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Town Hall

U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Detroit, will be the keynote speaker at a District 11 Town Hall meeting on health care, planned for Saturday, May 15, at UAW Local 163, 450 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The event is sponsored by District 11 Voters for Health Care Reform and the 11th District Democratic Organization. Registration will start at 11:30, with the town hall running noon to 2 p.m.

New grant

Spectrum Human Services Inc and Affiliated Companies has been awarded a one-year grant from the Alliance for Children and Families to receive mentoring assistance in providing services for aging adults.

The grant is part of the New Age of Aging, a five-year initiative of the Alliance, designed to help prepare human service organizations meet the needs of older adults. The \$2.6 million project is funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies.

Spectrum, based in Westland, has been matched with Family Services of Westchester Inc. in Port Charles, N.Y., to work together to establish goals and work to expand the agency's effort to serve older adults. One of Spectrum's affiliated companies is Operation ABLE of Michigan, which provides employment services, training and support to mature adults throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

"This opportunity puts Spectrum Human Services in a strong position to move forward in expanding and strengthening services for older adults throughout the state of Michigan," said Roger Swaninger, Spectrum president and CEO. "We are proud to have this opportunity to help meet the tremendous need of serving older adults."

Goci wins, tax OK'd in W-W election

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Goci plans to roll up his sleeves and work hard for residents after winning his first four-year term on the Wayne-Westland school board in Tuesday's election.

The incumbent candidate in the election, Goci collected 2,545 votes compared to 2,041 for Wayne resident Karen Wilkie.

"I'm very happy the voters put their trust in me to go out there and



John Goci

The turnout was light as expected by Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart, with 5.84 percent of 67,129

registered voters going to the polls in an election that also a renewal request for the 18 mills Wayne-Westland levies on nonhomestead property in the district.

The renewal won by an almost 2-1 margin — 3,187 yes votes to 1,715 no votes.

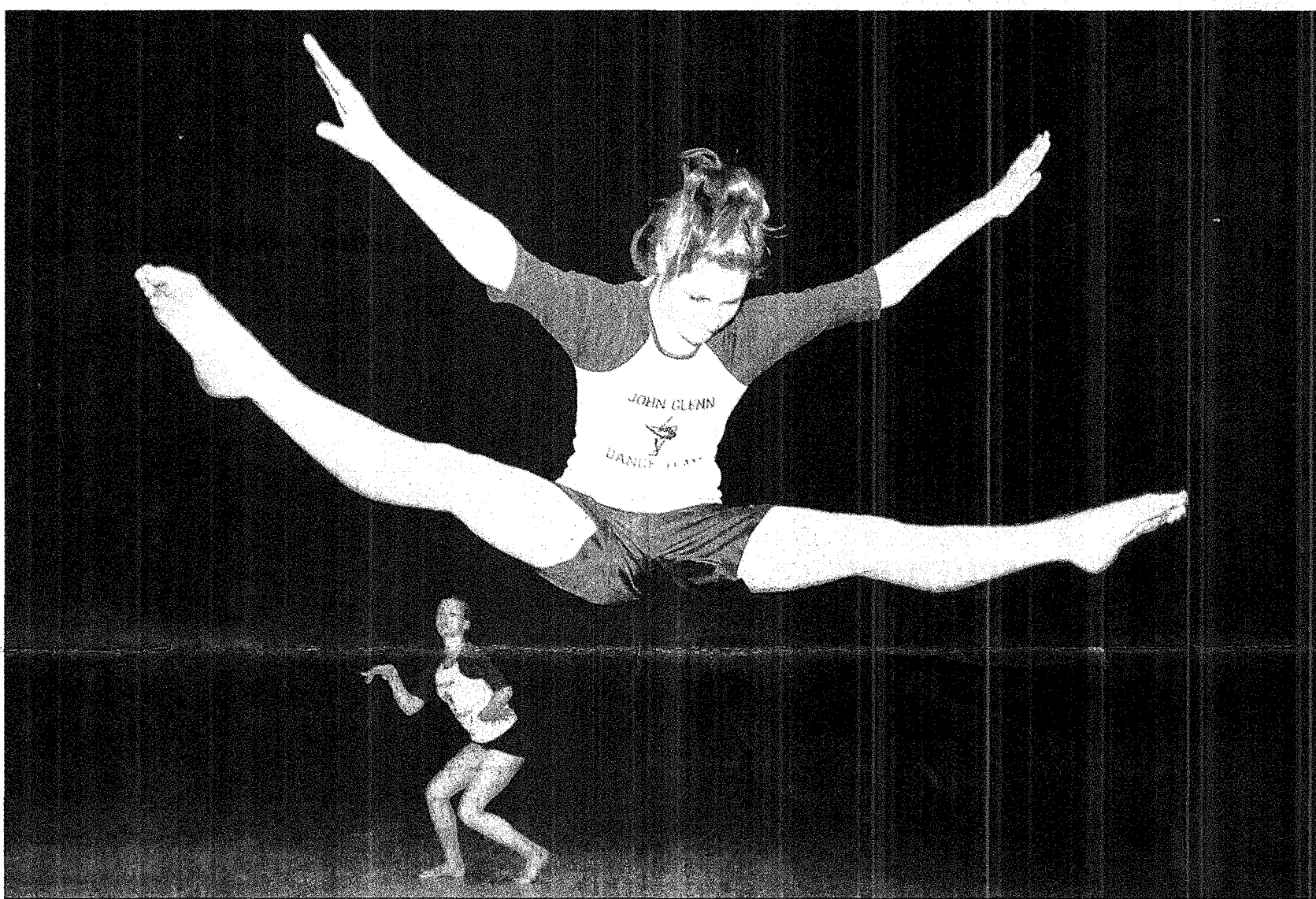
"It's a testament of the community support for the Wayne-Westland district," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We are all grateful for the support and confidence." The nonhomestead tax is lev-

ied on commercial, industrial and some personal property and raises \$19 million for the district. The tax has been renewed for a period of 15 years, from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2026.

Goci, the owner of the US-12 Bar and Grill in Wayne, said he has three goals for his first full term on the board.

"I will work to cut administrative salaries, I will work to get class

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Junior Anna Quillen, one of three captains of the John Glenn High School dance team, practices for the spring recital, set for tomorrow evening.

SPRING RECITAL

What: The John Glenn High School Dance Team's spring recital, "I Will Remember You"

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Why: The show will feature more than 40 numbers that team members, ranging from beginning to and advanced.

Tickets: \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be available at the door.

Glenn dance team is ready for 'Remember'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

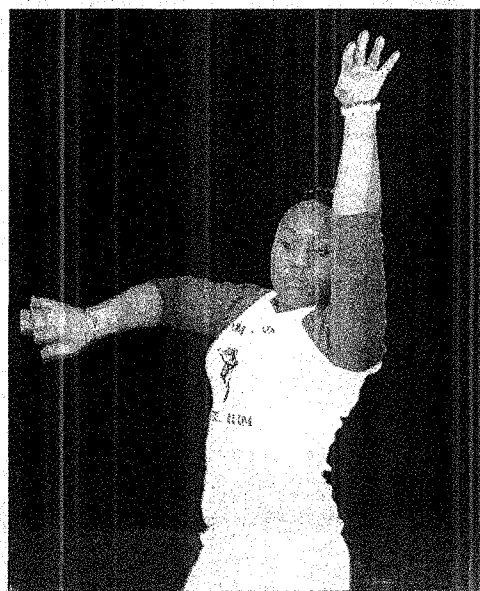
Dancers from beginners to advanced will put their best foot forward Friday evening to show what they've learned as members of the John Glenn High School Dance Team.

The dance recital, "I Will Remember You," will feature a variety of dance forms from jazz and hip hop to ballet and point and showcase the skills students have developed over the past four months.

"I named the show that because of Petra Radman," said coach Carey Christian. "She's a senior and has been a captain for three years. She'll be leaving us this year."

The team has 40 members who began preparing for the recital right after auditions in January. Christian got help with choreography from Ashley Hudy, a former team member who returned to serve as an assistant coach, Radman and fellow captains junior Anna Quillen and

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Ranequa Boyd is a member of the team's beginners group, Encore.

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Bargains galore at community garage sale

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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It will be a bargain hunter's dream come true — nearly 100 garage sales in one location on Saturday at the annual Westland community garage sale.

The 100 available spots in the parking lot west of City Hall are expected to be filled for the sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale are divided among the Westland Youth Assistance Program, the Westland Therapeutic Recreation Program and Westland Parks and Recreation.

"It's an awesome thing. We've had the garage sale at least since 1998, we have them in the spring and fall," said Paul Motz, Youth Assistance director.

"People are clearing out their basements and garages. There are collectors who are cleaning things out. One man's junk is another man's treasure."

With nearly 100 people renting a parking space to set up their wares, Motz said that shoppers will find a wide variety of items for sale. Over the course of the day, he estimated that the number of shoppers is in the thousands.

The space rental, which generates the revenue for the three programs, is \$20 or \$25 depending on the space location. The Youth Assistance will receive about \$600 from the sale after expenses, said Motz.

"I usually like to take our donation (from the sale) and make a small contribution to the Westland (police) Explorers," said Motz. "They do a great job keeping it organized. My staff helps out. Everyone gets here at the same time to set up."

For more information about reserving a spot at the garage sale, call (734) 722-7620 or e-mail mmartin@cityofwestland.com.

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Westland Summer Festival has new look — no parade

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Plans for the 2011 Westland Summer Festival are moving forward with fireworks and a carnival but no parade.

The council recently voted to use of the City Hall grounds and parking lot, the Bailey Recreation Center parking lot and partial use of Central City Park and Tot Town for the festival and the Sunday, July 4, fireworks demonstration.

All fees except mechanical were waived for the event will be held Wednesday through Sunday, June 30 to July 4.

"Having no parade is the big change. We have talked about that over the years," said Westland Festival Committee Chairman Ken Mehl. "People don't understand that we have to pay for

the music and other groups to come to the parade. We looked at which gave us more for the money spent — the parade or the fireworks. There was no question it was the fireworks."

Applications for the festival's Miss Westland contest, open to students at Westland John Glenn, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Lutheran Westland and Huron Valley Lutheran High Schools, are available at each of the high schools and the Bailey Recreation Center.

Entertainment for the festival is being organized with swing music scheduled to kick off the event on Wednesday, June 30. Country music will be featured Thursday, July 1, followed by Motown-style music by Impact 7 on Friday, July 2,

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Johnson wins LPS seat, ousted King eyes state bid

BY KAREN SMITH
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Steve King, ousted from his Livonia school board seat Tuesday by challenger Mark Johnson, said he probably will run for state representative now.

The self-proclaimed maverick lost his bid for re-election by 937 votes.

King received 2,304 votes, Johnson, 3,241, according to unofficial tallies from Livonia



Mark Johnson

won't be on it.

"Why even have a board?" King asked. "They'll just have carte blanche."

King, whose four-year term

and Westland. King said he is done with school politics. He said the school board will be a rubber stamp for administrators now that he

ends in June, was the board member most likely to question administrators' recommendations and challenge the status quo. He often cast the only no vote, but sometimes was joined by Trustee Patrice Mang.

But Johnson, in response to King's comment, said he is an independent thinker.

"I do my own research, I do my own homework, and I make my own decisions," he said.

A musician and substitute teacher, King said he likely will

run again for state representative. King lost to Republican John Walsh two years ago.

He blames Tuesday's loss on low voter turnout and being outspent by his opponent, who he said was endorsed by Livonia's political power brokers.

"I didn't run against Mark Johnson; I ran against everybody," he said, adding his opponent had the support of the majority of the school board members, administration, teachers union and city leaders.

King said the May election date also worked against him. Few people realized there was an election Tuesday, he said. Voter turnout in Livonia was 6.74 percent, in Westland, 5.84 percent.

Johnson, an attorney, said he expected the vote to be a little closer.

"We just had a lot of good people working," he said, explaining his win. "I'm sort of overwhelmed by the support, by the effort everybody put in."

He said his first goal will be to get acclimated.

"It's going to be a learning curve," he said.

The budget for 2010-11 will be adopted by the time he takes office in July, but the board will need to immediately start on the following year's budget, he said. "We can't wait."

The district faces a budget deficit of \$17 million over the next two years.

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sophomore Maria Idunate.

"They generated two-three dances each," said Christian. "With so much choreographic help, we were able to pull a show together like this. We

worked really hard this year. Some weeks I'd teach one dance, another week it would be two dances."

The dance team is in its fourth year and is considered an athletic sport in combination with the fine arts department. Glenn is one of two schools in Wayne County to have a dance team. The other is Churchill High School in Livonia. The team practices after school Monday through Wednesday, but adds on Thursday as it gets closer to the recital, Christian said.

"I have a lot of great girls," said Christian. "This is a hard program and there's a lot to learn in a small amount of

time."

Many of the team members dance outside of school, including Quillen, Idunate and sophomore Alicia Lustig, who will become a captain next year. Radman stopped going to a studio when her family moved to Michigan from Virginia three years ago.

"I feel for them," said Christian. "Not only do they have to remember their dances here, but also their competitive dances."

Christian teaches the girls to pair up the moves with music, making it easier to remember and stay in step with the other performers

on stage. That's what Lustig does.

"It's hard," said Lustig. "You have to put the move and music together in your head."

Coaching the team has brought Christian back to her former high school. She graduated from Glenn in 1990 and was involved in dance when it was offered as a class during the day. The program was dropped the year she left.

"Dance was what I went to school for," she said. While team members will say the best thing about it is Christian's cookies — that was their message to eighth-graders touring the school during the recent Rocket

Blast-Off — they have other reasons. Radman said the best part is "hanging out with these guys."

"We've gotten close over the years," said Quillen, who will become senior captain next year.

"We get to hang out together everyday," Lustig added. Idunate, who is in her second year on the team, enjoys watching the less experienced dancers.

"I'm amazed to see the newer members perform," said Idunate. "I see them go out with smiles on their faces or get butterflies backstage. It's fun."

According to Christian, the

best part is when the company "messes around."

"It doesn't happen to often, but the most unique choreography comes out when they goof around," she said. "I enjoy watching them dance."

The recital went head-to-head with the Stanley Cup playoffs last year and came close to being a sell-out last year. With the Detroit Red Wings playing tonight, Christian is hoping to have a sellout tomorrow evening.

"This is probably the biggest group of dancers I've had, this definitely is a big show," she said.

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and a Beatles tribute band on Saturday, July 3.

"I've had more calls for entertainment this year, I couldn't tell you. We're limited. We can only do so many things," said Mehl.

Wade Shows will again provide the carnival rides and midway.

"We've improved with big-

ger rides and rides for all ages," said Mehl.

At the council meeting, Mayor William Wild said that he is in full support of the festival, now in its 40th year, but had some concerns about its future. The festival is organized and operated by a nonprofit volunteer committee.

"I met with (Council President) Jim Godbout and Ken Mehl two years ago. The discussion was that the event would be transferred to the

city as the committee members moved on," said Wild. "If they are stepping down after this year, this would be the transition year. We need a committee in place for a smooth transition."

Wild suggested the council might want to schedule a study session to discuss the future of the festival.

"I hope that we can maintain the relationship with the carnival and fireworks provider," he said.

Mehl has also been work-

ing to raise money for a veterans memorial and had indicated he would like to begin devoting more time to that effort. That and the loss of some other committee members spurred the discussion about the future of the festival committee.

"Our problem is trying to get younger people involved. They're busy and don't want to put the time in," said Mehl. "People have to understand minimal tax dollars are spent on the festival, maybe bar-

ricades and police overtime. We look at the festival as something good that brings a lot of people to the city."

In particular, Mehl said the fireworks are a draw as most cities no longer sponsors the displays. In this area, only Westland and Livonia have fireworks around July 4.

"It's for smiles and laughs, especially with this economy when everything is so depressed," said Mehl.

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sizes down, and I will work to get more teachers in the classrooms," he said. "This is a

part-time position, but I plan to make a full-time commitment. I will speak my mind and try to get answers to my questions and inform the voters so they know what's going on."

Goci also praised for Wilkie

who, he said, ran an "old school campaign."

"I want to congratulate her for putting herself out there, for doing what she thinks is best for the community," he said.

Wilkie credits her good

showing at the polls to the support of her neighbors and her customers at the Good Neighbor's Pharmacy in Westland where she works as a pharmacy technician.

"I'm elated, I feel great," she said. "I think I did well

because I've worked in the community for so long. I just wish I could have gotten in there for the kids. I wanted to do something for the Norwayne kids."

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Former funeral home operators face jail time

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Monday that two former funeral home operators charged in a pre-paid funeral fraud violated the terms of their probation and now face jail time.

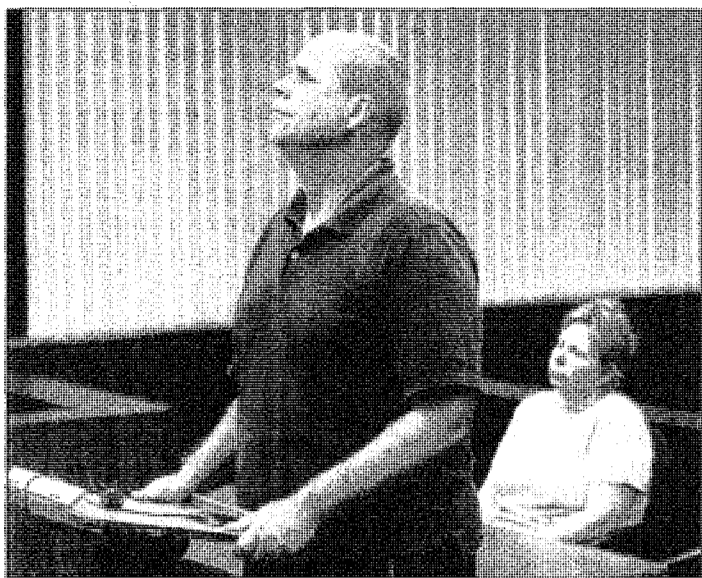
Christopher and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, former operators of the Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia, now each face two- to 15-year sentences with the Michigan Department of Corrections after they failed to pay \$150,000 due Monday.

Circuit Judge Daniel Hathaway denied motions Monday from the Ziomeks' attorneys to withdraw plea agreements the Ziomeks entered in March on embezzlement charges. The Ziomeks were to be placed on five years probation, but only if they followed repayment guidelines; otherwise they would be subjected to jail time.

In November they were charged with two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, and funeral contracts-conversion.

An investigation by Detective Dean Langley of the Livonia Police Department had revealed that more than 60 complainants in Wayne County were duped out of money for pre-paid funeral contracts. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the defendants obtained more than \$230,000 from unwitting victims between 1998 and 2007, and the money was later spent by the Ziomeks for their own personal use.

On Monday, an attorney representing Nancy Ziomek filed a motion to withdraw the plea because the Ziomeks were trying to get money to pay the restitution and efforts continued. Prosecuting attorney Qiana Lillard argued that the defendants understood their plea agreements and that allowing the plea withdrawal was not in the best interest of justice, as one victim and a witness had died since



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled Monday that Christopher (standing) and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, former funeral home operators charged in a pre-paid funeral fraud, violated the terms of their probation and now face jail time.

the Ziomeks were charged.

"I do not believe the Ziomeks have any intention of paying the money back," Lillard said. Lillard also argued that the Ziomeks posed a flight risk and had ample time to get their affairs in order. "They pled guilty and now it's time to repay society," Lillard said.

Hathaway remanded Nancy Ziomek to Wayne County jail and talked about the victims, some of whom were in attendance. Hathaway called the crime reprehensible. "The money was taken from (the victims) without justification; it was a flat out theft," Hathaway said. Hathaway had hoped that the victims could have been repaid, but said he was disturbed and felt bad for the victims in the case.

Theodore Empson, the attorney representing Christopher Ziomek, requested a motion to adjourn that day because the Ziomeks had contacted a relative and had hoped the relative could lend them \$150,000. Empson said the Ziomeks had hoped to get information on the loan later that day. "I think they (the victims) would much rather be paid than to see my client go to jail," Empson said.

Lillard said the Ziomeks had showed up in court with

"empty promises," much like they approached the victims when they operated the funeral home. The victims wanted the Ziomeks to repay society. "They feel they've been lied to from day one by Christopher and Nancy Ziomek," Lillard said.

Hathaway said that the Ziomeks had not paid any money. "To show up in two months with nothing, it doesn't show any good faith effort," Hathaway said in denying the motion. "It makes me believe that there won't be any effort."

Empson requested that the court allow Christopher Ziomek time out of jail to gather his prescriptions and take care of his four dogs. Lillard called that argument a "slap in the face" to the victims. Hathaway remanded Ziomek to Wayne County jail until Monday's hearing.

Empson said after the hearing that he didn't know if his client would continue to try to raise the money before next Monday's hearing. "They had to have the money today, and the judge ruled that they violated the terms of probation," Empson said.

Lillard said she didn't know how the judge would rule if the Ziomeks managed to raise money before Monday's hearing.

Water main work cuts cost of Glenwood project

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Double checking is usually a good idea and in the case of the upcoming reconstruction of Glenwood, it paid dividends for Westland.

The \$3.4 million project to reconstruct three miles of Glenwood between Hannan and Venoy had already been planned using federal aid through the Michigan Department of Transportation. Westland, which has jurisdiction on the north side of the street, and Wayne, which has the south side of the street, were required to split a nearly \$500,000 local match for the project.

Just to make sure all their bases were covered, Westland officials contacted the Detroit Water and Sewerage

Department to make sure they weren't planning any projects. As it turns out, DWSD was planning a \$4 million water main replacement project right along Glenwood.

"They were planning to do the water main next year. We wouldn't have known if we had not made contact with DWSD," said Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford. "Now, we'll chase them and come behind them laying the street."

The \$4 million water main is being totally funded by DWSD, which also agreed to pay the \$494,000 local share match monies for Westland and Wayne for allowing them to include the water main as part of the federally funded road project. That reduces the cities' financial contribution

to \$100,000 apiece.

"Basically, Westland got this new road for free and the \$4 million water main. The mayor (William Wild) really worked this deal — him and (Assistant City Attorney) James Fausone," said Buford, adding that Wayne City Manager John Zech also was involved. "I was impressed."

The Glenwood reconstruction will go out to bid this month and work is expected to begin this summer. It's scheduled as a two-year project to be completed in 2011.

Plans call for the work to start in two places, Buford said, at Newburgh where DWSD is installing a new water main from Michigan Avenue to Glenwood. The second starting area will be between Hannan and Venoy.

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Golf course upgrades focus on customer service

Major technology improvements aimed at improving customer service and enhancing operational control are coming to the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

"As competition for golfers' business continues to intensify among local golf courses, we need to ensure the customer services at our golf course is second to none," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

The Westland City Council recently approved a package of technology upgrades for the golf course. The upgrades are focused on improving the customer experience from reservations and check-in to clubhouse amenities.

After the technology upgrades are completed early this summer, a new and much improved on-line and real-

time reservation system will be available on the city's website.

When patrons at the course, they'll notice speedier and more efficient check-in and payment processes, thanks to new cash register computers and integrated reservation software.

Upgrades to the reservation system and cash registers also will enhance operational controls and financial reporting allowing for improved oversight.

A new direct phone line to the Bogie Grill, located in the clubhouse, will allow golfers to purchase food and drink more quickly, too. Golfers will be able to call their order in from the fairway and have their order waiting when they get to the clubhouse.


Other upgrades in the clubhouse include an expanded

line of merchandise and a new game room with a pool table. An upgraded selection of video games also will be available, including Golden Tee which will be connected to the Internet for world-wide competition.

The Westland Municipal Golf Course will continue to offer a cutting-edge golf simulator for when the weather isn't golfer friendly outside.

"Rain or shine, Westland Municipal Golf Course will have the best customer service, the right prices and great amenities to satisfy our local golfers," said Wild.

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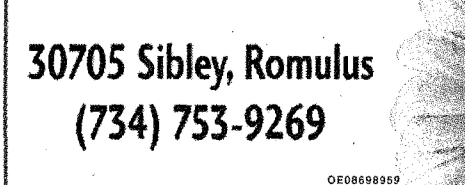
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Man caught trying to steal air conditioner

Attempted break-in

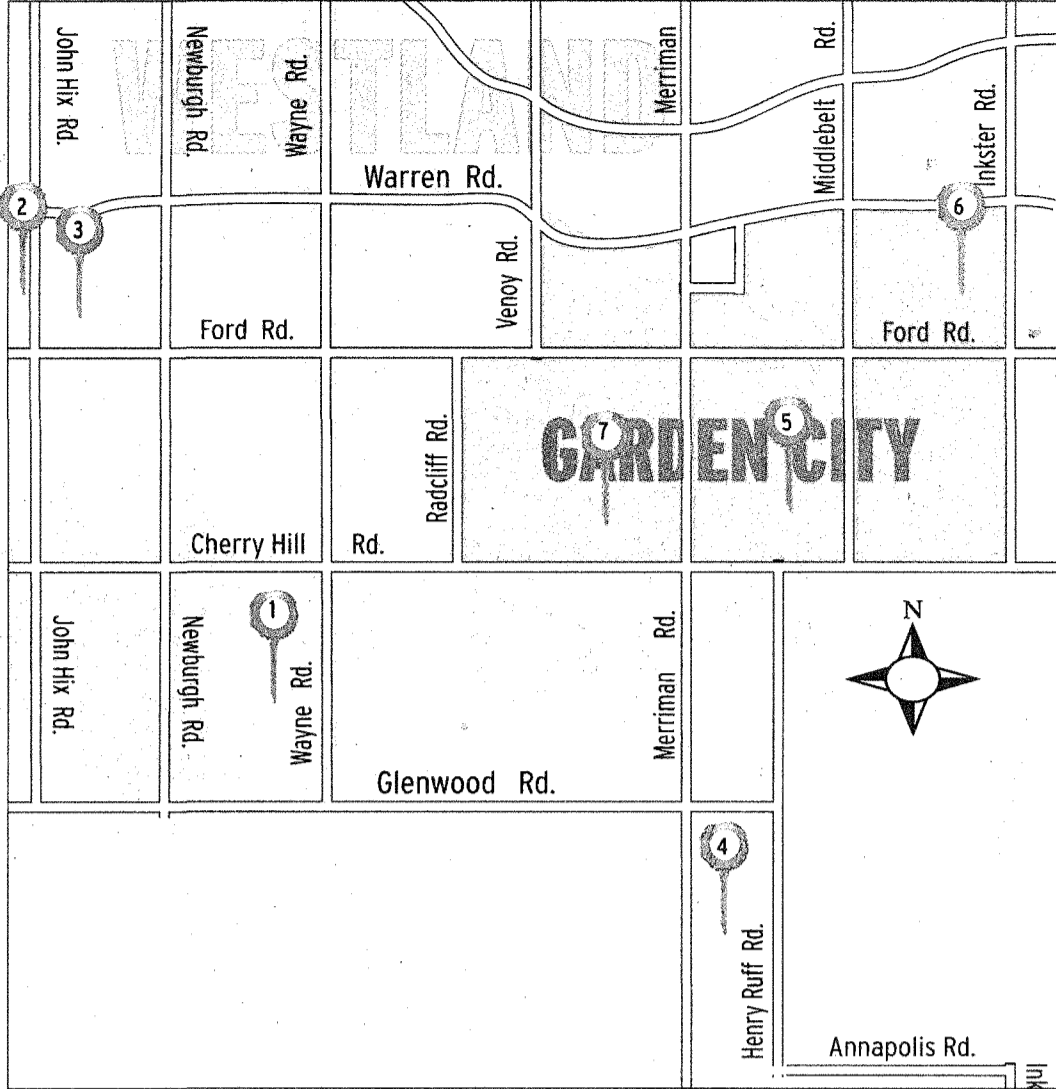
Just after 3 a.m. May 1, police were called to Scrubbin Bubbles laundromat, 910 S. Wayne Road, after someone reported a man on the roof apparently trying to break into the business. When officers arrived, a man was spotted on the roof holding a dark colored bag. The man refused to stay in sight or come down on the orders of the officers. A witness then told the officers the man was attempting to climb over a rear wall.

Officers contacted the Westland Fire Department which sent a truck with a ladder. At that point, the suspect, a 27-year-old Westland resident, climbed down from the roof. He told the officers he was on the roof to steal air conditioning unit so it could be sold for scrap. The man said he had unscrewed one screw on the unit — he'd only been on the roof for five minutes. Officers recovered a bag the man had left on the roof. Inside were four screwdrivers, two pairs of pliers and a hammer.

The damage to the air conditioning unit was estimated at \$3,000-\$4,000.

Trailer stolen

A 16-foot trailer with a backhoe excavator, valued at \$13,000, were reported stolen from Roto Rooter, 6480 Commerce, May 2. The owner said the items had been stolen



from the rear of the business where they were stored. Surveillance footage showed a newer model white Ford crew cab pickup truck driving away with the trailer and excavator.

Larceny

The owner of Pande Performance, 6132 E. Executive Drive, told police that someone had cut the lock off the gate to a fenced yard between April 30 and May 3. Reported missing from an unlocked trailer were a tool box containing miscellaneous tools and a battery charger,

valued at \$6,300. The officer noted there didn't appear to have been an attempt to steal the entire trailer.

Counterfeit money

A Detroit man was arrested April 30 after he was reported to have tried to use a counterfeit \$20 bill at Kroger, 31300 Michigan Ave. A cashier told police the man gave her the bill which she immediately recognized as counterfeit. She said the man was at her register when she stepped away to ask a co-worker to call police.

Attempted vehicle theft

Police were called to a home in the 31000 block of Cowan at nearly 1:30 a.m. May 3 about a two men trying to break into a Dodge Caravan. Officers were then told the suspects had left the area in a Dodge Magnum. Officers were unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

The Caravan was found unoccupied but the officer noted the top of the driver's door was bent inward. The witness said he looked outside to see one man standing on the drivers door trying to pull it away from the vehicle. He said the second man was behind the wheel of the Magnum, which was backed into the parking spot next to the van. The two fled, the witness said, when the Caravan's horn sounded.

Based on the vehicle owner's statement that nothing of value was in the van, the officer concluded the men were trying to steal the vehicle.

— By LeAnne Rogers

Man nabbed in connection with three home break-ins

Break-ins

A 35-year-old Inkster man was arrested last week in connection with three home invasions in Garden City.

The police studied methods of operation in the incidents where someone kicked in a door to gain entry of homes in the 1230 block of Gilman, the 30750 block of Barton and the 300 block of Leona.

In the Leona incident, the homeowner heard three large bangs on her back door about 11 p.m. April 29.

When she went to investigate, she saw a man and found her back door kicked in. She shouted at him as he fled the scene.

The suspect was apprehended a short time later in the Cherry Hill and Edward Street area. He initially denied that he had been on the north side of Cherry Hill but later admitted that he was. The police found a large amount of Canadian change on the man as well as business cards for shops known to pawn items.

In the Gilman incident, a man who was checking on a friend's home found the back door kicked in. The owner was in Texas from April 26-30. The caretaker found a west side door broken in two pieces. Nothing was missing in the house.

The Barton Street incident occurred during the same time period. A suspect kicked through an enclosed rear porch. Nothing was taken.

The police are also investigating whether a break-in in the 30700 block of Marquette is related. That incident was discovered about 1 a.m. April 30 by the homeowner. A flat screen TV was stolen from the home.

Hospital annex break-in

The police arrested a 20-year-old Garden City man about 6 a.m. in connection with a break-in at the Garden City Hospital annex at 6245 Inkster Road.

The police were called to the area when a neighbor said that she heard the loud noise of

glass breaking while sitting on her couch. She observed a man trying to get in a window at the annex. She saw him reach into the window, walk around the building and then leave.

The police apprehended him a short time later after he had crossed the Douglas Elementary School playground.

His leg was bleeding and when questioned by police, he admitted that he tried to break into the building.

"I did something stupid," he said to police. "I tried to get inside but couldn't."

He was transported to Garden City Hospital for treatment and then to the police station for further questioning.

Home invasion

The police became suspicious when they saw a man walking with a suitcase on wheels in the Pardo and Merriman area about 12:30 p.m. April 30.

When they stopped him, they asked what was in his suitcase. The found a laptop computer, an X box with games and video games. The man said that the laptop was his but he couldn't provide the password.

Upon further investigation, the police found that the items were stolen from a home in the 31500 block of Florence. The stolen items bore the name of the resident and her son.

Arriving at the home on Florence, the police saw that someone had gained entry by placing two lawn chairs under the bathroom window and entering through that window. They found the window and screen ajar.

Upon searching the home, the resident verified that the items in the suitcase as well as the suitcase itself belonged to her.

They arrested the 19-year-old Garden City man.

Stolen vehicle

The manager at Waela Financial, 27549 Ford, said that a 20-year-old Detroit woman and the man she said was her father, took a 2007 Cadillac DeVille for a test drive April 29 and never returned the car.

— By Sue Buck

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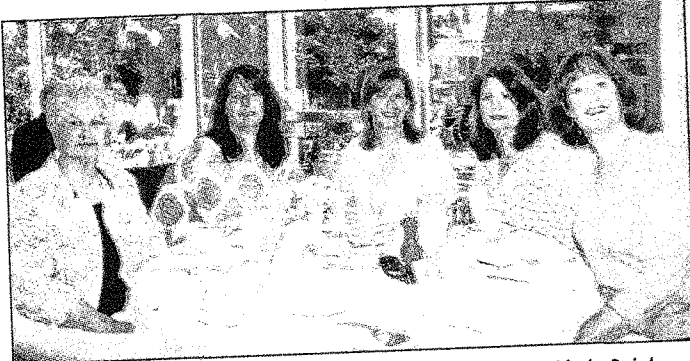
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Mothers, daughters offer messages of love



A wedding shower in July 2009 was the setting for this favorite photo submitted by Laurie Robinson of Plymouth. Showering their 89-year-old grandmother, Ann Dondzila of Westland, with "umbrellas of love" are (from left) Katie Ann Dondzila-Meek of Canton and Kristen Marie Dondzila of Canton. "Katie's wedding shower was last July and we had used the lace umbrellas as decorations," wrote Robinson, aunt to Katie and Kristen and daughter of Ann. "Katie and Kristen, her sister, were posing with my mother after the shower and we took this picture knowing that it would be a great memory," added Robinson.

More photos in today's Hometown Life Woman section



Ellie Steves of Northville (from left) and her four daughters, Linda Quigley of Plymouth, Sandi Rogers of Northville, Janet Goldberg of Northville and Nancy Spirt of Fountain Valley, California enjoy a celebration at Tavern on the Green in New York City. The photo was taken June 11, 2006. The restaurant closed Jan. 1, 2010. Located in Central Park on the Upper West Side, the restaurant was a frequent stop for actors, writers, politicians and mother/daughter celebrations.



Gayle Robinson's husband, Russell P. Robinson Jr., died April 2009 and this year will be her first Mother's Day without him. Her one request was to visit his grave at Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly. She has nine living children in the metro area and two made her wish come true. Shown escorting their mom, who lives in Westland, to their dad's grave are Kathy Robinson Law of Wayne (left) and Debbie Robinson Fox of Garden City. Debbie's husband, Gary Fox Sr., drove the women to Holly and took this photo.



Three generations of women who live on Arcola Street in Garden City (from left) Lisa Mihal, Shirley Olson and Nancy Bowman. The photo was taken by Ruth Olson on April 20, 2010, in honor of Shirley's 80th birthday. Clifford and Shirley Olson have lived on Arcola Street for 56 years.



Mothers and daughters enjoy a spring break trip to Mexico. A group of mothers from Plymouth and Canton joined their daughters, all seniors at Plymouth, Canton or Salem high schools, in April 2010 for a senior trip south of the border. Pictured are (from left daughters and mothers) Emily and Sarena Bouse, Alex and Louise Brekke, Eva and LouAnn DeBeliso, Kirsten and Julie Holland, Hillary and Diana Genrich, Courtney and Cindy Simpson, Lexie MacDiarmid and Laura Santamauro and Katie and Helen Javahirian.



Pam Bushway and her mother, Barb Ptasnik, both of Westland. "Every year my husband, Andy, my two daughters, my mom and myself take a weekend trip to Frankenmuth. My mom and I have a shared love of iced cappuccinos. In this photo we are outside a little coffee shop after having sneaked away from the rest of the family. It was a fun, bonding moment for us," wrote Bushway.



Andrea Timreck submitted this favorite photo taken at her granddaughter's first birthday party September 2009. Pictured (from left) are Andrea Timreck of South Lyon, her mother, Mary Bartz of Novi, her daughter, Michelle Kolbusz (holding her daughter, Mira Kolbusz) of Farmington Hills. Four generations of mothers and daughters spanning ages 1 to 85.



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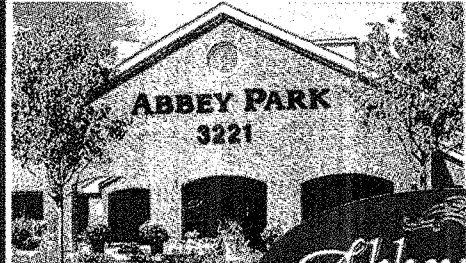
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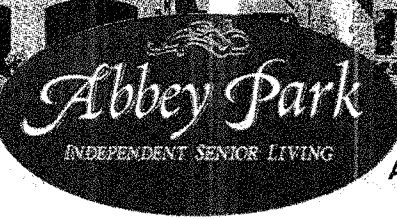


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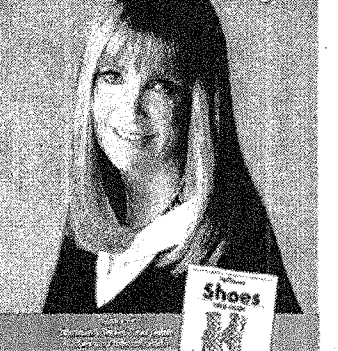
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All-Stars honored at Townsend event



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Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers, begins the program honoring Academic All Stars. Birmingham's Townsend Hotel hosted the 25th annual event.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers honored the 2010 Academic All-Star team at a breakfast awards ceremony April 28 at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

All-Stars and their parents were invited to the event which recognizes outstanding students from public, private and parochial schools in the O&E circulation area.

The 2010 team marks the 25th anniversary of the O&E Academic All-Star program.

More than 100 students and parents attended the event.

Students received a U.S. Savings Bond courtesy of Huntington Bank, a certificate and gifts from the Observer & Eccentric and were treated to a breakfast buffet at the Townsend.

Students will also receive a copy of a special section, sponsored by Madonna University and the O&E (published Sunday, May 9), profiling their accomplishments.

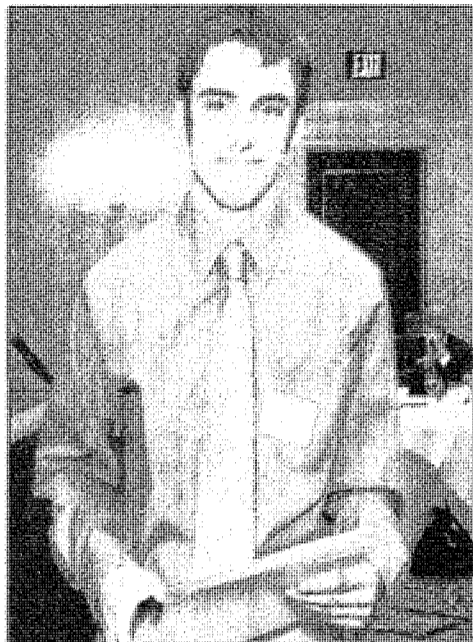
The 25th annual team was selected in cooperation with a high school principals in Oakland and western Wayne counties. This year's committee included Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin, Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal at North Farmington.

The principals examined grade point averages (academic subjects only) and test scores (SAT and ACT) and reviewed transcripts.

The All-Star team is selected based solely on academic credentials.

The principals were impressed by the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were nominated.

In fact, the newspaper had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students.



Austin Buckley of Farmington High School.



Holly Chiang, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School.



Christina Healey of Farmington High School plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.



David Moldenhauer, a senior at Lutheran High Westland, accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Akshay Amin, from Plymouth Salem High School accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Lauren Richards, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, will attend Notre Dame in the fall.



Brian Miller of North Farmington High School accepts congratulations from Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank. In the background is Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers.



Shan Kothari is congratulated by Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Nick Wasylyshyn shakes hands with Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Amy Mathew, a senior at Plymouth High School.



Marian High School's Caitlin Ploch shakes hands with Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric. Ploch lives in Redford Township and plans to attend Hope College.



Steven Ball, of Farmington Hills, attends Birmingham Brother Rice High School. He will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.



Churchill High School's Bryce Morgan shakes with Greg Kowalski, Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Ellie Krieg of Mercy High School shakes hands with Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.



Flora Zhang of Farmington Hills, a student at Detroit Country Day, receives congratulations from Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.

AROUND WESTLAND

Armed Forces Day

Stop by the Westland Historic Village Park 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday for the third annual Armed Forces Day celebration hosted by the Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Historical Society. Reenactors representing five American wars will talk with visitors. There will be a weapons demonstration at 2 p.m. and additional presentations inside the Octagon House.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. There is limited parking so visitors may want to park at John Glenn High School. The Westland Historic Village Park is located on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, the Westland Garden Club will hold a plant exchange at the Westland Historic Village Park. For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Maureen at (734) 728-1232.

Special Olympics

Bowl a few frames and help raise money for the Wayne Westland Special Olympics Sunday, May 16, at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave. between Wayne Road and Newburgh. The cost is \$10 per person for three games nine pin no tap. There will be a 50/50 raffle and basket raffles. Check-in is at 10 a.m. with bowling 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Register by calling Nancy Wilcox at (734) 748-0170 or Glenda Lundy at (313) 204-5830.

Skills Camp

The Basketball Academy is holding its Summer Skill Development camps at St. Damian School on Joy Road in Westland.

Coach Paul Tripp is con-

ducting a boys camp June 21-24. The Girls' camp will be held June 28-July 1. Grades 3-5 will meet 8-11:30 a.m., while those in grades 6-9 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and a brochure, send an e-mail to BasketballAcademy@hotmail.com or call (248) 563-0858

MDA collection

Westland firefighters will take to major intersections Thursday through Saturday, May 13-15 for their annual boot drive to collect donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Rain dates are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 3-5.

Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Thursday-Sunday, May 13-15, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

Thursday will feature a preview for friends members from 3- to 7 p.m. People can join the group to take advantage of the early shopping.

The sale will open to the public on Friday, May 14. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday will feature a Go Green \$6 Bag Sale, \$6.00. Shoppers must bring their own brown paper grocery bag or comparable-sized reusable bag to participate. Sunday will feature a Bag Day Sale for \$4. Regular prices are \$1 for hardcover books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines. A green reusable Friends bag also will be available for \$2.

Money raised from the sale

helps fund programs at the library for all ages.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Girls' Night Out

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is sponsoring "Comedy for a Cause" on Monday, May 17, at Joey's Comedy Club on Plymouth Road, west of Wayne Road in Livonia. Zonta International is a women's service organization that works to improve the status of women worldwide. In keeping with the true spirit of women helping women, there will be an all female cast of comedians.

Seating begins at 7:30 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - a \$5 food or drink order is required.

Proceeds will support the club's Women's Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Sally Randall at (734) 464-3728.

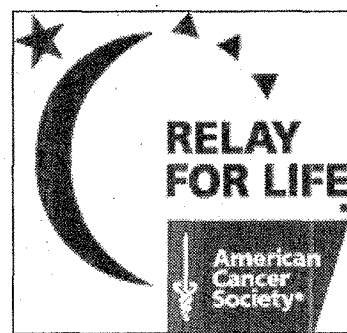
CFL bulb recycling

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American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

GARDEN CITY RELAY FOR LIFE



Save the TaTas

Save the Ta Ta's will have a garage sale at 30017 Maplewood Street Thursday, May 6, and Friday, May 7. The team also is selling "I Support the Ta Ta's" T-shirts for sale. The cost is \$20 per shirt. To purchase one, call team captain Margo Ciecierski at (734) 634-4218 or e-mail margoc@gardencitymi.org.

Albert's Angels

Albert's Angels Relay For Life Team will be hosting a golf outing May 15 at Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start - check-in starts at 7 a.m. The cost is \$100 per golfer for the four-person scramble. It includes 18 holes of golf with

cart, lunch at the turn and door prizes as well as dinner at Albert's on the Alley.

Contact Cheryl at (734) 883-9005 or Joann at (734) 778-9165 to book a time.

Castelli Crusaders

Team Century 21 Castelli Crusaders for the Cure will hold a Rollerskating Party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Skateland West on Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh, Westland. The cost is \$10 and includes skate rental - roller blades rentals are not included. There will be a bake sale and 50/50 raffle as well. Contact Sherry Mifsud for more details.

PKSA Kickers

PKSA Kickers is selling cookbooks for \$7.50, available at either of the karate schools in Garden City or Westland. All recipes were donated by PKSA families. To place an order or for more information, contact Dori Aldinger through the PKSA kickers e-mail address, pksakickers@gmail.com, or stop by the PKSA Karate School and ask for a copy at the desk. You can also call PKSA Karate at (734) 522-7718 or Jon Seegert at (734) 765-6875.

WESTLAND RELAY FOR LIFE

Westland's annual Relay for Life American Cancer Society fund-raiser will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, through 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Jaycee Park. Last year, the event raised more than \$100,000. During the relay, teams commit to having someone walking on the track throughout the entire 24 hours signifying cancer never sleeps.

Many teams set up tents and stay overnight during the event. Teams conduct the bulk of their fund-raising prior to the event but also during the relay through games and selling refreshments and other items.

Women of Westland

The Women of Westland team is holding a fund-raiser 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, weather permitting. Russ & Barb will be there to do face painting and balloon animals. Mary

Denning is having a Decorate a Cake for Mothers Day. Partial proceeds will go to the relay team. The face painting will be 10 a.m. until noon (weather permitting). Bring your little ones to decorate a cake for mom. They love how their cakes turn out and so does mom.

Independent Carpet One

The Relay for Life team from Independent Carpet One Floor & Home is selling pink ribbon welcome mats for \$29.99 as part of its fund-raising effort. The welcome mats are rubber-backed, washable, extremely durable and can go inside or outside. Stop by Independent One at 1400 N. Wayne Road, Westland, or call (734) 729-6200 for more information.

Wild's Walkers

Westland Mayor William Wild's team, Wild's Walkers, has several fund-raising events planned to kick off the Relay

for Life.

The first event, Tips for the Cure, will be at Malarkey's Pub, 35750 Warren Road, on 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May

13. Wild will be the celebrity bartender.

• On Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m., come bowl with Wild at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford. This family friendly event includes three games of nine pin no tap bowling, shoe rental and two pieces of pizza for only \$25 per person. There will also be 50/50 raffles, mystery games, door prizes and other contests.

• Café Marquette, 36455 Marquette, will host Turkey Day in May 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 20. The cost for the turkey buffet lunch is \$20 and includes one ticket to be entered for a chance to win a flat screen television.

Westland relay teams can send fund-raising announcements for publication in the Westland Observer to trogers@hometownlife.com.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Blood Drive

Garden City Middle School is holding an American Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 20, in the gymnasium. To sign up for a blood donation appointment, go online to www.redcross-blood.org and use the code GCBulldogs.

For more information, call Assistant Principal Larry Conn at (734) 762-8400.

Book donations

The Friends of the Garden City Library are accepting books, videos, CDs, DVDs and cassettes in good condition for their upcoming Slightly Used Book Sale. Materials can be dropped off at the library inside the Maplewood Community Center during open hours.

Residents who have heavy boxes can go in the library and ask for a book cart. Receipts also are available for tax purposes. A partial state income tax credit is allowed for donations to a public library.

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library is a non-profit organization that gives financial support to the library and its programs. Membership starts at \$5 and applications are available at the library.

Garage sale

Looking for some cheap entertainment and/or a way to get rid of your extra quality materials (junk)?

Join Garden City Public Schools as it hosts a Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 29 in the high school parking lot. Single- or double-wide parking spots will be available for rent. We have a limited number of tables for rent. If you cannot spend the entire day at the sale or would like to take a shopping break, organizers will provide "space sitters" for you. High school students who need community volunteer hours, will sit in your space and sell your items for the prices marked (they will not negotiate).

Set-up starts at 7 am. Food booths will be available.

The cost is \$25 for a single lot, \$40 for a double lot. Each additional lot is \$10. Tables are available at \$5 each.

Money raised from the space rentals will be used to purchase ceiling tiles for our schools.

Spaces will be assigned on a first-come first served basis. The map of the parking spots is available at Central Office and is also available on the district's website at www.

gardencityschools.com. Call Dorothy at (734) 762-6311 to reserve space. Reservations should be made on or before May 24.

Four Plus program

The Garden City Public Schools is looking children who will turn age four by Dec. 1, 2010 and who may be eligible for free Four Plus preschool program.

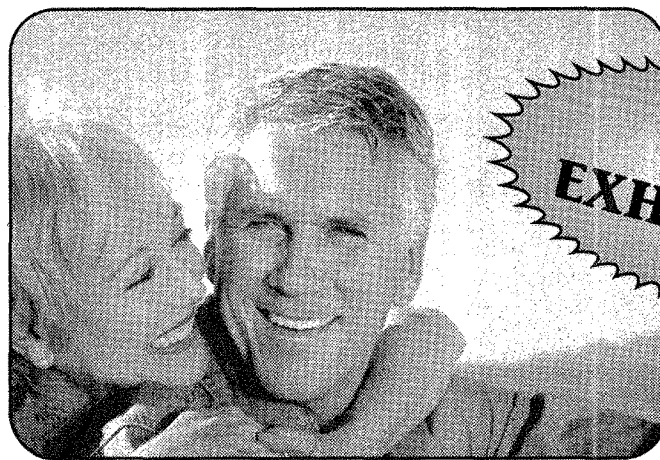
Housed at Lathers Elementary School, the readiness program gives preschoolers the tools to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Four Plus is funded through a Great Start Readiness Program grant from the state of Michigan. Four Plus offers a half-day program, morning or afternoon, Monday through Friday, where they work with a teacher who is highly qualified and has a special endorsement for early childhood education, as well as a full-time classroom aide. Transportation and healthy snacks also are provided.

Parents interested in finding out if their children qualify for Four Plus must fill out a survey available at the school, 28351 Marquette. Parents can enter the school through the Sheridan doors.

For more information, call (734) 762-8490.

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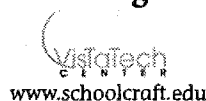
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OUR VIEWS

All-Stars excel over 25 years

The 2010 Academic All-Star Team is a milestone for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* as we celebrate 25 years of honoring academic excellence.

We are proud to have honored 1,500 students as All-Stars over the last 25 years. More than 2,100 other students have received honorable mention and they, too, are outstanding examples of academic success.

For 25 years we have written about, celebrated and published the names, photographs and profiles of the brightest and best from public, private and parochial schools in our circulation area. We believe celebrating and writing about academic excellence is part of our mission "to enhance the lives of our readers and nurture the hometowns we serve."

Thanks to our partners over the years — Madonna University, Huntington Bank and the Townsend Hotel — for their part in making the All-Star program a special honor for those selected to the team. And special thanks this year to Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm High School, who has served on the high school principals' judging committee the last 10 years. Other dedicated and longtime judges include Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Dan Willenborg of Franklin High School in Livonia. Joining this year judging team was DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal at North Farmington High School.

Be sure to read this year's 25th annual publication that will be inserted in your Sunday *Observer*.

We hope you agree that this tradition is one of which we can all be proud. Go to our Facebook page at www.hometownlife.com and send a message to this year's All-Star team.

And be sure to read and comment on the good things students are achieving in our towns. Help keep the tradition of academic excellence alive by speaking out about the good things happening in our schools.

All-Stars boost community pride

On Sunday, May 9, the *Observer & Eccentric* will profile the 2010 Academic All-Star team and runners-up.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the program. The *Observer* had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. It turned out to be a tough task because of the impeccable grades and test scores of this year's nominees. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students. In addition, 42 other students are runners-up and they are separated from the All-Stars in many cases by just hundredths of a point.

The principals' judging committee was amazed, pleased and proud of the "amazingly smart and engaged students" nominated.

But the All-Stars are not only intelligent, they are generous with their time and talent.

We salute the 2010 All-Star team member, David Moldenhauer of Lutheran High Westland.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a sampling of what our online readers are saying about:

- **W-W school board**

If I had a vote, I would vote for Karen Wilkie. Having watched the last board meeting in W-W, I have come to the conclusion that both new board members have very narrow agendas. Goci clearly does not care about kids. Simply listen to his commentary and you will come to the same conclusion: he is bought and paid for.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite place to eat in the Westland-Garden City area?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"Probably Applebee's. I like the variety and they're always changing their menu and the low cal. They're always trying to give good healthy choices."

Diane Duncan
Westland



"I like Max and Erma's. It has a lot of variety and they have a card where you get points and get a percentage off your order."

Laura Kitchen
Dearborn Heights



"Applebee's because I like the Weight Watchers choices."

Rozanne Camp
Westland



"The Family Diner in Westland. The chicken soup they make everyday is delicious — no salt. It's the best."

Jean Olweean
Westland

LETTERS

Where's city's flag etiquette?

After going to a Westland City Council meeting in February and asking about who was in charge of raising or lowering the flags to half staff, I told them I had noticed on several occasions where, in fact, one or two might be right. I offered to do this for the city. Since I'm retired, it would be an honor to do this for our veterans.

They never really said anything, so on April 30, while driving by city hall, I noticed the 18th District Court flag was at half, so I pulled in took a picture of it. I looked to the left. The flag between city hall and parks and rec was not, it was all the way to the top as was the police station, and fire department. And then on Marquette, I noticed that at the two buildings, one was lowered the other was not.

What is the problem with the City of Westland? We can have a sign on every entrance into the city bearing the name of our mayor — I don't think any other city does this. Why do our city officials not think enough of our veterans who served our country?

To our city officials, I know most of you and respect what you do, however, how dare you not honor our flag the proper way. If the City of Westland can't figure out how to fly the flag of our country, might I suggest that you get another job because if you can't figure out how to raise or lower the flag, you will probably not run our city the proper way.

I specifically came to a council meeting and asked about this and got blank stares as to why are you bothering us with this. Well, because I give a damn. You people are elected officials, you will come and go. Our flag is forever. If the people who run our city can't get this right, then get out. I volunteered to come lower them and yet you apparently don't care, or just don't want to care. The flag is a bigger part of our community than you elected people.

Our Constitution says "We the people." I thought that included you, guess I was wrong. Please to all the veterans in our community, you owe them an apology, but I don't think you will. Why? Because I asked you, just like you can't get the flying of the flag right either. Why? Because I asked you.

So do the right thing and fly the flag right, or continue to disgrace the veterans of our community. And I am certain you will. Thank you for allowing my family members to fight for your right to dishonor all our troops and veterans. I'm pretty certain the officials can pick someone to raise or lower the flag. You sure have no problem raising taxes. Shame on you.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Tea Party hypocrisy

The Tea Party Rebellion seems very hypocritical. If they truly want a smaller government why are they speaking out about the absurdly high cost for the military and the expense of maintaining hundreds of bases around the world even in Germany and Japan?

When did World War II end? Where were they when Bush took a Clinton-era surplus and turned it into record deficits due to irresponsible tax cuts and the foolhardy war with Iraq. I don't hear a single Tea Party follower call for the elimination of Medicare or Social Security, probably because a lot of them are collecting these government benefits. Where

are their calls for the privatization of public schools and public roads?

Thaddeus McCotter and his Tea Party movement are very disingenuous and unlike President Obama, lack the courage to tackle some of the most serious problems of our time, like the skyrocketing costs of health care, the energy crisis and our dangerous dependence on foreign oil and climate change, which next to nuclear war may be the greatest threat to ever befall our civilization. If you don't believe me or the president, then ask a scientist.

Maybe McCotter and the Tea Party, comprised of mostly older, white guys, are just a bit unsettled at the changing demographics of this country and the growing power of minorities. I guess after 230 years of older white guys running the country, change is hard to accept.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Everywhere a sign

A recent *NY Times*/CBS poll found Tea Partiers more affluent and more educated than the average American. Apparently physical appearances belie the affluence and the signs, oh, those signs!

According to people like Sarah Palin, the "lame stream liberal media," largely owned and operated by wealthy corporate conglomerates that are neither mainstream nor liberal, has inaccurately and unfairly portrayed the "noble" teabagger as an ignorant rube, among other things.

If I was a Tea organizer or even a caring participant I might, in the interest of projecting the desired group image, approach those in my midst bearing signs with spelling and or grammatical errors and politely ask them to correct or dispose of the errant placards. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were dumb.

While I was at it I may also point out to my fellow well-educated demonstrators that our signs fail to project intellectual consistency. Some signs accuse our president of being a communist. Others insist Obama is a fascist, or a socialist or even the second coming of Hitler, which would make him a Nazi. Being so well educated, it must be that as a group we are just a little confused. At the risk of being accused of elitism, we have to pick one since these ideologies conflict. After all, I wouldn't want people to think we were ill-informed.

In order to dispel added rumblings about Tea Partiers, as a caring participant or organizer, in the absence of virtually any people of color, I would again suggest that those participating in demonstrations or rallies discard signs that could be interpreted as racist. After all, we wouldn't want people to think that we were racist and that the mere existence of a black man in the White House had more to do with our sudden political activism than the national debt or recently reduced taxes that the same poll said we, as Tea Partiers, think are fair.

As an organizer or caring participant, I would also carefully suggest that demonstrators refrain from carrying signs that endorse watering trees with blood, or taking our country back or pointing out that "we came unarmed, this time" (although some did not). Oddly enough, some people get the idea that such signs suggest violence. After all, we wouldn't want people to think we were violent.

Apparently, Tea Party activists and their organizers either do not care about the images they project or they intend to send most of the messages that most of us are getting. Otherwise, the signs would have been cleaned up long ago.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Changing the focus

In response to the many letters and articles regarding the Tea Party movement, I would like to know how these people can possibly allow themselves to be whipped up into a frenzy by media pundits who are paid millions of dollars to tell them how to act, think and feel.

How can they be duped by millionaires who are paid by special interest groups to constantly repeat the same inaccurate information? Their main goal is to spread fear, hate and paranoia to the uninformed masses.

Why are these people convinced that health insurance reform would destroy our country and create death panels and prison sentences for those who did not purchase health insurance? Why do they feel that insurance companies have the right to deny health care to those who become seriously ill and disabled or increase our premiums at will? By putting the socialist label on any type of regulation or reform, they are taking the focus off of the real issues.

If these Tea Party protesters are really middle class Americans, as they claim to be, I would like to know how they feel about the fact that this year, people in their income bracket paid the lowest amount of taxes in 50 years. Would those who are protesting the payment of taxes like to see America turn into a Third World country, similar to Haiti or Somalia? Is that the Tea Partiers' interpretation of freedom?

Mary Young
Canton

How you can help

Ten years ago this Mother's Day I went to Washington, D.C., along with hundreds of thousands of concerned mothers, grandmothers, and fathers to voice my sadness and disbelief over the senseless shooting deaths of children at Columbine High School. The two teenage killers obtained their firearms from a friend who bought them at a gun show, taking advantage of a loophole in our federal gun laws that allow unlicensed sellers to sell firearms without conducting a background check on the buyer.

Since the Million Mom March on Mother's Day, May 14, 2000, more than 800,000 people have been killed or injured with guns in this country (CDC website source). This number is absolutely staggering to me and should be for our representatives.

Please commemorate Mother's Day by calling or e-mailing your representative and asking him/her to co-sponsor H.R. 2324, Senate bill 843 legislation to close the gun show loophole.

Please make this call on the behalf of all the mothers who have lost children or have had children harmed by gun violence. Make your voice heard for the sake of children everywhere.

To find your representative, go to www.usa.gov and then click on contact elected officials.

Juliet Bennett
Bloomfield Hills

Christmas comes early

Volunteers spread holiday cheer eight months early

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Casteen Armstrong, 89, smiled as a small army of volunteers came to her house Saturday morning to replace windows, clean out her garage, trim trees, paint her bathroom, rake her yard and bust up a section of deteriorating driveway so it could be replaced.

"This is just so wonderful," Armstrong said. "I couldn't afford to do all this. I'd just have to let it go, mostly, and do what I could do. This is fabulous."

On their own time, Home Depot employees from eight stores worked alongside other volunteers to fix up Armstrong's home — at no cost to her — during the Canton-based Christmas in Action of Wayne County program.

In all, some 250 volunteers didn't let a little morning rain dampen their efforts to repair 11 homes for elderly or disabled residents who couldn't afford to pay for the work. Using corporate and private donations of materials, money and labor, local Christmas in Action helpers have fixed up 51 houses in six years, and chairman Jim Cisek of Canton hopes to expand the program to other communities such as Plymouth and Westland.



Keith Cox, Michael O'Hara and John Lutz break up a concrete driveway at Mary Stretke's house.

Inside Armstrong's home, self-employed painter Mike Remington spruced up a bathroom as he marked his second year with Christmas in Action. Outside, some volunteers used sledgehammers to rip out an old driveway in preparation for a new one, while others hauled debris to a Dumpster provided by Canton Waste Recycling.

"I think it's important to give back to the community that supports us," said Mary Goloback, manager of the Home Depot store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

Across town, 62-year-old Mary Stretke fought back tears as volunteers showed up to start repairing a deteriorating

chimney, driveway, a section of aluminum siding, sliding doorwall trim and her brick-and-concrete front porch. They also spread fresh topsoil over her back yard.

"This means so much to me, just the fact that all these volunteers would come here and help me," said Stretke, a working yet struggling woman who plans to move her 98-year-old mother to her home. "I don't know how to thank all these wonderful people."

Stretke earlier had received a \$23,000 quote for work she needed done at her house.

"There's no way I would have been able to come up with all that money," she said. Christmas in Action draws

carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and other skilled trades workers, along with local students, Canton Township employees, the Plymouth Community United Way and other volunteers who support the program. Shakespeare Services of Garden City, a landscaping and maintenance company, hauled many of the work materials to the various sites.

Saturday morning, volunteers gathered inside the township administration building before they fanned out across Canton to fix homes.

"It's another great example of government working with citizen volunteers to provide a service at no cost,"



Volunteers Halie Woody and Kali Aloisi wait for the rest of the crew to arrive at the worksite. They are students at Westland John Glenn High School.

said Abe Vinitzki, a Canton Township parks supervisor and Christmas in Action liaison. "It's the community coming together for a bigger cause."

Some homes get extensive repairs, others merely need a little outdoor sprucing up. Those receiving help apply for it and are screened. Christmas in Action is part of a national program, headquartered in

Midland, Texas, that has fixed thousands of homes since it was started in 1972.

Cisek, the local chairman, called Saturday's effort one of the best yet in Canton with at least 250 volunteers.

"It was awesome," he said. "This has really been one of our best yet."

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Schoolcraft hikes tuition

Schoolcraft College students will pay more in tuition and fees for the 2010-11 school year.

The board of trustees on April 28 approved across-the-board tuition increases and a new per-semester service fee, said Michelle Gaynier, the Livonia college's communications coordinator.

"Costs are going up, and property tax revenues are going down," Gaynier said, explaining the need for the increases.

The new \$10 per student per semester fee will help defray costs for several services students currently get for free including transcripts, career counseling,

graduation, parking and student activities, Gaynier said.

In addition, in-district students will pay \$3 more per credit hour, out-of-district students will pay \$5 more and out-of-state students will pay \$7 more bringing tuition rates to \$80, \$118 and \$176 respectively.

In-district students are those living in the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi. Property owners in those areas pay 1.7967 mills to support the school.

By Karen Smith

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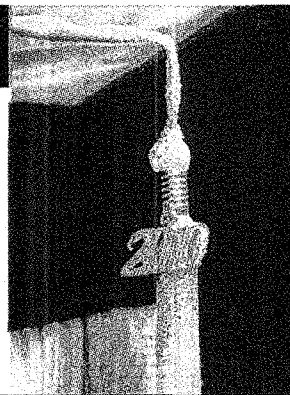
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Canton's Garrett Bryden hits home plate safely before Stevenson pitcher Jeff Sorenson (24) can catch the ball Monday.

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Win streak ends

Canton stops Spartans in crossover showdown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a pretty "cheesy" victory Monday for Canton's baseball team — in a good way, of course — thanks to a kid nicknamed Cheddar, namely junior catcher Seth Tschetter.

The Chiefs knocked off visiting Livonia Stevenson 6-1 in a battle of state-ranked squads and Tschetter had plenty to do with it — going 3-for-4 with three RBI and also playing a stellar defensive game.

"He's just an RBI machine," Canton coach Mark Blomshield said. "Hats off to him, he played a great game." Exhibit A came in the top of the fourth.

With Canton (13-3, 8-2 in the KLAAs South Division) nursing a 3-1 lead, Matt Shain tried to bunt Brendan Hayes to second base in hopes of starting a rally against Chiefs' senior lefty Kevin Delapaz.

Shain bunted a foul ball into the air behind home plate. But Tschetter turned an apparent

strike into a key out when he dove head-first to grab the ball just before it hit the ground.

"A big game like this we were all pumped for," said Tschetter following his excellent all-around performance. "We were all prepared for this game and plays like that are just pure instincts."

One strikeout later, Tschetter ended the inning by throwing out Hayes at second base as he tried to advance on a pitch in the dirt.

"We practice stuff like

that," said Blomshield about Tschetter's catch of the bunt. "He's been back there for three years so he'd better be able to make that play. There are just some things that we expect to do."

Meanwhile, Delapaz had no problem getting through the next two innings and pitched into the seventh as the Chiefs never trailed against the Spartans (15-2, 8-2 in the KLAAs Central), who had

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Relays title goes to CC once again

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 40th Observerland Relays had a repeat champion in Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won its second consecutive title Saturday night at Farmington High School.

The Shamrocks retained the crown based on the strength of their performance in the field events and sprints, racking up 80 team points.

Farmington, earning a team trophy for the first time in many years, and Plymouth tied for second place with 53 points apiece.

A mere nine points separated the second- through seventh-place teams, the other four being Salem (50), Livonia Stevenson (49), Farmington Harrison (46) and Northville (44).

CC didn't bring its full team as coach Tony Magni chose to rest his distance runners after they competed Friday at the Jackson Invitational.

The Shamrocks won the discus and high jump, and they were third in the long jump and shot put.

Though better known for its proficiency in the distance events, CC demonstrated superb speed by winning the 800- and 400-meter relays.

"The sprints and field events really came through today," Magni said. "We took two firsts and two thirds in the field events, and that put us over the top."

CC's 800 relay team won

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SIDELINES

Proben medalist

Schoolcraft College's Josh Proben (Livonia Churchill) won a playoff to earn medalist honors in the 13-team Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's golf tournament held Sunday through Tuesday at Stonehenge Golf Course in Augusta.

Proben fired rounds of 72-72-74 for a three-day total of 218 as the Ocelots finished fifth in the team standings with a 933 and qualified for next week's NJCAA Region 12 tournament at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

Grand Rapids captured the team title with a four-player total of 876 followed by Flint Mott CC (982), Oakland CC (900) and Kalamazoo Valley (920).

Other scorers for the Ocelots included Ron Pummill (Garden City), 74-78-81-233; Dan Bostick (Churchill), 83-79-75-237; Nick Walker (Garden City), 85-79-75-237; J.R. Lowe, 83-93-83-259; and Rick Wosek, 88-91-92-271.

Proben also earned All-Eastern Conference honors as Schoolcraft took fourth in the conference tourney last week last week at Grayling Country Club.

Burns lifts Blazers

Junior Alexa Burns poured in eight goals and added one assist Monday as host Livonia Ladywood downed Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a Catholic League girls lacrosse matchup of Division 2 teams, 16-9.

Sophomore Kylie Birney added three goals and one assist for the victorious Blazer, who improved to 5-4 overall.

Maddie Dugan scored five goals for the Fighting Irish, who fall to 6-4-1.

Ladywood goalie Rana Freij, a sophomore, made 18 saves in a game delayed 30 minutes early in the second half due to lightning.

Dark Angels fall

Running back Alexis Noel broke off an 84-yard touchdown run and Brooke Kosanic added a 98-yard punt return for a score, but it wasn't enough Saturday as the Detroit Dark Angels fell to the host Cleveland Fusion, 39-12, in a Women's Football Alliance game.

The Fusion improved to 4-0 in the WFA's North Central Division, while the Dark Angels fall to 1-2.

Middle linebacker Yarren Henry paced the Dark Angels' defense with 11 tackles, including two for loss.

The Dark Angels have a bye this weekend before returning to action at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, against the Dayton (Ohio) Diamonds at Westland John Glenn High School.

Ostrowski gets Pats hoop post

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Ostrowski is changing basketball addresses.

The 59-year-old Ostrowski is leaving Redford Thurston after six seasons to take the varsity girls hoop position at Livonia Franklin.

Ostrowski, who serves full time as assistant athletic director for Facilities at Wayne State University, replaces Dave McCall, who resigned following an 18-6 campaign. McCall guided the Patriots to a 60-15 record in three seasons, including three straight district titles and a run all the way to the 2008-09 state Class A championship game before losing to Benton Harbor.

Ostrowski, coming off an injury-plagued 10-11 season at Thurston, has made many stops during his coaching career.

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Livonia's Max Iafate, son former NHL defenseman Al Iafate, was taken in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League Draft by the Plymouth Whalers.

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Whalers take Iafate in first round of draft

The Whalers didn't have to go far for their first pick in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft.

In fact, they selected a Plymouth season ticket holder. In the first round (15th overall), the Whalers stayed with their theme of picking local players in selecting Belle Tire U-16 defenseman Max Iafate.

Max Iafate is used to being at Compuware Arena.

Besides playing against the Compuware teams as a member of Belle Tire, he also has season tickets to the Whalers.

The Livonia native, the son of former National Hockey League defenseman Al Iafate, scored 15 goals with 14 assists for 29 points and 167 penalty minutes in 63 games last season.

Central Scouting had this assessment of Iafate: "Iafate is a high risk-high reward defenseman who has a ton of physical tools and competes at a very high and consistent level. He has good size, which he uses to take the man and finish his checks, generally playing the game with and edge."

Plymouth President, general

manager and head coach Mike Vellucci played with Al Iafate with the OHL's Belleville Bulls in 1983-84.

Al Iafate's mother, Alice, worked for the Whalers back in their days in Detroit as the Compuware Ambassadors and Junior Red Wings and the team's Overage Player of the Year award is named in her honor.

Iafate met the Whalers staff Saturday morning.

"My main goal this year was to get drafted into the first round in the Ontario Hockey League," Max Iafate said. "I worked hard for this. It's even better that I was taken by Plymouth. There's some real history here with Mr. Karmanos, the fact that Mr. Vellucci played with my dad and my grandmother worked here. Because of my grandmother, I have season tickets to Whalers games. I've watched them a lot."

Plymouth fans will have a chance to see many of the new Whalers during the team's annual Rookie Orientation, May 15-16, at Compuware Arena.



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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS RESULTS

40TH OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS May 1 at Farmington H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 80 points; 2. (tie) Farmington and Plymouth, 53 each; 4. Salem, 50; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 46; 7. Northville, 44; 8. Livonia Franklin, 38; 9. Livonia Churchill, 33; 10. Canton, 22; 11. Westland John Glenn, 18; 12. Redford Union, 9; 13. Wayne Memorial, 1; 14. (tie) Redford Thurston, 0 each. FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Salem (Ed Mehri, Dana Baltazar, Ethan Walsh), 147 feet, 8.25 inches; 2. Franklin, 144-9.75; 3. Catholic Central, 139-0.5; 4. Plymouth, 138-8.25; 5. Churchill, 130-2; 6. Farmington, 124-10.75. Top individual: Mehri (Salem), 51-10.25. Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Young, Justin D'Agostino, Mike Stili), 427-11; 2. Salem, 372-2.3; Churchill, 370-11; 4. Franklin, 366-4.5; Farmington, 346-1; 6. Wayne, 312-3. Top individual: Young (CC), 153-5. High jump: 1. Catholic Central (Andrew Campbell, Jack Malinowski, Mike Shearon), 17-7; 2. Salem, 17-3; 3. Farmington, 16-8; 4. Harrison, 16-6; 5. Stevenson, 16-6; 6. Franklin, 16-6. Top individual: (tie) Zach Gaskell (Salem) and Shearon (CC), 6-1 each. Long jump: 1. Harrison (Kyle Carter, Christyan Success, Tendo Lukwago), 60-8.5; 2. Stevenson, 59-

9; 3. Catholic Central, 57-4.5; 4. Churchill, 57-1.5; 5. Canton, 56-4; 6. Farmington, 56-0. Top individual: Lukwago (Harrison), 22-4. Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Alex Rytarskyk, Joe Marlow, Michael Greer), 35-6 (fewer misses); 2. Plymouth, 35-6; 3. Canton, 33-6; 4. Northville, 31-0; 5. Salem, 31-0; 6. Franklin, 29-0. Top individual: Nick Alaniva (Canton), 13-6. 6,400-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Matt Neumann, Joe Porcari, Justin Heck, Warren Buzzard), 19:00.26; 2. Churchill, 19:08.44; 3. Catholic Central, 19:17.19; 4. Northville, 19:27.18; 5. Farmington, 19:51.07; 6. Salem, 19:55.83. 110 hurdles: 1. Ali Arastu (Northville), 14.72; 2. Kenton Janzen (Harrison), 15.32; 3. Chris Ryba (Farmington), 15.64; 4. Brandon Piliagian (Plymouth), 15.66; 5. Josh Kyles (CC), 16.13; 6. Mike Sharp (Franklin), 16.32. Distance medley: 1. Stevenson (Travis Gosselin, Zaid Shareef, Adam Chudzinski, Joe Urso), 11:02.96; 2. Franklin, 11:10.04; 3. Canton, 11:10.82; 4. Plymouth, 11:12.53; 5. Northville, 11:18.82; 6. Farmington, 11:39.56. 800 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Gatt, Spencer Hall, Billy Riga, Jake Spuller), 1:29.35; 2. Farmington, 1:29.88; 3. Franklin, 1:31.43; 4. Northville, 1:31.65; 5. Harrison, 1:32.03; 6. Plymouth, 1:32.59. 1,600: 1. Buzzard (Plymouth), 4:37.92; 2. Frank Griffiths (N'ville), 4:45.1; 3. Nimantha Herath

(Farmington), 4:48.36; 4. John Lynch (Stevenson), 4:49.92; 5. Alex Slavsky (CC), 4:51.22; 6. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 4:52.67. 3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Jimmy Daniels, Gaskell, Shawn Quinn, Dan Martin), 8:22.17; 2. Canton, 8:24.99; 3. Stevenson, 8:28.26; 4. Farmington, 8:30.32; 5. Plymouth, 8:33.75; 6. Churchill, 8:40.26. 100 dash: 1. Jeremy Lankford (Glenn), 11.18; 2. Charles Anthony (Farmington), 11.2; 3. Riga (CC), 11.32; 4. Will Ferguson (Harrison), 11.52; 5. Richard Duncan (Franklin), 11.58; 6. Keith Marshall (RU), 11.67. Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Shareef, Alex Law, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 2:29.93; 2. Farmington, 2:30.14; 3. Franklin, 2:31.56; 4. Plymouth, 2:31.72; 5. Catholic Central, 2:32.19; 6. John Glenn, 2:33.85. Shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Harrison (Lukwago, Beneth Akalefu, Denzel Owens, Kenton Janzen), 1:01.01; 2. Catholic Central, 1:02.93; 3. Northville, 1:05.95; 4. Plymouth, 1:06.69; 5. Churchill, 1:06.78; 6. Stevenson, 1:07.52. 400 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Kyles, Anthony Capatina, Dominic Salinas, Ryan Majsak), 4:27.8; 2. Farmington, 4:28.86; 3. John Glenn, 4:32.4; 4. Stevenson, 4:33.96; 5. Plymouth, 4:47.8; 6. Franklin, 4:51. 1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Brian Maksimovic, Quinn, Martin, Gaskell), 3:27.87; 2. RU, 3:30.9; 3. Northville, 3:31.67; 4. Stevenson, 3:32.74; 5. Catholic Central, 3:33.87; 6. John Glenn, 3:34.47.

Wayne clips Pats in South clash

Junior Alysia Escobar's second-half goal proved to be the difference Tuesday night as Wayne Memorial earned a 1-0 KLAASouth Division girls soccer win over host Livonia Franklin. Sophomore Aimee Papineau assisted on the game-winner and senior captain Avalon Felan made 10 saves to post the shutout as the Zebras improved to 2-7-1 overall and 1-3-1 in the KLAASouth. Megan Maynor, Alicia Jacobs, Emma Karson, Jennifer McCaffrey and Erica Dye also turned solid games for the Zebras, according to coach Jeff Parrish. "The game started out slow and chippy in the first half as the teams were finding space and trying to develop an attack," Parrish said. "From the start of the second half, we began to settle down, control the ball more and build up play on attack leading to the only goal of the game." Alexa Smith made six saves for the Patriots, who fall to 0-10-1 overall and 0-4-1 in the division. Franklin coach Dean Kowalski also singled out the efforts from midfielders Ally Mesa and Emily McCullen. MARIAN 6, LADYWOOD 2: It was over at halftime as Elizabeth Tresnak

GIRLS SOCCER

tallied a hat trick as state-ranked Birmingham Marian (8-1-1, 8-0) rolled to a Catholic League Central Division Tuesday over host Livonia Ladywood (4-3-4, 2-2-4). All six Marian goals came in the first half with Martha Stevens, Katerina Powers and Julia Mazur also getting in the score sheet. Dominique Sarnecky scored in the 47th and 65th minutes for the Blazers off assists from Becky Babon and Catherine Garber. Marian goalkeepers Marisa Opie and Makenzie Larson combined for six saves and the shutout. Ladywood's Maddie Reed had five saves. "Obviously the first half was a total disaster," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We just couldn't do anything right, and everything they did worked. I was glad to see us get reorganized in the second half to beat the host Cosmos (3-6, 0-3) in a Metro Conference match. Kristen Jolly, who started in goal before giving way after 25 minutes to Brittany Olds, added a goal and assist.

STEVENSON 2, S.L. EAST 0: On Tuesday, goals by Dayna Stevens and Shannon Merritt in the final 18 minutes gave host Livonia Stevenson (5-3-2, 2-3) the KLAASouth Division triumph over South Lyon East (2-6-2, 0-4-1). Renee Boudreau and Molly McConnell drew the assists. Caitie Marchione, who played the final 67 minutes in goal and made one save, combined with starter Michelle Krawczyk on the shutout. CHURCHILL 2, JOHN GLENN 0: In KLAASouth Division match Monday, host Livonia Churchill (3-6, 3-2) scored a pair of goals in the final 20 minutes to fend off Westland John Glenn (2-6-2, 0-3-2).

Sophomore midfielder Rachel Blackney tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal off an assist from senior Darcy DeRoo. Blackney then set up Sarah Bauman with the insurance goal with only 10 minutes remaining. "Darcy (DeRoo) was the catalyst to both goals last night," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "As with about 20 minutes left in the game I moved her from center back to forward and she was instrumental in both goals. Obviously, Darcy knows the history of the Churchill versus Glenn and wasn't about to let it change. "Also, Rachel (Blackney) was dangerous throughout the match."

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with a record time of 1:28.35, eclipsing the standard set by Harrison eight years of 1:28.5. "All those kids competed last night and came back today," Magni said of his sprinters. "Their legs weren't as tired as the mile and two-mile kids. In this kind of meet, if you're good enough in the sprints, you're going to win it." CC benefited from the competition among the other schools, Magni added. "What helped us was that everybody else was cutting each other up," he said. "That pretty much took points away from everybody else. We scored well in the field events, and we knew, if we just hung in there, we'd do well."

Jake Spuller anchored CC's sprints relays, and Billy Riga, who was third in the open 100 dash, was a member of both teams, too.

Dylan Young had the best throw (153-5) in the discus, and Mike Shearon tied Salem's Zack Gaskell for the best high jump (6-1).

"Dylan and Mike were the keys to winning two field events," Magni said.

Josh Gatt, a senior soccer standout and first-year track runner, has been a nice addition to the sprint relays.

"He'll probably play (soccer) in Europe next year, and he's really making the relays go," Magni said, adding Gatt is part of the 400, 800 and 1,600 teams. "Before the year is over, we'll put him in the open 400, too."

Andy Campbell, who competed in the hurdles, high jump

and long jump, is another one of the CC senior leaders, Magni added.

Farmington didn't win any events, but the Falcons scored in all but four of the 16 events. They were second in the 800 and 400 relays and third in the high jump.

Charles Anthony, who anchored both sprint relays, was nipped at the tape in the 100 dash by Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford. Chris Ryba and Nimantha Herath were third in the high hurdles and 1,600 run, respectively.

Salem won three events (shot put, 3,200 and 1,600); Harrison (long jump and shuttle hurdles) and Livonia Stevenson (distance and sprint medleys) two each. Other winners were Northville's Ali Arastu in the high hurdles and Livonia Churchill in the pole vault.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 154 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 178 May 3 at Whispering Willows Churchill scorers: Cory Dare and Dominic Dilisi, 39 each (co-medalists); Ben Proben, 43; Eric Hill, 44; Nick Proben and Nick Kruczynski, 45 each. John Glenn scorers: Josh DuPrie, 42; Kyle Hamlin, 43; Austin Valentine, 46; Mitch Dean and Conner Monroe, 47 each; Joey Wakeford, 49. Dual match records: Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 3-5 overall, 1-4 KLAASouth. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 154 WAYNE MEMORIAL 192 May 3 at The Woodlands Franklin scorers: Jimmy Johnson and Drake Hermann, 38 each (co-medalists); Brandon Kozyn

and Patrick Stevenson, 39 each; Jacob Wirgau, 42; Doug Nagy, 43. Wayne scorers: Zachary Williamson, 40; Jarret Williamson, 48; Shane Schooley and Corey Robbins, 52 each; Chris Schmidt, 53; Austin St. Peter, 63. Dual match records: Franklin, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-6 overall, 0-4 KLAASouth. LIVONIA STEVENSON 149 SOUTH LYON EAST 175 May 3 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian, 36 (medalist); Tom Cullum and Dante Cicchelli, 37 each; Nick Marsh, 39; Christian Debay and Adam Giordano, 41 each. East scorers: Bryan Hawkins, 41; Matt Sherry,

42; Mike Sadowski, 45; Conner Kivisto and Alex Sturos, 47 each; Matt Olah, 51. Dual match records: Stevenson, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAASouth Division; East, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLAASouth. PLYMOUTH 154 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 169 April 30 at Idyl Wyld G.C. Plymouth scorers: Josh Heinze, 37 (medalist); Kyle Rodas, 38; Justin Bauer, 39; Trevor Birdwell, James Bryans and Ryan Bauer, 40 each. Franklin scorers: Brandon Kozyn, 41; Jimmy Johnson, Drake Hermann and Jacob Wirgau, 42 each; Doug Nagy, 44; Chris Grund, 47. Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAASouth.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 72 CANTON 65 May 4 at Canton Franklin 1sts: Nate Coleman, discus (148 feet); Jay Woolfork, shot put (46-7); Antoine Banks, high jump (5-10); Mike Sharp, 110-meter hurdles (16.2); 300 hurdles (43.0); 400 relay (Banks, Woolfork, Ryan Hurt, Richard Duncan), 44.6; 800 relay (Hurt, Woolfork, Mike Beasley, Duncan), 1:33.3; 2nds: Sean McAuliffe, discus (139-10); Coleman, shot put (45-9.5); Mike Kaplan, pole vault (12-0); Banks, long jump (18-10.5); Tom Brokaw, 110 hurdles (16.6); Duncan, 100 (11.3); Beasley, 400 (52.4); Austin Jones, 1,600 (4:43.4); Bobby Wilson, 3,200 (10:50.6); 3rds: Woolfork, discus (115-1); McAuliffe, shot put (44-10.5); Sharp, high jump (5-6); Zach Miller, 300 hurdles (43.4); Hurt, 100 (11.7); Nik Gherardini, 1,600 (4:50.0). Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAASouth Division; Canton,

2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAASouth. MIAC JAMBOREE May 4 at Lutheran Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 183; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 129; 3. Plymouth Christian, 96; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 55; 5. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 6; 6. Birmingham Roeper, 4. Lutheran Westland 1sts: Ethan Haller, long jump (20 feet, 2 inches); Martin Kemp, pole vault (7-6); Zach Musial, 110-meter hurdles (15.7); Derrick Mozhm, 200 (23.8); 3,200 relay (Smith, Caleb Kempf, Tarp, Dave Moldenhauer), 9:22.2; 800 relay (Haller, Musial, Matt Erickson, Mozhm), 47.5; 400 relay (Haller, Musial, Erickson, Mozhm), 47.5; 1,600 relay (C. Kempf, Micah Kempf, Josh Andrzejewski, Jake Fairbairn), 3:55.9; 2nds: Dawson Davenport, shot put (39-0.75); C. Kempf, 400 (57.1); Andrzejewski, 300 hurdles (43.7); 3rds: Fairbairn, high jump (5-4); Travis Doney, shot put (36-0.5); Davenport, discus (97-1); M. Kempf, 110

hurdles (17.3); Mozhm, 100 (11.7). Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 15-0 overall. WHITMORE LAKE INVITATIONAL May 1 at Whitmore Lake TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Whitmore Lake, 129 points; 2. Milan, 92.5; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 91; 4. Michigan Collegiate, 88; 5. South Lyon, 72; 6. Lutheran High Westland, 61.5; 7. Adrian Madison, 35; 8. Plymouth Christian, 34; 9. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 12; 10. Detroit Community, 9. Lutheran Westland 2nds: Zach Musial, 110-meter hurdles (15.9); Josh Andrzejewski, 300 hurdles (45.1); 400 relay (Ethan Haller, Zach Musial, Matt Erickson, Derrick Mozhm), 46.5; 4ths: Mozhm, 100 (11.8); Caleb Kempf, 110 hurdles (17.2); 5ths: 800 relay (Haller, Jake Fairbairn, Musial, Mozhm), 1:38.9; 6ths: Erickson, 100 (12.3); Mozhm, 200 (24.3); 7ths: Fairbairn, 300 hurdles (46.9); Dave Moldenhauer, 1,600 (5:08.5); 8ths: Kempf, 300 hurdles (48.1).

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their 13-game winning streak halted. Delapaz (six innings, one run, four hits, seven Ks) outduelled Stevenson lefthander Jeff Sorenson, who was victimized by errors and bad luck (two fly balls to center were lost in the sun). Sorenson gave up three earned runs in 5.2 innings and struck out eight. "He (Delapaz) still has some things he needs to improve on," Blomshield said. "But he's definitely showing some characteristics of how he pitched last year and that's kind of what we're waiting for." Stevenson coach Rick Berryman tipped his cap to both southpaws for pitching solid games, but he lamented misplays that put his team in trouble. "Kevin Delapaz threw well," Berryman said. "The score did not indicate how well Jeff (Sorenson) threw because of the lack of defensive play. But we'll see them again. I'm not

disappointed, our kids will get better." The Chiefs received a gift to open a three-run second when Stevenson's centerfielder couldn't track Garrett Bryden's fly ball. Bryden (2-for-3) tallied a triple on the play and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-0. Mark Main (2-for-4) laced a double to left and Chris Perkovich walked. With two out, Tschetter jumped on the first pitch and drove a liner to right to score a pair, opening up a three-run cushion. Stevenson cut the lead to 3-1 in the third on a single by Mark Wagner. But the Chiefs got that run back in the fourth. Perkovich reached first on a dropped third strike and subsequent wide throw by the Stevenson catcher. Berryman argued, to no avail, that Mike Vomastek was interfered with on the play by Perkovich. Sorenson promptly picked Perkovich off first, but a low throw to second enabled the Chief to reach safely. That brought out Tschetter, who with two strikes singled to center for his third RBI of the

game. "I was just thinking about getting on top of the ball, not popping up," Tschetter said. "I was pretty much just putting it in play. Good things happen when you put it in play and our guys were on base so I just had to come through for them." Two wild throws contributed to a two-run sixth for the Chiefs, with Bryden knocking in one of the tallies with a single. Delapaz walked the lead-off batter in the seventh, so Blomshield brought in senior Andrew Tidwell to finish the game. "I thought we both played pretty well today, we took advantage," Blomshield said. "We had some opportunities come our way and we cashed them in just enough to get us a 'W.'" According to Berryman, "It was a big game and we just made a few miscues. The center fielder lost a couple fly balls, or whatever happened. If that doesn't happen those are two outs and it's a different game." tsmith@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2637

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During his six seasons at Thurston, he was 85-43 overall while guiding the Eagles to pair of Mega Conference Gold titles (including a 19-0 regular season record in 2006), along with a Mega Blue Division crown. Before the MHSAA seasons switch, Ostrowski also spent seven years coaching the varsity boys at Dearborn Heights Crestwood where he won one Mega Gold crown. He also coached girls and boys basketball at Dearborn St. Alphonsus, girls basketball and girls soccer at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, and was a varsity boys assistant at Birmingham Seaholm. "I think obviously Bob brings a wealth of coaching experience and knowledge," Franklin athletic director Ron

Hammye said. "He already has many successful seasons to his credit and he'll bring that to an already successful program." The Wayne State grad and Dearborn Heights resident inherits two players off Franklin's 2009 state runner-up team including first-team All-Observer guard Chelsea Williams and forward Amanda Borio. "The bottom line is that the position was available, and in my opinion, it was a step up and that's why I applied," Ostrowski said. "I have no regrets at Thurston because I feel I helped the program and I was able to work under a lot of great people. Al Chambo, the athletic director, does a lot for that program." Ostrowski knows the Franklin program all too well after losing a pair of district championships to the Patriots while he was Thurston. "I certainly came up on the short end more than I liked,

both in the nonleague and the districts," he said. "I'll meet with the girls sometime soon. We'll hopefully go to a summer team camp and I'll utilize the 15 days that we have in the summer." Ostrowski, who holds a master of arts degree in sports administration, will implement a style of basketball he has been comfortable with in the past. "All the teams I've coached, defense has been the primary focus," he said. "I always want my teams to turn its defense into offensive opportunities. I've always looked at a lot of angles as far as full-court traps and presses, and try and catch a team at a pressure time to create offense. It's proved to work at the other schools I've been, and I hope it continues. But I'm not going to change everything that they've done in the past. I'll bring what I know to Franklin." bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851

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Finding a groove

Clarenceville wins Lutheran Westland tourney

It was a landmark day for the Livonia Clarenceville baseball program.

On Saturday, the Trojans opened the Lutheran High Westland tournament by handing Westland Huron Valley Lutheran its first setback of the season, 10-3, before upsetting the host Warriors in the championship final, 13-2, in a six-inning mercy.

Pitcher Damien Quarles allowed two earned runs on six hits and struck out four to pick up the championship win for the Trojans, who improved to 9-10 overall.

Quarles also collected three hits and two stolen bases, while Eric Trotter finished with three hits, including a double as the Trojans put it away with four runs each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Mike Schiffman also contributed two hits and four RBI to the Clarenceville cause, while Jimmy Moody had a pair of hits, including a 2-run double and a total of three RBI.

Jake Andrezejewski, one of three pitchers, suffered the

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loss for Lutheran Westland (9-4), which allowed a total of seven walks and two hit batters.

Gage Flanery and Marc Rosin each had two hits for Lutheran Westland.

"It was just one of those games where one team played bad and the other played well, and that is not a good combination especially if you are the team not playing well," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

In the win over HVL, Clarenceville overcame a 3-0 deficit by tying it in the bottom of the third on an RBI single by Ben Gehan and a 2-run single by Matt Kurdziel.

Trotter's RBI double scoring Schiffman broke the 3-all tie in the fifth and the Trojans put it away with six runs in the sixth.

Schiffman, the winning pitcher, went all seven innings allowing two earned runs on six hits.

Starter Shawn Schaffer took the loss for the Hawks (6-1).

In the other first-round game, host Lutheran Westland bombed Plymouth Christian Academy in four innings, 16-0, as Tony Cipolla and Andrezejewski each had grand slams.

Austin Baglow went 4-for-4 with a double and three runs scored, while Cipolla finished with three hits and five RBI.

Flanery added two hits, including a solo homer and scored three times. Kent Kryzsk added two hits and scored two runs.

Andrezejewski pitched three scoreless innings, fanning three and walking only one before Thomas Handschumacher finished up.

"Game One we couldn't do anything wrong and Game Two we couldn't do anything right," Wade said. "Game One we were able to cash in with runners in scoring position, but against Clarenceville two different times we had the first two guys of the inning on and we left them stranded. Clarenceville on the other hand got timely hits and took advantage of our pitchers walking them."

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Baglow went 3-for-5 with a solo homer, double and three RBI, while Cipolla also went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and one RBI to pace the Warriors' 15-hit attack.

Gage Flanery, the winning pitcher, and Jake Andrezejewski chipped in with two hits apiece.

Flanery worked all seven innings, allowing just four hits. He struck out four, walked three and hit four batters.

CLARENCEVILLE 11, HAMTRAC 1: On Monday, Livonia Clarenceville (10-10, 2-2) reached the .500 mark for the first time this season in a five-inning mercy over the visiting Cosmos.

Jimmy Moody had two hits and twos and Damien Quarles collected a hit and scored three runs in the Metro Conference win.

Eric Trotter picked up the win on the mound, tossing a four-hitter. He struck out and helped his own cause by knocking in three runs.

Huron Valley rolls to 12-2 win

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran stayed atop the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 12-2 baseball victory at home over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Winning pitcher Andy Barber allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out eight in the five-inning mercy. He also collected two hits along with teammate Alex Harris as the Hawks improved to 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the MIAC Red.

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Churchill falls to Rocks in 8th, 4-3

Chris Kordick went 3-for-3 and doubled home the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth inning to propel Salem to a 4-3 Kensington Conference crossover baseball win Monday over host Livonia Churchill.

Tate Theisen, who went 2-for-4, also had an RBI single in the eighth to go along with an RBI double as the Rocks improved to 6-8 overall and 4-6 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Salem starter Matt Constance went seven strong innings, allowing just three hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Kory Streck came on for two outs in the eighth, allowing an RBI sacrifice fly from Christian Leathley.

Mike Weingrot then earned the save when he got Churchill pinch-hitter Drew Loudon on a screaming line drive to right field for the final out.

Churchill starter Troy Bogenschutz went the first seven innings, allowing all four runs on eight hits. He

struck out three and did not allow a walk before giving way to Tad Evans.

The loss drops the Chargers to 10-7 overall and 6-4 in the KLAAs South Division.

WAYNE 13, S.L. EAST 9: Shane Kommer homered and Shane Wilson collected two hits Monday as host Wayne Memorial (5-8, 4-6) turned back South Lyon East (6-8, 3-6) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Sophomore starter Zach Lankton pitched 5.1 innings to pick up the victory. He allowed three runs on only two hits while fanning four.

East pitchers, meanwhile, hit eight Wayne batters. Steve Kopeck and Justin Ulrich each had two hits and a homer for the Cougars.

NOVI 11, FRANKLIN 8: On Monday, Nick Regnier belted a 2-run homer and Masaru Nogami added two hits as the state-ranked Wildcats (13-3, 8-2) downed host Livonia Franklin (8-9, 4-6) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Franklin out-hit Novi 10-6, but the Wildcats took advantage of six walks and two hit batters

from starter Brent Marzion, who went 3.2 innings allowing nine earned runs on six hits.

Alex Karas, who went the first four innings, was the winning pitcher.

Jack Chinavare went 3-for-3 with a pair of walks and two runs scored for the Patriots. Bobby Andrus doubled twice and knocked in a run, while Anthony Crechiolo had two hits and three RBI, but it wasn't enough.

SOUTH LYON 8, JOHN GLENN 4: In a Kensington Conference crossover Monday, the visiting Lions (8-7, 4-5) broke a 3-all deadlock with three runs in the fourth inning and went on to beat Westland John Glenn (0-13, 0-10).

Joe Otman, who worked three innings, got the win in relief. Spencer Dowd, who gave up seven runs on seven hits and five walks in 4.1 innings, took the loss for the Rockets.

Collin Tittle went 2-for-4 with an RBI for South Lyon. Collin Morrison also had a hit and knocked in a run.

Caleb Cliney went 2-for-4 with an RBI double in the seventh for Glenn. Dowd added a 2-run single in the third.

Trojans softball team tags Southfield, 9-1

Livonia Clarenceville's softball team improved its overall record to 5-3 on the season with a 9-1 non-conference victory Monday over visiting Southfield.

Seniors Megan McLaughlin (4-for-4, three RBI) and Val Sochacki (3-for-4, two RBI) paced the offensive attack as the Trojans scored runs in each of the first three innings to take command.

Sochacki notched the victory on the mound for the Trojans with a 14-strikeout performance. She allowed five hits, walked one and hit one batter in seven innings of work to notch her third win of the season.

The Trojans opened the scoring with two runs in the first on a Joanna Burling fielder's choice and Sochacki single. One run crossed the plate in the second and three

more in the third, thanks in part to McLaughlin's 2-run single.

Clarenceville put the game away by scoring four times in the fifth inning.

FRANKLIN 5, NOVI 0: Sophomore Tiffany Lamble threw a 4-hit shutout Monday as host Livonia Franklin (13-6) blanked the Wildcats (3-6) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Lamble (9-5) struck out three and allowed just one walk over seven innings.

She got plenty of offensive support as Mariah Barcus went 3-for-4 with an RBI double. Nicole Emery added two hits and scored a run, while Katelynn Devers singled in another Patriot run. Senior Alecia Geraghty and junior Jessica Emery also had singles and scored runs.

Losing pitcher Rebecca Richter gave up 11 hits in six innings.

SALEM 2, CHURCHILL 0: Junior Briana Lee hurled a 1-hit shutout Monday, striking out 16 as the Rocks (9-5) turned back host Livonia Churchill (12-6) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Abby Jewell's double in the seventh broke up Lee's no-hit bid.

Salem managed just five hits off Jewell, but one was a run-scoring double by Lee. Mary Johnson also added an RBI.

CHURCHILL 6, DEARBORN 0: On Friday, Natalie Hiser's 1-hitter featured 14 strikeouts and only one walk as Livonia Churchill (9-5) defeated the host Pioneers in a non-conference game.

The Chargers racked up 10 hits off Dearborn stater Alicia Abston as Andrea Jewell, Abby Jewell and Taylor Kerr each had two.

Casey Bias added a 2-run triple for Churchill.

Franklin girls rule Salem Invitational

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All the pieces came together Saturday for the Livonia Franklin girls softball team.

The Patriots won all four games, including a 4-0 victory over Flat Rock in the championship game, en route to the Salem Invitational.

Sophomore Tiffany Lamble won all four games, including a 4-hit shutout in the final to improve to 8-5 overall.

Defense played a key role in the tourney conquest as third baseman Nicole Emery and shortstop Chelsea Williams combined for a total of 49 assists, while first baseman Mariah Barcus had 53 putouts.

"We had solid pitching, great defense and timely hitting," said Franklin coach

Linda Jimenez, whose team improved to 12-6 overall.

"When Tiffany is pitching well, we get many ground balls, which was evident today. I was very proud of our team today."

Williams had two hits and an RBI in the final, while Barcus and Audrey Geraghty each knocked in a run. Emery scored twice.

In pool play, Franklin opened with a 6-0 win over Lincoln Park as Lamble allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out four.

Maggie Leins had three hits, including a double and RBI, while Afton DeWise, Geraghty and Barcus contributed two hits and one RBI apiece.

The Patriots then defeated the host Rocks, 2-1, in a game decided in the eighth inning

by the international tiebreaker rule.

Emery scored the game-winning run after advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt by Williams followed by a deep groundout to second base off the bat of Barcus, who finished with two hits along with Amanda Nixon.

Lamble scattered six hits, walked one and struck out nine to outduel the Salem tandem of Briana Lee and Heidi Schmidt.

In the final game of pool play, Franklin downed New Boston Huron, 4-2, as Emery went 4-for-4 with a double and run scored.

Williams added an RBI single to support the 3-hit pitching of Lamble, who struck out four and did not allow a walk.

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Hiser hurls Chargers to East title

Livonia Churchill put it all together on Saturday to earn the South Lyon East girls softball tournament title.

The Chargers, who improved to 12-5 overall, won all three games including a 5-1 triumph over rival Livonia Stevenson in the championship game.

Junior Natalie Hiser held Stevenson to just two hits. Her shutout bid was foiled in the seventh when Nina Bonanno scored for the Spartans.

Abby Jewell collected three of Churchill's 10 hits, while Nikki Salloum and Taylor Kerr each scored a pair of runs to pin the loss on Stevenson starter Jacqueline Johnson.

Sarah Fier had a hit and two walks for the Spartans, who fell to 14-7 overall.

"Churchill put a complete

game together today and took advantage of some situations that we put ourselves in defensively," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "We hit the ball fairly well, but unfortunately, it was directly at their players. I am pleased with how our team is developing on both sides of the ball."

Churchill reached the final with a 2-0 win over South Lyon, avenging a loss to the Lions earlier the week as Hiser allowed just two hits, walked one and fanned 17.

Andrea Jewell's triple scored Churchill's first run following Kerr's two-out single in the third inning. Rachel Jason added an insurance run for the Chargers in the fifth.

Churchill also defeated Romulus, 11-0, as Jewell did

not allow a hit and walked only two in the five-inning mercy.

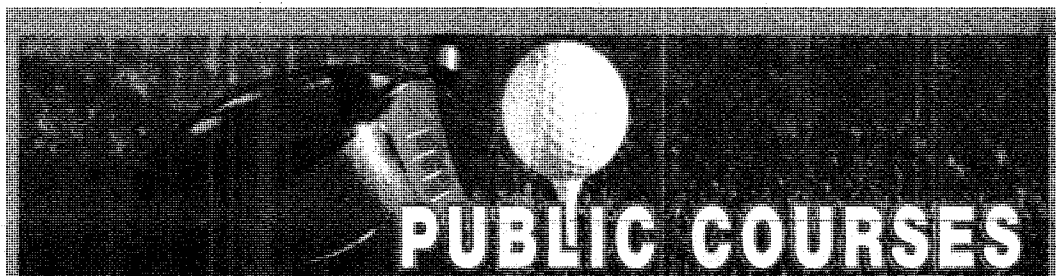
Stevenson, meanwhile, beat Pinckney in the first round, 7-1, as Johnson allowed just two hits and two walks in six innings. She also went 2-for-2 with a double and three RBI.

Bonanno and Anna Plumley added two hits and one RBI each.

In the second round, Ashley Avery went 4-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Shelbie Wilson went 3-for-3 with a homer, two RBI and three runs scored in a 7-2 win over host East.

Becca Zarras added two hits and three RBI, while Bonanno and Katie Bone also added two hits apiece.

Taylor Jones went 3-for-3 for the Cougars.



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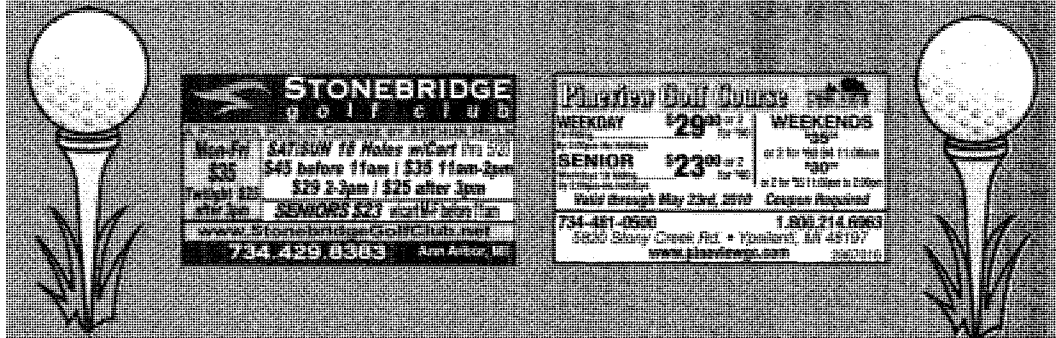
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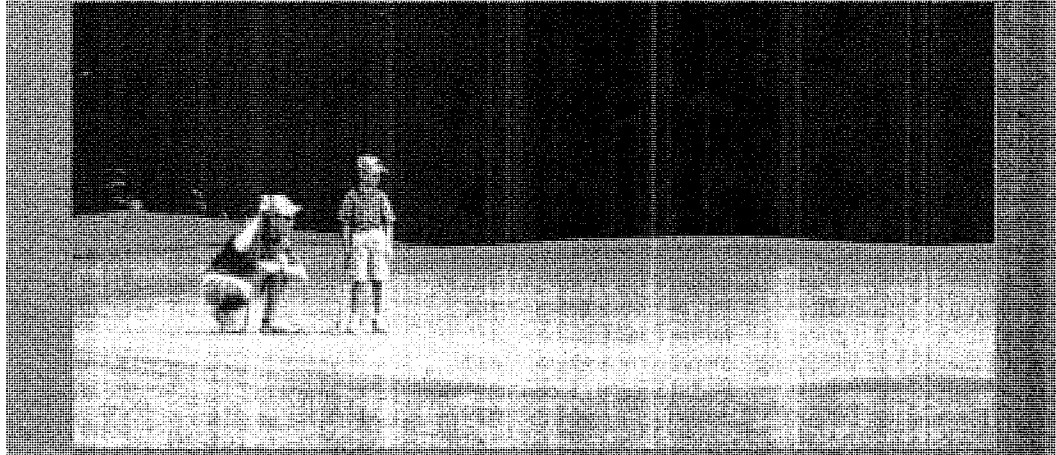
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College friends create uSurvive website

Around Michigan, graduates are moving out of state to look for work and begin the next chapter in their life. With an estimated 50 percent of grads leaving the state and finding a job out of college becoming tougher than ever before, people might wonder why any recent grad would stay in the area.

For Brian Peterson, Tim Adkins, and Bilal Saeed, it made more sense to stay local than to leave.

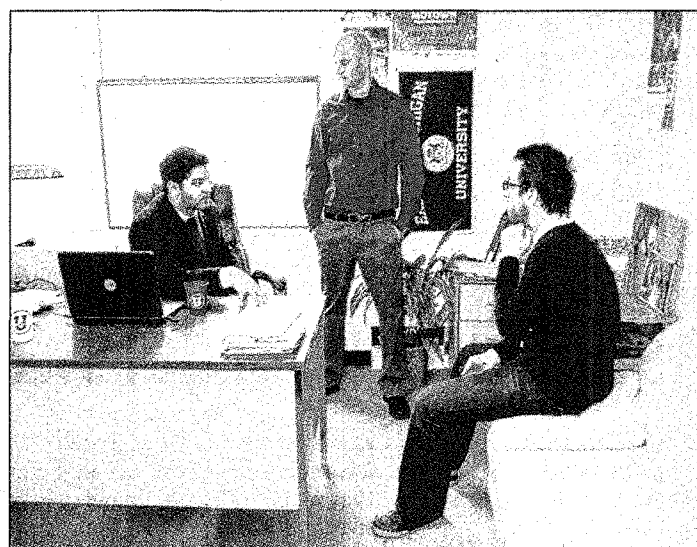
The three entrepreneurs, who met during their college days at Eastern Michigan University, recently launched a college student-only social networking site with rewards, called uSurvive.com, based out of Ypsilanti.

"Staying local means two things for our business. First, we're able to utilize all of the resources in downtown Ypsilanti, such as the SBTDC at EMU's College of Business and SPARK East and second, we have the opportunity to make a difference in southeast Michigan," said Saeed, vice-president of media and marketing for uSurvive.com.

The three partners have come a long way from the original idea Saeed had while attending EMU. Currently growing their user base, uSurvive.com experienced a more than 700 percent growth in March and currently has users from 35 different states representing more than 90 different campuses across the country. Although their operation continues to grow, it wasn't something that happened overnight.

After working as the director of advertising for his college newspaper for three years, Saeed, who lived in Port Huron, came up with the vision of a product that would help make college students' life easier a reality. With the release of the *Eastern Michigan Survival Guide*, a 96-page directory style print guide with listings, display ads and coupons, Saeed couldn't have guessed the demand and success of this product.

With a year left of school to



Bilal Saeed (from left), Brian Peterson and Tim Adkins discuss the launch of their Campus Brand Manager through their social networking site, uSurvive.com.

complete his degree in entrepreneurship, Saeed left his job and decided to launch the College Survival Guide at six universities in the Michigan and Ohio areas. Calling upon his one-time classmate and good friend from EMU, Tim Adkins, formerly of Southgate, Saeed informed him of his plan to launch the product regionally with the hopes of a nationwide launch down the road.

Adkins and Saeed had their vision set on a nationwide launch. With the decline in print media along with the increase in Web-based media products, the two decided that if they wanted to successfully launch their product nationwide, they would have to create something that would withstand the times.

In 2009, after successfully releasing the third edition of the *College Survival Guide*, the two young entrepreneurs unveiled their plans for uSurvive.com, a social networking site for college students only, that would offer users rewards based on the amount of content - pictures, videos, events and blogs - provided by the user. Before going nationwide, the two had decided to launch the product at 17 campuses in Michigan and Ohio to test and work out any

bugs and kinks, as they made the transition from print to online.

It didn't take them long to figure out uSurvive.com was something that could go viral in no time! With their combined experience in media and advertising, specifically to the college demographic, Adkins and Saeed were ready to take the product to the next level.

Teaming up with a third partner, Brian Peterson, a former Westland resident and 2004 John Glenn High School graduate, the team was now complete and ready to expand their operations across the country.

In March, uSurvive.com launched the first phase of its Campus Brand Manager program aimed at gaining users from different campuses around the country, with phase launching in May.

Their success wasn't overnight and they still have quite a bit of work ahead of them, but if it's nothing more, let these three young entrepreneurs be a reminder of what it will take to change Michigan.

"With the current economic climate and job market, combined with our entrepreneurial spirit and youth, we decided now is the best time to take a risk and try starting our own business," Saeed added.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Downtown for Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:15 a.m. Friday, May 14

Location: Plato's Place, 30090 Ford Road, in Garden City Square

Details: The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is hosting a morning of casual conversation and discussion of current topics and governmental issues with local representatives. Guests include State Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, State Sen. Glen Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Dianne Webb, D-Garden City.

Contact: Call the Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448

Coffee Connection

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Thursday, May 20

Location: Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland

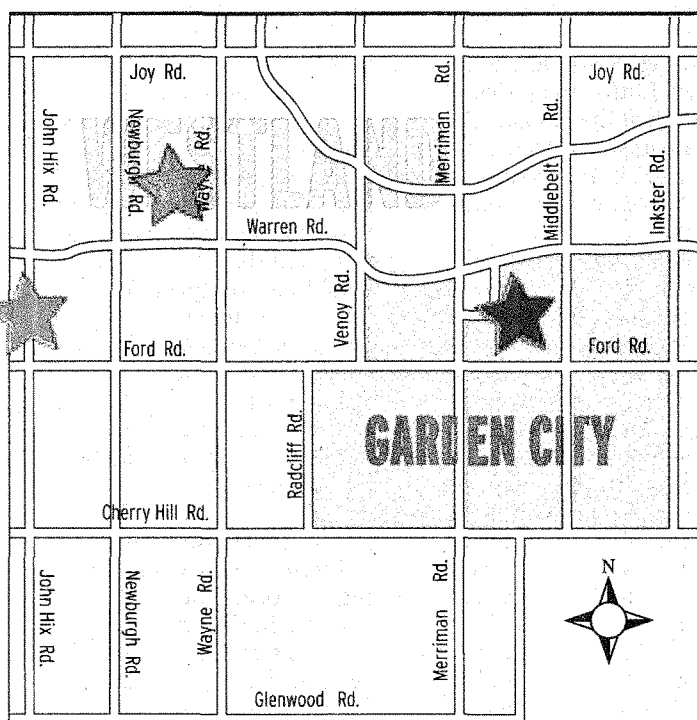
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Contact: (734) 326-7222 or www.westlandchamber.com

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, and Tuesday, Aug. 10

Location: DFCU, 37373 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: DFCU, with an office in Garden City, is offering Savings Safari, a summer financial boot camp for kids ages 7-12. The camp is interactive and packed with adventure and information on how to save

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Life expectancy, other factors to mull in retirement plans

One question I am frequently asked is: How much money will be needed in order to retire?

What people want is a simple, straightforward answer with a set dollar amount. Unfortunately, it's not so easy. After all, when it comes to retirement there are many variables to factor into the equation and some are difficult to determine. For example, one of the hardest issues is how long we're going to live in retirement and what it will cost.

After all, 20 years ago if I said the average person would spend a couple hundred dollars a month on cable television, cell phone and Internet connection, most people wouldn't have even known what a cell phone or the Internet was. Therefore, knowing what it will cost you to live in retirement is a number that is going to constantly change and something that you continually have to monitor. However, just because the number calculated today will be different in the future doesn't mean that it's a waste of time to approximate what you will need. As you get closer to retirement you need to consider your retirement needs more frequently.

In determining how much

ment, the first issue is to guesstimate how long you expect to be retired. Obviously, people don't know how long they will live but I generally recommend figuring mid-90s. Therefore, for someone who plans to retire at 65, they should at least plan on a 30-year retirement.

I recognize that living to age 90 and older seems somewhat optimistic. However, think about how much life expectancy has changed over the last 100 years. With advancements in medical science, there's no doubt that life expectancy will continue to increase over the next few decades.

The next issue is whether to factor Social Security into the equation. This is a tough question and I have no doubt that Social Security will change over the years. That being said, those in their mid-50s or older can plan on receiving Social Security. However the taxation of benefits may and probably will change.

I'm not so confident that people in their 40s or younger will receive benefits. In the future there may be some type of means test. Consequently Social Security is certainly more doubtful for those in their 40s or younger.

The starting point in determining how much you will need in retirement is to get a true and accurate picture of what it costs you to live today. Then determine how much your lifestyle will change in retirement.

For example, many people

won't have a house payment. On the other hand, there are also many in southeast Michigan who want to spend part of retirement in warmer climates or just traveling. Once again, these are factors that need to be taken into consideration.

Once you figure your yearly expenses, subtract Social Security and a pension, if any, then as a general rule you will need 25 times that amount to protect yourself in retirement.

If it costs \$50,000 a year to live and Social Security will provide \$10,000 a year, the shortage is \$40,000. Twenty-five times \$40,000 would be \$1M. The goal would be to have approximately \$1M set aside for retirement. I recognize that for most people this seems like an exorbitant number, however, it is the reality of the situation. It's better to know the truth than to one day wake up realizing you have no money.

Hopefully, whatever the amount you determine you will need for retirement won't scare you but wake you up and allow you to plan so to reach your goals.

We live in the greatest country in the history of the world but one thing is certain, you don't want to be old and poor in America.

Good luck!

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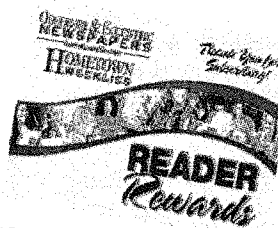


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Playing at the annual 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown never gets old for Austin Scott of Redford.

"This is my fourth year at the Hoedown but my first ever Saturday and I am very excited. Ever since I was young I wanted to be part of the Hoedown and I really had to jump through hoops to start with but I never gave up."

The 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown runs Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 on Hart Plaza in Detroit. Musical acts on the main stage are scheduled from 2-10:05 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10:20 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m.-9:15 p.m. Sunday. Dierks Bentley will headline opening night, hometown favorite Uncle Kracker wraps up the musical roster on Saturday and Zac Brown Band finishes the Hoedown on Sunday night.

Scott will perform his rock- and folk-influenced country music at approximately noon, Saturday, May 15, on the Lower Stage, with Front Porch Romances and the Urban All Stars.

"It was tough to get a foot in the door," said Scott, recalling his first appearance at the Hoedown. "But I went through another way. I went through the Colgate Country Showdown and beat out 30 people."

The Showdown is a national contest that begins with local competitions across the country.

"I think country music has the ability to speak to a lot of people. It has its roots in old blues, rock, a little bit of everything. But it still sounds country."

CLASSICALLY TRAINED

Scott, 28, has been paying his dues as a performer since he was 16. The Redford Union High School graduate took piano lessons as a child and then graduated to guitar and vocal classes in high school.



Austin Scott of Redford will play May 15 at the annual Hoedown on Hart Plaza in Detroit.

"I was doing solo shows at 16, duos and trios and that kind of thing, but I didn't have a full band until I was about 20."

He began performing at open mics, church, coffeehouses — anywhere he could — while at the same time honing his songwriting skills. After recording an album of original pieces, Scott headed to Nashville, Tenn.

"I lived there for about a year when I was 20, 21, and tried to make it in the town. I wasn't terribly happy there. I'm not knocking it, but I found a group of people in Tennessee I'd have much rather been with than in the smoky dive bars on Broadway," he said, referring to a section of the town known for its nightlife and bars.

"There were hippie kids, punk rock kids, Indie kids. It was refreshing. I

was playing music at Kung Fu Coffee — we'd answer the phone with Aieeee Ya! — and we had three or four bands every night."

They ran the gamut of musical styles, from rock to bluegrass.

"I think my music now represents that. If I do a set it's not just country songs. It's trying to be more original... maybe it's new country," he said.

STAGE CAREER

When he returned to Michigan he continued to perform throughout the state. He took on a landscape job in Rochester just to bring some "balance" to his life. Since then he has taken a job with a company that builds and sets up stages for shows and then removes them when the performance is over.

He'll not only perform on a Hoedown



Austin Scott of Redford plays "new" country music.

stage, but will help create it three days before the festival begins.

"We go all over the country. We do the Electronic Music Festival, Jazzfest. I get to be involved in the whole process instead of just performing."

Scott, who will marry girlfriend/manager Rachel van Rossum, in September, generally plays week nights at restaurants and bars in southeastern Michigan and has opened for many groups, including The Orbitsuns. Scott's lengthy performance resume includes shows abroad as well as major festivals in Michigan. He has sung at Arts, Beats and Eats, the Great Lakes Chili Cookoff, at the American Cancer Society's Cattleman's Ball, and the Michigan State Fair, to name a few.

"It's a lot of fun. I love being on stage and sharing my music."

Catch his act Aug. 5 at Farmington's Stars in the Park concert series.

For more about Scott and his music visit www.austinscottmusic.com

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Time/Date: May
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
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Time/Date: May 7-15
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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesdays thru Sundays
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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Erik Griffin with Jeff Dwaskin, May 5-8; Ian Bagg and Nathan Timmel, May 12-15; Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29

Coming up: Comedy for a Cause sponsored by Zonta Club of Western Wayne County, 8 p.m., May 17. Tickets are \$15. Call Sally Randall at (734) 464-3728
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, May 6-8; Jeff Jena, May 13-15; Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900; www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Pete Seeger tribute, May 6; Crooked Still, May 7; John McCutcheon, May 8; Sharpe Note Singing, May 9; The Holmes Brothers, May 10; Colin Hay, May 11-12; The Spring Standards, May 13; Vincent York's Jazzistry, featuring Marcus and Joan Belgrave Experience, May 14; Ralph's World, 11 a.m. May 15; Josh White, Jr., 8 p.m., May 15; Natalia Zukerman, May 16; Sue Foley and Peter Karp, May 17; Dan Bern, May 18; Crash Test Dummies, May 19; May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900; www.dia.org

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Time/Date: 3 p.m., May 3
Location: Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Details: Garrison Keillor, host of "A Prairie Home Companion," will focus his gentle storytelling and whimsical musical skits on the subject of motherhood, while conductor Philip Brunelle leads the DSO in a program of short and uplifting orchestral works; tickets from \$22-\$73
Contact: (313) 576-5111

Music Hall

Time/Date: MotorCity Special Label Launch Concert, May 8, \$10; Ben's Friends, May 13, \$5; First Flight, May 14; Discovery Series with Judy Adams, May 18 and 25; High Profile, May 19 and 26; Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Jazz Cafe performances
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Jazz fans show support for festival at fund-raiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Just when Midge Ellis was having her doubts if the Michigan Jazz Festival could survive another year, nearly 500 fans showed up for the April 11 fund-raising concert in the VisTaTech Center at

Schoolcraft College in Livonia. A total of 125 tickets were sold at the door alone for the concert that featured Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz and singer April Tini of Farmington Hills.

The \$5,600 it raised will go toward the annual festival that costs approximately \$35,000.

The free public event is entirely staffed by volunteers.

Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz trio and a variety of guest artists pack the house Thursday nights at Nikola's in Southfield. McKenzie on drums, Matt Michaels, piano and Dan Jordan, bass have built up a following over the years they've

played in the Detroit area. Ellis hoped at least 400 of these jazz lovers would turn out for the April 11 concert to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival. She definitely got her wish.

"I couldn't believe it," said Ellis, a Livonia jazz promoter who serves on the Michigan Jazz Festival committee. "Because our jazz friends showed up we took in \$5,574.88 in ticket sales in addition to \$800 for the DVDs we sold from a Two Pianos concert with Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini, the fund-raiser last year. We need it so badly. We've lost all of our automotive sponsors due to the economy, except Inmart and Steinway, and the Music Performance Fund through the musicians union. We're really hurting."

Ticket sales from an annual Father's Day Brunch helps to make sure the jazz festival continues to entertain audiences in the future as well, but Ellis still needs sponsors if the event is to survive into 2011.

The Michigan Jazz Festival spotlights 200 local musicians. This year's event takes place Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College.

Ellis hopes match or exceed the April 11 crowd for the Father's Day Brunch. The Sunday, June 20 concert features the Cliff Monear Trio with vocalist Kelly Broadway from 3-5 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center. Tickets are \$27.50.

For information on sponsorship of the Michigan Jazz Festival or tickets to the Father's Day Brunch, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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Rotarians learn about Capuchin outreach

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Brother Vincent Reyes recalls Oct. 1, 1998, when he arrived at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

"That experience was in some ways shocking," the Capuchin Franciscan brother said Thursday, April 29, speaking at Westland Rotary.

The Connor kitchen, which serves a lot of children and families, had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Reyes, who lives at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Detroit, sat and talked with families.

One father said, "I wanted my son to have the same experience I did with my dad. Where did we screw up? We were feeding the third generation."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reyes and others began to collect children's books from area parishes, and now have a 5,000-book library at that site, one of four operated by the Capuchins in Detroit.

"We want to feed people, but we want to fill their hearts with hope," Reyes said.

He spent 11 years as an emergency room chaplain at a Chicago hospital, and burned out on that. "It gave me an appreciation for life and all its many facets."

The soup kitchen has operated since 1929. The Meldrum kitchen serves many homeless, including those with alcohol or drug problems, as well as mentally ill people.

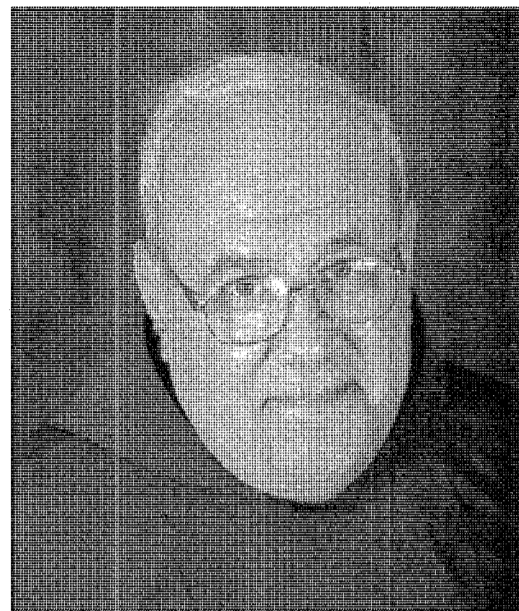
Reyes is asked why people don't get off their butts and work. "I'm sorry, they can't. They don't know how." They haven't had such models, he said.

"They have so little hope, so little hope. We were only poor because we didn't have very much money," Reyes said of his growing up years. "We had everything else."

HIS PHOTOGRAPHY

He brought two copies of the book *My Name Is ...* which has photos and profiles of those who use the Capuchin services.

"I got to know them as human beings. It changed me in a beautiful way," said Reyes, one of the photographers for the 2007 book, along with two Detroit News and two Detroit Free Press photographers. "I was trying to



Brother Vincent Reyes spoke recently to the Westland Rotary about work at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, which has been open since 1929.

humanize the poor. They're very much like us."

Clothing and appliance help is also offered, with the main focus on food. At the Capuchins' Jefferson House, men out of prison usually with addictions train as bakers with the On the Rise effort.

"It's an opportunity to take care of people and we've been doing it since 1929," the brother said. "We have learned a lot," and benefit spiritually from the experience.

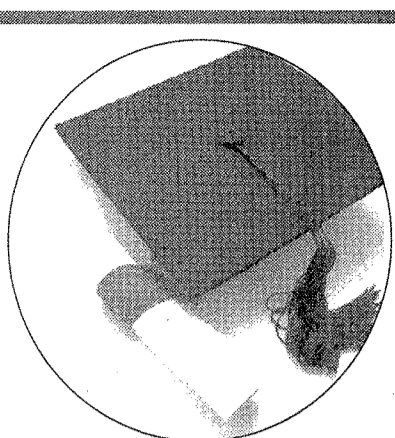
Donations may be sent to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Reyes noted they serve more than 2,000 hot meals daily.

"Everybody wants to feel like they've got some sort of dignity," he said. When asked

by Rotarian Margaret Harlow about similarities to the Salvation Army, Reyes said, "I think we're very much alike. I never really thought about the differences."

He met Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna, of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "A lot of people need help out there," Derek Rose said, noting there's poverty in Wayne-Westland as well as Detroit.

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MAY 6-12

His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6-June 24
Location: 36163 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Alpha class
Contact: To register call (734) 367-0422

MAY 13-19

Birmingham Temple

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16
Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills
Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: To order tickets, call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 14
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Healing Light for Pain Relief demonstration featuring Q-Laser

Italian American Banquet Center

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13

Location: 39200 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The ENDOW study program of St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will host its 3rd Annual "Ladies Night Out" featuring ENDOW Co-founder and Executive Director, Terry Polakovic. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic women's educational program established in 2003 to aid women in discovering their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Ladies Night Out is open to all women. Tickets are \$25 per person and include the family-style dinner, beverages, and dessert. A cash bar will be available. Tables can be reserved for small groups of women. Tickets

can be mailed or held for pick-up at the door.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or www.livoniastmichael.org.

Kenwood Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Free Stuff Give Away" offers donated, gently-used items to the community at no cost. The church is collecting donation of items for the event up to May 15. Collection boxes are placed under the canopy by the main doors
Contact: (248) 476-8222

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Ascension Day worship service with the choir; free ice cream social will follow the service
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

SS Simon and Jude Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m., May 13
Location: 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Bon Appetit Salad Luncheon; tickets \$8 available only in advance of the event
Contact: (734) 722-1341

St. Damian Catholic School

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15

Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland

Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are available for \$20
Contact: (734) 427-1680

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6-7:45 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, May 17-19 and Friday-Saturday, May 21-22; and 2-3:45 p.m. Sunday, May 23

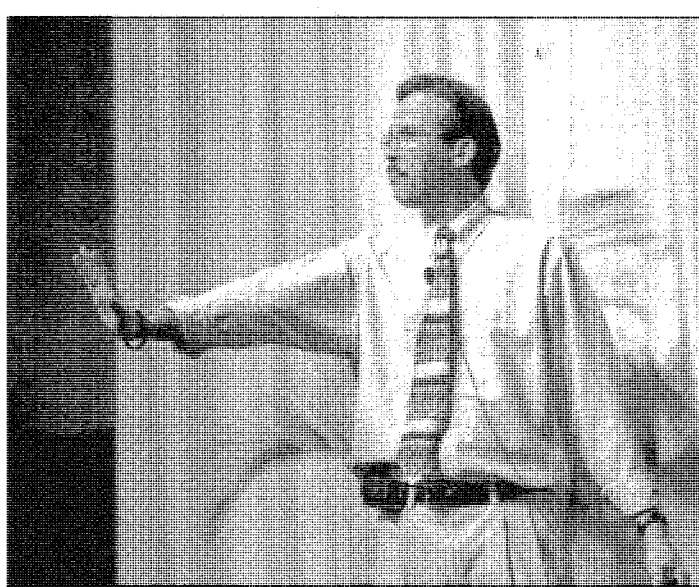
Location: 44800 Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center, Canton

Details: St. John Neumann will feature Going the Extra MYLE with inspirational speaker Mike Patin using humor, sacred stories, and life experiences to affirm the goodness of God's presence while inviting others to take the next step in the journey with God. The cost is \$6 per person - children 4 and under free - includes hearty hors d'oeuvres as well as materials to use at home to continue the experience.
Contact: Call (734) 455-5910 to reserve a spot

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, May 15
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The church invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering



Mike Partin will speak this month at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing. Anyone interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of participants

Coming up: Pray a Living Rosary 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, at the church. The church invites all to participate in this uniquely Catholic experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer each represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month dedicated to Christ's Mother, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Widowed Friends, a support group for widows and widowers, plans a special Mass, followed by refreshments and social time

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Temple Shir Shalom

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., May 15
Location: 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Ma-at Shabbat - enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special service with your children, 2-6; no charge and open to the public
Contact: (248) 737-8700

MAY 20-26

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: May 21-23
Location: 34542 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Two seminars focusing on how to have a successful marriage will feature nationally recognized Christian marriage experts pastor Bob Moeller and his wife, Cheryl. Seminars for single people will run 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 21 and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23. The seminar for married couples will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22. Seminars are free but donations are encouraged.

Contact: Reserve a spot by calling (734) 464-7990 or by e-mailing to marriage@fbclivonia.com

JUNE 10-16

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12
Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Rummage sale
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ONGOING

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Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
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Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon,

hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: First and third Mondays

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and

fourth Thursday of each month
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Singles

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this is a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: (313) 387-9797. www. oa.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free
Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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Farmer's markets sell more than produce

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

you're looking for the perfect gift for Mom or a unique celebration on Sunday, look no further than the Canton Farmer's Market. We've got master gardeners lining out. We've also got a plethora of crafters as well. We've got great local artists," said Stephanie Pavlo, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We have a perennial exchange happening this Sunday. People will have fresh flowers and plants if Mom is into that."

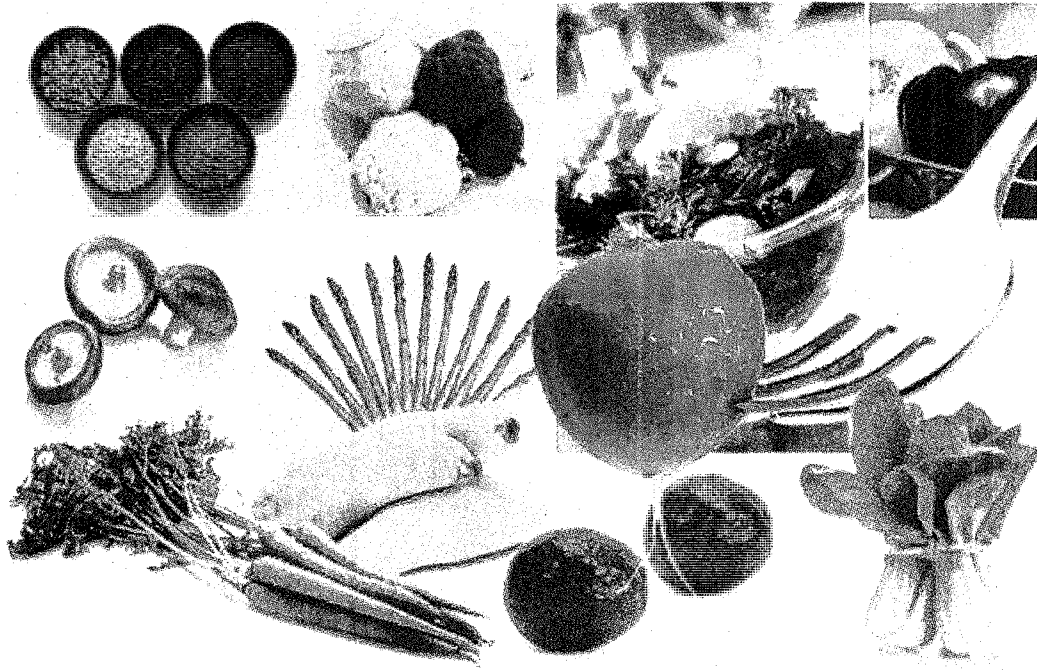
Canton kicks off its third annual market from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mother's Day in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open rain or shine through Oct. 17, and is among several area markets opening this week, including Plymouth, Farmington, Northville and Garden City.

Shoppers in Livonia and Redford Township will have to wait another month for markets in those communities.

"We did move the market back a couple of weeks. We found the weather was not as cooperative as we had hoped," said Michael Dennis, Redford Township community development coordinator. Redford Township's second annual market will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday, June 13-Oct. 24 at the Marquee, located within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection, in the heart of downtown Redford Township. "We are going to plan on doing special events. What makes us unique is that we're doing it on Sundays," said Dennis, adding that the market will be extended by an hour this year. "And we'll have craft shows, but they'll be on Saturday, the last Saturday of the month. Last year we did them at the same time as the market."

Dennis expects bigger crowds this year and said planning for each weekly market is underway now.

"We had entertainment when we started out last year. We had some giveaways," he



said. "We're looking at we had entertainment started out last year at the end of each market. We're talking about a kids' day and looking at a flower day."

Pavlo said the Canton market will include more vendors this year, weekly entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

"The number one feedback we got last year was that people wanted more options. We have better variety. We have some new farmers and potential farmers for pesticide-free. We've got a meat vendor coming back, a creamery," she said. "We're trying to expand the market and make it more of an experience."

New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include The Plymouth Popcorn Company, offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works with natural hand-made cold process soaps and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery.

Guitarist Mark Reitenga will perform an acoustic folk mix live on the Bartlett-Travis Porch and the first 150 families will receive a purple coneflower seed packet, while supplies last, on Mother's Day. Chef Paul Penney will grill fresh asparagus from market vendor

Kapnick Orchards, topping it with white balsamic vinegar glaze. He'll also whip up asparagus omelets and frittatas.

"He's working locally and partnering with HAP. He's also offering cooking classes. They're happening at the Summit on the Park."

The first class, Grilling and Barbecuing with Chef Paul, starts June 24. Visit www.leisure.canton-mi and click on recreation and classes for more information.

For more about the market, contact Market Manager Tina Lloyd at (734) 398-5570, ext. 5 or visit Cantonfun.org and click on farmer's market under the community events tab.

Other local farmer's markets include:

FARMINGTON - The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market opens Saturday, May 8 and will feature a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display.

On opening day, the first 100 visitors will receive free Michigan "mitten" cookies. Youngsters will get a chance to decorate a map of Michigan with sidewalk chalk and work on a plaster art project. Miss

of the Market." The winner will receive a basket filled with Michigan products and donations from Farmington DDA businesses.

The market runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit www.downtownfarmington.org and click on farmer's market.

GARDEN CITY - The market opened this week and runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m., every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The Garden City Garden Club will present a perennial plant exchange on May 12 and Garden City Hospital will sponsor "Healthy Celebrations - Celebrating Nurses Week" on May 26. For a list of other weekly market events visit www.gardencity.org/FarmersMarket/farmersmarket.htm. The site also includes market recipes.

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Downtown

Development Authority co-sponsor the market. For more information call the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

LIVONIA - The market runs 8 a.m.-3 p.m., June 19 - October 9, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road. Visit www.wilsonbarn.com or call (734) 427-4311 for more information.

PLYMOUTH - Just in time for Mother's Day, the 2010 market will open at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. It will continue from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., every Saturday through Oct. 30, excluding July 10 and Sept. 11.

The market will feature a variety of fresh produce, eggs, meat and poultry, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and BBQ sauces, vegetable plants for the garden, flowering plants, fresh herbs, fresh flowers and dried flowers. Look for a variety of handmade items including aromatherapy candles, soaps, hand-painted furniture and frames, children's clothing, aprons, purses, pottery, jewelry, birdhouses and garden and holiday décor.

Farmington will ring the Market Bell at 9 a.m. to officially start the market season, which runs through Nov. 20.

Genot Picor will tell Michigan stories and musician Bob Montelone will perform. Both are scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. In celebration of Mother's Day, a drawing will be held to select "Apple Blossom Mother

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1460 Coolidge Hwy
River Rouge, 48218

Monday, May 3, 2010
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Flat Rock Community Center
1 Maguire St.
Flat Rock, 48134

Monday, May 10, 2010
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Summit on the Park
46000 Summit Pkwy
Canton, 48188

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- Financial Exploitation
- Handling Stress
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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets

with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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