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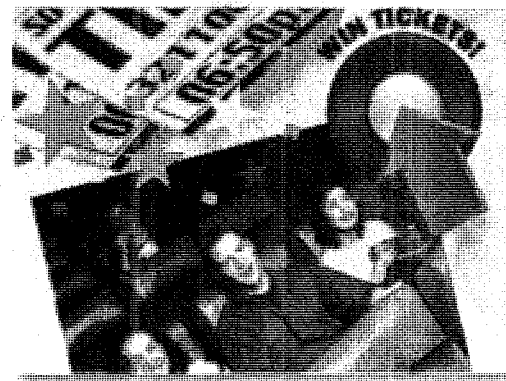
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AROUND TOWN

Fund-raiser

Funds are being raised to help Westland resident Shawn Gronas, who only has one kidney that is functioning at 20 percent, said her mother-in-law, Anita Gronas. Shawn Gronas is on a donor list for a kidney, has medical bills and also may need transfusions, Anita Gronas said.

A fund-raiser is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Joey's Comedy Club on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Seating will start at 10 p.m., Anita Gronas said. Tickets are \$15 and includes two drinks, she said. To get tickets, call (734) 728-0381, (734) 546-9449 or (248) 974-8105.

Also, anyone who wants to donate may go to any Charter One Bank and make a donation to Shawn's Kidney Transplant Fund, Anita Gronas said.

Register now

The deadline is Monday, April 6, to register to vote in the Tuesday, May 5, Wayne-Westland school election.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day, a U.S. citizen and residents of Michigan and Westland.

Registration can be completed in the city clerk's office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, Westland, during regular business hours — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Monday. For more information, call the clerk's office at (734) 467-3185 or online at the Michigan Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Holiday hours

Westland city offices and the 18th District Court will be closed Good Friday, April 10. However, the Bailey Recreation Center behind Westland City Hall will remain open, and the Mike Modano Arena will continue to host Glow Skate 7:30-8:50 p.m. as scheduled. The ice arena will also hold open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

The William P. Faust Public Library will be closed on Saturday, April 11.

Budget plan cuts jobs, hikes rates

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Battling a rough economy, Westland Mayor William Wild has proposed a new budget that trims 14 city jobs, raises water-sewer rates by nearly 12 percent and slashes the general fund surplus by 45 percent in one year, leaving it at \$1.2 million.

Even more sacrifices could be com-

ing as Wild's administration seeks wage, pension and health care concessions from city unions to combat what outside auditors predict could be a \$32 million deficit within four years, unless cost-cutting measures are taken. Some preliminary talks already have started, the mayor said.

Wild has submitted a \$59.6 million, balanced budget to the Westland City Council, which will have talks with all

department officials and potentially fine-tune the spending plan before approving it in early June.

"It was a tough budget to put together, and they are going to be tough for a while," Wild said.

Water-sewer rates are projected to climb 11.9 percent and cost an average household an additional \$95 a year. The rate hike, if approved, would more than offset increases passed

to Westland by Detroit and Wayne County, and it could position the city to finance water-sewer system projects partly aimed at eliminating sewer back-ups in homes.

Water-sewer rates would jump from \$6.08 to \$6.80 for every 1,000 gallons, Finance Director Steve Smith said. An average household uses

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Sew good Students turn pillowcases into dresses for Malawi children

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're called Little Dresses for Africa, simple garments made for children living in Central Africa. They're easy to make and the just kind of project Kristin Chaisson was looking for.

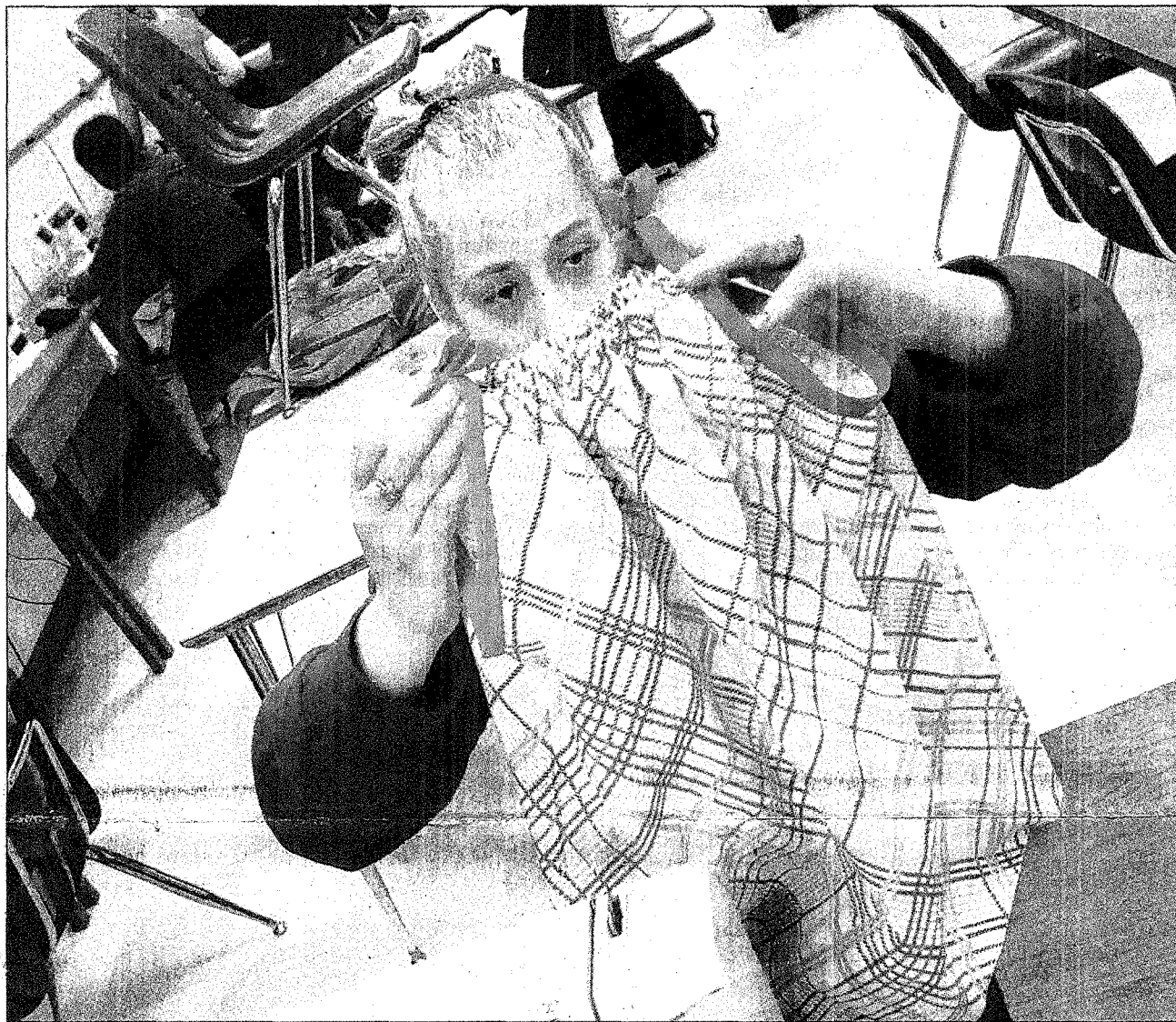
"Every semester, I have students do service learning," said Chaisson, a life skills teacher at Wayne Memorial High School. "The students have to use the skills they learn in class to benefit someone else."

The class is Basic Clothing 2 and, for several weeks, students have been cutting and sewing dresses made from pillowcases. They cut out armholes and a neckline by removing the top of the pillow. They trim the armholes with bias tape, leaving enough to tie bows at the top, and use elastic to gather the neck opening. Students are graded on their work, with Chaisson checking their work along the way.

"It's pretty easy, if you know how to sew," Chaisson said.

The finished dresses are going to Little Dresses for Africa, a Brownstown charity that sends them to youngsters in Malawi. Chaisson discovered the organization through a newspaper story and contacted Rachel O'Neill, who started doing it locally, to ask if her students could participate in the program.

"She was extremely excited to have us help," Chaisson said. "I brought it to the students and asked if they'd like to



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Corey Wangeman holds up the toddler dress she was making from a pillowcase as part of sewing class project at Wayne Memorial High School.

do it and they got really excited." According to Chaisson, O'Neill supplied pillowcases that she wanted the students to have to work on. She also got donations. IN all, each of her 26 students made two pillowcase dresses each.

This is the second time senior Olivia Rensel has taken the sewing class.

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SENDING HOPE

What: Called Little Dresses for Africa, the charity aims to make "a difference one little girl at a time" in Malawi. Using a simple pattern, volunteers turn pillowcases into dresses that are sent to Malawi, where 3 of every 10 children will die before they reach the age of

five and 30 percent of the remaining number will die before they reach the age of 10.

Information: Little Dresses for Africa has a Web site, www.littledressesforafrica.org. Information also by calling Rachel O'Neill at (734) 637-9064.

Equipment allows Westland firefighters to train at 'home'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Without even driving a fire truck outside the city limits, Westland firefighters have teamed up with their counterparts from Shelby Township, Sterling Heights and Brighton for a live, video-based training session

aimed at improving their job-related education and skills.

The event last week marked a milestone because it allowed 18 Westland firefighters to tune in for training while leaving the city with full fire protection. They used new video conference equipment, bought with grant dollars, to link in to a Troy-based ses-

sion led by former Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal.

"This is a big achievement for our department," Deputy Chief Bruce Tenniswood said. "We were able to interact with other cities, get their perspectives and ideas, and get access to a very knowledgeable teacher without incurring any additional expense or

having people out of the city."

During the last year, the city's fire department has worked with National Satellite Inc. to equip Fire Station No. 1, at Ford and Carlson, with telecommunications equipment to make such training exercises possible.

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Four W-W elementaries schools get media center makeovers

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four more Wayne-Westland elementary schools will be getting a makeover of their media centers.

The Wayne-Westland school board approved using \$1.71 million from the district's sinking fund for media center additions and remodeling projects for P.D. Graham and Madison Elementaries in Westland, Hicks Elementary in Inkster and Hoover Elementary in Wayne.

The board also approved spending \$187,233 for such furnishings as tables, chairs, bookcases and circulation

desks, and \$146,000 to repair an underground steam pipe at Marshall Middle School. Both will be paid for with money from the district's Building and Site Fund.

According to Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith Inc., the district's construction manager, work on the media centers at Hicks, Hoover and Graham will begin when school ends in June. Once those projects are completed, the focus will shift to Madison where two courtyards will be filled to create a new office and media center. That work should start around Christmas. Three of the schools also will get air conditioning — Madison, Hicks

and Hoover. P.D. Graham already has it.

"That's the No. 1 complaint that I hear from parents is air conditioning," said board President Martha Pitsenbarger.

Underwood added that the district received almost 150 bids for its 25 requests.

"The bids came in very favorable to the budget," Underwood told the board. "This is definitely a buyer's market."

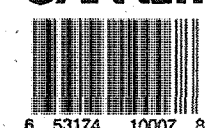
"With a combination of scheduling and what's going on with the economy we are able to keep them on the job longer which makes it more attractive to bidders," added Gary

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"These guys have worked really hard at this," Fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

The sessions also can be taped and used later to train additional firefighters.

"We have determined that there is a tremendous amount of training we can get live from just about anywhere without depleting our resources," Tenniswood said.

The announcement of the new program came as the Westland Fire Department

has drawn widespread attention after Fire Marshal Chris Szpara was accused March 24 of hitting a car and leaving the scene while driving a city vehicle. His case still is pending and he is on unpaid suspension, but a warrant has been approved for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Last week, Westland 18th District Court was awaiting word from a state court administrator who has been asked to appoint an outside judge to handle the case.

Fire officials have said they do not diminish the seriousness of the misdemeanor

charge, but they also are hopeful that the public will not lose sight of the positive steps that firefighters are taking to try to improve their service to Westland.

The new video program is expected to be expanded to other Westland fire stations, allowing firefighters here and elsewhere to train without leaving their respective communities.

"The exciting part of this event (last week) was that not once piece of fire apparatus had to leave their municipalities," Tenniswood said.

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BUDGET

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22,000 gallons every two-month billing cycle.

City tax rates, meanwhile, are proposed to remain the same.

Wild's budget would trim 14 jobs mostly by not filling positions due to retirements, although three workers — a mayor-appointed personnel secretary, an appraiser and an electrical inspector — would be laid off. Hourly workers in the city's American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1602 would take the most job cuts, but a police patrol officer and two supervisory union employees also would be trimmed.

The latest job cuts would come after the city earlier eliminated nine positions, for a total of 23 during a two-year period.

Several other employees would be assigned to other jobs as Wild moves to streamline the city's workforce. An animal control officer, for example, would assume ordinance enforcement duties.

Amid an economic recession

and plummeting property values, tax revenues are projected to drop 8 percent in the new budget, and Wild has said the city could face at least two more years of decline.

The new budget would be propped up with a one-time, \$1 million boost from a commission that oversees the senior citizen Taylor Towers — a move that Wild said the center's board already has approved. Without that infusion of money along with other measures, the city's projected \$1.2 million general fund surplus could have dipped substantially more.

Wild's administration has proposed no new police patrol cars in the new budget, although federal stimulus money is being sought that, if approved, could pay for 10 vehicles. The new spending plan also calls for trimming eight police take-home vehicles.

Wild has proposed setting aside \$250,000 to help fix a portion of lead-contaminated Central City Park, and additional money from the city's Downtown Development Authority has been allocated to build a water play area, called Rainforest H2O Zone,

in Tattan Park, which already has the new Play Planet structure.

The new budget blueprint also calls for contracting out the city's rental-inspection program, as well as electrical, heating and cooling inspections.

Council President James Godbout said portions of the budget may be fine-tuned, but he said the overall plan appears acceptable.

"I think it's workable," he said. "I think they did a good job of trying to come up with a balanced budget that maintains a fund balance."

Godbout recalled budget plans several years ago that he said contained only a \$200,000 surplus — a small amount for a city of nearly 86,000 residents.

"I would not accept a budget that takes us back to the days of the \$200,000 fund balance," he said.

The first budget session has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday on the second floor of Westland City Hall. It will include talks about police, the joint dispatch system involving Westland and Inkster, and the Youth Assistance Program.

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'Lamb of God': Church celebrates Easter

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Easter story is well-known to Christians, so the challenge for pastor Wayne Parker of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City was finding a way to tell the story of the Crucifixion in a different way.

In the past, the church has retold the story through the eyes of a Roman soldier and even used vignettes. After a year off, the church will again present an Easter play, retelling the story of the Crucifixion through the words of the apostles Paul and John Mark.

The *Lamb of God* will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 10-11, at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, in Garden City.

Written by Parker, the storyline comes from the story of Paul's house imprisonment in Rome.

"He was chained to a guard and he used the opportunity to tell him about Jesus," said Parker. "He developed a relationship with the man so much so that in his letter to the Romans, he included a greeting to Caesar's guards."

Parker added that unlike past Easter pageants, this one will end differently with the martyrdom of Paul.

"It goes through the Passion which explains why Paul is willing to go to his death," Parker said. "It ends with a heaven scene in which Paul is reunited with Christ."

The cast and crew are members of the congregation which is good news for Parker.

"With all of technical people and the directors, I get to sit back and watch," he said.

Terry Crouson will play Paul as well as co-direct the production, while Alan Hyma will play John Mark, whose family, it's believed,



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Zachariah Lefler, 10, (clockwise), brother Isaac Lefler, 8, both of Westland, Michael Weathers, 8, of Livonia, Evan Parker of Garden City who plays Jesus, Savannah Lefler, 6, of Westland, and Emily Crouson, 12, of Livonia will rehearse a scene from the Merriman Road Baptist Church Easter play, *Lamb of God* that will be presented Friday and Saturday.

owned the upper room where the Last Supper was held, said Parker.

The role of Mary will be played by Jan Branton and Parker's son Evan will reprise his role as Jesus. He was tapped for it a few years ago when the production required Jesus to sing. While Evan was a little young for the part, "it worked out well," Parker said.

The disciples are played by Bob Branton, Kevin Crouson, Cliff Englehart, Paul Gallo, Roy Gray, Joe Kogelmann, Scott Lefler, Ken Michalek, Don Pierce, Bob Rowland, Frank Sciatto and Chris Smyser. Also appearing in the production are Mark Byars as Marius, Dave Vera-Burgos as Gracchus and Jason Schoenheide as Silvis.

Also directing the play are John Rowe and Russ Weathers, with Dan Babb directing the choir. The makeup is by Theresa

Manuel and Bernie Noeyack, with Geri Ellis, Stella Packwood and Dianna Rowe handling the costuming.

According to Parker, planning for the Easter pageant began right after the church's Christmas production. Decisions on what to do with the script and what pieces of music to use were made earlier this year.

With updated lighting and a video suite, the production will be taped for viewing at a later date. The ultimate goal is to one day have services air on cable television, Parker said.

For now, he advises people interested in attending the free production to arrive at the church at least 15 minutes early.

For more information about *The Lamb of God* or about Merriman Road Baptist Church, call (734) 421-0472.

SCHOOLS

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Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services.

In response to a question, Underwood told board members that at least two more schools — Kettering and Elliott — are still in need of media center renovations.

The district is in the sixth year of the 10-year Sinking Fund program. Money for projects like second gymnasiums at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools and elementary media centers at Patchin, Edison and Schweitzer Elementaries is generated through the 1-mill tax levy approved by voters in 2003.

Any useful furniture from the media centers will be reused, however, with the

expanded space, new furniture is needed, school officials said.

The work at Marshall will focus on the piping for the boiler system which is starting to fail, Underwood said. The piping is underground in a tunnel that runs to the northeast corner of the school.

"We'll replace some of the structure and all the piping and concrete in the tunnel," he added. "You'll basically have a new system."

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Play auditions

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for "Father of the Bride" by Caroline Francke, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7, at the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Venoy. Acting roles are available for 11 men and seven women of all ages. For more information, call

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Showing support

Skateland West is hosting a special roller skating session to support union families in southeastern Michigan from 6-9 p.m. Saturday April 18. Show your union card and everyone in your party skates for \$1 each. Admission without union card is \$6. Skate rental is \$1.50, inline rental \$5.

In an effort to reach out and help the struggling union families of Michigan, Skateland West is offering an evening

of entertainment and family fun at a premium discount. Any and all union cards will be accepted. All ages are welcomed and many games and activities are planned for the special session.

For more information, call (734) 326-2801 or visit www.skatelandwest.com. Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh in Westland.

Pancake breakfast

Come for the flapjacks that are prepared just the way you want them and fill your plate with tasty bacon, sausage and eggs at the Westland's Friendship Center's monthly pancake breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday, April 9. The breakfast, open to the entire community, costs \$4 for all-you-can-eat. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford.

Livonia PTSA Council holds Meet the Candidates forum

The Livonia PTSA Council will host its annual Meet the School Board Candidates Forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the board room of the Livonia Public Schools Central Office at 15125 Farmington Road in Livonia. "There are many important issues facing our local schools and this is an excellent opportunity for community members to hear from the candidates on a wide range of topics," said Garrett Wheat, second vice

president of Livonia PTSA Council and chair of the event. Audience members will have the opportunity to write down questions for the candidates at the event. Each candidate will have the opportunity to answer each question asked. Each candidate will also be allowed an opening and closing statement. The forum will be broadcast on local Livonia Public Schools cable stations between the event date and the May 5 election. Members of the community

who wish to submit questions in advance can send them to livoniaptsacouncil@yahoo.com. Three candidates are vying for two seats on the Livonia Board of Education. Colleen Burton and Roger Spence have filed along with current trustee Daniel Lessard. Current Board President Cynthia Markarian is not running for reelection. The Livonia Public Schools service children living in Livonia and the northern portion of Westland.

PILLOWCASES

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Last time around, the students made hats, mittens and scarves for homeless shelters. Aiming to study fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in California, Rensel said the pillowcase dresses were far easier than the hats and gloves.

"This is more fun, more girly," she said. "I like seeing the pictures of the little girls that they'll be going to."

However, senior Emily Marshall found the bias trim was the hardest part of the dress making.

"I was wondering how this was going to fit us until I found out it was for Africa," she said, adding she took the class because of her mother. "She made her own prom dress."

Junior Corey Wangeman's dress wasn't quite as big as Rensel's or Marshall's. It was downsized because of an oops.

"I accidentally cut the armholes wrong, so I redid it and turned it into a toddler dress," she said. "I folded the pillow case and put the pattern on the wrong edge. You're supposed



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Senior Ryan Ross gets a few instructions from Wayne Memorial life skills teacher Kristin Chaisson.

to put it on the open edge." Across the classroom, senior Diamond Jones was turning a hand-embroidered pillow case into her dress.

"I like this kind of vintage look," she said.

Comparing it to other class projects, she found the dress making to be easier.

"Most of our projects start from scratch," she said. "This started with a pillowcase. Unlike the tote bag where we had to cut out and measure

things, this is already made. This is pretty easy."

Chaisson took the dress making beyond a class project, turning it into a cultural experience. She brought in a guest speaker who had worked in Africa to talk to the students.

"This is the first time we've done this. I think we'll do it again," she said. "I think the students enjoyed it. It was a new experience for them."

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One-stop shopping

Prom, graduation expo gives students a place to start

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lori Morrison simply got tired of hearing nothing but the bad news of the daily economic situation, particularly in the state of Michigan, so she decided to create a little good news, at least for students getting ready for prom and graduation.

Morrison, who owns Ribar Floral in Plymouth, has organized a one-day event, the Plymouth Prom and Graduation Expo, to give students a shot at deals on everything from flowers and dresses to limos and jewelry.

"With the economy the way it is, I'm just tired of hearing doom and gloom," Morrison said. "With us (local businesses) pooling our resources, we figured we could offer big-

PROM & GRAD EXPO

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ger discounts and reach more people."

The event, set to take place at Ernesto's in Plymouth and open to students from any school district, features two dozen businesses with some kind of connection to a prom or graduation ceremony. Most of them are local Plymouth and

Canton retailers, though others are coming from as far away as Carleton, Trenton and Grosse Point Woods.

There are restaurants, florists, dress shops, car dealerships and even a personal trainer. The idea, according to Morrison, is to provide students headed to prom or readying for graduation one-stop shopping potential with a shot at discounts, prizes, etc.

"I called local businesses to see if they wanted to be part of

it," Morrison said. "It's a great way to network and cross-promote. (Businesses) think it's great. A lot of them think we should do something like this for weddings, too."

Morrison said it's possible expos such as this one could be done for other events, including weddings, homecoming, etc. It's a way, she said, to give back to customers who've stood by the retailers, even in down economic times.

"We can put on this prom event, and then we'll sit down and figure out how to put our resources together and see what groups we can focus on," Morrison said. "Our customers have been good to us over the years. We want to be able to give back and help out when times are tough."

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Maxwell: Fresh approach, new perspective

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

As a parent of the district I feel a responsibility to help ensure the children of the district get the best possible education. With the standards getting harder, our children need access to the tools necessary to meet the demands of a changing world.



Maxwell

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I am a father of eight children, and I believe I can bring a fresh approach and perspective to the board. I care about the education of the children, and will do my best to make sure they get the resources, and tools they need to succeed in school.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

The financial cutbacks that are coming will probably be inevitable. However, I want to make sure that our children don't lose out on important programs that will help them succeed.

4. How would you address those issues?

I think the best approach to address this issue will be for the board to sit down, and take a good look at itself first, then try

GREGORY MAXWELL

Who: Gregory O. Maxwell, 36, of Wayne

Employment: Alco Transportation Inc.

Family: Married with eight children

Education: 1991 graduate of Cass Technical High School in 1991, attended Wayne County Community College.

Community Involvement: Member of T.A.P.S. located at Taft Elementary School

to find cost cutting measures that won't affect the most important programs that will help our children succeed and eventually graduate.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

Currently I haven't asked for any endorsement of any organizations. The only endorsement that I am actively seeking is that of individual voters. If they decide to vote for me, I will do my very best to represent the parents, students, and the community of our district.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a very concerned parent of this community. I believe in fairness, and also that parents should be represented by someone who knows their issues as well as the issues of the students. I believe in the rights of parents to be able come to a board meeting and be treated with respect and be aloud to express how they feel about issues that they are having with the actions of the board without be chastised for their opinions.

Middel: Will work for betterment of district

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I am running for a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to make a difference. My extensive background and experience in public education has lead me to seek a position on the board. I feel that with my expertise in education, that I will be an asset to the parents and community members of my district during these challenging economic times.



Middel

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

Since I have an extensive background in public education, I feel that I have a better understanding of how public education works. I have served on many district committees both as an educator and as a parent. I grew up in this district and chose to educate my daughters in this district which I feel gives me insight into the inner workings of this district.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

One issue that I feel that needs to be addressed is communications. There is a need to better communicate with the parents, employees and the general community.

Another issue I feel that needs to be addressed is making the school district's dollars go farther. The board and district need to prioritize, redirect and use money and facilities efficiently to reflect the needs of students, parents and employees. The board needs to work hard to ensure that additional dollars are found.

4. How would you address those issues?

CAROL MIDDEL

Who: Carol Ann Middel, 59, of Canton

Employment: Retired teacher

Family: Married with two children

Education: 1967 graduate of John Glenn High School; associate of arts degree, 1968, Schoolcraft College; bachelor of science degree, 1970, Wayne State University; master of education degree, 1976, Wayne State University; attended University of Michigan-Dearborn 2003-2006

Community Involvement: American Red Cross instructor of CPR/AED, First Aid, Professional Rescuer; First United Methodist Church, chairperson of meals for the homeless; Girl Scouts as a trainer. Past president of the Wayne Ladies Literary Club and Greater Canton Hills Homeowners Association.

issues?

If elected, I will make myself available to meet with parent, community and employee groups. As a school board member, I will work hard as a team member to ensure that our current dollars are spent wisely and that additional dollars are found at the state and federal level for our students.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

I am actively seeking endorsements from community and educational groups within the district.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a very hard worker and dedicated to the jobs that have been entrusted to me. I will work hard for the betterment of the Wayne-Westland students. I am a very good listener and I am willing to make the difficult decisions needed to move the district forward. I am willing to put in the time required to make the Wayne-Westland Community School District a proud place for our children to begin their futures.

Mireles-Smith: Experience can help district

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I am running for school board because the education of children is important to the future of this community. I believe that I will be an asset to this group because of my experiences and dedication. I was the chairperson of the Wayne County Head Start Policy Council when my sons were in preschool and I have served on the PTA since they began school.



Mireles-Smith

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I have been an active volunteer at the schools. In addition, my professional experience in administration and finance will also benefit the board. I work for a software engineering firm in Troy and have been with the company for 15 years. I strongly believe that I have the ability, drive, determination, and skills to prove my worth and value to the team.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

I believe the top three issues facing our district are funding, enrollment and the quality of education.

4. How would you address those issues?

For funding, the district will have to carefully and constructively cut spending where possible while still providing the best educational environment for the children. I will work to help focus the cuts and

LORI MIRELES-SMITH

Who: Lori Mireles-Smith, 38, of Westland

Employment: LMS North America, Inc. since 1994

Family: Married with two children

Education: 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in history in 2006 from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

Community Involvement: Chairperson of the Wayne County Head Start Policy Council and Schweitzer PTA, serving as secretary, vice-president and president

pursue additional funding wherever possible.

Enrollment is declining in our district due to the economy. I will focus on programs that positively promote our district which would encourage those in the surrounding areas to want to attend. WWCS D should not be one step above poorer districts but instead be one step above every district.

Finally, WWCS D has done a great job with the No Child Left Behind program despite poor funding. Going forward, I believe we need more focus on the best and the brightest in our district and to give them the best opportunities to shine. When that happens, everyone around us will want to attend our schools. We need to promote ourselves with great educational resources, quality extra-curricular programs, and successful sports teams.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

No, I am not seeking any endorsements but would welcome them from any group who feels I am qualified.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I want voters to know that I will do my best to promote and ensure that the quality of education in our schools.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

This is the first in a series of profiles of the seven candidates who are vying for the two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the May 5 school election. The candidates are incumbent Ed Turner and challengers Gregory Maxwell, Carol Middel, Lori Mireles-Smith, Brian Mulligan, Mark Neal and appointed incumbent Shawna Walker who was appointed to the board last September. The remaining profiles will appear in upcoming issues of the *Observer*.

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Library's packets help people facing foreclosure

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six months ago, the William P. Faust Public Library put a link on its Web page for foreclosure information. Staffers knew there would be interest, but what surprised them was the number of people who showed up at the library to pull up the information on the computers.

That realization has prompted staff to create a foreclosure packet that provides information on everything from avoiding foreclosure to what to do if it happens, drawing information from state, county and federal resources, including the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention

SAVING YOUR HOME

What: Central to Your Life, free foreclosure information packets
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Program.

"What we heard was that people were coming to the library because they had to shut off Internet

access, it was another bill they couldn't afford," said Reference Librarian Marilyn Kwik, who spearheaded the program. "So we went through a lot of documents to pick and choose what would be helpful. There's a lot out there."

The staff created 100 packets that have been placed in conspicuous locations around the library so people can pick one up without asking. The response has been good so far, according to Kwik.

"The packets are flying off the shelves," Kwik said. "We put them out last weekend and as soon as we put them out, someone grabbed one. I'm glad we moved ahead with this."

Inside the white envelopes,

tagged "Central to Your Life," are:

- Brochures from Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and Wayne County's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.

- Tip sheets on avoiding foreclosure and what to do if you're behind on your mortgage from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- Understanding the foreclosure process and information of foreclosure prevention loans from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Division of Homeownership.

- The Michigan foreclosure cycle that goes from the first month through the sheriff's

sale and redemption period.

- A question-and-answer sheet from HUD geared to reservists, guardsmen and other military personnel.

The packet also contains the forms that homeowners need to fill out to begin the mortgage prevention process in Wayne County.

Kwik described the packet as a work in progress. The staff spent two or three weeks determining what they wanted to put in the packets and then contacting different agencies to get the gathering information. More information will be added as it becomes available, including items being sent by Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, whose district includes Westland.

The library also plans to show a PowerPoint presentation on foreclosure on the television in its lobby. The program has been produced by the county's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. There also will be a link to it on the library's Web site, www.westland.lib.mi.us.

"We're here to support the community, what we excel at is information," Kwik said. "We want to get this information out there to get people started on their way to saving their home. A home is a significant thing. Home ownership is what most of us strive for. When it's in jeopardy, it's stressful."

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Anderson shares books with children in district

Youngsters in classrooms through the State Senate's 6th District had a special visitor during March: State Sen. Glenn Anderson who visited with school children in each community of his district to celebrate Reading Month in Michigan.

Anderson visited kindergarten through fifth-grade classes in schools in Garden City, Westland, Livonia and Redford.

"Reading to children is one of the most rewarding activities I have an opportunity to do," he said. "As both a father and a grandfather I have been able to enjoy the reading to the children in my life. Books can be the key to unlocking the imagination that will lead these children to success. It's a privilege to be able to spend time reading with them."

Research conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics finds school children whose parents read to them become better readers and outperform those who are not given that experience.

"Reading month serves as a terrific tool to raise aware-



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, reads to a class at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City.

ness of reading with our school age children," Anderson said. "However, it is essential that reading remain a priority year round. It was with this in mind that I am so pleased to donate two books to each of the community's elementary schools so they may be enjoyed all year long."

Anderson purchased copies of *Tears from Mother Bear* and *The One, The Only Magnificent*

Me from Mackinac Island Press, a Michigan-based publisher, with a number of titles featuring Michigan related content. The books will be donated to each elementary school library in the school district of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Redford and the Westland portion of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the coming weeks.



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With the Final Four weekend in full swing, IKEA is offering free rides on its Destination Shuttle that runs between IKEA in Canton and Campus Martius Park in downtown Detroit. Shuttle riders boarding at IKEA will enjoy rides to and from Campus Martius Park in the heart of downtown, where they can easily access the People Mover or walk less than a mile to Ford Field. Those boarding at Campus Martius can head out to IKEA for a fun day of shopping. The shuttle will run today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit the IKEA shuttle Web site at www.ikea-cmpshuttle.com.

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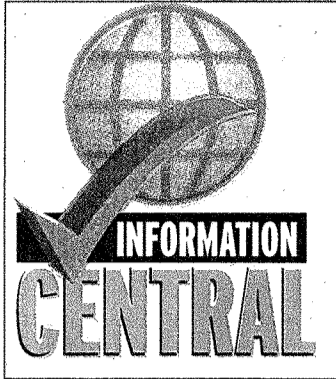
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Our brain is a muscle, however, many people rarely think of exercising it in the same and consistent manner in which we exercise the rest of our muscles. According to medical experts, mental exercise is just as important as physical exercise in staying healthy. Lifelong learning and social interactions are the two basic components of mental fitness.

But don't wait until you are signing up for membership to AARP before you start thinking about mental fitness, the sooner you start the better. Simple steps can be taken to get your brain moving (figuratively, of course). Reading, doing crossword or logic puzzles or Sudoku, or studying a new language are all ways to get your brain fit.

Getting out of the house and exploring the possibilities may surprise you. The library offers a lot of opportunities to exercise your mind in addition to the books and other resources available. If you want to learn something new, check out our free computer class. No prior experience using computers is necessary when you sign up for the basic computer class. If you prefer using your hands, several craft programs are offered throughout the year. Visit the library to find out what's next on its calendar.

If you prefer meeting with people and discussing books, the library has book discussion groups. If poetry writing is something you've thought

about but never had time for, stop by and explore your writing talent. If watching movies is something that stimulates your brain, join us for a monthly showing of independent films.

Musical presentations, lectures, author visits, and a knitting group are some of the options available for learning while meeting others. This is just a sampling of the types of activities available to you to keep you fit.

Even if your time or movement is limited, varying your daily routine can help your brain stay fit. Challenging yourself to do things just a little differently from the way you've always done them can set you on the path to mental fitness. Never underestimate the importance of keeping your mind as healthy as your body.

The library has several titles to help you on your quest for mental fitness. Check out Dennis Gersten's "Are you Getting Enlightened or Losing Your Mind?," Bob Goldman's "Brain Fitness: Anti-Aging Strategies for Achieving Super Mind Power" and Tom Stafford's "Mind Hacks: Tips and Tools for Using Your Brain."

Puzzle, logic, magic and other game books are available for checkout, too.

So no matter what your plan is for staying mentally fit, the library can play a role. Stop by or visit us 24/7 online at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES
An Immigrant Experience: My Personal Story: 7 p.m. April 8.

As part of our Everyone's Reading programming, join Nada Dalgamouni, ethnic enrichment coordinator for the International Institute of Metro Detroit, who will speak about her life.

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. April 13

Join State Sen. Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for their monthly district coffee hours. The library opens an hour early on these days for you to ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

District Evening Hour: 6 p.m. April 13

Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for an informal "Fireside Chat." They invite all Westland residents to join them in the Faust Area, where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you.

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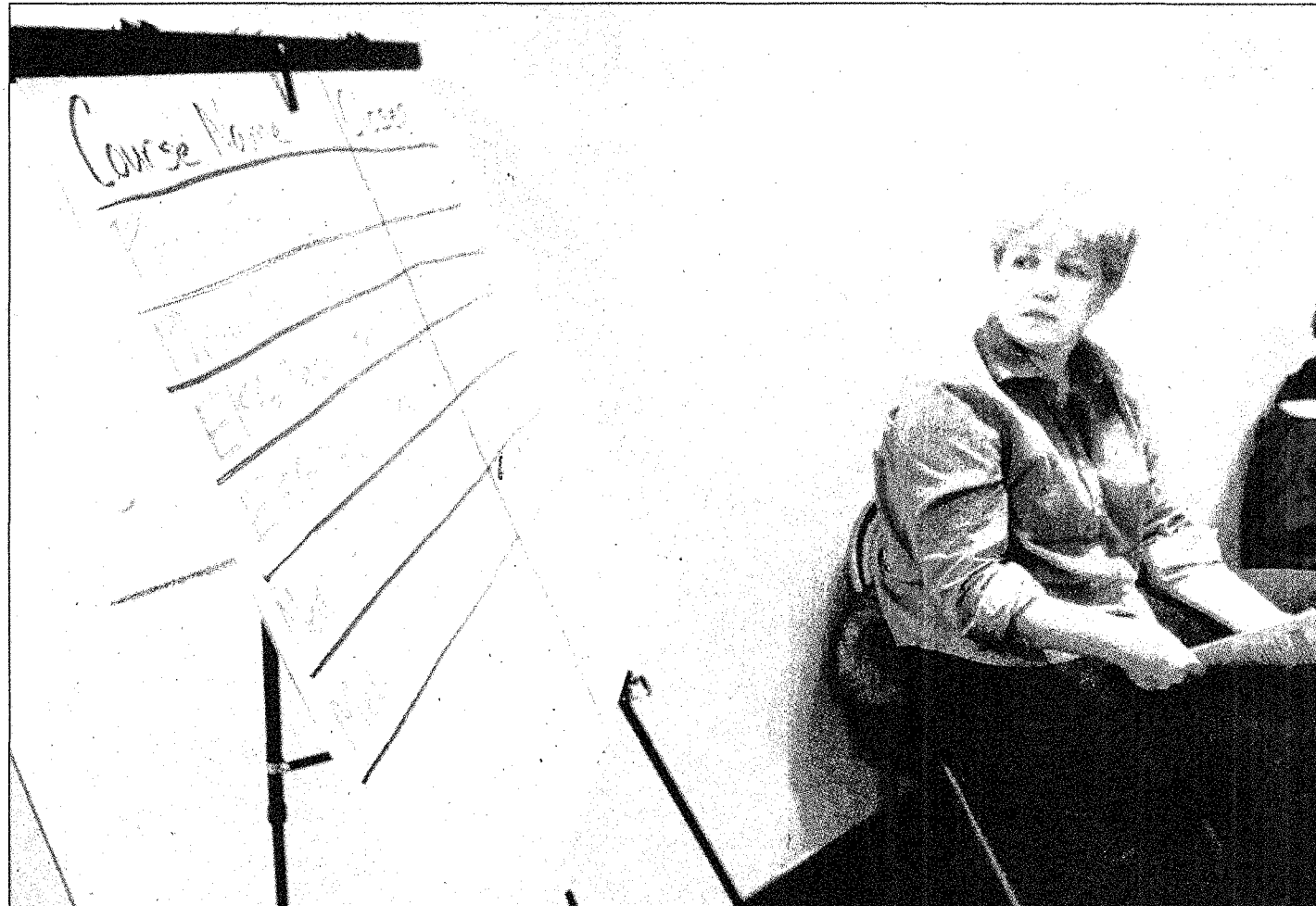
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Irina Bruder, of Livonia, arrived at 5:30 a.m. to sign up for a pharmacy technician certification class.



Sandra Allen, a former Chrysler employee from Allen Park, waits to sign up for a certification course in medical billing and coding.

Madonna enrollees seek Rx for joblessness

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandra Allen, 52, lost her job as a procurement specialist for Chrysler in December.

She's sent out a half-dozen resumes each week since then.

"I have not had an interview yet," the Allen Park resident said.

At 5:15 a.m. Monday, she and about 80 other unemployed people started lining up at Madonna University in Livonia to register for one of three medical certificate programs. The 150 seats were available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 9 a.m. People could register in person at Madonna or online from home if they were paying by credit card.

Allen registered for the 13-week medical billing class for \$1,499.

"I'd be happy to get \$12 an hour," she said, adding that's about half what she earned as a contract employee for Chrysler.

Joan Stephens, director

of continuing education and professional development at Madonna, said the university doubled the number of seats available after getting nearly 1,000 phone calls following newspaper articles about its popular, entry-level medical courses offered three times a year.

She said many of the applicants are people over age 40 who have lost their jobs in declining industries.

The medical profession is booming, in large part due to the aging baby boomer population. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, seven of the 20 fastest growing occupations are health-care related.

Madonna offers certificate programs for people seeking to do medical billing, or work as pharmacy or EKG technicians. Classes start again in May.

"Ours is the most affordable and the shortest," she said.

The pharmacy and EKG tech-

nician programs run eight weeks and cost \$999. Madonna helps with job placement. Although certificates are not required for people to be hired for those jobs, the training gives them an advantage over applicants who walk in off the street, Stephens said.

"Who's going to take the time to give you 50 hours of training to start the job?" she said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, all but 10 seats in the EKG class had been filled, Stephens said.

Stacy Taylor, 37, was the first in line at Madonna on Monday. The single mother got up at 4 a.m. to drive from Clarkston, where she and her 4-year-old son live with her parents.

She has a degree from the University of Minnesota in art history, "which basically means nothing." She's been making a living by selling items on eBay, and working in retail and as a waitress. A certificate in medical billing will probably never get out of demand, she said, adding

she hopes to earn \$10 to \$15 an hour: "It's something I probably will be able to fall back on for the rest of my life."

Irina Bruder, 50, of Livonia worked for more than seven years as a dental assistant, putting in up to 52 hours a week. But dentists started hiring younger employees they could train the way they wanted on their new technology and giving them fewer hours per week, she said.

She hopes as a pharmacy technician she can earn \$10 an hour and work at least 30 hours per week. After three years without a job, anything would be good, she said.

Tina Radtka, 41, of South Lyon was second in line at Madonna. She used her income tax refund to pay for the medical billing class. The stay-at-home mother of four is preparing for this fall when her youngest, a set of triplets, start kindergarten.

Not only will she have time to work, her family may need her

income more than ever.

"My husband works for Chrysler," she said, explaining

what motivated her to get to Madonna at 6:10 a.m. "And that pretty much says it all."



Madonna computer lab assistant Mike Fosselman helps Regina Edelmeyer of Livonia enroll in a medical billing certification course. Prospective students could register in person at Madonna or online from home if they were paying by credit card.



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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

File your return by April 15. Although I have no problem with filing an extension, it would not solve your problem.

When you file for an extension, it is an extension of time to file your return, not to pay your taxes. Therefore, you would still have interest accumulating on the unpaid tax and potential penalties.

You need to file your tax return even if you cannot afford to pay the taxes owed. The IRS has a variety of different programs to assist taxpayers who are having difficulty paying.

For example, you can set up an installment plan. In addition, the IRS has hardship provisions for people who cannot afford to pay their taxes. The bottom line is you will have a much easier time dealing with the IRS if you file your return.

Dear Rick: I've been having some financial difficulty and I've gotten behind on paying my taxes. In fact, I have not paid taxes in a few years. The other night I was watching TV and I saw an ad that says you can settle a tax dispute with the IRS for pennies on the dollar. I called the company and they seem legit. Is this something that's worth pursuing?

There are two issues here. The first is whether the IRS does settle cases for below the amount of tax due. Secondly, is the company you contacted legitimate?

The IRS does have a procedure that allows taxpayers who are having financial difficulty to reach a compromise on the debt they owe. The procedure is known as an offer and compromise and in many situations taxpayers can substantially reduce the amount they owe to the IRS.

The offer and compromise process has been around for many years, however, it is has changed. At different points in time the IRS can be more lenient in their settlement, while

at other times they can be more stringent. In today's difficult economic times I believe the IRS is a little more lenient in dealing with offers and compromises than they have been in the past.

Can taxpayers do an offer and compromise themselves? Yes. However, it is not something I recommend. There is an art to dealing with the IRS and it is more than just correctly completing forms. Therefore,

in the great majority of cases, I recommend taxpayers who owe the IRS and who are looking for a settlement, work with a professional who has experience dealing with the IRS. In addition to companies like the one that you saw on TV, you can also consider dealing with a certified public accountant or a tax attorney with experience involving offer and compromises.

It is hard to know if the company that you saw advertise is on the up-and-up. Check them out with the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) in the Detroit metropolitan area and also in the state where the company is located. The BBB has a wealth of information about a variety of companies. In addition, you can use the Better Business Bureau service for free.

It is important to know

— before you retain a service — how the company will charge you.

In many situations I prefer a contingency type fee arrangement so that if your case is unsuccessful in front of the IRS you do not lose additional money.

Whenever you hire a professional — tax preparer, attorney or CPA — to deal with the IRS, you are responsible for

your individual tax situation. Therefore, make sure when it comes to tax issues you're dealing with someone who is legitimate and who has your best interest at heart.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Shared Hope to make three presentations

An organization dedicated to fighting sex trafficking and slavery will offer three local presentations in Wayne, Livonia and Novi.

Nancy Winston, national awareness associate for Shared Hope International, will lead the presentations and help attendees learn what they can do to combat the problem.

The programs have been scheduled for 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Road, Wayne; 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia; and 4-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Choi Kwang-Do Martial Art, 24404 Catherine Industrial Road, Suite 306, in Novi.

Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. It can be completed online at www.christsavior.org and clicking on the events page.

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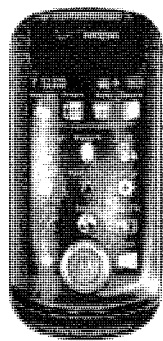
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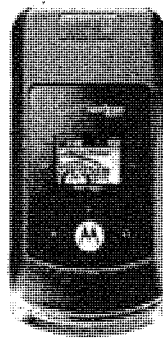
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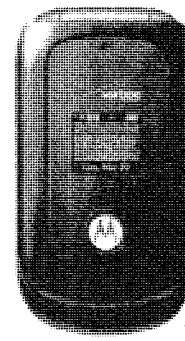
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Chargers impress in season opener vs. Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
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Livonia Stevenson had already played four games before rival Livonia Churchill was set to open its 2009 girls soccer season.

But the Chargers appeared in mid-season form Friday scoring a pair of first-half goals to beat the visiting Spartans, 2-0.

"I was very happy overall with the effort," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We played with intensity and desire, and I thought we out-hustled and outworked them. We had a game plan and we stuck to it — there were no

lapses in our intensity."

Both Churchill goals came off corner kicks by senior Kayla Johnston and the recipient on both was 5-foot-11 junior defender Darcy DeRoo, who scored on a header at the 3-minute mark followed by a shot off the turf on a scramble in front of the Spartan net with 8:40 left in the half.

"I thought Johnston's deliveries were precise," Hebestreit said. "We've been working on set pieces more this year and I thought Darcy (DeRoo) made a beautiful run. The pass was made directly to the person we wanted. We had three or four corners and the two we scored on we were running to Darcy."

GIRLS SOCCER

Stevenson switched goalkeepers to open the second half when Michelle Krawczyk entered the lineup after Tara Johnson went out with a stomach ailment.

"They (Churchill) played with heart and desire, they played with a lot of passion," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, whose team slipped to 2-3 overall. "We came out emotionless and I did not expect that. And not getting the wind didn't help against a team like that. Normally at half you want it to be 0-0 in those kind of conditions.

"They (Churchill) made a great finish on the first one, but we were not aggressive enough on the second one."

The Spartans were able to clamp down on Churchill defensively, but rarely threatened Churchill's All-State goalkeeper Stefanie Turner.

Stevenson, meanwhile, was bunkered down in its own end with five defenders.

"We were concerned about Johnston, Alyssa (Mira) and Bailey," Pinta said. "And I thought number 24 (Shari Zakalowski) was a handful. We struggled to get going in the midfield, but I thought Taleen (Mergian) did a good job going back there and hold-

ing them the last 20 minutes. Both (Kayla) Kimble and (Molly) McConnell were also in there too, as well."

But the combination of DeRoo and Johnston proved to be the trump card.

"I thought Darcy played well all-around," Hebestreit said. "They (Stevenson) put five in the back and she was outstanding defensively. We won a lot of 50-50 balls and were able to keep possession into their third of the field.

"It was not pretty, but we were able to go forward in the elements. We played more direct than ever before."

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GAME WRAPS

KLAA softball FRANKLIN 9, CANTON 2:

Livonia Franklin (4-1, 2-0) exploded for eight runs in the 11th inning to break a 1-1 deadlock en route to a 2 girls softball win Wednesday at Canton (2-1, 1-1).

The Patriots singled seven times and added a pair of doubles during the eight-run surge to earn the KLAA South Division triumph.

"We were hitting behind runners to advance them to the lead bases," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "It was a total team effort. This was a great example how hits can be contagious. We only had three hits the first 10 innings and 16 strikeouts."

Senior catcher Brittany Taylor went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored. Chelsea Williams also went 3-for-5 with a run and RBI, while Natalie Polakowski contributed two hits.

Franklin got a sterling pitching performance from senior Natalie Sanborn, who scattered nine hits. She struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

"As a team we recognize that our defense is going to help us win or keep us close in ballgames," said Jimenez, whose team committed three errors. "We feel that the offense will come eventually."

Canton's Amy Dunleavy, who took the loss, was coming off a no-hitter Friday against Novi. She gave up a total of 11 hits while fanning 17. She did not allow a walk.

CarolAnn Sexauer, Miranda Rysdorp and Kaitlyn Mattson each collected two hits for the Chiefs.

CHURCHILL 10, WAYNE 0: Freshman Abby Jewell threw a gem Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (3-0, 2-0) downed visiting Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Jewell allowed no hits and walked only one in the five-inning mercy.

Katrina St. Pierre collected three of Churchill's 11 hits, while Andrea Jewell, Natalie Hiser and Katie Stodulski added two apiece.

PLYMOUTH 15, JOHN GLENN 0: In a four-inning mercy Wednesday, the host Wildcats (3-0, 2-0) blanked Westland John Glenn (0-3, 0-2) as Amanda Burnard homered and singled in the KLAA South Division game.

Plymouth, also getting a homer from Erin Rodes, scored eight in the second inning and six in the third off Glenn starter Allie Murphy, who allowed five hits and four walks.

Plymouth starter Lauren Smith struck out five and allowed just two hits, one each to Stacey Truskowski and Amanda Murakami.

STEVENSON 6, SOUTH LYON 2: On Wednesday, pitcher Laura Deacon fanned 15 and Kathleen Hoehn collected three hits and two RBI to lead Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 2-0) to a KLAA Central triumph over the visiting Lions (1-2, 0-2).

Deacon scattered seven hits and walked two in seven innings, while South Lyon's Danielle Godair allowed five earned runs on eight hits in six innings.

Shelbie Wilson contributed two hits and scored twice for the Spartans. Amanda Paison also knocked in two runs.

"Offensively, our hitters did a very nice job at getting the bat on the ball and being aggressive on the bases," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "Kathleen Hoehn hit the ball hard all day.

"Defensively, we were able to get out of some key situations early in the game. Laura Deacon settled down, after the first, on the mound and threw a solid game."



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One final glance

The area's top girls basketball players and coaches, including Livonia Franklin's Dave McCall (pictured above), are honored for their efforts during the 2008-09 season. For a closer look at this year's All-Observer squad, see page B3.

Zebras clip rival Glenn with 2-1 win

Wayne Memorial scored a pair of goals in the final 20 minutes Thursday to stun rival Westland John Glenn, 2-1.

The Zebras are now 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA's South Division, while Glenn falls to 0-3 and 0-1.

Glenn, coming off a 7-0 loss Tuesday to Dearborn Edsel Ford, led 1-0 at intermission before Wayne senior Samantha Dye knotted the count at 1-1 off an assist from junior Alicia Jacobs.

Junior Alysia Escobar then notched the game-winner on an unassisted effort shortly after Dye's goal.

Junior forward Megan Maynor also stood out for Wayne, while senior goalkeeper Ashley Struppa made 15 saves.

"We did not get much pressure the first half, it was kind of back-and-forth,"

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Churchill Fan Man

Tyler mows down 17 in win vs. Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Tyler pitched like the wind in Livonia Churchill's 11-3 baseball victory Wednesday afternoon over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Facing gusts of almost 40 mph, the senior left-hander struck out what is being verified as a school-record 17 batters over six innings.

Tyler, who threw 114 pitches, allowed three runs on seven hits. He walked only one before giving way to reliever Steve Givernale in the seventh.

In the fourth inning alone, Tyler struck out four batters (one Wayne batter reached base safely on a passed ball).

"He changes speeds using a fastball, curveball and changeup," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz, whose team improved to 3-0-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's South Division. "He did a good job of keeping them off balance. And there were some tough conditions out there. The wind was blowing out straight to center field."

Ricky Scully paced Churchill's 13-hit attack going 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Tyler Bledsoe and Devin Moynihan each went 2-for-3 and combined for six RBI to chase Wayne starter Jake White, who went 1.2 innings. Zeb Hancock and Rodney

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Manning each collected three hits for the Zebras (1-4, 0-2).

FRANKLIN 14, CANTON 0: Senior right-hander Mark McRobb threw a one-hitter as Livonia Franklin (3-1, 2-0) earned the KLAA South Division triumph Wednesday against the host Chiefs (3-1, 1-1).

Steven Wells got the Patriots going in the first inning with a 2-run homer off Canton starter Dane Staples.

Garrett Gumm added a 3-run double in the second inning and a 2-run double in the third to spark 7-run surge. Josh Weigand and Wayne Hawkins added two hits apiece.

McRobb struck out four and walked four to pick up the win.

STEVENSON 4, SOUTH LYON 0: Junior Jeff Sorenson pitched a two-hit shutout and helped his own cause with a 3-run homer as Livonia Stevenson (2-1, 2-0) posted the KLAA Central Division triumph over the visiting Lions (1-2, 1-1).

Sorenson (2-0) faced just 25 batters. He struck out 12 and walked only one in seven innings.

Mike Tuttle also had an RBI single, while Tyler Lynch, Josh Strautz and Jake Wilson each scored and contributed a hit for the

Spartans.

Losing pitcher Ethan Taulanien and reliever George Wellmer collected the lone hits for South Lyon.

PLYMOUTH 10, JOHN GLENN 9: In a KLAA South game Wednesday, Matt Skubik was the hero, going 3-for-4, including the game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh as the host Wildcats (2-0, 2-0) rallied to beat Westland John Glenn (2-3, 0-2).

Plymouth trailed 9-5, but rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth thanks to Skubik's RBI sacrifice fly to knot the count at 9-all.

He then brought home pinch runner Kelly Waite with the bases loaded single in the seventh.

Travis Mewton also went 3-for-4 for Plymouth, while teammate Matt Priebe added a 2-run homer in the third inning.

Brad Lineberry, in relief of starter Mike Nadratowski, got the victory.

Steve Hickson had a triple, double and scored three runs for Glenn. Derrick Ammons added two hits, including 3-run homer in the second inning. Jake Campbell and Nate Bovia each contributed two hits, while Andrew DeLuca had an RBI triple.

Glenn starter Jake Sperry worked the first five innings before giving way to reliever Andrew McGrath, who suffered the loss.

Clarenceville gets first victory after tough debut

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After suffering back-to-back losses earlier in the week, Livonia Clarenceville's varsity softball team finally enjoyed victory with a 13-5 romp Thursday over visiting Grosse Ile.

The Trojans (1-2) came out swinging the bats, scoring six runs in the first and two in the second. That was more than enough offense to support the complete-game pitching of junior Val Sochacki, who scattered 12 hits.

"We came to play and Sochacki's defense on the mound along with (senior Charmaine) McQueen's leadership behind the plate was the difference," said Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire, who added that several potential Grosse Ile rallies were stymied by good defensive plays.

To cap off the win, the Trojans scored four time in the fifth with a two-run double by senior shortstop Lisa Wilson (3-for-4, two runs, three RBI) the catalyst.

Sochacki helped her cause, going 2-for-5 while senior first baseman Brittany Brooks and sophomore left fielder Stephanie Bishop each drove in runs with hits.

Chelsea Lawlor went 3-for-4 for the Red Devils. On Tuesday, a four-run outburst in the top of the

SOFTBALL

sixth, featuring Megan Malak's two-run homer, lifted visiting Madison to a 12-9 win over Clarenceville.

The Trojans scored four runs in the first and third innings, but the Eagles also had their hitting shoes on with three runs in each of the first two innings.

The 8-7 Clarenceville lead remained for the next two innings before the sixth-inning rally put the visitors ahead. Wilson's bid for a game-tying three run homer in the bottom of the seventh was flagged down to end the game.

McQueen had a double and triple and scored two runs while senior left fielder Miranda Cummings knocked in two runs.

Junior Chelsea Gehan took the loss, although DeCaire said she deserved a better fate. Meanwhile, Monday's season opener went to visiting Southfield-Lathrup, 5-2.

Wilson had an RBI, while Bishop, sophomore second baseman Kellie Ankiel and sophomore Brittany Tallman each doubled.

Sochacki gave up four earned runs in seven innings and struck out nine Changers.

Krystal Holmes went the distance for Lathrup, giving up just one earned run to collect the victory.

Seeing double: Twins lead All-Area cagers

FIRST TEAM

Briauna Taylor, Sr. G, Liv.

Franklin: The 5-foot-9 senior guard, who helped the 24-4 Patriots to the state Class A championship final, averaged 14.6 points, 10.2 rebounds and 4.2 steals per game.

She also shot 65 percent from the foul line.

"Briauna did whatever we asked of her - play the point, run from the wing or go inside," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "She was not concerned about scoring. We had to get her to shoot more instead of pass. She's one of the most polite, nicest and humble persons you'll ever meet."

Taylor, who made All-KLAA, is headed to Grand Valley State on a basketball scholarship.

Brittany Taylor, Sr. F, Liv.

Franklin: The 5-9 senior twin, who helped the Patriots to their first-ever regional crown, averaged 11.2 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.3 steals per game while shooting 61 percent from the foul stripe.

"Brittany played mostly forward, but also the middle," McCall said. "Even though she was so undersized, she played against some of the top players in the state. She jumps and rebounds like she's 6-2. She loves to rebound and defend. She's also quick off the spin fake going from her left to her right."

"And just like her sister, she's one of the nicest, most polite and humble people you'll ever meet."

Taylor, who made All-KLAA, is a standout in softball. She is also headed to Grand Valley to play hoops.

Kari Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton:

The first-year varsity player proved to be an impact player for the 20-3 Chiefs. A first-team All-KLAA selection, Schmitt averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game and played with an all-out exuberance that wore out opposing players.

"Kari had a great year," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "She led the team in just about every category and is already in the gym working hard to improve her game for next season. She's one of the hardest-working players I've coached."

Chelsea Carradine, Jr. F, Red.

Thurston: The 5-10 junior proved to be a tough player to stop for other Mega Conference teams as she played just about anywhere on the court with plenty of success, a catalyst for the Eagles' 18-3 record and 16-game winning streak.

Thurston captured the Mega Blue division in large part due to Carradine's pow-

2008-09 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Kari Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton
Chelsea Carradine, Jr. F, Red. Thurston
Chelsea Davis, Sr. F, Salem
Shaakira Haywood, Sr. C, Plymouth

SECOND TEAM
Caitlin Szczypka, Sr. G, Liv. Ladywood
Sara Schmitt, Soph. F, Canton
Jasmine Johnson, Sr. F-G, Redford Union
Sara Stone, Jr. G, Salem
Chelsea Williams, Soph. G, Liv. Franklin

THIRD TEAM
Kaylee McGrath, Sr. C, Liv. Stevenson
Rennica Lee Merida, Sr. C, Red. Thurston
Allyson Yankee, Sr. F, Luth. Westland
Cara Miller, Fr. G, Liv. Ladywood
Lindsey Graciak, Sr. G, Liv. Churchill
Carol Ann Sexauer, Soph. F, Canton
Chanel Payne, Sr. G, Westland Glenn

FOURTH TEAM
Alysa Boldizar, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Alannah Hoffmann, Sr. G, Redford Union
Ashley Wheeler, Jr. G, Red. Thurston
Kellyn O'Brady, Jr. F, Garden City
Kristin Malcolm, Fr. C, Ply. Christian
Stacey Kionowski, Jr. F, Plymouth

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Dave McCall, Liv. Franklin
Brian Samulski, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION
Franklin: Nicole Emery, Semeca
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Churchill: Kia Griffin, Stevenson
Sarah Smith, Jordan York, Kristen
Baltimore, Ladywood: Mary Fitzgerald,
Molly Gacoch, Jenny Kelley, Lutheran
Westland: Kaley Ramthun, Rachel
Storck, Clarenceville: Kristen Jolly,
Marlene Azar, Wayne Memorial: Allie
Coleman, Holland Boerjje, John Glenn:
Nyah McKeynolds, Andrea Gordon,
McClain, Plymouth: Kelsi Robinson,
Salem: Tracey Whalen, Brett de Bear,
Victoria Brotz, Canton: Melanie
Pickert, Garden City: Amanda Quartz,
Jennifer Nichols, Redford Union:
Nakia McKinney, Tory Heber, Huron
Valley: Katie Nell, Thurston: Ashley
Bagazinski, Megan McMann, Dalanae
Head, Breanna Taylor, Plymouth
Christian: Brooke Williams, Brianna
Harris, Agate: Madison Miller, Brooke
Purcell, Sequoia Hood.

erful presence and ability to connect from many different locations on the floor.

"She has great basketball instincts," said Eagles' head coach Bob Ostrowski. "She sees the floor very well and is a very unselfish player."

Carradine led the team in scoring with an average of 18 points per game and also pulled down her share of rebounds (12 per contest) as she deserved her selection to the All-Mega Blue first team.

Chelsea Davis, Sr. F, Salem: The three-year varsity player was recently selected by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan to play in its prestigious summer All-Star game. Davis averaged 9.4 points per game and 10.1 rebounds while blocking over two shots per contest. She was also the team's top free-throw shooter, hitting 68 per cent of her attempts from the charity stripe. Davis received a scholarship from Wayne State University to play basketball next fall.

"Chelsea had a tremendous career here at Salem," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She rebounded, blocked

shots and has a tremendous ability to pass the ball for a big player. She's been a fantastic all-around player for three years for our program."

Shaakira Haywood, Sr. C,

Plymouth: The 6-foot-1 energetic center earned an athletic scholarship at Northern Illinois University. A four-year varsity player, Haywood often drew double teams, but still averaged double-digits in rebounds and points. She also blocked 2.5 points per game. Haywood, who is also an outstanding student, is the daughter of former NBA great Spencer Haywood.

"I can't say enough good things about Shaakira," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant. "She is one of the most unselfish great players I've had the pleasure to coach. She blocked over two shots a game, but I can't tell you how many she altered. And when she did block a shot, she kept it inbound so it could trigger our fast-break."

SECOND TEAM

Caitlin Szczypka, Sr. G, Liv.

Ladywood: The 5-10 All-Catholic League guard averaged 11.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and two steals per game for the Blazers.

She shot 36 percent from three-point range and 60 percent from the foul line.

Szczypka reached double figures in scoring 12 times with a high of 24 versus Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"Caitlin was our go to player," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said. "She was our team leader, both on and off the floor. She was our leading scorer and rebounder. She did all this while maintaining a 3.83 GPA."

Sara Schmitt, Soph., F, Canton: Like her twin sister Kari (a first-team selection), Schmitt possesses a stellar work ethic and often out-hustled opposing players for loose balls and rebounds. On a 20-3 team with no superstars, she averaged eight points a game and was second on the team in rebounding, assists and steals.

"Sara plays a lot like Kari," said Samulski "She has the same hard-working mentality. She's continuously going after the ball. She was an aggressive player and will only get better."

Jasmine Johnson, Sr. F-G, Redford Union: Whenever Redford Union needed a try or a key low-post bucket, the 5-8 Johnson usually delivered, sparking the Panthers to a 12-8 record in the Mega Gold with an average of 17 points and 4.5 assists per

contest. Her contributions, including plenty of solid minutes on the wing as well as backcourt, earned her selection to the All-Mega Gold first team.

"I'm pleased to see J.J. get this honor," said Panthers' head coach Alan Kruck. "She has worked hard all year and made a nice transition to the point guard position. Hopefully this can translate to her game at the next level."

Sara Stone, Jr. G, Salem: The junior do-everything player has already drawn the interest of several Division 1 college programs. Stone average 10.6 points per game and 9.3 rebounds while shooting over 60 per cent from the free-throw line.

"Sarah Stone, to me, is on the verge of becoming one of the best players in the area, if not the state," said Thomann. "She has a fantastic jump shot, she can handle the ball and rebound. Sara has great court vision, too."

Chelsea Williams, Soph. G, Liv. Franklin: The 5-8 sophomore moved to the point-guard slot for the Patriots' state tournament run and excelled.

The All-KLAA selection averaged 10.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 4.5 steals per game while shooting 67 percent from the free throw line.

"Chelsea's quiet, with a dry sense of humor," McCall said. "She just turned 15 during the season and we had to decide where to play her, either the wing spot or up-top. She was very explosive and has deceiving quickness. She'll lull you to sleep and then come up with a big basket or steal. When she went to the point she made decisions like a 17- or 18-year-old. What a job the kid did for us."

Kaylee McGrath, Sr. C, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-11 senior forward averaged 13.4 points, 12 rebounds, two steals and 1.5 assists per game for the Spartans.

McGrath, Stevenson's MVP, had 15 double-doubles in points and rebounds en route to All-KLAA honors.

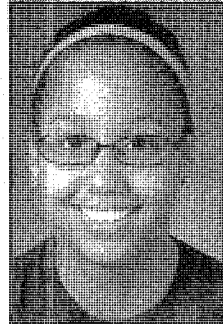
"Kaylee played 30 minutes per game and excelled against some of the best players in the (Kensington) Conference and (KLAA) Association," Stevenson coach Paul Tripp said. "She's an outstanding student, two-time scholar-athlete award winner who has the respect of her teammates, faculty and opponents."

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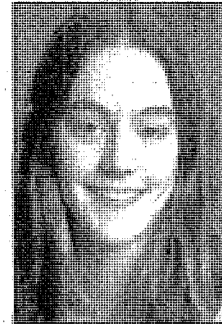
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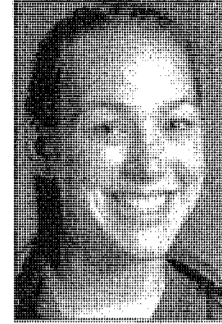
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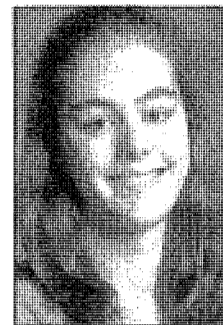
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Brian Samulski - Canton Co-Coach of the Year

first regional title ever and berth in the state Class A championship final.

Franklin captured the regional final with a convincing 49-31 win over Farmington Hills Mercy followed by a 45-39 quarterfinal victory over previously unbeaten Temperance Bedford.

Franklin then stunned Detroit Public School League champion Renaissance, 55-54, in overtime, at the state semifinals before losing to Benton Harbor in the finals, 60-46.

"We went into the season saying it would be a success if we reached the regional final," said the 50-year-old McCall, who is 42-9 in his two seasons as varsity coach. "Once we were able to win the regional, we were able to get the girls convinced that they could compete at that next level. And when teams tried to stop the Taylor twins, all the other players were

able to step up their games and respond. They were also so humble. They competed together and matured as a team."

Brian Samulski, Canton: The fourth-year coach has compiled a 64-26 record, with this past season being the most impressive as the Chiefs went 20-3 without a senior on their roster. Two of their three losses came against eventual Class A state runner-up Livonia Franklin. Under Samulski's guidance, the Chiefs won their second District title in four years and were known as one of the best defensive teams in the area. Among their trademark wins were triumphs over Franklin, Birmingham Marian and Salem.

"The kids had an outstanding year," said Samulski. "It's a great group of girls who improved and got better every game and every practice because of their amazing work ethic."

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NOVI 8, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1 April 2 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Amanda Border (N) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Sarah Carlson (Novi) def. Carli Marschner, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Abby Wang (N) def. Gabrielle Sabatini, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Jennifer Fletcher (N) def. Laura Gumpfer, 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jenny Snyder-Megan Wenzel (N) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Lauren Felcher-Andrea Lollo (N) def. Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Michelle Barber-Navya Talluri (N) def. Andrea Burford-Michele DeBaundry, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Lisa MacDonough-Shaheen Sheikh (N) def. Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell, 6-0, 6-3. No. 5: Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Ashley Aljidad-Meng Meng Jie, 6-4, 6-2. Stevenson's dual match record: 2-2 overall. LIVONIA STEVENSON 9 April 1 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Paige McNamara (LS) defeated Lindsay Heikkinen, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Anna McGuire, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Kayla Evans, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Colleen Ferda, 6-0, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Sarah Marquardt-Libby Richards, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Christine Steinmeyer-

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Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Erin Dobson-Taylor Keefe, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Andrea Burford-Michele DeBaundry (LS) def. Brooke Dexter-Sam Raney, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell (LS) def. Chelsea Mongeau-Beth Nykamp, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Calla Miller-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Kiley Rakowski-Nicole Klime, 6-0, 6-0. Stevenson's dual match record: 2-1 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division. LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1 March 31 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-0, 7-5; No. 2: Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Emily Wisniewski, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Rebecca Farmer, 6-4, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Jennifer Relfinger-Crystal Henderson, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lindsey Fenner, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Andrea Burford-Michele DeBaundry (LS) def. Sarah Nofzee-Jaclyn Horsell, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell (LS) def. Kala Zurenko-Annie McLeod, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Calla Miller-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc, 6-1, 6-1. Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-1 overall; Franklin, 0-2 overall.

COLLEGIATE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Crusader golfers 2nd

In Friday's opening round of the nine-school Capital University (Ohio) Purple and White Invitational at Foxfire Golf Club, Madonna University's Steve South (Livonia Franklin) sat in second place with a round of 76. With winds gusting as high as 40 MPH, Ohio Northern led the team standings with 319 followed by MU with 322 and Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) with 326. Other MU scorers included Austin Stillman (Franklin) and Kyle Lawrey, 80 each;

Brett Quitquit, 83; and Matt Robinson (Livonia Church Hill) 85. Ohio Northern's Tom Repciky led the first-round with a 74.

MU women's softball MADONNA 5-5, CONCORDIA 1-1: The Madonna University women's softball team (26-6, 4-0) swept both ends of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header Friday from visiting Concordia University (7-13, 2-2). MU pitcher Jess Irwin (13-5) struck out 17 batters and allowed only one hit and one walk in the opener. Kathleen Smiley paced the offensive attack going 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Tori Turner and Danielle Richardson each drove in a run.

Freshman hurler Hallie Minch (Garden City) won the nightcap with a five-hitter. She struck out 11 and walked only one in improving to 13-1 overall.

Turner and Cat Sidor (Church Hill) each collected two hits, while Ashley Shay, Tara LaMilza, Mary Kate Setta and Turner each knocked in a run. MADONNA 8-9, UM-DEARBORN 0-1: Chicks dig the long ball, especially No. 18-ranked Madonna University (24-6, 2-0) following a double-header sweep Wednesday visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn (3-9, 0-2) in the WHAC opener. The Crusaders took the first game in a five-inning mercy, 8-0, as Livonia Churchill's Cat Sidor clubbed a 2-run homer to pace a 9-hit attack. Tedi Johnston also went 2-for-2

with three RBI, while Brittney Scero (Canton) and Tori Turner each collected two hits.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin (12-5) struck out nine, walked one and allowed just one hit (to Katie Brandt) over five innings. In the nightcap, MU improved to overall and 2-0 in the WHAC with a 9-1 six-inning mercy victory over the Wolves as Sidor and Johnston each belted 3-run homers. Danielle Richardson also went 4-for-4 and knocked in two runs to pace MU's 12-hit attack. Kelly Lesko contributed two hits. Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 12-1. She struck out five and allowed four hits in 4.2 innings before Irwin finished up the final 1.1 innings.

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Wayne first-year coach Dave Daigneau said. "The second half we had the wind. "The girls are very excited about the win. We haven't beaten them in quite awhile." LADYWOOD 2, BISHOP FOLEY 1: On Friday, goals by Lindsay Maier and Alessia Vagnini during the final eight minutes gave Livonia Ladywood (4-1-1, 2-1) a Catholic League Central Division win over host Madison Heights Bishop Foley (3-1-1, 1-1). Rachel Goodard's goal in the ninth minute gave the Ventures a 1-0 lead until the 72nd mark when Vagnini set

up Maier with the game-tying score off a corner kick. Vagnini tallied the game-winner in the 76th minute from Kelly Capocchia. Michele Ring made three saves for the Blazers, while Amanda Mancini had eight for Foley.

"I am extremely proud of how the girls battled back after going down a goal," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We had the wind in our face during the second half, but that didn't slow down our attack. I felt we controlled play the entire game and received the result we deserved." STEVENSON 6, SOUTH LYON 1: Molly McConnell's hat trick propelled Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-0) to a KLA Central Division triumph over the Lions (0-3, 0-1). Renee Boudreau's scored on a 25-

yard breakaway 10 minutes into the first half from Kayla Kimble made it 1-0. Shannon Merritt's goal at the 12-minute mark from Tasi Newton gave the Spartans a two-goal cushion.

McConnell then entered the game for Boudreau and scored three goals before the half, one an assist from Ali Slavin. Samantha Gutkowski closed out the scoring in the second half for the Spartans from Megan Rotter. "It was a great effort tonight coming off a tough game at Troy Athens this Monday," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I was most impressed at the way we started, burying two goals in the first fifteen minutes. McConnell's efforts up-top for three goals in such short time was nice to see as well." Stevenson keeper Michelle

Krawczyk had her shutout bid ruined with 11 minutes to go in the match.

LADYWOOD 3, DIVINE CHILD 0: Caitlin Szczypka scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood (3-1-1, 1-1) notched its first Catholic League Central Division victory against Dearborn Divine Child (0-3, 0-1). Szczypka scored in the 21st minutes from Alexa Hyman and made it 2-0 in the 68th minute on a penalty kick. Alessia Vagnini closed out the scoring with a goal in the 77th minute from Sydney DeLosh as the Blazers outshot the Falcons 16-3. Goalkeeper Michele Ring made a pair of saves to notch her second shutout of the year. Maria Schwab had seven saves for DC.

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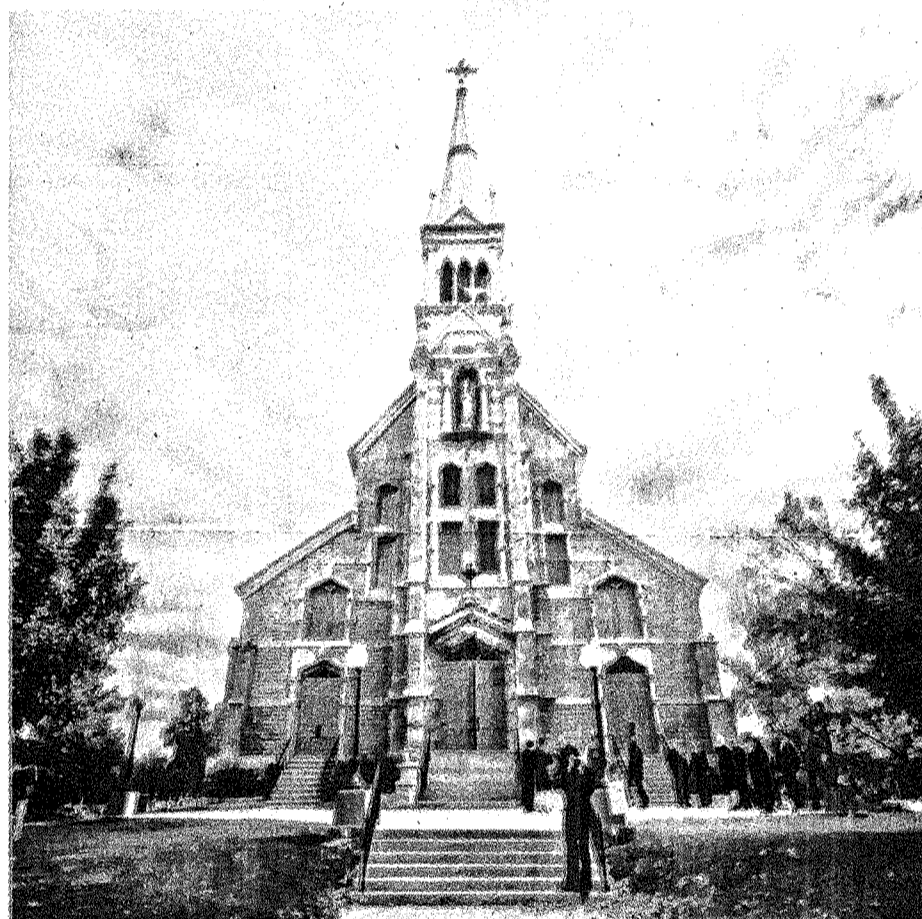
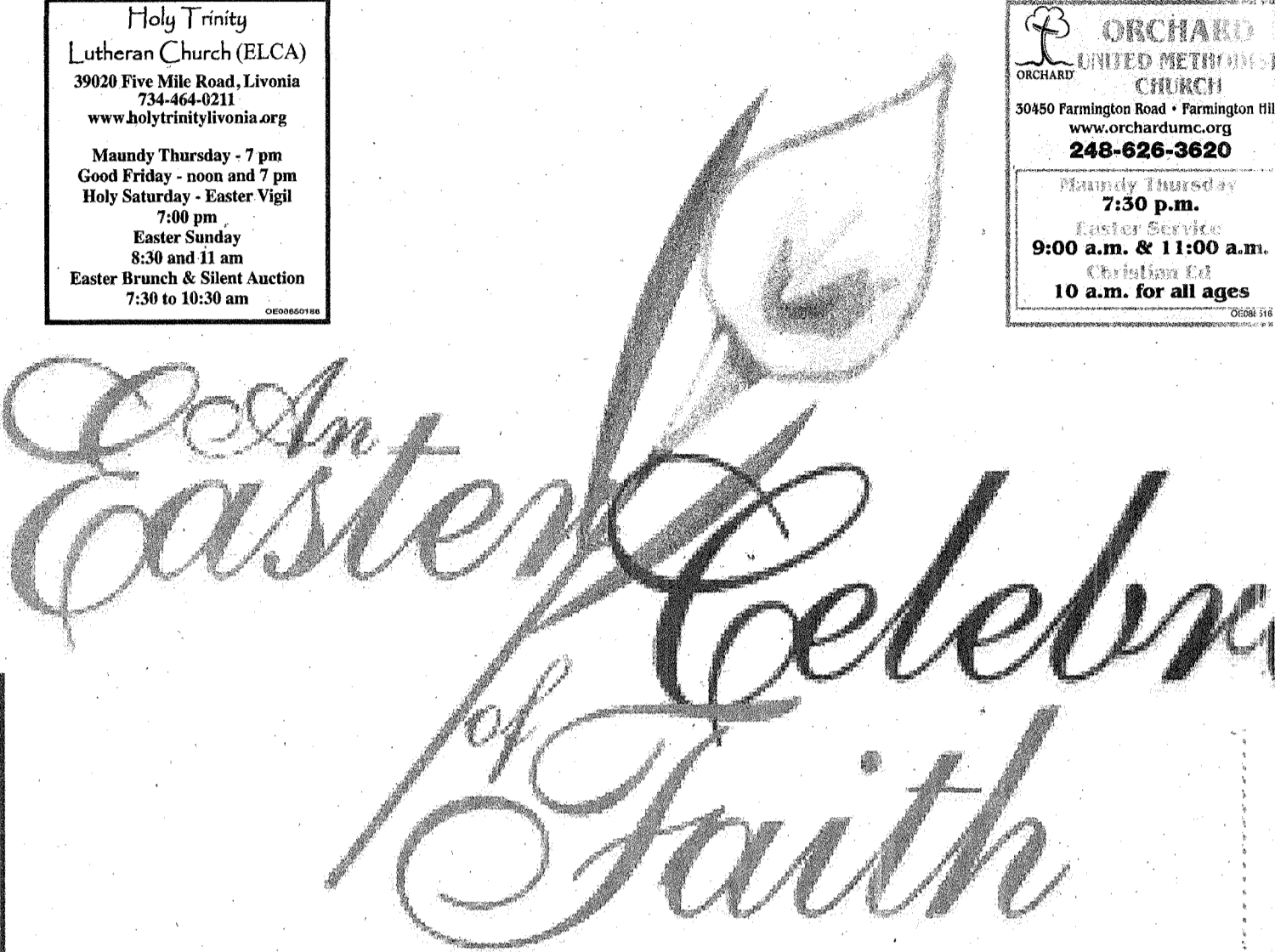
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FRIDAY, APRIL 10
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EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 12
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 April 12, 2009

Holy Thursday, April 9
 7:30 p.m. Communion
Good Friday, April 10
 12:30 p.m. Community Worship
 7:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ/Debuts with orchestra

Easter Sunday, April 12
 7 a.m. Easter Vigil/Garden of Gethsemane
 7:45-11 a.m. Easter Breakfast
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Maundy Thursday April 9 • 6:30 pm Seder Meal & Worship
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Easter Vigil April 11 • 5:30 pm
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 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Mass at 8:30 a.m.
 HOLY THURSDAY April 9 - 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.
 GOOD FRIDAY - April 10 - Noon - Scripture Service, 12:30- 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.
 HOLY SATURDAY - April 11 - 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food - 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
 EASTER SUNDAY - April 12 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 a.m. Mass All Saints School Gym - Blessing of Food after all Masses.

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 Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.
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4/10 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 2:00 p.m.
 Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
 No Confessions today.

4/11 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 Easter Vigil 10:30 p.m.

4/12 EASTER SUNDAY: Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

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 April 11...HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of Easter Food:
 St. Maurice Church 11:30a...St. Genevieve Church 1p
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NEIGHBORS

Let's grow

Livonia garden club invites community to dig in

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

The ladies of the Livonia Garden Club were practically cheering "let's grow" as they walked through Barson's Greenhouse in Westland. The Wednesday morning tour was in preparation for a talk Joe Barson gives at their April 7 meeting on container gardening. Thousands of patio pots and hanging baskets set the stage for questions from members. Louise Scanlan wanted to know "what kind of soil to use," Pat Smith "how often to water."

"With so many people working, container gardens are easier to take care of and have hardly any weeds because they're planted so close," said Scanlan, club president, "and you don't have to sit on the ground to tend them."

Angie Wilkie is a master gardener with a small lot. Container gardens allow her more space for growing. Wilkie's green thumb is always busy. When she isn't planting and weeding at Livonia Woods nursing center, Wilkie volunteers at Greenmead Historical Park with club members who maintain the flower beds east of Hill House.

"Container gardens are not difficult," Wilkie said. "You need plants that need the same environment, same kind of water, soil, sun or shade."

Debbie Barson, Joe's wife, likes

to use about nine plants in a 14-inch pot. She began assembling the more than 3,000 container gardens and hanging baskets at the end of February by herself. Joe jokes she won't let anyone else design the pots that add color to patios and porches. In addition to their 12 greenhouses on Merriman, the Barsons sell plants at the Garden City Farmers Market on Wednesdays starting May 1. Their business opened March 1 and carries a selection of plants and fish for water gardening as well.

"At the end of the season, I try to get feedback from customers on which varieties they liked to plan for next year," Debbie Barson said. "When I'm planting I mix it, different foliage and flowers. I use red fountain grass in the center for height, mini-super petunias, trailing plants. There's probably not two of the same plant in there."

WARM WEATHER PLANTS

Proper care is essential to the growth of plants in containers. Greenhouses offer light, humidity and warmth that isn't easily attainable inside a house. Debbie suggested taking containers outside when it warms to 50 to 60 degrees, then bringing the plants back inside if frost threatens.

Members were especially interested in learning about the Earth Box they recently saw on a morn-



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Joe Barson gives members of the Livonia Garden Club an idea of the topics he'll cover at their next meeting April 7. The members toured two of the 12 greenhouses at Barson's in Westland.

ing television program. The garden kit holds several annuals or two tomato plants and comes with fertilizer, self-watering apparatus and wheels for mobility.

"You've got to have a lot of light and warmth if you're going to plant them before May 15," Joe Barson said. "You can get flats or four-inch pots and stick them in a container. We use artificial mix instead of soil, a light, airy mix for a better root system. Something new for the greenhouses this year is using biodegradable pots. You can stick it right in the ground or pot. Not peat pots. These are coco coir liners (made from coconut fibers). We try to keep a lot of everything in

four-inch pots. New are red spikes, purple fountain grass, King Tut papyrus. Petunias can take a beating when it comes to drought."

Watering and feeding is essential to maintaining container gardens. Joe recommends dumping the potting mix every year and starting anew. "If plants are starting to die out in the center, you're not watering or feeding enough," Joe Barson said. "We started the succulent container gardens three weeks ago. They don't require as much water or as much care. The rest require water every day and to feed them every time you water with a lighter dose (than recommended on the instruction label). You eat

three times a day. You have to feed plants, too."

CLUB MEETINGS

Inspired by the informative morning with the Barsons, members were eager to put the knowledge to use. Livonia Garden Club members share tips during meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center. Along with their regular gathering, members organize a greens workshop and boutique during the holiday season, design arrangements for Angela Hospice patients, and hold a flower show every two years and plant exchange annually. The sharing takes place



Debbie Barson (left to right) talks to Livonia Garden Club members Angie Wilkie, Louise Scanlan, Barbara Perkett, Pat Smith, Judy Miller, and Liz Dougherty last Wednesday morning.

from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, in Greenmead Historical Park at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Everyone in the community is invited to dig up and pot their perennials and houseplants for the event, rain or shine.

"The garden club is so great because you learn so much. Speakers are so knowledgeable," member Judy Miller said. "Now I want to go home and start digging. I already took my dahlias out (of storage) and potted them up."

Ruth Moline tries to schedule speakers on a variety of topics. "Last year, Joe spoke about ponds," said Moline, club vice president. "Sometimes we have speakers on flower arranging, March was on native plants and good and bad bugs with an expert from the Michigan State University Extension. Guests are always welcome. It's fun."

"I was having so much fun," Barbara Perkett said, "Louise joined."

"Lots of friends join together," said Louise Scanlan who became a member in 1996. The Livonia Garden Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Livonia Senior Center in the city's civic center complex on Farmington Road and Five Mile. Dues are \$20 a year. For information, call Louise Scanlan at (734) 261-3835 or Susan Rakay (734) 464-7915. Liz Dougherty answers questions about the Plant Sharing on May 16. Call (734) 425-6880.

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Financial expert delivers good news

Bottom line — there are better days ahead. That was the good news coming from Rick Bloom, a financial adviser, attorney and partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills. The *Observer & Eccentric* columnist concluded the March "Economic Madness" series Monday night at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. I for one couldn't have been happier to hear the respected financial expert take a positive attitude toward the economic crisis which is hitting Michigan hard.

"I learned we need to be hopeful," said Ginny Britton of Farmington. "We can gloom and doom it but the economy has always recouped."

TURNAROUND PREDICTED

Bloom sees a turnaround for the country at the end of 2009, but our state not coming back for two or three years. That is a relatively short period of time when you consider the economic downturn was years in the making. He blamed the mortgage industry and products like variable interest rates for creating a credit crunch forcing businesses to lay off workers. He said Michigan needs to develop another industry. He believes the life blood of America is small businesses. He reminded the audience Michigan has "some great assets" including the Great Lakes.

"It's not the worst of times," said Bloom. "Foreclosures in the Great Depression were 50 percent, now it's only 5 percent. We will have better days ahead of us but retirement has changed."

Bloom said all of us, no matter our age, will need a rising income for the rest of our lives and that means saving and investing. He recommends having six months of living expenses in liquid assets. He told the audience to do a personal balance sheet because "you can't cut unless you know what you spend." His advice is to use a credit card only if you can pay it off at the end of the month.

"I'm tight with a buck," said

Bloom. "My family and friends call me cheap. 'On sale' are favorite words. I love coupons."

Bloom told of a niece being embarrassed when he was spotted buying jeans for \$10. Cutting expenses, however, allows us to save for the future. Even though many have lost large amounts of money in 401(k)s, Bloom still recommends contributing as well as investing. He prefers mutual funds. He doesn't recommend long-term CDs because "inevitably inflation is going to start coming back." He advises not looking at terms unless under one year.

"On the whole we should always be positive and optimistic," said Bloom. "Our economy has grown through it all — wars, depression, recessions, terrorist attacks. We keep moving forward."

INVESTING TIPS

There are a few rules he lives by when investing. Keep it simple. Define your goals and objectives whether saving for a vacation or retirement. He doesn't invest in anything he can't check out independently or anything without

a track record. Barb Erickson, a retired teacher, prefers to rely on a financial adviser. Bloom says, do your homework before seeking advice. Decide beforehand whether it's best for you to pay a fee, commission or combination of both.

"If something sounds too good to be true, it is," said Bloom. "Start with a game plan. Decide how much in stocks and bonds. Stocks always eventually go up. Choose 10 to 12 different asset categories."

Bloom believes in diversifying or spreading out his risk and to sell high and buy low. But he says to be an investor not a gambler. Don't buy individual stocks. Buy mutual funds based on performance and stay with it at least two years. He recommends Roth IRAs instead of traditional because the money grows tax free.

SAVING FOR COLLEGE

Ken Smith of Livonia was taking lots of notes especially about the Michigan Education Savings Plan since it only takes a minimum of \$25 to start accumulat-

ing money for college. Bloom said, start teaching kids as young as 9 about money and credit cards. He suggests the sites planetorange.com and misaves.com.

"I want to look at MESP for my only son, age 11," said Smith. "I want to go home and have him set up an investment account."

Kevin Pope is going to research the Michigan education plan for his 10-year-old son, but also plans "to do something" with his 401(k)s from previous companies. First he was going home to create a cash flow spreadsheet.

"I didn't know what to do. I lost so much money," said Pope, "but I'm thinking about rolling it into a Roth."

Ed and Judy Dobson of Livonia planned to look into the MESP for the youngest of their three grandchildren. Ed spends as much as two hours a night studying products like mutual funds. He and Judy have been investing since the 1970s.

"I liked his attitude," said Judy Dobson. "He put a time line on things getting better."

Maureen Perri of Plymouth was encouraged by Bloom's

comment "about our economy being the best in the world." She is working on saving six months of personal expenses in case of emergency.

Jody and Ray Perez "learned not to be afraid, that things will rebound." The Livonia couple both work full time.

"We have houses in foreclosure around us and it's sad," said Jody Perez. Their son, the Rev. Paul Perez, scheduled the speakers for

the series with the approval of Newburg senior pastor Marsha Wooley. Bloom ended it on a high note.

"This is the most resilient economy, the most resilient country," said Bloom. "Don't bet against it."


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For patients with psoriatic arthritis walking outdoors brings an added benefit as the skin's response to light and sun causes the psoriasis to recede. For people with Lupus, early morning walking has the advantage of being outside before exposure to the heavy rays of sun can initiate a lupus flare.

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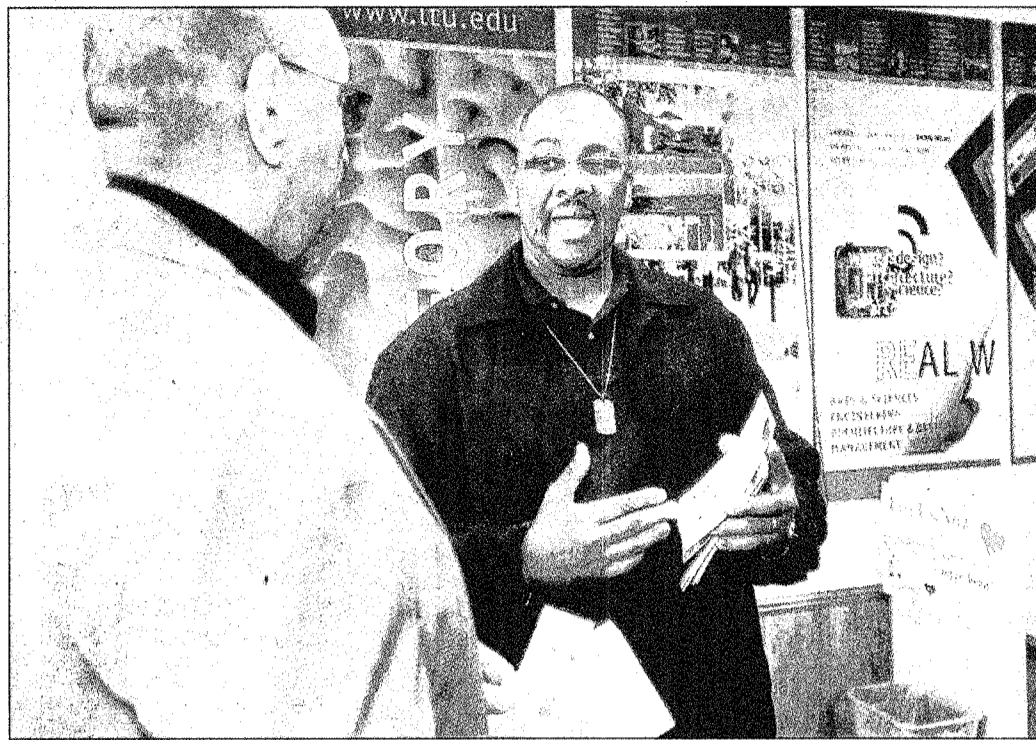
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Tell us NOW



Johnny Gonder passes out information on organ donation at the Southfield branch of the Secretary of State.



Cliff Yelder (right), recipient of a double lung transplant, talks to Larry Bragg about signing up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Yelder and Johnny Gonder, who received a kidney, were passing out literature at the Secretary of State branch in Southfield on Wednesday.

Campaign urges residents to join organ donor registry

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Cliff Yelder might not be here today if not for an organ donor. That's true of Johnny Gonder too. Both were alive and passing out information about signing up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry at the Secretary of State in Southfield on Wednesday.

The Tell Us Now campaign continues through April and May at 31 branch offices in Wayne and Oakland counties. About 50 volunteers are still needed, according to Tammie Havermah, grant coordinator and project manager for Gift of Life, the Michigan organ and tissue donation program.

Yelder and Gonder went through training but Havermah says that's not necessary as a manual is provided to volunteers interested in saving lives. As of March 1, 3,004 Michigan patients were waiting for organ transplants. One donor can save as many as eight

lives. All it takes is applying a red heart sticker on your license.

"They do not have to be knowledgeable about tissue and organ donation," said Havermah.

"Within 30 seconds or less they can sign up. A lot of people don't realize how simple it is."

Tell Us Now campaigns in Kent, Saginaw and Genesee counties saw a 400 percent increase in residents who made their wish known to donate organs after death. Signing the back of a driver's license no longer registers a donor as of 2007. Individuals must sign up to receive the red heart designating them as a donor.

Yelder and Gonder couldn't be more grateful to their donors. Yelder received a double lung transplant March 25, 2008. He was diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in 2001 after struggling for breath one Saturday morning. Today, at age 52, he spends three to four hours a day at the gym six days a week.

Yelder is determined to take good care of his donor's lungs and spread the word about transplants and organ donation. He volunteers for Gift of Life as well as the Henry Ford Hospital program, Transplant Living Community, for which Yelder shares his experience with patients starting the process.

"My first year out the chances of living were 50 percent," said Yelder of Southfield. "I was on the list three months but the odds were against me getting a donor because of my height and blood type. The transplant is the best thing that ever happened to me. Otherwise I would be dead. They gave me two to three years to live. This gift of life gave me a chance at another life. I work out to live."

Gonder was on the waiting list nine years after suffering kidney failure in 1998. He was forced to retire from teaching math in Detroit Public Schools and underwent dialysis for 3 1/2 hours, three times a week. The 57-year-old Southfield man received a kidney

from a cadaver Jan. 7, 2008.

"We're sharing our story, information, answering questions," said Gonder.

"The most asked question is will they take my organs while I'm still alive. No, they won't but some people don't know that. I try to ease their fears. I tell them, what greater gift than giving of yourself to give an organ so someone else can live. I feel blessed to receive this gift."

Monique Lord-Harrington already had a red heart on her driver's license when approached by the two survivors on Wednesday.

"It's all about love and sharing," said Lord-Harrington, 38. "If you could save a life, why not?"

To volunteer, contact Kim Zasa at (800) 482-4881, ext. 1042, or send e-mail to kzasa@giftoflifemichigan.org. To learn about organ donation, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

APRIL

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Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan

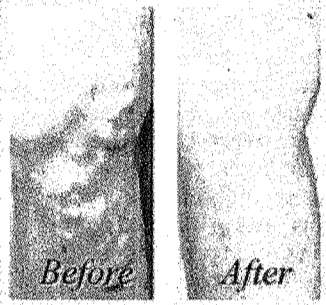
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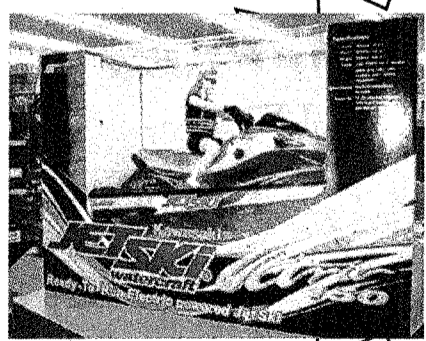
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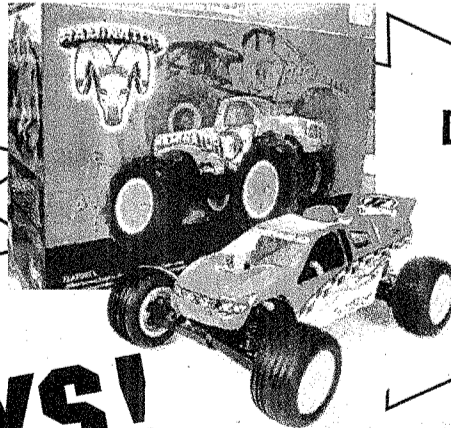
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AROUND TOWN

Fatal crash

An Inkster man was struck and killed by a Chevy Prism while he was crossing Ford Road at Karle, west of Wayne Road at around 1 a.m. Sunday, Westland Deputy Police Chief Lt. Mark Engstrom said.

The investigation was continuing, but Officer Jack McIntosh has identified the man as 49-year-old James Burns, who has friends and relatives in Westland.

Burns was walking southbound across Ford when he was struck by a 2002 Chevy Prism being driven eastbound by a 21-year-old Dearborn Heights woman, police said.

Westland paramedics took Burns to Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, Engstrom said.

- By Darrell Clem

Award winner

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

In addition to the certificate of achievement, Gary M. Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, received an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement. The award is given to an individual, department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

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Town hall meet

In an effort to help provide consumers guidance on how to effectively shop for insurance, save money, and obtain the services they deserve, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will bring together state officials to host an educational town hall meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 13.

The town hall on Effective Strategies for Dealing with Insurance Companies will be held at the Don Hubert VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road in Redford. The meeting will include presentations by the Michigan Insurance Consumer Advocate and Commissioner Ken Ross of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

The event is free of charge and no registration is required. For more information, call Anderson at (866) 262-7306 or e-mail him at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov.

New era: Council OKs recycling plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A united Westland City Council has approved a curbside recycling program hailed as one of the most significant milestones since the city opened its public library in late 1996.

"This will be the best program in the state of Michigan," Mayor William Wild said. "We're proud of it from top to bottom."

Council President Pro Tem Cheryl Graunstadt gave a nod to recycling proponent Margot McCormack and other residents who last year pushed for the program by collecting 600 signatures on petitions.

"When the people lead, the leaders follow," Graunstadt said.

In a series of 7-0 votes, the council adopted a package of resolutions favoring what Wild called a "trash-into-cash" program that could return \$240 to \$540 a year to every

household that participates.

Councilman Charles Pickering, saying his earlier concerns about whether the city can afford the program appear to have been eased, said the recycling issue reminds him of the enthusiasm surrounding the opening of the city's library nearly 13 years ago. Still, he said officials will have to convince residents to participate.

"It's going to take all of us to make it a success," he said.

Council members directed Wild and City Clerk Eileen DeHart to sign off on agreements with several companies after City Attorney Angelo Plakas has reviewed the contract proposals. Wild already has proposed setting aside \$860,000 a year for the first three years from the city's trash-disposal sanitation fund.

The plans call for Republic

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Mrs. Incredible time



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Walker-Winter Principal Julie Mytych greets her students as Mrs. Incredible from the roof top of the school, fulfilling a promise to read from there if they meet their reading goals for March.

Super hero principal takes to roof to reward students

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Walker-Winter principal Julie Mytych reads "The Principal From the Black Lagoon," adding names of students and teachers to the story.

The wind may have been blowing, but it wasn't strong enough to keep Mrs. Incredible from standing on the roof of Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton Wednesday to read *The Principal from the Black Lagoon*.

The super hero visit was the reward for the school's 405 students reaching their reading goals for March, according to Principal Julie Mytych, who donned the costume and had her mask painted on her face by custodian Eddie Mauer.

"It was the most coolest thing," said Mytych. "It was just magic."

Mytych chose Mrs. Incredible for two reasons. The theme for the school's March is Reading Month

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Westland fire official arraigned in crash case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Fire Marshal Chris Szpara, accused of crashing a city car into another vehicle on March 24, was arraigned Tuesday morning in Wayne 29th District Court on a charge of leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Szpara stood mute as Judge Laura Mack arraigned him on the misdemeanor charge, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. He was released on a \$200 personal bond.

A pretrial was tentatively set for April 22, although a court administrator said the date potentially could be changed.

If convicted, Szpara could face penalties ranging up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Szpara's attorney, Gregory Demopoulos of Canton, declined Tuesday morning to comment on the case.

Szpara, 37, is accused of hitting another vehicle while driving away from a Taco Bell near Merriman and Cherry Hill at about 3 a.m. March 24. No one was injured.

According to police, Szpara left the scene and was stopped by Wayne police, who turned him over to a Westland officer because the accident allegedly happened in Westland.

Westland Police Chief James Ridener has said Szpara admitted earlier to having "a couple of beers" but wasn't arrested or given a Breathalyzer because the Westland command officer's judgment was that Szpara didn't appear drunk.

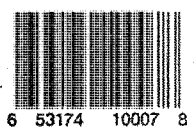
Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy has suspended Szpara, a 17-year city employee, for 90 days without pay while the case is pending. Reddy also has ordered Szpara to receive counseling and has warned all fire administra-

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Computer class helps students get credits

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ninth-grade students at John Glenn High School who didn't make the grade when it comes to math and English are getting a second chance, thanks to an online credit recovery class.

Offered the second semester to freshmen who failed to get a D or better in Algebra and Literature/Composition and credit the first time around, the E2020 computer-based class lets them learn at their own pace while completing courses mandated by the state.

"It's self-paced, they can go back and review a topic as often as they want," John Glenn Principal David Ingham said. "They get a grade for this. The bad grade stays on their record, but they get the credit which they need for graduation."

Close to 100 students are taken the pilot classes. Three Algebra classes are offered during the school day while two English classes are offered as seventh-hour classes after school. Directed study is also available throughout the school day in the media center.

Ingham spent two years researching the computer-based instruction to find the best one and determined the E2020 would meet the needs of the students. It provides mini lectures and has built-in timed practice quizzes and tests. Students can't get to the latter without doing the work, and they can do up to three retakes, with the highest score counting, before moving on, Ingham said.

And there's also no room for fudging on the time spent online. The program keeps track of how many minutes a

student works on it.

"There's a highly qualified teacher built into the program that they can ask questions of, but we also have a teacher in here, so they can ask questions," Ingham said.

Four teachers are a part of the program. Ingham said the teachers were "pretty excited" to find an alternative delivery method for the students. There are still ups and downs with good students and not so good students, but for those who complete the program and get the credit, it means no summer school and advancing to the next grade.

Heather Rumley, math department chair, likes the class. She calls it "organized chaos."

"I'm on my feet, I'm always

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Walker-Winter Elementary students yell out for Mrs. Incredible to take her wig off.

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Mulligan: Will use logic to make decisions

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I am seeking election to the board because I believe in activism and service to the community.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I believe that I am just your average middle class guy. I listen to both side of an issue to make the best informed decision that I can. I try to use logic more in decision making than emotions. I am fair, and honest and caring. These are the values I teach my son.



Brian Mulligan

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

Three of the priority issues facing our district are the three "R's" of Respect, Responsibility and Representation. Together as a community, we ALL need to be PROACTIVE in the education of our children. Teaching them not only to respect other people and their ideas, but self-respect as well. As parents, we not only teach responsibility by example but by the expectations we place on our children. Our students, while they are in school and after, are our representation as a community, whether it is sportsmanship on the field, MEAP test scores or the careers they choose after they graduate.

BRIAN MULLIGAN

Who: Brian Mulligan, 40, Westland

Employment: State licensed electrician and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Family: Married with one son

Education: 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and attended classes at Eastern Michigan University and Oakland Community College. Entered a five-year electrical apprenticeship program in 2000, completed and earned state electrical license in 2005.

Community Involvement: Most people who recognize me as "Tyler's Dad." I am usually seen at after-school events, dances, track and wrestling meets and band concerts as well as volunteering for community service projects through my union and Tyler's scout troop.

4. How would you address those issues?

I would address these issues first by leading by example as I do in my own family, union and community groups.

I treat others as I expect to be treated - with respect. There is always a bit of room for good nature poking fun at friends, family and acquaintances, but rude, insulting behavior is not acceptable. Second, as a board member, I would make myself accessible for discussions and

MEET THE CANDIDATES

This is the fourth in a series of profiles of the seven candidates who are vying for the two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the May 5 school election. The candidates are incumbent Ed Turner and challengers Gregory Maxwell, Carol Middel, Lori Mireles-Smith, Brian Mulligan, Mark Neal and appointed incumbent Shawna Walker who was appointed to the board last September. The remaining profiles will appear in upcoming issues of the *Observer*.

input from all members of the community, parents, teachers and students, all of whom have valuable input. And thirdly, I would encourage anybody in the district to become involved and donate their time and talent to the education of our children. Volunteer, help out during and after school.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

Yes and no. I would welcome the endorsement of almost any organization or individual, but I really think that the education of our children should not be turned into a political circus.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I'm not perfect, I make mistakes, but I learn from them and I believe in doing what's right.

PRINCIPAL

FROM PAGE A1

program was super heroes. Also, she had the costume.

"My husband and I are big Disney fans and we went to a Halloween party a few years ago dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Incredible."

Youngsters sat on the lawn of the school, waiting for their principal to show up, only to hear from Bill Swartz, Wayne-Westland's director of media services, that he was filling in and would be reading an

encyclopedia to the students. Before they could get a groan out, Swartz let them know it was an April Fool's Day joke.

The celebration started inside earlier in the day when four students were selected to cut off portions of Mauer's ponytail. Mauer donated the hair to Locks of Love.

"He'd been growing it for a year and was hoping they would reach their goals," said Mytych. "It was dramatic with the kids getting to cut it."

While younger students believed it was Mrs. Incredible on the roof, the older students

started a chant of "wig off" that spread through the crowd. Mytych in a touch of drama, pulled off the wig to the youngsters' delight.

After reading the book, in which she inserted the names of staff and students, she joined 145 youngsters on the group for a frozen Rocket pop party. The students got to mingle with their principal because they completed all four weeks of the reading challenge.

"The students loved it," Mytych said of the celebration. "They're still talking about it."

RECYCLING

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Services to pick up recyclables, Toter Inc. to provide the containers, Great Lakes Recycling to process materials at its New Boston facility, and RecycleBank to administer the financial-incentive program.

Councilman Michael Kehrer sought to reassure any skeptics by saying the city can cancel the agreements, if the program doesn't work.

"All these contracts have an out," he said.

All 28,000 households that receive city trash pickup will be eligible, and multi-family units and businesses are expected to be phased in later.

With a projected mid-June start-up, the curbside program

will allow residents to put all their recyclable materials in one container and wheel it out to the curb every other week, on the same day their trash is picked up.

Recycling carts will come with computerized chips allowing Republic's trucks to track household participation. Every 400 or so households on a shared route will be rewarded equally based on an average weight of the materials they recycle.

Participating households will accumulate points that can be redeemed online or by calling a toll-free telephone number. They can use their rewards to shop at local businesses, although a list of stores isn't yet available.

Westland will become only the second Michigan city, after Rochester Hills, to hire RecycleBank.

"I can't wait until we get it off the ground," resident Bob Johnson said Monday.

Some residents have said they would prefer to have each house accumulate their own RecycleBank points, but officials said linking the rewards to a truck route will keep costs down and encourage a sense of community.

Recycling proponents have hailed the plan as providing financial incentives while reducing the city's landfill costs and helping the environment.

Wild urged residents and city leaders to circle Monday's date on their calendars — a day he believes will mark a real turning point by ushering in curbside recycling without imposing fees.

"This is absolutely dynamic, folks," Wild said.

Resource Recycling Systems CEO James Frey conducted a study for the city and recommended the companies. The council has agreed to spend up to \$10,800 to retain Frey, for now, to monitor the program as it is implemented.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will sponsor a plant exchange and garden item sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. The public is invited.

For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, April 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

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LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, April 13. He will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City

Parkway, 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Blood drive

It was so popular that Wayne Memorial High School has had to add another day for their blood drive. Blood donations can be made between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, in the old gym at the high school, 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood, Wayne. This blood drive is open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.

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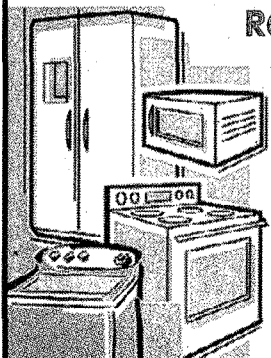
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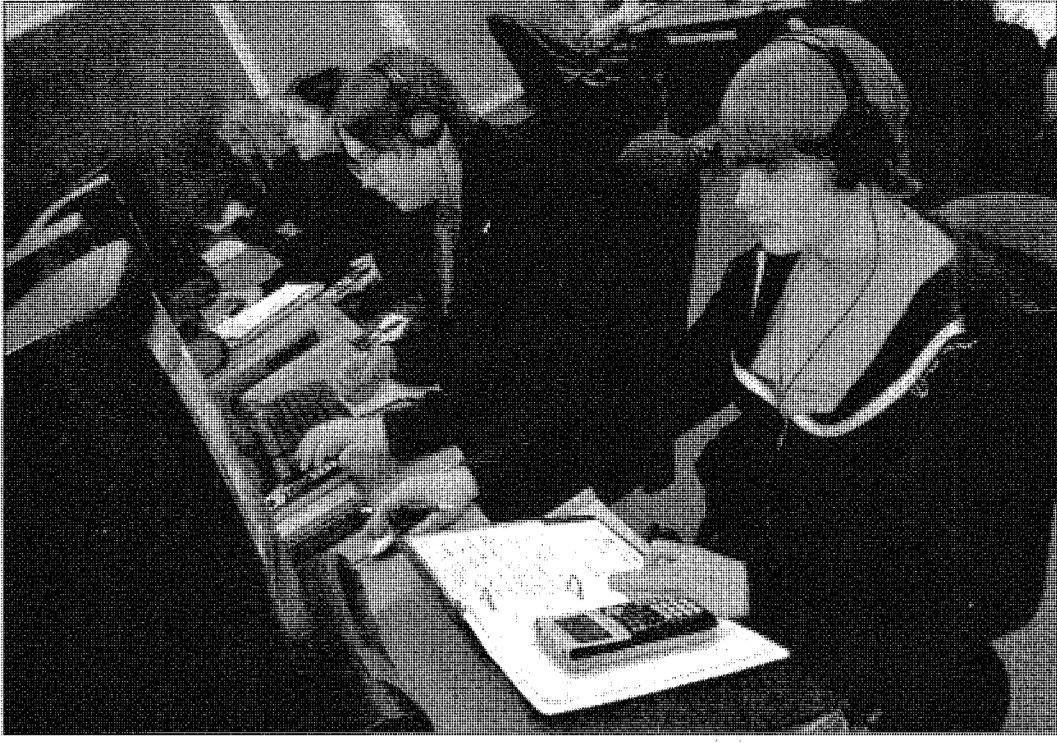
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John Glenn sophomores Tyler Gower (from right), Devin Russell, Brittany Whited and Maria Papas with their other classmates work on Algebra I in the computer credit recovery class at John Glen High School. Gower likes the program, "it's much better than sitting in a classroom."

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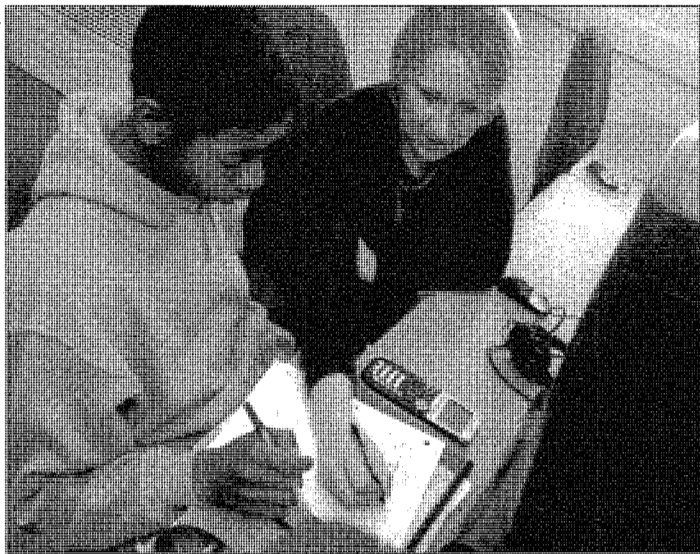
running," she said. "Every student could be at a different spot. It's definitely not a course where you can sit down and do nothing."

Class size is limited to 30 students, and according to Rumley, it's the perfect course for a student who may not do homework, since all work is completed online. For students who don't understand math, it helps build their knowledge. Those students who don't want to do the work on the computer, can print it out and work on it, then input it afterwards.

"It's a nice altogether program," she said.

Freshman Tim Hill is taking the pilot class. He admits he hasn't been "knuckling down" in school and is glad to have the opportunity to catch up, but admits that "you want to put in the time."

"It's starting to click, the



Sophomore Armonte Black receives some help with Algebra I from teacher Heather Rumley.

program gives good detail on how a problem is put together," he said. "You can listen to the lecture. If you don't get it, you can't ask questions, but Miss Rumley is here to help."

The pilot program is being watched closely by Wayne Memorial High School which

may try it in the fall. It also can be used as part of the summer school program.

"We hope the students can get more credit this way and move on," he said. "It's a pretty intense hour, but we've had very few drop out."

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Festival committee sponsors golf outing

The nonprofit Westland Summer Festival Committee will sponsor its second annual golf outing May 9 at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, 2150 Middlebelt, in Inkster.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$85 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, a lunch

at the turn, including hotdogs, chips and a drink, two drink tickets, outing souvenir and a buffet banquet and awards at 3 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, in Westland.

Awards will be given for closest to the pin and longest drive. For those interested in being a tee box sponsor, the cost is \$100.

Signage with your name and/or business will be placed on the tee box.

Proceeds from the event will help the committee in paying for the many events that it provides the community.

For more information, call Ken Mehl at (734) 335-7943 or Diane Fritz at (734) 595-4981.

ARRAIGNED

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tion officials not to drive city vehicles on personal time.

Szpara's case has fueled an outcry from some residents who believe he was given special treatment as a city employee.

During a Westland City Council meeting on Monday, resident James Davis suggested the case should have been turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. A state court administrator assigned the case to Mack after Westland District Judges Sandra Ference Cicirelli and Mark McConnell recused

themselves.

Westland resident Charles Grantham told city officials Monday that "it's unacceptable what happened" and "something more has to be done" beyond the 90-day suspension. He also said all city vehicles should be marked as such and not driven for personal use.

Council watcher Judy McKinney said she hopes that Szpara gets any counseling that he may need.

Resident Bob Johnson said average citizens often get leniency from police, and he urged critics not to condemn the entire Westland Fire Department because of the allegations against one employee.

"All the rest of the fire department should not be looked down on," Johnson said.

Grantham's wife, Maria Grantham, said the city needs to review its policies on providing city vehicles and gasoline to employees. She also said it's possible Szpara wasn't drunk and that police did him a disservice by not giving him a Breathalyzer to prove it one way or the other.

"Policies need to be set," she said, "and just because he's an official doesn't make him exempt to that."

Mayor William Wild has defended Reddy's decision to suspend Szpara without pay, saying such behavior won't be tolerated.

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Purse snatched from grocery cart

1 A 28-year-old Wayne woman was the victim of a purse-snatching while she was putting groceries in her car shortly after 10 p.m. March 31 outside the Kroger store on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman, police said.

The victim had left her purse in a shopping cart and didn't see the incident, but a witness told police that an older model, green, four-door Pontiac Grand Prix or Grand Am pulled up behind the victim's vehicle. She said a black male, about 50 years old, wearing dark clothing and a dark skull cap, got out of the car and grabbed the purse.

The witness told the victim that her purse had been taken. The victim reported that it contained an MP3 player, a digital camera, her driver's license, Social Security card, bank checks, a debit card, her wallet, miscellaneous jewelry and about \$10 in cash.

The debit card was later reported used at a gas station in Inkster.

TV taken from home

2 A 32-year-old man told police his house in the 35600 block of Joy, west of Wayne, was broken into between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 30. Items taken included a television, video game console, \$522 in cash, jewelry, and a computer and monitor.

Sleeps through break-in

3 A 39-year-old woman reported that someone broke into her house between

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. March 31 in the 38100 block of Rickham Court, northwest of Newburgh and Palmer roads. She was asleep at the time and didn't notice anything missing.

A police report indicated that a side door had been forced open.

Door found open

4 A 37-year-old woman told police that her house in the 1800 block of Ackley, southwest of Palmer and Wildwood, was broken into between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. March 31. The victim said she and her children had left the house and that her oldest daughter, 15, arrived home from school to find the front door open and her camera gone.

Also reported missing were a video game console and three gold chains.

Door pried on vacant house

5 A man who keeps watch on a vacant house in the 35200 block of Glen, northeast of Palmer and Wayne, reported that a door had been pried open between 7:30 p.m. March 31 and 8 a.m. April 1. A woman who owns the house told police that nothing appeared missing.

Hole cut in roof of shop

6 A 41-year-old man told police it appeared an intruder had tried to break into his store, Smokers Choice, on the northeast corner of Warren and Merriman sometime between 8 p.m. March 30 and 9 a.m. March 31. He said a hole had been cut in the roof but

that it didn't appear that access was achieved. He also reported that the phone lines had been cut.

Items taken from car

7 A 53-year-old man reported that auto parts and accessories along with a cell phone were taken from his 2006 Jeep Commander while it was parked on Tawas, south of Cowan between Wildwood and Farmington, between 1 a.m. March 30 and noon March 31. He said it had been left unlocked.

Borrowed car stolen

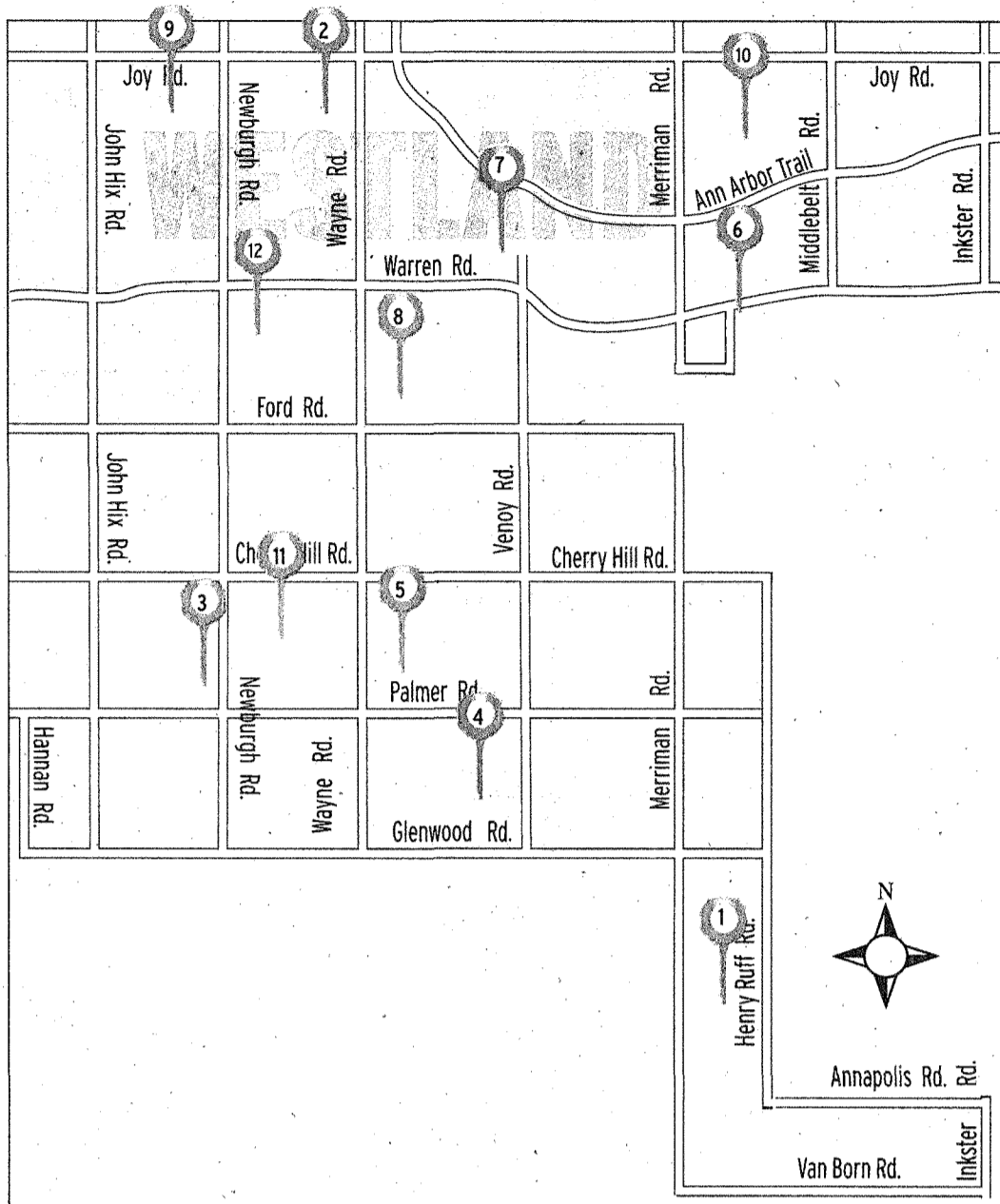
8 A 32-year-old man whose vehicle had broken down told police that he had borrowed a friend's 1993 GMC Sierra to go to Murray's Auto Parks on Wayne north of Ford and that the GMC was stolen while he was inside the store. The incident happened between 3:20 and 3:50 p.m. March 31.

Pickup truck taken

9 A 45-year-old man told police that his brother's 1989 Chevy truck was stolen between 5:30-7 p.m. March 31 while it was parked on Woodridge Drive, outside an apartment building south of Joy between Hix and Newburgh.

Vehicle stolen

10 A 45-year-old woman reported that her 1993 GMC Sierra and assorted tools were stolen sometime March 31 while it was parked in the



8400 block of Perrin, southeast of Joy and Merriman. She said the vehicle had been locked.

Phony check scam

11 A 25-year-old man told police he was the victim of a money scam on April 1. He lives in the 36000 area of Hively, southeast of Cherry Hill and Newburgh.

The man reported that he had received a check by mail from a woman who lived in another state. He deposited the \$2,670 into his bank

account and was told to send \$1,400 back to her via Western Union for an administration fee. He said the check he deposited into his account bounced after he had wired the money.

Man caught shoplifting

12 A 37-year-old man was arrested by police after he tried to commit a retail fraud shortly after 3 p.m. March 30 at the Meijer store on the southeast corner of Warren and Newburgh,

police said.

A store employee watched the man take clothing, four bottles of liquor and a computer printer to the store's garden area, which was still closed off for the season. The employee watched the man place the liquor bottles through the fence and leave the store.

A call to police led to the man's capture before he could flee the scene.

- By Darrell Clem

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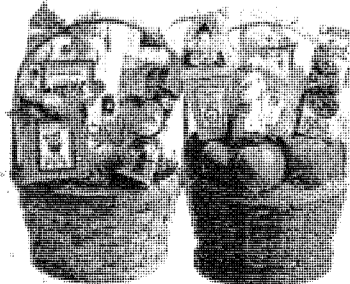
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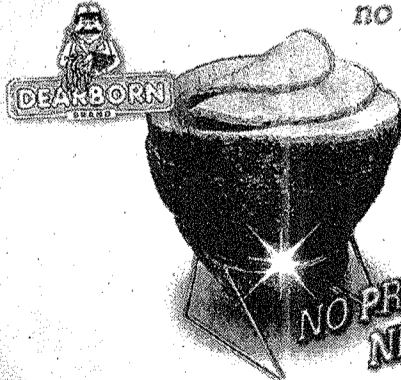
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Dip, draw, dab: Participants learn to make pisanki eggs

BY LINDA SPARKMAN
CORRESPONDENT

An enthusiastic group dipped, drew and dabbed just before Easter at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland where Joan Bittner, owner of the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck, taught the centuries old pisanki egg craft.

Raw eggs were intricately etched, using hand-made tools and melted purified beeswax. The results were shiny, black eggs with brilliant yellow, red and white designs permanently adorning them.

The class was free to registered guests. The library took care of any charges, including all tools and supplies.

"We've had this class in years past, and brought it back this year because of community interest," said Marilyn Kwik, department head for Adult Services at the library.

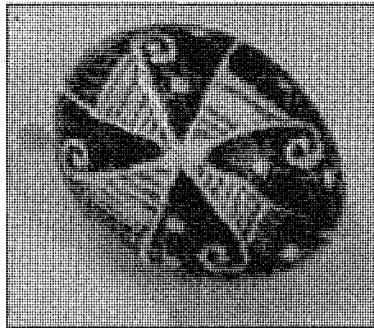
As in past years, this year's classes were filled.

Modern Pisanki eggs commemorate the revival of nature and the hope Christians gain from faith in the resurrection. The craft originates from the ancient Ukraine people. It was a way pagans sought to appeal to their ancient gods.

A 10-minute video gave the interesting history of pisanki egg decorating. It seems the equinox (spring eclipse of the moon) revealed an egg shaped moon,



Michelle Bittner and her mother, Joan, owner of the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck, were class instructors.



The colors of a Pisanki egg represent character traits, such as white for purity, red for joy and black for strength.

very popular around Easter and Christmas," said, Bittner who has been teaching the egg-decorating process for 34 years and is "still having fun!"

Bittner's 22-year-old daughter, Michelle helped guide the class through a suggested design, including ladders and rakes, representing solitude, ambition and sun rays.

Several class members struck out on their own, adding unauthorized decorations of their own design, like Lauren Mercer of Novi, whose finished egg included polka dots and squares of color.

"I'm glad I came, it was a blast!" she said.

"I've always come to the Westland library," said Rachel Atkins of Wayne who was told about the class by her mother. "My mom had a flyer about this class, and then she almost didn't come. Now, she's really glad she did."

leading to the choice of the egg as the material to use. Traditional designs like rakes were made to represent the rays of the sun or hard work. Colors represented character traits, such as white for purity, red for joy and black for strength.

Bittner teaches pisanki egg decorating year round and sells supplies needed to make the craft along with a variety of other Polish art, including dolls, pottery and clothing.

"Pisanki egg decorating is

therapy for Bartlett who suffered a brain injury in an accident last October.

"She was in a coma for more than a week, she now walks and talks," said her stepfather, Matt McMichael of Westland.

The dinner will be held from 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the hall, located on Merriman south of Cherry Hill. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for

children. Dinners to go will be available for \$6 each. Beer also will be available.

Bartlett is currently in a skilled nursing home in Plymouth, but that ends in 30 days. She has been able to get Medicaid, but that doesn't cover the hyperbaric treatments she's receiving at a facility in South Lyon. The treatment is the same that's being used on

soldiers returning from war with closed head injuries. It has shown promise, "so we thought we'd give it a try," McMichael said. The family paid \$5,000 up front for 40 treatments, and she has already completed 21.

"If the therapy starts to help, we want to keep it going," said McMichael.

Coincidentally, Bartlett is in the National Guard,

but because she was not on active duty when the accident occurred, she cannot access care through the military.

A Kristen Bartlett Care Fund has been set up at the Bank of America. People who would like to make a donation can do at any of the bank branches. The fund is not a charitable situation, so the donations are not tax deductible, McMichael

added.

Bartlett worked in the warehouse at Scholastic Book Fairs and was attending Schoolcraft College when the accident occurred.

"She's doing a lot and she's not doing a lot, but she's trying to get better," her stepfather added.

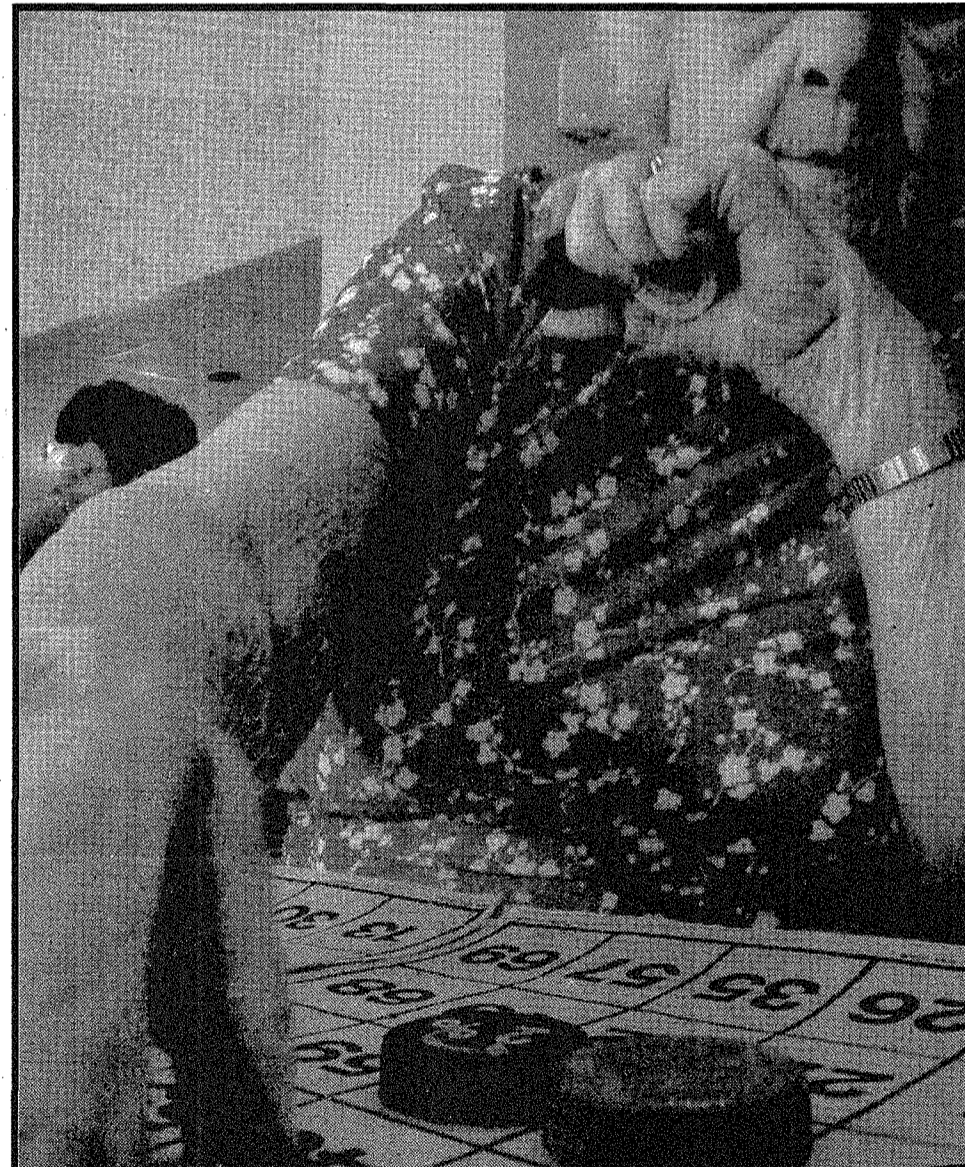
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Family holding benefit to help woman injured in accident

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The family of Kristen Bartlett is hoping people with a love of spaghetti will turn out for a fund-raiser at the AMVETS Hall in Westland next week.

The spaghetti dinner will raise money to help offset the expense of ongoing physical



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GC alumni group uses sale to fund scholarship

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new scholarship will be added to the list at Garden City High School. Members of the recently formed Garden City Alumni Association have decided to leverage their staying connected to give something back to their alma mater.

"The Class of 1995 had a successful 10-year reunion and we started talking about how it would be fun to do things for the school," said Audrey Seilheimer who is president of the association.

According to Seilheimer, friends of hers have orga-

nized many class reunions and events, but there was no "official" collection of these little side groups that sprung up. The thought was connect the talents and resources of all these former students to do something to give back and help the school.

The group started as the Garden City Alumni Association MySpace page, a blog site — www.gchsa-lumni.wordpress.com — and established an Alumni Fund through the school with the help of Principal Jerry Perttunen.

Within a month they had collected more than 300 "friends" via their online

groups. Organizers believe "the sky is the limit" in connecting with similar GCHS group pages on the Web that have close to 1,000 members. The groups include former band members and New Concepts Theater members.

"It took a couple of years to get to where we have a stable enough group," said Seilheimer, a Canton resident.

The association has members from throughout the area, including Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Northville. It plans to give at least one graduating senior a scholarship, beginning with the Class of 2010. The recipient will be selected by an alumni committee based on an essay contest.

The group is holding its first fund-raising event, a Mom to Mom Sale, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, in the high school cafeteria. Anyone with gently used children's clothes, toys or equipment suitable for newborns to 7-year-olds can rent a 6-foot table for \$10 and an 8-foot table for \$15. There's also a \$3 charge for rack space and \$2 for a large item. According to Seilheimer,



Audrey Seilheimer and high school art teacher and senior class sponsor Danielle Mitoraj, both members of the Class of 1995, are a few of the alumni staying connected through the Garden City High School Alumni Association. Seilheimer is the association president and is working with Mitoraj on a May 2 Mom to Mom sale.

there will be a large items area outside the cafeteria.

Close to half of the 40 tables available are rented and people interested in getting a spot can call her at (734) 812-7270. The sale is also listed on the mom2momlist.com Web site with a link to the association's e-mail address at GCHSAA@gmail.com.

There is a \$1 entrance fee which includes a raffle ticket for bake sale table giveaways

which will happen every hour during the sale. Strollers also will be allowed in the cafeteria.

For moms who don't want to haul items back home, there also will be a donation table with the goods going to the AAA Pregnancy Center for mothers-to-be who are in need of help.

"The wrestling group did this last summer and they were quite successful,"

Seilheimer said. "We hope to make at least \$1,000 and get a couple hundred people to come."

Seilheimer added that the scholarship will aim to help students pay for books.

"It's one thing a lot of scholarships don't take into account," she said. "You practically have to take out a loan to buy them."

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **April 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

Road Gravel & Slag

Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Purchasing Division at 734-467-3204 or at www.cityofwestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jade M. Smith
Controller

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

1. **09-007, Special Land Use.** Garden City Fuel Stop Company is proposing to acquire a Special Designated Merchants (SDM) liquor licenses for the retail sale of beer and wine at 32889 Warren Road, in the C-3, General Business district. A SDM liquor license is a regulated use in the C-3 zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

David L. Harvéy
City Manager

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Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.



Ask the
Treasurer

Raymond
Wojtowicz

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions.

Important Tax Information about Real Property:

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Do not assume that the seller will pay the taxes in the year of sale. If you do not receive a summer and/or winter tax bill, call the city, township or village treasurer where the property is located and request a tax bill. At the same time, check to make sure the treasurer has your correct mailing name and address. Do not send a check in the mail and assume that the check reached the treasurer.

Q: What happens to my real property taxes when I file for bankruptcy?

A: If bankruptcy is filed from Dec. 1-31, the bankruptcy will protect your current and delinquent real taxes from forfeiture and foreclosure.

If you filed in December, the bankruptcy will protect the current and prior delinquent

taxes.

If bankruptcy is filed from January 1 to November 30, the bankruptcy will only protect the delinquent real taxes from forfeiture and foreclosure, not the current taxes.

The month and year the bankruptcy is filed determines the years protected that can be paid by the trustee.

Q: I filed for bankruptcy and I need help so that I won't lose my property?

A: Bankruptcy is help to protect real property from forfeiture and foreclosure.

Q: If I filed bankruptcy on my real property taxes, do I still have to pay the taxes after discharge of the bankruptcy?

A: Yes. The property is no longer protected after the

bankruptcy is discharged.

Q: Am I required to pay the interest and penalties on my taxes if I filed for bankruptcy?

A: Yes. Interest and penalties are not waived but continue to accumulate on a monthly basis until the tax is paid.

Q: Can I file for "financial hardship" if I am under bankruptcy?

A: No. The bankruptcy is already protection from forfeiture/foreclosure. You would not qualify to file for "Financial Hardship."

Q: Can partial payments be made on a bankruptcy?

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Your investment strategies shouldn't be ruled by emotions

As I write this column, Michigan State's men's basketball team did what the experts predicted they wouldn't do and that is beat Connecticut and land a spot in the national championship game. There is no doubt Michigan State's run for the championship has put a ray of sunshine throughout Michigan. The surge of emotion that erupted at Ford Field and throughout the state after the Spartans' victory was incredible.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

When it comes to sports, it is great to let emotions take over. Sports would not be enjoyable unless as fans we experienced the great emotional swings between our team winning and losing.

Emotion, however, is something that investors need to guard against. It affects investors in a number of different ways — all of them bad. For example, many investors will refuse to sell an investment based upon "a love for their investment." I say, your investment doesn't love you, you shouldn't love it.

Individuals invest money to make money and that should be the primary concern. If emotion enters into the equation, inevitably, one will make the wrong decision. For example, in our area many investors held on to Kmart stock even though

the company faced incredible difficulties. Investors failed to separate emotion from the economic reality faced by Kmart. Investors who held on to Kmart out of a sense of loyalty were rewarded when the company went into bankruptcy and the stock was worthless.

Loyalty, in many situations, is a great trait. Not as an investor. One should not buy or hold an investment based upon love of that investment, or out of a sense of loyalty. Investments should be bought or sold based on how it fits into one's portfolio and overall investment strategy.

Emotions also hurt investors when the market is doing well. The last few weeks have been good for stocks and investors are feeling a sense of relief. Many investors don't want to miss out on an opportunity and some are rushing back into equities without any rhyme or reason. They are letting greed dictate investment decisions.

When markets are rising, investors tend to forget about the fundamentals and overall strategies and that can lead to problems. Investors need to guard against those good feelings. The result of letting emotions dictate investment decisions is a portfolio that doesn't match an individual's goals and objectives. When a portfolio doesn't match one's goals and objectives, it is a portfolio that will fail.

Over the last year, investors have let fear dictate their investment decisions. Investors have rushed out of the stock market and other

investments not based upon fundamentals or an overall strategy, but based upon fear. Although the sense of relief one gets when they bail out of the market is real, it is only temporary. Letting fear dictate your investment decisions and rushing out of the market at an inopportune time will also cause problems. The problems may not be evident today, but they will be when investors find that their money did not keep up with taxes and the increase cost of living.

Fear, greed and impatience are a triple-headed monster of emotions that all too often derails investors. Investing is like a science in that it takes a clear head and a certain resolve to be successful.

Whether or not you are an MSU basketball fan, it is hard not to get caught up in the emotion of the game. It is equally difficult for investors not to let fear, greed, impatience or other emotions dictate investment decisions. Being an investor is not easy. If it were, more people would be successful.

The bottom line is market volatility is a reality that can't be avoided. As humans, we are affected by our emotions — they are part of us. However, the more we can control our emotions, the better off we are as an investor.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money_matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Register for citizens academy

Get a look at the criminal justice system as the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office hosts a six-week Citizens Academy 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning April 21 at Lincoln Park High School.

The free course aims to demystify the criminal justice system and provide an inside look at criminal pros-

ecution in Wayne County. Applications are available at www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor or contact Nicole Scott at: nscott@co.wayne.mi.us or (313) 224-5780. Reservation and registration are required. Space is limited to 225 people. Participants must be 18 years old and live or work in Wayne County.

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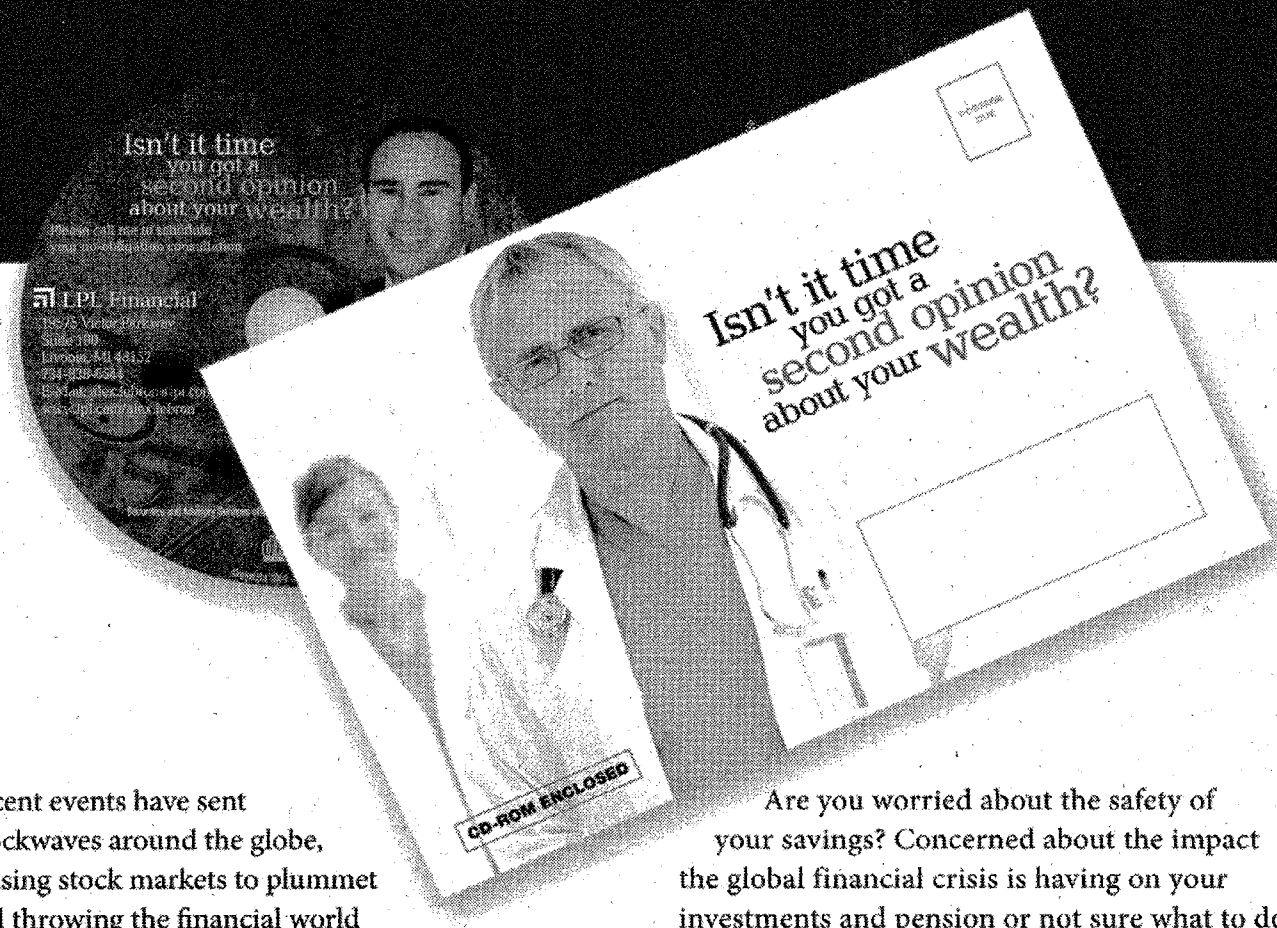
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Isn't It Time You Got A Second Opinion About Your Wealth?



Recent events have sent shockwaves around the globe, causing stock markets to plummet and throwing the financial world into turmoil. Consumers are being urged not to panic, but with commentators talking of the biggest crisis since the Great Depression, many of us are wondering what the effect will be on our finances.

Are you worried about the safety of your savings? Concerned about the impact the global financial crisis is having on your investments and pension or not sure what to do about your mortgage? If you feel like your own personal finances are in a meltdown of their own, it's probably time you got that vital second opinion.

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OUR VIEWS

Battery legislation shows lawmakers can work together

With shock waves continuing to reverberate through General Motors and Chrysler after recent developments in Washington, including the sacking of GM CEO Rick Wagoner, confidence in the American auto industry (and its survival) might just be at an all-time low.

Obviously that doesn't bode well for the state of Michigan, which itself is in the midst of an economic recession not seen for many, many years. Michigan and the automobile industry have always had a symbiotic relationship, so it's no surprise that the fortunes of Michigan are so intertwined with the Big Three.

Last week in Washington, the Obama administration shot down the reorganization plans for GM and Chrysler, both of which are hoping to get more federal money to keep them afloat until the economy turns around. Obama's team feels, among other things, that the auto companies need to shift their fleet away from gas guzzling models to a new breed of vehicles that rely on renewable energies. There is no question that battery technology is vital to the future of the auto industry, something the Japanese seemed to have figured out before Detroit.

That is why it is refreshing to see our state Legislature — working on a bipartisan basis no less — passing legislation that will expand the number of Michigan Business Tax credits available for battery cell manufacturers. The legislation, which has passed both the House and Senate, could make the state a leader in this emerging high tech sector, and perhaps even help save the American auto industry.

Republicans in the Senate, including John Pappageorge of Troy and Bruce Patterson of Canton, and Democrats in the House, most notably Dian Slavens of Canton, worked together to get the legislation passed last month, and it now awaits Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

The plan will provide an additional \$200 million in tax credits for companies involved in advanced battery development, including battery pack assembly; research and engineering to support battery use in vehicles; engineering of advanced battery technologies; and capital investment for construction of battery manufacturing facilities.

The tax credits would be spaced out over the next four years, which will ease the tax burden and help the companies develop the new battery technology. In addition, the plan rewards companies even further for using local suppliers, which is good for Michigan jobs, and it qualifies the state to be eligible for \$2 billion in federal stimulus money.

According to Patterson, many experts predict the U.S. battery market could reach \$18 billion a year by 2020 and cell manufacturers could create nearly 40,000 Michigan jobs by 2020.

With legislation like this, it appears our leaders in Lansing are starting to understand the message that voters sent in recent elections — that we want them working to for us. It also shows state government can be useful in attracting businesses and strengthening the economy. That's something we can all cheer.

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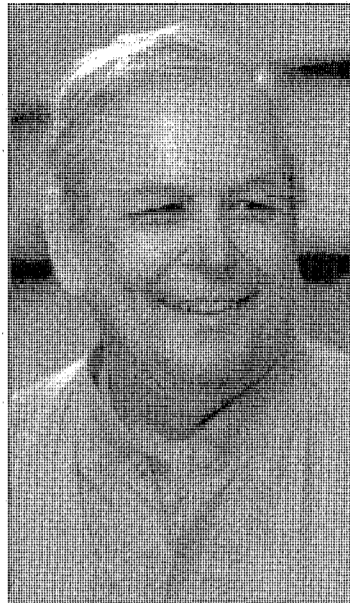
COMMUNITY VOICE

Tomorrow is the home opener for the Detroit Tigers. How well do you think they'll do this year? We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"If they had a different manager, they'd improve. But the manager they have now ... he's had his day. They'll finish 20 over 500."

Ralph Slade
Garden City



"They're going to win that one (the opener), the rest of season 500 ball, that would be good. It's a tough division, you can easily end up in first place as in last place."

Bob Vichinski
Westland



"They're going to win the opener, that one they have a lot of support. They'll win over half of their games, Detroit needs them to do that."

Betty Kowalski
Garden City



"I haven't seen much improvement in the pitching and the bull pen isn't much better. They didn't seem to do well in spring training."

Rick Ames
Garden City

LETTERS

'Clunkers' bill is good idea

Rep. Louie Gohmert introduced an idea back in December 2008 of a tax holiday, in which it called for giving the stimulus money (the first \$700 billion) back to the taxpayer as opposed to spending it on banks and pet projects.

This was a great idea! We would then be able to pay off bills, buy new homes and/or cars and the economy would have come back in hurry, but our government would not hear of that. They couldn't give "their" money back to the people. We wouldn't know what to do with it. Politicians think they are smarter than we are and know better ways to spend it for us, especially on things we don't want or need.

After letters and phone calls and tons of e-mails, two Republican congresswomen — Rep. Candice Miller and Rep. Betty Sutton — finally heard the call of the American people. They've taken a step in the right direction by coming up with a plan that would satisfy everyone. They've nicknamed it "Cash for Clunkers."

This plan will give a cash voucher anywhere from \$5,000 to \$8,000 for trading in your old car (eight years or older) and purchasing a new, cleaner more fuel-efficient one. The money will come from the last stimulus bill. In other words, they're giving our money back so "we" can stimulate the economy.

This plan is good for Michigan, good for America and good for the people. The "coastal" people like this idea because it gets the older fuel guzzlers/carbon behemoths off

What do you think?

Mail comments to the Westland Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

the road and will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. The rest of us like it because it will create work and jobs.

I urge everyone to contact your senators and representatives and tell them to support this measure.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Time of reckoning

Fantasy thinking is a good name for the article that appeared in the Thursday, March 19, paper. That International Conference on Climate Change could be a group of big oil companies; and those professors at Wisconsin-Milwaukee also could be getting a bunch of money from big oil; and, as a matter of fact, Phil Solarz could work for big oil.

As far as the Earth cooling, I guess I look at all the glaciers melting to see what's happening. The off-shore oil will take years to develop even if we started today and would only prolong the day of reckoning. We all should be driving the so-called toy cars unless there is a real need for something bigger.

We are not paying the full cost of all the coal and oil we're burning and by that I mean by collection of all the waste products

that combustion gives off. If we did, I'm sure that the alternative energy would be a lot more competitive.

I guess if man had a pail of water to last for years, he'd use it like there's no tomorrow instead of rationing it until he found an alternative source. I don't need to see gas go up to \$4 or \$5 a gallon when the economy picks up and then say duh because I can't afford it and was to stupid to do something about it when I had the chance.

Maybe Bush wrote this letter.

Robert Eberts
Westland

Ridiculous spending

Why in God's name is the state of Michigan giving \$1.5 mill to West Bloomfield of all places for a hiking trail?

There are senior citizens going hungry because of the lack of funds for Meals on Wheels. The mentally ill are suffering needlessly because the state doesn't fund them adequately. The streets in Michigan are the worse in the nation, but someone can give West Bloomfield \$1.5 million for a hiking trail.

What's next, a new bike path in Grosse Pointe? Maybe a new streetscape in downtown Northville or how about new soccer fields in Rochester?

It may be a "dream come true for the hikers," but it's just another nightmare for Michiganders. People can talk about the wasted money in the Detroit Public Schools, but this is just as ridiculous.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Join the discussion

The Tigers' home opener is Friday. How will the team do this year in the A.L. Central?

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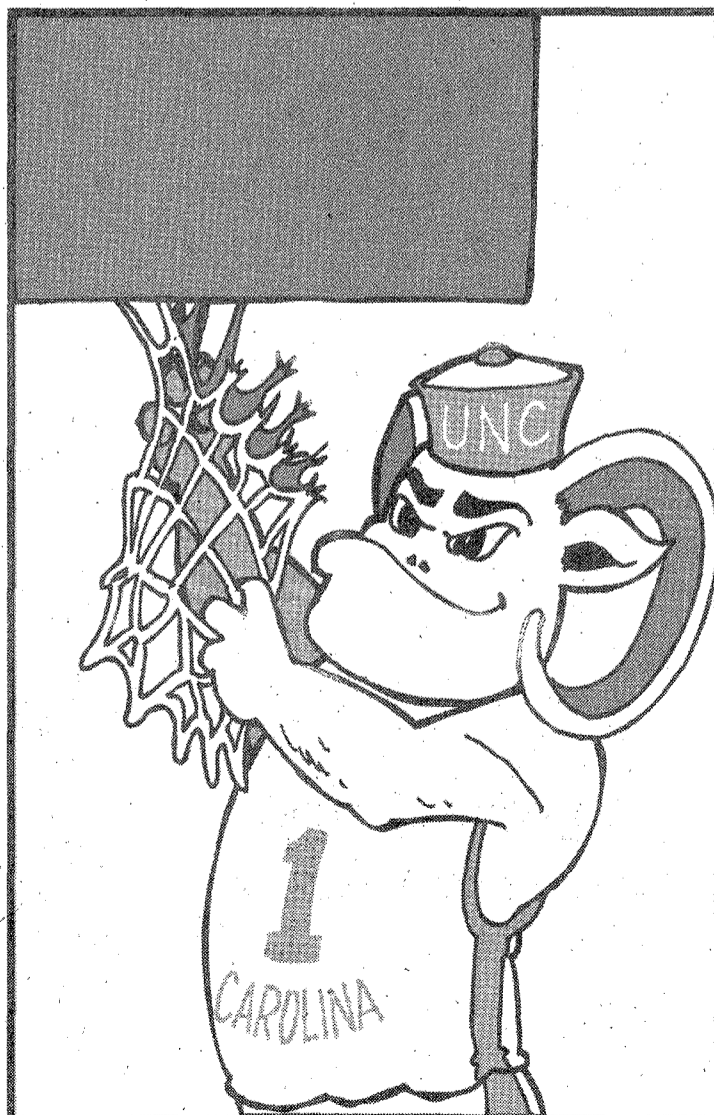


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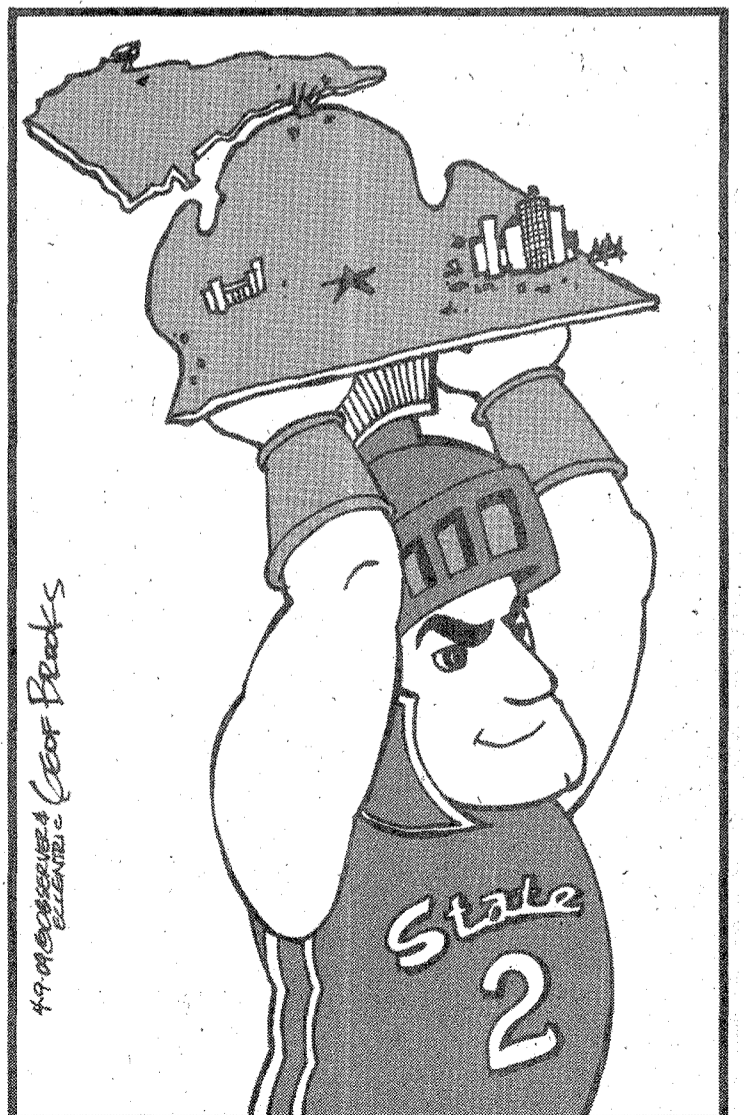
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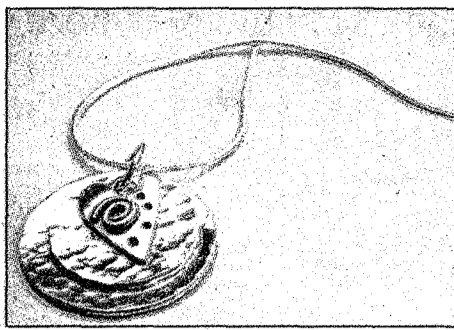


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Solstice Designs expects to provide 400 Project Mother's Day necklaces to domestic violence shelters across the country this year. Ongoing sales of the 2009 necklace, available at etsy.com, fund the project.

Wensdy Von Buskirk, Editor (313) 222-8883, wvonb@hometownlife.com

Project Mother's Day goes nationwide

BY WENS DY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

It makes kids feel good to do something nice for their moms on Mother's Day, and children in domestic violence shelters are no exception.

For the last three years, thanks to Solstice Designs, children at First Step have been able to give their moms a beautiful piece of jewelry for Mother's Day.

And now, the Dearborn-based company is taking Project Mother's Day nationwide.

"We all remember that joy in giving a gift to our mom," said Sandra Boulton, who co-owns Solstice Designs with Sherry Duquet. "Children want to give and when they're in the protective care of a shelter they don't have the ability to purchase a gift like that."

Duquet got the idea for Project Mother's Day the same year she quit her job at Tiffany & Co. in Troy to launch Solstice Designs. She and Boulton wove the charity into their business model, and so far have donated 240 bracelets and necklaces to families involved in First Step.

This year, working through the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Boulton and Duquet have pegged 12



Sandy Boulton (left) and Sherry Duquet started Project Mother's Day the same year they founded their jewelry business, Solstice Designs.

shelters across the country at random to participate in the program. First Step, which is headquartered in Plymouth and serves Wayne County, is included.

Solstice Designs has pledged 400 necklaces this year, and the effort is featured in this month's Family Circle magazine.

"The response from the directors and these shelters has just been overwhelming," Boulton said. "I had a woman in Baton Rouge tell me that Mother's Day is the single most important day in a domestic abuse

shelter. They are very touched by us wanting to do this."

The 2009 Project Mother's Day necklace features a heart charm, hammered bronze disc, and medallion emblazoned with the word "courage." According to Theresa Bizoe, associate director of First Step, "courage" is an empowering word for survivors of domestic abuse.

"These women are taking steps to help their families be safer, put peace in their lives, help their children learn healthy alternatives to violence," she said. "All the moms who come to us are courageous and strong. It's nice to be able to recognize them on Mother's Day for what they're doing for

their families."

And if a woman at the shelter doesn't have kids, Boulton and Duquet offer necklaces from "a caring friend."

"It's the ultimate anonymous gift," Boulton said. "We'll never know her and she'll never know us. But this will stay with her, a permanent symbol of the courage that's taken her through this journey at a very crucial time in her life and her children's lives."

Boulton and Duquet began making jewelry as a hobby, but were inspired to sell their creations after constant requests from family and friends.

They work out of a home-based studio and sell their creations through direct marketing, on etsy.com and at quarterly girls' night out shopping parties, usually at Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Their clients have generously funded Project Mother's Day all along.

"People in this community and metro Detroit in general are very giving, very kind and generous," Boulton said. "People have really embraced this project, and it's touched them."

She and Duquet are still actively fund raising to cover the remaining costs of the sterling silver chains, about \$4,000.

They expect to ship the necklaces at the end of April, each one wrapped and tied with a bow.

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

WEDDING FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth DDA will stage its 2nd annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll April 25. The event starts at noon in Kellogg Park at with a mock wedding party, head table, and live music from members of the Erickson Flute Ensemble. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program on a matrimonial adventure through 35 downtown businesses offering locally-owned, personal wedding services, refreshments, discounts and drawings. Call (734) 455-1453 or e-mail dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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ROLE MODELS

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Award winners include Karen Love, COO of The Michigan Chronicle and Michigan FrontPage, as 2009 Professional Role Model; Gail Perry Mason, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., as Community Role Model; and Marla Tapper Young, co-owner of Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry, as Emerging Leader. A Summit Award will be presented to Rashida Tlaib, the first Muslim woman to serve in the Michigan Legislature. Annette Jamison of Fox 2

will emcee. This year's theme is "Audacity to Succeed." Tickets, \$150, include awards presentation, silent and live auctions and valet. Proceeds benefit AFG, a non-profit organization that helps homeless and high-risk young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation. Call (313) 361-4000 ext. 230 or e-mail lmacdonald@alternativesforgirls.org.

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Contestants who enter in each of the three categories of Formal, Women's Editorial and Color are eligible to compete live for the title of Michigan Hairdresser of the Year at DREAMS, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 26 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For information or to enter, visit www.thetiffanyawards.com or call (248) 347-7700 x2922.

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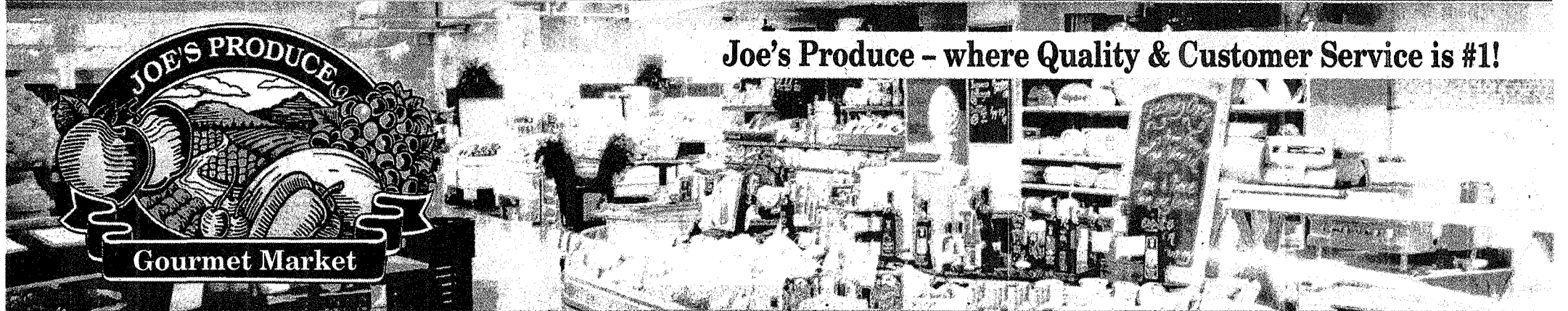
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HOMETOWN LIFE

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Demolition time

Women's grid franchise determined

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
CORRESPONDENT

March Madness is officially over. Looking for a football fix again? Then head to over Saturday night to Livonia Franklin High School as the Detroit Demolition open their 2009 Independent Women's Football League season against the Wisconsin Warriors.

The Demolition, five-time IWFL champions, are under the new stewardship of Allen Seder. Detroit is seeking to regain the IWFL title which eluded it following a 7-2 record in 2008.

Seder is an event coordinator who works with the Michigan State Fair, the city of Dearborn and Hillsdale College. He also runs the Detroit Diesels, a local semi-pro men's football team.

"It was too good a legacy to let die," Seder said. "We're very excited to come into the new season with a legendary team and brand that is the Detroit Demolition. We'll run the organization with a lot of class and a winning attitude, as well as be active in the community. This is what the fans expect from us."

The Demolition, 2007 IWFL champions, are billing the 2009 season as "A Brash New Beginning."

Seder has left well enough alone in terms of the football operations. Tony Blankenship remains as the team's head coach, and has retained the majority of his staff.

General Manager Kevin Kramis, who has a background in sports communications, will handle the team's administrative and game-day efforts.

Blankenship, a former three-year letterman and graduate of the University of Michigan, has

compiled a remarkable 72-5 record, including a 52-game winning streak, with the Demolition since their inaugural 2002 season.

A number of key veteran players return, including offensive linemen April Fowlkes and Alecia Sweeney, running back Aisha Brown, wide receiver and defensive back Nicole Randolph (Southfield-Lathrup/Oakland University) and tight end and outside linebacker Lateefa Moore (Wayne Memorial).

"This team is primed for special things in 2009," said Blankenship, who also is the varsity football coach at Detroit Southwestern.

"We have a great mix of veterans, and what I think is the best crop of rookies we have brought in for some time. We are bigger, deeper and will be better this year. And since our schedule has a lot of good, quality teams, the games will be very exciting for our fans."

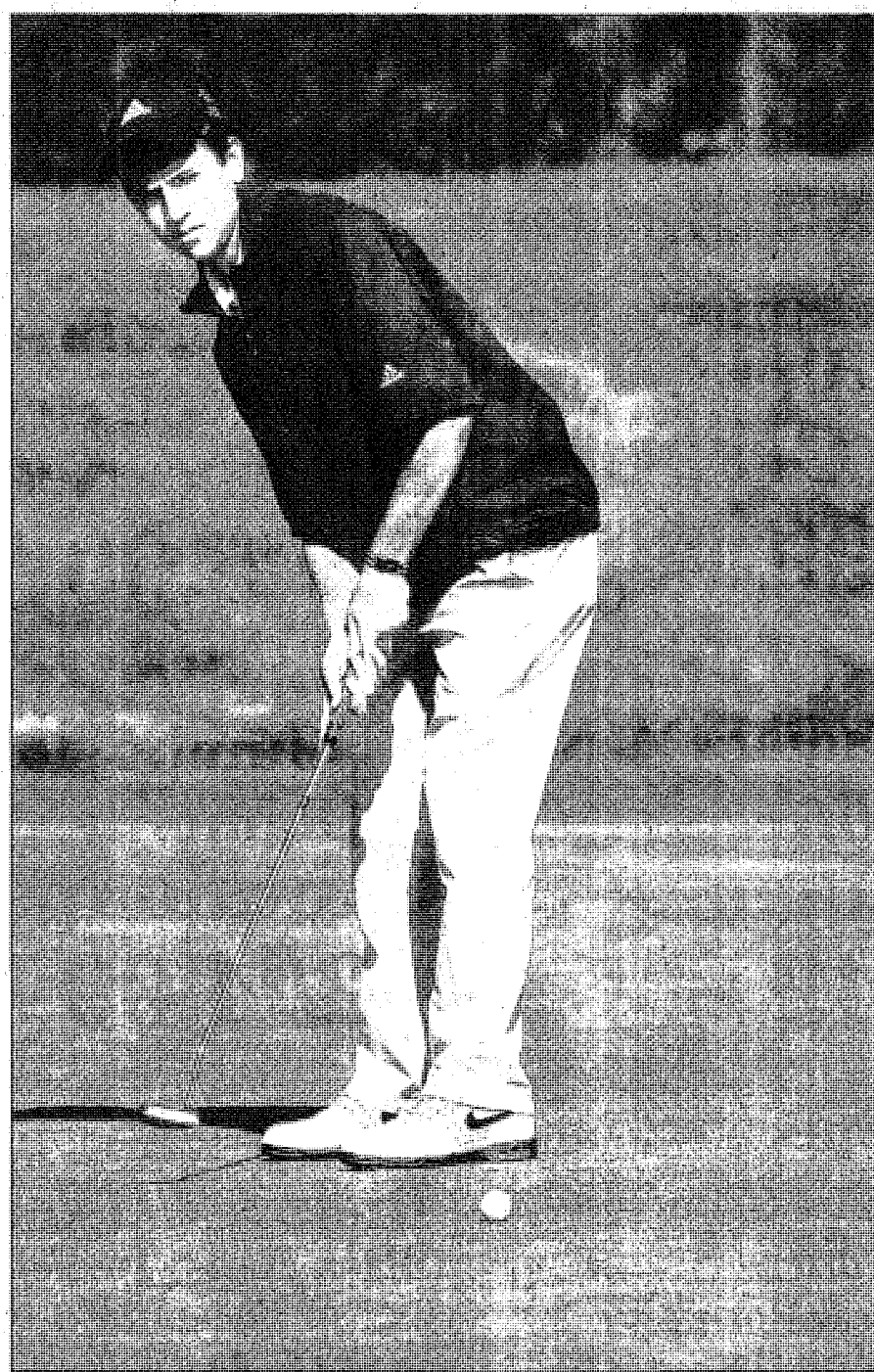
The Wisconsin Warriors finished 2-6 in the IWFL's Midwest Division a year ago. The IWFL currently has 40 teams across North America, from Montreal to Southern California and from Florida to Oregon.

All Demolition home games start at 7 p.m.

The four-game home schedule — all at Franklin — also includes Saturday dates against the Washington D.C. Divas (April 25), Chicago Force (May 16) and Pittsburgh Passion (May 23).

"We've got a solid core of veterans coming back, which is good, because we have a tough schedule coming up," Seder said.

Tickets at the gate are \$8. Special early purchase and group rates are available by calling (313) 299-1277 or visiting www.demolitionfootball.org.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tee times delayed

Lingering winter weather has put a temporary hold on area high school golf teams, but expectations are high at Livonia Stevenson as first-team All-Area honoree Christian Debay heads a deep and talented 2009 squad. See the area boys capsules previews on page B2.

GAME WRAPS

Prep baseball

CHURCHILL 9-2, TRUMAN 5-7: On Saturday, Livonia Churchill (4-1-1) and host Taylor Truman (5-1) divided a twinbill.

Brent Mishowski went 2-for-3 with three RBI as Churchill won the opener, 9-5. Mishowski's two-run double in the fifth inning broke a 5-5 deadlock and Ricky Scully's two-run double in the sixth helped seal the victory.

Drew Servalish also went 2-for-4 for the Chargers, who outbit the Cougars, 10-6.

Winning pitcher Troy Bogenschutz went all seven innings, striking out seven and walking three.

In the nightcap, Troy Bailey's two-run homer in the first catapulted Truman to a 7-2 win.

Winning pitcher Josh Hargraves limited the Chargers to three hits. He walked only two and struck out five.

Steve Hovermale, who gave up four runs in the third inning, took the loss. He walked four, hit one batter and allowed a walk before giving way to Tad Evans.

GARDEN CITY 10-9, STEVENSON 4-16: It was a slugfest Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (3-2) and the visiting Cougars (3-3) divided a doubleheader.

Bryan Grace went all seven innings, scattering nine hits, as GC won the opener, 10-4. Grace fanned four, did not allow a walk and hit two batters.

Nathan McHugh and David Ciciora each had two hits and an RBI for the Cougars. Tyler Twigg and Adam McCloud each knocked in two runs.

Jeff Sorenson went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and an RBI for Stevenson. Mark Wagner added a two-run double, while Dan Sager and Nick Tomasi each added two hits.

Losing pitcher Mike Tuttle allowed seven runs, but none earned, on four hits and two walks. Josh Strautz and Matt Shain finished up.

Tuttle went 3-for-4, including a pair of homers and four RBI as Stevenson unloaded for 16 total hits in a 16-9 victory in the nightcap.

Sorenson, Wagner and Shain each added three hits, while Dan Lopez went 2-for-2.

Sorenson also homered and had four RBI, while Wagner doubled three times.

Strautz went 3¹/₂ innings in scoreless relief to pick up the victory after starter Dave Niesyto was touched up for four runs on six hits.

Gordie Dial went 3-for-4 with five RBI for GC. Other offensive standouts including Gee Williams (3-for-4, two runs, RBI); Andrew Berry (2-for-3, two runs); and Ciciora (2-for-2, three runs, RBI).

Twigg took the loss in relief of starter Kody Richardson.

Girls softball

CHURCHILL 7-11, TRUMAN 0-0: Livonia Churchill improved to 5-0 on the season by sweeping a doubleheader at Taylor Truman.

Sophomore pitcher Natalie Hiser struck out 11 and scattered six hits as the Chargers won the opener, 7-0. Hiser did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Katie Stodulski had two of Churchill's seven hits. She also knocked in three runs.

In the nightcap, Churchill's Abby Jewell fanned eight and allowed just four hits in a five-inning, mercy-rule triumph over the Cougars.

Eight different Chargers collected hits, while Ashley Alchin had two for Truman.

Girls soccer

GARDEN CITY 5, WAYNE 0: On Friday, goalkeeper Ashley Struppa made 10 saves as Wayne Memorial (1-3) suffered a non-conference setback against the visiting Cougars (1-1).

NAIA lauds Irwin, Crusaders sweep

It was only a matter of time before Madonna University's Jess Irwin captured NAIA Pitcher of the Week honors.

The 5-foot-7 sophomore right-hander from Monroe, the three-time reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week, took national honors Monday after going 4-0 with a save.

For the week, Irwin allowed just seven hits and one earned run in 28²/₃ innings of work. She struck out 49 hitters, pushing her season total to 207, which ranks her second nationally. Irwin is just 69 away from breaking her own single-season record of 275 set in 2008.

Her week was highlighted by a 17-strikeout performance last Friday against Concordia University.

On Saturday, Irwin improved to 15-5 on the season as the nationally-ranked Crusaders, up to No. 17 in the latest NAIA poll, swept a doubleheader from visiting Indiana Tech, 7-1 and 8-0.

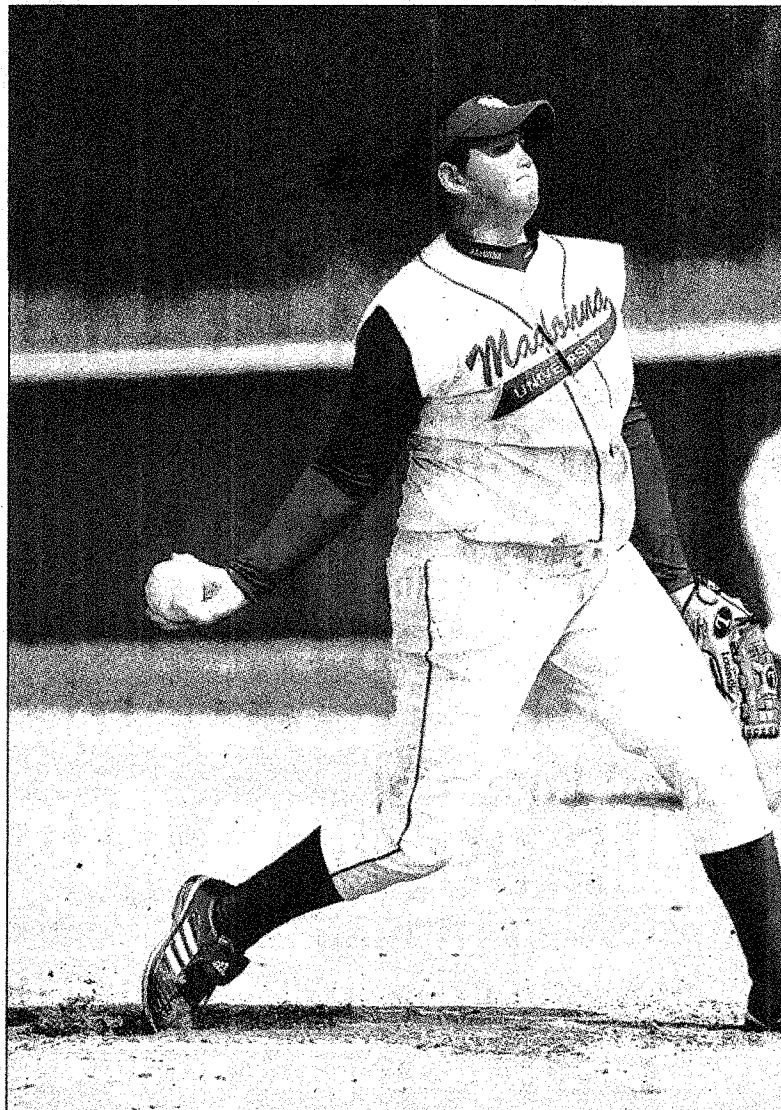
Irwin struck out nine, walked only one and allowed just two hits as MU cruised in the opener. She currently ranks second nationally with a total of 207 strikeouts and sports an earned-run average of 1.30.

Tori Turner paced the offense, going 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Brittney Scero (Canton) knocked in three runs, while Kelly Lesko had two hits and an RBI. Tara LaMilza and Kathleen Smiley also knocked in a run each.

Freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) then took to the mound in the nightcap and blanked the Warriors in a six-inning mercy. Minch, who improved to 15-1, struck out six, walked two and allowed just five hits.

Offensively, Ashley Shay led the way with three hits, including a homer and two RBI. Tedi Johnston added two hits and two RBI, while Smiley and LaMilza also collected two hits apiece.

MU is now 30-6 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC, while Indiana Tech falls to 14-14 and 3-4.



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University sophomore Jess Irwin was named NAIA National Pitcher of the Week after going 4-0 with one save. The Monroe native had a 17-strikeout performance against Concordia.

MU pitchers go the distance, lift ranking

Pitching continues to be the Madonna University baseball team's calling card as it continues to climb up the ladder in the latest NAIA coaches poll.

On Saturday, the No. 8-ranked Crusaders got two more complete games to beat visiting Indiana Tech, 3-2 and 3-1, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark.

In the opener, Jeff Sonnenberg improved his record 7-1 with a four-hitter. He struck out four and walked only one. He gave up his

only two runs in the top of the sixth

inning. The Crusaders were led offensively by Canton High's Matt Kay, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Zach Flavin and pinch hitter Ted Toune each knocked in a run.

In the nightcap, Kyle Bolton upped his personal mark to 5-1 by throwing another complete game. Bolton allowed just five hits, walked only one and struck out five.

Canton's Shawn Little went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Flavin had the other RBI.

The win improved MU's overall record to 26-3 and 5-1 in the WHAC, while Indiana Tech falls to 17-17 and 4-2.

Sunday's twinbill at Indiana Tech was called off because of bad weather and was rescheduled for Wednesday (April 8).

Host Franklin, Spartans go 1-2 in Patriot Relays

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP TRACK

Both the Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson boys and girls track and field squads finished 1-2, respectively, in Saturday's Patriot Relays.

The host Patriot girls, capturing four of five field events, garnered first place with a

team-high 118 points, while Stevenson was runner-up with a total of 100.

Rounding out the eight-team field were Garden City (55), Redford Union (51), Taylor Kennedy (39), Redford Thurston (27), Wayne Memorial (26) and Taylor

Truman (11).

Franklin earned firsts in the all-relay format in the shot put, discus, high jump and long jump events. The Patriots also garnered victories in the shuttle hurdles, sprint medley, and 4 x 200-meter relay.

Individually, Jen Mueller figured in four firsts for Franklin.

"We had a good day, as we

Closer look at meet results, page B3.

were strong in the field, hurdles, sprint medley and 800-meter relays," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Our distance team got some key second places for us against a tough Stevenson squad. I'm real proud of the effort of our kids and we continue to improve in all areas."

Stevenson, led by Courtney Calka's four firsts, dominated the distance events, winning the 4 x 400; 4 x 800; distance medley; and open 1,600 relay, which consisted of a scoring system with three runners on each team based on a cross country style format.

The Spartans also tallied a

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BOYS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Paul Worley, fifth year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: eighth (Division 1 regional); ninth (WLA A); 5-6 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Josh Proben (first-team All-Area); Brian Bint.
Leading returnees: Kevin Robinson, Sr. (co-captain; second-team All-Area); Dan Bostick, Sr.; Erik Newman, Sr. (co-captain); Matt Charney, Sr.; Adam Yarber, Jr.; Greg Van Gorp, Sr.; Ryan Cioch, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Alex Clos, Sr.; Ben Proben, Jr.; Eric Hill, Jr.; Dominic Dilisi, Jr.; Nick Proben, Jr.; Cory Dare, Jr.
Worley's 2009 outlook: "Outlook for this season is very optimistic. With seven seniors and one junior we have a slew of experience in the lineup this year. Hopefully that experience will help us obtain our objectives and result in a successful season."



Christian Debay Stevenson



Drew Mossioian Stevenson



Kevin Robinson Churchill

team win matches. Dan Tamaroglio is returning this season to help coach the Rockets. Dan played all four years when he was a student at Glenn. Last year he was our number two player. Coach Tamaroglio has already implemented many good drills for practice. The team is off to a good start this season, and I am very proud of how hard they are working at practice and during matches.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Dennis Chail, 29th year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: 12th (WLA A tourney and Division 1 district).
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Erdmann, Andrew Morton.
Leading returnees: Jacob Smith, Sr. (captain); Kevin Sample, Sr.; Gary Neill, Jr.; Ryan Raymor, Soph.; Andy Thorner, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Shane Schooley, Soph.; Corey Robbins, Soph.; Sean Stewart, Fr.; Jaret Williamson, Fr.; Zachary Williamson, Fr.
Chail's 2009 outlook: "I'm super excited with this year's team. We kept a lot of young players to develop and we have a very strong one-two for all of the opponents we'll face. The others are working hard to develop. Other teams will know we're there. We want to see how good we can do in one season. We'll really concentrate on our short games and putting."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Larry Thompson, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's record: 3-4 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: none.
Leading returnees: Joe McInnis, Sr.; Chad Fielek, Sr.; Jordan Bogenschutz, Jr.; Jake Thompson, Jr.; Justin Rose, Jr.; Matt Kempainen, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Nate Comwell, Soph.; Donnie Lorman, Soph.; Nate Kempainen, Fr.
Thompson's 2009 outlook: "We have an 11 match schedule - up from last year's number. This is only our second season as a varsity sport and the boys are really improving. Our team is led by co-captains Joe McInnis and Jake Thompson. We are looking to be very competitive with an outside chance of qualifying for regionals - with some hard work (mostly on our short games) we may have a player or two that could qualify for individual play."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Brian McCallister, second year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (Division 1 district); eighth (WLA A); 11th (Division 1 regional); 6-5 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Justin Adams (second-team All-Area); Tony Semonick, Dan Ostrosky, Joshua Stokes.
Leading returnees: Jordan Chisholm, Sr.; Chris Grund, Jr.; Jimmy Johnson, Jr.; Tyler Miller, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Collin Chisholm, Fr.; Zach De Foe, Jr.; Drake Hermann, Soph.; Jon Holmes, Soph.; Brandon Kozyn, Soph.; Doug Nagy, Soph.; Pat Stephenson, Soph.; Jacob Wirgau, Jr.
McCallister's 2009 outlook: "This season is going to be exciting as there are many players fighting for playing time, which has led to some competitive practices. We only return two players with significant playing time - Jordan Chisholm and Chris Grund. Jordan will be asked to carry a lot of the load, especially since Grund will be out for the first half of the season. Johnson will have to step up, and it helps that he won the Motor City Junior Golf Tournament this summer. This has really helped his confidence. Our true success this year could be determined on how much the sophomore class contributes. There is a chance for them to get into the lineup and earn their keep. I expect the lineup to fluctuate because we are depending so much on the youth. As always, our first team goal is to win the division title. It will be tough with all the teams in our division having competitive teams this year."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jim Omietanski, second year.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

MONROE OLSON
GIRLS TENNIS CLASSIC RESULTS
April 4 at Monroe
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 21 points; 2. (tie) Canton and Monroe, 14 each; 4. (tie) Livonia Ladywood and Detroit Cass Tech, 12 each; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 8; 7. Livonia Franklin; 7. 8. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 5.
TOP FRANKLIN FINISHERS
Emily Wisniewski, No. 2 singles (runner-up); defeated Kirsten Salter (Ladywood), 6-0, 6-0; def. Mallory Peters (Harrison), 6-4, 6-1; lost to Linda Ling (Salem) in the finals, 6-4, 6-2.
Angelica Woods, No. 1 singles (third place); def. Allison Lewsley (Harrison), 6-0, 6-2; lost to Allie Carpenter (Salem), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; def. Stephanie Petrusha (Ladywood) in consolation final, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
GARDEN CITY 6
WAYNE MEMORIAL 2
March 31 at Garden City
No. 1 singles: Morgan Greig (WM) defeated Claire Mahler, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jessica Gemuend (GC) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Paige Scott (GC) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Jill Pate (GC) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Kara Windsor-Madelynn Beville (WM) def. Kaitlin Schock-Andrea Crist, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Mallarie Gainer-Christina Derk (GC) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyang Weng, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Brianni Yankosky-Barbara-Schwarzava (GC) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Tiffany Nitkowski-Stephanie Druz (GC) def. Samantha Collins-Alicia Evans, 6-1, 6-1.
Wayne's dual match record: 0-1 overall.

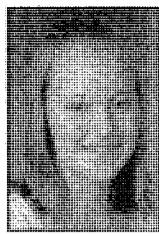
THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 9
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 9
John Glenn vs. New Boston Huron at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Saturday, April 11
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 9
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 10
Madonna at Aquinas College, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 11
Madonna at Cornerstone, 4 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS (best 4-of-7 series)
Thursday, April 9*
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, TBA.
* If necessary.

GIRLS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Angelica Woods Franklin



Paige McNamara Stevenson



Carli Marschner Stevenson

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Denise Grant, 15th year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fifth place (WLA A Tourney and Division 1 regional); 6-7 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Lucy Klisko, Paige Fallu, Danielle Vasko, Lauren Vella, Kelly Felner, Brianna Devlin.
Leading returnees: Katelyn Foster, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Kelly Houghan, Sr. (No. 3 singles); Val Rose, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Nikki Fata, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Courtney Bennett, Fr. (No. 2 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Nicole Kruse, Fr. (No. 2 singles); Kristi Fata, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Kristi Walker, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Jayde Scholz, Soph. (No. 3 doubles); Caitlin Griffith, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Maria Paul, Soph. (No. 4 doubles); Jessica McClain, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Shreeta Handa, Jr. (No. 5 doubles); Lauren Patla, Jr. (No. 5 doubles).
Grant's 2009 outlook: "We have lost a few of our players, but have many that have put time and effort into improving their game over the off-season, and it shows. We have some experienced players and I think that our lineup should be solid. We are looking forward to a great season."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dawn Fallu, first year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: Sixth (Division 1 regional); seventh (WLA A Tourney); 2-9-1 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Thompson, Lauren Osiwala, Emma Stack, Jennifer Neamtu, Lauren Pennington, Linda Comini, Jessica Jajko.
Leading returnees: Angelica Woods, Soph. (first-team All-Area; No. 1 singles; 18-5 record); Emily Wisniewski, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Angela Tomassini, Sr. (No. 3 singles); Rebecca Fenner, Sr. (No. 4 singles); Jennifer Rellinger, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Crystal Henderson, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Kate Zurenko, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Angela Browning, Sr. (No. 5 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Lindsey Fenner (No. 2 doubles); Sarah Noffze (No. 3 doubles); Jaclyn Horsell (No. 3 doubles); Annie McLeod (No. 4 doubles); Jaclyn Kurc (No. 5 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Kate Zurenko, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Annie McLeod, Jr. (No. 4 doubles).
Fallu's 2009 outlook: "Angelica (Woods) is improving more and more and developing a variety in her game which will make her a stronger opponent. Emily (Wisniewski) being able to hopefully play the entire season this year - last year she started late due to a knee injury - will prove to be extremely hard to beat with her all-court game of ground strokes and volleys. Angela (Tomassini) is already showing how tough mentally she is moving up this year to No. 3 singles. Her patience and consistency is her strength. Rebecca (Fenner) played some singles, some doubles last year, but will play all singles this year and is already improving her slice game which will raise her game to the next level. All the doubles teams this year have already been working hard on their net games and attacking the ball. All returning doubles teams are already showing great improvement and winning matches they may not have last year."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: John Kanyo, fifth year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: third place (Metro Tourney); 6-7 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Heather Ballard, Katie Beaver, Amanda French, Lindsay Harting.
Leading returnees: Paige Harter, Sr. (No. 1 singles, captain); Elizabeth Murphy, Sr. (No. 2 singles, won most matches in 2008); Angela Bell, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Tia Dmuchowski, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Tanya Dmuchowski, Sr. (No. 1 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Heather McNeilly, Soph. (No. 3 doubles); Kim Shankle, Fr. (No. 3 doubles); Delia Ciobanc, Fr. (No. 4 doubles); Britany Pritchard, Jr. (No. 4 doubles).
Kanyo's 2009 outlook: "I am very optimistic that our upperclassmen have the skills and ability to offset the loss of four strong graduates. Our new players have worked very hard to improve their skills on court and with the support of their teams will strive to continue our four-year winning record. In the Metro Conference we face two very tough competitors in Cranbrook-Kingswood and University-Liggett. However, we have continued our goal to improve our record each year and to make the game of tennis not only competitive but fun."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Joe Stafford, first year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth (0-3 Central Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Lindsey Petrusha, Alaina Vince, Lauren Gaffney, Kelly Dwight.
Leading returnees: Stephanie Petrusha, Soph.; Caroline Ryan, Sr.; Christina Kobrossi, Sr.; Sabrina DeAngelis, Sr.; Kimberly Ervin, Jr.; Kaitlin Deisenroth, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Gabriela Mueller, Jr.; Kirsten Salter, Jr.; Megan Glowacki, Soph.; Tracey Jabbour, Soph.; Erica Ley, Fr.
2009 outlook: The Blazers will under the guidance of a new coach as Joe Stafford takes over for David Guziatek, who served as varsity coach the previous four years. Ladywood is off to an 0-2 start following an 8-0 setback last Thursday against Farmington Hills Mercy and an 8-0 loss March 31 to Bloomfield Hills Marian.

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Planet Fitness advertisement with large text: "Spend a buck. Feel like a million. \$1 down. \$10 a month. Rate Extended by Popular Demand! Offer expires 10 PM, Friday, April 10th!" and a Planet Fitness logo with a hand pointing up.

Westland-Garden City

Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Sisters Claudia Lochirco, Cindy Cahill, Susan Loos and Colleen Schermerheim are the owners of Skateland West Roller Rink in Cherry Hill west of Newburgh in Westland.

Roller rink offers upbeat atmosphere for families

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

Skateland West is a family fun roller skating entertainment center and music venue. We offer skating classes, great birthday party packages, inline hockey leagues, group rates, and roller skating fund-raising parties.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Skateland West's atmosphere is upbeat and welcoming where skaters can relax and have fun.

Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?

Skateland West is a family owned and operated business. It was started by the late Charles Cahill in 1976.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

Westland was chosen for

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Business phone and Web site: (734) 326-2801, online at www.skatelandwest.com

the location of Skateland West because of its large family demographics. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business?

It is a pleasure to be part of so many peoples' lives in the

Westland community. As parents come through our front doors for an afternoon of skating fun, they tell us of how they grew up skating at Skateland West and they are excited to continue and share the skating experience with their own children.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Donate Blood

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City will hold an Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, April 13, 2009. The blood drive will kick off Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury's Annual Car Giveaway. All blood donors from April 13 through mid-July will be entered for a chance to win a brand new Mercury Milan lease from Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury. For more information, call Contact Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury at (734) 458-1929. Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is at 32000 Ford, Garden City

Money Saver

Beat the (Economic) Blues and stop in at the newly remodeled Lasting Impressions Salon at 28244 Ford, Garden City, for a low-maintenance color that doesn't break the bank, or a youthful, professional haircut that will make a good impression at a job interview. The salon welcomes women, men and children. Other services offered at the salon are Dome hair extensions, proud participants of Locks of Love, makeup, eye lashes, nail enhancements - acrylic and wraps and full service spa treatments - manicures, pedicures, facials, massages. A referral program allows guests to earn \$5 each and every time the refer a new guest to us. For more information, call (734) 421-4473.

Identity theft

The American Senior Living Residence on Venoy north of Palmer in Westland is having Ky Sobell from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department speak to seniors at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, about identity theft and fraud. The cost is free and open to the public. Reservations are not needed. Call Dawn Steckroth at (734) 326-7777 for more information.

After Hours

This month's After Hours for Westland Chamber of Commerce members will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Beaver Creek on Wayne Road south of Ford. Beaver Creek will be providing the appetizers, and Westland Rotary will be hosts. Come have a good time

and meet other business professionals in the process. Remember to bring plenty of business cards. For reservations, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or go on online www.westlandchamber.com.

Celebrate Earth Day

Through its Caring for Our Home program, Art Van Furniture will once again celebrate Arbor Day, by donating 3,000 spruce trees to area schools and organizations for planting. The groups will plant the trees as part of regional beautification projects and educational programs. Others can do their part by beautifying their surroundings with flowers! Stop by any Art Van store at 8300 Wayne Road, Westland, to receive a free packet of flower seeds April 16-25. Don't delay. Packets are available while supplies last. And, by the way, Earth Day is April 22, Arbor Day is April 24.

Spring and Garden Sale

With sunshine and warmer weather on the way, Materials Unlimited is having a Spring and Garden Sale to celebrate. Saturday, April 11, through Saturday, May 9, take 25 percent off of the entire inventory, including decorative garden items. Looking for creative gifts for Easter or Mother's Day? Materials Unlimited has three floors of unique gift ideas! Materials Unlimited is at 2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call (734) 483-6980 or shop online at www.materialsunlimited.com.

ONGOING

It's a Blizzard

The beginning of the spring season is a time of renewal and Dairy Queen is celebrating with a new Blizzard® flavor. The Midnight Truffle Blizzard, debuting as the April Blizzard of the Month. Available at all Dairy Queen, including the Dairy Queen of Garden City at 28825 Ford east of Middlebelt, the Midnight Truffle Blizzard is a flavorful mix of decadent chocolate

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New staff members

Garden City Hospital recently added four doctors to its staff of 365 physicians in 47 specialties.

Joining the staff are Dr. Elwaleed A. Ahmed, Infectious Diseases, with offices at 24350 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 111, Farmington Hills; Dr. Timothy R. Blackerby, Podiatry, with offices at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 150, Canton; Dr. Haraga M. Chengappa, Family Practice, with offices at 2020 Middlebelt, Garden City, and Dr. Fikrat B. Kayali, Family Practice, with offices at 13244 W. Warren Ave., Suite 1, Dearborn.

Garden City Hospital has become a leader in providing quality healthcare and service to patients, visitors and staff. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's

new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL.

New director

The Detroit Chapter of TiE, The Indus Entrepreneurs, has elected Baghwan (Bob) Dashairya as its new executive director, according to Detroit TiE President Tel Ganesan, president of Vision Tech Solutions.

As executive director, Dashairya will be responsible for running the day-to-day operations of the Detroit chapter and report directly to the president.

"Bob's experience as a community organizer for several decades will be of great value to TiE Detroit," said Ganesan. Dashairya is president



Dashairya

and CEO of Dashairya & Associates, a Westland management consulting firm. He studied mathematics and engineering in India before earning a doctoral degree in engineering from Mississippi University and a master of business administration degree in entrepreneurial management from Davenport University.

TiE has grown to become the world's largest nonprofit organization for entrepreneurs. The Detroit Chapter of TiE is a not-for-profit network of entrepreneurs and professionals dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship in Michigan and is one of 49 regional chapters across 11 countries. TiE strives to foster and nurture entrepreneurship by providing an educational, networking and mentoring platform to its members. To learn more about it online at www.tie-detroit.org.

CHAMBER CHAT

Garden City Chamber of Commerce is proud to again sponsor this year's Afternoon Delight Summer Series.

These programs are free to families and residents of Garden City and the surrounding areas. The programs are sponsored in part by the Co-Op Services Credit Union. Other contributing sponsors include Dairy Queen, Garden City Parks and Recreation and Lona's Pizzeria.

These series, in its 12th year, is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday, June 10 through July 9, at the main pavilion in Garden City Park. Each week

feature a different form of family entertainment.

• On Wednesday, June 10, Art Around Town will work with the group to make a take-home Andy Warhol type of Pop/Op art project.

• On Wednesday, June 17, Gordon Russ the Magician will perform his ever famous Magic show.

• On Wednesday, June 24, Backyear Shakespearean Players of Dearborn will perform their kids friendly/audience participation version of Macbeth.

• On Wednesday, July 1, Arts

& Scraps is back by popular demand. This group will have the participants transform a one of a kind piece of ART.

• And lastly, Wednesday, July 9, is a visit by "Rock Star Saver," a sing-a-long with Co-op Services Credit Union Rock Star.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and have a picnic under the covered pavilion and enjoy the free shows. All shows are for kids of all ages. For more information, call (734) 422-4448.

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Students share story of Jesus' final day on earth

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

John Callen is solemn as he talks about his role as Jesus. The 14-year-old Livonia boy doesn't take the part lightly. This is the savior's final day on earth and Callen is determined the story is one the young audience remembers.

To make the experience more moving the action takes place behind a backlit screen. During rehearsal the faces of the actors were seen, but in performance they were only shadows on the gruesome journey.

Callen was one of 10 eighth grade confirmation students presenting the Stations of the Cross to children in first to seventh grade catechism classes at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland Monday night. Traditionally on Good Friday devout Catholics reflect on each of the 14 stations that follow Jesus from the time he was condemned to the crucifixion and his resurrection on Easter.

"When people see this they'll remember it more," said John Callen, a student at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

Judy Kiessel and Chris Brennan hurried around backstage making sure all was ready before the young students and a few parents entered the hall outside of the sanctuary. The two eighth grade catechism teachers organized the production which Sister Gemma Legel intended as a form of prayer.

"We're trying to create an atmosphere," said Sister Legel, director of faith formation. "We want it to be prayerful not classes as usual."

The young audience sat motionless especially for the scene where Jesus was nailed



Margaret Gordinier (left) and Heidi Payter guard John Callen (Jesus) as Adam Panaretos (Pontius Pilate) condemns Jesus to death in the Stations of the Cross at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. During this rehearsal the faces of the actors were seen but in performance they were only shadows on a backlit white screen.

to the cross. They usually assemble every Monday for catechism classes so this was a special evening. Earlier they experienced Jesus' last supper in the Holy Thursday room where they broke bread.

"It's a wonderful way for students to share Jesus' last day with younger students," said Judy Kiessel of Plymouth.

Chris Brennan believes the way in which the stations were presented added to the emotion of the event.

"Doing it as shadows elimi-

nated the people and focuses on the event," said Brennan who narrated the presentation with Kiessel. "We hope they get a stronger feeling of his last days and the reason he died for our sins."

Heidi Payter, 14, was taking her role seriously as one of the soldiers leading Jesus to his fate.

"I know my stations very good now," said Payter, a student at Discovery Middle School in Canton. "It's important in Catholic reli-

gion to know what he went through as they nail him to the cross. It makes me feel bad for him but we're honoring him so it's cool."

"It's cool because it's Jesus coming alive," said Rachel Rouse, the 13-year-old Frost Middle School student portraying Mary, Jesus' mother. "It puts you back in time and how she would have felt seeing her son go through this."



John Callen portrays Jesus, Rachel Rouse his mother during a rehearsal at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. Both are students at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

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Green Street Fair offers three days of eco-activities

The Second Annual Green Street Fair will return to the streets of Downtown Plymouth on May 1-3. The City of Plymouth has approved the extension of the event from two days to three, Friday through Sunday.

The event will bring together companies, non-profit organizations, arti-

sans, live music, workshops and speakers in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment.

Attendees will be encouraged to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services.

The free event will showcase local and national businesses displaying, demon-

strating and selling on-site.

Highlights of the 2009 Green Street Fair include:

- **Green Speaker Series:** The Gathering, located on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth, will host the Green Speakers Series on a wide range of topics.
- **The Alternative Highway:** Discover how to achieve greater fuel economy and lower your CO2 emissions.
- **Eco-Beats Stage:** Local and regional entertainment includes The Saints, Four Finger Five, Zooropa: A U2 Tribute, Luke Winslow-King, Orpheum Bell, Bump, The Macpodz and Serena Ryder.
- **Fort Box:** Kids are invited to build, hang out and devise secret handshakes in this cardboard box clubhouse in Kellogg Park.
- **Green Box City:** Lawrence Technological University will work with students from Eastover Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills to create



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Organizers Raychel Rork (left), Dianne Quinn, Terri O'Brien, and Mandi Buckland are expanding the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth, May 1-3.

a model city using recycled materials, that incorporates wind farms and solar energy into the urban development.

■ **Handmade Detroit:** Handmade Detroit believes anyone who hems a pair of pants, knits a gift or sells handmade goods is helping redefine sustainability, consumerism and the future of Detroit.

■ **The Green Magician:** Kevin Barnes uses his Green Magic Earth Show to teach children about the environment. He has performed magic at major Las Vegas hotels, for the likes of Tiger Woods, Jewel and Pavarotti.

■ **Green Careers:** Discover a career or a hobby that will have an impact on future generations.

■ **Little Sprouts:** Children will learn how to make compost by using recycled AT&T Yellow Pages and red worms.

■ **The Recycling**

Workshop: Join the Michigan Recycling Coalition in this interactive recycling display. Learn the basics regarding what you should (and should not) put into your recycling bin.

■ **Organic Cooking Demos:** Discover how to create organic masterpiece in the kitchen.

■ **The Yoga Mat:** Participate in a series of yoga and fitness demonstrations in Kellogg Park.

■ **Carousel Acres Petting Farm:** Visit a horse, donkey, goats, sheep, calf, alpaca, bunny and ducks on Saturday and Sunday.

For an exhibitor application and updates on the Green Street Fair, call (734) 259-2983, e-mail info@greenstreetfair.com or visit www.greenstreetfair.com.

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Art is in Market: New location in Laurel Park Place; 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, http://artismarket.blogspot.com.

Art Leaders Gallery: Exhibition and sale commemorating the 105th birthday of Dr. Seuss, through April 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.

Birmingham Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: The 27th Annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, through Apr. 17; Sunday drop-in workshops for students K-12; 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Cary Gallery: 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656, www.svasara.com.

CPop Gallery: "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of POPpor2nity 2008, through May 1, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wccpp.com.

Farmington Artists Club: Spring 2009 Exhibit, April 22-26, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Gallery@VT: Art works by teachers from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, through April 26, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Janice Charach Gallery: "Glass Reunion '09," glass works by students from College for Creative Studies and featured artist Janet Kelman, through May 7, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, www.jccdet.org.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Call for poets: "Ut Pictura Poesis," reading 7 p.m. April 24, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Lynne Avadenska: Then and Now, through Apr 18, 2009 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, May 1-27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.

Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beliner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.

Northville Art House: Northville Public Schools Annual Student Art Show, April 23-26; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; Colonial Arts of Latin America, May 1-24 DIA Lecture Series Paul Gauguin, April 15, Vincent Van Gogh, May 20; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.hotworks.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Amy Sacksteder: Still," April 24-June 13, reception 6-9 p.m., April 24; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. April 25, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Paul Kotula Projects: Hartrmut Austen, "Picures," through April 18, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

FOOD & WINE

CITY BITES

MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

CANTON — The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present "Marriage Go Round and Round," a unique murder mystery dinner theater experience, 7 p.m., April 11. Join the fun and try to figure out "whodunit," as you participate in this interactive wedding and reception filled with laughter and plenty of surprises. The plot centers on famed aging beauty queen and 40s femme fatale, Olivia Heartsworth, as she weds for the 6th (or is it the 7th?) time to her much younger and studly caretaker Rod Ripper. The menu, catered by Main Street Catering of Plymouth, will include Chicken Cordon Bleu, wild rice medley, rainbow vegetables, Caesar salad, rolls and butter, chocolate torte cake for dessert, and soft drinks/coffee. Wine, beer and cash bar available. For tickets, \$45 per person, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

FRIDAY FISH FRIES

CANTON — Summit Gourmet by Continental will cook up a Friday Fish Fry on 5-8 p.m. April 10 at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton. All-you-can-eat buffet items include battered Atlantic cod, herb encrusted tilapia, seafood cakes, pasta alfredo, fresh vegetables, salad bar with tossed and Caesar salad, French fries, cole slaw, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Price is \$11.95 for adults; \$4.95 for children under 12. Desserts and a full-service bar available at additional cost. Dine-in or take-out. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

JAWS COOKS UP LENO BURGER

FARMINGTON HILLS — Jaws Jumbo Burgers and Subs will offer a specialty

"Thank You, Jay Leno, Burger" through April 10. The made-to-order double-decker burger features two 1/3-pound ground sirloin patties, mushrooms, double bacon and double American-Swiss cheese. Regularly \$10.75, the price was reduced to \$7.89 on April 7 and 8, the days Leno will host free shows at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Leno and his crew are invited to Jaws Jumbo Burgers for a free lunch or dinner, any day, at any hour.

Jaws Jumbo Burgers and Subs is located at 29216 Orchard Lake Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, in Farmington Hills. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Call (248) 855-2228 or visit www.jawsjumboburgers.net.

MAPLE SYRUPING AT MAYBURY FARM

NORTHVILLE — Maybury Farm will host Maple Syrup Tours on Saturday April 11, beginning promptly at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Participants take a hayride to the maple tree grove to see how syrup is made and take part in the



Jaws Jumbo Burgers in Farmington Hills is offering 'Thank You Jay Leno Burgers' for a limited time.

process, from tapping trees to bringing sap back to the evaporator. Warm clothing and boots are recommended. Admission is \$5 per person, 2 and under free. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road, west of Beck. Enter past the state park at Maybury Farm. No reservations necessary. Call (248) 374-0200.

GOVERNOR DECLARES "WINE MONTH"

LANSING — The Michigan

International Wine Expo, April 3-4 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, kicked off of "Michigan Wine Month."

Governor Jennifer Granholm has declared April a time to honor Michigan's wide selection of quality wines and the wine industry's significant contribution to the economy, which amounts to nearly \$800 million each year.

Sales of Michigan wines rose 5 percent in 2008, while total wine sales experienced no increase.

"With eight new wineries slated to open this year, Michigan's grape and wine industry demonstrates that our state is ripe for growth and opportunity," Granholm said. "Michigan's wine industry is an important component of the state's \$71.3 billion agri-food business sector and is vital to our tourism efforts."

For more information, a complete list of events or to request a free copy of 2009 Michigan Wine Country magazine, call the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council at (517) 241-1207, or visit www.michiganwines.com.

OLGA'S AFTER LENO

TROY — Olga's Kitchen will provide a Free Original

Olga sandwich through Friday, April 10, to anyone presenting a ticket stub from Jay Leno's shows at The Palace.

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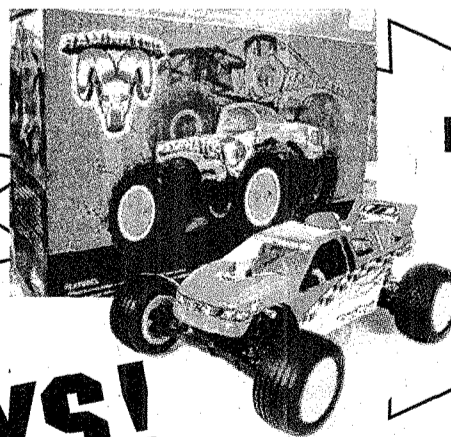
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