during morning and evening services. A reception follows the 7 p.m. service. No charge. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Tent revival

Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Vacation Bible school

The Anglican Church of Livonia will hold its Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 12-15. This year's theme is Bible Beach Bash - Soak up the Sun! For information, call (248) 442-0422.

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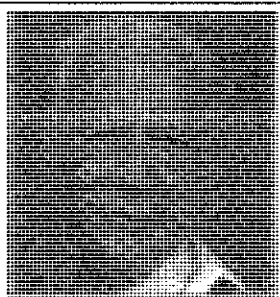
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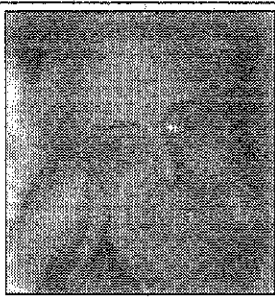
IRENE M. CARSON

Age 63 of Vicksburg, died Friday, July 18, 2008 at her Indian Lake home. She was born in Detroit on March 31, 1945 the daughter of Earl and Wilva (Norris) Markham. Irene was married to her high school sweetheart, Donald Carson on March 13, 1965 in Plymouth, MI. While living there, she was Secretary to the Director of Finance for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She taught Sunday School, and following her retirement, worked briefly at the Physicians Center of Physical Medicine. Irene is survived by her husband, Donald; three grandsons, Joshua, Jeremie, and Jacob Murray all of Rockford, MI; and 1 brother, Ronald Markham of Bradenton, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Lisa S. Murray. Visitation was Monday, July 21st at the Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the church with Rev. Dave Downs officiating. Burial will follow in Vicksburg Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southwest Michigan, or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were by the Eickhoff Funeral Home of Mendon. Online register and condolences may be left at: www.eickhofffuneralhome.com



JOHN ROBERT GABEL

July 20, 2008. Age 84. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Loving father of Bob (Lynn) Gabel and Jack (Helen) Gabel. Devoted grandfather of Amy (Grady) Coon and Kelly (Auriel) Gabel-Acuña. Proud great-grandfather of Ava and Kendall. Visitation Tuesday 5-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Wednesday at 11:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



JAMES JOHN HAPP, JR.

Of Westland, Born December 22, 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. died July 18, 2008, age 65. He was a longtime employee of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools where he taught English at Nankin Mills and Marshall Junior High Schools and John Glenn High School. He was a member of the Westland Civilians and volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Art and for the American Red Cross. He is preceded in death by his father, James John Happ, Sr., and a nephew, Matthew Robert Mason. He is survived by his mother, Frances Happ, brothers Robert of Kodiak Island, Alaska; Timothy (Susan) of Brighton, and sisters Elizabeth (Richard) McClure of Milford and Susan (Robert) Mason of Westland; nieces Colleen, Amy and Brian Happ, Kristin (Matthew) Weber, Katie (John) Tomasatis and Jonathan Happ, Ian (Melissa) McClure and Robert and Carolee Mason. Instate Thursday July 24, 9AM until 9:30AM Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorial may be made to the American Red Cross. To view obituary and share memories log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

CHRISTINE B. DICICCO

Age 79, of Troy, MI, passed away July 17, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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CALENDAR

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Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livonia-st-michael.org.

Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Bible study

A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Health program

U-Count Empowered to Get Health Family Edition is a 8-week, life-changing program that promotes complete health and family development. Biblically-based classes, workshops, exercise training, and accountability. Breakout sessions for adult, youth (12-18), and kids (5-11). Informational meeting noon Saturday, Aug. 30, in R-201, at Detroit World Outreach Christian Center, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Opening Day 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in R-201,

cost \$75. Information available at (313) 255-2222 ext. 359 or sledlie@dw.org.

Exploring the Catholic faith

Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Dorje Chang is living in America

Presentation focusing on the reincarnation of the Highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will be the one leading the congregation in Detroit.

Spirit of Manresa

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost is \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month.

The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Time change

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services

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

Sanskrit chanting

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

Church schedule

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

Single Place Ministry

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

Prince of Peace Church

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

Tai Chi and strength classes

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

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m.

Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

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

Thrift store

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

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for overall health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants.

For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

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Demos, landscaping, jazz highlight Orchard Lake show

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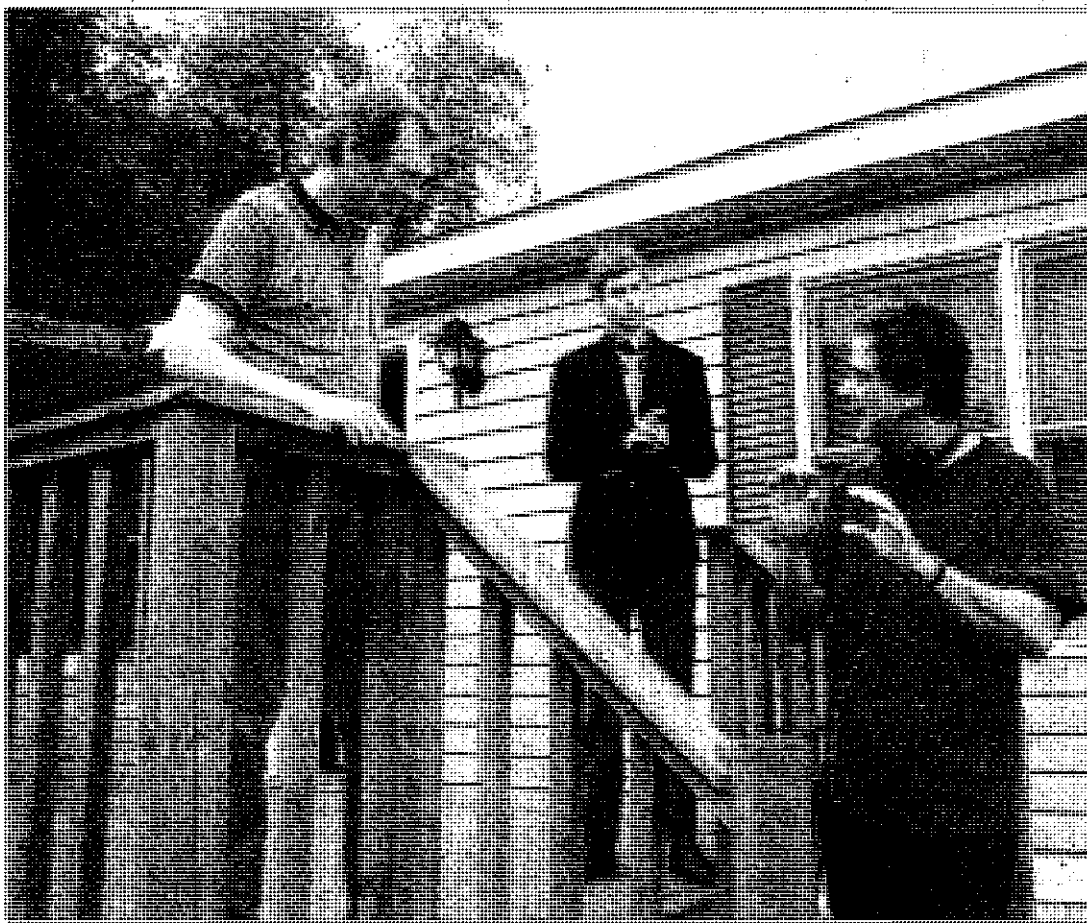
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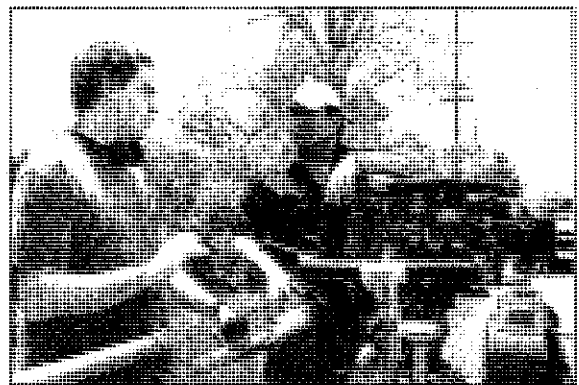
Ferndale sets the scene for



Actors Steve Buscemi and Michael Cera discuss a scene in "Youth In Revolt" with Director Miguel Arteta, while on location in Wixom in June.



This lavender house in Ferndale currently serves as the setting of Estelle Twisp's house in the movie "Youth In Revolt" starring Michael Cera.



While filming the comedy "Youth In Revolt" around Michigan, Director Miguel Arteta and Director of Photography Chuy Chavez line up a driving shot in Wixom.



LAUGH UP A STORM WITH COMEDIAN DAVE BELL

Ready for a reality check? Catch Comedian Dave Bell when he unleashes his irreverent brand of comedy this weekend at DTE Music Theatre. Bell, a Southfield resident, will perform as the opening act for Earth, Wind and Fire. He keeps his one-liners clean and, according to Roger Feeny of the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Bell's "keen sense of comedy results in cleverly written material that is presented with a charismatic stage presence. In other words — the guy's funny and I book him all the time."

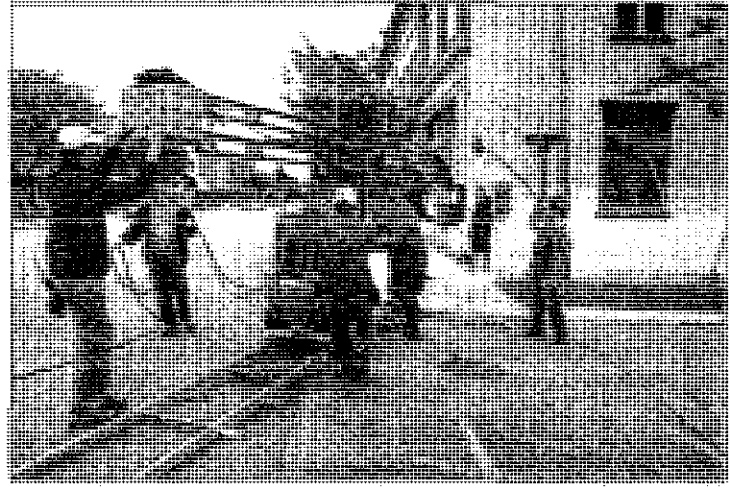
He takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27, DTE Energy Music Theatre is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road, at I-75 in Independence Township. Visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

— S. Casola

'Youth In Revolt'

Editor's Note: This is the second in an ongoing series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. As a result more than 80 applications (and 150 scripts) have been submitted to the Michigan Film Office to date, according to Director Janet Lockwood.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER



Michael Cera stars in "Youth In Revolt." Based on the C.D. Payne novel, the movie has been filming around Michigan, including Frankfort (above). Currently, scenes are being shot in Ferndale.

Dieye Lo moved from Royal Oak to Ferndale three months ago, never imagining his neighbors might include the likes of actors Ray Liotta, Michael Cera and Jean Smart. The actors are all currently shooting the Miguel Arteta-helmed comedy *Youth In Revolt*, which has taken over three homes on Lo's tree-lined street. "You can't beat that," he said, standing on his porch July 16.

Lo even had a chance to meet and take a photograph with its star, Cera, best known for his roles in 2007 hits *Juno* and *Superbad*.

On the same sunny afternoon, 16-year-olds Aaron Moskal and Devin Verhulst lounged on a patch of green grass just across the street from the set — which on that day centered on a lavender house with an old shiny trailer parked in the driveway.

They drove in from Metamora just to get a glimpse of the movie, and its star Cera, in

action. "We got a picture with him," said Devin, with a smile. The teens spent the day watching actors and crew at work. "You always watch movies but you never see how many people it takes and all the equipment it takes to make a movie," added Aaron. Last month he and Devin had a chance to work as extras in another film that recently wrapped in Royal Oak — a Lifetime movie title *Prayers for Bobby*, starring Sigourney Weaver.

Both movies share producers Steven A. Longi and David Permut of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc. Initially *Youth In Revolt* was to be shot in Oregon and *Prayers for Bobby* in Calgary. Instead the Michigan tax incentives lured the projects to the mitten state. "We planted our flag

here first for *Youth In Revolt*," said Permut, speaking from a backyard transformed by tents, monitors and sound equipment. "We were the first film to do that."

He said so far, the experience of filming in Michigan has been a good one. Permut raved about the creative talent and people he's met who have been "so accepting of us being here." Only the weather — rain and thunderstorms — has posed concerns. Co-producer Longi agreed "the great thing about filming here is the people in Michigan. They have been very accommodating and very nice." The film itself requires a cast and crew of some 125 people — some hired from right here in the metro Detroit area.

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Fresh from Ferndale Fans can expect star-studded cast

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Youth In Revolt, a film based on C.D. Payne's novel of the same name, follows the exploits of mischievous 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) in his quest to win the heart of one Sheeni Saunders, a girl he met on vacation. According to Producer David Permut, of L.A.-based Permut Presentations, Inc., Cera (*Superbad*) had been a fan of the book and was the only actor considered for the lead role.

It took five years to get the project moving, but Permut noted, fans of the novel should be pleased. "The tone is a little different, but it maintains the integrity of the book." Adapted from Payne's 500-pages, he said: "Gustin Nash crafted a script and chose what to take and what not to take. It's fresh and original." Nash also wrote the indie flick *Charlie Bartlett*.

While filming the comedy, two separate houses on Ferndale's Leroy Street currently repre-

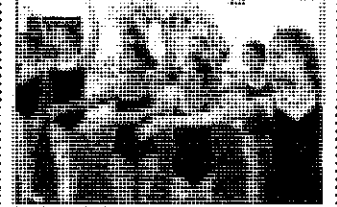
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EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE PRESENTS INTENSIVE BALLET

The prestigious Eisenhower Dance Ensemble will present *La Bayadere*, at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall in Rochester.

La Bayadere is a story of eternal love, mystery, fate, vengeance and justice, all portrayed with the beauty and tradition of classical ballet.

The performance is part of its 6th annual Summer Ballet Intensive. Joining EDE this



Students at the Eisenhower Dance Center.

summer is Barbara Schoen, a former student at the center and professional ballerina from the Fort Wayne Ballet. She takes on the role of Nikiya, a temple dancer who is loved by the noble Solor. Solor will be danced by Chris Taddiken, another former EDE student, currently studying dance on scholarship at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

Tickets, \$8.
Visit www.ede-dance.org.

— L. Mini



Deborah Kay hosts CD release party

Singer, songwriter and pianist Deborah Kay will pursue her life-long musical dreams, when she performs at the national launch party for her much anticipated debut CD *Love Stories* this weekend. The CD, on Visionmoore Music Group Records, is a blend of R&B, jazz, pop, gospel and classical influences, and will yield Kay's first single, *Love Everlasting*. The Detroit, who teaches English in Detroit Public Schools, will perform two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant, at 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (in the Star Theatre Complex), just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Tickets are \$20 per show. To purchase tickets, call (248) 357-6009 or visit www.arturosjazz.com.

— W. VonBuskirk

Memphis Smoke hosts concert for serious teen musicians

(Left to Right): Bubba Ayoub, Alie Miller, Nicole Amine, Lea Garsh and Joe Silver are members of Nuclear Autumn. The teens just met earlier this year at Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak.



THE DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK AND POP

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

At the Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak, young local musicians learn to get along, jam together, hone writing skills and perform in concert. They also learn the business side of rock life.

On Sunday, July 24 they will show off their energy playing rock, pop, blues and punk rock — old school style — at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

The bands are all new. The members all just recently met each other at the school. Detroit School of Rock and Pop owner Jason Gittinger matched teen musicians up with each other to help them

DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK AND POP CONCERT

Featuring: Young rock & pop bands formed at the Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak. Bands are the UnOriginals, Watership Down, Royal Clinton Heights and Nuclear Autumn

When: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 24

Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak

Details: 1-888-988-ROCK or www.detroit-school-of-rock-and-pop.com

learn the ropes of being in a band. To coach them, Gittinger brings in teachers who are musicians themselves who have worked with Kid Rock, Tupac, Obie Trice, 50 Cent,

Eminem and Aerosmith.

Gittinger is an accomplished musician who wants to share with young bands everything he learned about the industry.

For guitar player Joe Silver, 14, of Huntington Woods, joining the school has changed his world.

"In just one hour, we can learn a new song," Silver, of the band Nuclear Autumn, said.

Other members of Nuclear Autumn are Bubba Ayoub, of Warren; Lea Garsh and Nicole Amine of Troy; and Alie Miller of Bloomfield.

Silver is intense about his guitar. He practices four hours a day. He's open-minded enough to

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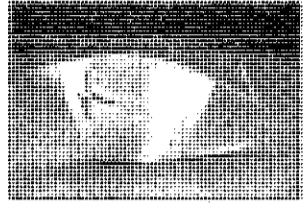
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6TH ANNUAL ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART SHOW

Where: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (corner of Commerce & Indian Trail Roads)
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 25, 26 & 27
Event Hotline: (248) 685-3748
Hours: Ticketed Artist Preview Party 6-9 p.m., Friday, July 25, \$25 (www.TicketWeb.com) includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, free admission. Parking is \$6 and benefits Orchard Lake Schools.

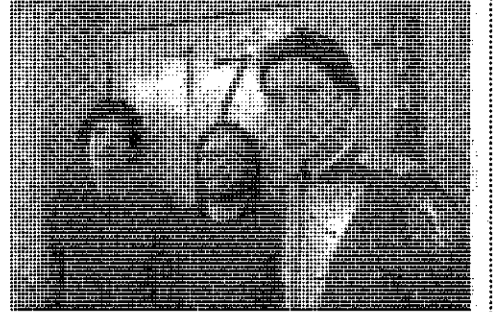
Music: Sheila Landis Trio performing jazz standards, Gratitude Steel Band performing Caribbean sounds and world jazz musicians Brazil & Beyond



Rebecca Hungerford's works will be on display.



Dawn Reeves, fiber artist, will show her wares at the show.



The High Strung

THE HIGH STRUNG RETURNS TO PLYMOUTH

For the past three years The High Strung has been electrifying patrons across the nation with their sunny three-part harmonies and witty, lyrical bravado. This year, the Detroit-based band has taken its sing-along lyrics to libraries all over the country, from Michigan to California, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and back. They will perform the last concert of their tour in Plymouth's Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 27.

Band members Josh Malerman, Derek Berk and Chad Stocker have come a long way since they shared a Detroit childhood. They've been hailed by *Rolling Stone* and the *New York Times*. *The Village Voice* recognized The High Strung as one of the best rock & roll bands in America; NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album *These Are Good Times* as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003. The band's videos have been seen on MTV.

Opening for The High Strung will be Amelia with band members Colin Lazorka, Garret Schmittling, Matt Carlson and Kevin Jaslolski.

-W. VonBuskirk

Art demos, landscaping, jazz highlight art show

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

There are so many festivals in Michigan — that's a good thing. But how do you choose which one to attend?

If you want an event where the focus is fine art from 150 of the best chosen artists from the U.S. and Canada, consider the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

And, if you want an event where the setting is pretty; where you can see artists in action and hear steel drums, Brazilian jazz and jazz standards, your best choice is still the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

It's consistently awarded one of the top 100 art shows in the country by various publications.

The festival is this weekend, Friday through Sunday, at Orchard

Lake St. Mary's Schools on Indian Trail in Orchard Lake. Here a garden display was landscaped just for the event. Splashy Designs of Novi and Tyme Landscaping of Livonia spent two weeks customizing a garden, the focal point of the fair. Guests can sit near the watery landscape and relax to the music. There's also a youth art competition which will display the works of local young up and coming creatives. Winners' works will be posted on www.HotWorks.org.

Throughout the weekend there will be glass blowing, painting and drawing demos from top notch artists.

The glass will be blown by Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild with a program called GlassAct — an international group dedicated to the education, promotion

and preservation of glass working techniques.

This show is a hot one for artists, as it gives away \$2,500 in art awards.

Other aspects of the festival include:

Milestones: The City of Orchard Lake celebrates its 80th birthday, and West Bloomfield Township celebrates its 175th! Stop by their booths for details about codes, construction and career opportunities; information regarding disaster preparedness, mold, green building, benefits of permits, pool, spa and hot tub safety, and flood cleanup.

Kids Activities: The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Family Area offers the budding artist a chance to make their own masterpiece. Plaster painting, T-shirt tie dyeing, sandy candy

making and candle making activities are hosted by Plasterworks of Waterford. Kids can take home their works of art.

Local restaurants: Mezza, Bombay Grille and Mountain Jack's will serve up food.

The Caesar's Windsor Artist Preview Party kicks off the event on Friday from 6-9 p.m., sponsored by *The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*. The preview gala offers patrons first choice to purchase artists' work. Complimentary beverages, including beer and wine, and savories will be served, with catering by Whole Foods Market. Maggie's Chocolate Fountain Bar provides a chocolate fantasy with free flowing milk chocolate in a delicious fountain. Additional food will be available for purchase.

Target is also a major sponsor.

'THE UNDERTAKING' NOMINATED FOR EMMY

The Undertaking, PBS Frontline's look into the lives of Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors of Oakland County, has been nominated in the 29th Annual Emmy Awards for News and Documentary. Final judging will take place Sept. 21.

The Undertaking is one of four nominees in the Outstanding Arts and Culture Programming category.

Produced and directed by Miri Navasky and Karen O'Connor and adapted from the book by the same name by Thomas Lynch, *The Undertaking* was filmed at Lynch & Sons Funeral Homes in Milford and Clawson, January-June, 2007. It aired on PBS stations nationwide in late October last year.

The film followed several families through the process of terminal illness, decisions about funerals, burials, cremations and into the early months of bereavement.

The Undertaking can be seen in its entirety online at PBS Frontline's site at www.pbs.org/frontline/undertaking.

-W. VonBuskirk



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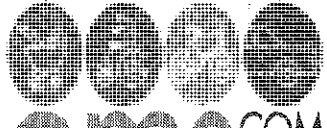


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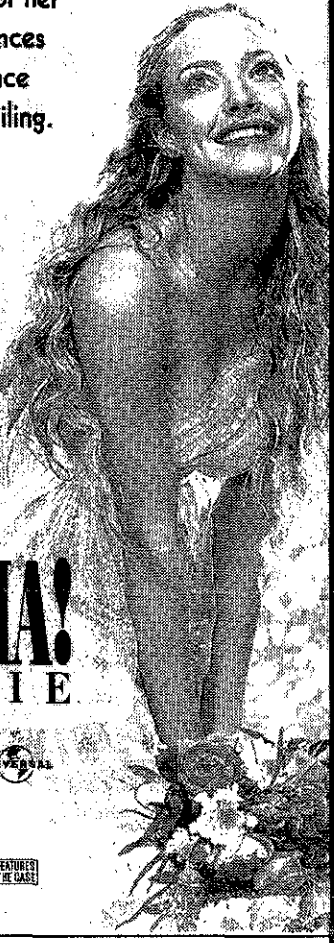
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Filtering your best entertainment bets for the weekend of July 25.

25 Consider this your last chance to check out *Fill the Frame*, a juried exhibition at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodway in Ferndale. Each participating artist was given an identical frame to fill as desired. Turns out creativity won't be confined by 14-by-20 inch parameters. Call (248) 544-0394 or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.



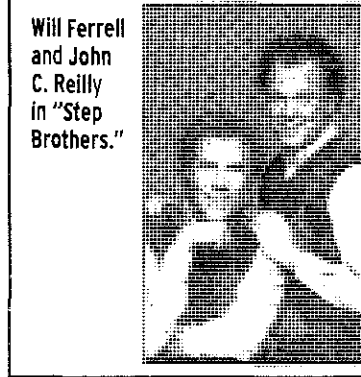
Fill the Frame



The Hard Lessons

26 The Hard Lessons earned their rock cred the hard way — by playing constantly on tour and in front of Detroit audiences. Celebrate the release of the band's four-disc *B&G Sides* series and hear from openers American Mars and students of The Paul Green School of Rock Music, all at 7 tonight at the Crofoot, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets \$12, at ticketweb.com or call the venue for details at (248) 858-9333.

27 Were you ever truly curious about the life of a rock star? How about a rock star mom? Hear it all — and live music too — when Judy Davids of the Mydols signs copies of her book *Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom* and Laurie Lindeen of Zuzu's Petals signs copies of her book *Petal Pusher: A Rock and Roll Cinderella Story* at 3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main, Royal Oak.



Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly in "Step Brothers."

28 Just imagine if Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly were related. The comedy gene would surely run in the family. Catch the funny duo, last paired in *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, in the new Columbia Pictures release *Step Brothers*. The screenplay is by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay from a story by Will Ferrell, Adam McKay and John C. Reilly. Jimmy Miller and Judd Apatow produce. Catch it in area theaters.

29 Peter Frampton grabs his guitar and, you guessed it, comes alive 7:30 tonight at DTE Energy Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw roads in Independence Township. Purchase tickets, \$35 pavilion and \$10 lawn, at www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Founder Henri Forner fled Spain with his family during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). With his background in wine merchandising, he moved to France's Rhone Valley, then to the Loire Valley and

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Forner returned to Spain in 1970 to start producing wine in his homeland, selecting top vineyards in the Rioja Alta region and making wines by French techniques from Spanish grape varieties - for reds that means tempranillo and for whites viura.

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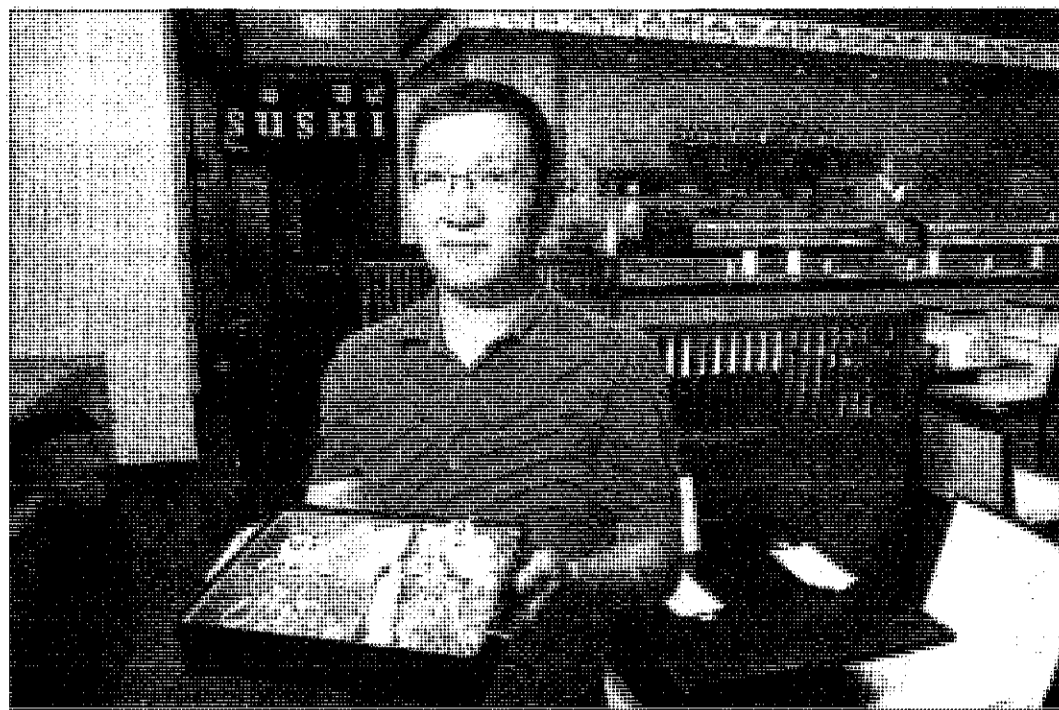
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fruit, especially for the Reserva and Gran Reserva Rioja reds.

Today, noted Bordeaux enologist Michel Rolland consults with the vineyard and winery team and Forner has turned over management of the winery to his daughter Christine. This adds another very capable woman to the growing list of females heading quality wine producers worldwide.

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Tomo owner Kevin Lim presents the day's special lunch box. The lunch box includes tonkatsu (fried pork), shrimp and veggie tempura, sushi roll, ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.



Sushi chef David Kim prepares sushi at Tomo.

Tomo's in Plymouth offers Japanese, Korean fare

BY LANA MINI
ORE STAFF WRITER

Crash course in Japanese dining: Modern sushi is not raw fish, but most don't realize it.

It's the rice that makes it sushi. When it's rolled in the dried, flattened seaweed, it's called a nori or Maki roll. Raw fish is called sashimi.

The word tempura means "to season" so when you're eating eggplant/sweet potato/asparagus or other tempura, you're eating it fried and seasoned.

Tell your friends, it makes for interesting chatter.

If you want a restaurant with a huge selection of Japanese-fusion cooking, including sushi rolls stuffed with interesting ingredients, visit Tomo's Japanese Cuisine in Plymouth.

There are 50 different kinds of sushi roll at Tomo's, owner Kevin Lim said. And they include the traditional sushi such as the popular asparagus, tofu, pickled vegetable, cucumber and California rolls. Diners can sit at the sushi bar to watch the artistic preparation — or at the tables.



TOMO JAPANESE CUISINE

Where: 47249 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-9944

Owner: Kevin Lim, former owner of the popular Sushi.com in Ann Arbor

Specialties: Huge menu of nori rolls; Japanese fusion menu and more

Tomo's opened six months ago on Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Lim, of Northville, said he opened there because Plymouth-area residents enjoy a diverse

choice of ethnic cuisines and are willing to try new menu offerings. Lim is the former owner of the well-received Sushi.com, the Ann Arbor restaurant he recently sold. Sushi.com is praised by U of M students as an affordable yet high-quality sushi bar.

Tomo's is the same with reasonable prices.

Lim, who is Korean, doesn't stop with Japanese cuisine at Tomo's. The restaurant also offers several Korean options.

Still a huge hit is the Japanese lunch box which includes tonkatsu (a fried pork developed in the late 19th century), tempura (pieces of shrimp, sweet potatoes, pepper and onions dipped a wheat batter and fried), cabbage ginger salad, rice, and miso soup.

The name Tomo means "friends" and Lim works to create a friendly atmosphere, helping new customers order off the menu if they ask. He will also offer advice on the Japanese beer and sake — rice wine that can be served hot or cold during the meal.

"Our menu is very popular with Americans," Lim said. "Especially the sushi. People love the variety."

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HEALTHIEST IN THE COUNTRY

Only six independent restaurants in the country were named America's Healthiest Restaurants by *Health Magazine*.

On that prestigious list is Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak. Inn Season is just one of a handful of restaurants in the area that is 100 percent vegetarian. You won't find fish, chicken, beef or pork on this menu. The restaurant also offers vegan (dairyless) soy cheese.

Inn Season uses top-quality, organic, locally grown soybeans, grains, veggies, fruits, flowers and more. The enormous Big Baprawski burger, made from tempeh and non-dairy 1,000 Island dressing, is out-of-this-world.

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Family-friendly show pits boy against cookie-munching mouse

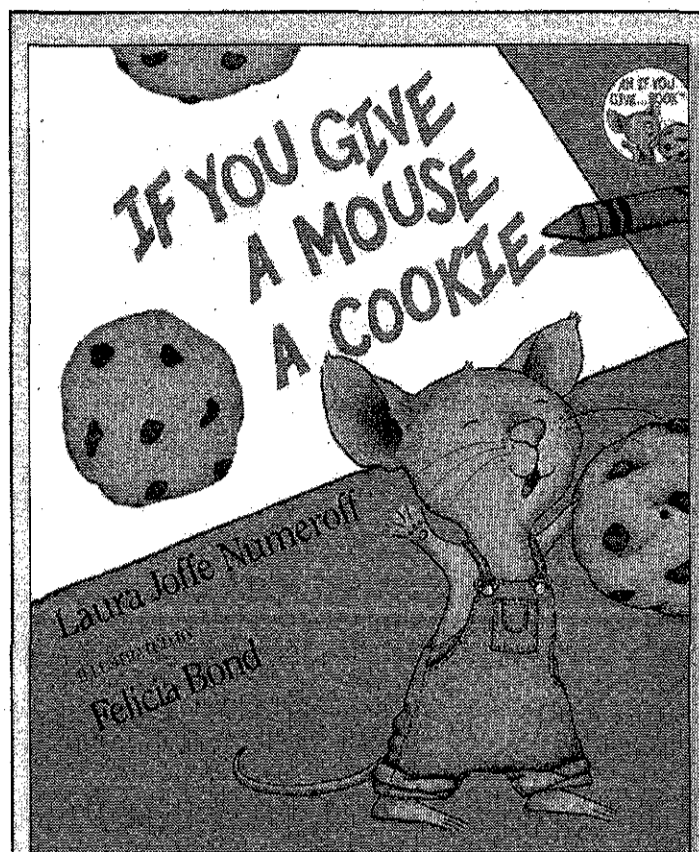
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

When officials from the Palace Sports & Entertainment sought to host locally-produced child-friendly summer shows, they asked John Manfredi for help. The former managing director of Rochester Hills-based Meadow Brook Theatre, kick-started his own company, Etico Productions, in March. He answered the call with two new shows — both based on beloved children's books.

The first — *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* — was produced in late June for John Manfredi's Working Theatre, The Camp Project. It allowed local 30 campers a chance at being part of a professional production from start to finish. "It went really well," said Manfredi, a Waterford resident. Actors and crew working this month on the second Etico Productions show, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, will share the same rehearsal space — courtesy of Troy Athens High School. This show features only professional actors — Sara Catheryn Wolf of St. Clair Shores and Jason Allen, a Garden City native and New York City resident.

Manfredi chose both scripts because they represented entirely new versions of familiar stories.

"*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* is a book I remembered reading to both of my kids," he said. The Laura Joffe Numeroff story had not been produced as a play until last year, and it has not been performed in the metro Detroit area. The show follows the story of a boy who desperately tries to please the increasing demands of his unlikely houseguest — a mouse. Manfredi will produce and direct. Rehearsals began July 20, with costumes by Troy's Christal Renaud and



See the stage production of the popular children's book July 31 in Rochester Hills.

IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE

What: A stage adaptation of the children's tale by Laura Joffe Numeroff

When: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University at University Drive between Squirrel and Adams Roads, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: \$10-\$25, visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666.

elaborate sets completed ahead of time. The set, which is primarily an oversized kitchen where a small boy and mouse will meet, was constructed in a Rochester warehouse. It will feature special effects, including a 6-foot tall glass of milk.

"The trick is getting it into the refrigerator," said Manfredi.

He aims to provide a high-quality show, one that will capture and keep the attention of children as well as their parents. And he knows just what that will take. "You can't talk down to kids," he said, "and you

can't really fool them. They are willing to suspend disbelief."

When it comes to a talking mouse, that will be required.

Fans of the book can count on a story that follows suit and costumes that mirror those familiar illustrations.

Manfredi advocates introducing children to the theater early on — for their own well-being and to foster a future audience as well. Of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, he said, "we're really excited to do it."

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TEENS

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embrace all forms of music from various eras, but he leans toward old blues and rock.

And he's a "huge Led Zeppelin fan."

When Gittinger meets young musicians who are serious about improving their skills, he puts them in working bands. The show at Memphis Smoke will give four young bands a chance to strut their stuff and gain stage experience. Gittinger is also teaching them how to promote themselves.

And how to get along.

"There would probably be a lot more arguments with each other if we weren't supervised," Silver said. "So we all get along pretty well ... we've become friends."

The students will perform both cover songs and original material.

"One song called *The Greatest Composition Ever*

Recorded on Earth is still in the process ... we're working on the lyrics," Silver said. "I came up with a few riffs and the rest of the band liked it, so we started to write around it."

These kids could be the next Zeppelin — only time will tell. The Detroit School of Rock and Pop is currently hosting a *Summer Rocks!* program and is accepting applications for new musicians.

Summer Rocks! is a three-week, day camp in Royal oak where students play in a band, write songs, record in the studio, meet industry professionals and perform live.

"It is very important for the students to receive insight to what the music industry is all about and how the guest speakers have become successful themselves," said Gittinger. "Plus, they will have a fun time playing along with professionals from Detroit. It's great to have Detroiters helping young Detroiters."

Guest instructors include producer Luis Resto, also a

keyboardist, who is one of the founding members of '80s funk band Was Not Was. He has produced albums for Jay Z, 50 Cent, Obie Trice, Tupac Shakur, Patti Smith, Paul Simon and Eminem. In 2003, Resto won an Oscar for co-writing Eminem's song *Lose Yourself*.

Paul Nowinski, a bass player, has played with Aerosmith, Patti Smith, Les Paul, Keith Richards, The Boston Symphony/Pops, Hubert Sumlin, Rickie Lee Jones and Paquito de Riviera.

Percussionist Larry Fratangelo has performed on Gold, Platinum and Grammy award-winning albums. He's played with Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, George Clinton and Kid Rock, and has been on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and *Saturday Night Live*. Instructor Christopher Zajac-Denek is a drummer of the successful Detroit rock band, The Hard Lessons.

REVOLT

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And wherever the production goes, a curious crowd of respectable, quiet onlookers seems to pop up.

In addition to Ferndale, scenes for *Youth In Revolt* have been shot at a mobile home community in Wixom, a market in South Lyon, a donut shop in the tiny town of Frankfurt and around Traverse City.

Permut noted that this is just the beginning, when it comes to filmmaking in Michigan. "With Clint Eastwood and Drew Barrymore filming here, there will be many others to follow," he predicted. Eastwood's project is titled *Gran Torino* and currently filming around Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Highland Park, while Barrymore's directorial debut *Whip It!* starring Ellen Page is filming around Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. While an infrastructure to better support the onslaught of feature films must still be put in place, Permut said the industry is bound to draw and retain creative talent.

Residents and city officials alike might as well get used to road closures, alternate traffic routes, whispering in the streets while cameras roll, and the sight of local police officials controlling crowds and restricting access to filming locations.

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FERNDALE

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sent the Oakland, Calif. neighborhood where Nick lives with his divorced mother Estelle (Jean Smart) and deals with her difficult boyfriends, including a smarmy cop played by Ray Liotta. One of the homes has been reconfigured to support the weight of a battered Chevy Nova that fills the entire living room.

A key element to the plot — and proof of Estelle's questionable taste in men — the gray hunk of metal was driven into the home through a large opening cut into the backyard with the permission of the homeowner.

The Weinstein Co. production is due out in 2009 and features Steve Buscemi as Nick's philandering father George Twisp, Fred Willard as bizarre neighbor Mr. Ferguson, comedian Zack Galifianakis as another of Estelle's boyfriends Jerry, and Justin Long as Sheenie's all-knowing brother Paul. Miguel Arteta (*The Good Girl*) is directing.

Look for cameos by writer C.D. Payne, astronaut Michael Collins and possibly even Royal Oak's own Jack Kevorkian, who visited the Ferndale set in mid-July. And according to Permut, a *Youth In Revolt* sequel is possible.

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Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and lost soul, has a discussion with a young feisty woman played by Mary Kate Olsen, in the film *The Wackness* only at the Landmark Art Main in Royal Oak.



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Troubled high school student Luke Shapiro (Josh Peck) is a teenage pot dealer who forms a friendship with Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), a psychiatrist and kindred lost soul.

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STEP BROTHERS

Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly star in *Step Brothers*, directed by Adam McKay (*Talladega Nights*). Ferrell plays Brennan Huff, a sporadically employed 38-year-old who lives with his mother, Nancy (Mary Steenburgen). Reilly plays a terminally unemployed

40-year-old who lives with his father, Robert (Richard Jenkins). When Robert and Nancy marry and move in together, Brennan and Dale are forced to live with each other as step brothers. As their narcissism and laziness threaten to tear the family apart, these overgrown boys orchestrate an insane, elaborate plan to bring their parents back together. Screenplay by Ferrell & Adam McKay. Not yet rated.

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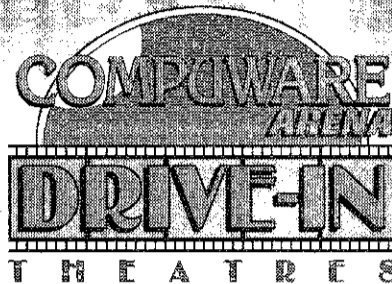
The Rocker is Robert "Fish" Fishman, the drummer for an eighties hair band. He's living the rock n' roll dream ... until he is kicked out of the group. Twenty years later, the desperate rocker joins his nephew's band, "A.D.D.," finally reclaiming the rock-god throne he's always thought he deserved — while taking his much younger bandmates along for the ride of their lives. Starring Rainn Wilson and Christina Applegate. PG-13.

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Project Joe Local designer makes the cut

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
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When word spread that a local designer is among the contestants on *Project Runway Season 5*, the local fashion community was put on pins and needles.

Phones Tweeted with questions — just who is “Joe” of Troy, and how will he fare?

Turns out Joe Faris, 41, made the cut during the show’s premiere July 16, when contestants were challenged to design garments from grocery store finds. Faris crafted a bustier out of a printed oven mitt, and an A-line skirt laced with pasta — perhaps a nod to Salvatore Scallopini, the chain of Italian restaurants his in-laws own throughout Metro Detroit.

Faris’ colorful design was not singled out as best or worst, so he quietly moved on to the next round.

Jason Hochstein, co-owner of Chaud Jeans in Royal Oak, has carried Faris’ clothing lines, and attended a *Project Runway* viewing party to watch the first episode. He said Faris didn’t get much airtime.

“But I thought that was a good thing, because it seemed like they were highlighting people who weren’t doing so good,” Hochstein said. “Joe is very talented, but low key. He’s a laid-back kind of a person.”

Niki Johnson, publisher of Detroit Fashion Pages, is hosting weekly viewing parties at Centaur Bar, and said about 100 people showed up to the first one to support Faris.

“Joe is an amazing designer,” she said. “There is a lot of talent on the show and it’s going to be a great season.”

At International Academy of Design Technology in Troy, fashion design chair Julie Patterson said students and staff are buzzing about Faris.

“I hope he wins it all,” she said. “We need to put Michigan on the global fashion map.”

Faris has worked in the design industry for 18 years, at Bugle Boy, Ralph Lauren and Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle. For the past seven years he has been independent, launching the labels Redfly and Inkslingers USA, and most recently working for Schott NYC.

He called *Project Runway* ‘a fluke.’

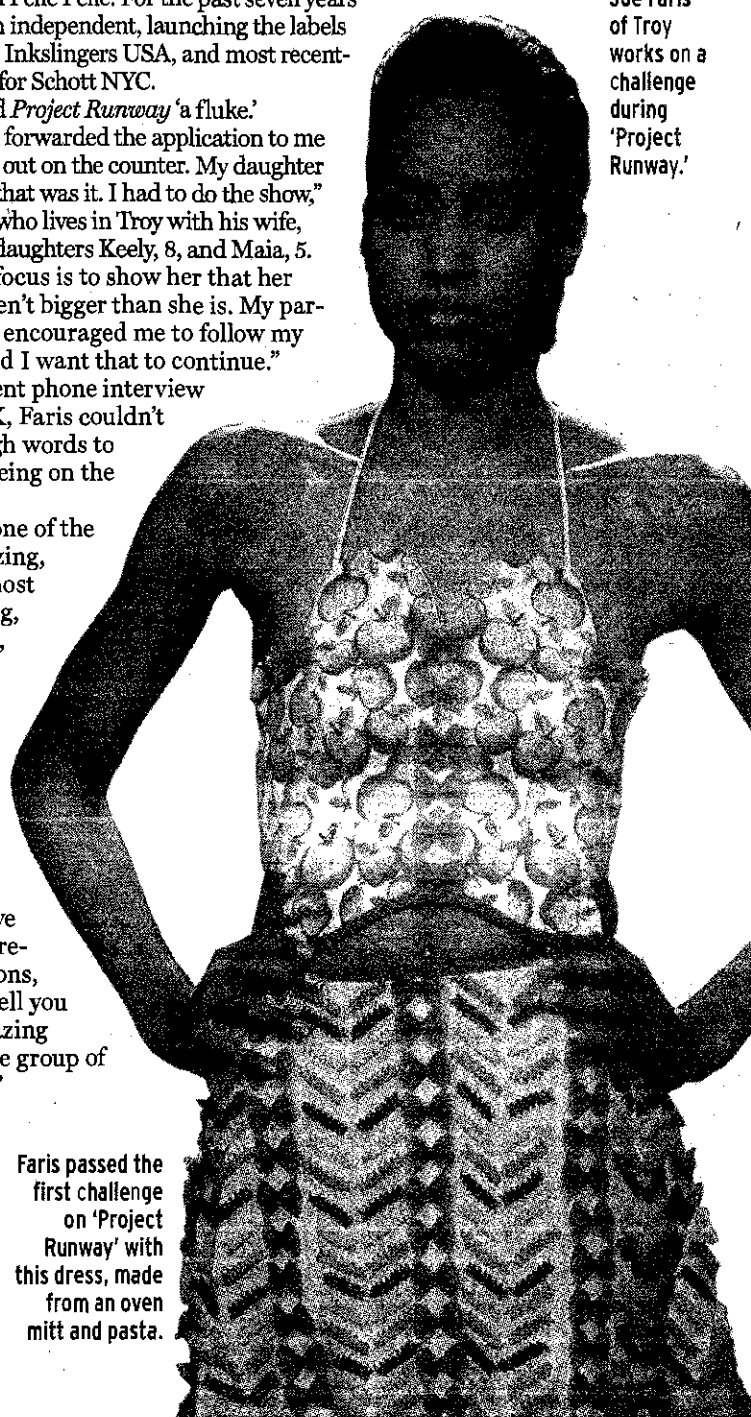
“A friend forwarded the application to me and I left it out on the counter. My daughter saw it and that was it. I had to do the show,” said Faris, who lives in Troy with his wife, Kara, and daughters Keely, 8, and Maia, 5. “My main focus is to show her that her dreams aren’t bigger than she is. My parents really encouraged me to follow my dreams and I want that to continue.”

In a recent phone interview with PINK, Faris couldn’t find enough words to describe being on the show.

“It was one of the most amazing, hardest, most challenging, rewarding, incredible experiences that I’ve ever done in my life,” he said. “This season really is great. I’ve watched previous seasons, but I can tell you it’s an amazing and diverse group of designers.”



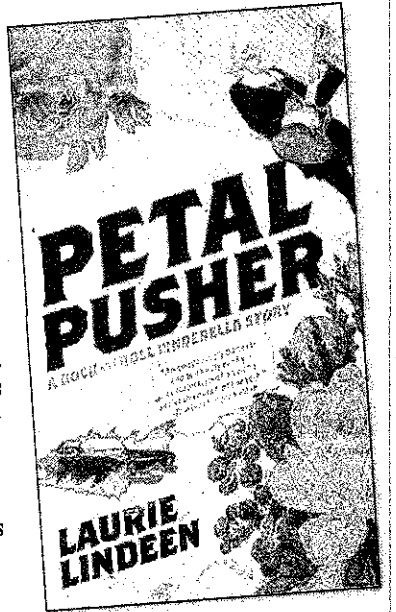
Joe Faris of Troy works on a challenge during ‘Project Runway.’



Faris passed the first challenge on ‘Project Runway’ with this dress, made from an oven mitt and pasta.

Author mom discusses life after rock ‘n’ roll

So what’s it like to be in an all-girl band? Just ask Minneapolis-based rocker Laurie Lindeen, who spent the late 1980s and early ‘90s on the road with Zuzu’s Petals. Lindeen is coming to Royal Oak this weekend to promote her new book, “Petal Pushers: A Rock and Roll Cinderella Story,” and play a few songs with The Mydols. Here, fellow musician and author Judy Davids of The Mydols chats with Lindeen about her experiences with Zuzu’s Petals and beyond.



Judy: At what point did you decide to write a book about your all-girl band?

Laurie: I always had a passion for writing. For a long time songwriting was the container for it. After I quit

the band, got married, had a baby, I needed to find a new container. A bigger one. So I went to grad school and took writing classes.

We could write about whatever we wanted, and I always found myself writing about the band and trying to figure out what just happened to me.

Judy: So how did you resolve the transition from life “on the road” to life in suburbia? Was it an easy adjustment?

Laurie: When Zuzu’s Petals first disbanded, I felt disengaged. I was used to a certain lifestyle filled with certain characters and circumstances that I just wasn’t finding in the grocery stores and car washes of the suburbs — so for a while I felt lost.

Judy: But you grew up in the ‘burbs, right? Would you describe your childhood as normal?

Laurie: Yes. I did have a normal childhood. It was the next phase of my life that was abnormal. I felt like while I was in a band I missed 10 years of ordinary human development — you know, of friends getting married, working in offices, having babies. So I had a difficult time relating to my neighbors in the beginning.

Judy: You’re a mom. Did you learn anything from all those years on the road that you feel shaped you as a mother?

Laurie: Definitely. Particularly during the first six months. I was used to staying up all night and getting very little sleep! I also had taught myself how to deal with the fear of failure, and I knew how to get things done on the fly when I had to. And then there’s grooming. A lot of women think they’re going to have this baby and everything is going to be perfect. They’re still going to have time to put on makeup and look beautiful. I was used to living in boxcars and not worrying about such things. I lived a hard scrambled life, so I found motherhood calming.

Judy: You are married to Paul Westerberg of The Replacements. Do you ever find yourself missing the spotlight and living vicariously through him?

Laurie: Paul doesn’t tour like he used to, but when he did I got to see what a true rock star existence is like. As much I wished for success for Zuzu’s Petals, traveling with Paul made me wonder. I obviously have great respect for his work and his gift, but with it comes a lot of isolation and pressure. It takes a special type of person to make it in the music business. I don’t think I am that type of person.

Judy: But you haven’t given up music completely, right?

Laurie: No. I still manage to play a couple of times a year. I have friends in bands and they’ll let me join them on stage every now and then. They play and I sing. Usually covers. Fun stuff.

Laurie Lindeen will sing and discuss her book at 3 p.m. Sunday July 27 at Barnes & Noble, 500 S. Main St., Royal Oak. She’ll be joined by Davids, author of “Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom,” and the rest of The Mydols. Visit www.mydols.com. Full disclosure: Pink editor Wensdy Von Buskirk is also in The Mydols!

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Glitz Cut-A-Thon

METRO DETROIT — Glitz Salon at Great Lakes Crossing will host its 7th Annual Cut-A-Thon July 27 to benefit Children’s Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Events begin at 8 a.m. and include a 5k Run, car show, silent auction, character appearances for children, inflatable games, live music, pizza and hot dogs, \$20 haircuts and princess makeovers for girls. Glitz Salons are located in Rochester, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Orion Township. Call (248) 200-9006 or visit www.glitzsalons.com.

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